



Chief Executive's Management Report

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Chief Executive's Foreword

One of our key priorities is delivering housing for the people of Fingal and the Croí Cónaithe scheme is just one of the mechanisms available to help applicants realise their ambition of owning a home. Designed to help bring vacant and underused buildings back into residential use across the region, Fingal County Council has now approved over €4.5 million in grant payments under the scheme. Since the scheme was launched, 93 individual households have benefitted from grants to rejuvenate properties which were previously vacant or in need of renovations. Up to €50,000 is available for the refurbishment of vacant properties for occupation as a principal private residence, or properties which will be made available for rent. The grant can be increased by a further €20,000 if the property is deemed to be derelict (i.e. structurally unsound and dangerous). Not only does the scheme provide the means to give a new lease of life to homes in need of repair but it also improves the aesthetic of towns and villages by reducing instances of vacancy and dereliction. If you have a project in mind, please talk to our team by emailing vacant.homes@fingal.ie and enquire about the Croí Cónaithe scheme.

Last month I was very pleased to attend the launch of a new exhibit which showcases experiences of non-Irish nationals through a collection of eight comics. The "Building Bridges: Forging Pathways Beyond Prejudice" exhibition is the fourth and final phase of the SALAAM project which was developed in partnership with Fingal County Council and the University of Limerick, Doras, the Immigrant Council of Ireland and the Irish Network Against Racism. Told through the medium of art, thought provoking stories and lived experiences promote discussion on integration and inclusion. Fingal is a richly diverse county that is home to people from many different cultures and ethnicities and we all play a role in welcoming and supporting new arrivals to our communities. The Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy is overseen by our Fingal Integration Officers and over 125 actions have been implemented across the organisation. You can view the "Building Bridges: Forging Pathways Beyond Prejudice" exhibition <https://www.fingal.ie/building-bridges-forging-pathways-beyond-prejudice-exhibition>

Ireland's largest trad and folk music festival, TradFest marks 20 years in January and what better way to celebrate than to immerse yourself in the musical offerings taking place in Fingal from 22-26 January 2025. Now in its third year in Fingal, an array of local and international talent have graced stages in venues including Malahide Castle, Swords Castle Chapel, The Millbank Theatre, Skerries Mill, Draíocht Theatre and the iconic Seamus Ennis Arts Centre. Further locations The Lark, Ardgillan Castle, The Abbey Tavern and Donabate Community Centre have been included in the programme for January and an incredible 30 concerts will take place in Fingal over the week. As well as stunning musical performances, you can expect a special celebration for multi award winning actor, TradFest patron and Fingal resident, Stephen Rea and a tribute to Barney McKenna whose talent and musicianship cemented the popularity of The Dubliners both at home and abroad. Proudly promoting our culture through traditional music and spoken word whilst enjoying the festival atmosphere of TradFest is something that will appeal to all ages and I look forward to seeing you next January.

The end of October is fast approaching and with that comes the anticipation for the annual Fingal Festival of Fire. Each year on Halloween evening, thousands of spectators are treated to a fun spooky disco followed by a spectacular fireworks display at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan, Swords Town Park, Malahide Castle and Millennium Park, Blanchardstown. In addition to the fireworks display, Fingal County Council supports local community and voluntary groups to provide diversionary activities for young people and encourage greater safety through Safer Halloween events across the county.

To find out what is on in your area you can consult <https://www.fingal.ie/safer-halloween>

I hope however you spend Halloween in Fingal and that you have a safe and enjoyable evening.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly CE

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Recruitment

People Services Recruitment Programme continues through 2024.

Recruitment Programme 2024	
Total Recruitment Campaigns	89
Interviews Held to date	778
New Starters	190
Promotions	124
Number of Current Job Offers	37
Total Recruitment Campaigns	89

Learning & Development Update

Learning and Development Programme 2024 – [January -YTD]	
No of Courses Provided	298
Number of Attendees	2467
Number of Training days	2739.5

Throughout October, courses will be delivered in the areas of Dignity & Equality, Managing Aggressive Behaviour, Outlook, Health & Safety, and more.

Wellbeing Update

We are pleased to confirm that Fingal County Council's Employment Assistance Services provided through Spectrum Life has been renewed. The Employee Assistance Service will continue to provide staff with 24/7 advice, support and 6 free counselling sessions if appropriate. The service is also now available to people in the household if they are over 16 years of age. (Provision of support to those aged 16 and 17 years of age is to be provided with prior written parental consent).

Health & Safety Unit – HSU

The HSU carried out 30 site safety inspections and audits for the month of September. From the start of the calendar year to date the Unit has completed 238 site safety inspections and 30 safety audits. The Unit assisted the Training Section with manual handling training of new entrants who had recently onboarded into the organisation. The HSU also engaged with the Health & Safety Authority who had reached out and sought further information with regard to Fingal staff acting on HSA reports of inspection on Fingal County Council work sites earlier this year. The HSU to date has completed 112 incident investigations into workplace incidents, accidents and dangerous occurrences.

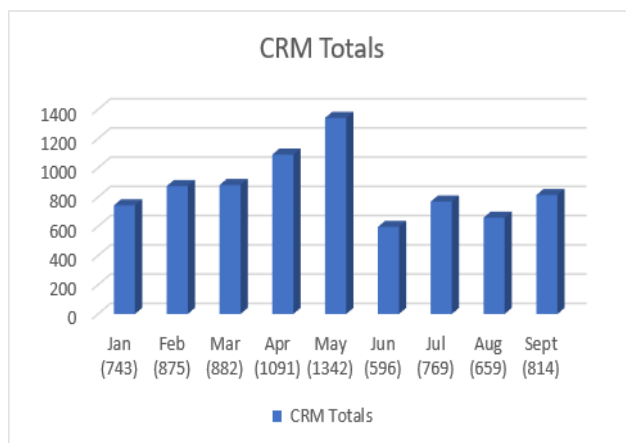
Customer Services

Customer Care Unit Statistics – July & August 2024

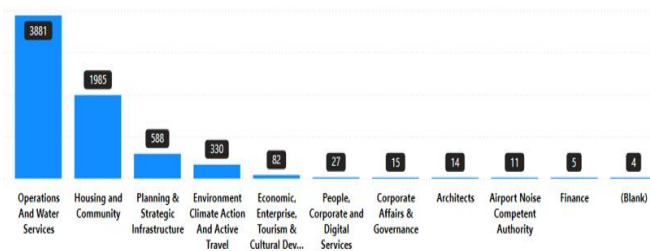
Month	Total No. of Calls	Total No. of Emails	Presenting in Person
Sept	8,674	1,128	1,319

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 total number of Elected Members' representations for September were 814.



The table below shows the total number of Elected Members' representations assigned to each Department to date in 2024.



Digital Services

Success at Ireland eGovernment Awards

Fingal County Council won three awards, including Overall Winner, at the Ireland eGovernment awards on Thursday the 19th of September in the Radisson Blue Hotel. Members of the Digital Services department, Aishling Hyland and Lisa Deacon, were there to collect the awards along with Marguerite Drake from Fingal Libraries Department.



The team returned with the Overall Winner trophy for their work on the use of 3D models and VR experiences in public consultation. This project also won the Smart Cities award and the Council's VR for Libraries project, took home the Education award.

CE Innovation Fund – Project Showcase

An event was held on the 16th of September in the newly refurbished Carnegie Library building in Swords, to showcase and celebrate the previous recipients of the CE Innovation Fund. Now in its third year, the fund was setup to support staff to trial and test innovative ideas. Past projects include; VR for Libraries, Smart Tappable Signage, Weather Stations for Schools, Staff Wellbeing Packs, Fingal Community Gaming and Digital Signage for Beaches.



At the event we heard from the 2024 recipients about their projects –

Ciara Farrell from Libraries spoke about the **Donabate Community Crafters** Project.



Hemerson Ramos from Housing showcased a proof of concept pilot to enhance processing of **HAP amendments**.



Lilian Whelan from Libraries spoke about a new collaborative project with Libraries and Active Travel – the **Fingal Library Book Bike**.



Emma Maxwell spoke out a new pilot wellbeing initiative led by People Services – **VR for Wellbeing**.



VRs Showcase at Culture Night

The Digital Services team was delighted to join the Arts office in the Carnegie Free Library, North Street, Swords, to chat to the public about the Swords Cultural Quarter plans. Attendees had the option of looking at the miniature model and renderings of the building and then jump into the 3D model on the Virtual Reality headsets. Staff got positive feedback especially around the use of the building and how much it's needed in the area.

Balbriggan Innovation Challenge - The EcoCore Hackathon

Fingal County Council Economic Development and Digital Services Departments in collaboration with Smart Balbriggan are running a Hackathon on Friday the 8th November. FCC are hosting this as a part of the URBACT EcoCore project in Balbriggan, which is exploring the development of a green corridor for industry and encouraging Circular Economy solutions, startups, companies and hubs to develop in Fingal and Balbriggan. Visit Eventbrite to find out more.



Balbriggan Science Week: How It's Made. Where Science and the Arts collide to educate!

This year Smart Balbriggan will be hosting a series of SFI funded events for Science Week. The events take place from 10 to 17 November in various locations across Balbriggan. Keep an eye on FCC and Smart Balbriggan social media channels for further information.

Funding Applications: New European Bauhaus

Fingal County Council has participated in a funding application to take part as a pilot location to test innovative solutions to support co-designing of public spaces. The New European Bauhaus: Empowering Neighbourhoods (NEBourhood) project aims to increase the adoption of innovative codesign methodologies for public spaces, ensuring these approaches are accessible and adaptable to diverse local contexts and community needs. If the funding application is successful and EU funding is awarded, FCC would be one of six municipalities to test solutions.

Communications

The Communications Unit provided support for the Economic, Community, Housing, Operations, Planning, Corporate, Arts, Tourism, Sports, Active Travel, Environment, Integration, Libraries, Events and Our Balbriggan sections during September.

A Corporate Plan workshop was also supported by the Communications Unit while 12 consultations and one survey were uploaded onto the Fingal Consultation Portal. Two students from the Masters in Strategic Communications and Public Relations course at Dublin City University completed their three month Intra work placement with the Communication Unit.



Website

The fingal.ie had 119,425 visitors during September which was a six per cent increase on the figure recorded for August. There were 249,803 page views which was an increase of one per cent on the previous month. The most popular pages were Planning Lists, Affordable Housing and the Howth Maritime and Seafood Festival. The average time spent on the site was one minute and 59 seconds.

Social Media

The five corporate social media channels now have an accumulated following of 82,870 which is a rise of 1% since September 30.

Facebook has 36,659 followers, X has 23,803, Instagram has 10,999, LinkedIn has 9,909 and YouTube has 1,500 subscribers.

Videos

The Communications Unit is now relaying the webcast of Council's meetings on YouTube in order to increase public access. A recording of the broadcast meeting can be accessed from the Council's YouTube channel. The Unit produced six videos during September including one about the new housing development at Monastery Court, Lusk and another about the ongoing works at Quay Street Balbriggan. There were also two Sustainable Fingal videos and another about the Fingal Integration art exhibition. All the videos can be accessed at

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

Press Releases

The Communications Unit issued 21 press releases in September. Among the press releases issued were ones on the launch of the new Economic Strategy; the Draft Area Plan for Flemington, Balbriggan; the opening of Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility; Marathonkids; and the Ongar Bike Library.



Media Queries

The Communications Unit responded to 33 media queries in September. Topics included Dublin Airport, Housing, Illegal Parking, Dog Wardens, Culture Night and Slurry Spreading.

Irish Language

We continue to fulfil our commitments to promoting Irish within the Council and the County and providing Irish Language services to the public. A further 17 staff members have commenced Gaelchultúr courses in September, after 13 people completed courses earlier this year. The weekly Irish language staff lunch continues to be popular and many Fingal staff have signed up to the new Gréasán Gaeilge na hEarnála Poiblí (Irish Language Network in the public service). Many of our Libraries and Community Centres facilitate Irish Language classes and groups on a weekly basis.

Building Facilities Energy

Blanchardstown Grove Road (11kwp PV Array) since installation in May 2023 has generated 23.01 MWh.

The Period Jan 2024 – Sept 2024 has generated 7.53 MWh.

Equivalent of planting 15 trees and a CO2 reduction of 10.95t



County Hall (11kwp PV Array) since installation in March 2023 has generated 20.88 MWh.

The Period Jan 2024 – Sept 2024 has generated 7.69 MWh.

Equivalent of planting 14 trees and a CO2 reduction of 9.92t



Current Judicial Review Cases – October 2024

Mayeston Hall Management Company Limited by Guarantee -v- Fingal County Council, Ireland and the Attorney General 2024/505JR
Kimpton Vale Limited -v- an Bord Pleanála and Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2022/390 JR
Christian Morris v. An Bord Pleanála, Fingal County Council and Trafalgar Capital Limited High Court Record No. 2022 1074 JR
Graymount House Action Group, Darragh Richardson, and Aoife Grimes v An Bord Pleanála, Fingal County Council, the Minister for Housing, Ireland, and the AG High Court Record Number 2022/1107 JR
Joan Reynolds and Edel McDonough -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/372 JR
MKN Properties Limited and another -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2023/373 JR
daa plc -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/383 JR
Fiacre Ó Cairbre -v- An Bord Pleanála, Garlandbrook Limited, Alcove Ireland Four Limited, and Uisce Éireann High Court No 2023/570 JR
daa plc -v- Fingal County Council and the Irish Aviation Authority High Court Record No. 2023/916 JR
Friends of the Irish Environment CLG and SMTW Environmental DAC-v- the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, Ireland and the Attorney General and the Office of Planning Regulator and Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/1047 JR
Niall O'Connor and Geraldine Kiernan -v- An Bord Pleanála and Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/1122JR
Erigo Limited and Joseph Flood -v- Fingal County Council and others High Court Record No 2023/1233 JR
Timothy Fitzgerald and James Fitzgerald -v- Fingal County Council Record No 2023/1236 JR
Kinwest Limited -v- An Bord Pleanála, Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, Ireland and the Attorney General and Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2023/1206 JR
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Ailsa Sexton -v- An Bord Pleanála and Fingal County Council High Court Record Number 2024/690JR
Noel Murphy v An Board Pleanála, Fingal County Council and Kilshane Energy Limited. High court Record No. H;JR;2024/883
Nicola Byrne v Fingal County Council, An Bord Pleanála, the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Ireland, and the Attorney General, High Court Record Number 2024/342 JR

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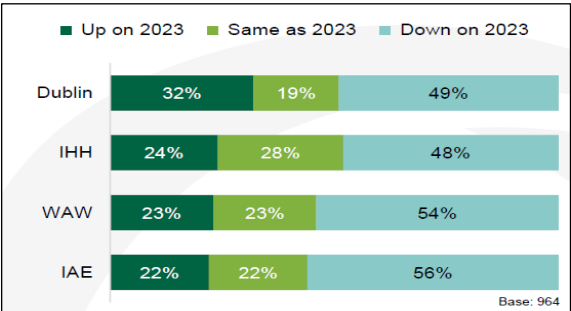
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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Tourism Results for Summer 2024

Failte Ireland’s barometer report for the summer takes into account the tourism results and visitor numbers for summer 2024. The barometer report is based on a sample survey of over 1000 different tourism sector operators. The operators include Accommodation, Visitor Attraction, Sports & Activities, Restaurants, tour operators, cafes and festivals.

There is no precise figure for Fingal, but the Fingal Tourism sector is represented in the Dublin figures, compared to the other regional destination brands (Ancient East/Hidden Heartlands/Wild Atlantic Way). In Dublin 49% of Operators report that visitor numbers are down on the same period in 2023.



Other findings:

- The worst affected cohort in the sector is Food and Drink, which of 64% report less foot-fall
- Also disappointing were visitor attractions of which 43% report reduced footfall
- Particular markets that have reduced footfall are domestic (Republic of Ireland) -47%, Great Britain -57%, and Germany -48%

Failte Ireland has concluded that “results are poor this year”. Further consideration of the effect on the Fingal-based tourism businesses overall is needed, and the results for the Fingal Heritage properties which have separately reported a poor June, July and August.

Food Network Kitchen visit

The Fingal Food Network visited the Howth Castle cookery school for a hands-on kitchen demonstration, gaining further insight into the main items that are prepared on site as part of the cooking school.



The group also received a tour and talk by the historian – Daniel Eglington-Carey looking at the history of the Castle.



The group will proceed with an AGM later in October as they agree a more formal structure to work on behalf of the Food & Drink sector in Fingal.

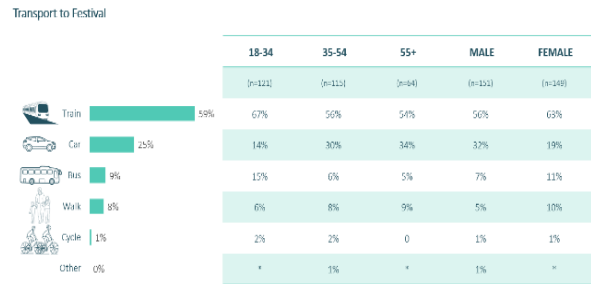
EVENTS

Howth Maritime Festival

We undertook an extensive survey of attendees at Howth Maritime Festival to research attendees satisfaction levels, suggestions for improvements and travel options. Highlights include: 70% travelled by public transport, 43% were tourists, 96% of the surveys said that Howth Maritime exceeded or met their expectations.

Train most likely used by people to access Howth Festival

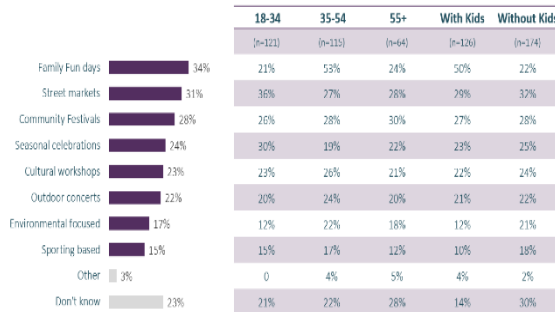
1 in 4 respondents travelled by car, with older age groups significantly more likely to drive.



Family days, street markets, community events what people want

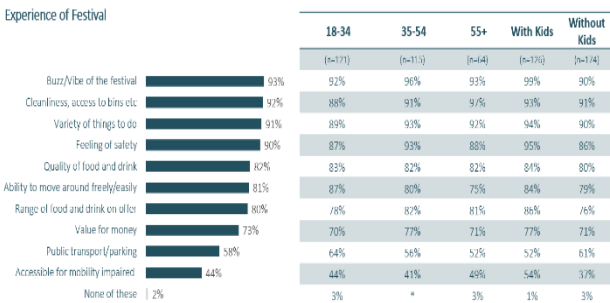
Sporting and environmentally focussed events requested the least by respondents.

Other festivals people would like organised



Experience of the Howth Festival was almost universally positive

Accessibility & parking were noted as areas with most issues for future consideration.



Festival of Fire 2024



Festival of Fire will take place in four venues across the County on Thursday 31st October; Millennium Park, Bremore Castle, Swords Town Park & Malahide Castle. Scary discos start at 7pm followed by the fireworks at 7.30pm

Festival & Event Funding Scheme 2025

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Fingal County Council's Events Unit is pleased to announce it will be accepting applications for Festivals and Events taking place in 2025.

Scheme Opens: 21st October 2024
Closing Date: 21st December 2024

Find Out More & Apply Online on www.EventsInFingal.ie

The Festival and Events Funding Scheme 2025 is now open with a closing date of late December. Successful applicants will be informed in January, allowing time to plan their festival and events in 2025.

Christmas Event Programme 2024



The Events Unit are currently working on an extensive programme for Christmas across the County. Including markets in Swords Castle & Shackleton Garden, Santa Events and Christmas Tree illuminations countywide. We will have an extensive list of all Christmas events countywide at the November Council meeting.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Skerries Mills



Skerries Mills co-hosted an Eco Weekend in conjunction with Sustainable Skerries on September 28th. This special edition of the weekly market featured eco-friendly crafters and traders, information stalls, free gardening advice and information talks on renewable energy, biodiversity, and bugs with live music adding to the atmosphere.

Skerries Mills will welcome the Skerries Community Garden Scarecrow Festival later this month on October 20th. With a host of free activities for all the family including face painting, arts and crafts and a scarecrow competition it is sure to be well attended and all are welcome.

Ardgillan Castle

A new website for Ardgillan Castle has launched at www.ardgillancastle.ie. This was achieved with the assistance of Fáilte Ireland, through the “digital that delivers” scheme, in which Ardgillan Castle is a participant.



The upgraded website presents an attractive and engaging online presence for the property with more multimedia content and encourages visitors to book their attraction tickets ahead of time, while also providing ample practical and historical information on the Castle and Gardens.

Halloween Offering at Newbridge House



A Halloween themed farm tour designed for young visitors will run from October 26th to November 3rd at Newbridge House and Farm. The Scarecrow Stroll will feature a trail of spooky scarecrows and Instagram photo ops for a gentler Halloween experience.

Courtyard Kitchen to open at Newbridge House and Farm



Newbridge House & Farm is diversifying the offering to visitors and has a new space for food classes housed in the eastern range of the historic courtyard buildings. This state of the art demo kitchen, designed to blend sympathetically with its heritage surroundings, is the perfect location to host farm-to-fork feasts, culinary masterclasses, wine and dine events and nutritional workshops.

The Courtyard Kitchen is a brand new offering for corporate and private events in Fingal. Enquiries can be made by email to events@newbridgehouseandfarm.com

The event space will officially open on Thursday 24th October with a launch event hosted by celebrity cook and Fingal resident Donal Skehan.

Malahide Castle and Gardens VIP Visitors in September

Governor of Florida Ron de Santis, Mayor of Atlanta Andre Dickens and the Australian Ambassador to Ireland the Hon Gary Gray AO and their families and guests all enjoyed recent Castle tours, showing how VIPs enjoy the peaceful and discreet tourism offering at the site.

Halloween Offering at Malahide Castle



The Haunted Trail at Malahide Castle and Gardens runs on October 26th and 27th offering a midterm break experience tailored to younger children.

Miniature Art Collection at Malahide Castle



For a limited time, Malahide Castle is hosting the George and Madeline Long Miniature Collection. Step into the turret room and experience the castle's 19th and 20th-century ambiance as it would have been originally decorated with these miniature portraits.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts

Public Art

John Kindness returned to Balbriggan to develop further research with project architects PKA for his new sculptural works for Quay Street & Harry Reynolds Road.



Arts Act Funding

The Arts Office is currently reviewing the Arts Act Grant Scheme in preparation for its relaunch in mid-October.

As part of the process, past recipients were invited to attend one of two consultation sessions, on Tuesday 10th and Saturday 14th September, in Carnegie Library. Over 20 individuals, community groups and organisations were represented and offered invaluable insights into their experiences with the scheme.



All the feedback gathered will be incorporated into the updated guidelines and online form to ensure the application process is comprehensive, transparent and supportive of the arts community.

Artist Funding & Support

Four Writers selected for the Irish Writers Centre's National Mentoring Programme 2024

Fingal County Council Arts Office have partnered with the Irish Writers Centre to offer valuable professional development opportunities to writers through the Irish Writers Centre's National Mentoring Programme.

This year, four writers — Sam Furlong Tighe, Beth Storey, Joshua Manuel-Oni, and Mary Lennon — have been selected to receive eight months of one-on-one literary mentoring from a renowned Irish writer of their choice.



After a national call out, 39 writers have been selected from over 400 applicants. Fingal Arts Office funds the literary mentorships along with the Arts Council of Ireland to guarantee that the best applicants from the county would be selected. This funding ensures the selected writers receive this transformative mentorship free of charge, fostering both personal growth and the literary reputation of the region.

Fingal County Council and Ardgillan Castle Studio Award 2024-2025 Recipient Announced

Fingal County Council, in partnership with Ardgillan Castle, is delighted to announce Genevieve Howard, a visual artist, maker and musician living and working in Fingal, as the recipient of the 2024 Fingal County Council and Studio Award Studio Award.



This prestigious award provides a funded studio space for the period of one year and offers the recipient an opportunity to develop their practice within the institutional framework of the RHA.

This significant award includes provides a funded studio space for the period of one year and offers the recipient an invaluable opportunity to develop their practice in supportive environment.

In addition, this year's award also includes a €5,000 bursary, which commissions the artist to create work for a solo exhibition to mark the culmination of the residency.

Carnegie Library

Culture Night

Culture Night at the Carnegie Library offered two exciting events showcasing local talent and future cultural developments. The future of the Swords Cultural Quarter will remain on display in an exhibition of plans and models of Swords Cultural Quarter.



Swords Youth Choir (SYC), a dynamic ensemble of secondary school students aged 13 to 18, celebrated diversity and youthful talent in 30-minute performance. SYC provided an evening of musical excellence showcasing the rich tapestry of voices from Swords' young community.



Draíocht

Draíocht's Autumn Programme

Draíocht's Autumn season has got off to a great start with sold out shows in Dublin Fringe Festival as well as a very successful programme for Culture Night 2024. Our headline event, curated by local singer/songwriter, Asha Ari, was very well attended by a diverse audience aged between 8 and 80 years. Titled, Blanchardstown Resonance, this was a real celebration of the range of young and diverse talent from the area. Plans to hold a similar event twice a year in Draíocht are in train. Fingal artist, Joanne Beirne was awarded the Fingal Arts Office/Studio Award and has taken up Residence in Draíocht's Studio from September to December 2024. Using plaster and steel as her core materials, Beirne's work is sculptural in form. Draíocht's next Exhibition entitled 'The Subversive Stitch' opens on October 30th. Works will be shown in both Ground and First Floor Galleries. This is a group show, featuring Fingal based artists, and focuses on stitching and embroidery with its roots in women's stories.

Matt Szczerek's Dance Residency (supported by Fingal County Council and the Arts Council) returned after the summer break to once again work with 21 classes from 7 Dublin 15 schools on a new dance piece for children called 'Monsters'.

Szczerek will also facilitate workshops for children over the Halloween break.

A showing of the documentary made on the 'NEST' project, will take place in Draíocht's Main Space on Saturday 28th September at 12 noon. Invites to same have been sent to Councillors and Executive in Fingal.

Draíocht's full Autumn performance programme has a wide variety of theatre, dance, music, film, comedy and work from our local groups for our audiences to enjoy in their local arts centre. Our extensive programme of education workshops and family days, and our gallery programme in addition. Full details www.draiocht.ie



Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

In September TSEAC moves to it's Autumn/Winter season with the majority of events transitioning back to the inside spaces. We are off to a promising start to the new season with most events very well subscribed.

Music

Daoirí Farrell was a sellout gig at 91 attendees on 12th September – a fantastic start to our Autumn season, as all events move back inside for the Autumn/Winter.

Three Tennessee Tenors, this country show sold 72 tickets on 13th September
Austin Walkin Cane, a blues performance, sold 71 tickets on 14th September

No Crows performed on the 27th and 28th of September to 88 and 83 audience members respectively.

The first Traditional Slow Session of the new season took place on 15th September with 26 participants in person and 34 joining on zoom from across the globe!

Singing Sessions also returned with Séamus O Flathartha as our first guest of the new season. 19 registered in person and 7 on zoom.



Art Exhibition

Diana Marshall range of landscapes and still life exhibited in the Easter Snow gallery during August and September.

Classes

Music Classes began again for another term with 60 students across Uilleann Pipes, Guitar, Fiddle, Tin Whistle and Harp.

Our Céilí Beag parent and toddler sensory music class began again on the 13th of September and was fully booked with 13 parents and children.

Art Classes with Noel Manning also began a new term and is popular as always with 23 across two classes.

Cinema

Film Thursdays started again for another season with Farewell to Hughes' drawing an audience of 52.

Culture Night

Journalist John Robb, who coined the phrase “Britpop” was in conversation with Niall McGuirk founder of the Hope Collective in Dublin. An extremely interesting event that completely sold out in advance.

In addition, we held our first Pop Up Gaeltacht of the season as part of Culture Night, with tae, caife, brioscaí agus comhra!

Workshops and Other Events

The Harvest Food Fair took place on Sunday 29th September had 18 food stalls including homemade cordials, baked goods, kombucha, fresh flowers, handmade sauces and preserves, cheese, seafood, chocolate, crepes and dumplings! We had steady footfall throughout the day, even in the middle of a storm warning.

We held a sold-out Willow Basket Workshop on 28th September. This event is always very popular, with beautiful outcomes.



Libraries Magic of Stories



The third year of the Magic of Stories, Fingal Libraries' Children's Literature Festival went with a bang on Saturday the 28th of September. Over 2,100 families descended on Swords Castle with queues forming from 10.30am

This festival aims to give children across Fingal access to the best in Irish authors, illustrators, and books in the safe environment of Swords castle. The festival village consisted of the tall tales tent, the story tent, the Chapel, the book doctor clinic, the little library tent and the creative zone, with everywhere a buzz of activity on the day.

Entertainment roamed the grounds in the guise of the Snails Trail, the wonderful Fanzini Brothers circus entertainers and Cup of Focals, and children could even access a mobile Planetarium.

Featured authors included Alan Nolan, Leona Forde, Eve McDonnell, Derek Landy, Chris Judge, Tarsila Kruse, Sarah Bowie, Paddy Donnelly, Marita Conlon-McKenna, Niamh Sharkey, Owen Churcher, Sarah Sparkles, Margaret Anne Suggs, and Mary Murphy.

The creative zone featured graffiti art, tie dye t-shirt workshops, Childvision and creative colouring. The library tent, as well as showcasing all that Fingal libraries has to offer, hosted a Creation station with Mary Murphy and Niamh Sharkey where kids of all ages got to release their creativity. A fantasy map making workshop with Esther completed the line up in the library tent.

Children in attendance also got the chance to meet the authors and received a book to be signed by their favourite writer. This is one of the most important aspects of the festival aiming to give children access to books and to foster literacy and a love of literature in the home.

Also on the day, "Made in Swords" a graphic novel created with Chris Judge and the students at Fingal Community College was launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Brian McDonagh, with the whole of the TY class taking to the stage to celebrate this huge achievement. A mural based on this novel will adorn the hoarding on the construction site of the SCC in the coming weeks.

Autumn/Winter Events



The Autumn/ Winter programme of events will take place in libraries in Fingal up to the end of the year. Events for children include storytelling, design workshops to celebrate Open House Dublin Junior Weekend, Irish language workshops, sensory-friendly workshops, arts and crafts, music workshops and festive puppet shows. The Schools' Programme includes STEM workshops for Space Week (4th – 10th October) Maths Week (12th – 20th October) and Science Week (10th – 17th November). The Big Bear Planetarium will also be visiting Blanchardstown Library. Events for adults include courses on art, chair yoga and Tai Chi. Malahide, Blanchardstown, and Swords Libraries will host career advice sessions. There will be talks from Birdwatch Fingal and Bat Conservation Ireland. On the theme of sustainable living, Blanchardstown Library will host a talk on ethical fashion, and a clothes swap event, while Malahide Library will host a sustainable Christmas outfit demonstration.

Fingal Festival of History



Fingal's eighth annual Festival of History was launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Brian McDonagh, at the Carnegie Free Library, Swords on 10th September 2024. This year, the festival will run from Monday 1st to Sunday 13th October 2024 throughout library branches, with a History at the Library Day taking place on Saturday 5th October in the newly refurbished Carnegie Free Library on North Street, Swords. A pop-up museum and a heritage trail has been included in the programme. The festival will also see the re-launch of Fingal Studies, a local history journal dedicated to recording the history of Fingal, from the earliest times to the present day. Fingal Studies will be distributed through libraries during the festival with an e-book version also available through BorrowBox.

The Write-Time

The Write-Time literary festival for readers and writers takes place this year over the first two weeks in November in library branches, culminating in a showcase of events in the Carnegie Free Library, Swords, on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th November. There are events for writers on how to get a book published as well as workshops on screenwriting, poetry, writing young adult fiction, and how to get creative ideas down on paper.

For readers, there is a brilliant line-up of stellar writers 'In Conversation,' including Katriona O'Sullivan, author of the best-selling memoir *Poor*, international best-selling author Christine Dwyer Hickey, Wendy Erskine, Claire Kilroy, and Kevin Curran. The Write-Time is sure to provide inspiration for all those interested in the written word.

Dublin Climate Action Week

Fingal Libraries celebrated Dublin Climate Action Week (9th to 15th September), with events for schoolchildren and adults. Dublin Climate Action Week aims to showcase and inspire climate action across the Dublin region. Primary school children in Blanchardstown and Balbriggan took part in climate action and bio-diversity workshops with the Rediscovery Centre. Author and ecologist Pádraic Fogarty gave a talk in Blanchardstown Library and there were also screenings of Irish Documentary Film 'A Note for Nature' in three libraries.

Sustainable Development Goals Week

Ireland's third Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Week takes place this year from 20th – 29th September. To mark this week, the Sustainable Life School will give talks on reducing plastic, sustainable fashion, and sustainable food in Blanchardstown and Malahide Libraries. Biodiversity in Schools will be hosting workshops for schools in Swords, Skerries, and Baldoyle on increasing awareness of Irish biodiversity.

Family Literacy Project

Fingal Libraries is delighted to continue its family literacy project in November with parents and children selected by St. Luke's National School, Tyrrelstown. Literacy specialist Stephen Brett and his colleague Colm O'Donovan will encourage children and parents to read together for fun. The mobile library service will be present so families can join the library and choose books. In the last week of the project, children's author and illustrator Alan Nolan will facilitate a fun story session with the children.

Culture Night

Malahide Library, Blanchardstown Library, Balbriggan Library and Fingal Local Studies and Archives celebrated Culture Night on Friday 20th September with well-attended family-friendly events, including children's entertainers, storytelling, exhibitions, and a local history talk. There were live music performances from the Balbriggan Gospel Choir in Balbriggan Library, and the Blanchardstown Brass Band and Craobh Slí Dhála in Blanchardstown Library. Fingal Local Studies and Archives hosted an open evening showcasing their services and resources with a genealogist answering questions about how to research family history.

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy

The Council is preparing the next Fingal Skills Strategy, having completed consultation and surveys during the summer. The Skills Strategy Implementation Group met on the 10th September where they reviewed and discussed the consultation findings.

Fingal's TY Student Skills Expo 2024, in collaboration with DCU, is set to take place on October 15th at The Helix, DCU. This dynamic one-day event is designed to showcase future education pathways and skill development opportunities to Transition Year students across Fingal.



Building on the success of last year's event, this year's Expo promises to be even more impressive, featuring additional stalls, enhanced interactive experiences, and a broader range of career possibilities for students to explore.

With notices sent to all secondary schools in Fingal, over 2,000 students have already registered to attend this exciting event.

Skyla Project



Fingal SKYLA Project Team recently travelled to Malmö Sweden on 23rd – 25th September to share our second round Good Practice on our journey for “Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition”. Fingal shared our newest Good Practice of the STEM Internship which our Stakeholders DCU facilitate over the summer break annually on Campus in DCU.

The STEM Teacher Internship (STInt) Programme is an iconic partnership between Irish education and industry – a globally unique programme – and addresses Ireland's vision for global leadership in STEM education, citizenship and enterprise. Further information can be found here: <https://stemteacherinternships.ie/>.

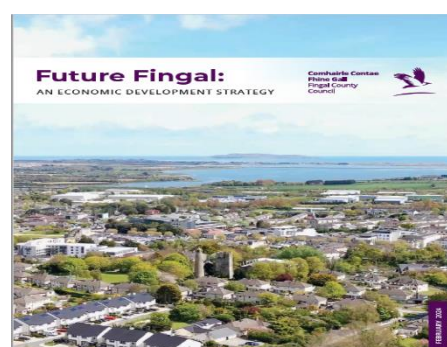
The visit started with introductions from the Skåne Team and Magnus Thure, Media Evolution (the venue). Then a study visit to Genarps Lådfabrik [Pallet factory] Manufacturer of load carriers and pallets on a twin transition journey working with sustainability and skills development.

The next study visit was to STEM students at the Faculty of engineering, University of Lund. Lund Formula Student – student racing team representing Lund University. Every year we start a new project with the goal to design, develop and manufacture a top-class racing car during the school year, and compete against other universities from all over the world.



<https://lundformulastudent.se/>

Economic Development Strategy



Following the launch of the Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy in September the Economic Development is progressing the implementation of actions, including the preparation of a Marketing Plan and work on developing a Sustainable Fingal Strategy to promote sustainability measures for business.

URBACT – EcoCore



Fingal County Council continues to lead the URBACT EcoCore Project which comprises a network of 9 small cities/towns in Europe focussing on challenges and opportunities for green growth and sustainable economic development along transport corridors.

The Fingal EcoCore Team recently attended their third and fourth transnational city visits to Tuusula in Finland 16th – 18th September and Kekava in Latvia, 18th 20th September. Both cities have similar sustainable development challenges along strategic transport corridors.



Our meeting in Tuusula commenced with a speech by the Mayor Kalle Ikkela and Kristiina Salo, Director of Competitiveness, Tuusula municipality, then the delegation participated in workshops addressing Profiling and the Ecosystem, Actions in the Horizontal Themes EcoCore review progress and next steps.

They also visited the inspirational Housing Fair Area and learned first hand the challenges that Tuusula face in the Housing Market.

Delegates then transferred to Riga where they met with leaders of the local government and Ķekava EcoCore team. Delegates visited the Gurnicas Plastic Recycling Plant and the boiler house of SIA "Ķekavas nami" in Valdlauči where they learned of the use of renewable energy sources for district heating. Delegates also visited Baložu komunālā saimniecība" to learn of the use of solar energy for the company's operational needs.

Delegates were brought to The Forest Gallery which is a part of Baldone walking trail and features 34 paintings by participants of Baldone Art Plenaires. The Forrest is part of the Sustainable Tourism in Baldone (Riekstukalns Hill Ski Resort, Walking Trails etc).



The visit finished up with an inspirational talk by "Riga TechGirls" The first community in Latvia aimed at educating and inspiring women & girls about all things digital. <https://rigatechgirls.com/>



Citizen, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (Cerv)

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



Green It Your Work



The Fingal Project Team participated in the Network meeting from September 24th to 27th 2024, focusing on Work Package 7: Green Transition Needs Synergy, hosted by the Municipality of Pregrada, Croatia.

Participants from Cyprus, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Romania, Spain, Croatia and Slovenia engaged in a series of activities centered on green transition and sustainable development.



At a local kindergarten, Dječji vrtić "Naša radost," children and educators showcased their ecological initiatives to the partners. Participants also explored cultural and community projects at the Muzej grada Pregrade, where they learned about the city's rich history.



The Savjet mladih Grada Pregrade shared insights into its youth program, including the initiative "Take Money and Make Something for Young People." This was followed by presentations on the recycling yard project and the ecological pool construction project.



At the Regional Centre of Competence in Tourism and Hospitality CUT Zabok, attendees gained practical knowledge through work-based learning opportunities. The meeting concluded with a visit to the family farm TRAGEC, where participants learned about sustainable agriculture and local production practices.



InclusEU

The InclusEU project aims to encourage volunteer action as a social response for an inclusive Europe. The final event, a visit to the town of Heerlen, The Netherlands, took place last week with partners from Italy, Ireland, Poland, Hungary, Spain, Portugal and Romania in attendance. Fingal was Represented by Fingal's Sports Office, Healthy Fingal Coordinator and Foroige and the four days of site visits, discussion and presentations ended what has been a fantastic project.



European Urban Initiative - City To City Exchanges

Fingal has been successful in its application to participate in a European Urban Initiative City to City Exchange. The exchange brings together an urban authority facing a specific implementation challenge (Fingal) and another urban authority that has expertise which could help tackle the challenge. Fingal have entered in an exchange agreement with the city of Nokia in Finland to face the challenge of developing a strategic eco-industrial zone to drive sustainable economic development in Balbriggan. The city of Nokia has practical experience and proven results in this challenge through the development and management of the ECO3 industrial zone in Nokia, a bio and circular economy pioneer. The exchanges are planned for November and December 2024.



Sustainable Fingal



The EETCD Department are liaising with representatives from DCU and DAA to explore a work programme for 2024/25 to progress collaborative sustainable projects. Work is ongoing to explore opportunities between both organisations for synergies in the area of biodiversity and circular economy projects and to identify potential funding streams.

Two videos were developed with Techrete and A.forall in Balbriggan on the sustainability journeys of these two companies. These videos were released as part of Dublin Climate Action Week. Also as part of Dublin Climate Action Week and the Urbact EcoCore Project a breakfast briefing 'Sustainability in Business' was held in the Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan on the 12th September, in association with Fingal Chamber and Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce. The event was very well attended and featured speakers from Fingal LEO on grants available to business, from Baldoyle Training Centre on new sustainability microcredential courses and Mark Kane, CEO of Sustainabil-IT as well as panel discussion with Atteyeh Natanzi from Techrete, Richard Dunne from A.forall and Mark Kane from Sustainabil-IT.

The Economic Development also spoke at the Malahide Chamber Sustainability Event on the 27th September in the Grand Hotel, Malahide.

Work is commencing on the procurement of consultants to prepare the Sustainable Fingal Strategy which aims to encourage sustainability measures in business.

Smart Balbriggan

Smart Balbriggan is progressing work under the SFI Discover Programme 2024 - Science Week having secured funding of €10,000.



The Economic Development team co-ordinates reporting for the Council as a signatory to the Circular Cities Declaration and how to incorporate circular principles into the Council's work through the Climate Action Plan, the Urbact EcoCore Project, the Fingal Skills Strategy and the Sustainable Fingal Initiative.

[CC Declaration | Fingal County \(circularcitiesdeclaration.eu\)](https://circularcitiesdeclaration.eu)

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor



Fingal County Council hosted the Political Advisory Group meeting of DBEC partners in County Hall on the 17th September where representatives met to discuss the ongoing work of DBEC and potential projects for collaboration.

At this meeting it was agreed that the Mayor would take the co-chair position of the PAG for the forthcoming year.

Enterprise Ireland – Smart Regions Funding



The Council had submitted a number of concept proposals to the Enterprise Ireland Smart Regions Fund, including applications under Stream 1 for Capital Infrastructure Investments in the Council's Enterprise Centres and Under Stream 4 for Feasibility Studies/Priming Grants for consideration. However, following further discussions with Enterprise Ireland and onsite visits by Enterprise Ireland to the three enterprise centre, it has been agreed to pursuing two applications for Smart Regions Funding applications for feasibility studies.

LOCAL AND 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 LCDC met on 4th September 2024 to review progress on the implementation of the Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2023 - 2028 and various programmes under its remit including SICAP. The next LCDC meeting is scheduled for the 23rd October 2024.



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Community Development

Local Enhancement Programme 2024

The Local Enhancement Programme 2024, funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, has allocated €220,842.98 to support community groups and organisations within the Fingal administrative area. Minister Joe O'Brien TD announced the successful projects, which will receive essential funding to enhance their facilities.

All recipients have received their allocated funds via Electronic Fund Transfer and are now required to submit receipts and photographs as proof of expenditure.



Smoke Free Homes

Healthy Fingal, the HSE and Empower have teamed up to deliver the Smoke Free Homes Challenge in Dublin 15 to encourage people to make their home or car smoke free. The programme is linked with the local primary school (Mulhuddart NS) to educate children on the harmful effects of smoking/vaping and through a colouring competition to encourage them to speak about the topic at home with their families. 26 families have gotten involved with the project which will culminate in a presentation day in Mulhuddart in October and a display of some of the artwork by the children.

Woodlands for Health

The final Woodlands for Health programme of 2024 will come to an end this October. The programme has seen groups from the HSE's Mental Health Services and a group from Empower attend weekly in Newbridge Demesne. The programme, which targeted older adults and young people with mental health difficulties brought people together in a calm and relaxing environment with information and support around reducing alcohol and quitting smoking/vaping. The success of the programme will hopefully see and expansion in 2025 to include the Dublin 15 area.

Community Recognition Fund 2023/2024

The Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2023, funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, approved the Council's project proposals in March 2023. Fingal County Council has received an allocation of €1,748,912 for 26 projects across Fingal.

Projects are required to be complete by 18th October 2024 and work is progressing on the implementation of the projects with the Council submitting an initial drawdown in 2023 of €243,000 with a further drawdown of approximately €425,000 submitted in respect of works completed to date in 2024. We expect to lodge claims of approximately €600,000 over the next few weeks. A number of project extensions have been approved by DRCD where works were delayed due to procurement or ground conditions over the summer.

Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024

In March the Council received an allocation of €1,538,573 in respect of the Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024. The funding will support capital projects which will be delivered over the time period 2025/2026. The fund is targeted to invest in those communities, villages and towns where the highest level of new arrivals are located and where a clear need for investment is identified.

The funding is allocated across 3 application windows as outlined below:

Application Window 1: A number of community projects in Fingal received investment of over €630,000 in funding announced on 2nd August by Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD.



The successful projects to be funded are:

- Castleknock Community Centre Association CLG for demolition and rebuilding of the old credit union building (€100,000)
- Accessible Transport Project CLG- Locallink Louth Meath Fingal for the purchase of a community bus (€100,000)
- O'Dwyers GAA Club for the provision of wheelchair access and development of facilities (€100,000)
- Hartstown Community Centre for the installation of new windows (€102,010)
- Foroige - Coastal North Dublin for purchase of a mini-bus (€80,000)
- Trinity Gaels GAA Club for pitch enhancement including drainage and surfacing (€50,007)
- Phoenix Football Club for development of equipment storage facilities (€50,000)
- Skerries Harps GAA and Camogie Club for LED floodlighting installation (€50,001)

Application Window 2: The FCC public call closed on August 13th, 2024. The evaluation meeting took place on 30th August, after which the successful applications were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) for approval. Applicants shall be notified of the status of their application once approval has been received from DRCD.

Application Window 3: The third and final Public Call for applications under this funding stream will issue in November with a deadline in December 2024. The allocation of funding will be a competitive process and project proposals will be evaluated by the Council for further engagement with the applicants to agree the project requirements which will then be submitted to the DRCD for approval to proceed.

SICAP

The annual SICAP budget for 2024 is €2,036,355.06 which includes a separate funding provision for new arrivals.



The SICAP Oversight Committee meeting took place on 10th July 2024. Empower presented an overview of the Mid-year report. The SICAP Oversight committee recommended the Mid-year Report be brought to the LCDC for approval. The Mid-year report was approved by the LCDC.



Leader Programme

Following the outcome of the Local Development Strategy (LDS) selection process Fingal LCDC and Fingal LEADER Partnership were selected to run the LEADER Programme 2023 – 2027 in the Dublin rural area. The Dublin Rural LEADER (LAG) includes rural areas in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.

The new LEADER programme launched at the end of February, following the signing of the LEADER Funding Agreement by the Minister for Rural & Community Development, Heather Humphreys, TD.



The next Dublin Rural LAG meeting will take place on 17th October 2024.

Applications are sought from Individuals, Farm Families, Rural Businesses, Community & Voluntary Groups and Social Enterprises. Help is available to guide you through the process More details: www.dublinruralleader.ie



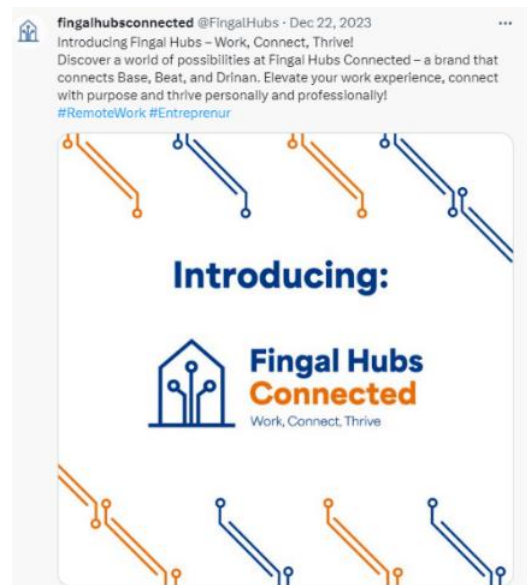
ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Following an agreement by the Boards of Directors of BASE, Beat and Drinan Enterprise Centres to consolidate the management of all three centres, the Council has engaged Legal Expertise to facilitate the formation of the new legal entity “Innovate Fingal” and has consulted extensively with the existing boards of directors with a view to the formation of an interim board of directors to oversee the formation and implementation of “Innovate Fingal”.

The Managers of BASE, Beat and Drinan Enterprise Centres are participating in the Dublin Food Centre Manager’s Network which was established in conjunction with Enterprise Ireland earlier this year. The aim of this initiative is to strengthen the food sector in Dublin with 11 Enterprise Centre’s participating. The Manager’s meet quarterly to share knowledge, learnings and best practise and discuss the challenges and opportunities in the sector to support start up entrepreneurs in the food sector.



Fingal’s Enterprise Centres continue to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie a one-stop-shop for remote working hubs throughout Ireland.



All three Enterprise Centres have space available to start-up businesses and businesses/individuals who wish to avail of remote working options and facilities. Bespoke options or generic office fitouts can be considered. Occupancy rates at the Council’s three enterprise centres are all over 90%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 65 businesses and over 320 direct jobs.

TOWN REGENERATION OFFICE

Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2030 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the Leadership Group in providing oversight and stewardship for the plan's implementation and is chaired by Dr. David Begg. Following the completion of the 'Review and Renew' process in June by the Leadership Group, the Economic Development, Public Realm & Placemaking, Education, Skills & Employment, and Community Development Pillar Groups are to be restructured to reflect the implementation progress in the programme. A new Pillar Group for Sustainability, Climate Action and Bio-diversity Pillar is being established also.

The Leadership Group met in September and received updates on the Public Realm/URDF projects, Governance and Communications. The Economic Development and Education Skills & Training Pillar Groups met in September and have begun the process of reviewing their respective Pillar Group workplan objectives and actions.

The review process confirmed the extension of the Rejuvenation programme until 2030, bringing it in line with the funding horizon for the Urban Regeneration Development Fund supported by the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government.



The Council have appointed contractor John Craddock Ltd and work has commenced on the redevelopment of the Quay Street, Harbour & Environs Project to be completed on a phased basis and will take approximately 19 months. The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to provide regular updates on the project through Social Media Channels and includes detailed information on alternative car parking and frequently asked questions. Up to date information on the project is available on Balbriggan.ie

Tender pack documents for 2 – 4 Dublin Street are currently under review and are expected to be issue by Q4 2024. 2 - 4 Dublin Street is to be transformed into a new Creative Hub with 8 workspaces at 2 Dublin Street and an ancillary connected space at 4 Dublin Street which will support STEAM education, training and enterprise activities supported by SMART Balbriggan and the Fingal Arts Office. Planning permission was granted at council in October 2023.



Demolition works on 6a to 14 Bridge Street have been completed. A temporary Pocket Park has been installed at site of the former house at 14 Bridge Street and has been welcomed locally.



An Integrated Design Team has been appointed and are progressing work on a design based on best possible uses and options in line with site constraints. Early and on-going stakeholder engagement continues which will inform design options.

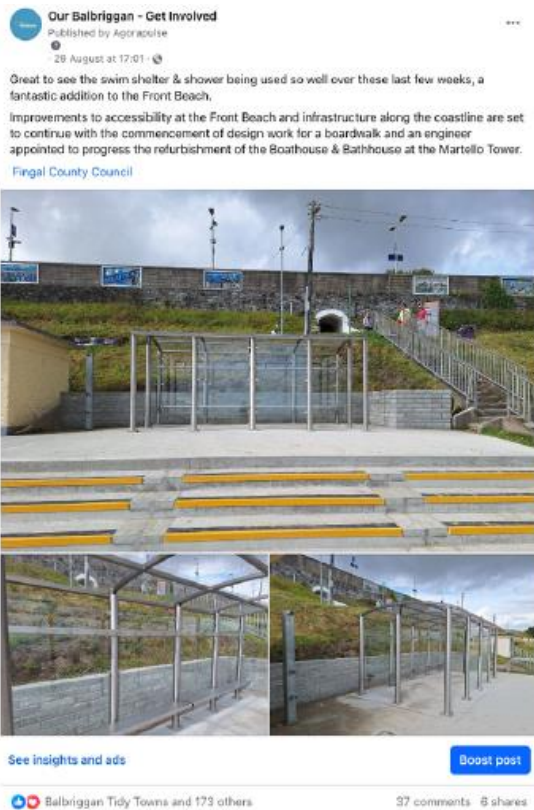


The Programme Office is currently engaging with stakeholders in examining options for sea swimming facilities in Balbriggan.

An Internal Project Team has been established from the Town Regeneration Office, Our Balbriggan and FCC Architects to progress the Boathouse and Bathhouse project. FCC has met with local stakeholders and potential end users for the Bathhouse and Boathouse at the Martello Tower. Enabling works have now been completed. Full surveys and assessment of the site is being completed, which will inform the full works design and planning proposal. Engineers have been appointed to the project.



The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn with over 12,500 followers across all 4 social channels.



Town Centre First – Lusk

The Lusk Town Centre First Plan, “Lusk for Life”, was launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Adrian Henchy and the Minister of State at the Department of Rural and Community Development, Joe O’Brien, in May 2024.



Following the completion of the Lusk for Life Plan, Two applications for Project Development Measure funding were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for their consideration. Both these projects have now been approved for funding. These projects were identified in the Lusk Town Centre First Plan and include projects focusing on the development of appropriate facilities in Lusk's parklands and the feasibility of the development of a Farmers Market in Lusk. €75,000 in total has been approved.

In May 2024, under Measure 1: Town Centre First Suite of Supports 2024, three applications for funding of €10,000 per village were approved in respect of establishing and supporting town teams in Ballyboughal, Balrothery, and Donabate. A consultant was appointed to assist the Town Regeneration Office Team in establishing the new Town Teams, building their capacity and identifying projects for funding opportunities.

Town Team Meetings for Balrothery have taken place on the 9th and 23rd of September 2024 to finalise the Town Team and agree a strategy to identify key objectives of the Team.



An initial capacity building Town Team meeting took place on 9th September for Ballyboughal. A Town Team has been established and a second meeting took place on 25th September where further progress was made.



On 26th September the first Donabate Town Team capacity building workshop was held at the Community Centre in Donabate where a presentation on Town Centre First was given by the Town Regeneration Officer and further expressions of interest were sought from members of the community.



Town Centre First - Rush

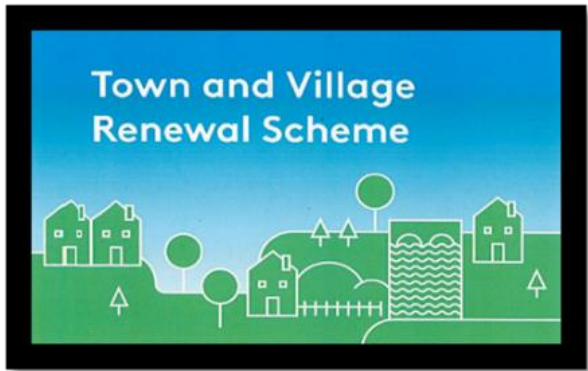
At the National Town Centre First Day held 28th February in Limerick, the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphries T.D. announced that Rush had been selected as Fingal's second Town Centre First Town. The Town Regeneration Office welcomes the selection of Rush as a Town Centre First Town and engagement with the Local Elected Members, the Community and the Business Sector in Rush will be invited shortly to establishing a new Rush Town Team. This new Town Team will prepare a new Town Centre First Plan for Rush.

A consultant has been selected to work with the new Town Team in supporting the Town Regeneration Office in delivering a new Town Centre First Plan for Rush.



Town & Village Renewal Schemes

The Town Regeneration Office is currently facilitating two recently approved projects under this scheme from 2023. A Phase 4 development of Floraville Park in Skerries (€55,800) and upgrades to the Rush Community Centre (€64,350) have been approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development.



The Town Regeneration Office has completed the implementation of projects in Rush, Donabate, Oldtown, Naul, St. Margaret's and Balrothery. With respect to these 6 schemes, the local authority has invested €282,276.00 in total funding drawn down from the Department of Rural and Community Development to support the revitalisation of our Rural towns.

Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024

Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024 was launched in April 2024 and expressions of interest were sought from qualifying commercial and community premises located within areas designated as "Major Town Centre", "Town and District Centre", "Local Centre" or "Rural Village" within the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029. Under the scheme, up to 50% of the cost of improvements, up to a maximum grant amount of €1,500 per eligible property, is available, subject to terms and conditions. A total of 41 applications were received by the closing date, 32 of which received offers of funding.

To date, a total of €15,979 has been paid to 17 approved businesses under the scheme. A further scheme will be announced in October.

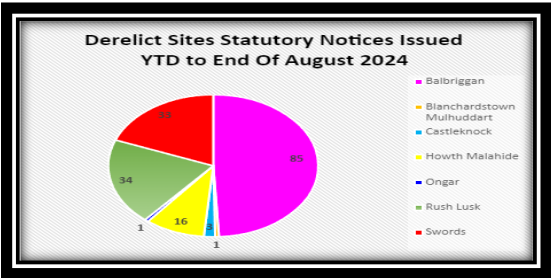
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

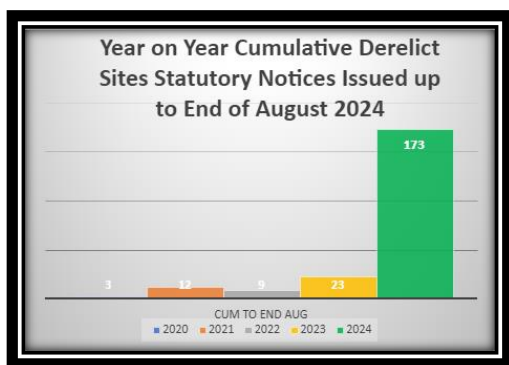
One project was approved under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for 2024, "Sea Swimming at Skerries Springers". The Town Regeneration Office has commenced the study process by engaging with local stakeholders, gathering, and collating feedback to inform future options and study scope. Consultant engineers have been appointed to assist with the study and have met with the local swimmers during August.

Derelict Sites

173 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties to the end of August 2024. This shows a significant increase in notices issued by the Council compared to a total of 23 at this point in time in 2023.

The Derelict Sites team continue to focus on engagement with the owners of these existing derelict sites and identifying further derelict sites across the county.





The Town Regeneration Office actively encourages the reporting of potential derelict sites. Referrals can be made by accessing the Report Form on Fingal County Council's public website and emailing the completed form to derelictsites@fingal.ie



LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for September 2024 are as follows:

Fingal Business Network



The Fingal Business Network Event was attended by over 120 Business Owners and Entrepreneurs on Wednesday 25th September in the Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport. The topic for the event was all things Digital for Small Businesses and a lively talk was given by Marketing expert Greg Fry.

The attendees eagerly engaged in networking and discussions about marketing and how to attract more customers using all the online tools available to them. The event concluded with a buffet lunch, which allowed for further networking and conversations. Feedback for the session has been resoundingly positive and the next Fingal Business Network event will be the Christmas event in early December. Details will be announced soon. Established by LEO Fingal in Summer 2022, Fingal Business Network meets quarterly.

Student Enterprise Programme



There has been a significant increase in Second level schools across Fingal signing-up for this year's Student Enterprise Programme (SEP). It is anticipated that a record-breaking number of more than 28,000 students nationally will participate, by setting-up and running a mini enterprise over the course of the academic year.

Fingal schools and students have a strong track record in the competition, encouraged and incentivised by a significant prize fund that includes an international educational trip to Barcelona for the students and teachers of "Senior category" winners. Most importantly, the programme offers an exciting opportunity for students to learn the ropes of creating a successful business, whilst competing at local and national level. Each year the Fingal winning projects go on to the National Final, where they battle it out with other entrepreneurial students from throughout Ireland.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network



LEO Fingal is hosting National Women's Enterprise Day (NWED) on Thursday, 17th October on behalf of the four Dublin Local Enterprise Offices. Taking place in the Crowne Plaza Hotel Blanchardstown, this annual Dublin NWED event is a highlight in the business calendar for enterprising women across the region and offers a unique opportunity to celebrate female entrepreneurship.

The theme of this year's National Women's Enterprise Day is 'Making It Happen' and the programme includes a variety of guest speakers, female entrepreneurs, lively panel discussion, small-business case studies, an exhibition of enterprise support agencies as well as plenty of opportunities to network with other female entrepreneurs and business owners.

Celebrated TV broadcaster Mary Kennedy will be this year's NWED Master of Ceremonies, while a number of inspiring speakers from several business sectors will also feature including Lorraine Heskin (CEO of Gourmet Food Parlour), Oonagh O'Hagan (MD of Meaghers Pharmacy), Fiona Buckley (CEO of She Speaks Agency), and Breda McCague (CEO of Aiming4Awesome).

Fingal Business Supports Briefings



One hundred and thirty one business owners managers and aspiring entrepreneurs attended the September Fingal Business Supports Briefing on September 4th in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy. There was great audience engagement on the day with lots of questions for staff and mentors and many people stayed around afterwards to take advantage of the networking opportunity over refreshments. This session is run monthly and allows entrepreneurs to hear about the supports available to them from the Local Enterprise Office and other state agencies. So far this year 580 people have attended these information sessions. The next Fingal Business Briefing will take place on October 9th in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy.

Food Sectoral Supports



On Wednesday 18th September, the 4 Dublin Local Enterprise Offices accompanied 20 food businesses to the "Lunch" Trade Show in London to learn about the latest innovations in food service and food product packaging and distribution. The group also visited Eataly and the Shoreditch markets. The event was organised by the Dublin Food Chain, an initiative of the LEOs in partnership with Bord Bia.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) has approved €724,278 across 34 Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants to date in 2024. 16 Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters grants to the value of €39,400 and three Digital for Business grants amounting to €13,500 have been approved year to date. The next EVAC meeting will be held on 2nd October 2024.

Management Development

LEADERSHIP FOR ACCELERATED GROWTH

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office

Eight Fingal SME owner/managers are participating in the Autumn “International Best Practice” Leadership for Accelerated Growth programme which commenced on September 17th. The programme provides an opportunity for SME owner/managers to build on the necessary leadership skills and knowledge needed to successfully compete in existing, new and international markets. The programme is delivered to small groups by way of onsite skills development workshops and online workshops. As part of the programme, participating owner/managers each produce Work Based Assessments which document their strategic plan and acts as a living document as well as a point in time reference for where their business is now and the actions they need to take to grow.

Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme



The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Energy Efficiency Grant has just been revamped and relaunched with several significant changes, the main one being its increase from €5,000 to €10,000 and a change from match funding to now covering up to 75% of eligible costs.

The Energy Efficiency Grant is an excellent opportunity for small businesses to continue their business more sustainably and efficiently, which will benefit them in the long run. To apply businesses need to be solvent and operating within Fingal for at least six months.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the Trading Online Voucher (TOV) scheme supports small businesses by allowing them to enhance their online offering by providing a grant of up to €2,500 for ecommerce and digital marketing activities, as well as giving businesses a better understanding of how they can exploit E-Commerce opportunities for their business.

More than 70 businesses attended the latest TOV seminar in person on 6th September in Riasc, Kinsealy. A total of 88 applications have been approved in the amount of €196,951 to date in 2024. The next Trading Online Voucher webinar will be held online on Tuesday 22nd October 2024, clients must attend the webinar to apply for the Scheme.

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring



LEO Fingal provides one to one business support services through Business Advice Clinics and a Mentoring programme, both online and in person. These services are provided free of charge to small businesses. The Fingal mentor panel consists of a variety of skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. In September, sixty six people availed of one-to-one advice in our Business Advice Clinics, bringing the total number of users of the service this year to 604. Twenty one clients received mentoring in September, which means that 321 clients have been approved for expert mentoring so far this year.

Microfinance Ireland Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with loans from €5,000 up to €50,000 per approved applicant. LEO Fingal is actively promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. Applications are processed and assessed by LEO Fingal and submitted to MFI (Microfinance Ireland). Applications submitted through LEO Fingal are eligible for a reduced interest rate. LEO Fingal has processed and submitted 26 MFI loan applications to date in 2024. A government decision in May 2024 announced the doubling of the maximum loan available from MFI funding, rising from €25,000 to €50,000.

Training and Events

September has seen a strong return to the classroom with a packed schedule and courses booking out in record time. The training is aimed at business owner/managers, with over 2,612 participants in LEO Fingal Training & Events so far in 2024. The eleventh Start Your Own Business course of 2024 has just been announced for October and the SYOB programme has had a total of 125 participants trained year to date with an additional 41 attendees at the Start-up Bootcamp during Local Enterprise Week. Additionally, there have been four Social Media and Digital Marketing QQI courses with 54 participants year to date.

Internationalisation and Export Development



The TAME (Exporter) grant enables small businesses to explore and develop new market opportunities by providing up to €2,500 to businesses investigating and researching export markets. Seventeen Fingal businesses have been approved for Export Grants (TAME) to date in the amount of €40,600.



A new Export Development programme “Get Exporting” is currently being rolled out throughout all 31 LEOs, **Get Exporting** is designed to support companies at every stage of their journey to achieve new export sales. Through the Export Development Pathway, the aim is to simplify the export journey for businesses and help build the knowledge, confidence and strategies needed to succeed in global markets. **Get Exporting is a collaborative effort between the Local Enterprise Offices, Enterprise Ireland and delivery partner OCO Global.**

Grow Digital Voucher

Grow Digital

A Digital Tool for every Business

The Grow Digital Voucher starting on 1st November 2024 will offer small and medium businesses with up to 50 employees financial support to embrace digital technology. A digital for business project report must be completed within the previous two years.

Funding will be in the form of a grant. The grant aid will be 50% of eligible costs with minimum grant aid of €500 up to a maximum grant of €5,000 per application. Enterprises can be approved a maximum of two Grow Digital Voucher projects up to a maximum cumulative grant value of €5,000 as identified in their Digital for Business project to support their Digitalisation journey.

The National Ploughing Championships 2024



The National Ploughing Championships was held on 17th – 19th September 2024 in Ratheniska, Co. Laois for a 50-acre exhibition and trade arena. Each year the Local Enterprise Offices host a Local Enterprise Village to provide an opportunity for clients to take full advantage of this unique consumer event. Each Local Enterprise Office nominates one business for the event and this year the Corr Optical Frames & Glazing Laboratory was supported to represent Fingal.

Craft & Design Sectoral Supports



Showcase Ireland 2025 will take place from 19th – 21st January 2025 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. LEO Fingal have been allocated stands for this event. Following a selection process, the successful applicants have been chosen to represent LEO Fingal: Wonderfully Weathery Books, Run Baby Run Pottery, Túath Glass and Wineracks.ie. These craft & design businesses are also provided with training by LEO Fingal specifically on sales techniques for craft products who are displaying & selling their work at exhibitions.

In addition, LEO Fingal is examining the possible establishment of a Network of Craft and Design businesses with a view to developing further growth opportunities for this sector.

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Balbriggan Area Parks



➤ **Balbriggan**

A new teenage hangout space 'Blox Unit' has been installed at Millpond Park Balbriggan. This is part of a series of new teenage hangout areas being installed throughout Balbriggan as a collaborative project between the Operations Department and the 'Our Balbriggan' project team.



➤ **Millpond Park**

Some vegetation pruning Works have been carried out at the entrance to Millpond Park Balbriggan. It is planned to open up and upgrade the two existing pedestrian entrances between the Church Car Park and the park.



➤ **Skerries Mills**

A newly installed graded path has been added to link the upper and lower paths between the skate park and playground in Skerries Mills Skate Park.



➤ **Skerries Mills**

Landscaping works complete along the new pedestrian walkway at Skerries Mills car park.



➤ **Balbriggan Beach Swimming Shelter**

The recently installed beach changing shelter in Balbriggan allows for a hanging and sitting area that is under cover to prevent bags and clothes being exposed to the weather and is open visually so that it does not become an attraction for anti-social activity. This was a long-awaited addition to the beach and has been well received by the vibrant sea swimming groups.



➤ **Skerries Mills**

Recently installed outdoor Table Tennis tables at Skerries Mills Park.



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➤ **Rose Garden Ardgillan**

Recently installed replacement and refurbishment of the Rose Arbor at the Rose Garden in Ardgillan Demesne.



➤ Glebe Park

As part of the improvements being carried out to the pedestrian network with Glebe Park, Balrothery, a new set of steps with a handrail are being installed to compliment the existing path network. These steps allow a more direct access to the sports pitches from the car park while also having a longer sloped path to facilitate universal access.

Swords Area Parks



➤ Somerton Estate Donabate

As part of the 2024 Programme of Works a new landscaping scheme was implemented at the entrance to Somerton Estate Donabate. This involved the removal of overgrown vegetation to the rear of the railings and the planting of a pollinator planting scheme at the entrance.



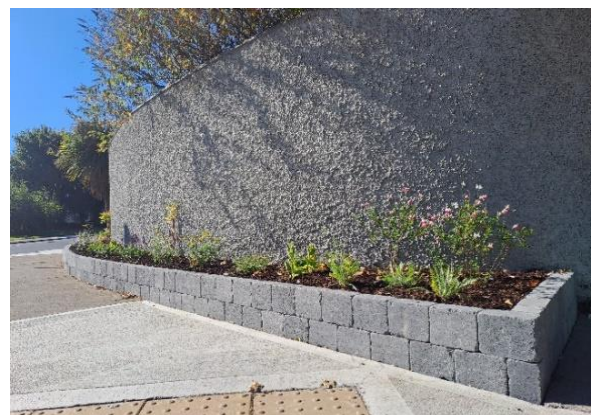
Glasmore Estate Entrance Stone - Before Photo



Glasmore Estate Entrance Stone - After Photo



Glasmore Estate Entrance Wall - Before Photo



Glasmore Estate Entrance Wall - After Photo

➤ **Glasmore Estate Swords**

As part of the 2024 Programme of Works a new landscaping scheme was implemented at the entrance to Glasmore Estate Swords. This involved the installation of a cobble edge to retain a new planting scheme.



➤ **Glasmore Estate Swords**

As part of the 2024 Programme of Works a new landscaping scheme was implemented at the entrance to Brackenstown Avenue Estate Swords. This involved the planting of an additional pollinator planting scheme within an existing shrubbery.



➤ **Brackenstown Road Learn to Cycle Area**

150 metres of additional pedestrian pathways have been created in the Ward River Valley Park along the Brackenstown Road in collaboration with the Active Travel Department. Pollinator Planting schemes, tree planting and a new pedestrian park entrance are also planned as part of these phased works.

Area Roads Programme

Swords LEA

Surface Dressing works at various locations carried out by roads crews.





Balbriggan LEA

Footpath Replacements at Harrison's Cove in Skerries by the Fancourt Construction Crew.



Footpath renewals on Church Street in Skerries as part of this year's Programme of Works.

Rush / Lusk LEA

Road drainage works carried out by the Direct Labour crew at Baleally Lane junction ahead of road resurfacing on the R127 from Blakescross to Lusk as part of the 2024 Capital Roads Programme.



Howth Malahide Area Programme of Works

Contractor is repairing Footpaths in Ard Na Mara in Malahide. Footpath repairs as part of the 2024 POW.



Contractor resurfaced Oakleigh Court in Malahide as part of the 2024 POW.



Contractor resurfaced a section of Hanlon's Lane in Malahide



Capital Works

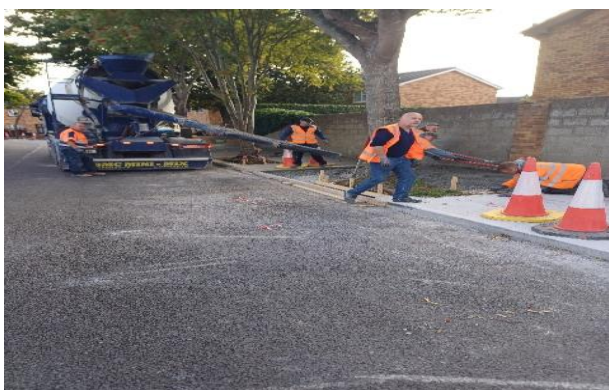
➤ Extension of Balgriffin Cemetery

Clarcon Construction Ltd are currently constructing phase 3 of Balgriffin Cemetery. The drainage and plinths are complete. Footpaths are 80% complete and the roads are 40% complete.



Howth Malahide Depot Works

FCC roads crew replacing footpaths in Binn Eadear Sutton.

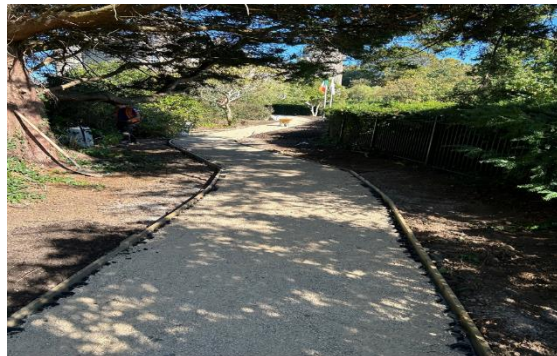


Malahide Demesne



Line marking completed on wheelchair accessible bays.

➤ Talbot Botanical Gardens



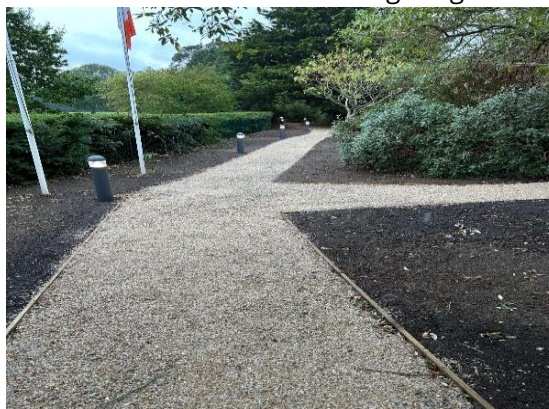
Construction of path In Chilean Gardens



Landscaping edges of new Chilean walk



Installation of Bollard lighting



Completed path with lights.

Seabury Playground Extension

The extension of Seabury playground will be officially opened on 12th October.



➤ Kettles Park new benches



➤ Kettles Park new MUGA

Works on the new MUGA was recently completed, providing a wider range of sports for all age groups.



Public Conveniences Howth Pier & Malahide Beach Toilets

➤ Malahide Beach Toilets

Work on the Malahide beach toilet block commenced in June and construction work is completed. Commissioning work on the new toilet block is completed now that the ESB connection has been made earlier this week. The toilets are expected to be opened to the public within the next week.



➤ Howth East Pier Toilets

Work commenced on the Howth East Pier Toilets in July. All works are completed except for the ESB connection. Commissioning works will follow the ESB connection with the toilets expected to open in the next 3 weeks. (Dependent on ESB availability)

Beaches & Cleansing



Beach cleaning Burrow Beach & Portmarnock Beach.

Burial Grounds Maintenance

Clean up at Fingal Burial Grounds following storm damage.



New signage

Castleknock Mulhuddart Area





A great weekend at Clonsilla Heritage Festival where there was lovely weather. We had over 100 people each afternoon: on Saturday at the Blanchardstown Brass Band and again, on Sunday we had trad band Craobh Slí Dhála. We also had three story time sessions on Saturday morning, as well as three artworks for kids on Sunday morning, which went down well!



Drainage works been carried out at the pitches at Tyrellstown Park.



Hedge cutting Works in the Tyrellstown Area



Before & after photos of painting work carried out at Tolka Valley bridge in Mulhuddart.



Cutting of overgrown grass at Avondale Place, Dromheath.



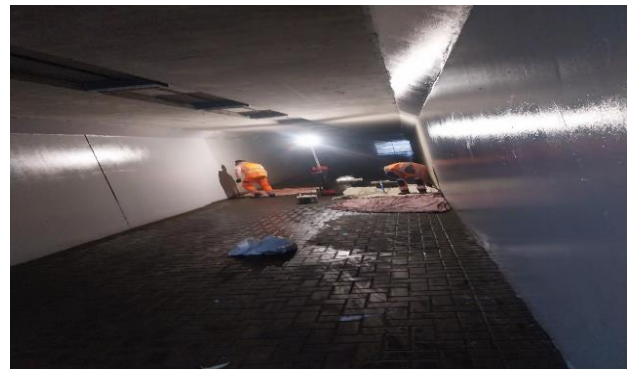
Cut & Collection at Fingal Playing Pitches



Weed removal on footpaths and cycle lanes in the Dublin Enterprise zone.



New Footpath & Entrance at Castlefield Court Estate



Our crews cleaning the underpass at the new junction at Blanchardstown.



Before and after Photos of cutting back of hedges encroaching Footpaths at Sycamore Avenue. This work was done on health and safety grounds for pedestrian use of footpath.



Grasscutting at Dunsink

Works on open space The Pines Castleknock



Before and after photos of New Perennial Border planted in Cherry Park/ Sycamore in September 2024.

Flooding cleared recently at Hartstown Road



Signage cleaning on the Ongar Road

Car Parking Services

August 2024

There was a total of 1587 parking tickets issued during August 2024.

Breakdown of Parking Offences

Top 10 Offences

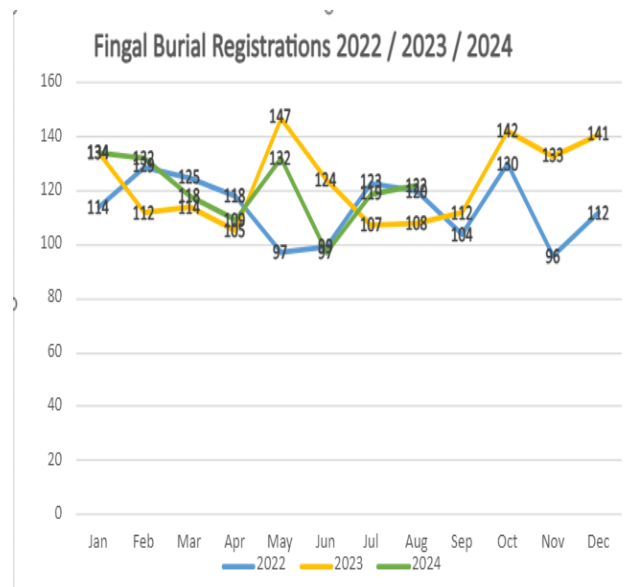
Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - August 2024
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	808
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	194
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	189
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	115
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	104
08B - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A GRASS MARGIN	37
07A - OBSTRUCTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS/PEDESTRIANS	30
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	20
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	17
9C - VEHICLE OUTSIDE BAY	13

Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations August 2024
North Street - Swords	130
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	115
Main Street - Swords	86
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	74
Harbour Road - Skerries	68
Harbour Road Howth	68
Strand Street - Skerries	64
Church Road - Malahide	62
South Strand Skerries	60
Coast Road - Malahide	51

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 122 Interments in August 2024.



Kellystown Burial Ground

The Architects Department successfully appointed the contractor in August 2024 to carry out the works on Kellystown Graveyard capital project. The Contractor will mobilise to commence works in October 2024.

Traffic Operations County-Wide

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

➤ Traffic Calming Ramps

Traffic calming measures in the form of ramps were installed on Damamstown Way.



Newly installed ramps on Damamstown Way



Newly installed ramps on Damamstown Way

Road Markings



SLOW road markings were repainted on the R121, from Tinkers Hill to Luttrellstown Golf Course.



The double yellow lines on St. Mochtas Green were repainted in September.



SLOW road markings were repainted on the R149, around the Barberstown Lane area.

Balbriggan/Swords Area

➤ Balbriggan/Swords South

➤ Traffic Calming Ramps



St. Margarets – Rivermeade Drive – New Traffic Calming Ramps



Donabate – Beverton Meadows – New Traffic Calming Ramps

➤ **Signage & Lining**



Swords – Seatown Villas – New Stop Sign and Road markings relined throughout

➤ **Balbriggan/Swords North**



Garristown – New Zebra Crossing Works as part of 2024 POW.



Rush-Whitestown/Millbank Junction Upgrade Completed as part of 2024 POW.

Howth/Malahide Traffic POW 2024

➤ **New uncontrolled crossing on Old Yellow Walls road**



Complete repairs to existing raised signalised pedestrian crossing–Coast Road

➤ **New Road Lining**



Howth Garda Station Line Marking



Red Arches Road-Refresh



New Road Signage for Bissett Strand Parking area-Malahide



New signage on Kinsealy Lane

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

86 Plant Hires were put in place from 01/09/2024 to 30/09/2024, engaging 21 suppliers.

Public Lighting Section

The Public Lighting Programme of Works 2024 is ongoing.

POW Works jobs Completed to date: Clonard Street, Balbriggan; Balrothery Village; Huntstown Green, Mulhuddart; Park Road; Rush; Ridgewood Park; Barnageeragh Skerries;

➤ **Clonard Street, Balbriggan.**

Two (2) no. additional lighting columns installed.



➤ **Balrothery Village**

To facilitate the relocation of an ESB Network pole from the junction and future junction redevelopment, one public lighting column with new supply section pillar and associated ducting was installed. The footpaths will be upgraded as part of future works.



➤ **Huntstown Green, Mulhuddart**

One (1) no. additional column installed at end of the cul-de-sac.



➤ **Barnageeragh, Skerries**

One New lighting column installed on pedway which links Fulmar, to the Barnageeragh Road.



POW Works in Progress/Ongoing: Forest Road, Swords; Hartstown Park; Castlelands, Balbriggan

➤ **Forest Road, Swords**

Replacement of eleven (11) no. poles and associated cabling. All columns are stood and civil works complete. Works remaining: Replacement of overhead supply cables, transfer of existing luminaires and removal of the old poles.



➤ **Hartstown Park**

To facilitate the installation of the new lighting scheme in Hartstown Park, preparatory works for supply points have been completed. Two new service pillars and two existing columns were also replaced.



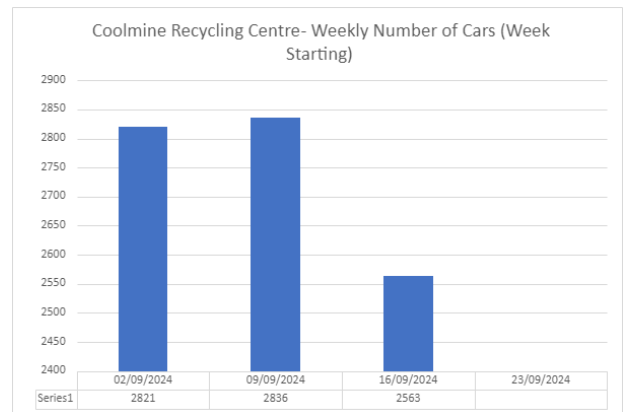
➤ **Downside, Skerries**

New ESB service pillar installed. Four new Raise and Lower lighting columns installed on pedway linking Downside Park with the Shenick Road. See two following photos.



➤ Laurel Lodge Green, Blanchardstown

11 new lighting columns installed in green linking Castleknock train station with Laurel Lodge Road.



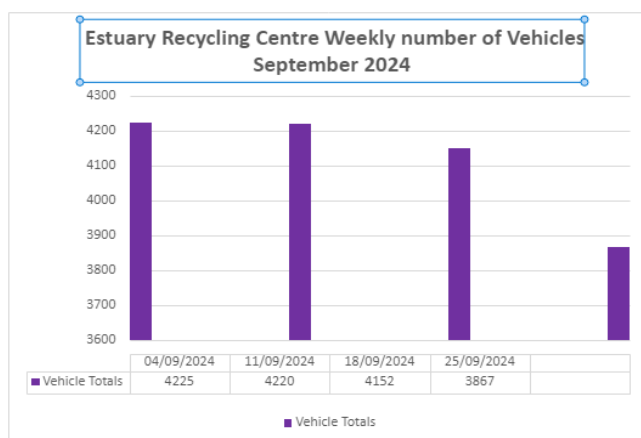
Beach Lifeguard Statistics for Summer 2024

	Rescue	Rescue Craft	1st Aid	Lost Child	Advice Given	Accident Prevented	Other
Balbriggan	1	0	12	0	51	5	0
Skerries South	3	3	29	6	301	69	18
Loughshinny	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rush North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rush South	0	0	0	0	70	16	4
Portrane	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donabate	3	0	29	0	264	31	11
Malahide	6	4	10	1	644	277	10
Portmarnock	3	2	77	3	1121	163	37
Sutton	6	9	33	1	618	125	20
Howth	0	0	6	0	120	13	2

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Recycling Centres Update

Operations are reviewing the opening hours at Coolmine to determine the financial provision required in the Revenue Budget 2025 to cover staffing, minor contracts and security. Extension of opening hours is dependant on the resources being in place.

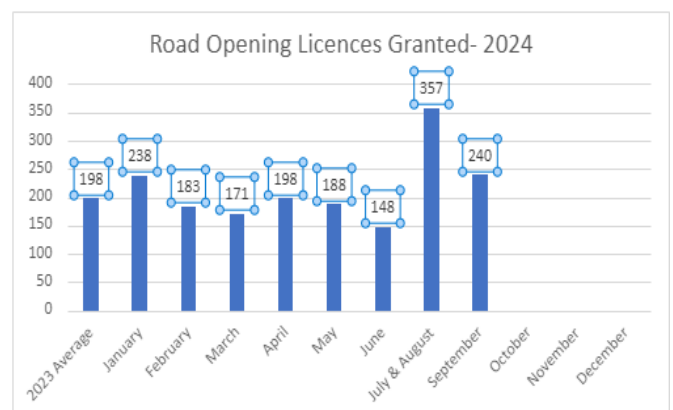


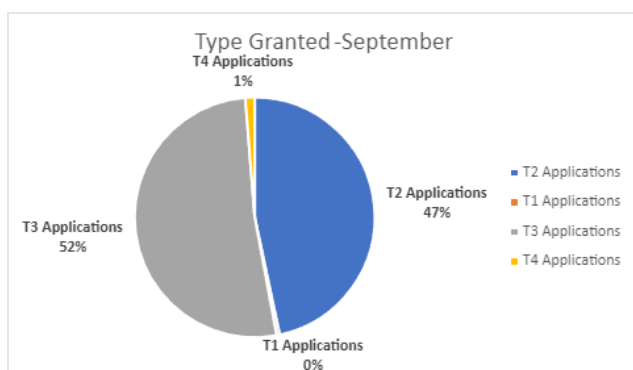
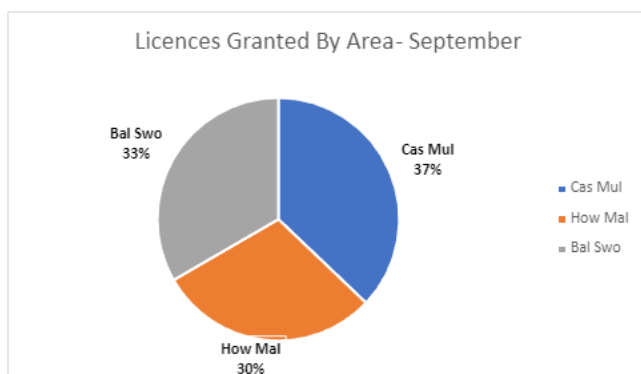
Licenses

- Road Opening Licences

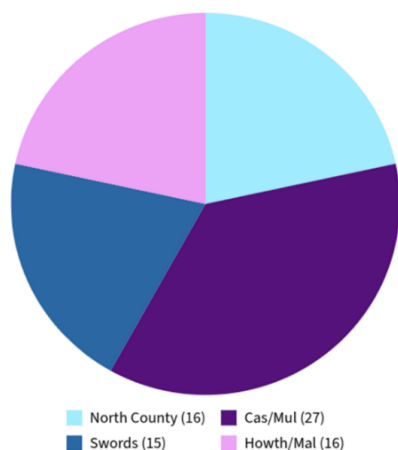
The Licensing unit continues to process and manage the licensing system for the County. Applications are allocated by area for examination and conditioning which includes reviews of the existing carriageway, footpaths, cycleways, and grass verges. Applicants submit temporary traffic management plans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

240 Licences were granted in the months of **September, 53% of which were granted by way of automation.** Clerk of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by Utilities.





- Pitch Playability Applications 2024/25



See above Pie Chart outlining the number of Pitch Playability Applications received for the 2024/25 playing season, in total we have received 74 applications as outlined above including three from schools.

- Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council have a total of 38 valid Casual Trading Applications for 2024/2025 trading year throughout Fingal administrative area covering the trading of Hot Food Tea & Coffee/Ice Cream and Flowers.

2 more additional applications are currently being processed.

Any remaining applications will be taken on an Ad Hoc basis.

The Operations Department is in regular communication with our traders and area inspectors continue to be carried out to assist in delivery of quality service and ensure compliance.

- Street Furniture Licences & remaining Parklets

A total of 39 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2024 with a further two currently been processed.

The Operations Department continue to engage with businesses to ensure compliance from Street Furniture Licence holders. To date in 2024 a total of 19 Street Furniture Inspections have been carried out.

There are a number of temporary parklets which facilitated outdoor dining during Covid. All businesses are being contacted and informed that all temporary parklets which were to be removed at the end of September 2024 will now be removed after 31st December 2024. Street Furniture Licences associated with the parklets will now be extended to this date.

The Operations Department will make provision in the 2025 draft revenue budget for footpath buildouts to commence in January 2025 to continue to facilitate outdoor dining where feasible. These will be considered where requested and deemed suitable in each area taking into consideration drainage, adjoining trees, public lighting etc.

Surface Water

Stormwater Capital Programme 2023-2025

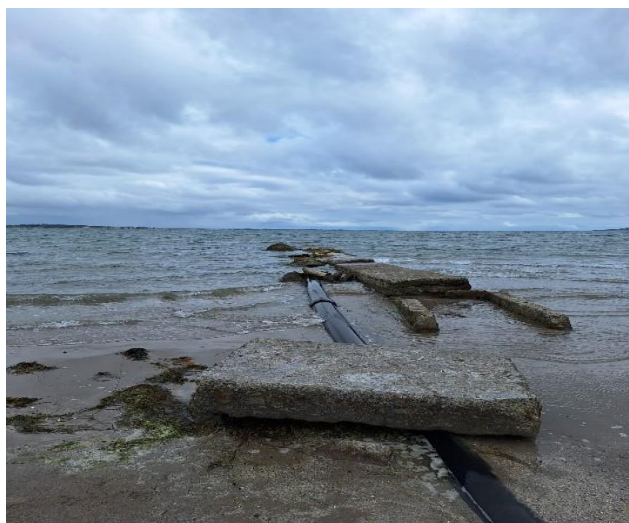
Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects recently adopted in the 2024-2026 Stormwater Capital Programme. The 3-year programme includes 17 projects estimated at €2.5 million with this figure under review as the projects are developed. Below is a brief update in relation to the status of some of the projects that have commenced and planned upcoming projects.

➤ **Howth Stormwater Culvert**

This project consists of the design and construction of a Stormwater culvert replacement on Howth main street (Work Package A) and the separation of a combined sewer on Tuckett's Lane. Howth (Work Package B). Optioneering and Investigation phases are complete for both Work packages and Preliminary design is completed for WPB. A GPR survey has been undertaken and detailed design can shortly be completed for WPB.

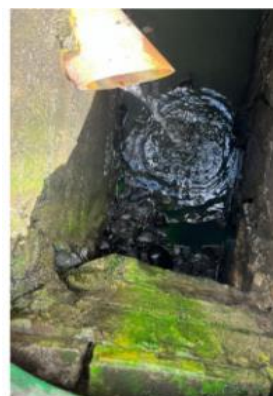
➤ **Burrow Beach**

The proposed remediation of the surface water outfall pipe has gone through all stages of design and various consents. Precast concrete anchor blocks are due for delivery in mid-October. Placement of the anchor block units is scheduled for Spring 2025 by an FCC Minor works crew, with technical assistance to be provided by design consultants, Malachy Walsh and Partners.



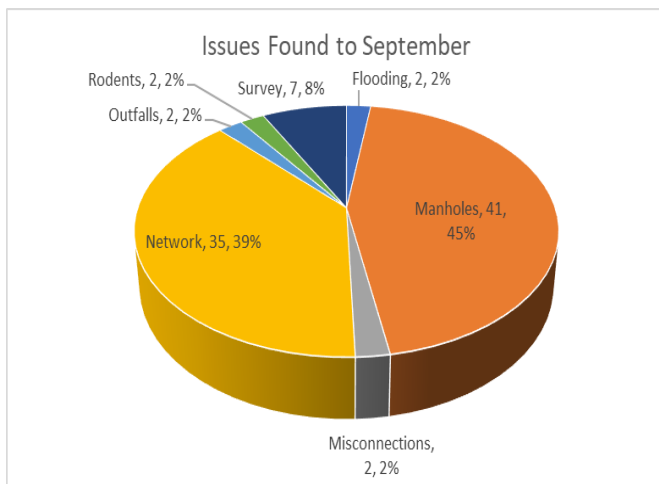
- **Lusk Network Remedial Works**

The above project consists of Stormwater infrastructure provision and improvement in the Lusk urban area. It includes second level/follow up investigation, surveys, non-invasive interventions, jetting, root removal, pipe lining, replacement and new lay – using conventional cut and cover. The work will be carried out under separate work packages with an overall duration of 24 months. Works to date completed are Barrack Lane SW pipe replacement, a short relay outside Top Shop and CCTV surveys. Sections of network along Station Rd & Dublin Rd have recently been surveyed and dye-tested. The findings from these surveys have been analysed and costing is being undertaken for works programme.



- **Storm Water Maintenance**

Maintenance of the network and much of the capital works programme is generated by inspections which are tabulated on a Works Planner. The types and volumes of issues reported are shown in the chart.



- Storm Water Connections:

18 new connection applications including one diversion application have been processed to date in 2024.

➤ Networks

Swords

CCTV Surveys were carried out on a section of network in the **Balheary** area close to Swords Business Park following historical reports of flooding. These confirmed significant restrictions in the line requiring large volumes of aggregate and silt to be removed. Works on excavating and repairing a collapsed and root-affected section were completed in September.



Following historical reports of blockages and overground flooding several estates in the **Rivervalley** area of Swords have been identified that require further investigation and mapping to determine the condition of the network. A Contractor has completed 75% of a programme of CCTV survey and mapping works in the Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Rd, Cherry Garth and Rivervalley Lawns estates.

Following a procurement process a Contractor has been appointed to carry out a road reinstatement outside the **Forty-Four Hotel**. Works will also include the raising and replacement of two ancillary manhole cover and frames.

Lusk

Following reports of road flooding CCTV surveys were completed on a section of pipe along **Old Schoolhouse Lane** and it was determined that the pipe was under capacity. Works to replace the pipe and to install a new head wall were completed in July.



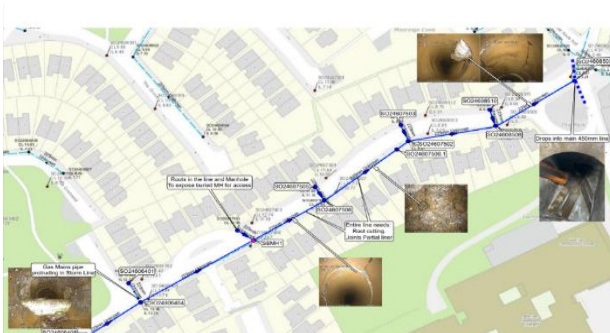
Malahide/Portmarnock

Chalfont - CCTV surveys were carried out in May in the Chalfont area of Malahide to ascertain the condition of the network within the estate and the cause of localised road flooding during periods of intense rainfall. These surveys are now complete, and the findings are being analyzed. These works are being separated into a number of distinct work packages for project costing and planning.



Skerries

Following reports of a collapsed manhole additional surveys were carried out on a section of the network in the **Seacrest estate** in Skerries. Following these surveys a gas main has been identified as a culprit and Gas Networks Ireland (GNI) have been contacted to carry out repair works and remove their service from the line. Follow on remediations will be carried out by a mixture of in-house repairs and Contractor support. A Contractor has been appointed to carry out the UV CIPP Liner repairs and works will be complete in early October.



➤ Assets Ironworks

The Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing. A contractor has been engaged to replace covers along Howth main Street and the Drynam and Balheary areas of Swords.

- Underground Stormwater storage Assets

In recent years there has been a proliferation of underground storm water assets installed in developments to reduce the risk of future flooding. These will inevitably be taken in charge by the Council. Many require to be properly registered and a **process of identification and recording has begun county wide**. With new best practice guidelines in place these assets are expected to be phased out in future planning applications and should be replaced with above ground natural features. Below is an example of a system employed to manage storm water on new developments



A sharefile location has been created and shared with some of the main suppliers and installers of attenuation systems. This should assist with the capture and recording of existing assets and inform a future maintenance schedule.

- Water Quality/Environment Enforcement

Seagrang Park

Assistance and engagement are being given by the Storm Water Unit to *Baldoyle Tidy Towns* who had secured funding for a Biodiversity project on the Seagrang Park stream, Baldoyle.

Samples were received in April 2024 indicating ongoing contamination of the storm network (High Ammonia etc)

Flow loggers on the waste water network are being monitored for signs that "storm overflow" at Seagrang park may be the main source of this contamination. To date no correlation has been found.



Clonsilla - Lambourne Road

Following multiple reports of Malodours emanating from the local road gully network a series of surveys and dye testing was conducted. It has been determined that several properties are incorrectly connected to the network. Dye testing and an engagement meeting with residents took place on 14/07/2024. FCC Environment have are engaging with householders to try to resolve the issue within the private curtilage.

Balbriggan - Clonard Court

Two buried manholes were found and uncovered in August following an underground survey at Clonard Court. This assisted FCC Environment with misconnection surveys being carried out in and around the Bracken River.



Balbriggan - Bridge Street

Misconnection surveys are ongoing in the Bridge Street area to assist FCC environment with identifying the source of poor water quality samples in the Harbour area.

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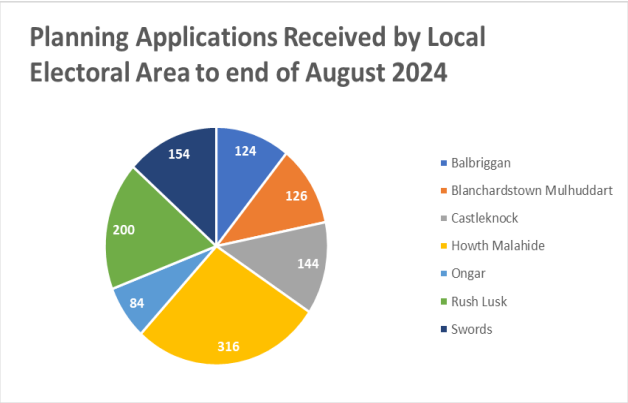
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Planning Applications

There have been 1149 planning applications received from 1st January 2024 to 31st August 2024. This is including 413 E applications via the LGMA portal. 274 applications were invalid leaving a total of 875 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

From 1st January 2024 to 31st August 2024 there have been 10 Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications made to the Local Authority. From 1st January 2024 to 31st August 2024, 14 decisions have been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. Of these 14 decisions made, 10 have been to grant Permission and/or to grant amendments to existing applications, 3 decisions have been made to refuse permission and one request for Further Information has been made.

An Bord Pleanála have issued one decision on SHD applications in the period from 1st January 2024 to 31st August 2024, this decision was to refuse permission. There are four SHD's (3,932 units) remaining with An Bord Pleanála for decision.



Planning Decisions

A total of 896 planning decisions have been issued from 1st January 2024 to 31st August 2024. There have been 701 decisions to grant permission and 158 refusals of permission.

Building Control Admin

In August 2024, there were 191 building control submissions made via BCMS.

This was made up of 81 Commencement notices, 44 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 39 Fire Safety related Certificates and 27 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 the Council accepts hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.

The Building Control Admin team processed 45 decisions in August 2024 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 42 decisions to grant and 155 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

The first round of Plans emanating from the Fingal Development Plan has been agreed and comprises the Swords and Flemington LAP's; the Dunsink Statutory Plan; Kilbarrack and the Old School House Masterplans and the Stephenstown, Folkstown and Clonsilla Framework Plans.

The Draft Flemington LAP was published on the 10th September and a public consultation event was held in Flemington Community Centre on Wednesday 18th September.

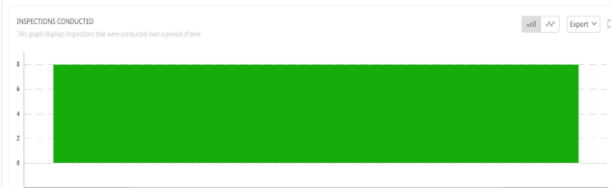
Work is progressing in relation to the Clonsilla Framework Plan and the Old School House Masterplan. Preparatory background analysis is being undertaken in relation to a number of other plans/studies, including advancement through the procurement process.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is a tax aimed at activating serviced and residentially zoned land for housing. Local authorities are responsible for identifying the land that is subject to RZLT. On 1st February 2024, Fingal County Council published the annual draft maps for 2025 identifying land currently in scope for the tax, land proposed to be removed from the current scope and land proposed to be added for the first time. 37 no. submissions were received by the closing date (1st April 2024). All submissions received were published on the Fingal Consultation Portal. The local authority was notified of 25 no. appeals to An Bord Pleanála following determination of the submissions. No decisions from An Bord Pleanála with regard to these cases have issued to date.

Built Environment Division

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section



- There are 6 developments (River Mall Laneway, The Elms Ridgewood, Ashfield Ridgewood, Footpath on Park Road Rush, Bracken Park Castleknock and Castlegrange Castaheaney) up for taking in charge in the October council meeting.
- There are 2 estates up for taking in charge in November council meeting (Willans Estate in Ongar and Lilys estate in Ongar).

Dangerous Structures

- There was 1 dangerous structure notified in September 2024. There are a total of 102 dangerous structures active in our database.

Pictures



Checking out insulation and door details at a site in Rush.



Stud walls being assembled in a timber frame house in Rush.

Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The Snugborough Interchange at road level was opened in July 2024. The junction is operating well. A new toucan crossing on the L3020 opposite the eBay offices was commissioned during September. Also new cycle-lane coloured marking through the junctions was laid recently. The last element of the scheme to be completed will be the shared active travel route through the underpasses. FCC have completed a new water main for Uisce Eireann which delayed the opening of the scheme at the lower level until November 2024. Active travel routes between Main St, Tolka Valley, the Old Corduff Road and Waterville Park will open at this time.



PSI 002 Ongar Barnhill Road

Bam Civil Ltd. have constructed most of the new bridge over the railway line during the previous months. Also, many of the culvert units for the stream under the proposed Ongar Barnhill Road have been completed. Installation of kerbs, capping and subbase for the new road will continue during Q4. On the R149 traffic management will be in place at interval periods during Q4 to complete the culvert north of Barberstown Lane South. In late July Barberstown Lane North was closed to allow the new road to be constructed. It is intended that some of the new Barberstown Lane South will be opened during Q4 this year. The overall scheme is expected to be completed in Q2 2025. Updates for the scheme will be posted on www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill



PSI-039 – R132 Connectivity Project

Project summary

Consultation with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), regarding the connection with Metro Link is ongoing with Monthly meetings. Detailed design stage is underway and progressing as programmed. Meetings continue to be held with the various department of Fingal County Council together information for detailed design.



CCTV Drainage

The tender assessment for CCTV drainage contractor has taken place and the CCTV Contractor was appointed in August with works started and progressing well. Below there is a summary of the works done in September:

- Started at Pinnock Hill Roundabout and moving north;
- Approx 2000m of main line survey complete;
- Approx 800m of main line unable to survey due to roots in the pipe;
- Completing approximately 260m per night;
- Silt levels slightly below assumed value (50%) - actual = 20-30% silted;
- 57 manholes complete;
- 1 week to completion – 1st week in October.



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Roots, fine at joint



GI Works

Letter of Acceptance was signed for the GI/GPR contractor on 24/07/2024. Works on this project are progressing the GPR Survey which is being carried out by Murphy. Geo Spatial has completed all paths and off-road survey works and is scheduling the on road GPR works for early next week. The FWD pavement survey has been ongoing this week and is scheduled to be completed end of this week. The GI non-intrusive works is scheduled to commence early October.

These survey Investigations will inform the below ground detailed design process and de-risk the project for construction stage.

SAQ Stage 1 for the construction stage

The documentation (Suitability Assessment Questionnaire) for the stage 1 of the procurement process for the construction phase was published on eTenders and will be in the market until 10/10/2024. The Project team is responding to clarifications as received. When the closing date for submissions has passed the project team will begin assessing the tender responses.

PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

Construction works are progressing on the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route for this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan. The Project is now approx. 85% completed. The works on Hamilton Road are substantially complete. Most of the resurfacing is complete with only the ramps and one of the two new lay-bys remaining. On Harry Reynolds Road between the public car park at the Church and the Harry Reynolds Road roundabout most of the resurfacing is complete with some small areas of cycle track still to be surfaced. Signing and lining works are underway. The section of road between the Moylaragh roundabout and the Harry Reynolds Road roundabout is currently being resurfaced. The works for the new cycle path and footpath on the approach to Drogheda Street are progressing and works on the junction of Harry Reynolds Road and Drogheda Street have commenced. 75% of the resurfacing and lining works is now complete with most of which done at night with road closures.

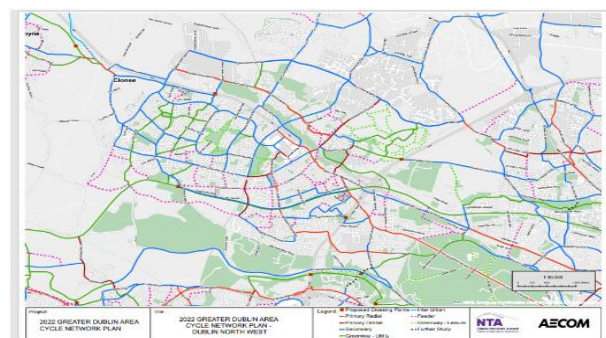
Works on the landscaped civic space adjoining the Dublin Road Roundabout are progressing with the stonework for the walls to begin soon. The upgrade of the footpaths in Millpond Park will commence in the coming weeks.



To assist with communication to the community a dedicated project website is setup which is updated throughout the project, highlighting the projects progression and key milestone stages; Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route. Fingal County Council website was recently updated.

Consultancy Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept has commenced the procurement process for a Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area. The procurement process has now moved to Stage 2 with the tender assessment of the tender submissions taken place in May. The outcome letters were issued in June. The Letter of Acceptance was issued to the successful consultant in July with the appointment of RPS is arranged to take place on the 3rd of October. The Proposed projects will include the Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route with the initial project Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock.



Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area - Proposed Cycle Network Dublin North West - Sheet N8

PSI 063 – Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock

A tender was published recently for Engineering Consultancy Services for a Pedestrian and Cycling bridge over the Maynooth Rail line and Royal Canal at Granard Bridge on the Castleknock Road and will form an integral part of the walking and cycling route for Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park which is a proposed route in the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. The tender forms part of the initial project for the Engineering Consultancy Services Framework for Dublin 15 Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects which is currently at stage 2 of the procurement process. The Letter of Acceptance was issued to the successful consultant in July. The contract signing date is arranged to take place on the 3rd of October.



Figure 1 - View from Rail Bridge towards Granard Bridge and Blanchardstown



Figure 2 – Site Location

PSI – 004 Royal Canal Urban Greenway

Dialogue continues to be held with key stakeholders the National Transport Authority and Waterways Ireland along the route of the greenway to ensure a coordinated, high quality final design is achieved at interfaces between existing facilities and the proposed scheme.

The project is currently at preliminary design stage and requires the need to hold additional meetings with all the relevant key stakeholders to agree a revised design in lined with the new National Cycling Manual. These meetings will continue over the coming month to ensure a coordinated, high quality final design which compiles with the new cycling manual is achieved at interfaces between existing facilities and the proposed scheme. Landowner searches and land referencing are ongoing also.

Following completion of the preliminary design, all the required documents including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála.

PSI – 065 Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project

Consultants from a newly formed framework will undertake this project. As part of the procurement process a project Brief and contract documentation is now being prepared.

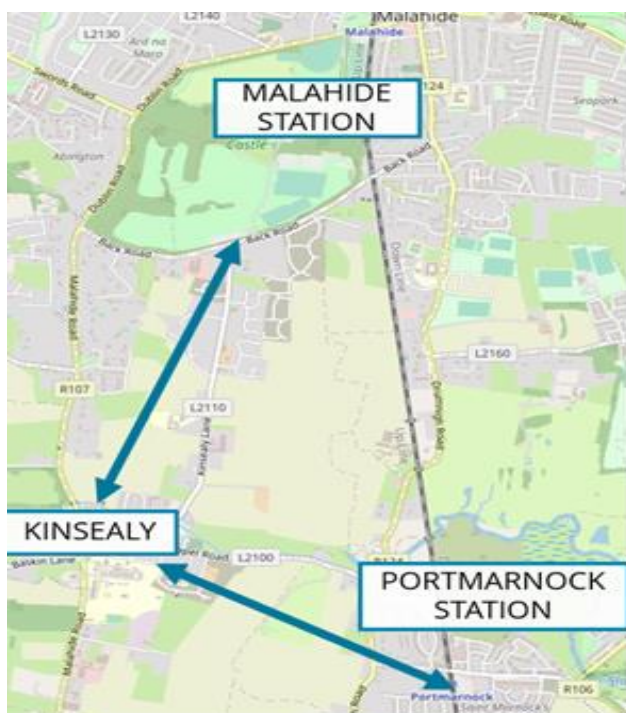
S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme –

The preliminary design drawings have been received and are under review. The recently published Cycle Design Manual has led to some improvements being incorporated into the overall scheme design including revised layouts for crossings and bus stops to comply with the new standards. A surveyor has recently completed topographical surveys of public and private lands within the proposed scheme. Ground Investigation Works have been complete along the route at all locations where new structures are being proposed and the design for these structures is progressing. A tree survey has been completed and we are awaiting the final report. Following this process, the preliminary design can be finalised, and documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses and stakeholders is ongoing. A search of unregistered lands is ongoing for production of the deposit maps for the land acquisition. Draft documents are being prepared for the submission to An Bord Pleanála.

Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes

The Kinsealy Walking and Cycling scheme aims to provide a high-quality walking and cycling route between Kinsealy and Portmarnock train station, and between Kinsealy and Malahide Castle and Gardens. The two walking and cycling routes will form a link from Kinsealy to sustainable transport at Portmarnock and Malahide Train Stations.

The Options Selection phase has concluded on both routes from Kinsealy (north towards Malahide and east towards Portmarnock). Traffic and topographical surveys on public lands have concluded and the various constraints along all route options are now being analyzed, this will lead to the Emerging Preferred Route (EPR). A public consultation strategy is being planned for Q4 2024 to progress from the EPR stage to the Preferred Route stage and the ensuing statutory process required to deliver this project.



Fingal Coastal Way

Preliminary design work is progressing along urban roads. Coordination continues with affected landowners to work towards finalising the position of the route in rural areas.

Liaison with Irish Rail, Gas Networks Ireland and Eirgrid continues to ensure coordination of the proposed scheme with existing infrastructure and utilities.

Baseline wildlife surveys along the route have now been completed for 2024. These will inform further environmental assessments.

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

Construction of the main estuary bridge is progressing on site with all 13no. precast concrete bridge spans now installed.

Design options for the northern causeway were work-shopped with the NTA and Irish Rail at end May and a single preferred design option was discussed which meets the project objectives and ensures the safety and integrity of the railway causeway. This option is being brought through detailed design by the project designers, RPS and discussed further by all parties. Relevant RPS and FCC personnel undertook IR PTS training during June and undertook a survey of the line of the top of the rock armour on the Northern Causeway on 14th August to further inform the design. Various ecological surveys are ongoing. Progress on the detailed design phases of the various other elements of this project continue. Works contracts in Donabate, Malahide and the northern and southern causeway will take place in 2025 and 2026. It is expected that the greenway will be complete in 2026.



Bridge in place and painting of bridge piers ongoing



On the bridge looking northwards towards Donabate



Southern access ramp nearly complete

Church Fields Link Road

Works at the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network project, which includes the upgrade and reconfiguration of the existing Wellview Avenue, Damastown roundabout and the installation of 670m of high-quality pedestrian and cycling facilities through the eastern parklands linking up with existing networks and future proposed facilities in the vicinity, are progressing and nearing completion.

All the material has now been removed from the site and the area within the redline boundary and adjacent lands has been returned to the original ground level. Surveys were carried out to verify completion of this task.

All concrete works are completed on the ramp at Wellview Avenue. The contractor is currently backfilling the structure and landscaping around the ramp. A rowlock brick header, fencing and dash are all that remains to be done on the ramp.

All cycle track markings have been updated as per the current Cycle Design Manual. Pedestrian barriers at the crossing at R132 and Powerstown Road have been installed. The pedestrian traffic signals and the Variable Speed limit Signs outside Gaelscoil an Chuillin on Powerstown Road are to be made live by ESB. This work is underway.



Cycle Track Markings outside Gaelscoil an Chuillin

Snagging is ongoing throughout the site. The works required to finish the attenuation ponds has started. The estimated arrival of materials for this work and is approximately 2 weeks. This project is expected to finish by mid/late October.

Turvey Avenue & Portrane Road, Donabate

Fingal County Council has lodged an application to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) for a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the Portrane Road Enhancement Project. Two landowner objections have been lodged with ABP in this regard. Further consultation regarding landowner concerns has resulted in one of the landowners withdrawing his objection. Consultation continues with the other landowner to try to reach an agreement. The project involves works to widen the existing narrow footpath on the northern side of Portrane Road in order to provide a suitably wide and safe footpath for pedestrians to use in the vicinity of two national schools (St. Patrick's Boys National School and Scoil Phádraic Cailíní). The project also involves works to provide safe pedestrian crossings and appropriate traffic calming facilities. Subject to approval from An Bord Pleanála, the CPO will allow Fingal County Council to purchase privately-owned land that is required to widen the path and deliver the project. Fingal County Council awaits the decision of An Bord Pleanála in this regard.

Separately, Priority Construction Ltd, working on behalf of Fingal County Council, has substantially completed work on the Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement project. A new footpath has been built on the northern side of the road where no footpath previously existed. The new footpath provides a continuous and safe walking route along Turvey Avenue for pedestrians travelling to and from Donabate Village and train station. The project also delivered drainage improvements, footpath improvements on an existing path nearby, road resurfacing, additional kerbing, line markings, speed ramps and signage, resulting in a significantly safer environment for all road users. The contractor working on behalf of Fingal County Council, Priority Construction Limited, is currently finishing off the remaining elements of the project, which include tree planting and hedge planting. These elements of work are due to be completed imminently.



Photographs of Turvey Avenue, pre and post works



Photographs of Turvey Avenue, pre and post works



Photographs of Turvey Avenue, pre and post works

Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

Fingal County Council has appointed Jons Civil Engineering Limited, a highly experienced bridge construction company, to build the Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge over the Dublin to Belfast railway line, in Donabate. The new pedestrian and cycle bridge will facilitate greater connectivity between Newbridge Demesne, Donabate Village and new residential developments on either side of the railway. The NTA has allocated funding for delivery of the project in 2024. A haul road for construction vehicles to access the site from the eastern side of the railway has been installed and a site compound has been set up to facilitate the main construction works which are currently getting underway.



Photograph of approximate location of where the new pedestrian and cycle bridge will cross the railway.



Photograph of haul road for construction vehicles to access the site from the eastern side of the railway.

Donabate Transport Projects

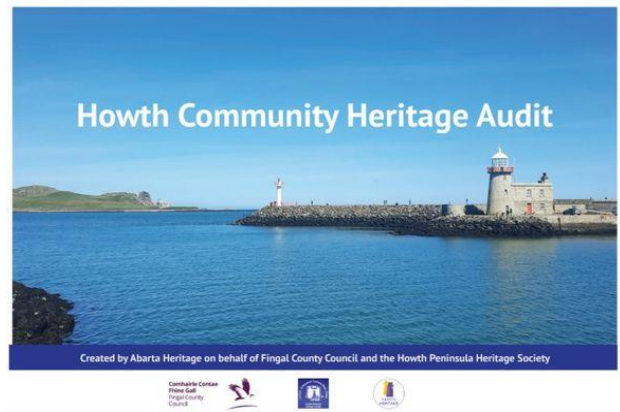
Fingal County Council has appointed Roughan and O'Donovan, a leading multi-disciplinary consultancy firm, to provide engineering, planning and environmental services for the Donabate Transport Projects, which comprise a number of major projects with the objective of improving transport and active travel infrastructure and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula.

The projects include:

- Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project, to improve access to Donabate and Portrane from the M1-Lissenhall Interchange for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists;
- Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade, to provide a safer junction layout that caters for both motorised traffic and active travel modes of transport such as walking and cycling;
- A study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange, in collaboration with TII, to assess all technical and operational traffic issues associated with this strategic motorway junction;
- 7no. Active Travel Routes which encompass a number of related local projects which aim to increase local connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.

Work on the initial data-gathering and concept development stages of the Donabate Transport Projects is underway including topographical and ecological surveys of relevant areas of Donabate. Fingal County Council and Roughan and O'Donovan are liaising with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to complete the study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange. Separately, a number of potential options have been identified for both Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road and the Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade. These options are currently being assessed to determine the preferred route alignment and the preferred junction layout. Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on in 2025 and in subsequent years, as appropriate.

Heritage Officer



Howth Community Heritage Audit

The Howth Community Heritage Audit was launched by local man Nicky McLoughlin at the Howth Peninsula Heritage Society's monthly lecture on 24 September 2024. [https://www.facebook.com/AbartaHeritage?_cft_\[0\]=AZWBL1RMJEGo6eN_akwPJHnlemk3ymkMn20Er1U2kwKn8tvbPA3CJC64H7heYNMn1ezbwI30C1UTlpKMgQyaS-HDpqzxNkzkiv_Hat-vWmHo96aYqOhtVLC61U0frSt2SXW1hyxO3Tb1jfZa9q0qdJzKNPiOagG_UvhoTmPjHSpLauR7N7tkOEPDA-ycoquSvtQ&_tn=-\]K-R](https://www.facebook.com/AbartaHeritage?_cft_[0]=AZWBL1RMJEGo6eN_akwPJHnlemk3ymkMn20Er1U2kwKn8tvbPA3CJC64H7heYNMn1ezbwI30C1UTlpKMgQyaS-HDpqzxNkzkiv_Hat-vWmHo96aYqOhtVLC61U0frSt2SXW1hyxO3Tb1jfZa9q0qdJzKNPiOagG_UvhoTmPjHSpLauR7N7tkOEPDA-ycoquSvtQ&_tn=-]K-R) Abarta Heritage were commissioned by Fingal Heritage Office to work with members of Howth Peninsula Heritage Society to undertake an audit of the built, natural and cultural heritage of Howth. A community survey was created, and two community workshops were held in Howth to gather information from the residents. This allowed the local community to share stories, memories, objects and express their feelings and desires for the future of their area's heritage. Over one hundred sites were researched and narrowed down to 21 key points of interest that were visited and evaluated by the project team. The results of this evaluation and key recommendations from the audit can be found in this report <https://www.fingal.ie/.../howth-community-heritage-audit.pdf>. This is action of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030.

Community Monument Fund 2024



Consolidation works under Stream 1 of the Community Monument Fund 2024 have commenced in Balrothery and Swords. Phase 2 of works at Balrothery Tower house will fulfil the actions of the Conservation Plan to protect this unusual structure into the future. Works are also focused on the interior of the round tower, Swords and will also include the reinstatement of floors in the belfry tower making this medieval structure more accessible.

HOUSING

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Vacant Homes

Fingal County Council continues to roll out a number of affordable housing schemes across the county. To increase awareness of these initiatives, the Affordable Housing Team held an Information Event to support potential purchasers on September 12th in the Carlton Hotel, Blanchardstown.

This event aimed to provide guidance and support for potential applicants applying to the Affordable Scheme.

A further information session will be held by the Affordable Housing Team in Q1 2025. This event will be held in the North County area of Fingal. Further information will follow.

Affordable Home Purchase Scheme



Fingal County Council is making homes available for sale under affordable dwelling purchase arrangements across the County. We have a strong pipeline for affordable housing over 2024. We continue to work through the application and assessment process with applicants across all available schemes.

Link to Affordable Housing landing page can be found [here](#).

Scheme	Partner	No. of Homes
Balleally Rise, Lusk	Lagan Homes	20
Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	Glenveagh	36
Church Fields, Dublin 15	GEM	180
Balmoston, Donabate	Glenveagh	86
North County Homes – Various locations	FCC	16
Aster Park, Rush	Ballymore	96
Wilkinsons Brook, Dublin 15	LDA	57

Upcoming Schemes:

Fingal County Council in partnership with Glenveagh Homes Ltd will be delivering 112 two and three bed affordable homes in Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate following the granting of planning permission earlier this year.

Fingal County Council will also be delivering 151 units in Mooretown (Baile Na Mona), Swords, which is currently at tender stage.

Balleally Rise, Lusk – SALE AGREED



We are delighted to report that all of our Balleally Rise Affordable Homes have now gone Sale Agreed with first sales due to close in the coming weeks.

Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15 - SALE AGREED/CLOSED



The sales of 15 no. of the Kilmartin Grove Properties are now closed with the remaining 21 no. properties currently sale agreed.

Church Fields, Dublin 15 - ON SALE

GEM Construction is progressing the 180 affordable properties at Church Fields, Dublin 15. The Show Village recently opened and potential purchasers have been invited to visit. Some 31 of these homes are now sale agreed. Assessments are still ongoing. **The portal remains open for new applications.**

The next phase of 110 affordable homes will start on site this year.



Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate - PORTAL CLOSED

Fingal County Council has agreed with Glenveagh to deliver 86 affordable homes in Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin. Glenveagh are progressing well on site, with the first 44 properties now sale agreed. Due to the scheme being heavily oversubscribed, it is now closed for new applications.

North County Homes - SALE AGREED

All 16 North County Homes have all gone Sale Agreed with first sales due to close in the coming weeks.





Hayestown, Rush – SALE AGREED

Hayestown: 51 homes are now sale agreed in Hayestown, Rush with Phase 1 due for handover in the coming weeks.



Wilkinsons Brook, Dublin 15 – PORTAL CLOSED



30 of the 57 homes in Wilkinsons Brook, Dublin 15 are now sale agreed, with assessments for the remainder still ongoing. **The application portal has now closed.**

Aster Park, Rush – ON SALE

The application portal opened on June 4th, 2024 and is still open for new applications. 20 of 96 homes are now sale agreed with assessments continuing for the remaining properties.



Turnkey Acquisitions

Fingal County Council is actively engaging with various homebuilders for opportunities to collaborate on turnkey developments suitable for sale under Affordable Purchase arrangements.

Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	405
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	931
Planning and Design	322
Part V	778
TOTAL	2436

Delivered units

9 homes at Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15 delivered in partnership with Tuath Housing Association. Fingal County Council - Tuath Housing Association, Kilhedge Lane, Lusk

Recently, 31 new age-friendly homes at Kilhedge Gardens, Lusk were delivered in partnership with Tuath Housing Association. The Minister for Housing opened the scheme on 27th September and new tenants have already started to move into this high-quality new town centre development.



Fingal County Council - Construction Scheme at Monastery Court, Lusk – 5 dwellings

Five units in Monastery Court, Lusk, Co. Dublin have been delivered, consisting of 5 x 2 bed apartments which are specially adapted.



Fingal County Council – construction scheme at Bowden Court, Swords – 11 dwellings

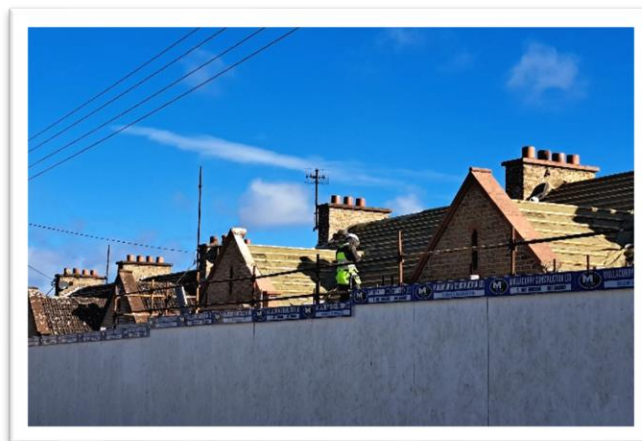
In Swords, 11 units are nearing completion at Bowden Court, Swords, Co Dublin consisting of 3 x 3-bed apartments, 4 x 2-bed apartments & 4 x 1-bed apartments all of which are specially adaptable. It is hoped to invite councillors and other stakeholders to view this new development in the coming weeks.



Schemes on Site

Fingal County Council – Restoration of St Ita's Portrane - 14 units

Nine units have been completed and restoration works have commenced on the final five units.



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



Fingal County Council - construction scheme at Seatown Road, Swords – 36 dwellings

Works for the delivery of 36 homes at Seatown Road, Swords have begun. This work is being delivered in tandem with the delivery of the civic and cultural building for Swords Cultural Quarter.



Ballisk Park, Donabate

On behalf of Fingal County Council, Glenveagh have commenced the construction of 175 new homes on a site at “Ballisk Park”, New Road, Donabate following the granting of planning permission earlier this year. These will be a mixed tenure scheme of social and affordable homes.

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Fingal County Council's Energy Efficiency Retrofit programme is progressing well. Works have been completed at Strandmill, Portmarnock and Regles Court, Lusk. Contractors are currently on-site in Whitestown in D15, Remount in Lusk and Rivermeade in St. Margaret's.



Pre & Post-works – Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock (external wall insulation, new windows and doors, Heat pumps, Attic Insulation and heating controls.

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	1 st October 2024
In the letting process	48
Undergoing re-let repairs	36
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	11
TOTAL	95

Planned Maintenance Programmes

Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

The Scheme Painting Programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to Council housing stock and currently operates on a 6/7-year cycle. Works are currently reaching completion in Minister's Estate, Bremore Castle and one-off houses in North County Dublin. Works are ongoing in Grace O'Malley, Loughshinny Park and Longstone Park. Works will commence shortly in Seamount, Malahide and will then move onto the Swords area.



Before (L) & after (R) Pinewood Green Road

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP continues to be the primary source of rent support for those in private rented accommodation. Fingal County Council has set up over 230 new tenancies in 2024 to date with approximately 4157 tenancies set up since HAP began in 2017.

The HAP team is 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 at 01 8905000 via the CCU or through email at hap@fingal.ie.

Rents

The Rent Arrears team is working methodically through accounts in substantial arrears to encourage tenants to engage with the Council in reducing their arrears. In cases where there is no engagement, despite repeated efforts, proceedings will progress through the legal arena, and to date, the Rents Section has secured two Possession Orders with 4 other Tenancies continuing through the court process in November 2024. We have recently resolved two cases to a satisfactory conclusion for both the tenant and the council. Regarding the two possession orders secured, both tenants are engaging with the team to address their arrears.

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

Housing Loans

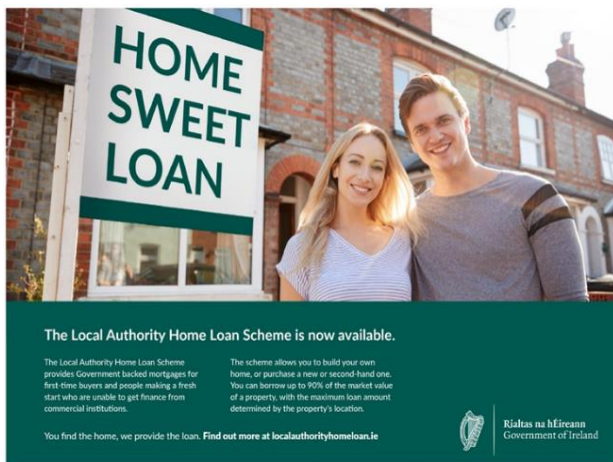
• Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL)

The Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL) is a government-backed mortgage for first-time buyers and certain other applicants who are unable to obtain home loan financing from a commercial lender. Interest rates are fixed for the term of the loan and loan terms are available for up to 30 years. The LAHL can be used to purchase new-build homes (including affordable homes); second-hand homes, self-build and for Council tenants wishing to purchase their home under the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Income Limit** – Single Applicant = 70,000 / Joint Applicants = 85,000
- **Employment** – 2 years continuous employment / if joint application with a second earner, second earner to be 1-year continuous employment
- **Residency** - legal right to live & work in Ireland & be habitually resident in Ireland
- Insufficient Offers of finance from 2 commercial lenders
- 10% Deposit – 3% to come from own resource savings
- Satisfactory savings record
- Fresh Start Principle

Further information on the Local Authority Home Loan and the eligibility criteria can be found at www.fingal.ie/localauthorityhomeloan & www.localauthorityhomeloan.ie



- **Local Authority Purchase & Renovation Loan (LAPRL)**

The Local Authority Purchase and Renovation Loan is a government-backed mortgage for the purchase and renovation of derelict and non-habitable homes. The property must be eligible for the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant, whether derelict, non-habitable or simply vacant.

Anyone wishing to purchase and/or renovate a Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant eligible home but cannot get sufficient funding from commercial lenders, can apply to Fingal County Council for a Local Authority Purchase and Renovation Loan.

Further information on the LAPRL & the eligibility criteria can be found at www.purchaseandrenovationloan.ie

- **Housing Loan Arrears**

Borrowers who are struggling to repay their housing loan are encouraged to contact the Mortgage Support Team at the earliest opportunity to examine & agree the best solution for them.

Various options are available to borrowers in mortgage arrears under the Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process (MARP). Failure to contact the Team will leave the Council with no option but to progress the matter further.

- **Tenant Purchase**

The Tenant Purchase Scheme is available for eligible Tenants who wish to purchase their Council home under the Tenant Purchase Scheme. Some restrictions with regard the Council property type that can be sold apply. Tenants looking for further information on the scheme and the eligibility criteria should contact the Tenant Purchase Section.

- **Private Rented Inspections**

The Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) have released 2024 targets for inspection of private rented dwellings. The most recent RTB data available to the DHLGH, which includes private rental, AHB and, where appropriate, student-specific accommodation, indicates that the number of tenancies to be inspected by Fingal County Council in 2024 is 4,711. Currently, 4,359 inspections have been conducted in 2024, with 582 inspections carried out in August. Of the 4,359 inspections, 3,855 dwellings were inspected. The team continue to work on this target and improving compliance.

- **Housing Tenancy Services Report**

- **Housing Support**

Housing List positions for 2024 were issued on 17th April for all social housing applicants with an active Social Housing Application. The list positions were issued through the CBL portal. Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

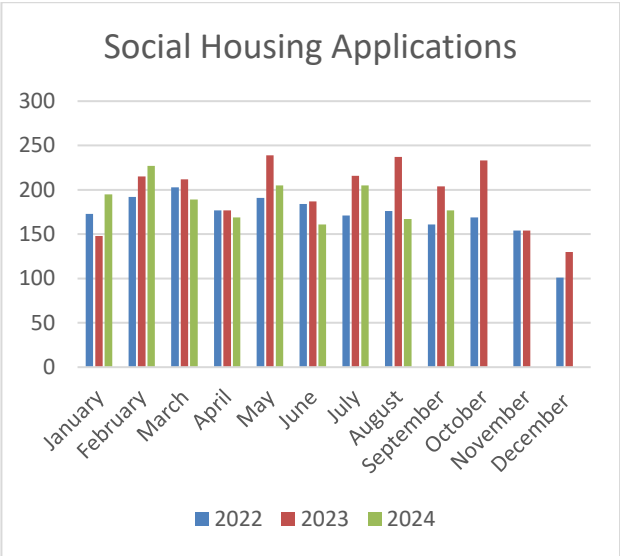
These list positions are static and will be updated again in 2025.

- **Changes to Income Eligibility Thresholds**

By Circular 48/2022 and changes being implemented via the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022, the Social Housing Eligibility Bands increased with effect from 1st January 2023.

Housing applications received year to date.

Jan - 30 th Sept 2024	1,695
Jan - Dec 2023	2,354
Jan - Dec 2022	2,051



Housing Support Appeals

Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

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

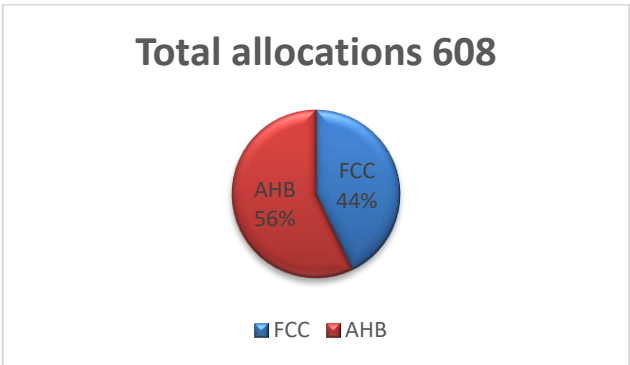
Housing Needs Assessment

In accordance with Circular 22/2024 as released on 27th June 2024, the Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) is due for return to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage on 2nd December 2024. Letters have been issued to all applicants required to complete the SSHA. Following the successful launch of the online HNA System in 2022, applicants will be advised to complete the assessment where possible online.

Reminder letters will issue to applicants who have yet to complete their assessment. The closing date for these assessments to be returned is 18th October 2024.

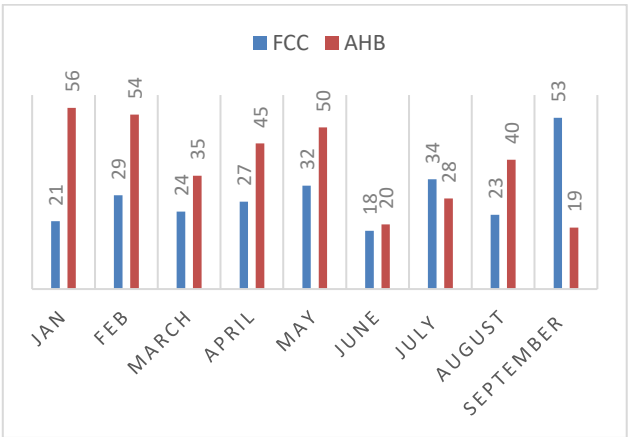
All facilities will be available to applicants at the Customer Care Counters and in the Fingal Libraries for those individuals requiring assistance in completing their Housing Needs Assessment. Hard copy forms will be available, if necessary.

Lettings



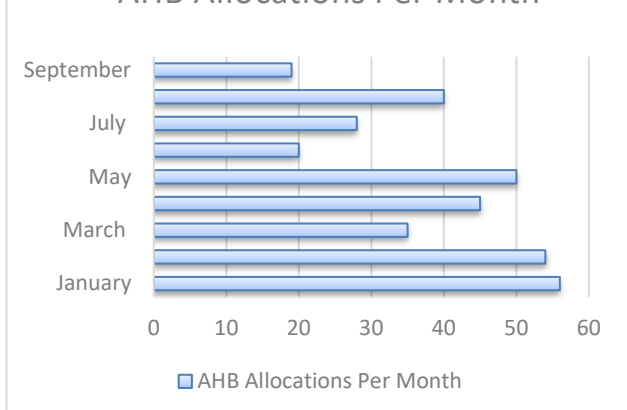
The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2024.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.

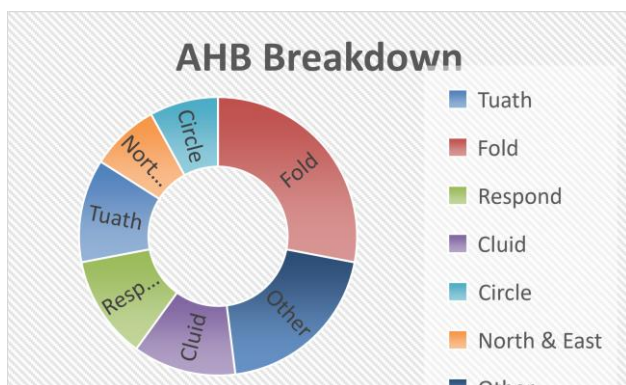


347 of the 608 allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies. The other **261** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.

AHB Allocations Per Month



AHB Breakdown



FOLD have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of September.

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

The Approved Housing Bodies inform Fingal County Council when an applicant has accepted and signed a tenancy following a nomination from Housing Lettings.

Homeless Services.

Homeless Exits 2024

During September 2024, 45 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including privately rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme.

Please see the table below for a breakdown of the figures:

Type of Exit	HHAP Tenancy	Allocation of Tenancy	Total
EA	10	8	18
Homeless Prevention	14	13	27
TOTAL	24	21	45

There was a total of 27 homeless prevention cases and 18 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

13 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 8 who exited emergency accommodation and 10 from Homeless HAP Tenancies.

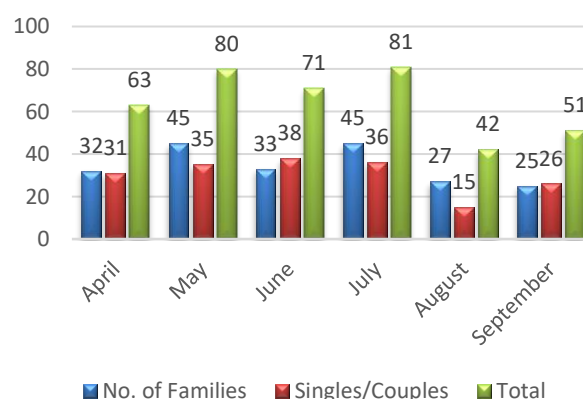
24 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 14 homeless preventions and 7 who exited emergency accommodation and 3 from Direct Provision.

Homeless Assessments

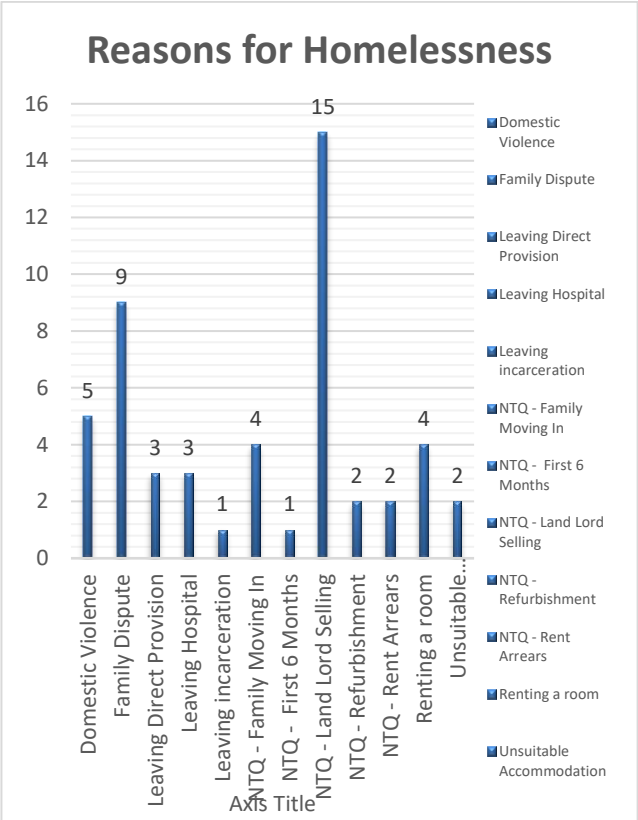
Fingal's Homeless Team continues to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued to be carried out.

In September 2024, there were a total of 51 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 25 families and 26 singles/couples.

Homeless Assessments 2024



During September 2024, of the 51 Homeless Assessments carried out, 47% cases resulted from a Notice to Quit (NTQ) having been served. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from family/relationship breakdown (18%), renting a room (8%) and leaving Direct Provision (6%). The remaining 22% comprise various reasons outlined in the chart below;



Emergency Accommodation (including Fingal County Council Family Hubs)

There continues to be a high demand for Emergency Accommodation across the region for both families and individuals.

Rough Sleepers

The Homeless Services Team continues to liaise with the DRHE Outreach Team regarding any reports of rough sleeping, to establish their names and circumstances and to offer support. Regrettably, some rough sleepers are reluctant to engage with service providers and may refuse offers to access emergency accommodation.

Any rough sleeper who is willing to engage with the Outreach Team and/ or the Council will be assisted. The Council will carry out homeless assessments and every effort is made to encourage them to avail of homeless services.

A weekly Rough Sleepers Coordination Group monitors the reports of rough sleepers. The reports come from various outlets, including the DRHE Outreach Team, Elected Representatives, the FCC Operations Department, and the general public.

In 2024, there have been 81 reported rough sleeping cases. 24 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation and we continue to work with 1 other in an effort to provide a suitable solution.

There are currently 2 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (2 males). 1 male has been nominated to Housing First tenancies in March 2024. We continue to work with the last client in an effort to secure him long term accommodation.

Dublin Street Outreach Service Tel: 01 872 0185 from 7 am to 1 am

The DRHE in partnership with Dublin Simon. Outreach and the PMVT Intake team are assertively working on the streets offering accommodation to all rough sleepers. The teams are very familiar with the locations of people sleeping rough across the Dublin Region and persistently work with individuals to support them into emergency accommodation. This process can take time and multiple contacts, as some people do not want to engage but the teams persevere with every person working to achieve a successful outcome.

The service operates 365 days a year, until 1 am. The Outreach Teams also ensure that people sleeping rough are linked with other appropriate health services such as addiction and mental health services to prevent further rough sleeping.

PMVT's Housing First Intake team links rough sleepers to permanent accommodation with long-term support.

All emergency accommodation is now 24-hour, with food and shower facilities provided.

National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan

Action 1.2.2 of the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan states that Local authorities and the HSE must work together to plan and deliver on housing targets for disabled people in the community (including de-congregation) in line with the forthcoming Disability Services Action Plan.

The HSE Mental Health Housing Coordinator from Parkgate Hall liaises with the Homeless Services Team on a monthly basis.

Currently 16 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, five have been housed and three more are going through the nomination process

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

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

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

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

We strongly encourage tenants residing in the Fingal area, who have been issued with a notice of termination, to contact Fingal County Council as soon as they receive a notice from their landlord. The contact details for Fingal County Council are provided at the bottom of this page.

When the tenants contact Fingal County Council, staff in the Housing Department will take note of the termination date.

The Council advises the tenant to refer the notice to Threshold, a service funded by the DRHE to provide a Tenancy Protection Service for private renters in the Dublin Region, including Fingal. Threshold can also be contacted directly on Freephone 1800 454 454 or via their website www.threshold.ie which contains more information and advice on the validity of your notice.

The Council's first response will be to try to prevent homelessness. This includes assessing the person's position on the social housing list, providing advice on applying for Choice Based Lettings, advising the person on the level of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) they may be eligible to receive, and, in some cases, assessing if the Council can acquire the dwelling where the tenants reside if it is being offered for sale.

Placement in emergency accommodation will be a last resort if no other alternative can be identified.

The Council has been engaging with tenants who have been issued with a notice of termination, as well as their landlords, and following assessment, 272 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale closed stage.

A total of 79 properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 37 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 280 queries concerning notices of termination and tenant-in-situ acquisition.

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

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

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

The Government has put forward options to allow tenants who are not eligible for social housing to remain in their homes, including schemes to support the purchase of homes and a Cost Rental in-situ Scheme. The Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ Scheme is available for tenants who are not eligible for social housing and are at risk of homelessness.

The DHLGH has advised that local authorities are to be the first point of contact for this scheme, but it is managed by the Housing Agency. Under the scheme, the Housing Agency can purchase a property and rent it to the tenant.

Fingal County Council will undertake an initial assessment of the tenant's circumstances and refer details to the Housing Agency for consideration, where the tenant is at risk of homelessness and the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ scheme applies. The Housing Agency will then contact the landlord about the purchase of the property.

Where a tenant wishes to purchase their home from the landlord, local authorities can provide advice about the Local Authority Home Loan scheme. The Government is examining implementing a 'right of first refusal' for tenants to purchase their homes, as well as expanding the First Home shared equity scheme. The Council will be able to provide more information on these when available.

Works around preventing homelessness, assessing notices of termination, and responding to tenant and landlord in-situ queries are being led on by the Council's Homelessness section, taking a tenant-centred approach, supported by staff dedicated to dealing with tenant in-situ housing acquisitions.

The contact details below, including a dedicated email address NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie, should be used by tenants who may have received a notice of termination or a landlord who has issued a notice of termination to their tenants and who may wish to sell their property to the Council.

The key contact details are:

Fingal County Council Housing Department

Monday to Thursday, 9 am to 5.00 pm,

Friday 9 am to 4.30 pm:

Tel. **01 890 5000** or homeless@fingal.ie

Email: NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie

Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:

Freephone : 1800 707 707

Traveller Accommodation Programme

Refurbishment works continue as part of the current Traveller Accommodation Programme on various sites across the County, including St Brigid’s Lawns, Porterstown, Dublin 15 and Philomenas Court.

Preparation of the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029 is progressing. Following a public consultation during July and August, all submissions received are currently being reviewed in advance of the Draft TAP being presented to the Elected Members. The Draft TAP sets out the 5 year plan to meet the existing and projected needs of the Traveller Community without the Fingal Administrative Area.

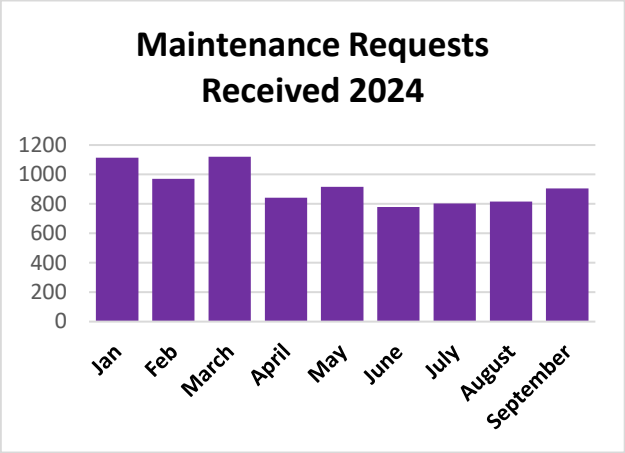
Regular site visits by Housing Inspectors continue all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued support available.

Council officials continue to liaise and engage with the Traveller Community, Traveller Advocacy Groups, Welfare Services, Child Services, Mental Health Services and other services and agencies to resolve issues when and where possible.



Mobile home delivery at St Brigid’s Close

Housing Maintenance



Boiler Servicing Programme

The 2024 Programme of work continues, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Clonsilla, Tyrellstown, Blanchardstown Village, Santry, Baldoyle, Howth, Swords, Rush, Balbriggan, Garristown, and Malahide.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The Council is committed to investigating all reports of ASB and will take all preventative measures possible. All complaints are received in confidence by the ASB Unit.

A further two Tenant Induction Courses were held in September in relation to our developments at Balroy Hall and Kilmartin.

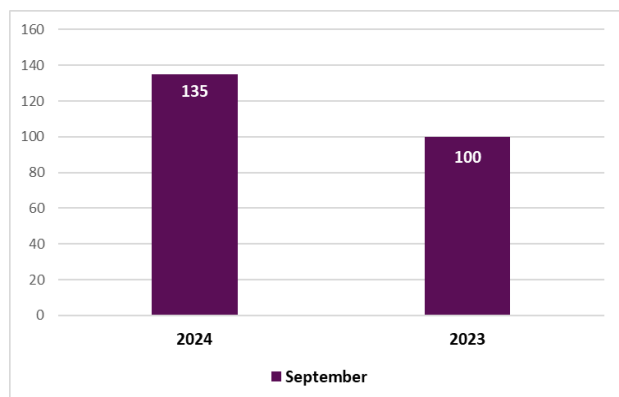
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints Sept 2024	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	12	0	7	5
Rush / Lusk	10	3	6	1
Swords	32	12	8	12
Howth / Malahide	25	7	7	11
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	49	25	9	15
Ongar	7	5	0	2
Castleknock	0	0	0	0
Total	135	52	37	46

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2024

January (1), February (4), March (6), April (3) May (7), June (1), July (4), August (2), September (2),

Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2023-24



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2024	84
Interviews Held 2023	95
Tenancy Alerts 2024	28
Tenancy Alerts 2023	23
Tenancy Warnings 2024	6
Tenancy Warnings 2023	6

Inspectorate August 2024

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	1428
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023	1665
Housing Inspectors Report September 2024	985

Housing Ukraine Response and Vacant Homes

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, accommodation and policy changes for Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection are available on the following links

www.gov.ie/ukraine

gov.gov.uk - Designated Accommodation Centres (www.gov.ie)

The Council's Community Integration Forum continues to meet regularly to co-ordinate the response of the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community and other new arrivals with the next meeting to be held on the 18th October 2024.

The Forum was originally tasked with assisting the Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection. However, taking into account Departmental guidance and the work of Council's newly formed Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) in assisting the target cohorts below the remit of the Forum has expanded to include

1. Applicants for International Protection (IP Applicants)
2. Those with Refugee, Subsidiary Protection, or Permission to Remain status
3. Programme Refugees
4. Beneficiaries of Temporary Accommodation (BOTPs).

OfferAhome\Pledge Accommodation

The monthly recognition payment is **€800** per month for vacant properties and **€800** to host a Ukraine person in your home. To pledge fully Vacant accommodation, please visit the national portal at <https://offerahome.ie> or for enquiries, e-mail offerahome@fingal.ie.

To pledge a room in your home, this can be done through the Irish Red Cross via www.redcross.ie

Note **Helping Irish Hosts** can offer support and advice to both hosts and guests in pledge accommodation. For further information, see website <https://www.helpingirishhosts.com>

Vacant Homes

The Vacant Homes Team continues to engage with owners of vacant properties to encourage owners to bring them back into use and advise of schemes that are available to assist this with on-going follow up of properties reported as vacant to the Council and those identified by way of survey.

Note the **Vacant Homes Team** has recently taken possession of a vacant residential property by way of Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) with the statutory CPO process commencing this month with 3 other vacant residential properties. 30 vacant residential units in varying standard of condition identified in 2023 are either back in occupancy or advancing to occupancy through initiatives such as Compulsory Purchase Order, Buy and Renew scheme, Repair and Lease scheme, SHIP or arising from general engagement with owners of vacant properties. This work is on-going and will lead to the further properties coming into occupancy.

In addition to the above, the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant Scheme is in utilisation to address vacancy and assist citizens in getting a home with increasing enquiries, applications, and grant approvals.

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

This scheme was launched in July 2022. On the 1st May 2023, the scheme was further extended with the eligibility criteria allowing for properties built pre-2008 to qualify and grants increasing to €50k (vacant) and €70k (vacant and derelict) with all areas of the County covered arising from the expansion of the scheme. The expansion of scheme also allows for a grant for approved properties to be rented on the private market when refurbishment is complete. Before this change, the grant-approved property had to be the principal private residence of the applicant. **161** applications have been received under the scheme since launch with a continued increasing flow of new applications.

In the last month a further **9** applications have been approved with further applications moving to approval stage. In all **102** applications have been approved which equates to over **€5m in funding**. In addition, staff are engaging with numerous other expressions of interest which have the potential to lead to further applications.

Promotion of the scheme is ongoing by the Vacant Homes Team who have been present at various Housing Information Events most recently at the Carlton Hotel in Tyrellstown on the 12th September 2024

For enquiries on the scheme and other schemes to bring properties back into use, please contact the Council's Vacant Homes Office via e-mail at vacant.homes@fingal.ie. Vacant properties can also be reported to this address for investigation

Before



After



Before



After



Recent Vacant Property Grant Approvals:



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Community Development
Facilities Management
Interagency
Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg
Public Participation Network (PPN)
Age Friendly Fingal
Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)
Funding

Community Development Office

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 September/October the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/Initiatives including;

Integration Through Gardening



In September the Community Development Office partnered with Jesuit Refugee Service and Community Collectives to run a 6-week gardening course in Baleskin, Finglas. This course was aimed at encouraging local community members from Meakstown to join the course, encouraging integration through shared learning and working in partnership.

At this time of year, there is plenty to be done in the garden, with lots of fruit and vegetables ready for harvest for sharing among the group for use in the on-site canteen. The garden and polytunnel also needs to be prepared for a new growing season.

In addition, we have collaborated with the Environment Office who have committed to running recycling and waste education workshops onsite to compliment the above programme.

Ongar Funday Sunday



Ongar Community Centre is a vital hub for the local community, offering a wide range of activities that cater to the diverse needs of residents.

With the support of the Community Development Office, Ongar Community Centre host a free family-friendly event to promote community participation and inclusivity.

This years' Funday Sunday was held on 8th September and included new activities and stalls, focusing on education, environmental awareness, and local crafts. Approximately 1,000 people of all ages attended the event which is always successful in strengthening relationships with local volunteers, by empowering them to connect with residents to foster a harmonious and diverse atmosphere.

Keen To Be Green (KTBG)



Flemington Community Centre's Green Festival took place on 14th September with the aim of promoting *Climate Action Week 2024* and supporting the Climate Action Plan 2024 -2029 Community Engagement objective. The event was attended by Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Brian **McDonagh**, Green Party TD & Minister for State Joe O'Brien and **Cllr. Grainne Maguire**.

The festival was inclusive and informative a wide age groups were engaged with interactive stalls and information stands. Workshops included Global Action Plan's composting, paper-flower making, Balbriggan Travellers Project and crafting using upcycled material. Local residents were encouraged to dispose of small electrical items safely and to learn more about managing & reducing food waste in the home with children's workshops before taking a brown kitchen bin home.



Balbriggan

The Community Development Office continues to support the development of the Balbriggan Residents Association Network (RA). The RA network continues to meet and is working on a number of collaborative projects for the Balbriggan community. The RA network is working with An Garda Siochana, Active Travel and Castleland Neighbourhood watch to deliver a community safety initiatives around cyber security and road safety for bikes.

The group is also actively working with local development company Empower to develop the local sustainability group to deliver a series of Clothing swop shops in the Flemington community centre building on the work of the local development company's poverty initiative. On 9th October, a safer Halloween project in Castlelands Community Centre will also be launched with support of the RA network members, Community Development Office.

Baldoyle Community Forum World Food Day

Baldoyle Community Forum organised a world food day, aimed at encouraging the local community explore cuisine, culture and music from around the world, present in the diverse community of Baldoyle and surrounding neighbourhoods. Food and culture from Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe and from the local community garden was available to sample, along with dance and music from several continents. Supported by FCC Community Development Office, Fingal Events and the Fingal Ethnic Network, it is hoped the Baldoyle World Food Day will become an annual event.

Community Facilities Management Support Rush Multipurpose & Youth Facility

On 12th September, Mayor of Fingal Cllr Brian McDonagh received the keys for Rush Multipurpose & Youth Facility from the building refurbishment and extension contractor CTS Group. The major renovation project it is now ready for the Rush Multipurpose & Youth Facility committee to take charge and reopen to the public. An open evening taking place on 3rd October.

The facility will be an important asset to the town of Rush to deliver programmes for people across the whole community and will host a Foroige Hub whose work will focus on at-risk young people in the area.

The Community Development Officers will provide ongoing support as the facility develops over time.



Ongar Community Centre – Bike Library

Ongar Community Centre was supported by our team to host the new Ongar Bike Library. The initiative is a collaboration project between the community centre, FCC Active Travel, **UCD and Bleeper Bikes**. **The bike library is aimed at promoting sustainable transportation and providing accessible cycling opportunities for the local community.** Local Residents are invited to borrow a range of bikes that can be accessed via the community centre for an extended period of time- free of charge.



Castaheany Community Centre – Swap Shop

With Support from our Keen to Be Green Initiative, the board of Castaheany Community Centre recently coordinated a *Reduce & Reuse Fashion Swap-Shop*. Local Cllr's Tania Doyle and Tom Kitt attended the event which gave local people an opportunity to donate & Swap unwanted items, providing a cost-effective way to extend the life of clothing and reduce the environmental impact of items going landfill prematurely. Because of its success there are plans to host more similar events going forward.

Interagency

The Community Development Office actively seek to work in collaboration with agencies to maximise service delivery and resources to communities across Fingal.

Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg



The new Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg logo was unveiled in line with all other Comhairle Na nÓg across the country at the official launch of the new National Comhairle Na nÓg Branding event. The Fingal Comhairle na nÓg (FCNN) is busy working on a presentation on research completed on Youth centres and facilities across Fingal. The presentation will be made at a meeting of the Fingal Community Facilities Network. The group will hold two further invitational workshops on the topic in Balbriggan and Blanchardstown Library in October, as well as their annual Youth Conference. The FCNN Steering Committee also welcomed a new youth member to its group and Councillors Luke Corkery, Dean Mulligan and Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Brian McDonagh.

Fingal Public Participation Network

The PPN plenary took place on 12th September with over 68 groups represented on the night. One of the main objectives at this event was to secure nominations from the PPN membership to the various SPCs, the LCDC and the PPN Secretariat.

- Fingal PPN Membership 2024 x 815 groups
- Community Pillar x 632
- Social Inclusion Pillar x 138
- Environment Pillar x 45

Age Friendly Fingal

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

Information Event for over 55s: Balbriggan



Despite the weather conditions, over 80 older people attended the Information Event in Balbriggan on Thursday 26th September 2024.

The event took place in the Senior Citizens Centre and provided many older people in the area with an opportunity to visit the centre for the first time. Local groups and organisations presented included An Garda Síochána, Fingal Healthy Age Friendly Homes, Care & Repair, Alone, Citizens Information, Money Advice & Budgeting Services, Cairde, Meals-on-Wheels, LGBTI Balbriggan and Fingal Community Library and Community Depts as well as representatives from local community centres.

The Information Event targeted older people who may not have access to, or are uncomfortable, sourcing information online and provided them with information on services and activities available in their locality. Like previous information events for older people, this event was advertised on various social media platforms and through the distribution of flyers to local business such as chemists, GPs, post-office etc. Similar to previous events, 97% of attendees were informed about the event through information flyers and posters, thus reiterating the need to continue to provide information to older people in-person rather than online.

Positive Ageing Week 2024

Comhairle Contae
Fhine Gall
Fingal County
Council

Age Friendly
FINGAL

Positive Ageing Week Sept 26th to October 4th

Sept 26th
9-10am

Senior Citizens Information Event

Senior Citizens Centre, Balbriggan. Call in and meet with service providers, presented by local rights, consumer, grants, housing and community groups for older people.

Oct 1st

10am - 12.30pm
2-3.30pm

Open 3pm

Oct 1st 10am - 12.30pm

Senior Citizens Centre, Balbriggan

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Oct 2nd
10am - 12.30pm
2-3pm

Senior Exercise Class: Donabate CC

Cardio exercise class, suitable for older people.

Senior Exercise Luttrellstown DE

Cardio exercise class, suitable for older people.

Oct 2nd 10am - 12.30pm

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Oct 4th
10am - 12.30pm
2-3pm

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Oct 4th 10am - 12.30pm

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More info

agefriendlyfingal.ie

Positive Ageing week takes place from Monday 30th September with a continuation of last years' theme **"Challenging Ageism"**. To support this theme a number of events have been organised throughout the county ranging from the OPC's Social Harvest to inspirational speakers in Huntstown and yoga classes in a number of community centres in Dublin 15.

A games afternoon will take place in Donabate-Portrane Community Centre with members of Donabate Active Age for All and members of the Dementia Café. This peer-to-peer games event will highlight the ability of older people with dementia to continue to engage and participate in activities.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

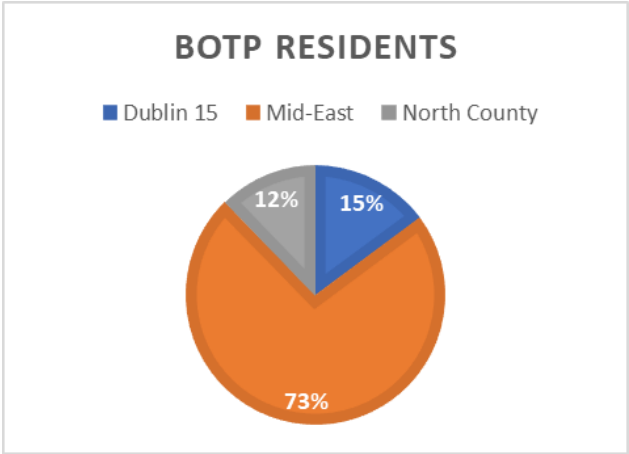
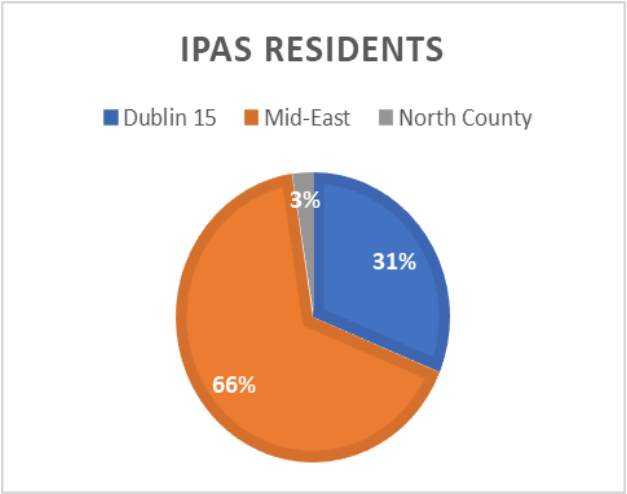
The role of the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is to provide ongoing integration supports to International Protection (IP) applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) to enable them to live independently in the community.

In September and October, the LAIT has hosted clinics across the three geographical areas of North County, Mid-East, Dublin 15 in IPAS Accommodation Centres and Designated Accommodation Centres (DAC). The team provide support and guidance clinics and will, in collaboration with stakeholders, deliver an Expo in October to an accommodation centre housing 50+ aged out minors.

The following accommodation statistics have been provided by the LGMA (Local Government Management Agency) and UCTAT (Ukrainian Response Team).

Geographical Area	Number in IPAS Accommodation	Number in BOTP Accommodation
North County	61	83
Mid-East	1656	491
Dublin 15	779	100
Total	2496	674

A further breakdown of total population percentages can be seen in the graphs below:



Launch of the Building Bridges: Forging Pathways Beyond Prejudice Exhibition



The Integration Team launched the **Building Bridges: Forging Pathways Beyond Prejudice Exhibition** which formed part of a national anti-racism campaign. The exhibition was developed in partnership with the Community Development Office, the University of Limerick, Doras, the Immigrant Council of Ireland and the Irish Network Against Racism.

The exhibition showcased a powerful visual arts collection of 9 unique storyboards showcasing the narratives and lived experiences of Ireland's new communities which fosters a dialogue that champions diversity, equality and inclusion. The exhibition is now available on our website and will be displayed across Fingal in the coming months to promote anti-racism awareness.

Funding

Community Development Funding Initiatives
Fingal Safer Halloween



The Community Development Office is supporting 44 groups to participate in the Fingal Safer Halloween Programme which is an increase of 25% in the number of groups participating in 2023. 23 of the funded events are taking place in or close by locations where bonfires are prevalent.

The purpose of this programme is to provide recreational and diversionary activities for young people to deter them from participating in antisocial Halloween activity. Participating projects promote the Fingal 'Stay Safe and Awareness' message and generate awareness of other deterrent initiatives undertaken by Fingal County Council including Recycling Amnesty, Bonfire Removal measures and the Festival of Fire.

To compliment the safety message, 22 groups will participate in a local bulb planting programme in the area. Similar, to 2023 the Community Development Office is hosting an online Scarecrow competition. Participating households and community groups are invited to create a climate friendly scarecrow using everyday materials which will be displayed outdoors.

Closing date to entry is the 11th October <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-safer-halloween-scarecrow-compedition> Public voting will be facilitated on - <https://www.fingal.ie/safer-halloween> where information on all Fingal Halloween Services is available.



Fingal Inclusion Week



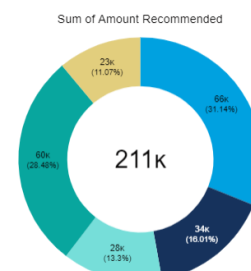
Fingal Inclusion Week is an initiative led by Fingal County Council and provides an opportunity to showcase the positive work that is being carried out by community groups and agencies that help reduce social exclusion and poverty in their communities.

Now in its sixth year, the Community Development Office is encouraging communities to participate by holding events across the county from Monday 11th of November to Sunday 17th of November. Some examples of events could include: inclusive yoga or fitness, photography exhibition, themed inclusive coffee morning, community choir/music sharing event, heritage walk, volunteer day, panel discussion, arts & crafts workshops, language exchange, cultural story telling night, community information day, inclusive or cultural awareness training.

A small bursary of €250 is available to groups participating. To register an event or apply for funding before the 4th October, please click here <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-inclusion-week-small-bursary-support>

Community Activities Funding

Up to 26th September 2024



Electoral Area of Organisation Balbriggan Castleknock Howth - Malahide Mulhuddart Swords

The purpose of the Community Activities funding is to support community and voluntary groups to develop initiatives that support: community group development, social inclusion initiatives, community events, climate action/environmental enhancement, integration or intercultural Initiatives.

Communities Activities Funding has been awarded a total of **107** projects to the amount of **€210,538.40** so far in 2024

The Communities Activities funding scheme is managed by the Community Development Office and often involves the Community Development Officer engaging with and supporting a local community groups to develop a local project that responds to a local need or issue. For more information click here <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/community-grants-and-funding>

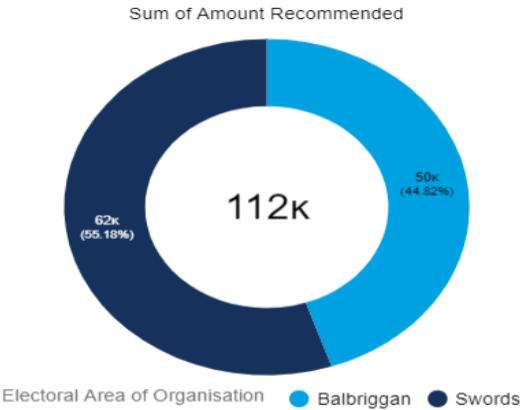
Howth Malahide – €21,747 – across 13 projects

Swords - €25,708 - across 13 projects

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart- €93,668 – across 43 projects

North County Balbriggan - €74,851 - across 32 projects

Community Facilities Remedial Works Grant Scheme (CFRWG)



Community Facilities (non-FCC owned) Remedial Works funding has been awarded to a total of **6 projects to the amount of €112,224 in 2024.**

This scheme is available to existing (non- Fingal County Council owned) Community centres for emergency/essential remediation capital works. For more information visit <https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2023-04/CRWGS%20-%20Criteria.pdf>

Swords - €61,929 - across 2 projects

Balbriggan - €50,295 across 4 projects

CFRWG Supported Projects

Ballyboughal Boxing Club Expansion



Ballyboughal Boxing Club has completed a new extension to their sports facilities which was 50% funded through the Council's Non Council-owned Community Facilities Remedial Works Grant Scheme (CFRWG).

The increased space in the training gym will now allow for an Olympic-sized boxing ring to be set up for the members to train in. The Club caters for many young people in the local rural area which includes the communities of Ballyboughal, Rolestown, Oldtown, Garristown, Naul and Lusk. The club can now host other community-based activities such as a planned Safer Halloween Arts and Crafts day for the younger members and the club was also used as an event space to launch the 2023 LCDC community grants funding scheme. The club is also installing an outdoor AED defibrillator which will be available to both the club and the community to use. The installation and purchase of the AED unit was funded by the Community Development Office Activity Funding Grant.

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R132 Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane

Works on the R132 have progressed well over recent weeks with the Contractor carrying out some of the snagging items along the route. The final lining and road markings have been applied. The installation of the bollards and lane separator's is ongoing with the contractor working from the south of the project in a northerly direction. There has been a supply issue in securing the lane separator's and we await the final ones to complete the north bound carriageway between Minister Road and Quickpenny Lane. The periodic speed limit signs have been installed and are operational during the set times. An Garda Síochána traffic division have been active along the route and this has helped improve driver behaviour and speed control. Kilhedge Lane Quiet Zone is a welcome link back to Lusk and is a safer space for pedestrians and wheelers.



An independent Road Safety Audit will be completed once final bollards and road signs are complete. During this project consideration has been given to the views of the local farming community and hauliers which informed the final design. Driver behaviour has changed, and it is notable the speed has reduced along this regional road and at the school zone.

Seatown Road Swords:

The Project Team is continuing engagement with the NTA to progress the gateway report for approval and proceed to the next phase of the project. Works are ongoing to put in place the statutory requirements in advance of the next phase. Following NTA approval, the Project Team will finalise the detailed design and tender documentation in advance of going to tender for the appointment of a contractor to carry out the works. The Project Team is working towards going to the market in the coming months for a Contractor to progress to the Construction Stage in 2025 subject to approvals and funding.

Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:

The Project Team is currently working with our property section to progress the potential acquisition of lands along a section of the route to facilitate the proposed walking and cycling infrastructure.

The Integrated Design Team is preparing an options report with the preferred option identified in the report. Further details will be presented to the members and internal department later in the year.

Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:

The Integrated Design Team is currently working with the Project Team to finalise concept designs and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement. All options are being considered at present so that the preferred option can be established. Further details will be presented to Cllr's later in the year.

St Cronan's Brackenstown Road Cycle lanes:

The project team is currently liaising with the contractor and design team to close out on snagging works for this project before handing over to Fingal's Operations Department. The contractor will be on site over the following month to address the snagging works and agree final account.

The Road Safety Audit has been completed and the items identified within the audit process are currently being addressed by the Design Team and the Contractor.

Pathfinder Pinnock Hill to Airport cycle paths:

An options report for the project has been submitted to the NTA for approval to proceed to the next phase of the project. Consultation is ongoing with the relevant stakeholders including the DAA, NTA and their Bus Connects' project team.

Howth-Malahide Area: Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

A review of the existing road network in Baldoyle is on the Active Travel Unit's programme for 2024-2026, which will include Willie Nolan Road, Brookstone Road and Main Street. The Phase 2 options report for the improvement of pedestrian and cycle facilities on the existing road network is being reviewed for Baldoyle Village and surrounding roads, connecting Grange Road cycle scheme to Warrenhouse Road Cycle Scheme and Baldoyle Greenway.

Once the review of the Options Report is complete, the brief and tender documents will be prepared and finalised to appoint consultants for the preliminary design phase of the project.



Paddy's Hill to Broomfield

Brief and tender documents have been prepared for a consultant from the NTA Multiparty Framework to carry out the 'Concept Development and Options Selection' stage. These documents are currently being reviewed.

Enabling works have been completed to provide connectivity from Paddy's Hill Car Park to St. Helen's Junior School and Limetree Avenue. This included tree surgeon works, footpath works, new access points to the school, ramps, table-top crossings, dropped kerbs and ramps on the carriageway on Paddy's Hill.

The indicative study area for the Paddy's Hill to Broomfield scheme is outlined below.



Seapark Hill to Old Golf Course Link Park

A temporary footpath was constructed in December 2023, to provide safe access from Seapark Hill to the Old Golf Links site and paths through the park, providing safe connectivity to Seamount Heights. The Developer on the Seamount Road side has recently reopened the access, which is now through the new development, linking Seamount Road to the temporary footpath in Seapark Hill.

The design brief and tender documents have been prepared for the permanent link, and negotiations are ongoing at present with the Single Party Framework operator. Once negotiations are complete, it is intended to publish this tender to progress this project from the design phases through to completion.



Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

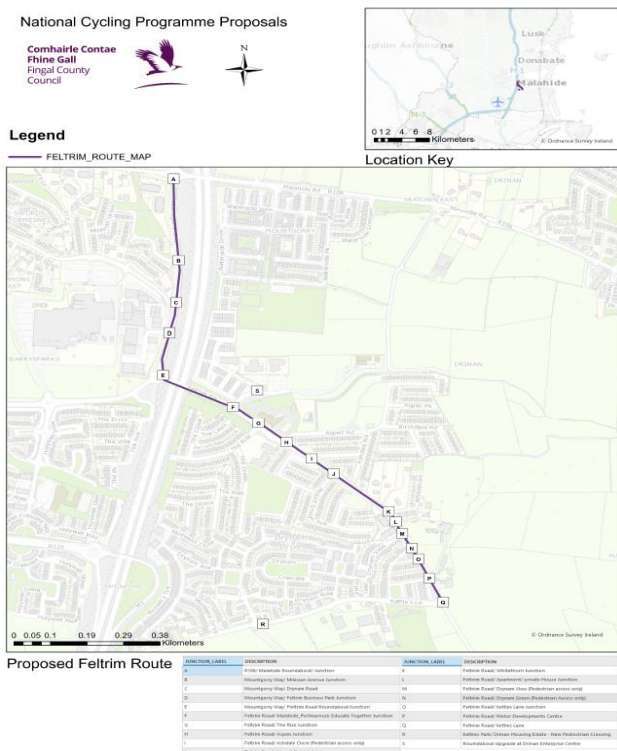
The Consultant has been appointed to lead an Integrated Design Team to deliver the project from concept development and options selection, through construction to project completion and handover.

The consultant will now scope and procure topographical surveys and begin the relevant information gathering.

Current projections indicate that preliminary design will commence in Q2, 2025.

The route of the Feltrim cycle scheme is shown on the map below, commencing at Kettles Lane, along the Feltrim Road to Mountgorry Way and on up to the Swords Road Roundabout. The study area is from the Mountgorry Way/Swords Road roundabout via Mountgorry Way and Feltrim Road, tying into the Feltrim Road/Kettle's Lane junction. An indicative route for illustrative purposes is provided below.

This map outlines the route of the proposed improved active travel infrastructure with the addition of a pedestrian crossing facility to be provided at/near the entrance to Kettles Park on Kettles Lane, and treatment of the three roundabouts at Swords Road/Mountgorry Way, Mountgorry Way/Feltrim Road, and Drinan Enterprise Centre/Liam Rogers Centre/MPETSS.



The design consultant has been issued with an updated review of the draft Options report and drawings following input from the Active Travel team.

A workshop was recently held with the NTA who are to provide feedback on the emerging preferred option to enable the project to proceed to preliminary design.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

Photomontages of the emerging preferred option have been published along with other materials on the Fingal consultation portal. A non-stat public consultation on the scheme has just closed and all submissions have been forwarded to the designer for review. A public consultation report will issue and be published in due course.



BMCO Area:

Snugborough Road - NAC to Ongar

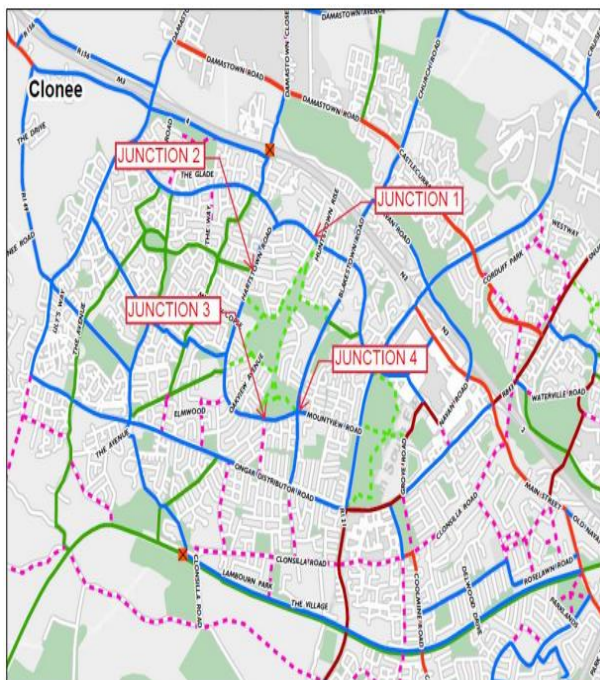
The preliminary design phase is ongoing. The consultant has received the stage 1 road safety audit on the emerging preferred option. The drawings are now being updated taking this audit into account. Stakeholder engagement continues with the Bus Connects project team for a proposed new signalised junction at Waterville. A draft preliminary design report has been issued to the Active Travel Unit with comments sent back. Draft screening reports have been issued with feedback sent back to the ecologist. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

All data collection has been collated and has informed the initial development of the options report. Initial discussions have taken place with local landowners and site meetings have taken place.

Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

It is proposed to use a Single Party Framework to progress design from earlier work carried out by the Cycle Design Office. Fingal County Council are progressing on finalising the design for roundabout and junction upgrades. Improvements to 2 signalised junctions at Hartstown Road/Hartstown Link Road and at Hartstown Road/Mountview Road with Blakestown Road/Shelerin Road are planned along with 2 roundabouts at the junction of Huntstown Way with Ashfield Way/Huntstown Park and at the junction of Huntstown Way with Castlewood.



Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh

The feasibility study has started, and traffic and drone surveys have taken place. A topographical survey has been completed and has been issued to the designers to inform the study. Feasibility and route options are currently being discussed between the design team and Active Travel.

Towns & Villages

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

New Street

Judicial Review proceedings challenging the Part 8 approval for the Public Realm Improvements are ongoing.

Tender documents have been developed for Stage 2b (detailed design) and negotiations are ongoing with the Single Party Framework Operator, with a view to bringing these negotiations to a close as soon as possible. Once negotiations are complete, it is envisaged that the tender will be published and work on the detailed design will commence immediately.



Balrothery Active Travel Plan

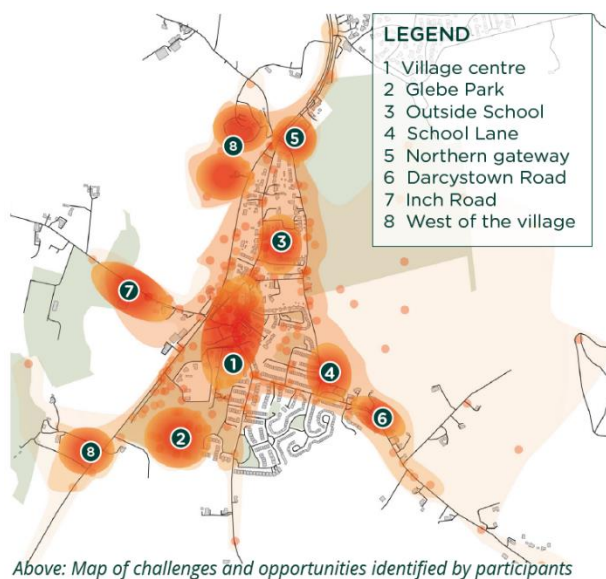
The webpage for the Active Travel Plan for Balrothery is kept updated with latest developments, and is located here:

<https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/balrothery>

A newsletter, Engagement Summary Report and survey are currently available on this webpage.

The Consultant is in the process of developing a plan consisting of various approaches to delivering improvements to active travel in the village. Various emerging projects are being identified under these approaches and are being put through a multi-criteria analysis, tested against the vision and key principals of the plan.

The emerging plan (and component projects) will be presented to the public in Q4, 2024.



Skerries Active Travel Plan Appointment of preferred multi-disciplinary design consultant (DBFL Consultants) has now been completed with Contract signings taken place on Friday the 27th September. The Project Team together with the Consultant are working through the process and data collection and surveys will commence over the coming weeks.

The information collected and collated as part of the public consultation will guide the team with the initial concepts and ideas for Skerries Active Travel Plan. We are planning to have our initial concepts and ideas prepared before the Christmas break so that we can engage with the local representative and present the concepts.

Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop: This project has gone through full non-statutory consultation with the local stakeholders in advance of progressing Part 8 process. The project team has engaged M-CO Communication Consultants to assist with the non-statutory stakeholder engagement and help manage a number of local engagement events and workshops with residents, businesses and other local groups throughout September.



Feedback received from the stakeholders will be reviewed and considered by the project team to see if any changes and concerns raised can be amended in the overall design. The next step will be to provide a full report on the non-statutory consultation and make any amendments that can be accommodated in advance of bringing the project forward for Part 8 planning.



Connectivity/Permeability

We are continuing to receive various requests for Permeability and Connectivity improvements from various stakeholders across the county. These requests are being recorded in detail for evaluation through a multi criteria analysis.

The projects are then reviewed across the departments to identify if an appropriate means of delivery can be established on the ground. Several projects identified through this process are being developed through the design phases for execution on the ground.

Other projects are being progressed in the areas at either design or construction stage. These Connectivity and Permeability improvements are being delivered in cooperation with our Operations Department. These projects will enhance local communities and provide improved walking and cycling infrastructure within the county.

A permeability and connectivity project summary table are presented in Appendix 5.

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.

Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road:

The Active Travel Unit have completed a Non-Statutory Public Consultation with observations or submissions received online between the 14/08/2024 and the 28/08/2024. The project has gone to tender to appoint a contractor for the construction of the project. If we are successful in securing a Contractor in the tender process we would hope to be able to appoint them by the end of October.

Rush South Beach:

The project team and the Integrated Design Team have prepared concept design and options report for new universal access path. Discussions with landowners are ongoing, with meetings held recently and further meetings with the landowners over the coming weeks.

We are working collaboratively with the property owners to find an optimal solution that caters for everyone's needs.

Balgriffin Park Shared Pedestrian and Cycle Path:

This connectivity piece provides a shared pedestrian and cycle path from the county boundary with Dublin City on Balgriffin Park, to the junction with the R123. This provides a pedestrian and cycling connection for many dwellings on/near Balgriffin Park to the newly constructed pedestrian and cycling facilities on the R123. Works are complete.



Howth Summit Inn to Bus Stop 567:

Dropped kerbs with tactile paving have been provided on the route between the Summit Inn and Bus Stop 567. This work has been completed.



Offington, Howth:

Junction tightening and provision of tactile paving is complete at three junctions in Offington, Howth:

The two junctions of Offington Drive with Offington Avenue and the junction of Offington Lawn with Offington Avenue are complete. This will slow turning movements by motorised vehicles while providing a shorter crossing distance for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users. Newly landscaped areas have also been provided, and snagging on these landscaped areas is due to be carried out in the coming weeks.



Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

A number of locations across the county are currently being reviewed to increase the number of bicycle parking facilities across the county. Further works are planned in Swords in the coming weeks.

Safe Routes to School

Round 1 - Tranche 1

A brief update is provided below for each school site and associated construction works completed to date since the appointment of the works contractor.

Rush and Lusk Educate Together

All works are complete for this project and the Employer's representative is currently managing the final account with the contractor and release of retention monies.

Castaheany ETNS / St.Benedict's NS

All works are complete for this project and the Employer's representative is currently managing the final account with the contractor and release of retention monies.

Bayside Junior & Senior School

All works are substantially complete for this project and the Employer's representative is currently managing the final account with the contractor and release of retention monies.

Round 1 - Tranche 2

The works contractor for the Safe Routes to School Tranche 2 contract is making great progress at each of the three school sites in Dublin 15. Works to date have progressed well, with little or no disruption to the schools or traffic in each of the three areas. A brief update is provided below for each school site and associated construction works completed to date since the appointment of the works contractor.

Ladyswell National School, Mulhuddart

Works are substantially complete at Ladyswell NS. Junction tightening has taken place at a number of locations in Dromheath estate along with new tactile paving. Footpaths have been widened across green open space and ducting has been installed for new public lighting. The road surface outside the school has been upgraded and new pencil bollards are in place just in time for the school opening.



Ladyswell NS, Dromheath Gardens

Scoil Ghráinne Community NS, Hansfield

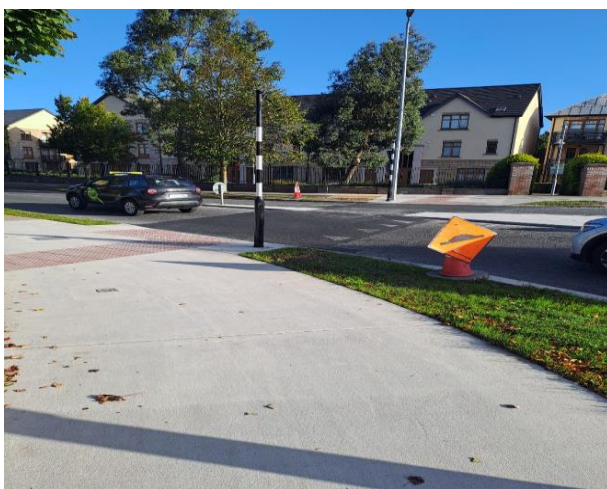
The Contractor is now in the final stages of delivery for this school's works. All footpath repairs, new bus parking area, bollard installation, new zebra crossing, road resurfacing works are now complete. The final outstanding works include the laying of coloured epoxy resin which the contractor expects to complete in the coming weeks, weather permitting.



Scoil Ghráinne CNS

Scoil Choilm Community NS, Porterstown

Works continue at Scoil Choilm where 3 new zebra crossings are being installed at various locations to make it safer for both pedestrians and cyclists. All bollards are now installed with protected kerbs included at the busy 4 arm junction.



Scoil Choilm CNS

Round 2

An Taisce have announced Round 2 of the Safer Routes to School programme, with the following Fingal schools selected:

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

The Active Travel team is working closely with An Taisce in relation to data collection and engagement with the schools to develop delivery plans to enable the designers and contractors to carry out the works.

An Taisce is due to provide the delivery plans for each of the schools in the coming weeks that will inform the design process. Some meetings and brainstorming sessions have taken place with the schools in advance of their summer break to allow the Project Team to continue with their works over the summer break. Fingal County Council has procured the services of a consultants' team that will be working on the designs for these schools.

Rush National School:

Active Travel together with Operations have completed the public consultations connected to road safety measures in Rush earlier this year. A School Street initiative for Rush National School and a junction upgrade adjacent to the school are now being developed and are currently at Construction stage with completion of the junction upgrade at snagging stage.

The upgrade to the nearby 5-arm junction at Millbank Road, Chapel Road and Whitestown Road which forms part of the 2024 Programme of Works will improve the safety measures for vulnerable road users in the area. Together these upgrades will reduce traffic speeds in the school area.

The contractor will be undertaking the bollard installation during October with a view to commencing the operation of the school street after the mid-term break.

Scoil Chormaic CNS Balbriggan:

Contractor has completing works on the installation of Type B Zebra crossing at the entrance road to Scoil Chormaic CNS to provide a safer crossing point for students travelling too and from the school. The works also included the installation of bollards to prevent parking in the vicinity of the crossing and to improve safety.



Balscadden National School:

Our Contractor has completed works on the installation of Type B Zebra crossing at the entrance road to Balscadden NS to provide a safer crossing point for students travelling too and from the school. The works also include the installation of bollards to prevent parking in the vicinity of the crossing and to improve safety.

In addition new public lighting has been provided to ensure adequate lighting of crossing location. The approach road has been resurfaced with an increase in the size of the Set Down area to improve the efficiency of movement through the area in the mornings and afternoons.

This has been a welcome improvement for the school and local community.

Mobility & Behaviour Change

STEM & Cycling Workshops

Over the course of September we held a series of Science and Cycling Workshops in our Parks. These 90min workshops focused on educating participants around wind and solar energy, engineering and propulsion as well as cycling skills like balance, stopping, turning and road safety. The courses are run by The Afterschool Club and follow on from our Summer Camp in Donabate.



Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

Our learn 2 cycle with a disability sessions are continuing each week in Applewood, Rivervalley and Flemington. The courses have proved to be a huge success again this year and we are working on ways to expand them for 2025.

Learn 2 Cycle Track

The Learn 2 Cycle Track in Brackenstown is complete and is now in regular use by people in the community. An official launch will take place later in the Month and it is hoped that schools projects will begin on it over the next quarter.



Sofa to Saddle

A new Sofa to Saddle Course has started in St Catherine's Park on Tuesdays at 11am from the main car park. The group have been working away on their skills and are making great progress.

As part of European Week of Sport we partnered with Age & Opportunity to lead a 13km cycle along the Royal Canal Greenway. The day was a brilliant success, with most participants experiencing cycling outside of a park setting for the first time in many years. 18 people took part in what we hope will become an annual event.

We are currently finalising a full schedule of courses for next year.



Dublin Climate Action Week

As part of Dublin Climate Action week we supported our colleagues in Climate Action and Community at events in Millennium Park and Flemington Community Centre.

In Millennium Park, as part of the Climate Action Festival we had bike repair and pedal powered games for the public as well as an Active Travel information station.



In Flemington Community Centre we supported the Community Department rolling out their Keen to be Green Event. Here we had Bike Tattoos, Bike Safety Checks and a make your own handlebar bag sewing workshop.



Baldoyle Biodiversity Cycle

On Sunday 15th September we held a Biodiversity Cycle with the guys from Baldoyle Wildtown. The cycle was a great success and a big thank you to the team in Baldoyle for making it such an enjoyable experience.

This followed on from a recent visit to Baldoyle by Minister Eamon Ryan.



Public Shared eCargo Bike

We have extended the Dublin 15 eCargo Bike Share scheme with Bleeper Bike for another 12 months. The bike has been relocated to Laurel Lodge where it is available to hire through Bleeper Bike.



Ongar Bike Library

As part of European Mobility Week we have launched Fingal's first Community Bike Library.

The Bike Library gives people the chance to borrow an ebike, ecargo bike or longtail ecargo bike for an extended period of time.

The Library consists of 9 bikes and the initial participants will be contacted directly by Bleeper Bike in early October to arrange the collection of their bike.

The Bike Library is being run in conjunction with UCD and Bleeper Bike.



Mayors eCargo Bike

As part of his commitment to sustainable travel and climate action, Mayor of Fingal, Brian McDonagh recently took possession of a Dolly eCargo Bike for his term in office.

The bike is an open box ecargo bike and we look forward to seeing it at various events, meetings and appointments over the next 12 months.



The Bike Disco

Our 3rd Annual Bike Disco took place on Friday 20th September in the Phoenix Park. The event was attended by over 500 people and was a true celebration of European Mobility Week and Culture Night.



As part of the event, over 6km of the park was closed to traffic and an array of coloured lights illuminated the route.

The event is run in conjunction with Dublin City Council, The OPW and I Bike Dublin



This is our third year running the Bike Disco and the numbers have continually grown year on year, with potential for continued growth into the future, massive thank you to everyone who came, lit up and boogied!

Swords Walk & Talk – EWS Walk

As part of European Week of Sport, the Swords Mens Walk & Talk Group hosted an open walk for members of The Men's Sheds and other Walk & Talk Groups from around the County.

The 5km walk was led by Michael, Shea and Marcus and was a very enjoyable occasion for all who could make it.



Plant Blindness Walk

We partnered up with Blanchardstown Tidy Towns Group on Sunday 22nd of September to host a botanist led walk along the Royal Canal. The walk gave a fascinating insight into the nature that is all around us and encouraged people to get out walking in their locality.



Thornleigh ETNS School Street Day

As part of European Week of Sport, we hosted a school street event with Students from Thornleigh ETNS on Friday 27th September.



The event saw over 300 school children take over the road for the day with a road closure in place from 8am to 2:30pm. It was a wonderful experience for all the staff and students involved and showed what can be done when we reimagine road space.



Schools Active Travel Day

Thursday 26th September was Schools Active Travel Day and to help promote the day we held a competition where schools could enter to win one of three €250 vouchers.

We had a huge number of schools take part and despite the wet weather on the day, reports back were incredibly positive.

Fresh Air Friday

We have launched our Fresh Air Friday Challenge, with several new Fingal schools joining the initiative. Participating schools will be entered into a fun prize draw for a trip to Flynn Park / PE Supply Pack, and some active travel goodies. Participating schools just need to register online and then walk, cycle or scoot to school each Friday! Fresh Air Fridays can help to encourage a long-term behaviour change, improve the air quality around our towns and villages while also promoting a healthy start to the day. If your school or business are interested in signing up to Fresh Air Friday, simply contact active.travel@fingal.ie and we will help you get going.



Winter Ready – ABC Bike Checks

On Saturday 28th September we started our 6 week get winter ready campaign for cyclists with our ABC Safety Checks.

Bike Mechanics from Cyclopedia were on hand in Baldoyle Community Hall between 11am – 1pm to offer cyclists a free three-point safety check.

The checks consisted of checking air pressure, brakes, and chain health.

Our next pop-up safety session is on Saturday 5th October in Donabate/Portrane Community Centre between 11am – 1pm.

ABC Checks – Full Schedule (all 11am – 1pm)

Saturday 28th September – Baldoyle Community Hall

Saturday 5th October – Donabate Portrane Community Centre

Saturday 12th October – Mulhuddart Community Centre

Saturday 19th October – Castleknock Community Centre

Saturday 26th October – Fingallians GAA Club

Saturday 2nd November – Castletands Community Centre

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GET WINTER READY
AIR BRAKES & CHAIN
BIKE SAFETY CHECKS

FREE AIR PRESSURE, BRAKES AND CHAIN CHECK
TO ENSURE YOUR BIKE IS WORKING AS IT SHOULD

DONABTE/PORTRANE COMMUNITY
CENTRE

SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER
11AM – 1PM

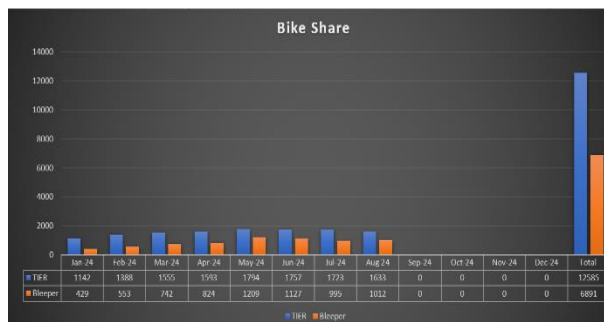
Skerries Community Car

The Skerries Community Car is available to book for local trips to the doctors, pharmacist, shops and for social occasions. This volunteer led scheme is vital for fighting social isolation and a valuable service to the people of the Skerries and the surrounding areas.

To book the service or to sign up as a volunteer simply call Flexibus on 046 9074830 or email flexibus@locallinklmf.ie



Bike Share Schemes



Bleeper Bike

You can pick up a Bleeper bike easily. Just download the Bleeper app, scan the code on the bike to unlock it and you are on your way!

Bleeper Bike Update August 2024; key statistics

1012 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in May
1,034 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone
Highest usage recorded on Saturdays (21.2%) and Sundays (17.9%).

Hartstown, Howth and Coolmine were the most popular starting points.

Estimated emissions avoided: 275kg of CO2

TIER eBike Update

You can pick up a TIER e-bike easily. Just download the TIER app, scan the code on the e-bike to unlock it and you are 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. There were 75 active TIER ebikes across Fingal in August.

TIER Mobility August 2024; Key Statistics

Metric	Details
Trips	1,633
No of Customers	757
Trips / Customer	2.2
Distance Covered (KM)	6,605
Average Trip Duration	18.67mins
Average Trip length (KM)	4km

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Action

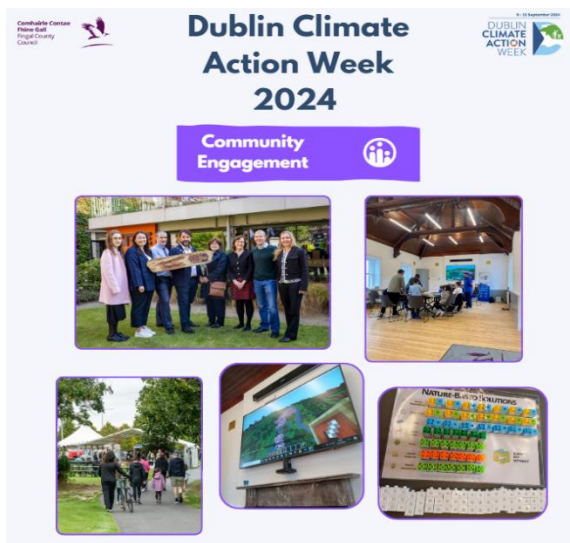
Dublin Climate Action Week 2024

Dublin Climate Action Week took place from September 9th -15th. During this week, we saw over 20 public and closed events take place in Fingal celebrating and demonstrating climate action.

Dublin Climate Action Week (DCAW) aims to showcase the great work that is taking place across the County and during DCAW we saw events take place that not only demonstrated that but also highlighted Community Climate Action and the 6 themes of the Climate Action Plan. Events in Fingal took place in multiple formats such as demonstrations, talks, festivals, film screenings, walks and hands-on workshops. These events helped raise awareness about climate change, inspire action and facilitated engagement with communities on climate action in Fingal.

Dublin Climate Action Week 2024 was organised and delivered by the partnership of Fingal County Council, Dublin City Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, South Dublin County Council, Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO).





Environmental Awareness

Shore to Sea Launch



The Shore to Sea Campaign launched on Friday September 20th in conjunction with Portmarnock Tidy Towns, Clean Coasts and St Marnock's NS. We aim to work with local community groups to highlight awareness around the detrimental impacts litter and pollutants can have on our precious marine life when placed in gullies. Groups are invited to use bespoke stencils to create anti-litter messages around coastal gullies.

A common source of litter placed in gullies are cigarette butts. Cigarette butts are made from the plastic and most abundant form of plastic waste—often ending up in gullies. It can take up to ten years for butts to break down and they can leak toxic chemicals. Many of our gullies in Fingal are linked to the sea, so it is vital that people are aware to dispose of cigarette butts and other forms of litter in the correct bins.

A new website for this campaign was created here <https://www.fingal.ie/shore-sea-campaign-sea-starts-here> with a sign up form for community groups and schools to sign up for this innovative anti-litter campaign.



Anti-Graffiti Webpage and Workshops



Anti-Graffiti webpage has been launched to provide information on anti-graffiti workshops and arts-based programming for young people.

Two Anti-Graffiti programmes have been launched:

1. Sustainable Creative Fingal

These programmes will focus on linking community development with sustainability. Young people will focus on different innovative ways to channel their creativity from graffiti to video, zines and sanctioned murals

2. Street Art Ink

This is an arts-based programme for youth groups and community centres in which young people will gain collaborative skills in creating a mural on environmental themes. Community Centres will then be able to display the mural.

Green Festival: Keen to be Green Flemington

The Green Festival, in conjunction with the Keen to be Green Programme, took place on Friday 13th September. Participants took part in circular economy educational activities such as a Fast Fashion Clothing Shop, WEE recycling collection with the ERP. Younger participants took part in a food waste workshop with the Cool Foods School and enjoyed sustainable toys and organic messy play from the Toy Box.



Climate Action Week: Composting Workshop with Global Action Plan



As part of Dublin Climate Action Week, the Environment and Climate Action team in conjunction with Global Action Plan, hosted a composting workshop. Participants learned about home composting techniques and the impact of reducing food waste and composting as a climate action.

Baby Kids Market: Applewood Community Centre

The Baby-Kids Market took place in Applewood Community Centre. This market facilitated the sale and sharing of baby and infant items such as prams, highchairs etc. This event was an example of circular economy in action, supporting parents in accessing quality, affordable second-hand infant goods while keeping these materials in the closed loop.



Community Climate Action Fingal

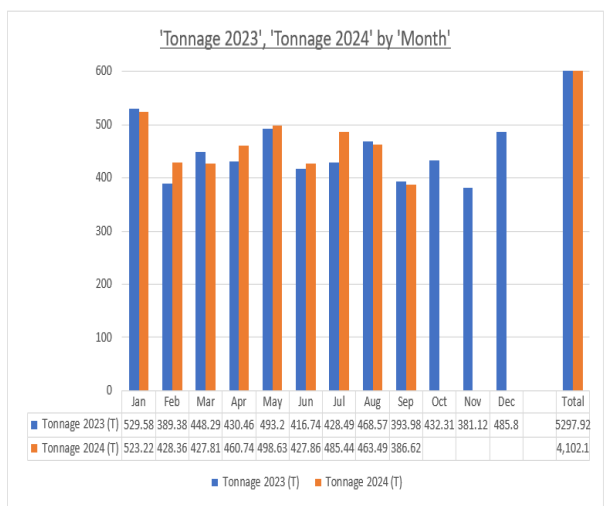
Community Climate Action Projects have started to be implemented in the communities around Fingal. Payments are now in process for some groups. Solar panels are being installed around the county and other measures are planned.



Bring Centres

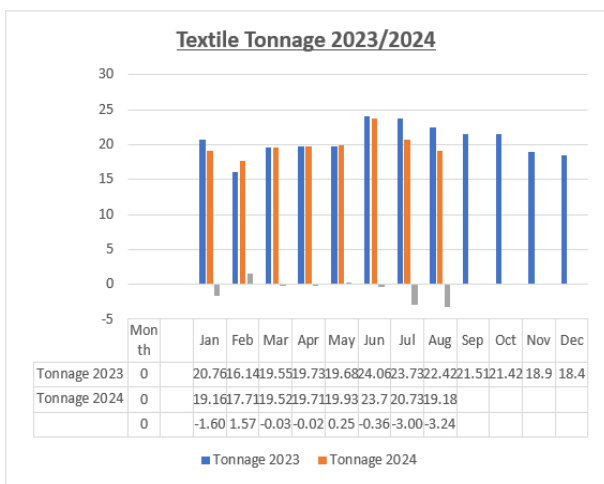
Bottle Banks

Total Glass tonnages collected in **September** were **387 (T)**. Glass tonnages collected in September 2023 were 394 (T) by comparison.



Textiles Banks

Textiles Tonnages collected in **August 2024** were **19 (T)**. This compares with Textiles tonnages of 22 (T) collected during August 2023.



Bottle Banks

Glass tonnages collected in September to date were 387 (T). This compares with 394 (T) collected in September 2023.

Litter Management

The Litter Wardens completed daily inspections of the bring banks across Fingal during September. In cases where there is evidence identifying the person(s) guilty of illegal dumping, fines are issued under the Litter Pollution Act.

The Litter Wardens ensure that all rubbish is reported to the Operations Department for removal.



The Litter Wardens carry out regular inspections of roads across the county to ensure they are kept clean of muck and that construction sites have road sweepers in operation in line with their planning conditions.

They continue to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling on beaches. They target known hot spot areas and highlight the environmental impact it has on bathing waters whilst reinforcing the message of responsible dog ownership. The Litter Wardens carried out patrols on the following beaches engaging with dog owners and dispensing dog poo bags, to make people aware of their responsibilities to clean up after their dogs.

- Balbriggan
- Skerries
- Loughshinny
- Portmarnock
- Rush South
- Rush North
- Donabate
- Portrane
- Burrow beach, Sutton

They also erected additional anti-dog fouling signage in areas where complaints were received and the signage was insufficient.



The Litter Wardens regularly conduct walking patrols, engaging with businesses regarding their responsibilities to keep outside their premises clean and free of litter.



The annual litter quantification surveys continued throughout September. These enable the Litter Wardens to quantify the level of litter in the assessed areas and to identify any potential black spots or problematic locations.

There were 7 cases before the district court in September, all of which resulted in successful prosecutions for Fingal County Council.

Month	Fines	Warning Notices
January	29	4
February	56	2
March	18	3
April	15	0
May	19	6
June	12	4
July	12	0
August	26	0
September	11	1

The Litter Management section receive numerous complaints regarding litter enforcement and **the following cases were assigned to the Litter Wardens under the CRM system for September.**

CRMs September 2024	Amount
Fly tipping 1-20 bags Equivalent	14
General Litter Issue	16
Muck on road	1
Litter incident with witness	1
Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	2
Abandoned cars	33
Annual surveys	42
Inspection of bottle banks	219
Inspection of dumping black spots	506
Unauthorised signage	1
Env - Miscellaneous	4
Dog fouling reports	4
Littering at bottle banks	15

Abandoned Cars

There have been 299 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2024 – 26th of September 2024. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

The Litter Wardens carry out an initial inspection of all reported abandoned and burnt-out vehicles. To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should be emailed to environment@fingal.ie

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

Information on Abandoned Vehicles can be found on the Fingal County Council website: <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles>



Month	Abandoned Vehicles Removed			Burnt Out Vehicles Removed		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
January	0	0	0	0	1	6
February	0	1	2	1	0	0
March	3	1	2	0	1	3
April	2	0	2	0	0	0
May	1	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	1	0	5	0
July	0	1	0	0	0	0
August	2	0	0	0	3	0
September	0	3	0	0	0	0
October	2	0		0	0	
November	2	4		1	0	
December	1	0		1	0	
	13	10	7	3	10	9

Animal Welfare

The Animal Welfare Section received 43 complaints in relation to dogs from August 23rd to September 26th. In 2023 there were a total of 572 complaints received for the full year.

Service	No of complaints per service from 23 August 2024 to 26 September 2024
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	8
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	3
Env - Dog on Person Attack	2
Env - Pollution - Issue with Dog	16
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	7
Env - Surrendered Dog	0
Env - Stray Dog	7
Grand Total	43

Dog Warden Service

The dog wardens continue to carry out enforcement in relation to breaches of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, Control of Dog Regulations 1998, Parks and Open Spaces byelaws and Beach and Foreshore byelaws. They also educate dog owners on the responsibilities of keeping a dog and remind owners to pick up after their pets when in public places.

Dog owners should ensure that they hold a valid licence for their dog and if issued with a 10-day notice by the dog wardens, should present their licence to controlofdogs@fingal.ie within the 10 days provided on the notice. Failure to do so may result in a fine being issued for failing to produce a dog licence when requested to do so by a dog warden and keeping a dog without a valid licence.

There were 29 x 10 Day Notices, and 23 Fines issued by the dog wardens during September 24.

The dog wardens concentrated on patrolling the parks and beaches for the summer months and do not do door to door license checks during this period.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
January	217	40	20	68	€1497	€7,800
February	297	13	38	32	€1735	€2,600
March	234	97	40	29	€2425	€2,100
April	277	152	35	42	€1973	€1,500
May	408	232	38	98	€2420	€2,956
June	247	135	58	53	€1180	€2,700
July	29	109	88	35	€3550	€2,644.20
August	15	140	52	21	€4050	€1,500
September	29	125	23	40	€2700	€3,549
October	0	241		40	€0	€1,500
November	0	91		7	€0	€1,100
December	0	222		12	€0	€1,422.50
TOTAL	1753	1597	392	477	€21,530	€31,372

XL Bully Legislation

From October 1st 2024, new regulations will prohibit the importing, breeding, selling and re-homing of XL Bully type dogs and from February 1st 2025, it will be illegal to own an XL Bully type dog without a 'Certificate of Exemption' issued by the local authority in which the dog resides. This Certificate of Exemption will be unique to each XL Bully type dog and owner and will specify the dog's licence details, microchip details, neutering details, age and description. It will also specify the dog owner's name, address, date of birth and contact number. Owners may be required to present their Certificate of Exemption to a Dog Warden within 10 days of a request to do so. For more information contact controlofdogs@fingal.ie

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased during September 2024 in comparison with the same months in 2023. An annual dog licence fee is €20, and a lifetime dog licence fee is €140. We will continue to promote the requirement for a dog licence on social media platforms. It is a legal requirement to hold a valid licence for any dog you own or are responsible for under the Control of Dogs Act 1986. Failing to hold a valid licence for a dog that you are own or are responsible for can incur a fine.

Month	Annual Licences Purchased		Lifetime Licences Purchased		Income from Licences	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
January	945	635	80	65	€30,200	€21,800
February	915	562	54	58	€25,860	€19,360
March	662	561	48	55	€19,960	€18,900
April	631	451	44	41	€18,780	€14,760
May	1193	918	90	64	€36,460	€27,320
June	738	516	69	41	€24,420	€16,060
July	841	766	49	47	€23,680	€21,900
August	680	838	51	51	€20,740	€23,900
September	888	759	62	48	€26,440	€21,900
October		670		30	€	€17,600
November		662		41	€	€18,980
December		626		37	€	€17,700
Total for year	7493	7964	547	578	€226,540	€240,180

We will continue to advertise the requirement for dog owners to hold a licence for their dogs on social media platforms.

Does your dog have a licence?



Purchase at any Post Office or online at licences.ie

Annual Licence Fee: €20.00. Lifetime Licence €140.00.

Failure to purchase a licence can result in on-the-spot fine of €100 or court prosecution and fine of €1,270

Dog Shelter Service

Dublin County Dog Shelter holds “Meet and Greet” visits for anyone looking to rehome a dog. Visits can be arranged by calling the shelter and arranging an appointment. These visits can be arranged from Monday – Friday from 11am to 1pm and from 2pm to 3.30pm. The shelter is also open on Saturday from 11am – 1pm. The shelter is closed to the public on Sundays. The dog shelter holds stray dogs picked up by the dog warden and dogs who have been surrendered by their owners either to the dog wardens or directly to the shelter.

At the beginning of September there were 18 dogs in the shelter. During September 2024, 15 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as strays or surrenders. Of these 33 dogs, 1 was reclaimed, 5 were rehomed by members of the public and 5 were rehomed to charities. At the end of September there are 22 dogs remaining in the shelter. The shelter has a Facebook page Dublin County Dog Shelter and Instagram Account @dublincountydogshelter which they actively update with strays and dogs wishing to be rehomed.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of September 2023	16	Dogs in Shelter at start of September 2024	18
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	23	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	13
Surrendered by owners	17	Surrendered by owners	2
Reclaimed	7	Reclaimed	1
Rehomed to Rescue	16	Rehomed to Rescue	5
Rehomed to Public	1	Rehomed to Public	5
PTS	2	PTS	0
Dogs in Shelter at the end of September 2023	30	Dogs in shelter at 26.9.2024	22

DUBLIN COUNTY DOG SHELTER

MEET AND GREETINGS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

MON - FRI 11AM-1PM & 2PM-3:30PM
SAT 11AM-1PM
SUN CLOSED

TEXT ME!!



Daisy came into the shelter as a stray and unfortunately was never reclaimed! ❤️ We think Daisy is a bull terrier crossed collie roughly 8 months old who is looking for her forever home.



Kathleen is also looking for her forever home, she came into the shelter as a stray and unfortunately was never reclaimed! She is a cane Corso, approximately 2 years old.

Horses

Weekly welfare inspections continue on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. There are 15 hay feeders being filled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill.

Bathing Water Quality Report 2024

The annual bathing water season commenced on the 1st of June 2024 and ended on the 15th of September 2024 where Fingal County Council monitored and managed their 10 designated bathing areas in accordance with the 2008 Bathing Water Regulations.

The 2024 Bathing Water season included 9 sampling rounds of bathing water at 9 of the designated bathing areas and 16 sampling rounds at the designated bathing area Front Strand, Balbriggan.

Sampling frequency was increased at Front Strand, Balbriggan for 2024 as Fingal County Council was requested to provide evidence of a significant “change” in bathing water quality following the removal of a significant pressure from the contributing catchment in 2023.

The EPA may be able to reclassify the current bathing water status at Balbriggan if the sample results for the 2024 samples proved the finding and removal of pollution source of 2023 was significant.

Fingal County Council also sampled 1 non-designated bathing area namely Malahide Beach.

The identified and non-identified bathing waters are listed in Table 1.

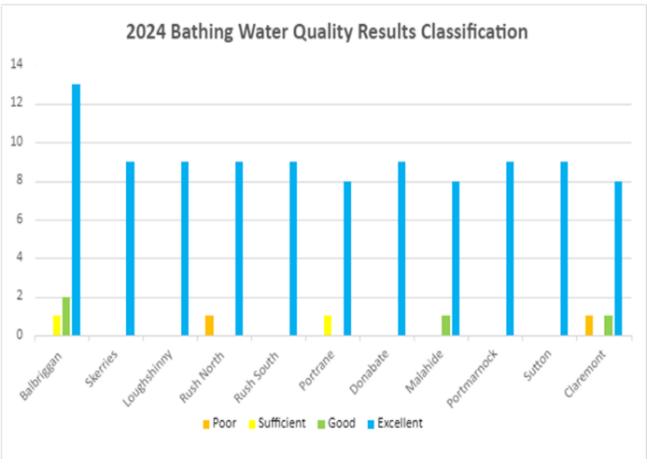
Identified Waters	Bathing	Non-Identified Bathing Waters
Balbriggan Front Strand Beach		Malahide Beach
Skerries South Strand		
Loughshinny Beach		
Rush North Beach		
Rush South Beach		
Portrane, The Brook Beach		
Donabate, Balcarrick Beach		
Portmarnock, Velvet Strand		
Sutton, Burrow Beach		
Howth, Claremont Beach		

Interpretation of Results

Bathing water quality sample results are rated as being either of Excellent, Good, Sufficient or Poor Status pending the number of Escherichia Coli (E.coli) and Intestinal Enterococci (Enterococci) colonies identified in each water sample.

The following graph, Graph 1.1 below, details the bathing water status achieved in every sample collected and tested at each of the bathing areas in 2024;

Graph 1.1



Bathing sampling results for the most part in 2024 were determined to be of “excellent” status even though some pre-season samples raised concerns that a potential challenging season may lie ahead which thankfully didn’t materialise.

Pre-season replacement samples were required to be taken on the 28th of May at Claremont beach, Howth and Rush North as the initial first pre-season samples on 22nd May were found to have elevated E.coli results beach (Poor status) where all repeat samples proved to be of excellent water quality. In total during the 2024 bathing water season there was a requirement for four additional unscheduled re-samples.

The results of all bathing water samples collected and tested from all the identified and unidentified bathing waters in 2024 are detailed in Appendix 1.

2024 Bathing Water Season Weather Conditions:

Heavy rainfall and lower levels of UV light exposure during a bathing water season is intrinsically linked to a higher risk of the designated bathing water quality not meeting with the requirements of the bathing water regulations.

The summer months of 2024 saw the lowest seasonal total rainfall (104.7 mm at Dublin Airport, Co Dublin) since 2018. The season's highest temperature was reported at Phoenix Park, Co Dublin on Monday 24th June with a temperature of 26.6 °C (the lowest maximum summer temperature for Ireland since 2015). June and July were described as dry and cool. August saw most of the rainfall of the summer.

In 2024 Fingal County Council did not experience a repeat of the heavy rainfall events which occurred in Summer 2023, however did experience one significant storm on the 22nd and 23rd of August, namely Storm Lilian, which brought widespread heavy rain and strong winds. The resulting heavy resulted in an increase in stormwater overflows and consequentially bathing prohibition notices were required at Velvet Strand beach, Portmarnock and Claremont beach.

Total rainfall in millimetres for DUBLIN AIRPORT 2024						
Year	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
2024	37	30	38	37	42	184
2023	36	49	149	119	123	477
2022	48	44	30	35	128	284
2021	84	13	73	65	42	276
2020	9	70	99	87	61	326
Long Term Average	60	67	56	73	60	

Incidents and Actions

Most individual bathing water sample results throughout the 2024 bathing season were determined to be of “excellent” water quality status.

Preseason bathing water sampling takes place between 22nd May and 31st May. If a sample is found to be less than excellent an investigation is conducted and the beach resampled.

1 Prohibition Notice at Claremont beach, Howth and 1 Advisory Notice was issued at Rush North beach for pre-season samples (as directed by the EPA).

However, these were resampled and met excellent water quality samples on 28/5/24, and the previous results were replaced and are not included in the dataset for assessment of classification.

2 No. Prohibition Notices were issued for bathing areas during the bathing season both raised on 23rd August (Storm Lilian) for overflows reported by Uisce Éireann. These notices were issued as a precaution due to stormwater overflow incidents at Portmarnock Strand Pumping Station and Deer Park Pumping Station, Howth.

Appendix 6 details the scheduled and unscheduled sampling dates at each beach during 2024 and the single sample status result. It also details when a Prohibition Notice was issued.

Bathing Water Classifications:

Classification of a bathing water is based on a calculation including 4 years of bathing water quality results, using a percentile evaluation of all bacterial enumerations in the data set. Each bathing water is given a classification status of "excellent," "good," "sufficient" or "poor" water quality status based on a 95%-ile of the scheduled water quality sample results for the current year's results and the previous 3 years.

Unscheduled or investigative samples are not included in the data set for the classification. The bathing water assessment and classification is carried out in accordance with Schedule 6 of the Bathing Water Quality Regulations 2008 and as per the Regulations, the mandatory requirement for bathing water quality over a 4-year assessment period is at least "sufficient".

The EPA will classify each bathing water as "excellent," "good," "sufficient" or "poor," by the 31st of December 2024. In applying the 95%-ile calculation the EPA is likely to assign the bathing water classifications as detailed in Appendix 2.

Blue Flag Beaches

Water quality at Fingal County Council's two blue flag designated bathing areas, namely Portmarnock, Velvet Strand and Donabate, Balcarrick Beach remained at "excellent" water quality for 2024. Accordingly, applications for Blue Flag awards at Portmarnock and Donabate will be made again for next year, subject to relevant 2025 application criteria set by An Táisce.

Collaborative cross departmental/agency water pollution investigative work took place prior to and during the 2023 and 2024 bathing seasons, which enabled Fingal County Council to address foul sewer misconnections to the surface water drainage network.

In terms of environmental awareness Fingal County Council initiated environmental educational campaigns to cover the area of dog fouling to try and prevent controlling certain pollution sources that could cause a failure of a bathing water.

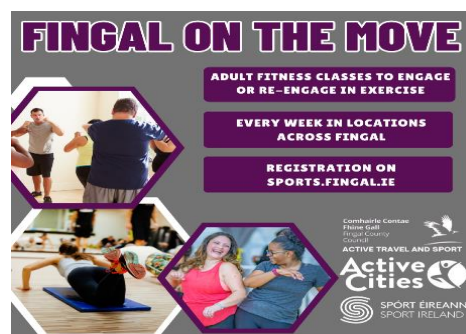
This year two educational events took place on 4th June (Front Strand beach, Balbriggan) and 7th August (Loughshinny beach) which included the free distribution of dog waste bags to interested dog owners who were visiting the beaches by Dog Wardens, Litter wardens and Environment staff.

SPORTS OFFICE

Fingal on the Move

Following the success of the Fingal summer programme Parkfit, Fingal Sports Office are running a fitness programme Fingal on the Move to engage or re-engage adults into exercise within the community.

These programmes will run in Balbriggan, Rush, Swords, Howth and Blanchardstown.



Fingal's Toddler Programme

Fingal Sports Office completed research in 2022 in Tyrrelstown Community Centre in partnership with Technological University Dublin Blanchardstown to firstly provide an engaging experience to promote toddlers developmental milestones (18-36 months) while also building connections with the community through parents interacting. The research at the beginning found 76% of the parents who attended were isolated after covid with no outlets for their toddlers and they also were not aware of what programmes were ran in their community. The toddler programme is now a successful Fingal programme ran across Fingal with classes starting back in October in Balbriggan, Lusk, Swords, Baldoyle and Blanchardstown.



Fingal's Active for Life

Fingal Sports Office regularly run older adult programmes; they will now all go under the name Fingal Active for Life programme. These programmes involve light exercise to encourage movement, build muscle and support bones for over 55s. The programmes will be ran in Balbriggan, Lusk, Swords, Baldoyle and Blanchardstown.



Communities Get Moving Fund 2024

Thirty-one community groups and organisations were awarded funding under the Community Get Moving Fund for 2024. The Fund is designed to help community groups add sport or physical activity to their core purpose. All applicants must be member of Fingal Public Participation Networks. Here is a list of those who were awarded the funding:

98th Dublin Scouting Ireland	Huntstown Family Resource Centre
Active Age for All (Donabate/Portrane)	Jesuit Refugee Service Ireland (Balseskin)
Balbriggan and Skerries fishing club	Lusk Community Council
Balbriggan Cancer Support Group	Lusk Men's Shed
Baldoyle Family Resource Centre	Luttrellstown Community Centre
Ballyboughal Hedgerow Society	Mountview Family Resource Centre.
Balscadden District Community Council	Mulhuddart Community Centre CLG
Blanchardstown ICA Guild	Oldtown Community Council
Castleknock Community Centre	Ongar Community Centre
Castleknock Wellbeing Group	Rivervalley & Rathingle Community Centre
Corduff Community Resource Centre	Rush Men's Shed
Corduff Sports Centre	Skerries Neighbourhoods Network
Diswellstown Community & Recreation Centre	Swords ICA
Donabate Portrane Community Centre	Swords Men's Shed
Dublin 15 Pickleball	Women's Shed Clonee
Heart and Soul Friendship Group (Hartstown)	



Sport Ireland Evaluation Funding (Sports Con)

Fingal Sports Office has successfully secured Sport Ireland Evaluation Grant Funding. This funding will be used to evaluate the Sports Conditioning programme which has been delivered very successfully in 80 schools and clubs throughout Fingal for the last number of years. The objective of Sports Con is to improve children's fundamental movement skills which research suggests is a major indicator of long-term sport and physical activity participation. The funding will be used to collaborate with TUD to complete a Masters or Research Dissertation on the project. Currently the programme has resulted in 15-20% improvements in fundamental movement skills conducted by internal assessment from the Sports Office over 5 years in 80 primary schools in Fingal. It is envisaged that academic research can both validate and enhance current practice to establish a bespoke Movement Skill Model that schools and especially clubs can use as best practice to improve long term physical activity youth development.



MarathonKids 2024

Fingal County Council, partnering with Marathonkids Ireland for its 10th year, launched this year's programme on 16th September. Over 3,000 students from 31 schools across Fingal County are participating in this year's programme.

The eight-week programme, which targets 5th and 6th class primary school students, involves students running four sessions each week, inching them closer to completing their first marathon. Students also learn about the physical, mental, and social benefits of exercise. The finale will see the students running their last mile and completing the marathon at DCU Morton Stadium on November 12th and 13th. For this year's programme we have introduced a progress chart, for classes to track their daily runs and weekly live calls with Marathonkids ambassador, David Gillick.



Fingal's iCoachKids Regional Conference

During European Week of Sport, Fingal Sports Office and Dublin City Sports Partnership collaborated with Sport Ireland Coaching to present an iCoachKids Conference to over 150 underage coaches, the conference discussed being child centred and was a great benefit to all coaches who attended.



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Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of September 2024 is running at 86%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€139.1m
Rates collected %	86%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of August is €17.3m this is c.92% of the overall collection for same period in 2023.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted	€17.3m
Levies Collected as a % of 2023	92%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of September is €66.7m which is c. **101%** of the budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€66.7m
Percentage of Budget YTD.	101%

Procurement

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

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	146	
Value €m	53.86m	
Procurements ongoing at end of June		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	10	(i)
Value €m	31.86m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	59	(ii)
Value €m	469.0m	
No. of procurements at approved	4	(iii)
Value €m	0.86m	

Notes:

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

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

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

Appendix 1 (a)

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30 September 2024

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	74,826,749	105,932,600	71%	78,837,233	108,268,800	73%	-4,010,485
Road Transport & Safety	26,527,870	36,130,600	73%	6,677,701	9,056,100	74%	19,850,169
Water Services	12,548,175	14,369,700	87%	12,734,031	17,039,600	75%	-185,856
Development Management	27,251,356	20,845,600	131%	16,613,508	6,574,000	253%	10,637,848
Environmental Services	36,815,144	48,453,500	76%	8,527,532	10,947,500	78%	28,287,613
Recreation & Amenity	41,574,774	56,603,300	73%	3,265,221	4,841,800	67%	38,309,553
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,555,371	1,513,800	103%	296,723	409,700	72%	1,258,647
Miscellaneous Services	18,375,415	21,972,500	84%	21,712,284	29,279,600	74%	-3,336,869
Central Management Charge	40,735,617	56,075,600	73%	3,070,760	3,969,700	77%	37,664,857
Local Property Tax / GPG				9,274,725	12,366,300	75%	-9,274,725
Rates				119,358,075	159,144,100	75%	-119,358,075
	280,210,470	361,897,200	77%	280,367,794	361,897,200	77%	-157,324

Appendix 1 (b)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT						
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/09/2024						
		Balance at 0/01/2024 €		Expenditure YTD €		Income YTD €
A	Housing & Building	-25,708,012		148,344,644		-103,900,236
B	Road Transport & Safety	11,742,410		39,762,411		-20,443,022
C	Water Services	-11,305,335		1,537,737		-1,329,471
D	Development Management	-142,996,695		27,385,632		-22,619,163
E	Environmental Services	-14,590,477		2,112,082		-1,719,507
F	Recreation & Amenity	-18,558,433		26,253,305		-6,678,308
H	Miscellaneous Services	-48,898,202		9,608,240		-11,480,490
	Total	-250,314,744		255,004,051		-168,170,197

Appendix 1 (c)

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/09/2024				
	Balance at 01/01/2024*	Balance at 30/09/2024	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
RATES*	€2,579,534	€22,495,518	€21,305,500	€1,190,017
LOANS	€2,130,037	€2,033,556	€211,431	€1,822,125
RENTS	€10,216,580	€10,669,086	€5,135,648	€5,533,438

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

* value of debit at 31/12/2023 was €3.2m with a credit of €653,644.

Appendix 2
Number of Contracts Awarded for year to date

Dept	Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Contract Award Date	Actual Duration (months)
Corporate Affairs	3 Staff Safety Liaison Officers for 3 months for CCU Desk/Atrium Civic Offices Grove Road	NOC Consultancy	€52,000.00	01/07/2024	30/09/2024	27/06/2024	3
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 3-7 m at Binn Eadair, Sutton, Co Dublin	Citius Ltd	€53,150.00	25/06/2024	12/07/2024	25/06/2024	1
Operations	Purchase of 1 Electric and 1 Diesel Van	Gowan Motors	€39,133.00	24/06/2024	23/06/2025	24/06/2024	12
Community	Community Centre Upgrade Works at Hartstown Community Centre, Hartstown Road, Dublin 15	Vision Contracting Ltd	€1,899,235.04	17/06/2024	17/03/2026	17/06/2024	21
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Security Services	Manguard Plus Ltd	€200,000.00	18/05/2024	18/11/2024	12/06/2024	6
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works, Glen Ellen Road, Swords	DM Morris Ltd	€62,127.80	17/06/2024	17/10/2024	11/06/2024	4
Operations	Special works, Slip Form Kerbing and Ancillaries, Balheary Road, Swords	KT Civil Ltd	€44,819.00	01/07/2024	01/11/2024	10/06/2024	6
EETCD	Project Management Services related to design and planning of Balbriggan Harbour & Coastal Amenity Area Feasibility Study & Tidal Pool	Turner & Townsend	€43,742.00	20/05/2024	20/11/2024	01/06/2024	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Construction of the Donabate Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge	Jons Civil Engineering Company Ltd	€1,495,685.00	31/05/2024	31/03/2025	31/05/2024	9
Housing	Refurbishment of Dwellings on Parochial Avenue, Baldoyle, Dublin 13	CTS Projects Ltd	€586,550.00	01/07/2024	20/12/2024	31/05/2024	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	SCFT Prep of Old School House Clonsilla Masterplan	RMLA Ltd	€185,965.00	31/05/2024	31/05/2025	31/05/2024	12
Operations	Road resurfacing and reconstruction Bremore Estate, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€74,945.00	04/06/2024	14/06/2024	30/05/2024	1

Operations	Phase 3, Extension of Balgriffin Cemetery	Clar-Con Construction Limited	€236,152.50	07/06/2024	19/07/2024	29/05/2024	2
Operations	Footpath construction in a series of batches from 3 - 8 square meters at Seagrang Rd, R809, Strand Rd Baldoyle Co Dublin	John Browne Construction Ltd	€26,622.50	29/04/2024	17/05/2024	29/05/2024	0
EETCD	Consultancy Services for Fingal Skills Strategy	Grant Thornton Corporate Finance Ltd	€111,750.00	28/05/2024	27/11/2024	28/05/2024	6
Community	Construction of new lifts shaft, installation of new lift and renovation of existing toilets in Rivervalley Rathingle Community Centre, Swords	Vision Contracting Ltd	€159,048.85	04/06/2024	16/09/2026	24/05/2024	16
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works Bridge Street, Swords (Swords Castle to Watery Lane).	DM Morris Ltd	€84,800.50	06/05/2024	06/08/2024	24/05/2024	3
Operations	Concrete footpath improvement Works at Pinebrook Co Dublin	John Browne Construction Ltd	€49,500.00	30/05/2024	30/08/2024	23/05/2024	3
Operations	Footpath Improvement works Deerpark Road, Drive & Ave Castleknock	Citius Ltd	€54,800.00	27/03/2024	27/09/2024	23/05/2024	6
Operations	Resurfacing of Roselawn Road Junction Clonsilla Road	Roadstone Ltd	€84,738.98	30/05/2024	30/09/2024	23/05/2024	4
Digital Services	Renewal of Microsoft 365 Licences (non-profit classification) for Libraries & Draíocht	MicroMail Ltd	€30,107.12	26/05/2024	25/05/2025	21/05/2024	12
Operations	Plant hire with driver/operative for Beach and Burial Ground Works	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€64,483.00	07/05/2024	30/09/2024	21/05/2024	5
ANCA	Aviation Noise Expert Consultancy Services	Noise Consultants Ltd	€800,000.00	20/05/2024	19/05/2026	20/05/2024	24
Digital Services	Nathean Additional Logix Bi & Housing Support Days 2024	Nathean Technologies Ltd.	€42,500.00	15/05/2024	15/05/2025	15/05/2024	12
Digital Services	Civica ModernGov Hosted Application 2024 - 2026	Civica UK Ltd	€79,729.49	15/05/2024	15/04/2027	15/05/2024	36
Housing	Provision of legal advice and services relating to the delivery of an affordable housing scheme at Balleally Rise, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Mason Hayes & Curran LLP	€26,000.00	01/04/2024	31/12/2024	14/05/2024	8
Operations	Road Markings at various locations within the Fingal Area	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	€41,234.55	17/06/2024	17/06/2025	14/05/2024	12

Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction Baldoyle Industrial Estate	Joe Duke & Co Ltd	€100,750.00	04/06/2024	21/06/2024	13/05/2024	1
Housing	FM Strategy Development Support (Phase 1 - Strategy Development Support And Phase 2 – Document Review & Finalisation)	KSN Project Management	€29,250.00	23/05/2024	23/11/2025	10/05/2024	18
Libraries	Supplementary Call for Tender (SCFT) for the Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Blanchardstown Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€29,200.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	24
Libraries	Supplementary Call for Tender (SCFT) for the Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Malahide Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€30,760.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	24
Libraries	Supplementary Call for Tender (SCFT) for the Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Skerries Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€37,060.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	24
Operations	Supply and delivery to site of 29 Nr Precast Concrete Anchor Blocks with marine grade stainless steel lifting eyes	Shay Murtagh Precast Ltd	€79,357.68	04/06/2024	30/05/2024	10/05/2024	3
Operations	Flavours of Fingal County Show 2024 Hire of Generators, Portaloo, Cabin Electricians And Teleporter	GH Energy Rentals Limited	€90,000.00	26/06/2024	03/07/2024	09/05/2024	1
Finance	Collection and Delivery to the bank of cash from the Cash Offices of Fingal County Council	Sonoma Valley Ltd (T/A GSLS)	€40,000.00	01/05/2024	30/04/2026	01/05/2024	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Landscape Architect-led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services for the Park Development Project for Ward River Regional Park, Swords	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects	€1,878,533.90	13/05/2024	02/02/2026	01/05/2024	9
Operations	Path refurbishment works Tir Na nOg park	KT CIVIL LTD	€69,650.00	01/05/2024	30/07/2024	01/05/2024	1
Libraries	Provision of legal advice and services relating to Contractual Matters	Mason Hayes & Curran LLP	€50,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	01/05/2024	12

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Coastal Path Relocation, Howth, Co. Dublin	James Oliver Hearty & Sons	€86,942.20	30/04/2024	19/07/2024	30/04/2024	1.5
Operations	Road Inlay and Ancillary Works Swords Fire Station to Estuary Roundabout and North Street, Swords	DM Morris Ltd	€135,864.80	13/05/2024	13/08/2024	30/04/2024	3
Operations	Road surfacing Eight (8) local roads, North County Fingal	DM Morris Ltd	€586,205.50	03/06/2024	03/10/2024	30/04/2024	4
People Services	Provision of Driver Training Programme to include Driver Licence Upskilling Training Lessons, ECO Drive Training & Vehicle Safety Check Training for Fingal County Council Staff (Single Supplier Framework with Initial contract)	Alexandra School of Motoring	€500,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2027	29/04/2024	36
Operations	Purchase of Wide Area Trailed Wing Roller Mowers - Lot 2 Purchase of three 5m Wide Trailed Wing Roller Mowers	Baytown Machinery Ltd	€103,500.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	29/04/2024	12
Operations	Purchase of Wide Area Trailed Wing Roller Mowers - Lot 1 Purchase of two 4m Wide Trailed Wing Roller Mowers	Maher Tractor Sales Ltd	€51,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	29/04/2024	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Works at Bath Road Car Park, Balbriggan	Postmount T/A Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	€28,000.00	26/04/2024	25/07/2024	26/04/2024	4
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Catering Services for Ballycoolin Regional Training Centre, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	Fitzpatrick Catering Ltd	€80,000.00	25/04/2024	24/04/2026	25/04/2024	24
EETCD	Appointment of a Resident Engineer for Quay Street Environs Public Realm Project, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	Waterman Moylan	€170,000.00	07/05/2024	07/05/2026	24/04/2024	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install of 5no. synthetic tennis court surfaces, removal & disposal of existing carpet & arisings, LED flood lighting upgrade and associated works	Sole Sports & Leisure Ltd	€124,807.75	20/04/2024	20/04/2026	24/04/2024	24
Community	Community Centre Construction Work at Baldoyle Community Facility	Vision Contracting Ltd	€7,486,275.25	01/05/2024	31/10/2026	24/04/2024	18

IT	Provision of VMware Licensing for the Fingal VSan	Triangle Computer Services	€305,283.00	22/04/2024	21/04/2027	22/04/2024	36
Operations	Installation of new drainage works to 2 soccer pitches in Tyrrelstown Park	Peter O'Brien & Sons	€111,771.20	22/04/2024	21/06/2024	22/04/2024	2
Community	Community Centre Upgrade Works at Mourne Estate Community Centre	Vision Contracting Ltd	€449,464.49	20/05/2024	14/08/2025	19/04/2024	17
Community	Community Centre Upgrade Works for Fingal County Council Mourne Estate Community Centre, Skerries, Co Dublin	Vision Contracting Ltd	€449,464.49	19/04/2024	18/09/2025	19/04/2024	17
Operations	Surface Restoration Glenville Road	John Browne Construction Ltd	€42,800.00	30/04/2024	31/12/2024	18/04/2024	8
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion, Fingal Area 2024 (80%)	Irish Tar and Bitumen Suppliers Limited	€124,800.00	01/05/2024	01/12/2024	16/04/2024	7
Operations	Greys Lane Rd Inlay (Howth)	DM Morris	€107,130.00	22/04/2024	08/05/2024	16/04/2024	1
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion, Fingal Area 2024 (20%)	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€31,650.50	01/05/2024	01/12/2024	16/04/2024	7
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install New Solid Bar Railings, Gate & Limestone Kerb at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€86,570.00	00/01/1900	00/01/1900	15/04/2024	0
Environment, Climate Action	Junction realignment works at Coach Road/School Lane junction in Balrothery on foot of completed enabling works by ESB Networks.	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€49,641.11	01/05/2024	31/05/2024	10/04/2024	1
EETCD	Social Media Contract for Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan 2019-2025	Often Partisan T/a Media Consult	€62,000.00	09/04/2024	08/04/2025	09/04/2024	1
Operations	Repair to the existing boardwalk through the dunes leading to Portmarnock Beach	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€78,995.00	23/04/2024	23/05/2024	08/04/2024	1
Operations	Purchase of up to 30 Fully Electric 3.5 Tonne - 4.25 Tonne Flatbed Tippers	Setanta Vehicle Sales North Ltd	€1,250,250.00	08/04/2024	07/04/2025	08/04/2024	12
Operations	Walkway Design and Installation in Tolka Valley	Knife Edge Fencing Ltd.	€84,500.00	17/04/2024	14/05/2024	08/04/2024	1

EETCD	Public realm redevelopment and associated works at Quay Street & Environs – Contract A, Balbriggan	John Craddock Ltd	€16,378,905.65	05/04/2024	05/09/2026	05/04/2024	19
EETCD	Public realm redevelopment and associated works at Quay Street & Environs – Repair & renewal works including re-roofing and provision of new services to existing RNLI Boathouse – Contract B, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	John Craddock Ltd	€575,535.18	05/04/2024	05/04/2026	05/04/2024	24
Housing	Extension works at house at Sheepmoor Crescent	Mullacurry Construction Ltd	€124,800.97	13/05/2024	31/10/2024	04/04/2024	6
Operations	Planting and Maintenance of Council-Owned Summer/Winter Floral Display Baskets/Planters for various locations within Fingal Administrative Area and the supply of a limited number of Units	Redlough Landscapes Ltd	€204,673.08	01/04/2024	31/01/2025	01/04/2024	10
Corporate Affairs	Postal Collection Services for 2024 (interim)	Print Post Ltd	€36,250.00	01/04/2024	30/06/2024	01/04/2024	3
Operations	Road Inlay, Newcourt, Castlegrange & Mooretown, Swords, Co. Dublin	DM Morris	€194,026.80	18/03/2024	18/07/2024	26/03/2024	4
Operations	Installation security fencing, gates and Razorwire at Brackenstown Wallen Gardens, Knocksedan, Swords, Co.Dublin.	Citius Ltd	€39,850.00	27/03/2024	27/09/2024	21/03/2024	6
Operations	Road Inlay, 1 Kinsealy Lane	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€93,047.50	26/03/2024	02/04/2024	20/03/2024	1
Active Travel	Footpath Installation and associated works at Beaverstown Road, Donabate	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€44,994.41	12/02/2024	12/05/2024	20/03/2024	3
Operations	Resurfacing of sections of Castleknock Woods, Oaks and ancillary works.	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€43,224.50	21/03/2024	31/12/2024	20/03/2024	9
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Installation security fencing, gates and Razorwire at Brackenstown Wallen Gardens, Knocksedan, Swords, Co.Dublin.	Stirue Fencing	€29,750.00	25/03/2024	25/04/2024	19/03/2024	1
Community	Provision of 24 hr Security at Liam Rodgers Community Centre	Apleona Ireland (Acacia Ltd)	€29,718.50	14/03/2024	14/05/2024	14/03/2024	2
Operations	Concession for Management, Operation and Maintenance of all Services at Corballis Golf Course and Elm Green Golf Centre	Euro Golf Services Ltd t/a Carr Golf	€23,589.00	01/10/2023	31/03/2024	14/03/2024	6

People Services	Provision of 2 Ignite Staff Development Courses	Mark Donovan & Associates Ltd	€0.00	13/03/2024	12/03/2025	13/03/2024	12
Housing	Provision of administrative support for the delivery of Affordable Housing Schemes	BCM Global	€525,000.00	12/03/2024	31/03/2025	12/03/2024	12
Operations	Restoration Improvement, Glasmore, Swords, geogrid Inlay	MCM Surfacing Ltd	€95,573.50	23/02/2024	23/06/2024	12/03/2024	4
Operations	Purchase 2 Diesel Vans	Henry Ford & Sons Ltd	€43,488.00	05/03/2024	04/03/2025	12/03/2024	12
Housing	Establishment of a Single Party Framework Agreement for the Provision of Services for Inspection of Private Rented Dwellings	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€530,000.00	01/04/2024	31/03/2026	08/03/2024	24
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Fire Alarm and Emergency Lighting Maintenance Services (Interim)	G4S- Secure Solutions	€50,000.00	08/03/2024	08/09/2024	08/03/2024	6
Operations	Purchase 3 Peugeot ePartner Active Plus Long Van	Gowan Auto	€90,045.00	07/03/2024	06/03/2025	07/03/2024	12
Operations	Supply of ready mix Concrete	Keegan Quarries Ltd	€55,800.00	04/03/2024	31/12/2024	04/03/2024	8
EETCD	Provision of Economic Consultancy Services for the preparation of Applications under the Enterprise Ireland Smart Regions Fund on behalf of Fingal County Council	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	€124,400.00	01/03/2024	30/04/2024	01/03/2024	2
Corporate Affairs	3 Staff Safety Liaison Officers for 3 months for CCU Grove Road	NOC Consultancy	€60,000.00	01/03/2024	28/06/2024	01/03/2024	4
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Consultancy Services for the Ward River Ecological Enhancement Scheme	RIVUS Ecological Engineering Ltd	€39,975.00	01/03/2024	31/12/2024	01/03/2024	10
Operations	Road resurfacing and reconstruction Post Office Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin	DM Morris	€80,286.00	01/04/2024	15/04/2024	27/02/2024	1
Operations	Purchase of 1 to 4 Towed Woodchippers	Global Machinery Solutions Ltd	€71,926.00	26/02/2024	25/02/2025	26/02/2024	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Engineering Consultancy Services for the Bremore Recreational Hub Access Upgrade Works	Design ID Consulting Ltd	€56,334.00	26/02/2024	28/06/2024	26/02/2024	4

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening and Appropriate Assessment, if required for LAP at Flemington	Brady Shipman Martin	€28,120.00	17/11/2023	17/11/2024	26/02/2024	12
Housing	Civil & Structural Engineering Services for proposed housing developments at North Street, Swords and Rathmore Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Tobin Consulting Engineers	€110,000.00	01/12/2023	14/04/2027	23/02/2024	38
EETCD	Booking of Sledge Entertainment LLC f/s/o Sister Sledge	ICON Entertainments	€50,000.00	15/02/2024	28/07/2024	23/02/2024	5
Operations	Road resurfacing and reconstruction Channel Road, Rush, Co. Dublin	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€126,606.00	21/02/2024	06/03/2024	22/02/2024	1
Corporate Affairs	Retro Fit and Upgrade of Lighting System - County Hall, Swords, Co. Dublin	Vincent Doherty Ltd	€55,183.00	15/07/2024	31/08/2024	20/02/2024	2
Digital Services	Provision of Web Based Applications for Housing Application	Interform Limited	€90,000.00	17/02/2024	31/12/2024	16/02/2024	11
Digital Services	Renewal of Licencing of AutoDESK Suites of Software	Diatec Group	€60,113.00	01/03/2024	28/02/2025	16/02/2024	12
Digital Services	Managed Print Services	Datapac Ireland	€70,000.00	27/08/2024	26/08/2025	15/02/2024	12
EETCD	Upgrade of fire alarm system at Ardgillen Castle	Securitas Technology	€30,830.00	01/03/2024	31/03/2024	12/02/2024	1
EETCD	Our Balbriggan - Bathhouse and Boathouse Enabling Works	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€92,433.00	26/03/2024	28/07/2025	09/02/2024	16
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Woodland Management Services	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€45,500.00	10/02/2024	10/05/2024	09/02/2024	3
Housing	M&E Consulting Eng Services for 13 no. dwellings & associated site works at 30 & 32 North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin.	FLN Consulting Engineers	€32,070.00	01/02/2024	17/11/2027	09/02/2024	33
Operations	Installation of Traffic Signals 2024	Traffic Solutions Ltd	€731,606.00	12/02/2024	31/12/2024	08/02/2024	11
Operations	Fingal Bridge Repair and Rehabilitation	Triur Construction	€268,762.00	01/02/2024	01/05/2024	08/02/2024	3
Libraries	Demolition and Enabling Works at Former St. Michaels House Bungalow, Seatown Road	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€120,243.00	12/02/2024	29/03/2025	08/02/2024	14

Operations	Hire of Excavator & Operator at the Former Dunsink Landfill & Environs	Anthony Patton Plant Hire Ltd	€82,000.00	16/01/2024	15/01/2025	08/02/2024	12
Operations	Road Surfacing inlay, Lower Road, Garristown, Co. Dublin	Tarstone Road Maintenance Ltd	€41,284.50	05/02/2024	09/02/2024	08/02/2024	1
Corporate Affairs	Mobile Voice & Data Communications and Associated Products & Services	Vodafone	€1,008,052.00	01/11/2023	31/10/2027	07/02/2024	48 months
Operations	Tree Works in the Dublin 15 Area	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€64,880.00	04/02/2024	29/02/2024	06/02/2024	1
Housing	Integrated Design Team Services to provide design, planning Consultancy Services to establish a design framework plan and achieve planning approval for c.300 Units at Mooretown, Swords, Co. Dublin	Brady, Shipman Martin	€510,963.00	01/11/2023	31/12/2024	01/02/2024	56
Operations	Requirement for Road Lining Contract for the Fingal Swords, Balbriggan Areas Including PSCS	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€58,796.60	24/01/2024	31/12/2024	31/01/2024	12
Digital Services	Cygnus Support Gemini Consultancy	Gemini Consultants Ltd	£52,443.12 (Stg)	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	29/01/2024	12
Operations	Disposal of Marine Wrecks located in Balbriggan Harbour	Shanowen Plant Hire Ltd	€154,450.00	01/03/2024	30/04/2024	29/01/2024	2
Operations	Supply & Delivery of Macadam to various locations in Fingal	Roadstone Ltd	€97,630.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	29/01/2024	12
Digital Services	Supply of Broadband to Malahide 9Avoca), Ardgillan House & Ballycoolin Training Centre	Viatel Ireland Ltd	€26,160.00	01/03/2024	28/02/2026	26/01/2024	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Landscape Architect Led Integrated Design Team Services Consultancy Services at Naul Village Park, the Naul	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects	€316,577.00	06/11/2023	05/09/2027	25/01/2024	46
EETCD	Tradfest	TASCQ CLG t/a The Temple Bar Company	€120,000.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	25/01/2024	12
EETCD	Public consultation communications design and related project management services	Media Social (RPS Group Ltd)	€33,280.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	25/01/2024	12
Housing	Provision of Selling Agent and associated services relating to the delivery of an affordable housing scheme around North County Dublin	Sherry Fitzgerald Cumisky Kelly	€87,700.00	25/04/2024	31/12/2024	24/01/2024	8

Housing	Quantity Surveyor Services for the residential portion of Church Fields Phase 3a (300 Units), Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	Austin Reddy & Co	€60,000.00	01/12/2023	30/12/2025	22/01/2024	25
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply of Pleached Lime Trees and Yew Hedging	Annaveigh Plants Ltd	€29,895.00	30/10/2023	29/10/2024	19/01/2024	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Topographical and Underwater Survey at Ward River Park, Swords	Murphy Geospatial Ltd	€25,980.00	30/01/2024	30/03/2024	18/01/2024	2
Digital Services	Supply an ICT Managed Service for Fingal County Council	ATOS IT Solutions & Services Ltd	€594,114.00	28/02/2024	27/08/2024	17/01/2024	6
Corporate Affairs	Integrated Design Team Services for Workplace Strategy Project	MCO Projects Limited	€372,648.80	14/12/2023	13/10/2025	15/01/2024	23
EETCD	Programme Development Manager for Carnegie Library Swords	Linda Shevlin	€56,000.00	15/01/2024	14/01/2025	15/01/2024	12
Digital Services	Departmental access to Lawlink	Dye & Durham Ltd	€43,944.00	16/01/2024	31/12/2024	15/01/2024	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Works for Naul Village Park Site Investigation	IGSL Ltd	€40,125.00	15/01/2024	20/02/2024	15/01/2024	1
Operations	Resurfacing of Section of Bath Avenue, Malahide	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€52,957.00	05/02/2024	01/03/2024	11/01/2024	3 weeks
Corporate Affairs	Post Collection Service	Print Post Ltd	€36,250.00	01/01/2024	31/03/2024	11/01/2024	3
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Monitoring & Reporting Services at Dunsink & Balleally Landfill Sites	McQuillan Environmental (John McQuillan Contracts Ltd)	€188,495.00	09/01/2024	08/01/2025	09/01/2024	12
People Services	Occupational Health Services	Dr. Ted Murphy	€111,600.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	02/01/2024	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Services for Independent Agronomist for the Fingal Coastal Way	Hackett Agricultural Consultants	€39,700.00	02/01/2024	31/12/2024	02/01/2024	12

Operations	Provision of Maintenance of Earth Moving Equipment	Equipment Company of Ireland Ltd	€32,230.00	01/12/2023	30/11/2025	02/01/2024	24
Housing	Property Management Services for Council Owned Unsold Affordable Properties at Parnell Estate, Ladyswell	Paula Barrett Properties Ltd	€240,000.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	01/01/2024	12
Housing	Inspections on Private Rented Dwellings located in the Admin Area of Fingal County Council	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€165,000.00	01/01/2024	31/03/2024	01/01/2024	3
Operations	Provision of Vehicle and Plant Inspection Services	Truck & Trailer works Ireland	€79,600.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	01/01/2024	24
Digital Services	Requirement for Support in the Development of an Investment Concept for FC EUCF Grant Funded Project	BABLE Smart Cities GmbH	€50,000.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	01/01/2024	12

Appendix 3 - Bathing Water Results 2024

Identified Bathing Water Scheduled Sample Results				
2024 Season Samples	Excellent	Good	Sufficient	Total Poor*
Scheduled	90	3	2	97 (2 pre-season) replaced
Unscheduled	3	1	0	4 0
Total	93	4	2	101 2
Non-Identified Bathing Water Scheduled Samples				
2024 Season Samples	Excellent	Good	Sufficient	Total Poor
Malahide	8	1	0	9 0
Grand Total	101	5	2	110 2

Appendix 4

Potential Changes in 2024 EPA Bathing Water Classifications

“Excellent”	“Good”	“Sufficient”	“Poor”
Donabate (no change)	Sutton (no change)	Loughshinny (improved from poor at end of 2023 season)	
Portmarnock (no change)	Rush South Beach (no change)	Howth and Claremont Beach (no change)	
Rush North Beach (improved to “excellent”)	Skerries (improved “sufficient”) from	*Portrane (decline from “good”)	
	Balbriggan (potential for classification “change” needs to be approved by EPA – 2024 16 no. samples as “good” but this is just a single year).		

**The decline in the status at Portrane Beach is due to the statistical analysis over a 4-year period; a number of “excellent” single sample results in 2020 were replaced with a mixture of “excellent” and “good” single sample results in 2024, thereby leading to a decline in the 4-year classification period 2020-2024.*

Appendix 5

Active Travel Investment Grants: Allocations		
Project Code:	Project Name & Funding Allocation 2024	Comments
FCC/20/0004	Bicycle Parking €100,000	Contractor is gearing up to complete bike parking stands in various locations across the county. Further work packages are being developed by the team for Swords and Dublin 15 areas. Ongoing liaison with Operations and Parks to agree suitable locations for bike parking.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €100,000	The consultant has received the stage 1 road safety audit on the emerging preferred option. The drawings are now being updated taking this audit into account. Stakeholder engagement continues with the Bus Connects project team for a proposed new signalised junction at Waterville. A draft preliminary design report has been issued to the Active Travel Unit with comments sent back. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €100,000	<p>A review of the existing road network in Baldoyle is on the Active Travel Unit's programme for 2024-2026, which will include Willie Nolan Road, Brookstone Road and Main Street. The Phase 2 options report for the improvement of pedestrian and cycle facilities on the existing road network is being reviewed for Baldoyle Village and surrounding roads, connecting Grange Road cycle scheme to Warrenhouse Road Cycle Scheme and Baldoyle Greenway.</p> <p>Once the review of the Options Report is complete, the brief and tender documents will be prepared and finalised to appoint consultants for the preliminary design phase of the project.</p>
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre €100,000	All data collection has been collated and has informed the initial development of the options report. Initial discussions have taken place with local landowners. The design consultant has been issued with an updated review of the draft Options report and

		drawings following input from the Active Travel team. Once reviewed a workshop will be held with the NTA.
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €150,000	<p>This project is now focusing on Auburn Avenue linking into the Royal Canal at the 12th Lock along the Old Navan Road. The Options Report and relevant drawings for Auburn Avenue have been reviewed and approved by the NTA in compliance with the Gateway 2 Hold Point requirements.</p> <p>A stage 1 road safety audit has been carried out and comments taken into consideration with drawings updated accordingly. Photomontages of the emerging preferred option have been prepared in advance of a public consultation with information leaflets being drafted for a letter drop to the wider area. Draft EIA and AA screening reports have also been submitted for review.</p>
FCC/22/0004	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1 €100,000	It is proposed to use a newly formed Single Party Framework to progress design from earlier work carried out by the Cycle Design Office. A tender competition has been published to engage the design consultant for phase 2b in this regard. The tender competition is now closed and is under assessment. Fingal County Council will progress on finalising the detailed design for roundabout and junction upgrades. This is subject to revision of design standards to ensure compliance with the new National Cycle Manual.
FCC/22/0005	St. Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €100,000	Contractor completing works to address feedback from the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit. Once work are complete the final account will be arranged and the project will be handed over to Fingal's Operations Department for maintenance.
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €500,000	Design works for phase 2b the modification of the existing roundabout is currently being discussed with the NTA.
FCC/22/0007	Balbriggan Road Mill Street and Drogheda Street €50,000	Tender evaluation for design consultants complete and official appointment of consultant underway with expected start on design services for this project in Q4 2024.
FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County €350,000	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 progressing with some of these projects and works on the ground.

FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane €625,000	Contractor completing final bollard and sign installation with expected completion date for construction works in September. Stage 3&4 Road Safety Audit to follow and final account.
FCC/22/0011	Skerries – Harbour Road €150,000	Project team has engaged M-CO Communication Consultant to assist with non-statutory stakeholder engagement with local businesses and residents at a number of events and workshops in September 2024.
FCC/22/0012	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide) €150,000	Engineering consulting are finalising the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Report is due to be released shortly. Works to complete the screening reports and detailed drawings are well underway and it is anticipated to go to the market for a works contractor later this year subject to funding and NTA approvals.
FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages €50,000	Consultant is finalising concept drawings and options report which is expected to be submitted to the project team in September 2024.
FCC/22/0015	Rush South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore. €500,000	We are continuing engagement with Property Section about acquisition of lands in this area. Works are also ongoing to look at options in this area that will serve not only this project but that will benefit the Fingal Coastal way route options. further discussions with landowner are scheduled.
FCC/22/0016	New Street Public Realm Project €300,000	Judicial Review proceedings challenging the Part 8 approval for the Public Realm Improvements are ongoing. Tender documents have been developed for Stage 2b (detailed design) and negotiations are ongoing with the Single Party Framework Operator, with a view to bringing these negotiations to a close as soon as possible. Once negotiations are complete, it is envisaged that the tender will be published and work on the detailed design will commence immediately.
FCC/22/0018	Data collection for Active Travel Projects €50,000	Traffic, air, noise etc
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan €250,000	Appointment of integrated design ongoing with design works expected to start on the Skerries Active Travel Plan in September 2024.




FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review €50,000	<p>The webpage for the Active Travel Plan for Balrothery is kept updated with latest developments, and is located here:</p> <p>https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/balrothery</p> <p>A newsletter, Engagement Summary Report and survey are currently available on this webpage.</p> <p>The Consultant is in the process of developing a plan consisting of various approaches to delivering improvements to active travel in the village. Various emerging projects are being identified under these approaches and are being put through a multi-criteria analysis, tested against the vision and key principals of the plan.</p> <p>The emerging plan (and component projects) will be presented to the public in Q4, 2024.</p>
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park Active Travel Route €100,000	<p>A temporary footpath was constructed in December 2023, to provide safe access from Seapark Hill to the Old Golf Links site and paths through the park, providing safe connectivity to Seamount Heights. The Developer on the Seamount Road side has recently reopened the access, which is now through the new development, linking Seamount Road to the temporary footpath in Seapark Hill.</p> <p>The design brief and tender documents have been prepared for the permanent link, and negotiations are ongoing at present with the Single Party Framework operator. Once negotiations are complete, it is intended to publish this tender to progress this project from the design phases through to completion.</p>
FCC/22/0022	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Mearnog GAA €100,000	<p>Brief and Tender documents have been prepared for a Consultant from the NTA Multiparty Framework to carry out the 'Concept Development and Options Selection' stage. These documents are currently being reviewed.</p> <p>Enabling works have been completed to provide connectivity from Paddy's Hill Car Park to St. Helen's Junior School and Limetree Avenue. This included tree surgeon works, footpath works, new access points to the school, ramps, table-top crossings, dropped kerbs and ramps on the carriageway on Paddy's Hill.</p>
FCC/22/0026	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	


FCC/22/0028	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €50,000	Stage 2 of the tender competition for a design consultant and assessment has been completed. Contract documents have been signed and sealed and a commencement meeting has taken place. The feasibility study has started, and traffic and drone surveys have taken place which will help inform the study. A tender competition to carry out a topographical survey has been completed with survey works starting May 2024.
FCC/23/0003	SRTS (R1) – Ladyswell National School €300,000	Detailed Design is complete for the Tranche 2 schools and a tender competition for the construction works has closed. The winning contractor is due to start on site at the end of April 2024.
FCC/23/0004	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Ghrainne CNS €200,000	Detailed Design is complete for the Tranche 2 schools and a tender competition for the construction works has closed. The winning contractor is due to start on site at the end of Q2/ start of Q3 2024.
FCC/23/0005	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Choilm CNS €350,000	Installation of flexible bollards on Porterstown Rd. outside the school entrance is complete. Detailed Design is complete for the Tranche 2 schools and a tender competition for the construction works has closed. The winning contractor is due to start on site at the end of Q2/ start of Q3 2024.
FCC/23/0018	Active Travel Pathfinder – Swords to Airport Quick Build €500,000	Project team have engaged an Integrated Design Team to work on the project. Preferred Options report has been completed and is going through discussion and consultation with the Statutory stakeholder at present.
FCC/23/0019	SRTS (R1) – Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide	Construction is underway at this site.
FCC/23/0020	SRTS (R1) – Bayside Junior School (Scoil Náisiúnta Muire agus Iósef, Sóisear)	All works are substantially complete for this project and the Employer's representative is currently managing the final account with the contractor and release of retention monies.
FCC/24/XXXX	SRTS (R2) Design	
FCC/24/XXXX	Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure €150,000	The Consultant has been appointed to lead an Integrated Design Team to deliver the project from Concept Development and Options Selection, through construction to project completion and handover.

		<p>The consultant will now scope and procure topographical surveys and begin the relevant information gathering.</p> <p>Current projections indicate that preliminary design will commence in Q2, 2025.</p> <p>The route of the Feltrim cycle scheme is shown on the map below, commencing at Kettles Lane, along the Feltrim Road to Mountgorry Way and on up to the Swords Road Roundabout. The study area is from the Mountgorry Way/Swords Road roundabout via Mountgorry Way and Feltrim Road, tying into the Feltrim Road/Kettle's Lane junction. An indicative route for illustrative purposes is provided below.</p> <p>This map outlines the route of the proposed improved active travel infrastructure with the addition of a pedestrian crossing facility to be provided at/near the entrance to Kettles Park on Kettles Lane, and treatment of the three roundabouts at Swords Road/Mountgorry Way, Mountgorry Way/Feltrim Road, and Drinan Enterprise Centre/Liam Rogers Centre/MPETSS.</p>
FCC/24/XXXX	Donabate to Portrane (R126) – Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue Active Routes €100,000	Consultant is finalising concept drawings and options report. Discussion and negotiations ongoing with Property Section and landowners to acquire lands where required.

Appendix 6

Permeability & Connectivity Project Summary

Project	Location	Description	Status	Photographs
Beaverstown Road Works	Donabate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New section of footpath installed • New fencing • New planting 	Completed	
St Theresa's Work	Balbriggan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of Pencil Bollards 	Completed	
Scoil Chormaic Works	Balbriggan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zebra crossing installed • Pencil Bollards installed 	Completed	

<p>Balscadden Works</p>	<p>Balscadden</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zebra crossing installed • New public lighting • Bollards installed • Road resurfacing • New line markings 	<p>Completed</p>	
<p>Wild Cat Lane Works</p>	<p>Skerries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New surfacing • New footpath section • Resurfacing • Public Realm improvements 	<p>To Tender</p>	

Appendix 7

Classification Standards for 2024 Bathing Season

2024 Bathing Season											
Classification Standards for Bathing Waters (Single Sample Status Assessment)											
			Excellent	Good	Sufficient	Poor					
Date	Balbriggan	Skerries	Loughshinny	Rush North	Rush South	Portrane	Donabate	Malahide	Portmarnock	Sutton	Howth
22-May-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Sufficient	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	**Poor
^28/05/2024				Excellent^							Excellent^
04-Jun-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
10-Jun-24	Excellent										
17-Jun-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
24-Jun-24	Excellent										
01-Jul-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent					
08-Jul-24	Excellent										
15-Jul-24	Excellent						Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
16-Jul-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent					
22-Jul-24	Sufficient										
*30-Jul-24	Good *	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent					
31-Jul-24							Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
06-Aug-24	Excellent								8th - o/flow		
12-Aug-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
19-Aug-24	Excellent								17th blockage		
23-Aug-24									*** 2 o/flows		*** 1 o/flow
26-Aug-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Sufficient	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
28-Aug-24						Good			notice lifted		notice lifted
02-Sep-24	Good								5th - o/flow		
*09-Sep-24	Excellent										
11-Sep-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good
15-Sep-24	End	of	Bathing	Season							
											no resample
* Indicates a re-sample was taken											
** Prohibition Notice issued at this beach following the "poor" result											
*** Prohibition Notice issued at this beach following "sufficient" result											
*** Prohibition Notice issued at this beach due to a pump station overflow											

Appendix 8
Housing Delivery Construction Programme
Schemes on Site

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Ballough Place, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTmjK8	10 9 x 2 Bed 1 x 1 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2023	Q4 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush <a @53.523361,-6.111667,15z"="" href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53°31'24.1" n+6°06'42.1"w="">53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	61 10 x Social 51 x Affordable	On-Site	Q2 2023	Q1 2025
Balbriggan/Rush - Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	St. Ita's, Portrane Portrane Ave - Google Maps	5 Restoration of existing cottages.	On-Site	Q4 2022	Q1 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph1., Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	173 87 social 86 cost rental	On-Site	Q3 2023	Phased delivery
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3A <a @53.412472,-6.394167,15z"="" href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53°24'44.7" n+6°23'39.0"w="">53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google	120 40 social 80 cost rental	On-Site	Q4 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social -	Seatown Swords <a @53.462556,-6.218222,15z"="" href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53°27'35.4" n+6°13'04.7"w="">53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps	36 social 36 x 2 Bed	Enabling works commenced.	Q1 2024	Q4 2026

Appendix 8 continued
Schemes with Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est.)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social – Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W – Google Maps	13 social 6 x 1 Bed 7 x 2 Bed	Enabling works complete.	Q1 2025	Q1 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social – Elderly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W – Google Maps	6 social 3 x 2-bed 3 x 1-bed	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social – Elderly TBC	Blakestown Cross, Mulhuddart 53.399869, -6.401776 Google Maps	30 social 16 x 1 Bed 14 x 2 Bed	Consultants to be appointed	Q1 2025	Q4 2026
Howth/Malahide	FCC	TBC	Tuckets Lane 53.385248, -6.066128 Google Maps	8 social 4x 1 Bed 4x 2 Bed	On-hold	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Holywell, Swords 53°26'48.1"N 6°12'42.8"W	57 social 20 x 1- bed 29 x 2-bed 8 x 3-bed	Tender under evaluation.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W – Google Maps	217 107 Social 110 Affordable	ABP approved planning Q4 2023.	Q1 2025	Q4 2026

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries. 53.580404, -6.122225	14 social 11x2Bed 3x3Bed 1x4Bed	Tender package progressing well.	Q4 2024	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Rathmore, Remount, Lusk 53.521142, -6.161451	18 social 2 x 1 bed 12 x 2 bed 4 x 3 bed	Tender package being prepared.	Q4 2024	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	Mooretown Phase 1, Swords. https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	274 151 Affordable 123 Social	S179a planning process complete.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	175 112 affordable 63 social	S179a planning process complete.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W – Google Maps	119 39 x 1 Bed 68 x 2 Bed 12 x 3 Bed	On Hold	TBC	TBC

Appendix 8 continued
Schemes at the Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHqHp8	80 -120	Surveys progressing.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Woodside, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	34	Design pack issued.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	32	Design ongoing. Surveys to commence.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide	4	Design ongoing.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph2, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	172 86 Social 86 Affordable	Planning granted (in appeal period)	TBC	TBC

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

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Long Term Leasing

Area Committee	Lessor	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Glenveagh Homes	Enhanced Leasing	Balroy House	82	On-site	Q3 2024