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# Fingal County Council Annual Report 2024



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**Putting people at the heart of our  
approach to service delivery**



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# Foreword

**Brian McDonagh**  
Mayor of Fingal





**This has certainly been a year of change and achievements across the county. The 2024 local elections marked a significant shift and we have welcomed a number of new Councillors to our ranks, bringing many different life experiences and a healthy mix of professional backgrounds and skills as a result.**

We are all working hard to continue to ensure that Fingal is held up as an innovative region with a great range of initiatives underway to meet the needs of one of Ireland's youngest and fastest growing local authorities.

To that end, we are committed to several strategic priorities over the coming years to help ensure that we remain on track to deliver in terms of sustainable development and increased services for the people of Fingal. This includes enabling economic growth, the provision of key strategic infrastructure, greater well-being across our communities, embracing innovation, driving climate action and providing a framework for high-quality services.

Recognising that we will continue to grow as a region, we have approved a €389 million budget for 2025. In addition, we have launched a three-year Capital Programme valued at over €1.5 billion—the largest ever agreed by the Council. This ambitious plan encompasses around 300 projects, with a strong focus on housing, infrastructure, and community facilities. I am particularly glad to see the significant investment we've made in building modern facilities like the new community centre in Baldoyle which is now underway, as these cater to diverse needs and provide essential spaces for residents to connect, engage in activities and access services.

One of the greatest privileges of serving as Mayor this year has been the countless opportunities to meet people from every corner of Fingal. Throughout the year, I've made it a point to travel to events by bike whenever possible, taking in our magnificent coastline, catching up with communities on the western edges of Dublin and enjoying the hospitality of the many towns and villages in the north of the county. These experiences have only deepened my appreciation for Fingal as a vibrant and diverse county, full of places to explore and enjoy, whether you're into nature, culture, or community life.

Sustaining Fingal's positive momentum relies on strong collaboration, shared responsibility and the valuable input of those who live, work and contribute to the community. I want to acknowledge the boundless energy and passion of Deputy Mayor, Cllr JK Onwumereh. He has carried out his role with gusto and he has shown what good teamwork can achieve when coming together for the betterment of the county.

My sincere thanks also to Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly for her steadfast leadership, wealth of experience and the progressive vision she has for the county. I further extend my appreciation to all Council staff for their tireless efforts to deliver the hundreds of programmes and initiatives we have undertaken across the year.

**Brian McDonagh**  
**Mayor of Fingal**







# Introduction

**AnnMarie Farrelly**  
Chief Executive





**Building homes and communities was very much the focus for Fingal County Council during 2024 as we continued our work to make Fingal a great place to live, work, visit and do business in.**

The Council was extremely proactive in driving house commencements with projects to provide social, affordable and cost rentals homes started across the county including Mulhuddart, Swords and Donabate. Several social housing projects were also delivered including Fingal's first Passive House development at Monastery Court, Lusk and Bowden Court in Swords.

The Council is acutely aware of the need to provide community infrastructure for our growing population and in addition to delivering Meakstown Community Centre also provided a new playground at Lanesborough Park and a Multipurpose Youth Facility in Rush while commencing construction on Baldoyle Community Centre.

Work is also under way on the new Cultural Centre in Swords. Part of the Swords Cultural Quarter, the new building will house a county library, a theatre, a gallery, arts spaces and a café and is scheduled to open in 2027. The refurbished Carnegie Library is also part of the SCQ and reopened its doors in February as an Arts Production Hub.

One of the major projects under the Balbriggan Regeneration Scheme also commenced and the result of the public realm improvements at Quay Street and the Harbour will be an impressive destination space for residents and visitors in the heart of the town and beside the beach. The Council also continued its work on creating an industrial landbank at Stephenstown with a view to attracting sustainable industry into Balbriggan.

In December, councillors approved our 2025-2029 Corporate Plan and other important plans published during the year covered Climate Action, Economic Development and Tourism.

As a Council, we try to lead by example on Climate Change and have worked hard over the past 15 years to become more energy efficient. We have the biggest electric fleet among Ireland's 31 local authorities having switched over 43% of our vehicles. The rollout of Electric Vehicle Chargers in public locations has also commenced while our energy saving measures saw us complete Ireland's largest public lighting transformation with 35,315 new LED bulbs installed across the county.

The 2024 Local Elections saw a new Council elected in June for a five-year term. The local elections give the residents of Fingal a voice through their local councillors in the running of the Council and administration of the county and I thank everybody who came out and voted on polling day. I also want to pay tribute to those who did not return to the Council Chamber after the local elections for their service and I welcome our new councillors. Councillors are leaders within our communities and have a very important role acting as the bridge between the residents and the Council to deliver what is best for their respective communities.

The current Mayor, Cllr Brian McDonagh, and his predecessor, Cllr Adrian Henchy, led the Council during 2024 and represented the Council and the county with distinction at numerous events over the course of the year.

Our 1,600 staff are committed to providing a high-quality people-centred service to the people of Fingal which will enable planned growth and see us leading on climate action while always mindful of our rich cultural heritage. I thank them for their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm in the delivery of services to our residents and look forward to us continuing to deliver for all in 2025.

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







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# Elected Members



# Fingal Councillors 2024

## Balbriggan



**Grainne Maguire**  
Independent



**Tony Murphy**  
Independent



**Tom O'Leary**  
Fine Gael



**Karen Power**  
Green Party  
Comhaontas Glas  
(Until June 2024)



**Malachy Quinn**  
Sinn Féin  
(From June 2024)



**Brendan Ryan**  
Labour Party



## Blanchardstown -Mulhuddart



**John Burtchaell**  
Solidarity



**Breda Hanaphy**  
Sinn Féin  
(From June 2024)



**Mary McCamley**  
Labour Party



**JK Onwumereh**  
Fianna Fáil



**Steve O'Reilly**  
Fine Gael  
(From February  
-June 2024)



**Patrick Quinlan**  
The National Party  
(From June 2024)







**Punam Rane**  
Fine Gael  
(Until January 2024)



**Castleknock**



**Eimear Carbone-Mangan**  
Fianna Fáil  
(From June 2024)



**Pamela Conroy**  
Green Party  
Comhaontas Glas  
(Until June 2024)



**Ruth Coppinger**  
Solidarity  
(From June  
-November 2024)



**Ted Leddy**  
Fine Gael



**Howard Mahony**  
Fianna Fáil  
(Until June 2024)



**Siobhan Shovlin**  
Fine Gael



**Natalie Treacy**  
Sinn Féin  
(Until June 2024)



**Ellen Troy**  
Aontú  
(From June 2024)



**John Walsh**  
Labour Party



**Howth  
-Malahide**



**Cathal Haughey**  
Fianna Fáil  
(From June 2024)



**David Healy**  
Green Party  
Comhaontas Glas



**Joan Hopkins**  
Social Democrats



**Jimmy Guerin**  
Independent





**Anthony Lavin**  
Fine Gael  
(Until June 2024)



**Brian McDonagh**  
Labour Party



**Eoghan O'Brien**  
Fianna Fáil



**Aoibhinn Tormey**  
Fine Gael



**Ongar**



**Angela Donnelly**  
Sinn Féin



**Kieran Dennison**  
Fine Gael



**Tania Doyle**  
Independent



**Michelle Griffin**  
Green Party  
Comhaontas Glas  
(From January-June 2024)



**Tom Kitt**  
Fianna Fáil



**Gerard Sheehan**  
Aontú  
(From June 2024)



**Rush  
-Lusk**



**Cathal Boland**  
Independent



**Brian Dennehy**  
Fianna Fáil  
(Until June 2024)



**Eoghan Dockrell**  
Fine Gael  
From June 2024)



**Adrian Henchy**  
Fianna Fáil  
(Until June 2024)







**Kevin Humphreys**  
Labour Party  
(From December 2024)



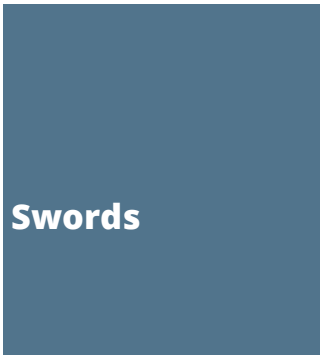
**Corina Johnston**  
Labour Party  
(From July 2024)



**Paul Mulville**  
Social Democrats



**Robert O'Donoghue**  
Labour party  
(Until November 2024)



**Swords**



**Marian Buckley**  
Sinn Féin  
(From June  
-September 2024)



**Darragh Butler**  
Fianna Fáil



**Ian Carey**  
Green Party  
Comhaontas Glas  
(Until June 2024)



**Luke Corkery**  
Fine Gael  
(From June 2024)



**Ann Graves**  
Sinn Féin  
(From January-June/  
September-November 2024)



**James Humphreys**  
Labour Party



**Darren Jack Kelly**  
Independent  
(From June 2024)



**Brigid Manton**  
Fianna Fáil  
(Until June 2024)



**Dean Mulligan**  
Independents 4 Change



**Joe Newman**  
Independent



**John Smyth**  
Sinn Féin  
(From December 2024)

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# Mayors of Fingal





**Mayor  
Adrian Henchy**  
January-June 2024



**Mayor  
Brian McDonagh**  
June-December 2024



**Deputy Mayor  
Grainne Maguire**  
January-June 2024



**Deputy Mayor  
John-Kingsley Onwumereh**  
June-December 2024



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# Key Achievements 2024



## Highlights:

- Malahide Castle showcased in TradFest Fingal Sessions on RTE
- Fingal County Council win Grand Prix at the Local Authority Members Association's (LAMA) All-Ireland Community and Council Awards
- Fingal County Council Announces Gaeltacht Scholarship Scheme
- Carnegie Library in Swords reopens after comprehensive refurbishment
- Church Fields, one of Ireland's largest affordable housing developments officially opens in Dublin 15
- New facilities for young people opens in Millennium Park, including parkour facility, chess tables and climbing poles
- Playground in Lanesborough Park, Dublin 11 opened
- Exciting new partnership announced between the Fingal Athletics League and Morton Games
- Beaches on the Fingal coastline win Blue Flag and Green Coast Awards
- Work begins on transformational €15m Balbriggan Quay Street and Harbour project
- Construction on new greenway connecting Malahide to Donabate gets underway
- Fingal completes Ireland's largest LED switch across its public lighting network
- Construction of Baldoyle Community Centre under way
- Fingal County Council officially launches newly enhanced walking routes and art trail in Skerries
- Free outdoor exercise programme launched for residents across Fingal
- Duggans appointed to construct Swords Cultural Quarter
- Fingal County Council and Ardgillan Castle Ltd. announce Studio Award 2024-2025
- Use of VR sees Fingal pick up three major Ireland eGovernment awards
- Extensive rollout of EV infrastructure begins as Dublin leads the charge
- Housing delivery continues in Swords with opening of homes at Bowden Court
- Mayor officially opens Meakstown Community Centre
- Snugborough Interchange upgrade located along one of Dublin's busiest routes in Dublin 15 officially opened
- Fingal Communities and Council honoured at Pride of Place Awards
- Fingal County Council shortlisted for 2024 SEAI Energy Awards
- Wildfire Management project on Howth Head wins the Climate Action Award at Chambers Ireland Awards

## Reports/Plans/Strategies:

- Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024-2029 launched
- Active Together Local Sports and Physical Activity Plan
- Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) signs contracts with Empower Local Development CLG to deliver the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2024-2028
- Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) launched to build the economy and community elements within Fingal
- Fingal Library Service Development Plan (2024-2029) launched
- Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030 launched
- Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 launched
- Lusk Town Centre First Plan launched
- Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy launched

## Grants:

- The National Transport Authority (NTA) awards €22 million to Fingal County Council for the creation and completion of new and under-construction walking and cycling infrastructure projects
- Hundreds of homes in Fingal available to buy at reduced cost under Affordable Housing Scheme
- Fingal approves over €4.5m in vacant property refurbishment grants
- Sports clubs across Fingal awarded €6.6m in grants under Community Sport Facilities Fund
- Fingal County Council unveils Capital Programme worth €1.57 billion



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# **Corporate Plan 2019-2024 Review**



Theme 1:  
**Quality of Life**



Theme 2:  
**Quality of  
Climate  
Resilient  
Environment**



Theme 3:  
**Quality  
Business  
Environment**



Theme 4:  
**Quality in our  
Work**





# Support the Diverse Needs of the People of Fingal

## **Provide for the sustainable development of the county through the review of the County Development Plan - and the preparation of a new Plan**

The Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029 was adopted in February 2023 and came into effect on 5th April 2023. A Ministerial direction in relation to the Plan was issued in July 2023. Following the adoption of the Development Plan, a priority list of Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans be prepared over the lifetime of the Development Plan was agreed by the Members and work is ongoing on the first tranche of plans. Subsequent to this, the Flemington Local Area Plan was adopted in December 2024. Additionally, work commenced on the preparation of the Clonsilla Framework Plan, the Old Schoolhouse Masterplan, as well as a Statutory Local Plan for Dunsink.

## **Facilitate the supply of housing, both public and private, in the county to provide sustainable, quality, affordable, mixed tenure housing options through land use activation and development management**

The Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme continues to be promoted and attract strong interest assisting bringing vacant property back into use and provide homes. Some 91 applications were received, with 76 approved and others under assessment. New compulsory purchase order processes were commenced with respect to three vacant properties. One compulsory purchase order was completed with respect to another property. Occupation of the 14 vacant cottages as part of the St. Ita's Portrane restoration project continued in 2024.

The Affordable Housing team continues to enjoy significant success in rolling out affordable housing schemes across the county, on council-owned lands and in collaboration with others, i.e. Land Development Agency (LDA) and Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs). In 2024, seven affordable housing schemes were launched making 491 affordable homes available to people who would otherwise not have been able to afford to purchase.

## **Facilitate good quality private rented accommodation standards to enhance the quality of life for individuals and families living in the private rented accommodation sector**

The Council facilitate access to good quality private rented accommodation through an annual inspections programme. In line with the strategy for the Private Rental Sector, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) has set annual inspection targets for all local authorities. These targets are based on a percentage of properties registered with the RTB. In 2024 there were 18,844 tenancies registered with the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) in the Fingal administrative area. An annual inspection target of 25% or 4,711 of these registered tenancies has been set by DHLGH. As part of the Council's Annual Inspection Programme, 5,321 inspections (113% of the target) of private rented properties were carried out in 2024.



## **Strive to ensure that all communities in Fingal irrespective of age, nationality, ethnicity, religious or cultural background are encouraged to participate in and avail of the services delivered by the Council**

In 2024, 2.3 million diverse visitors used Fingal County Council Community Centres. The Integration Team supports the work of the Migrant Integration Forum in promoting inclusion and inter-culturalism. An organisation-wide approach to inclusion and equality is supported with five strategic Pillars identified to deliver on the objectives of the Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy. In 2024, the Anti-Racism Step by Step Guide was launched and Anti-Racism mandatory training was rolled out across the organisation. The Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) provides ongoing supports to International Protection (IP) applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) to enable them to live independently in the community through weekly clinics and programme initiatives and works closely with the Community Development Teams. Over 700 people took part in International Womens' Day events. All open attendance community development supports are inclusive, e.g. Mens' Sheds/Womens' sheds/Traveller Initiatives/Ethnic groups, intergenerational etc. while targeted interventions are supported to reach and empower those harder to reach groups.

The Operations Department continues to participate in this objective by providing park benches, playgrounds, walking trails and the usage of the parks themselves for social events for the community as a whole.

## **Provide a safe and sustainable public realm to meet the needs of all the citizens of the County**

Walkability studies are conducted by the Age Friendly Team and are available for inclusion in key public realm projects.

The public realm, namely the road network, footpaths and paved areas, are required to be secure, accessible, connected and well maintained. High quality upkeep of the public realm contributes to a positive image and fosters a sense of community. Meeting the requirements in relation to accessibility/mobility/age friendly commitments is important in the retro-fitting of infrastructure within the public realm, e.g. tactile paving, noise aids at crossings, mobility hubs and placement of street furniture. Delivery of the Programme of Works, preventative and response maintenance programmes ensure the provision of a high quality public realm for citizens and visitors to the county. In terms of sustainability, the Council is committed to encompassing the principles of green infrastructure and whole life cost in terms of reinstatement and upgrading of existing infrastructure. Redesign and retrofitting, in order to ensure that the public realm better serves the needs of the citizen, will also take place.

The Operations Department continues to maintain and upgrade the public realm infrastructure such as footpaths, roads, cycleways along with our public parks, beaches and playgrounds.

## **Develop and enhance the arts and cultural identity of Fingal, make space for the arts connecting people and ideas and encouraging participation in all art forms**

The implementation of the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025 continued in 2024 with the Public Arts Programme 'Infrastructure' and the awarding of grants, commissions and bursaries schemes.

A new Public Art Policy was developed following an extensive research and consultation phase. The Public Art Policy 2025 – 2027 sets out to streamline procedures and principles on how we commission Public Arts in Fingal. 2024 saw a €1 million investment in Public Art with 10 new artworks including the launch of the Skerries Art Trail and The Butterfly Effect at the Snugborough Road Interchange. The Arts Office continued to offer funding to individuals, community groups and organizations engaged in arts and cultural activities in line with Section 6 of the 2003 Arts Act and supported professional Fingal artists through a series of awards and opportunities with partner organisations.

The actions resulting from the eight-year framework agreement with the Arts Council of Ireland continued in 2024 on the two areas of agreement:

- a) Research and Development
- b) Building capacity

### **Provide dynamic and inclusive library spaces and services for the Community**

The Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2024-2029, which was launched in March 2024, outlines a set of 24 objectives for the strategic direction of libraries in the County and was drafted following an extensive consultation process.

- In 2024, construction began on the Swords Cultural Centre site, which will house the new County Library. Planning for the Centre's management, operational functions, event programming and day to day running also began;
- Work progressed on the refurbishment of and extension to Skerries Library;
- Extensive improvement works started at Baldoyle Library and will be completed mid 2025;
- Plans to convert Ballisk House, the former Credit Union building in Donabate into a library were finalised and a contractor selected for the project. Work on the site commenced early in 2025 with a completion date set for Quarter 4 2025. Both footfall into libraries and loans (physical and digital) exceeded the 1 million mark in 2024;
- Balbriggan Library was awarded Library of Sanctuary status in 2024, reinforcing its commitment to creating a culture of welcome and inclusion, especially for refugees and asylum seekers.

## **Support culture and recreation and enable literacy, education and economic development through innovative programmes**

The Libraries Department through the Creative Ireland programme and through programmes such as Healthy Ireland at Your Library, Right to Read and Europe Direct, engaged and informed citizens throughout 2024. The events team organised 3 high profile festivals in 2024: the Writers' Festival, the Festival of History and the Children's Literature Festival. Other high profile events/activities in 2024 included:

- A spectacular, illuminated procession through the streets of Balbriggan, to celebrate St. Brigid, led by the Luxe Landscape Theatre Company and community groups;
- Silver Lining Virtual Music Appreciation Sessions with The Forget Me Nots Choir;
- Sustainable Creative Workshops with The Wizard of Creation in community settings and libraries across the County;
- A literacy project for students and parents in St. Luke's National School in Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15.

Fingal Local Studies and Archives re-launched Fingal Studies, a local history journal dedicated to recording and uncovering the history of Fingal, from the earliest times to the present day. Also in 2024, funding was received from the Chief Executive Innovation Fund to pilot a Book Bike. This is a mobile library on an electric cargo bike which we bring to events in Fingal to promote our library services and resources.

Community Development supported groups in a vast array of programmes including Fáilte Isteach, language programmes, digital awareness, music groups, community choirs, ethnicity celebrations, climate awareness programmes to support growth in these areas across the county.

The Operations Department continues to participate in this objective by providing casual trading pitches and allotments countywide to encourage culture and recreation through economic development.

## **Create effective pathways for citizens of Fingal to develop and participate in lifelong patterns of involvement in sport, recreation and leisure creating healthy lifestyles and building a sustainable approach to sport development**

Community Development operate community centres across the county which provide space for a range of groups to operate. Fingal County Council Community Development also supports community and other programmes such as mental health initiatives e.g. Thrive Balbriggan in partnership with Mental Health Ireland.

Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) supported physical and mental well-being through the Healthy Fingal Programme.



# Ensure our Existing and New Communities are Safe, Inclusive and Sustainable

## Develop plans to facilitate the increase of supply of housing in the County

Quarter 4 2024 as per the 4Dublin Housing Returns: The number of sites with planning permission in Tier 1 is 98. The number of units with planning permission is 18,112. There are 49 active sites. There are 3,394 units under construction. There are currently 19 Strategic Housing Development Sites in Tier 1, with nine of these sites active. There are ten large-scale Residential Developments in Tier 1, five are active, there is currently one large-scale Residential Development site under a Judicial Review.

Fingal County Council took in charge 27 estates in 2024. Building Control Authority inspected 663 buildings to ensure that the buildings complied with the Building Regulations so that they are safe for the occupants to live in and use.

## Build a strong sense of place, identity and wellbeing through the development of equal, inclusive and connected Communities

The Community Development and Inclusion Office works closely with other departments, groups and agencies to promote community sense of responsibility, inclusivity and aids building sustainable communities. For example, the Safer Halloween Project saw 43 projects supported by Fingal County Council Community Development across the county. Throughout 2024, all registered and engaged Residents Associations and established Rural Networks were supported by Community Development to contribute to community cohesiveness, safety and inclusiveness.

The Estate Management Section will continue to engage with An Garda Síochána, other state agencies, support services and community organisations to create and foster safety communities.

The Council is committed to meeting its responsibilities to address the needs of the Traveller Community as set out in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029, which was prepared and adopted in 2024. The Council will continue to engage with the Traveller Community and Approved Housing Bodies in relation to developing and delivering Traveller accommodation and supports.

## Support the growth of strong and resilient neighbourhoods

Community Facilities and empowered local groups are at the heart of supporting the growth of strong and resilient neighbourhoods. Fingal County Council Community Development supports 38 Fingal County Council and community owned community centres.



Through the Fingal Community Facilities Network, support is provided for managers, staff and volunteers of community facilities across the county. It provides a valuable networking support for all centre management and staff ensuring best practice transfer across centres. The various funding streams provided ensure that existing groups continue to grow while new groups work through a suite of predevelopment work with the support of a community officer. Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) supported the growth of strong and resilient neighbourhoods through the implementation of the Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

The Anti-Social Behaviour Unit in the Housing Department will continue to work with tenants, An Garda Síochána and various agencies. By addressing the root causes of anti-social behaviour and promoting social inclusion, Fingal County Council seeks to create an environment where residents feel secure and connected. The new Housing Strategy which is currently at draft stage will aim to combat anti-social behavior in a multifaceted approach aimed at fostering safer and more cohesive communities. Our Construction and Delivery team have delivered a number of well-designed high quality housing schemes through the planning, design and construction process during the year also. The Community Development team continues to engage with existing and new communities across the county to support their development and integration.

### **Provide high quality parks and open spaces to meet the needs of all users and create a healthy environment**

The Council continues to invest in the regional parks and open spaces through the Capital Works Programme and the Programme of Works. Parks and open spaces provide opportunities for passive and active recreation. Parks and open spaces help build and strengthen ties within communities by bringing people together for community events, including those who may be separated by ethnic or social background. A network of high-quality certified playgrounds demonstrates our commitment to the importance of play and child development. As part of our play strategy, an audit was carried out of play facilities across the County and this is guiding future development of play facilities with a number of priority locations identified for future facilities. Accessible equipment is being rolled out as part of an inclusive approach to play. Continued investment in sports pitches, recreational hubs and installation of outdoor exercise equipment meets the needs of a broad cross section of the community of all ability levels and age groups with additional facilities opening across the county year on year and others at planning and procurement stage. An audit of outdoor recreational facilities is nearing completion and this will help the prioritisation of the development of these facilities. A significant emphasis has been placed on providing age-friendly facilities across the county in the last number of years. A process of masterplanning for new regional parks strategically located around the county is ongoing to ensure that the provision of major new parks keeps pace with development in Fingal.

Operations continues to maintain and upgrade our current parks and open spaces for all the community.

### **Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development**

The Fingal Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) supported disadvantaged areas and community integration, successfully meeting targets in 2024.

Fingal LCDC supported physical and mental well-being through the Healthy Fingal Programme. The Fingal LCDC commenced delivery of the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme.

Additional funding under the Local Enhancement Programme, the Community Recognition Fund, the Town and Villages Renewal Scheme, Community Facilities, Community Grants and Sports Grant Schemes supported local community and economic development with funds supporting online events and operational expenses of community groups, measures to repurpose open space and providing equipment to community groups and sports clubs.

She Leads initiatives focused on supporting the development of female community leaders. Comhairle na nÓg provides a place where the interest of future leaders in community initiatives can be encouraged and fostered.

**Support the development of strong, safe and engaged communities to actively participate in civic life celebrating our identity through arts, culture, heritage and sport**

Operations participates with this objective by hosting community events, such as Malahide Concerts, Wonder lights, etc.

**Support local communities and residents to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our society working with other agencies in Fingal**

The Community Development and Inclusion Office works closely with other departments, groups and agencies to support them where possible to meet the needs of the most vulnerable individuals in society. The Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) work with international protection applicants and beneficiaries of temporary protection. Community Development officers work with target groups including Travellers, Ethnic Minority Groups, Older People.

The Fingal LCDC supported disadvantages areas and community integration through delivery of the SICAP Programme which successfully met targets in 2024.





# Develop Engagement with Our Stakeholders

## **Ensure that our citizens, businesses and organisations can easily communicate with the Council**

In 2024, the Community Development Team won the Community Engagement Award at the All-Island Pride of Place Awards. The Community Development and Inclusion staff work with agencies, community and voluntary groups, Elected Members, Ministers, TDs and various Government departments thus requiring a strong and varied skillset in communication types which staff display. An internal departmental communication structure is in place to continually improve communications and link to the Corporate communications team.

## **Engage and consult with citizens and stakeholders in a way that allows their views to be taken on board, through the use of both statutory and non-statutory processes**

Continued engagement and consultation with organisations throughout the County such as Fingal PPN, Comhairle na n-Óg, the Age Friendly Alliance and use of the Council's consultation portal for both statutory and non-statutory purposes.

## **Strengthen and support stakeholders and statutory providers by collaborating in the economic and social development of the county**

The Council supported economic and social development through collaboration with Dublin Fingal Chamber of Commerce on a variety of initiatives in 2024 including a Sustainability in Business Briefing during Climate Action Week 2024.

The Council collaborated with key stakeholders on the development and adoption of the Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy, Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP), and the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy in 2024.

The Property Section progressed key acquisitions and disposals to support the economic development of the county and conducted public consultation on the Draft Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plans. The Council's three Enterprise Centres consolidated management in a new legal entity, Innovate Fingal, to drive innovation and the strategic development of the centres.

## **Strengthen, support and expand the work of the Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN)**

Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) welcomed new PPN members to the LCDC in 2024 and provided briefings on the work of the LCDC.

The PPN supported by its staff facilitate the holding of two plenaries per year and elect members to key policy committees as required.

# Action on Climate Change

## **Deliver on the specific actions in the Climate Action Plan to improve climate resilience**

Water Planning Section produced a Domestic SuDS Guidance document to advise the public on how they can implement sustainable drainage in their properties.

- In 2024 a cross-departmental Climate Action Plan Implementation Team was established with 32 members.
- In 2024 of the total 162 actions in the Climate Action Plan, 91 actions were completed, 46 are in progress and 25 are not started. Of the 91 completed actions, 83 are actions that occur annually.

## **Play a leadership role in transitioning to a decarbonised society**

The Council has demonstrated a leadership role in transitioning to a decarbonised society through the implementation of its Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 and by building on this to develop its Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. This Plan 2024-2029 has four key targets to:

- Improve the Council's energy efficiency by 50% by 2030.
- Reduce the Council's greenhouse gas emissions by 51% by 2030.
- Make Dublin a climate resilient region by reducing the impacts of future climate change related events.
- Actively engage and inform our citizens on climate change.

The Council intends to meet these targets by implementing a series of climate mitigation and adaptation actions across six thematic areas including Energy and Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature Based Solutions, Circular Economy and Resource Management and Community Engagement.

Fingal County Council has led the way nationally on the conversion of the county's streetlights to LED with 98% converted so far, and also on the transition to an electric vehicle fleet with 30% of the Council's fleet now electric. The Council's Active Travel section is working to increase the uptake of active travel within the county and a significant programme of work is underway.

- In 2024 The Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 was adopted.
- This Plan identified Balbriggan as the Fingal decarbonisation zone.
- Codema with the support of Fingal County Council applied for Interreg NW EU project E2-Cities (Engaged Energy- Communities in Urban areas with Technology Integrated Energy Systems).
- Dublin Climate Action Week (9th - 15th Sept 2024) was organised in co-operation with the four Dublin Authorities.
- Community Climate Action Fund 2024: 25 applicants with over 160 varying projects received grants to the value of €1,127,000.



## **Promote and protect the biodiversity of the county and work to restore ecosystems and ecosystem services**

Twenty one priority actions were implemented or progressed during 2024 such as the implementation of the Woodland Management Plans for the Ward and St. Catherine's Park woodlands, Little Tern Conservation Project on the beach in Portrane, the control of invasive species, such as Giant Hogweed, Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam, Rhododendron and Mink, the development of a masterplan for the Ward River Valley Park is ongoing, two weirs and rock armour were removed from the Ward River and a fishpass is under construction at Ushers' Lake, the implementation of 22 Tidy Towns Biodiversity Plans is ongoing and the Biodiversity Plan for the Beaverstown Golf Club was completed. Preparation has also started on planning guidance documents for general biodiversity conservation in developments, hedgerow management and nesting facilities in buildings.

## **Promote and enforce a culture of compliance within the county to advance Climate Action commitments**

- The Climate Action Awareness Officer along with the Environmental Awareness Officer promotes climate action awareness within the county.
- The Climate Action and Environmental Awareness Team continue to run social media campaigns on best environmental practice and to celebrate national and local environmental campaigns.
- In 2024, Fingal's Climate Action Department provided Climate Literacy Training in 10 secondary schools in Fingal through the provider Education for Sustainability. Through this, 263 students and 10 teachers took part in the training. We will continue to reach out to Primary/Secondary school students.
- The Fingal Climate Action Team regularly update Fingal County Council's website with information about the Climate Action Plan and Climate Action works/initiatives across the County.
- Fingal's Environmental Inspection Plan and EPA's assessment have been completed for 2024.

## **Foster a strong local economy through environmentally sustainable businesses**

- The Council developed and adopted the Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy for the county which has sustainability as a key theme.
- The Council continued to meet commitments under the Circular Cities Declaration.
- The Council's Urbact EcoCore project progressed through its action planning stage in 2024 with the testing of pilot actions such as a Sustainability for Business Briefing and the development of case studies illustrating sustainable practices with companies in Balbriggan.
- The Council also developed an Investment Guide for the industrial lands in Balbriggan promoting sustainable development and engaged in a European Urban Initiative City to City Exchange with ECO3 Park in Nokia, Finland to learn best practice in innovation and the circular economy.



# Protect Our Environment and Heritage

## Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the county

Annual Programme of Grant support administration including the Built Heritage Investment Scheme, the Historic Structures Fund and the Stitch in Time Grant, to protect the architectural heritage of the county. Planning reports and advice provided related to protected structures and Architectural Conservation Areas. Investments made in conservation of heritage properties and protected structures owned by the council throughout the year. Heritage training was provided in traditional skills.

The Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030 was launched in March 2024 and ongoing implementation included undertaking the following projects: Fingal Oral Heritage Audit, Fingal Traditional Skills courtyard at Flavours of Fingal, Blas: Fingal's Food Heritage 2024, Fingal Gravestone Recording at Mulhuddart and St. Margaret's graveyards and the Howth Community Heritage Audit. In addition a post-excavation phase of Digging Drumanagh included dissemination via Drumanagh Day 2024 in Rush and the production of the Digging Drumanagh Archaeology Ireland Heritage Guide No. 107, as well as the world-wide coverage of the story of the Roman [fig](#). Two 3D heritage tours of Malahide Demesne Church and Lanistown Castle were recorded with the Digital Officer.

Monthly meeting of the Fingal Heritage Network were held throughout the year and the Network collectively undertook Heritage Night 2024 and contributed to the Fingal Heritage Network Booklet 2024. The booklet highlights the work of the historical societies and heritage groups across the county. National Heritage Week 2024 saw over 50 in person events across Fingal with Friends of Clonmethan, the Dublin-Fingal County Award 2024 winners. The Heritage Officer also administers the Community Monument Fund in Fingal for the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Five archaeological monuments received a total of €405,639.75 in funding in 2024.

The Heritage Officer also undertook consultee reports for 98 Planning permissions; 20 Large-scale Residential Developments and 30 Compliances with an additional 39 reports for compliance with estate naming conditions. The Conservation Office is based in the Architects Department and delivers a Work Programme related to the built heritage of Fingal. This comprises of administering three grant schemes – The Built Heritage Investment Scheme, the Historic Structures fund and the Stitch in Time grant. It also prepares planning reports as an internal consultee for the Planning Department, participates in pre-planning meetings, advises the Planning Department in relation to the architectural heritage of the county for the Development Plan review, inputs to the Fingal County Council Monuments/Structures at Risk Programme, inputs into climate change initiatives as related to the historic built environment, responds to Elected Member's queries and questions, responds to correspondence/emails from the public and others related to the built environment. It also reviews and updates the Record of Protected Structures for the county. The County Architect is a Grade 1 RIAI registered Architect and several members of the Department also have individual accreditation. The Department advises client departments in regard to the Council's property portfolio of historic and protected structure and provides architectural services for projects involving historic structures.

The Operations Department participates with this objective by promoting and maintaining the built and cultural heritage which would be located in the parks which are managed by Fingal County Council.

### **Promote the unique urban, rural and coastal landscape character of Fingal**

- Royal Canal Urban Greenway, land acquisition, design and Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) reviews ongoing and planning application due for submission in 2025.
- The R132 Connectivity Project, at detailed design with construction phase expected to begin in 2025.
- Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cycling Route, is now substantially completed.
- Consultancy frameworks for various pedestrian and cycling projects in the Blanchardstown, Castleknock, Clonsilla, and Mulhuddart/Dublin 15 Area with the initial project being the Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock and Cycling Routes was recently awarded.
- Broadmeadow Way Bridge construction over Malahide Estuary and Weir completed in 2024. Works on Nothern Estuary to commence 2025.
- Fingal Coastal Way emerging preferred route consultation completed. Completion of preliminary design phases underway in 2025.
- Sutton-Malahide preferred option consultation completed, planning documentation being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála in 2025.
- Ongar-Barnhill Works Contract has commenced, bridge over railway currently under construction, with expected completion in Q2 2025.
- Consultancy frameworks for Swords, Kinsealy and Donabate commenced for a range of projects across these areas.
- Swords Main Street project commenced, consultants appointed Q2 2024.

### **Support the unique cultural heritage of Fingal and the Irish language**

In 2024, there were 49 different creative projects/initiatives across the three separate funding streams of Creative Communities, Cruinniú na nÓg and the Decade of Centenaries Commemoration programme.

### **Promote the sustainable management of waste and the circular economy**

The Council continued to meet commitments under the Circular Cities Declaration.

The National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy was launched in 2024. See Annual Report prepared by the Regional Waste Management planning offices.

We will continue to promote the sustainable management of waste and the circular economy through the Waste Enforcement and Environmental Awareness Work Programmes (including Green Schools Programme) and also through the Sustainable Fingal initiative.

The Council adopted the Circular Cities Declaration in January 2023. Fingal County Council's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 includes a set of actions under Circular Economy and Resource Management and an accompanying Community Engagement action list. A review of the Bring Bank Network is also taking place. The Fingal Reusable Cup Campaign will launch in 2025 and roll-out Countwide over the next number of years.

The aim is to eliminate single use cups from retailers selling takeaway beverages.

Fingal's Draft Litter Management Plan will go to Public Consultation in March 2025 and for Adoption in Summer 2025.

### **Reduce the environmental impact of Council activities**

Community Development: Thirty Community centres audited for water and waste management as part of the Community Facilities Keen to be Green Initiative.

As of December 2023, the Council has improved its energy efficiency by 54.8% toward its 2030 Energy Efficiency target, as per SEAI Monitoring & Reporting 2023 Report on Public Sector Energy Performance. MS Teams has been provided to all staff to reduce the need to travel to meetings. The Council is transitioning to an EV fleet with 40% now electric. EV charge points have been provided in staff and operational car parks. The Council has Environmental Management Systems in place aimed at reducing waste and increasing recycling in offices and depots.

### **Ensure our coast, beaches and waterways are managed in a sustainable manner**

See Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website and gismap for ecological status of rivers, estuaries and coastal waters in Fingal. With the exception of one monitoring station, all monitoring points have either moderate or poor quality status and all river and transitional waters are at risk of not meeting the Water Framework target of good ecological status in 2027 (the sluice and Baldoyle Estuary are under review in this regard).

Operations Department continues to ensure this objective is met, by the provision of life-guards and water safety equipment all year-round and during the bathing season, along with additional beach bins during the summer months.



# Promote and Enable Sustainable Economic Growth

## **Foster collaborative leadership in the development of future skills in the County**

The Council developed and adopted the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy in 2024 and incorporated good practice learnings from participation in the Interreg SKYLA Project. The Council participated in transnational meetings and good practice exchanges with the Interreg SKYLA Project Partners in 2024.

The Council held another successful Xplore Your Future Expo in The Helix in October 2024 with collaboration from key stakeholders.

The Council continued to work closely with Dublin Regional Skills Forum on emerging challenges for businesses and adapting training provision to meet employer's requirements. Empower continued to provide training to disadvantaged groups and individuals under SICAP.

## **Support and promote the sustainable economic development of Fingal**

The Council continued to support business through collaborations with Dublin Fingal Chamber, the Fingal Skills Strategy Group and the DBEC Partnership.

The Council also developed the Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy to guide the economic development of the county to 2040 and which features sustainability as a key theme, and the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy to forecast and address existing and future skills needs in the county.

The Council continues to meet its commitments under the Circular Cities Declaration and in 2024 explored best practice in innovation and the circular economy in an European Urban Initiative City to City Exchange with ECO3 Park in Nokia, Finland.

In 2024, the Council led its Urbact EcoCore network partners through the action planning stage and piloted a number of test actions in Balbriggan including the delivery of a Sustainability in Business Briefing during Climate Action Week, the development of sustainability case studies with businesses in Balbriggan and the development of Investment Guidance promoting sustainable economic development for the industrial lands in Balbriggan.

## **Support the performance, innovation, competitiveness, productivity and success of business in Fingal**

The Council has explored international best practice through the Interreg SKYLA and Urbact EcoCore Projects during 2024, as well as the European Urban Initiative City to City Exchange Programme to support the economic development and innovation in Fingal. Learnings from these projects have informed recommendations and actions in the Council's Economic





The Council continues to work closely with key stakeholders such as Dublin Fingal Chamber, Dublin Regional Skills Forum and various education/training providers, industry and other local authorities to promote business in Fingal through collaborations on projects, funding applications and marketing and promotion measures.

**Support local economic development by promoting Fingal as a location in which to invest and by developing and implementing sectoral policy initiatives**

The Council continued to liaise with the Dublin Regional Skills Forum on emerging challenges for businesses and training to meet employer's requirements.

Operations continues to assist with this objective by keeping the area in a clean and tidy condition which in turn helps promote the area for economic development, an example of this is the Dublin Enterprise Zone which is home to a large amount of multi-national companies.



# Grow and Enable Sustainable Tourism

## Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the County

The Fingal Tourism Strategy was launched in 2024 and an associated implementation plan is underway. Collaboration with national agencies, Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland, continued to promote Fingal as a tourist destination to both the domestic and international visitor through campaigns including 'Keep Discovering' and 'Winter in Dublin'. Promotional initiatives included 'Fingal The TradFest Sessions' which raised awareness of Fingal as a destination with national and US TV audiences on RTÉ and PBS, and in 2024 Fingal County Council also initiated and led an innovative project between all Dublin Local Authorities to showcase jointly for the first time at IrishFest Milwaukee, the Dublin and Fingal proposition, and specifically address the challenge of growing tourism activity during the shoulder season. Also, as part of the #WinterInDublin campaign by Fáilte Ireland, Howth harbour hosted one of two large fireworks displays on New Year's Eve. The event was livestreamed across the globe and the videography and other generated content is part of the ongoing international campaign to draw visitors to Dublin in the low season.

The Operations Department continues to support this objective utilising our parks, beaches and open spaces.

## Facilitate the creation of a Fingal Food and Drink Tourism Destination

The Fingal Food and Drink Policy was launched in 2024 and an associated implementation plan is underway. The Fingal Food Network continues to grow from strength to strength and in 2024 agreed to develop a formal structure to work on behalf of the Food and Drink sector in Fingal as part of the broader Tourism Strategy and Food and Drink Policy Collaboration Framework. The network also partnered with Fingal County Council to promote Fingal as a food and drink tourism destination through a series of marketing initiatives including a showcase at the launch of the Food and Drink Policy and the Flavours of Fingal County Show in early July.

## Promote heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage properties

Work continued in 2024 by Fingal County Council and its operator at Newbridge House to achieve accreditation under the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI). The mid-way review by the adjudicators was very positive. Currently forecast for completion in 2026, this will significantly improve the authenticity of the visitor experience.

There was ongoing work and investment throughout the year improving infrastructure at Fingal Heritage Properties supporting heritage tourism with key works at Ardgillan Castle, Newbridge House and Guinness Bridge.

The Operations Department continues to support this objective by maintaining some of these areas when requested.

## **Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events**

The main driver of improvements to the visitor experiences in 2024 was the Capital Programme, of which the highlights were:

- Completion of the sustainable energy upgrade at Malahide Visitor Centre;
- Completion of LED lighting replacement at Malahide Visitor Centre;
- Completion of the conservation and strengthening of the Silver Bridge;
- Completion of the enabling works for the red barn project at Skerries Mills;
- Commencement of site enabling works at Skerries Martello Tower; and
- Appointment of a design team to plan a mechanical and electrical upgrade on Newbridge House.

In 2024, there were several improvements carried out to the existing infrastructure at each visitor attraction. Among these the development of the Courtyard Kitchen in Newbridge in the summer, which is a major new activity as visitors can enjoy cookery and food preparation demonstrations by local chefs and restaurateurs.

The Operations Department continues to support this objective by our daily litter picking, road and footpath maintenance, our playgrounds, parks, beaches and open spaces.



# Provide and Maintain Strategic Infrastructure

## **Activate lands by delivering infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of housing, economic development and sustainable communities**

Work on Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) and Vacant Site Levy is ongoing.

## **Deliver a sustainable transport system for all citizens**

- Church Fields Link Road and Snugborough completed 2024;
- Turvey Avenue Scheme completed 2024;
- Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cycle Route completed 2025 delivered a 3km fully segregated pedestrian and cycle route;
- Ongar-Barnhill Scheme commenced on site; bridge over railway currently under Construction, expected completion Q2 2025; and
- Kinsealy to Portmarnock Station walking and cycling route preferred route consultation completed, preliminary design and environmental assessment underway.

The Operations Department assists with the maintenance and upkeep of any new sustainable transport system.

## **Deliver work programmes that develop and maintain strategic, physical and green infrastructure of the county**

- Construction of the bridge across Malahide Estuary was completed in 2024, which is a critical piece of infrastructure forming part of the Broadmeadow Way Greenway. Works on northern causeway to commence 2025;
- The Sutton-Malahide scheme is currently undergoing review to ensure it is in compliance with the New Cycle Design Manual issued by the NTA, with planning documentation being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála towards Q3 2025;
- Similarly the Royal Canal Greenway is currently undergoing review, to ensure it is in compliance with the New Cycle Design Manual issued by the NTA. A planning application shall be submitted in 2025;
- The Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cycling Route is now substantially completed, which has delivered 3km of fully segregated walking and cycling route connecting 6 schools in Balbriggan with 13 controlled crossing points at various locations along the 3km route;
- The R132 Connectivity Project, which is at detailed design with construction phase expected to begin in 2025, will deliver 3km of an Active Travel Route along the R132 around Swords and allow permeability across it also from east to west and west to east. The Pedestrian and Cycle scheme at Granard Bridge Castleknock will deliver connectivity along a section of Castleknock Road to the transport hub at Castleknock train station;



- Works have begun on project 1 of Sustainable Swords - Transformation of Main Street. Fingal Coastal Way: emerging preferred route consultation completed. Completion of preliminary design phases underway in 2025;
- Works were completed on the River Valley All Weather Pitch facility in Swords and work on the development of Porterstown Recreational Hub (including the floodlit 6 lane running track) and the first phase of Bremore Regional Park Recreational Hub in Balbriggan were also completed;
- The first phase of the Swords Regional Park at Miller's Glen, Oldtown, Swords (including new sports, play and recreational facilities) was opened to the public;
- The Rathbeale Archaeological Park was also opened to the public;
- Works were progressed on the upgrade of Lanesborough Park with the development of the destination playground;
- Work progressed on the preparation of the Ward River Regional Park Development Project and works commenced on priority conservation and woodland management in the park; and
- Works progressed on the feature entrance gatehouse and related landscape works at Bremore Castle.

Operations have many Capitals projects and Work Programmes which coincide with the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department to develop and maintain the physical and green infrastructure of the county.



# Improve Democracy, Governance, Openness and Transparency

## **Provide the highest quality of service to our Councillors and all Elected Representatives**

The Council continues to deliver a broad range of services to the public in an open and transparent manner. There is a continuous focus on improving service delivery across the organisation.

## **Ensure good governance, openness and transparency within the Council**

The Chief Executive and her Management Team and staff engage in a positive and open manner with the Local Government Audit Service and the Audit Committee to ensure that best practice in corporate governance is adhered to throughout the year.

The Council is committed to complying with all legislative requirements with regard to FOI, GDPR, Protected Disclosures and public procurement, as well as providing information to the public on our website in a transparent and open manner.

## **Ensure that the democratic functions of the Council are performed in an open, informed and effective way**

The Chief Executive and the Management Team continue to work closely with the Elected Members as well as County stakeholders e.g. businesses, community groups, etc. Through the Strategic Policy Committees, the Elected Members continued to fulfil their policy making role with the Corporate Policy Group advising and assisting the Elected Council in the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy.

Meetings continued to be serviced and webcast to ensure the transparency of the democratic function.

## **Inform citizens through effective communications programmes**

The Council's Communications Strategy provides for an extensive programme of external communications in order to promote the Council's activities and increase awareness of the work that we do for our citizens.

The Council is also committed to ensuring that our information is in plain English, is end-user friendly and translated to different languages.

# Deliver Quality Services

## **Deliver services in the most efficient and effective manner**

The Council continues to deliver a broad range of services to the public in an open and transparent manner. There is a continuous focus on improving service delivery across the organisation.

## **Foster a culture of continuous improvement in all our activities**

By implementing a culture of continuous improvement, the Council regularly looks at processes to see where and how improvements can be made and by measuring performance against metrics established at operational and strategic levels.

## **Use digital technologies to enable and transform our workplace and the delivery of services**

Digital Services continued its digitalisation programme in 2024. New systems introduced included the ePlanning Portal, enabling submission of Planning Applications online. Systems replaced or upgraded included the Housing system, Document Management system and cloud migration of the Council Meeting Management system. The large number of software applications that facilitate Council services were supported throughout the year.

The audio-visual and meeting technologies in the Council Chamber were upgraded in 2024. A project was commenced to upgrade all laptops and PCs to Windows 11. The Council's technology infrastructure was upgraded where required, including network upgrades, WiFi upgrades, and Teams meeting rooms implementations. Server availability was 99.98% and network availability was 99.99% for the year.

The Digital Services Department supported the 2024 Local Elections in Fingal and ensured a smooth process from a technological perspective.

The implementation of the Council's Digital Fingal strategy continued during the year, including completion of Virtual Reality headsets to Libraries and eight additional on-street and community centre WiFi installations. The "Demystifying IoTs" event was organised by Smart Balbriggan as part of Science Week.

Cyber-crime continues to be an ongoing and ever-changing threat to the Council. Cyber-security measures were continually reviewed and enhanced as required during the year.

## **Apply the principles of good design, delivery, management and informed decision making to all projects, programmes and delivery of services**

The Council is committed to and is cognisant of the principles of good design, delivery, management and informed decision in order to provide an effective programme delivery of all projects, programmes and services.



## **Perform statutory obligations in a way that ensures fairness and efficiency for both the community being protected and those being regulated**

The Council is committed to complying with all statutory and legislative requirements in the delivery of its functions and carrying out these requirements in the most efficient and effective way.

## **Deliver on the Public Sector Duty under the Irish Human Rights and Equality Act 2014**

The Council is cognisant of its Public Sector Duty and training for staff is provided through our Diversity and Equality Programmes. Within the Migrant and Social Cohesion Strategy, the Council continues to embrace the cultural diversity within the county.



# Strengthen Organisational and Staff Development

## **Build a workforce of the future by recruiting, retaining and developing high quality and motivated staff**

- Recruitment of suitable qualified staff continues while ensuring skills and competencies align with our organisational needs.
- Competency based Performance and Development Framework is integral to the recruitment processes and continuously informs our training and development initiatives which are in place for all staff.
- Annual PMDS process enables us to assess performance, identifies areas for improvement and guides succession planning efforts.
- Wellbeing Strategy successfully implemented.

## **Protect and promote Health, Safety and Wellbeing amongst our staff**

- Health and Safety Programmes and Wellbeing Programmes are in place for staff.
- Safety Awareness Programmes, Inspections and Safety Audits continued at worksites.
- Pro-active attendance management process is in place.
- In-house provision of Staff Welfare Services continues. Employee Assistance Programme in place.

## **Develop capacity and capability of the organisation**

- Performance Management through annual PMDS.
- Training and Development Programme enhances individual capabilities and strengthens our organisational resilience.
- The Competency Framework is an integral part of the recruitment and selection procedure.
- Extensive tailored training and development opportunities offered to staff and successfully completed.
- Building a robust and adaptable workforce.

## **Manage the organisation effectively**

The effective management of the Council is ensured through the Executive Management Team structure, led by the Chief Executive, supported by departmental and team meetings and underpinned by the PMDS process. Strategic HR Management continues to support organisational growth and performance management.



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# **Strategic Policy Committee Programme Reports 2024**





# Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment

**Chairperson:** Cllr Joe Newman

**Council Members:** Cllr JK Onwumereh, Cllr Siobhan Shovlin, Cllr Ruth Coppinger (June-Nov 24), Cllr Brian McDonagh, Cllr David Healy

**External Members:** Tara Byrne, Paul Flynn, Sarah Zimmerman

**Council Members Pre-June 2024:** Cllr David Healy, Cllr Mary McCamley, Cllr Aoibhinn Tormey, Cllr Pamela Conroy, Cllr Joe Newman, Cllr Paul Mulville

**External Members:** Seamus McGrath, Edward Stevenson

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
26/03/2024	Dublin Agglomeration Noise Action Plan 2024 - 2029	Presentation given by Brian Reynolds. Presentation <b>NOTED</b>
	Environmental Inspection and Compliance Plan (RMCEI)	Presentation given by John Daly. Presentation <b>NOTED</b>
	Clothes Swap Shops Report	Report given by Catherine O'Donovan and <b>NOTED</b>
	"Greener by Default"	Motion <b>AGREED</b>
	Designated poster areas for the Local or General Elections within a voluntary poster free zone	Report <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	Staffing for Biodiversity Plan	Report <b>ACCEPTED</b>
17/12/2024	Community Climate Action Fund	Presentation given by Community Climate Action Co-ordinator and <b>NOTED</b>
	Promoting Sustainable Climate Action in Fingal Schools	Report discussed and Report <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	Electric Vehicle Charging	Report discussed and Report <b>ACCEPTED</b>





## Community, Sports and Culture

**Chairperson:** Cllr Eoghan Dockrell

**Council Members:** Cllr Mary McCamley, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Angela Donnelly, Cllr Tom Kitt, Cllr James Humphreys

**External Members:** Brenda Vanderzee, Abi Wise

**Council Members Pre-June 2024:** Cllr Joan Hopkins, Cllr JK Onwumereh, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Gráinne Maguire, Cllr Brendan Ryan, Cllr Cathal Boland

**External Members:** Abbi Wise

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
27/03/2024	Workplan 2024	The report was <b>AGREED</b>
	Fingal Heritage Plan 2024 – 2030	Presentation given by Christine Baker, Heritage Officer. Presentation was <b>NOTED</b>
	Update on Creative Ireland - Funding Call and Cruinniú na nÓg	Presentation given by Lilian Whelan, Senior Executive Librarian. Presentation was <b>NOTED</b>
	Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024 – 2029	Report was <b>NOTED</b>
11/12/2024	Department Update on 2024 Work Programme	Presentations and reports were given and <b>NOTED</b>







# Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development

**Chairperson:** Cllr Kieran Dennison

**Council Members:** Cllr Tony Murphy, Cllr Tom O'Leary, Cllr James Humphreys, Cllr Siobhan Shovlin, Cllr Ellen Troy, Cllr Jimmy Guerin

**External Members:** Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, Peadar O'Kelly

**Council Members Pre-June 2024:** Cllr Darragh Butler, Cllr Ian Carey, Cllr Ted Leddy, Cllr Anthony Lavin, Cllr Siobhan Shovlin, Cllr Howard Mahony, Cllr Breda Hanaphy, Cllr Tony Murphy

**External Members:** Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, Yetunde Joyce, Helen Keng Mobit

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
10/12/2024	SPC Framework and Role of the EETD SPC	Presentation by John Quinlivan Director of Services. The presentation was <b>NOTED</b>
	SPC Policy Programme and Updates	Presentation by John Quinlivan, Director of Services. The presentation was <b>NOTED</b>
	Strategic Development for Economic Development	Presentation by John Quinlivan, Director of Services. The presentation was <b>NOTED</b>
	Local Economic and Community Plan Update	Presentation by Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer. The presentation was <b>NOTED</b>
	Appointments to Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor	John Quinlivan, Director of Services, explained the background to the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor and that the Mayor (Cllr. Brian McDonagh), Chairperson of the SPC (Cllr. Kieran Dennison) and one other member of the SPC would be appointed. Cllr. Tony Murphy proposed appointing Cllr. Tom O'Leary. This was seconded by Cllr. James Humphreys and <b>AGREED</b>
	Events Strategy	Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer gave an overview and update. The report was <b>NOTED</b>



# Housing

**Chairperson:** Cllr Robert O'Donoghue (June-Nov)

**Council Members:** Cllr Gerard Sheehan, Cllr Breda Hanaphy, Cllr Ted Leddy, Cllr John Burtchaell, Cllr Aoibhinn Tormey, Cllr Cathal Haughey

**External Members:** David Branagan, Jimmy Doran, Jo Fulham

**Council Members Pre-June 2024:** Cllr Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr Brigid Manton, Cllr James Humphreys, Cllr Natalie Treacy, Cllr Michelle Griffin, Cllr John Burtchaell, Cllr Kieran Dennison, Cllr Adrian Henchy

**External Members:** Finbarr Geaney, Dayakar Reddy Komirelly, John Uwhumiakpor, Anthony Cooney

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
25/03/2024	Update on Tenant-in-Situ (TIS)	Presentation on TIS process and <b>NOTED</b>
	Update on Affordable Housing	Presentation was given and <b>NOTED</b>
	Community Action Tenants Union (CATU) Engagement	The report was <b>NOTED</b>
26/11/2024	The Land Development Agency (LDA)	Invitation issued to all Councillors to attend presentation by the LDA outlining delivery, targets and planned developments
	Disability Strategy Update	A presentation was given and <b>NOTED</b>
	Summary of Social Housing Assessments (SSHA) 2024	A presentation was given and <b>NOTED</b>





# Marine and Coastal Management

**Chairperson:** Cllr Angela Donnelly  
**Council Members:** Cllr Paul Mulville, Cllr Corina Johnston, Cllr Cathal Boland, Cllr Grainne Maguire, Cllr Dean Mulligan  
**External Members:** Alison Regan, Charles Sargent, Máire O'Brien

**Council Members Pre-June 2024:** Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, Cllr Adrian Henchy, Cllr Brian Dennehy, Cllr Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Paul Mulville, Cllr Tom O'Leary, Cllr Karen Power, Cllr Cathal Boland, Cllr David Healy  
**External Members:** Máire O'Brien, James Magrane, Stephen Kennedy

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
13/03/2024	Coastal Monitoring in Fingal	A presentation given by David Fahey, OPW. The presentation was <b>NOTED</b>
	Introduction to Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA)	Presentation on the role of the MARA was given by Rory O'Leary. The presentation was <b>NOTED</b>
	Report on the plans, proposals, and status of the OPW Pilot Coastal Monitoring Survey Programme	Presentation and report were <b>NOTED</b>
	OPW Update, Pilot Coastal Monitoring Survey Programme	Presentation and report were <b>NOTED</b>
	Report on An Bord Pleanála – Planning Application – Portrane/Rush	The report <b>NOTED</b>
27/11/2024	Outdoor Recreation Plan	Presentation was given and <b>NOTED</b>
	Update on Balleally Landfill	Presentation was given and <b>NOTED</b>
	Coordinated Response to Coastal Erosion	Report was <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	MARA Application for Portrane Coastal Protection Scheme	Report was <b>ACCEPTED</b>



# Planning, Strategic Transport and Infrastructure

**Chairperson:** Cllr Eoghan O'Brien

**Council Members:** Cllr Cathal Boland, Cllr John Smyth, Cllr Luke Corkery, Cllr Tania Doyle, Cllr Eimear Carbone-Mangan

**External Members:** Kevin Tolan, Anthony Cooney, Paul Arnold

**Council Members Pre-June 2024:** Cllr Brian McDonagh, Cllr Tania Doyle, Cllr Dean Mulligan, Cllr Steve O'Reilly (Feb 24), Cllr Tom Kitt, Cllr Brian Dennehy

**External Members:** Paul Arnold, David Branagan

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
12/03/2024	SPC Work Programme 2024	A presentation report was given to the Members. The report was <b>AGREED</b>
	Major Studies/LAP's	The update was <b>NOTED</b>
	Residential Zoned Land Tax	The update was <b>NOTED</b>
	Major Capital Project Delivery	A detailed presentation was given and <b>NOTED</b>
	Development Contribution Waiver Scheme Update	An update was given and <b>NOTED</b>
	Expected Timeline on Delivery of Objective CSO61	The Chief Executive's Report was <b>ACCEPTED</b>
10/12/2024	Major Capital Project Delivery	Presentations were given and <b>NOTED</b>
	Major Studies/LAPs	A presentation was given and <b>NOTED</b>
	Water Planning -Domestic SuDS	An update was given and <b>NOTED</b>
	Update on Taking in Charge	An update was given and <b>NOTED</b>
	Enforcement Update	A presentation was given and <b>NOTED</b>
	Strategic Policy Committee Work Programme 2025	An overview of Committee's Work Programme 2025 was given to the Members which was <b>AGREED</b>







# Public Realm Transportation /Mobility Management

*\*Transport and Infrastructure Management January-June 2024*

**Chairperson:** Cllr Darragh Butler

**Council Members:** Cllr Darren Jack Kelly, Cllr Malachy Quinn, Cllr Corina Johnston, Cllr Joan Hopkins, Cllr Patrick Quinlan

**External Members:** Michael Lenehan, Siobhan O'Donnell, John Fox

**Council Members Pre-June 2024:** Cllr Tom O'Leary, Cllr Angela Donnelly, Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Jimmy Guerin, Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, Cllr Karen Power

**External Members:** Michael Lenehan, Sinead Kavanagh

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
05/03/2024	Update on harbour bye-laws	A presentation was given and <b>NOTED</b>
	Update on casual trading bye-laws	A presentation was given and <b>NOTED</b>
	Identify and Record joy-riding hotspots within Fingal	The report was <b>ACCEPTED</b>
25/11/2024	Strategic Policy Committee Membership, Role and Work Programme 2025	A presentation was given by Mary T. Daly, Director of Operations. The presentation was <b>NOTED</b>
	Fingal Road Safety Plan	A presentation was given by Larry Bergin, Road Safety Officer, on the Fingal Road Safety Plan. The presentation was <b>NOTED</b>
	Active and Sustainable Transport Update	A presentation was given by Sinead Murphy, Senior Engineer. The presentation was <b>NOTED</b>
	Active Travel Strategy and STEP UP project	A presentation was given by Larry Bergin, Road Safety Officer, outlining the STEP UP scheme and Fingal's involvement. The presentation was <b>NOTED</b>



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# **Joint Policing Committee**

## **Membership and Activities**



## Membership:

### 15 Local Authority Members:

Cllr Ian Carey (Chair), Cllr Adrian Henchy, Cllr Gráinne Maguire, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Anthony Lavin, Cllr Tony Murphy, Cllr Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Tania Doyle, Cllr Dean Mulligan, Cllr James Humphreys, Cllr JK Onwumereh, Cllr Pamela Conroy, Cllr Ted Leddy.

1 x vacancy unfilled, due to resignation of Cllr Daniel Whooley.

### Oireachtas Members:

Alan Farrell TD, Louise O'Reilly TD, Senator Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Duncan Smith TD, Senator Emer Currie.

### PPN (Community) Representatives:

Angela Rogers, John Fox  
5 x vacancies for PPN Representatives on Fingal JPC.

### An Garda Síochána:

Chief Superintendent Peter Duff (DMR-N) and Chief Superintendent Michael McNulty (DMR-W).

**Fingal County Council:** AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive; Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, Operations and Water Services; and Liam Burke, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.

## Activities:

The Fingal Joint Policing Committee is established under the Garda Síochána Act 2005 and its function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Local Authority's administrative area and in particular to keep under review:

- The levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in that area (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs).
- The factors underlying and contributing to the levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area.
- This is managed through the Annual Work Programme of the Joint Policing Committee which sets out four strategic areas for collaboration between Fingal County Council and An Garda Síochána.

In 2024, the Fingal Joint Policing Committee met on the following dates:

- 1st March 2024 via Microsoft Teams
- 31st May 2024 via Microsoft Teams

No further meetings were held in 2024. Local Elections took place on Friday 7th June 2024 and new Councillors were elected to Fingal County Council.

The Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024 commenced on 14th May 2024 and provided for the establishment of a Local Community Safety Partnership model to build on the work of and replace the Joint Policing Committee Structure. Arrangements for the establishment of Fingal LCSPs are ongoing.



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# Financial Position



# Statement Of Internal Financial Control (SIFC)

## Introduction

I, AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive (CE) of Fingal County Council am responsible for the annual financial statement (AFS), prepared by the Director of Finance, in accordance with the accounting code of practice issued by the Minister under section 107 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

I certify that the financial statements of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31 December 2024, are in agreement with the books of account and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The AFS is subject to external audit, by an auditor of the Local Government Audit Service, whose purpose is to form an independent opinion of the accounts and state whether the annual financial statement presents fairly the financial position of the local authority and of its income and expenditure for the period in question and whether the transactions of the audited body conform with the statutory or other authorisation under which they purport to have been carried out.

The AFS reports on the day-to-day activity of Fingal County Council in the form of the Statement of Comprehensive Income & Expenditure, summarised by Division. The Statement of Financial Position outlines Fingal County Council's overall financial position as of the 31st of December 2024.

The Statement of Comprehensive Income represents expenditure and income on the day-to-day running of the Fingal County Council.

The key sources of income for Fingal County Council are as follows:

	Current Year €	Previous Year €
Goods & Services	67,518,892	71,461,092
Grants & Subsidies	126,339,261	92,776,770
Other Contributions (as appropriate)	1,755,892	6,919,393
Rates	161,624,202	154,729,089
Local Property Tax	12,366,308	9,779,302



Activity on the Income and Expenditure account for 2024 is as follows:

*The increase in income is driven by additional Government grants as well as additional income from Commercial rates. The increased expenditure is driven by increased activity across all areas of the council particularly housing and operations. In addition it reflects the rollout by the Council of the Increased Cost of Business and Power Up grant both of which were funded by DETE.*

	<b>Current Year €</b>	<b>Previous Year €</b>
Income	381,355,103	335,665,646
Expenditure	(338,932,640)	(290,938,651)
Transfers to Capital	(42,422,187)	(44,726,742)
Exceptional Item	0	0
Surplus/(Deficit) for	278	252
Prior Year Adjustment	0	0
Opening Revenue Reserve	15,980,456	15,980,204
Closing Revenue Reserve	15,980,734	15,980,456

The overall surplus for 2024 is minimal and in line with previous years.

The Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) represents the total financial activity of the council for the year together with comparative year figures as appropriate.

The statement includes assets and liabilities as follows:

- Assets both recently constructed/purchased and historical assets
- Work in progress and preliminary schemes - mainly roads and housing
- Long Term Debtors - housing loans
- Current Assets - including Stock, Debtors, Cash at bank
- Current and long term liabilities - mortgage and non-mortgage loan borrowings
- Various Reserves/Balances

The Net Assets Fingal County Council, at the end of 2024 total €3,647m and are as follows:

	<b>Current Year €</b>	<b>Previous Year €</b>
Fixed Assets	3,264,473,271	3,162,400,573
Works in Progress	217,673,968	134,172,736
Long Term debtors	383,597,780	307,245,595
Current Assets	510,124,911	473,982,431
Current Liabilities	(191,115,618)	(164,992,722)
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	4,184,754,312	3,912,808,613
Creditors (Amounts greater than 1 year)	(537,341,795)	(458,409,879)
Net Assets/(Liabilities)	3,647,412,517	3,454,398,734

A Statement of Funds Flow was introduced as part of AFS 2011. While the guidance of International Accounting Standard 7 Statement of Cash Flows has been followed, the business of local authorities is substantially different to most private sector organisations and therefore some minor changes to the format have been agreed to ensure the data displayed is meaningful and useful within the local government sector.

## System of Internal Financial Controls

As Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, I acknowledge my responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated by the Fingal County Council. This responsibility is exercised in the context of the resources available to Fingal County Council. Also, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected in a timely manner. Maintaining the system of internal financial controls is a continuous process and the system and its effectiveness are kept under ongoing review.

## Financial Control Environment

As Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, I confirm that a financial control environment containing the following elements is in place:

- Financial responsibilities have been assigned at management level with corresponding accountability;
- Reporting arrangements have been established at all levels where responsibility for financial management has been assigned;



- Formal procedures have been established for reporting significant control failures and ensuring appropriate corrective action;
- There is an Audit Committee which as part of its work programme regularly review the internal financial control system;
- Procedures for all key business processes have been documented;
- There are systems in place to safeguard the assets.

## **Administrative Controls and Management Reporting**

As Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, I confirm that a framework of administrative procedures and regular management reporting is in place including segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability and, in particular, that:

- Procedures for key business processes have been documented;
- There are systems aimed at ensuring the security of the ICT systems;
- There are systems in place to safeguard the assets of the Local Authority; and
- There are appropriate capital investment control guidelines and formal project management disciplines in operation.

## **Procurement Compliance**

Fingal County Council ensures that there is an appropriate and ongoing focus on good practice in tendering and purchasing and that procedures are in place to ensure compliance with all relevant procurement guidelines.

## **Internal Audit and Audit Committee**

As Chief Executive, I can confirm that Fingal County Council has an internal audit function with appropriately trained personnel, which operates in accordance with a written charter. Its work is informed by analysis of the financial risks to which Fingal County Council is exposed and its annual internal audit plans are based on this analysis. I am satisfied that there are procedures in place to ensure that the reports of the internal audit function are followed up.

I can confirm that Fingal County Council has an effective Audit Committee which carries out an annual effectiveness review of their activities. I can also confirm that an Audit Committee is in place in accordance with the requirements of Section 122 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

The statutory functions of Audit Committees as set out in section 59 and 60 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 are as follows:

1. To review financial and budgetary reporting practices and procedures within the Local Authority that has established it;
2. To foster the development of best practice in the performance by the Local Authority of its internal audit function;
3. To review any audited financial statement, auditor's report or auditor's special report in relation to the Local Authority and assess any actions taken within that Authority by its Chief Executive in response to such a statement or report and to report to that authority on its findings;
4. To assess and promote efficiency and value for money with respect to the Local Authority's performance of its functions; and

5. to review systems that are operated by the Local Authority for the management of risks.

I recognise that the Audit Committee plays a crucial role in the governance framework of Local Authorities, particularly in the context of increased public sector accountability. They have an independent role in advising the Council on financial reporting processes, internal control, risk management and audit matters as part of the systematic review of the control environment and governance procedures of the local authority.

I acknowledge the Audit Committee's role in the risk management process and in the continuing review of the control environment and governance procedures in Fingal County Council.

## **Risk and Control Framework**

Fingal County Council has implemented a risk management system which identifies and reports key risks and the management actions being taken to address and, to the extent possible, mitigate those risks.

A corporate risk register is in place which identifies the key risks and evaluates and grades them according to their significance. The register is reviewed and updated by the Management Team on a regular basis. There is also a risk register in place for each service division and these are also reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

The outcome of these assessments is used to plan and allocate resources to ensure risks are managed to an acceptable level. The risk registers which detail the controls and actions needed to mitigate risks and responsibilities for the operation of controls are assigned to specific staff.

As Chief Executive, I confirm that key risks and related controls have been identified and processes have been put in place to monitor the operation of those key controls and report any identified deficiencies.

The Statement of Internal Financial Control will be included in the draft Annual Report submitted to Council members by 30 April each year and thereafter included in the published Annual Report prepared and adopted by the Council by 30 June each year.

Signed by:

Dated:



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**Chief Executive**

**08/04/2025**



# Revenue Account Statement

## For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Draft 2024 €</b>	<b>2023 Audited €</b>
Housing and Building	107,568,212	94,865,186
Roads Transportation and Safety	40,799,050	36,224,984
Water and Sewerage	11,219,519	17,092,162
Development Incentives and Controls	48,023,290	27,874,193
Environmental Protection	53,224,359	47,991,896
Recreation and Amenity	62,574,612	55,696,686
Agriculture, Education, Health and Safety	1,732,440	1,555,916
Miscellaneous	11,235,522	9,637,628
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>336,377,005</b>	<b>290,938,651</b>

<b>Income</b>	<b>Draft 2024 €</b>	<b>2023 Audited €</b>
Housing and Building	107,342,655	97,154,193
Roads Transportation and Safety	9,674,613	10,436,385
Water and Sewerage	15,722,836	17,117,958
Development Incentives and Controls	27,132,701	8,101,584
Environmental Protection	6,303,117	11,698,921





# Revenue Account Statement

## For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Income	Draft 2024 €	2023 Audited €
Recreation and Amenity	5,536,579	4,155,812
Agriculture, Education, Health and Safety	468,401	485,603
Miscellaneous	29,536,531	22,006,799
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>201,717,433</b>	<b>171,157,255</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>134,659,572</b>	<b>119,781,396</b>
<i>which is funded by:</i>		
County Rates	161,624,202	154,729,089
Local Property Tax	12,366,308	9,779,302
Pension Related Deduction	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>173,990,510</b>	<b>164,508,391</b>
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers	39,330,938	44,726,995
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	(39,330,403)	(44,726,742)
Overall surplus/(Deficit) for the year.	535	253
Incoming Balance @ 1st January 2024	15,980,457	15,980,204
<b>Closing Balance @ 31st December 2024</b>	<b>15,980,992</b>	<b>15,980,457</b>

# Capital Account Statement

## For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

<b>Expenditure (Net of Internal Transfers)*</b>	<b>Draft 2024 €</b>	<b>2023 Audited €</b>
Housing and Building	300,343,347	199,606,651
Roads Transportation and Safety	55,904,872	36,138,966
Water and Sewerage	1,657,570	1,031,830
Development Incentives and Controls	35,659,061	57,988,676
Environmental Protection	1,752,731	3,128,467
Recreation and Amenity	38,909,121	32,402,705
Miscellaneous Services	13,068,011	17,363,220
	<b>447,294,714</b>	<b>347,660,515</b>

# Capital Account Statement

## For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Income (Net of Internal Transfers)*	Draft 2024 €	2023 Audited €
Housing and Building	265,513,618	180,311,147
Roads Transportation and Safety	29,259,820	16,089,746
Water and Sewerage	1,412,385	1,089,351
Development Incentives and Controls	86,406,856	108,893,175
Environmental Protection	2,374,325	-3,536,088
Recreation and Amenity	6,262,381	15,351,630
Miscellaneous Services	16,262,524	14,018,532
	<b>407,491,908</b>	<b>332,217,493</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for year</b>	<b>(39,802,806)</b>	<b>(15,443,022)</b>
<b>Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 1st January 2024</b>	<b>250,314,745</b>	<b>265,757,767</b>
<b>Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 31 December 2024</b>	<b>210,511,939</b>	<b>250,314,745</b>

*\*Excludes internal transfers, includes transfers to and from Revenue account*



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# Service Delivery Reports



# Airport Noise Competent Authority

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
<p>Ensure the noise generated by aircraft activity at Dublin Airport is assessed and provide for the application of the ICAO balanced approach where a noise problem is identified.</p>	<p>An aircraft noise assessment commenced in December 2022 and continued during 2024 to assess the impact of the airport operating in three-runway format. The noise climate continued to change during the year and the airport authority was directed to provide updated data to ANCA.</p> <p>A Noise Action Plan for Dublin Airport (2024-2028) was made on 9th December 2024. The plan reviews the aircraft noise situation in surrounding communities, highlighting areas for improvement and potential future developments, such as changes to noise management measures and infrastructure upgrades.</p>
<p>Ensure that the aircraft noise implications of planning applications at Dublin Airport are assessed.</p>	<p>Ten planning applications were referred to ANCA during 2024 by the planning authority for an assessment of potential aircraft noise impacts. Eight of these applications presented no aircraft noise potential and no further detailed consideration was required for new noise management or control measures.</p> <p>A preliminary noise assessment by ANCA in Q1 2024, determined that a planning application submitted in December 2023 to increase passenger capacity to 40 million passengers per year required detailed noise assessment. A direction from ANCA to the airport authority to provide additional data information was issued in March 2024.</p> <p>In December 2024, the planning authority referred a planning application to ANCA relating to an increase in permitted passenger capacity at Dublin Airport to 36 million passengers per year. The planning authority deemed this application invalid in January 2025 and the assessment received no further consideration.</p>
<p>Monitor compliance and effectiveness of noise mitigation measures and operating restrictions in place at Dublin Airport.</p>	<p>ANCA carried out a review during 2024 of the effectiveness of the noise mitigation measures in place at Dublin Airport in achieving the outcomes established by the noise abatement objective. The report is available to view and download from the ANCA website.</p> <p>ANCA published the compliance report of the airport authority relating to compliance by airport users with noise mitigation measures and operating restrictions.</p>



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Informing communities.	<p>A multi-annual programme to create a comprehensive network of aircraft noise monitors around Dublin Airport was completed by the airport authority during 2024. The project, coordinated by ANCA, delivered twenty-five monitors that provide detailed information for departing and arriving aircraft in a wide variety of community locations. The data can be viewed online on a near-live and historical replay basis.</p>



# Architects

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
<p>To provide a quality professional Architectural Service to meet the requirements of the client departments and Council Initiatives.</p>	<p>Architectural services and advice have been delivered to various Council Departments throughout 2024 across a range of project types.</p> <p>The diverse services offered ranged from feasibility studies, site assessment, statutory consent processes, tender and contract administration, procurement, cost, planning and control, urban and interior design and administration of conservation grants to protect the built heritage. The services were provided in relation to various project types including new build, extensions, refurbishment, conservation and maintenance services.</p> <p>The services covered many building types - housing, public buildings, offices, historic buildings and design of the public realm. Services were also provided to assist with development and monitoring of the Council's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.</p>
<p>Assist with built heritage protection issues including managing the Architectural Conservation Office and the assessment and administration of grant supports and Council Initiatives.</p>	<p>The Conservation Office has delivered a work programme comprising grants – administration of the Built Heritage investment scheme, the Historic Structures Fund and the Stitch in Time grant, planning reports as an internal consultee for the Planning Department, participation in preplanning meetings, work related to the architectural heritage of the county, input to the Fingal County Council Monuments/ Structures at Risk programme, input into Climate Change initiatives as related to the historic built environment, responses to Elected Member queries and questions, responding to correspondence/emails from the public and others.</p>
<p>To engage with relevant Government departments in relation to budget approvals, administration of grant schemes and policy on the built environment as it relates to the Council.</p>	<p>The Architects Department have engaged with relevant Government Departments via our client Council departments for all funded capital projects and grant schemes.</p>
<p>To ensure that building projects commissioned by the Council meet statutory requirements in relation to Planning, Health and Safety, Building Control and Environmental and Heritage protection.</p>	<p>All statutory requirements have been met regarding Planning, Health and Safety, Building Control and Environmental and Heritage protection. In addition, an effective suite of controls is in place to ensure ongoing compliance.</p>

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
To manage and implement efficient cyclical and planned maintenance services for existing Fingal housing stock and to efficiently manage re-let repairs of existing and newly acquired stock including implementation of Council climate change action plan.	Cyclical planned and response maintenance programmes were carried out in Council housing stock throughout the year including boiler, window and door replacement and retrofit programmes. Re-let repairs were carried out on properties throughout the county. Process improvements were applied to all programmes.
To manage construction budgets and process contractor claims for payment efficiently and fairly.	Budgets were managed for capital and maintenance projects for client department. Requirements of the CWMF and the OGP were applied to cost control activities. There was close engagement with the Central Procurement Unit.





# Community and Sports Development

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
To provide developmental and management support to voluntary Fingal County Council facility Committees.	<p>The Community Development Office (CDO) provides a range of supports at varying levels to 38 Council owned, leased and community owned facilities across the county.</p> <p>Supports include board of management mentoring in areas such as good governance, business and financial planning, project development, environmental awareness projects, funding applications, convening the Fingal Community Facilities Network through the provision of a range of master classes, training and collaborative supports.</p> <p>In 2024 the CDO provided €2,365,777 in financial support to Council owned and supported community facilities across the county.</p>
Continue to manage the upkeep and renovation of old facilities.	<p>The CDO continued to develop and implement a community centre improvement works programme to ensure that Fingal's older community facilities are maintained to an appropriate standard. In 2024, the Council spent €2,103,434 on upgrading these facilities.</p> <p>Throughout 2024, grant funding to the value of €203,421 was awarded to non-Council owned facilities under the remedial works grant scheme.</p>
Supports to Community and Voluntary programmes of activities.	<p>In 2024 grant funding to the value of €474,915 was provided by the Community Development Office to support Activity, Summer and Halloween Projects.</p> <p>Funding of €8,000 was provided to Volunteers Ireland in support of the Community Volunteers programme and the ongoing work of connecting communities through volunteering.</p>
Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN).	<p>During 2024, 92 new member groups registered on the PPN network increasing total membership by 12%, bringing the total membership to 843.</p> <p>Throughout the year, the CDO provided administrative support to the PPN until the arrival of the PPN staff. Plenaries were held in May and September 2024.</p>





<b>Service Delivery Objective</b>	<b>Assessment Report 2024</b>
Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Policy.	<p>The CDO provided oversight and guidance to ensure the delivery of the 25 actions identified under the five strategic pillars set out in the Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy 2019 – 2024.</p> <p>During Fingal Inclusion Week 2024, 70 events across Fingal were supported.</p>
Fingal Comhairle na nÓg.	<p>Ongoing support was provided to Fingal Comhairle na nÓg throughout 2024 to assist with the development of research on the chosen subject topic for 2024 'Promoting Youth Spaces and accessibility in Fingal'.</p> <p>A funding provision of €35,000 was made to enhance the support provided and increase stakeholder engagement.</p> <p>Fingal Comhairle na nÓg held their Annual Youth Conference in October with over 80 young people in attendance.</p>
Continue to support the work of Age Friendly Fingal Alliance; Continue to support the work of Age Friendly Ireland.	<p>Ten in-person meetings were facilitated to support the work of the Older Persons Council; six in-person meetings were facilitated to support the work of the Age Friendly Alliance. Three online interdepartmental meetings were held.</p> <p>In May, the Age Friendly team supported the hosting of the Fingal's Older People's Council (OPC), Annual Conference, 130 Fingal older adults attended the conference.</p> <p>In July, the Fingal Age Friendly team hosted the Vintage Picnic, Arts Creativity and Music Festival in Swords Castle. Over 700 older people attended the event. Two information events for older people were held in Blanchardstown (March) and Balbriggan (Sept).</p> <p>In October, the Fingal Age Friendly team supported 16 events across the county to celebrate Positive Ageing Week. Fingal hosted the National Age Friendly Awards in November.</p> <p>Two information events for older people were held in the Blanchardstown (March) and Balbriggan (September). Numerous consultation events across the county were organized for the consultants for the Age Friendly Strategy.</p> <p>The intergenerational Project in Balbriggan continued after the shared-island project finished.</p> <p>The Community Development and Inclusion Office was successful in attaining a place in the EU Korale Project. This is a four-year EU programme focusing on tackling loneliness through public policy. The Fingal partners are focusing on loneliness in older people and look forward to learning from European counterparts and sharing some of the good practices in Fingal.</p>





*Fingal Comhairle na nÓg visit the Chamber in County Hall, Swords*



*National Age Friendly Awards 2024*







*Fingal Age Friendly hosts Vintage Picnic 2024 at Swords Castle*



*Celebrations at the Mayor's Awards 2024*







*Fingal County Council host the annual "Shine A Light" Event in Swords Castle and Park*

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
<p>Fingal Sports Office continued implementation of the aims of Fingal Sport Vision Statement 2019-2021, Fingal Active, Together Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029.</p>	<p>Fingal County Council Sports Office conducted various training, workshops, and tailored physical activity programmes for individuals of all ages and skill levels, providing activity opportunities, shared information, and offered financial aid to support sustainable initiatives.</p> <p>In 2024, the Fingal County Council Sports Office engaged with 70,763 participants across 154 programmes. An increase in programmes was due to the movement of development officers to area based and running more community-based programmes. On a weekly basis there are over 500 people taking part in weekly programmes of Parent and Toddler, Fingal on the Move and Active for Life classes.</p> <p>A notable highlight in 2024 was the launch of Fingal's Local Sports Plan Active Together 2024-2029. The plan lays out a strategic framework focused on six key commitments: prioritising sports and physical activity; improving accessibility for everyone; raising the profile and visibility of sports activities; emphasising outdoor participation; enhancing quality facilities and fostering stakeholder collaboration.</p> <p><b>Malahide Sports Festival</b></p> <p>In the wake of the successful Summer Paris Olympics 2024, the Fingal Sports Office launched a new sports festival that showcased various Sport Ireland National Governing Bodies. The event featured 30 sporting organizations, offering "come and try" opportunities, and attracted over 8,500 participants throughout the day.</p> <p><b>Fingal's Park and Trails Challenge</b></p> <p>During the Summer, under the Active Cities Dublin banner Fingal Sports Office, 'Leave No Trace' Ireland and the other 3 Dublin local authorities collaborated to provide essential information about Fingal's routes, including directions, parking options, and safety guidelines for parks and trails. Active Cities also highlighted wheelchair accessibility, playgrounds, picnic areas, and 'off-leash' dog zones, promoting the motto: 'Get Up, Get Outdoors, Get Active.' In the summer, over 3,500 individuals registered for the Parks and Trails challenge.</p>



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
<p>Fingal Sports Office continued implementation of the aims of Fingal Sport Vision Statement 2019-2021, Fingal Active, Together Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024–2029.</p>	<p><b>Fingal’s School Athletics League</b> In April 2024, 48 primary schools participated in Fingal’s Athletics League running events, culminating in 2,400 children taking part across four preliminary races, with a finals day held at ALSAA. Finals day brought all the schools together, where they earned points based on their runners’ performances in the races. The event was live-streamed, allowing schools and parents to follow along and participants could later revisit the day.</p> <p><b>Safeguarding Courses</b> Ongoing delivery of safeguarding courses: Fingal Sports Office continue to facilitate this vital club governance alignment for Fingal clubs, ensuring child welfare is paramount in all sporting considerations.</p> <p><b>Women in Sport Week</b> During Women in Sport Week, Fingal Sports Office collaborated with over 20 local sports clubs to provide opportunities for girls, teens and women to try new sports and all clubs were required to have a follow on/sustainable opportunity after the week. Women in Sport Week come and try included 850 participants across the week trying out a new session. Fingal’s Exercise Energise saw 17 schools come together during Women in Sport Week, 680 teenage girls were introduced to new activities to promote continued positive lifestyle choices.</p> <p><b>HER Outdoors Week</b> Fingal delivered HER Outdoors Week in August – a Sport Ireland Initiative, where females were offered the chance to partake in outdoor activity using their local outdoor amenities including Snorkeling, Yoga and Dip, Paddleboarding, Orienteering, Cycling, intro to Triathlon and Rowing.</p> <p><b>Late Night Basketball/Football</b> Continued growth of Flemington Friday Night Basketball and FAI Late Night League, which has attracted excellent numbers and facilitated soft communication channels for Community Gardaí and difficult-to-reach target groups through both sports.</p>
	<p><b>School Programmes</b> Try Track and Field and SportsCon are further primary school athletic interventions to encourage primary schools to try athletics, aiming to sustain an ongoing concept with teachers through upskilling. 3,635 primary school children took part in the 2024 MarathonKids programme, promoting sustained exercise in primary schools.</p>





*Launch of "Building Bridges Forging Pathways Beyond Prejudice" Exhibition*



*Fingal Sports Festival 2024, held at Malahide Castle and Gardens*







*Fingal Sports Festival 2024, held at Malahide Castle and Gardens*

# Corporate Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
To ensure the effective delivery and transparency of democratic processes within the Council.	<p>The Chief Executive and her team continued to work closely with the Elected Members as well as county stakeholders e.g. businesses, community groups, etc.</p> <p>Through the Strategic Policy Committees, the Elected Members continued to fulfil their governance and oversight role.</p> <p>Meetings continued to be serviced and webcast to ensure the transparency of the democratic function.</p>
To ensure the provision of good customer service across the organisation.	<p>The Customer Care Unit consists of trained agents who aim to resolve queries at the first point of contact for the customer. In 2024 our Agents dealt with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone calls: 112,380</li> <li>• Emails: 29,521</li> <li>• In-person queries: 22,723</li> </ul>
To uphold the Citizen Charter and good customer service.	<p>In accordance with the Council's Citizen Charter, all complaints received were processed and responded to in a timely manner during 2024.</p>
To ensure effective internal and external communications and the promotion of Council activities.	<p>In accordance with the Council's Communications Strategy, an extensive programme of internal and external communications was implemented to promote the Council's activities and increase awareness of the work that we do for our citizens.</p> <p>In 2024 there were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,713,755 visitors to our website, fingal.ie which was a 19% increase on 2023.</li> <li>• 3,812,440 page views which was an 11% increase on 2023</li> <li>• 88,998 followers of our corporate social media channels which was a rise of 21% on 2023.</li> <li>• The Residential Satisfaction Survey 2024, which was carried out by REDC, showed:</li> <li>• 50% of residents are aware of the work of Fingal County Council, a rise of 13% from 2022.</li> <li>• 62% of residents feel informed about the working the Council, a rise of 15% from 2022.</li> <li>• 67% of residents are satisfied with the work of the Council, a rise of 9% from 2022.</li> <li>• 52% of residents feel the Council provides value for money, a rise of 2% from 2022.</li> <li>• 70% of residents trust the Council, a rise of 5% from 2022.</li> </ul>





Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
To promote the use of the Irish language through the implementation of the Irish Language Scheme.	<p>Fingal County Council continued to fulfil the requirements of the Irish Language Legislation and promote the language for example through events, Gaeltacht scholarships and staff training.</p> <p>A member of Senior Management was appointed to oversee matters in relation to the obligations in the Official Languages Act and all staff were regularly updated regarding these. The Council met the 1 in 5 and 5% targets in Section 10a regarding advertising as well as continuing to meet other requirements of the Act.</p>
To ensure all Corporate buildings are improved, maintained and protected to the highest possible standard.	<p>During 2024 the Buildings Facilities Team ensured that all corporate buildings were maintained and protected to the highest standard.</p> <p>The staff play a key role in maintaining the Council's commitment to Energy Efficiency and continual improvement through the management of the Council's Energy Management System ISO 50001:2018.</p>



*Fingal celebrates Seachtain na Gaeilge with Ceol, Craic and Gaeilge in County Hall, Swords*

# Digital Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Promote innovative solutions through the mediums of Web, GIS, CRM, Data Analytics, BPI, Open Data and Knowledge Management.	<p>The transition from the Council's old Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system to Dynamics 365 has been completed and is now live across all Departments in Fingal. In conjunction with the move to Dynamics 365, a new and enhanced Councillors' Portal has been completed and is live for all Elected Members, TDs and Senators. The project has achieved its original objective of a standardised and uniform approach for all customer contacts. The new system has been fully embraced by staff and Elected Members alike.</p> <p>There are now 349 datasets published on the Fingal Open Data Portal and data.gov.ie, which is a 44% increase since 2023.</p>
To implement best practice in IT governance.	A new IT User Acceptance Policy for staff was approved. Digital Services continued to work on enhancing efficiency in IT operations, mitigating risks, minimising costs and ensuring improved regulatory compliance as business requirements evolve.
Implementation and management of required infrastructure for IT systems and services.	<p>The Council's server and network infrastructure was managed and upgraded where required to ensure that it performed reliably in 2024. Server availability for the year was 99.98% and network availability was 99.99%. Infrastructure upgrades included: network switch upgrades in depots and libraries; implementation of additional Teams Meeting rooms; and Wi-Fi roll out in Fingal County Council locations and Irish Water Depots.</p> <p>The Council Chamber in County Hall had an extensive audio-visual refit in 2024.</p>
Deliver an efficient support service for our staff and Councillors and members of the public.	The service desk dealt with 11,384 tickets from staff in 2024. 209 calls were logged by Councillors. I.T. Support was provided for all Council Meetings. Digital Services continued to support Corporate Services and the Customer Care Unit in providing and improving the telephony solution for customers.
Encourage and support communities and businesses to reap the full rewards of a digitally enabled society.	The WIFI4EU scheme was improved with the replacement of three access points in Balbriggan, giving a more consistent and stronger signal. There were 32,888 public Wi-Fi (WIFI4EU) visitors during the year. Five community centres received public Wi-Fi installations, bringing the total number of community centres with free public Wi-Fi to twenty-one.



<b>Service Delivery Objective</b>	<b>Assessment Report 2024</b>
Encourage and support communities and businesses to reap the full rewards of a digitally enabled society.	<p>There were 41,616 public Wi-Fi (community centre) visitors during the year. Fifteen community centres received digital information screens, along with an audio-visual document suite and training was provided for community centre managers. Five smart benches were installed across Fingal County Council, replacing existing damaged smart benches.</p> <p>Four new projects were piloted under the CE Innovation Fund 2024. Virtual Reality Libraries and VR 3D Planning Consultations, which were piloted in 2023, won three Ireland eGovernment Awards in 2024.</p> <p>Smart Balbriggan received €9k from Science Foundation Ireland to run a science week event. The 'How it's made: Demystifying IOTs' three-day event ran from the 14th – 16th of November, involving artists from Balbriggan, academics, and Fingal County Council staff showcasing the relevance of the Internet of Things to our communities and lives.</p>
Analysis, design and deployment of secure IT systems to support business processes.	<p>Digital Services continued to maintain and support approximately 65 applications that facilitate Council services and processes. The National ePlanning Portal was implemented in conjunction with the LGMA. In May, the first phase of the NEC Housing application went live as part of the eHousing programme of works.</p> <p>The Council meetings management system, ModernGov, was migrated to a cloud-hosted solution.</p>
Deploy Enterprise Architecture to ensure that the Council's Corporate Strategy utilises proper technology systems architecture to achieve its goals.	Data Protection Impact Assessments were carried out on new and updated systems.
To meet the expectations of an increasingly digitised world and improve the experience of those interacting with the Council.	Digital Services implemented three projects relating to document management. A business model and framework was developed for digitising existing paper files and moving them into the Council's Document Management system and a migration tool was built to enable importing of digitised files. Projects are currently underway in Housing Loans and Housing Allocations to digitise physical files using these tools. A redaction tool was also implemented within the document management system which has resulted in increased efficiency in the processing of documents.



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Successfully manage the Council's I.T. Programme and Project Lifecycle and related Resourcing.	<p>The 2024 Local Elections took place successfully without IT issues. The tender for Supply of I.T. Managed Services to Fingal County Council was successfully awarded following a three-step tender procedure. The Windows 11 rollout project is in progress to ensure the Council meets technology and security requirements.</p> <p>The ePlanning and eHousing programmes and other projects progressed as planned.</p>
Establish and maintain enterprise vision, strategy and programme to ensure information assets and technologies are adequately protected.	IT security remains a priority due to the continuous threat from cyber criminals. Security measures are continuously being reviewed and improved.







*How it's Made Art and Technology Event*



*eGovernment Award Winners*

# Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Foster a strong local economy and promote environmentally sustainable business.	<p>The Council adopted the Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy.</p> <p>The Council continued to meet commitments under the Circular Cities Declaration.</p> <p>In 2024, the Council continued work with DCU and DAA on collaborative sustainable projects, lodging two applications for funding.</p> <p>The Council's Urbact EcoCore Network progressed through its action planning stage and testing pilot actions, i.e. sustainability for Business Briefing and video case studies illustrating sustainable practices with companies in Balbriggan.</p> <p>The Council engaged in a European Urban Initiative City to City Exchange with ECO3 Park, Nokia, Finland to learn best practice in innovation and the circular economy.</p>
Channel a range of supports to local businesses in Fingal. To promote entrepreneurship, foster business start-ups and develop existing micro and small businesses.	<p>The Council's three Enterprise Centres consolidated management in a new legal entity, Innovate Fingal, to drive innovation and the strategic development of the centres and continued to support start-up and growing businesses through the provision of enterprise space, remote working space and related supports.</p> <p>In 2024 LEO Fingal continued to implement the actions from the Local Enterprise Development plan (2021/2024). These actions provide businesses in Fingal with the support and skills to scale and increase employment throughout the county.</p>
To drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports for new business ideas.	<p>LEO Fingal continued to focus on helping businesses explore and expand into export markets, increase collaboration and other supports, including the provision of mentoring and networking events.</p> <p>A total of €1.25 million in financial aid was approved to 197 Fingal businesses for various grant aid schemes including Measure One funding, Trading Online Vouchers and Energy Efficiency Grants. Core portfolio client businesses reported an increase of 197 nett new jobs at the end of 2024. In total, 4,035 places were booked by clients for Training/Networking/Events/Webinars both online and in-person. Local Enterprise Week proved hugely successful with over 900 businesses participating. Business clinics and mentoring assignments were delivered to 1,060 clients.</p>





Flavours of Fingal 2024





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<p>Channel a range of supports to local businesses in Fingal. To promote entrepreneurship, foster business start-ups and develop existing micro and small businesses.</p> <p>To drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports for new business ideas.</p>	<p>127 Trading Online Vouchers were approved during the year, with the scheme discontinued in December. 14 Start Your Own Business courses were delivered to 195 aspiring entrepreneurs.</p> <p>Other core popular business development initiatives continued including networking platforms run by LEO Fingal. Fingal Business Network hosted four business networking events, while Fingal Enterprising Women Network also met quarterly. Fingal hosted National Women's Enterprise Day on behalf of the four Dublin Local Enterprise Offices with more than 300 female entrepreneurs in attendance. The Fingal Exporter Programme continued to provide the necessary assistance to Fingal businesses seeking to grow internationally in the first half of 2024, replaced by the inaugural "Get Exporting" programme rolled out nationally by Enterprise Ireland and the Local Enterprise Offices, with 11 Fingal companies approved for the programme. A further 20 businesses were approved for the "TAME" (Exporter's) grant.</p> <p>The Green for Business programme accelerated during 2024, with some 36 Fingal businesses completing the programme. Seven of these went on to be approved for the new Energy Efficiency Grant aimed at enabling Fingal businesses to become more sustainable.</p> <p>LEO Fingal ran another successful Student Enterprise Programme, with over 1,000 students participating from 20 Fingal second level schools.</p>
<p>Implement and manage local community and economic development programmes including (SICAP) and LEADER.</p>	<p>The Fingal SICAP Programme performed strongly, meeting annual targets, with a budget of €1.52 million to support disadvantaged areas and an additional budget to provide assistance to the Ukrainian community.</p> <p>The LEADER Programme is overseen by the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) which comprises representation from South Dublin, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown and Fingal LCDC's and delivery on the new Dublin Rural LEADER Programme commenced.</p>
<p>Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development.</p>	<p>The Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) was adopted and new members joined the Fingal LCDC from the PPN and Elected Members following local elections in June.</p> <p>The Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator delivered the Healthy Fingal work programme.</p> <p>The Council continued to collaborate closely with partners on the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor.</p>



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
<p>Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development.</p>	<p>The Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy Group was adopted, incorporating good practices from European Partners in the Interreg SKYLA Project. The Council delivered the Xplore Your Future TY Skills Expo in 2024.</p> <p>The Council completed participation on 2 EU CERV Projects, one on Green Skills and another on Inclusion for 2024.</p>
<p>Implement Our Balbriggan 2019–2025 Rejuvenation Plan.</p>	<p>The Town Regeneration Office continues to deliver projects and programmes through the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Project, Town Centre First Measures, Derelict Sites, Urban Regeneration Development Fund Programmes, Rural Regeneration Development Programmes and Town and Village Renewal Schemes.</p> <p>The Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan continued to be delivered with the appointment of an Integrated Design Team for the DeBruns site on Bridge Street and the opening of a new Pocket Park. The Quay Street, Harbour and Environs project went on site in May 2024 and is advancing through its delivery programme. This transformative and ambitious scheme, funded by the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund and Fingal County Council, will create a new family friendly civic space in a low traffic, pedestrianised environment in the centre of Balbriggan.</p> <p>The Creative Hub at 2-4 Dublin Street, which had received planning permission, moved to the detailed design phase in 2024 and will go to procurement in early 2025. The Creative Hub will have 8 flexible workspaces, a courtyard, gallery, STEAM, enterprise and multi-media spaces in line with the objectives for a SMART Balbriggan.</p> <p>Work continues at the Boathouse and the Bathhouse beside the Martello Tower. Significant progress on all these projects will continue in 2025.</p> <p>Work programmes progressed across all work streams in the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Pillars including Economic Development, Education, Skills and Training, Community Development, Public Realm and Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity.</p>

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
<p>Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the County.</p>	<p>The Fingal Tourism Strategy was launched in 2024 and an associated implementation plan is underway.</p> <p>Collaboration with national agencies Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland continued to promote Fingal as a tourist destination to both the domestic and international visitor through campaigns including “Keep Discovering” and “Winter in Dublin”.</p> <p>Promotional Initiatives included ‘Fingal: The TradFest Sessions’ which raised awareness of Fingal as a destination with national and US TV audiences on RTÉ and PBS, and in 2024 Fingal County Council also initiated and led an innovative project between all Dublin local authorities to showcase jointly for the first time at IrishFest Milwaukee, the Dublin and Fingal proposition and specifically address the challenge of growing tourism activity during the shoulder season.</p> <p>Also, as part of the #WinterInDublin campaign by Fáilte Ireland, Howth Harbour hosted one of two large fireworks displays on New Year’s Eve. The event was livestreamed across the globe, and the videography and other generated content is part of the ongoing international campaign to draw visitors to Dublin in the low season.</p>







<b>Service Delivery Objective</b>	<b>Assessment Report 2024</b>
Facilitate the creation of a Fingal food and drink tourism destination.	The Fingal Food and Drink Policy was launched in 2024 and an associated implementation plan is underway. The Fingal Food Network continues to grow from strength to strength and in 2024 agreed to develop a formal structure to work on behalf of the Food and Drink sector in Fingal as part of the broader Tourism Strategy and Food and Drink Policy Collaboration Framework. The network also partnered with Fingal County Council to promote Fingal as a food and drink tourism destination through a series of marketing initiatives including a showcase at the launch of the Food and Drink Policy and the Flavours of Fingal County Show in early July.
Promote heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage Properties.	Work continued in 2024 by Fingal County Council and its Operator at Newbridge House to achieve accreditation under the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI). The mid-way review by the adjudicators was very positive. Currently forecast for completion in 2026, this will significantly improve the authenticity of the visitor experience.
Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events.	<p>The main driver of improvements to the visitor experiences in 2024 was the Capital Programme, of which the highlights were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of the sustainable energy upgrade at Malahide Visitor Centre</li> <li>• Completion of LED lighting replacement at Malahide Visitor Centre</li> <li>• Completion of the conservation and strengthening of the Silver Bridge</li> <li>• Completion of the enabling works for the red barn project at Skerries Mills</li> <li>• Commencement of site enabling works at Skerries Martello Tower</li> <li>• Appointment of a design team to plan a mechanical and electrical upgrade on Newbridge House</li> </ul> <p>In 2024, several improvements to the existing infrastructure at each visitor attraction. Among these was the development of the Courtyard Kitchen in Newbridge in the summer, which is a major new activity as visitors can enjoy cookery and food preparation demonstrations by local chefs and restaurateurs.</p>



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Implement the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025.	<p>The implementation of the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025 continued in 2024 with the focus of the work on supporting the Swords Cultural Quarter, the development of the Carnegie Library and the “Our Balbriggan” rejuvenation project.</p> <p>A new Public Art Policy was developed following extensive research and consultation phase, the Public Art Policy 2025 – 2027 sets out to streamline procedures and principles on how we commission Public Arts in Fingal.</p>
Implement the Eight Year Framework Agreement with the Arts Council.	<p>The actions resulting from the eight-year framework agreement with the Arts Council of Ireland continued in 2024 on the two areas of agreement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) Research and Development</b></li> <li><b>b) Building capacity</b></li> </ul> <p>With the opening of the Carnegie Library in Swords, the successful completion of a new residential artist studio as part of a 10-dwelling development on Barrack Lane, Lusk and the ongoing development of the Swords Cultural Quarter and Artist studios at 2-4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan.</p>



# Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Implementation of the National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2024-2030. See <a href="http://www.mywaste.ie">www.mywaste.ie</a> .	Implementation of the national waste management plan for a circular economy is ongoing.
Aftercare of historic and closed landfills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9/10 planned specific engineering works (SEW) at Rogerstown Park completed in 2024, with the 1 remaining SEW to be completed in 2025.</li> <li>• A full review of the Barnageeragh Certificate of Authorisation was completed and submitted to the EPA.</li> <li>• Remediation works to part of the clay cap at Dunsink Landfill commenced in 2024. This required the importation of soil.</li> </ul>
Monitor air and noise pollution.	<p>Environmental inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2024, available <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licencing activities. This report together with the reports from other local authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year.</p> <p>In 2024, 138 noise complaints and 53 air complaints were received by the Air and Noise Unit, with all complaints investigated and enforcement action taken as appropriate.</p>
Enforce waste regulations.	The number of routine and non-routine waste inspections undertaken in 2024 was 1,457.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Operate dog and horse control service.	<p><b>Dog Control Service</b></p> <p>In 2024, the Dog Warden Service continued to carry out enforcement activities under the Control of Dogs Act 1986 to include daily patrols of parks/open spaces/beaches/streets, issuance of fines for breach of legislation/bye-laws, door to door licence checks, attendance at Fingal events such as the Flavours of Fingal and Howth Prawn Festival, Environmental Awareness Days, attendance in court over non-payment of fines and assistance to An Garda Síochána when requested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 429 fines were issued in relation to dog offences</li> <li>• 1872 x 10 Day Notices were issued</li> <li>• 10,292 Annual Dog Licences were purchased</li> <li>• 742 lifetime licences were purchased</li> <li>• €309,720 – Revenue from Dog Licences</li> <li>• 579 Dog-related complaints received</li> </ul> <p><b>New legislation introduced in 2024:</b></p> <p>Control of Dogs (XL Bully) Regulations 2024. From October 1st, 2024, the new regulations prohibit the importing, breeding, selling and re-homing of XL Bully dogs. It will be illegal to own an XL Bully without a Certificate of Exemption from 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21 Applications for Certificate of Exemptions received</li> <li>• 8 Certificate of Exemptions issued</li> </ul> <p><b>Dog Shelter:</b></p> <p>In 2024, Dublin County Dog Shelter continued to provide a dog shelter service for stray, seized or surrendered dogs where they were looked after in the hope they can be reunited with their owner or rehomed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 27 – Dogs in the Shelter on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024</li> <li>• 162 - Stray/seized dogs brought to Shelter</li> <li>• 39 - Surrendered by owners</li> <li>• 24 – Reclaimed by owners</li> <li>• 103 - Rehomed to Rescue</li> <li>• 54 - Rehomed to Public</li> <li>• 26 - PTS</li> <li>• 17 - Dogs in the Shelter on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024</li> </ul> <p><b>Control of Horses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Animal Welfare project continues Dunsink Landfill with DAFM, where regular welfare inspections are undertaken.</li> <li>• During the winter months of 2024, 12 hay feeders were filled weekly by the Operations Department to ensure adequate forage and water.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 Horses removed from Landfill</li> <li>• 26 Horses seized from the public realm</li> <li>• 5 Horses reclaimed</li> <li>• 28 Horses rehomed</li> </ul>







Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Operate litter warden service.	<p>This service is operated in line with the Litter Pollution Acts 1997–2009.</p> <p>There are currently 4 Litter Wardens (LW) in Fingal. A review of the LW Service was completed by the Litter Management Team in 2024. The key focus is addressing CRM's/Councillors Reps, Bottle Banks and Litter blackspots with the Litter Wardens being assigned their daily tasks in advance of each workday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 417 reports of alleged abandoned vehicles received.</li> <li>• 7 abandoned cars removed/destroyed</li> <li>• 10 Burnt out vehicles removed</li> <li>• 6,104 litter patrols carried out</li> <li>• 886 litter related CRM's received</li> <li>• 265 litter fines issued</li> <li>• 22 warning notices issued</li> </ul> <p>The Draft Litter Management Plan 2025-2027 was prepared and completed in 2024 and will go to public consultation in 2025.</p>
Protect surface, ground and coastal waters.	<p>Environmental inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2024 available <a href="#">here</a>. The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licencing activities. This report together with the reports from other local authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. The number of routine and non-routine wastewater inspections undertaken in 2024 was 1,321.</p>
Provide an Environmental Awareness Programme.	<p>The Council supported 133 schools in the Green Schools Programme, with 29 New Green Flags awarded to Fingal Schools in 2024 across the 10 Green Flag Themes.</p> <p>Continued collaboration with the Dublin Local Authorities, the Regional Waste Management Office and Composting Ireland to roll out the Composting for Schools Programme which introduces and subsidises composting of food and garden waste in schools. A total of 39 schools signed up to the Programme in Fingal at the end of 2024.</p> <p>Continued support of litter programmes such as the Picker Pals in national schools and provided litter pickers through the 10 Community Centres. Picker Pals litter initiative delivered to 89 new classes across 43 primary schools. This is in addition to 120 Picker Pals classes already participating in the programme.</p>

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Provide an Environmental Awareness Programme.	<p>Funded 39 Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti projects in communities county-wide to the value of €39,612.89 under the Fingal County Council Communities4Environment 2024 Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti (ALAG) Grant Scheme.</p> <p>In partnership with 10 community centres, litter kits were provided for Fingal individuals and communities. Litter kits and doggie dispensers were also provided directly to several community groups and schools.</p> <p>Funded 67 environmental workshops run by 16 environmental projects with schools and community groups to the value of €32,000.</p> <p>Promoted and facilitated the Fingal Instruments Project, whereby instruments handed in at recycling centres are assessed, cleaned, repaired and redistributed back into communities and schools.</p> <p>The Fingal 'Keen to be Green' initiative is ongoing, designed to assist centre managers in becoming more sustainable in the delivery of their community services. The centres are currently on their 'water' phase of the programme.</p> <p>Promotional campaigns were carried out in co-operation with the Communications Department to address litter, beach and marine environments, food waste, biodiversity and general environmental awareness.</p> <p>The Community Leaf Mould composting initiative continued to be extremely well-received across Fingal communities. 49 new applications were received in 2024 with 144 leaf mould cages set up in 87 locations (inclusive of additional cages added to existing locations). 124 lids and weed barriers were allotted, 25 pitch forks and 23 watering cans were distributed. 45 training workshops were provided.</p> <p>As part of the ReUse initiatives with the Rediscovery Centre, a total of 325 x 5L tins of paint were delivered to Fingal community groups in 2024 for use in public areas to help make them look cleaner, fresher and more inviting.</p> <p>The Environmental Awareness 6-month Cinema Campaign commenced in August 2024 and this year's focus was on cigarette butts and disposable vapes and the damage they are causing our environment. The 40 second advert was shown across five cinemas in Fingal - Swords, Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, Charlestown and Santry, with a total reach of over 480,000 people across the campaign.</p> <p>Fingal's Shore to Sea Campaign launched in September 2024 at Velvet Strand, Portmarnock. The roll-out will continue in 2025.</p>

<b>Service Delivery Objective</b>	<b>Assessment Report 2024</b>
Implement Flood Protection Schemes in co-operation with the OPW.	<p>The Office of Public Works undertook a Scheme Viability Review (SVR) of the Malahide and Portmarnock Schemes. The Portmarnock scheme was found to be unviable based on cost benefit analysis. The SVR for Malahide examined a number of options which were found to be unviable on cost benefit grounds. An additional option of a self-rising barrier was found to be viable on cost benefit grounds, however, this is a new device not previously used in Ireland and it is not clear whether it is appropriate at this location.</p>
Climate Action.	<p>In 2024, the Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 was adopted with the following targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the Council's energy efficiency by 50% by 2030;</li> <li>• Reduce the Council's greenhouse gas emissions by 51% by 2030;</li> <li>• Make Dublin a climate resilient region by reducing the impacts of future climate change related events; and</li> <li>• to actively engage and inform our citizens on climate action.</li> </ul> <p>The governance and reporting frameworks are established to ensure the effective delivery of actions outlined in the Climate Change Action Plan for 2024-2029. In 2024, a cross-departmental Climate Action Plan Implementation Team was established with 32 members.</p> <p>Fingal County Council reported to the LGMA on Climate Action KPIs. Data on the implementation of the Climate Actions across Fingal County Council were collated in December 2024. In 2024, of the total 162 actions in the CAP, 91 actions were completed, of which 83 are annual actions and 46 are in progress.</p> <p>The Climate Change Action Plan Annual Progress Implementation Report 2024 is being drafted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This Climate Action Plan identified Balbriggan as the Fingal decarbonisation zone.</li> <li>• Codema, with the support of Fingal County Council, applied for in Interreg NW EU project E2-Cuties (Engaged Energy-Communities in Urban areas with Technology Integrated Energy Systems).</li> <li>• Dublin Climate Action (9th - 15 Sept 2024) was organised in co-operation with the four Dublin local authorities.</li> <li>• In 2024, Fingal's Climate Action Department provided Climate Literacy Training in 10 secondary schools in Fingal through the provider Education for Sustainability. Through this 263 students and 10 teachers took part in the training.</li> </ul>

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Climate Action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Climate Action and Environmental Awareness Team continue to run social media campaigns on best environmental practice and to celebrate national and local environmental campaigns.</li> <li>• The Fingal Climate Action Team updated the Fingal County Council website with information about the Climate Action Plan and Climate Action works across the County.</li> </ul> <p>Community Climate Action Fund in the amount of €1.127m allocated to Fingal County Council by DECC. 25 applications were received from a range of community groups/tidy towns/sports groups/recreational facilities across Fingal with approximately 160 different projects being granted funding across the five themes of Energy/Travel/Food and Waste/ Local Climate and Environmental Action/Shopping and Recycling and included projects such as solar PV, insulation, replacement windows/doors/building fabric, bike repair stations, bike charging points/lockers, purchase of reusable cups to eliminate single-use and biodiversity projects such as tree/bulb planting and native hedging. The overall aim is to reduce carbon emissions within communities throughout Fingal. A total of €461,780 was paid out in grants for projects to 21 applicants by the end of 2024.</p>
Provide bring banks.	<p>The Council operates two civic amenity sites (Estuary and Coolmine), and a network of 58 bring banks for glass and 29 for textiles, throughout the county. In 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total of 5,478 tonnes of glass was collected and recycled from Fingal bring banks.</li> <li>• A total of 229 tonnes of textiles were collected from textile banks.</li> </ul>









Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Protected Cycle Lanes – management of the design and construction of numerous protected cycle lane projects.	<p>New Walking and Cycling Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R132 Blake’s Cross to Quickpenny Lane</li> <li>• Included 5.4 km of Walking and Cycling facilities</li> <li>• 1 km of Quiet Zone along Kilhedge Lane</li> <li>• SRTS treatment at Corduff National School</li> <li>• 8 Bus Stops along the route</li> </ul> <p>The following projects are in the design and planning stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seatown Road, Swords</li> <li>• Donabate, Portrane R126 Cycle Paths</li> <li>• Coney Hill, Balbriggan R132 Cycle Paths</li> <li>• Paddy’s Hill to Broomfield via Naomh Mearnóg GAA</li> <li>• Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre</li> <li>• Auburn Avenue to 12th Lock Walking and Cycling Scheme</li> <li>• Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh</li> <li>• Snugborough Road – National Aquatic Centre to Ongar</li> <li>• Seapark Hill to Seamount Park (temporary solution completed in 2024)</li> <li>• Feltrim Road Active Travel Project</li> <li>• Baldoyle Circle Active Travel Project (Baldoyle Phase II)</li> </ul>
Towns and Villages.	<p>Works are continuing on the development of an Active Travel Plan for a number of our towns and villages:</p> <p><i>Balrothery Active Travel Plan</i> – An Active Travel plan is being developed that will identify projects to provide the infrastructure to support and encourage Active Travel. The projects under the plan will be grouped by deliverable timeframes and will be cognisant of funding streams. To date, public consultation, traffic and topographical surveys and other data collection has been carried out. The plan is currently being finalised and Options Development is underway.</p> <p><i>Skerries Active Travel Plan</i> – This project aims to create a plan for Skerries that identifies projects that can be developed over the coming years in the lifetime of the Development Plan. The projects identified can be taken forward to identify appropriate funding streams and programmes of works where they can be developed and delivered. Currently, data collection and traffic surveys have been conducted. The Baseline Condition report and the Long List of Options report are being generated. The project team are Preparing for Part VIII Planning which will be initiated in Q1 2025.</p>

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<p>Towns and Villages.</p>	<p><i>Public Realm Improvements to a Pedestrianised New Street, Malahide</i> – This project aims to provide an upgrade of footpaths and street surfaces, a new landscaping scheme, improved outdoor dining and new public seating areas. It also includes a water feature, bicycle parking and will incorporate essential Sustainable Urban Drainage (SUDs) and public lighting improvements. The public realm upgrades designs also support Fingal's Climate Action objectives, providing a car-free environment with improved air quality and reduced emissions at the centre of Malahide village. A multidisciplinary Integrated Design Team were appointed to commence a detailed design phase.</p> <p><i>Skerries Harbour Road</i> – This is a public realm walking and cycling scheme that aims to rejuvenate the Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island area, which is a peninsula on the edge of Skerries and is a popular destination point for visitors and locals. The project team are Preparing for Part VIII Planning which will be initiated in Q1 2025.</p>
<p>Connectivity/Permeability – review and enhancement of existing infrastructure to promote overall connectivity for Active Travel users.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The following projects have been completed to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footpath Installation at Beaverstown Road, Donabate.</li> <li>• Installation of Zebra Crossing and ancillary works at Balscadden.</li> <li>• Installation of Zebra Crossing at Scoil Chormaic.</li> <li>• Installation of pencil bollards at St. Theresa's.</li> <li>• Construction of shared surface at Balgriffin Park from R106 junction to the Dublin City Council boundary.</li> <li>• Junction tightening, tactile dropped kerbs and associated landscaping at 3 no. junctions in Offington Estate, Sutton.</li> <li>• Tightening of junction on entrance to Duncarrig Estate, Howth.</li> <li>• Footpath installation at Howth Summit Bus Stop, Howth.</li> <li>• New footpath at Delwood Park, Blanchardstown.</li> <li>• New dropped kerbs at Old Navan Road, Mulhuddart.</li> </ul>







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Strategic Planning – preparation and implementation of an Active Travel Strategy.	The Active Travel Unit continues to provide input into planning and policy frameworks at a local, regional and national level. Active Travel considerations will continue to be a requirement of future planning permissions – new developments shall give appropriate space for walking and cycling and provide connectivity and permeability to adjoining neighbourhoods.
Road Safety Office.	<p><b>Safe Routes to School (SRTS)</b></p> <p>Aims of the SRTS Programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve safety at the school gate by providing ‘front of school’ treatments to alleviate congestion and improve access.</li> <li>• Improve access routes to school by improving walking and cycling infrastructure and</li> <li>• increase the number of students who cycle to school by expanding the amount of bicycle parking spaces.</li> </ul> <p><b>SRTS Round 1 – Tranche 2 – Safe Routes to School</b>  <b>Tranche 2 works are complete at the following schools</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ladyswell NS</li> <li>• Scoil Choilm Community NS</li> <li>• Scoil Ghráinne Community NS</li> <li>• Pope John Paul II NS</li> </ul> <p><b>SRTS Round 2</b>  In December 2024, design works began on round two of the SRTS programme. There are several stages to go through, including information gathering, preliminary design, detailed design and procurement and contractors are expected on site late Q2 of 2026. The schools included in round 2 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Family JNS, Forest Fields, Swords</li> <li>• Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí, Blanchardstown</li> <li>• Scoil Bhríde Cailíní, Blanchardstown</li> <li>• St Helen’s SNS, Portmarnock</li> <li>• St. Colmcille’s Girls’ NS, Swords</li> </ul> <p><b>SRTS Round 3</b>  An Taisce have announced the schools to be included in round 3 of the Fingal SRTS programme these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broadmeadow CNS</li> <li>• Donabate Portrane ETNS</li> <li>• Holywell ETNS</li> <li>• Malahide/Portmarnock ETNS</li> <li>• Scoil Mhuire Junior School</li> <li>• Scoil Thomáis</li> <li>• St. Nicholas of Myra NS Kinsealy</li> </ul>

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Road Safety Office.	<p>An Taisce have commenced engagement with the schools and following this process the works will be progressed by Fingal County Council.</p> <p><b>Management of the school wardens</b> Our Road Safety Office continue to manage and oversee the daily operation of 106 school wardens across the county.</p> <p><b>Fingal/AXA Roadsafe Roadshow</b> In November, Fingal hosted the Fingal/AXA Roadsafe Roadshow, which saw over 1000 secondary school students attend. The show depicts what happens with driver inexperience and overconfidence, with the aim to educate and highlight the various safety skills these young students need before they or their friends start driving.</p> <p><b>RSA Campaigns</b> Throughout the year the Fingal Road Safety Office also promoted all the Road Safety Authority campaigns such as National Slow Down Day and Amber Thursday as well as regularly updating the public on severe weather events and road safety issues.</p>
Preparation and publication of Fingals Road Safety Plan.	<p>The latest version of Fingals Road Safety Plan is currently drafted and under review ahead of being reviewed by members of the RSWTG at our next meeting.</p> <p>Following a gap due to Covid-19, the Fingal Road Safety Working Together Group has now returned to holding quarterly meetings. The current membership of the new group includes 3 Elected Members, An Garda Síochána, Dublin Fire Service, The National Transport Authority, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Dublin Airport Authority, The Road Safety Authority and staff from Planning and Strategic infrastructure, Fingal Council Council Operations and the Active Travel/Road Safety Office.</p>
Mobility and behavioural change – rolling out various Active Travel projects and events to raise awareness and promote a modal shift.	<p>Throughout 2024, the Active Travel Team held numerous initiatives and events internally and externally to raise awareness and promote a sustainable modal shift.</p> <p><b>Events 2024</b> Bike Week 2024 and European Mobility Week 2024 were our two flagship awareness campaigns, with the Active Travel unit hosting events across the county to highlight the importance of Active Travel. While these high-profile events play a key role, lasting behavioural change is driven by our ongoing programmes and initiatives. Some of our key programmes and initiatives are listed below:</p>

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
<p>Mobility and behavioural change – rolling out various Active Travel projects and events to raise awareness and promote a modal shift.</p>	<p><b>Programmes and Initiatives to Support Walking and Wheeling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability Courses x 38 courses, approx. 570 participants in 2024</li> <li>• Men’s Walk and Talk Groups x 5 groups</li> <li>• Community Walking Groups x 2 groups</li> <li>• Adult Cycling Courses x 2</li> <li>• Community Learn 2 Cycle Lessons for Children x 2</li> <li>• Cycling Without Age in 4 locations</li> <li>• Bike Share Schemes operated by Tier and Bleeper x 30,000 journeys</li> <li>• Skerries Community Car</li> <li>• Schools Active Travel Talks</li> <li>• Staff eBike Trials</li> <li>• Staff Lease Bike by Bleeper Trials</li> <li>• Fresh Air Fridays – over 30 schools partaking</li> <li>• Balance Bike Buddies x 6 courses</li> <li>• Sofa to Saddle x 4 courses</li> <li>• The Men’s Shed National Walk in Newbridge House – over 100 participants</li> <li>• ABC Bike Safety Checks across Fingal for the Winter Months in 6 locations</li> <li>• Winter Safe Cycling Staff Talks</li> <li>• Tandem Cycling Pilot Training Course x 6 new Stokers trained</li> <li>• TY Bike Maintenance Courses x 6</li> <li>• eCargo for Community Groups and Business Trials x 8 groups</li> <li>• Gearing up for Training with Local Sports Clubs</li> <li>• The Ongar Bike Library</li> <li>• Shared Public eCargo Bike – Laurel Lodge</li> <li>• Community Bike Ride Leader Training Course – 8 new leaders trained up</li> <li>• 8 new walking buses set up around the county</li> <li>• Primary school upcycling bike decoration workshops x 2</li> <li>• Community nature walk and talks x 4</li> <li>• Quiet Streets initiative commenced</li> </ul> <p><b>Learn 2 Cycle Tracks</b></p> <p>Two new dedicated Learn 2 Cycle Tracks were completed in 2024. These tracks have hosted numerous courses, events and workshops already and are quickly becoming a vital part of our education and behavioural change work. The tracks are located in Millennium Park and Brackenstown.</p>

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<p>Mobility and behavioural change – rolling out various Active Travel projects and event to raise awareness and promote a modal shift.</p>	<p><b>Cycle Friendly Employer Audit</b> Fingal undertook the Cycle Friendly Employer Audit as part of CFE Accreditation. The report scored Fingal County Council in the high silver category with a number of changes that we can make to move into the Gold Category.</p> <p><b>Bicycle Parking Infrastructure</b> 76 Bicycle Parking Stands were installed across the county.</p> <p>Additionally, a total of 30 toast racks (one rack holds 10 bikes) and 32 scooter racks (one rack holds 20 scooters) were supplied to schools, sports clubs and community centres across the Fingal Area with the aim of increasing the number of sustainable travel journeys and reducing the number of private car journeys.</p>







*Fingal Climate Action Festival in Millennium Park, Blanchardstown*



# Finance

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Active Debt Management (Rates/PEL/NPPR).	In 2024, 99.6% of Commercial Rates were collected. Revenue from the Non-Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charge was €252.7k in 2024.
The Management of Accounts Payable and Treasury Management Cash Outflows.	Accounts Payable processed €692.8m of payments during 2024. The treasury management and cashflow was actively managed throughout the year.
Effective Management of Liability Claims and Insurance Policies.	All claims against the Council were proactively managed and investigated by the Council. We continued to engage with our insurers with regards to the insurance policies in place.
Ensure Budgets are reviewed and monitored.	Revenue account budgets and Capital Plan are reviewed regularly with each department.
Production of 3 Year Capital Programme.	The 2025 -2027 Capital Plan was presented to Councillors in October 2024.
Production of Annual Budget.	The 2025 Budget was presented to Council on 3rd December 2024.
Production of Annual Financial Statement.	The 2023 Financial Statements were completed in March 2024 with the Auditor's Report signed in September 2024.
To achieve best practice and value for money in procurement.	<p>The Central Procurement Unit (CPU) conducted procurement processes identified in the Annual Procurement Plan during 2024. A total of 313 procurements, with an estimated value of €564.4m, commenced and 280 contracts, with a value of €118.36m, were awarded during the year.</p> <p>The CPU also carried out monitoring and reporting on procurement compliance and performance across the organisation to the Executive Management Team.</p>

# Housing Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
<p>Delivery of housing in Fingal County Council in line with the Housing Strategy and Housing for All.</p>	<p>A total of 1,299 social housing units were delivered in 2024 via build, acquisitions, leasing and HAP streams.</p> <p>A target of delivering 825 under new build and leasing social housing units during 2024 was set for Fingal. At the end of the year, a total of 1,299 units were delivered under these streams with a significant number in the pipeline for short and medium term delivery.</p> <p>The Local Authority Home Loan continued to be a popular option for people who could not secure home financing from a commercial lender, with over €8.1m in home loans advanced in 2024. These loans help fund the purchase of new, second hand and Affordable Purchase Homes including a number of Fingal County Council tenant purchases.</p> <p>The Affordable Housing team continue to manage the affordable housing schemes for housing developments on Fingal County Council owned and third party owned lands and sites developed by other housing partners i.e. LDA and AHBs. In 2024, 7 Affordable Housing schemes were launched making 491 Affordable Homes available to people who would otherwise not have had mortgage approval to purchase on the open market.</p> <p>The Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme continued to attract strong interest and bring properties back into use. Some 91 applications were received with 76 applications approved and the remainder under assessment. New Compulsory Purchase Order CPO processes were completed for one property and commenced for three vacant properties.</p> <p>Occupation of the 14 vacant cottages as part of the St. Ita's Portrane restoration project continued in 2024.</p>



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Delivery and Management of Homeless Services in accordance with the Homelessness Action Plan 2022 – 2024.	<p>Additionally, 354 households were prevented from entering homeless services via the provision of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 107 social housing tenancies</li> <li>• 247 Homeless HAP tenancies</li> </ul> <p>There is ongoing engagement and collaboration with various stakeholders regarding the provision and delivery of homeless services.</p>
Administration of the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme.	<p>HAP continued to be administered in 2024 through the online application portal. 287 tenancies were set up by Fingal County Council in 2024 and 4,214 tenancies have been set up since HAP was introduced in Fingal in 2017.</p>
Management and Maintenance of Housing Stock/Vacancies/Voids.	<p>The Council manages Rent Accounts for over 6,700 tenancies.</p> <p>The Council continued to deliver estate management and housing maintenance service to over 6,600 tenancies, incorporating a wide range of housing stock.</p> <p>There were 14,763 response maintenance requests received in 2024, an increase of 12.6% on the previous year. The Estate Management Section received 1,556 complaints pertaining to allegations of anti-social behaviour, representing an increase of 14.7% on the previous year.</p> <p>The void property turnaround time is within the department recommended period of 12 weeks, with the number of re-let works completed in 2024 as 128. The vacancy rate on council stock at 31/12/24 was 5%, which includes a high number of new properties coming into stock in Q4.</p> <p>Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme works were completed on 127 social housing units, bringing them to a BER of B2 or higher.</p> <p>The planned maintenance programme 2024 delivered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 150 smoke heat carbon alarm replacements;</li> <li>• 1022 houses were painted; and</li> <li>• 172 Boiler replacements were also carried out on a needs basis.</li> </ul>
Implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 - 2024.	<p>The implementation of the objectives of the Traveller Accommodation Programme (2019 – 2024) has progressed, with ongoing refurbishment works and the provision of accommodation in line with the needs of the Traveller population in the Fingal administrative area.</p>

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 - 2024.	<p>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.</p> <p>The New Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029 was adopted by the Elected Members at the Council Meeting on 11th November 2024 and the Housing Department continues to liaise with Fingal County Council County Architects on various ongoing projects as well as the commencement of a number of new projects.</p>
Facilitate Access to Good Quality Private Rented Accommodation through an Annual Inspections Programme.	<p>In line with the Strategy for the Private Rental Sector the DHLGH has set annual inspection targets for all local authorities. These targets are based on a percentage of properties registered with the RTB. In 2024, there were 18,844 tenancies registered with the RTB in the Fingal administrative area.</p> <p>An annual inspection target of 25%, or 4,711, of these registered tenancies has been set by DHLGH.</p> <p>As part of the Council's Annual Inspection Programme, 5,321 inspections (113% of the target) of private rented properties were carried out in 2024.</p>
Deliver Sufficient and Appropriate Housing Solutions for Disabled Persons.	<p>Private Household Grants: There were 683 applications received for the Housing Adaptation Scheme for Older People and People with a Disability in 2024. 437 of these were approved with grants of over €2.4m paid out.</p> <p>Council owned dwellings: Through the Disabled Persons Adaptation Grant Scheme, 125 new applications were received in 2024. Works concluded on 73 minor adaptations applications and one extension was completed to Council owned dwellings.</p> <p>Minor adaptations includes level access showers, ramps, stairlifts and grabrails. These grants are 80% funded through Departmental Grants.</p>

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
<p>Support the Provision of Mixed Tenure, Quality and Affordable Housing.</p>	<p>The Council continued to advance a number of mixed tenure schemes across the county in 2024.</p> <p>Works progressed on the mixed tenure scheme at Hayestown, Rush to build 51 affordable and 10 social homes.</p> <p>Works on the first phase of 300 mixed tenure homes at Church Fields, Mulhuddart comprises of social, cost rental and affordable housing units which also includes the Eastern Linear Park, continued on site in 2024.</p> <p>With the first handover of completed units in late 2024, works on the mixed tenure development at Balmoston, Donabate progressed on site in 2024 over a phased delivery. The phased handover of completed units commenced in late 2024.</p> <p>Works commenced on site in late 2024 on mixed tenure developments in Ballisk Park, Donabate and in Baile na Móna, Swords.</p> <p>The Housing Department continues to engage with a variety of stakeholders to secure new housing provision in line with Government targets, including new build and turn-key arrangements.</p> <p>Increased collaboration between the Affordable Housing and Home Loans Teams with the continued roll out of Housing Information Events for prospective affordable purchasers and home loan applicants.</p>



*Visit of Bowden Court Affordable Housing development in Swords*







*Visit of Church Fields Affordable Housing development in Dublin 15*



# Law

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
To provide legal services to the Chief Executive and all Council Departments.	Legal services are provided to the Chief Executive and Council Departments as requested.



# Libraries

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Implement the Libraries Development Plan 2024-2029.	The 2024-2029 plan was launched in Malahide Library on 01/03/2024 by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Adrian Henchy.
<b>Space and Place:</b> Fingal Libraries will provide welcoming, democratic, safe and sustainable hubs at the heart of our communities. We will work in partnership with other departments to develop and maintain library buildings that meet the highest standard of construction, energy efficiency and service delivery.	<p>Construction began on the Swords Cultural Centre site, which will house the new County Library.</p> <p>Planning for the Centre's management, operational functions, event programming and day-to-day running also began.</p> <p>Work progressed on the refurbishment of and extension to Skerries Library.</p> <p>Extensive improvement works started at Baldoyle Library in August 2024 to enhance the user experience.</p> <p>Plans to convert Ballisk House, the former Credit Union building in Donabate into a library were finalised and a contractor was selected for the project toward the end of 2024.</p> <p>Balbriggan Library was awarded Library of Sanctuary status in 2024, reinforcing a commitment to creating a culture of welcome and inclusion, especially for refugees and asylum seekers.</p>
<b>Engagement and Collaboration:</b> Fingal libraries will engage and collaborate with local, national and community groups, to provide inclusive, diverse and relevant services and programming. We will communicate our plans and programmes through all mediums and look to engage with various models of delivery.	<p>Engagement continued with community groups including women's sheds, age friendly groups and Prosper Fingal.</p> <p>Three brochures were delivered, spanning programmes for spring, summer and autumn/winter. These were widely distributed and made available online.</p> <p>We promoted our events and services to diverse audiences on a range of social media platforms.</p>
<b>Access and Inclusion:</b> Fingal Libraries will provide accessible and inclusive places for all to visit. We will improve opening hours through the 'My Open Library' system and continue to develop special collections, digital and other resources that meet the needs of the County's diverse population.	<p>May and June were the busiest months for 'My Open Library' at Baldoyle Library with 2,739 visits recorded.</p> <p>Both footfall into libraries and loans (physical and digital) exceeded the 1 million mark in 2024.</p> <p>Backpacks full of sensory-friendly resources were made available under the Community Recognition Fund.</p>

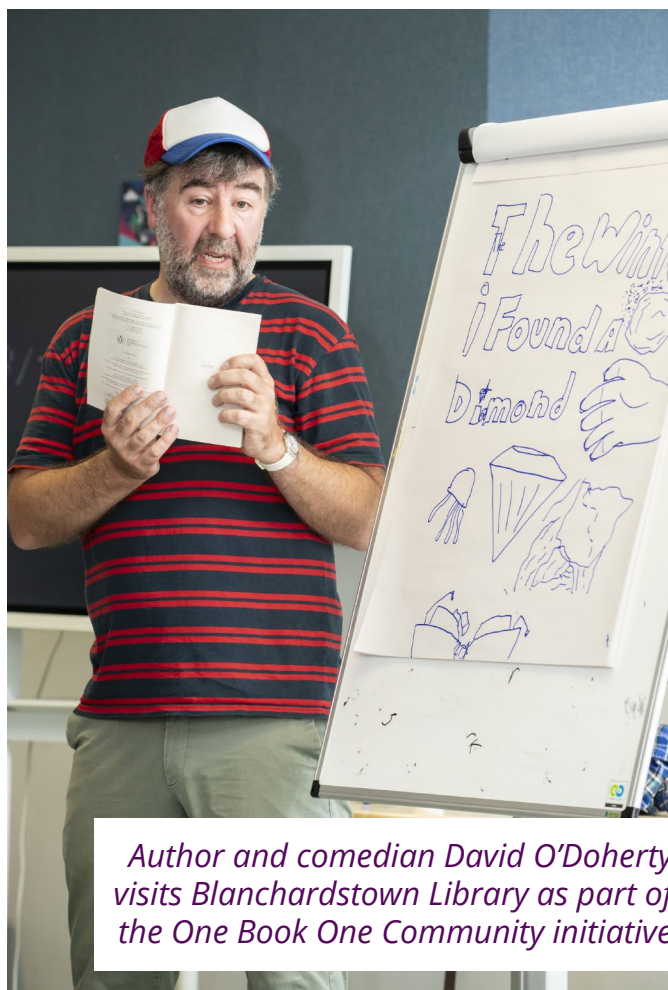




Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
<p><b>Culture and Knowledge:</b> Fingal Libraries will provide citizens with access to cultural, creative and learning opportunities to reflect the lifelong learning needs of a changing society. We will reflect national programmes across themes of creativity, literacy, sustainability and age friendly initiatives.</p>	<p>Programmes were delivered in all areas of Skills for Life including digital and media literacy.</p> <p>Right to Read and Healthy Ireland at Your Library programming was delivered.</p> <p>Attendance of 55,341 was recorded at library programmed events.</p> <p>Fingal Studies, Fingal Local Studies and Archives local history journal was re-launched.</p> <p>A Book Bike - a mobile library on an electric cargo bike - which we bring to events to promote library services and resources, was designed and launched, with funding from the Chief Executive Innovation Fund.</p>
<p><b>Creative Fingal:</b> Implement delivery of the Creative Fingal Strategy 2023-2027 in line with high level strategic priorities identified during the consultation process. The identified strategic priorities for Fingal include the following areas: Town Centre first; Changing demographics; Digitisation and ongoing transformation; Making cities and counties great places to live, work and invest in; Climate action.</p>	<p>84 events/workshops were held across the County with an attendance of 75,000.</p> <p>Cruinniú na nÓg events for children and young people held across Fingal included a music festival for teenagers.</p> <p>Brigid in Balbriggan procession of light attracted 3,000 attendees.</p> <p>The Shared Ireland programme enabled connections for the Forget Me Nots choir.</p> <p>Creative Ireland supported the Vintage Picnic.</p> <p>Festival in a Van toured Fingal and entertained at Prosper houses and at traveller accommodation sites.</p>



*Fingal Libraries continue its family literacy project with parents and children selected by St. Luke's National School, Tyrrelstown*



*Author and comedian David O'Doherty visits Blanchardstown Library as part of the One Book One Community initiative*





*Balbriggan Library becomes first in Dublin to win Sanctuary Award*



*Sensory Resource Backpacks Launched in Fingal Libraries*







*Fingal mobile library in operation*



*Virtual Reality in Libraries*



*Public Launch of The Carnegie Library, Swords*





# Operations Department

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024														
Management and Maintenance of Regional and Local Roads, Traffic Management, Road Safety.	<p>The Council is responsible for managing 264 kms of regional and 1,011 kms of local roads in the County. There are also 65kms of National Roads including motorways in the county managed by TII. Maintenance work including surface drainage, road and footpath repairs and replacement, traffic management and public lighting is delivered through various Programmes of Work and the annual maintenance programmes delivered from the depots in Coolmine, Fancourt, Swords and Malahide. During times of low temperatures 48% of the roadways were gritted. The Council continued to manage its stock of 35,500 public lights with completion of 100% of lights now converted to LED as part of the LED Energy Efficiency Programme.</p> <p>The following applications were processed during 2024:</p> <table> <tr> <th>Item</th><th>2024</th></tr> <tr> <td>Wayleave/Communication/Road Opening Licence</td><td>2,432</td></tr> <tr> <td>Taking in Charge Certs</td><td>2,264</td></tr> <tr> <td>Abnormal Load Permits</td><td>469</td></tr> <tr> <td>Temporary Road Closures</td><td>79</td></tr> <tr> <td>Street Furniture Licenses</td><td>42</td></tr> <tr> <td>Casual Trading Permits</td><td>40</td></tr> </table>	Item	2024	Wayleave/Communication/Road Opening Licence	2,432	Taking in Charge Certs	2,264	Abnormal Load Permits	469	Temporary Road Closures	79	Street Furniture Licenses	42	Casual Trading Permits	40
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Management and Maintenance of Regional Parks, Open Spaces, Pitches and Recreational Facilities.	<p>The Council continues to manage and maintain over 5,000 acres (2,000 Ha) of public open spaces at our regional, local and neighbourhood parks and 4 allotment sites with over 800 allotments. Within the parks and open spaces, we provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 71 playgrounds</li> <li>• 168 grass playing pitches</li> <li>• 11 all-weather playing facilities</li> <li>• 7 cricket pitches</li> <li>• 31 Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA's)</li> <li>• 4 skateparks</li> <li>• 1 BMX track</li> <li>• 10 public tennis courts</li> <li>• 7 boules locations with 12 boules courts</li> <li>• 41 separate locations for adult exercise</li> </ul>														



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
<p>Management and Maintenance of Harbours, Litter Management, Provision of Burial Grounds, Public Conveniences.</p>	<p>In total 88 kms of Fingal's coastline is maintained by the Operations Department which includes the 10 designated beaches at Balbriggan, Skerries South, Loughshinny, Rush South and North, Portrane, Donabate (Blue Flag Award and Green Coast Award 2024), Portmarnock (Blue Flag Award 2024), Sutton Burrow Beach and Claremont Howth, which are all lifeguarded during the bathing season, along with Malahide (required by risk assessment). 27 lifeguards were employed from June to early September 2024. Continuous monitoring of seawater samples was carried out during the bathing season to ensure compliance with the Bathing Water Quality requirements.</p> <p>Harbours and piers at Balbriggan, Skerries, Loughshinny and Rush were managed and maintained during the year. Skerries Harbour was the subject of an application to An Bord Pleanála for permission to upgrade the sheet piling supporting the newer section of the Pier and permission was granted on 04/09/24. The Harbour Bye-Laws were made by resolution of the Council on 16/01/24 and then came into effect on the 01/03/24.</p> <p>Litter and Cleansing crews continued with their cyclical and response programmes within the public realm across the County and supported the work of Tidy Towns Groups and other local volunteers.</p> <p>The Council continues to provide a Burial Ground service, with a total of 1,434 burials facilitated throughout the County during 2024.</p>
<p>To support the delivery of major Commercial and Community events as appropriate.</p>	<p>A significant number of events were held in our regional parks, open spaces and in the public realm during 2024.</p> <p>While a huge number of events were supported by the Operations Department in 2024, the following list provides a flavour of the variety of larger scale events across the County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flavours of Fingal</li> <li>• Rush Harbour Festival</li> <li>• Malahide Concerts</li> <li>• Skerries Regatta</li> <li>• Cool Running Ice Skating Rink, Millennium Park</li> <li>• Castleknock Village Festival</li> <li>• Sunday Market at St. Catherine's Park</li> <li>• St. Patrick's Day Parades in towns and villages across the County</li> <li>• Cricket T201 Series</li> <li>• Wonder Lights at Malahide</li> </ul>





*Fingal completes LED switch across its public lighting network*



# People Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
To foster and embed an effective performance management and development culture in the organisation.	An effective Performance Management Development System is being implemented and supported by competency frameworks, an annual training and development plan which enhances employee skills and capabilities and a financially assisted Further Education Programme which supports employee development and overall organisational success. By integrating these into our normal business processes, it creates a sustainable and effective performance management and development culture that benefits both employees and the organisation.
To implement a programme that promotes wellbeing, equality and diversity in the workplace.	Staff wellbeing activities and new wellbeing initiatives are regularly promoted by the Council's Staff Wellbeing Officer and through the Wellbeing Strategy and by the staff forum – Network Fingal Forum and a network of informal social groups formed by staff members. Equality and Diversity is integrated in to the business process of the organisation and training is provided to staff. These programmes aim to enhance employee satisfaction, foster an inclusive culture and ensure equal opportunities for all employees.
To optimise the availability and skills of the Council's human resources.	Staff vacancies are being filled in a timely manner and there is a dynamic mobility programme in place allowing for the deployment of staff, having regard to operational requirements and career development aspirations. An annual training programme is implemented online and in person. It enhances the skill levels of employees through targeted training and development programmes. Flexible working arrangements, such as remote work and job sharing, are available while a proactive attendance management is in place.
To promote a safe and healthy work environment.	There is a proactive and dynamic safety regime of safety inspections, safety auditing and accident investigation in place. In addition, staff are required to attend safety training courses on a structured and regular basis. The Staff Welfare Officer promotes mental, physical, financial and social wellbeing goals.



# Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
<p>Deliver strategic infrastructure (physical and green) in the County.</p>	<p>The Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route which is a 3 km fully segregated Pedestrian and Cyclist Route Project was progressed in 2024 by the contractor and is now substantially complete with snags works currently being undertaken.</p> <p>The consultancy framework for various pedestrian and cycling projects in the BCMO/Dublin 15 area, with the initial project being the Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock and Cycling Routes, was recently awarded to RPS Group. The appointed consultants are currently progressing the Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock.</p> <p>The Royal Canal Urban Greenway is currently at Stage 4 preliminary design which is currently undergoing review, to ensure it follows the New Cycle Design Manual issued by the NTA, and this in turn requires updating the Environmental Impact Assessment Report as a result of the design changes. A planning application is expected to be submitted in 2025.</p> <p>The R132 Connectivity Project is currently at detailed design stage with various contracts undertaken in 2024 - CCTV, GPR, TOPO and GI all to inform the design in evidence based detailed design to ensure value for money at the construction stage and to meet project objectives. The stage 1 procurement process of the construction works took place in 2024 and the stage 2 procurement process will be taking place in 2025 and following this will be the appointment of a contractor to start construction.</p> <p><b>Snugborough Interchange</b> Upgrade was completed at road level in July 2024 and at underpass level in November 2024.</p> <p><b>Ongar Barnhill Road</b> Bam Civil Ltd. advanced construction of the scheme which includes a bridge over the railway. The expected completion date is in Q2 2025.</p> <p>As part of the <b>Broadmeadow Way</b>, construction of the bridge across Malahide Estuary is complete. This is the first completed works contract and a critical piece of infrastructure forming part of the Broadmeadow Way. Construction of this environmentally and technically challenging project has been divided into different works packages which will be delivered in stages. The works on the Northern Causeway will commence in summer 2025 and the landward works in Donabate are expected to commence towards the end of 2025. It is anticipated that the opening of the Broadmeadow Way will be in 2026.</p>





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<p>Deliver strategic infrastructure (physical and green) in the County.</p>	<p>However, because of the seasonal constraints of working within the estuary, along with the technical challenges of building on the Northern Causeway, works may extend to 2027.</p> <p>Works on the <b>Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge</b> are progressing well on site and the bridge is expected to be completed in March 2025. Work is progressing on the early phase development of the <b>Donabate Transport Projects</b>, which comprise a number of major projects with the objective of improving transport, active travel infrastructure and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula.</p> <p>The design of the <b>Sutton to Malahide Walking and Cycle Scheme</b> is progressing through preliminary design. The team is in the process of drafting the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, a Natura Impact Statement and CPO documents. A planning application is scheduled to be lodged at the end of Q3 2025.</p> <p>A multi-disciplinary Consultancy team has been procured for the detailed design and construction supervision of the public realm at <b>Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm</b>. Detailed design commenced in December 2024 and is scheduled for completion in July 2025 after which construction procurement and construction will progress.</p> <p>A multi-Disciplinary Engineering Consultancy team has been appointed for the Option Selection, Preliminary Design and preparation of the application for Planning Consent for <b>Swords Main Street Transformation Project</b>. Work is progressing on the early phases of this project.</p> <p>Preliminary design work for the <b>Fingal Coastal Way</b> is progressing along urban roads. Co-ordination continues with affected landowners to work towards finalising the position of the route in rural areas. Liaison with Irish Rail, Gas Networks Ireland, Eirgrid, TFI and Dublin Bus continues to ensure co-ordination of the proposed scheme with existing infrastructure and utilities.</p> <p>A non-statutory public consultation on the <b>Kinsealy to Portmarnock Station Walking and Cycling Route</b> yielded more than 100 meaningful and helpful submissions and the aim now is to progress from the Emerging Preferred Route stage to the Preferred Route stage and ensuing the statutory process required to deliver this project.</p>

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<p>Deliver strategic infrastructure (physical and green) in the County.</p>	<p>A consultant is to be appointed to further develop the <b>Swords Western Distributor Road</b> project that will provide both a vehicular and an Active Travel connection between Miller's Glen and the proposed new Metro North station at Lissenhall.</p> <p>A brief is being developed to procure a consultant to progress the concept and completed feasibility study to provide an Active Travel link between <b>Rush and Lusk</b> and the Rush/Lusk train station.</p> <p>Works progressed on the development of Phase 1 and the completion of accommodation works for the <b>Ballymastone Recreational Hub</b> in Donabate.</p> <p>Planning approval was obtained for the upgrade of <b>Corduff Park</b> in Dublin 15 and for the development of a new playground at <b>Laurel Lodge, Castleknock</b>.</p> <p>Works were progressed on the <b>Ward River Regional Park Development Plan</b>, including the completion of the restoration or part restoration of some historic features and path network in the Regional Park.</p> <p>Works were progressed on <b>Bremore Regional Park in Balbriggan</b> with the completion of significant landscaping works and the reconstructed gatehouse in the vicinity of <b>Bremore Castle</b>.</p> <p>The destination playground at <b>Lanesborough Park</b> was opened to the public.</p> <p>The upgraded playground at <b>Howth Promenade</b> was officially opened in addition to the new playground and garden at <b>Garristown Library</b>.</p> <p>A new park and playground at <b>Seamount, Malahide</b> was opened to the public. Work was progressed on the approved actions in the <b>Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030</b>.</p> <p>A planning application was lodged with An Bord Pleanála for the <b>Rathmore Recreational Hub in Lusk</b>.</p>

<b>Service Delivery Objective</b>	<b>Assessment Report 2024</b>
Promote and Enforce Building Regulations and Construction Product Regulations.	In 2024, commencement notices for 7,553 new buildings were submitted through the BCMS system, with over 25% of them going through a desktop technical review at completion stage. Also, the Council dealt with 460 Fire Safety Certificates and 286 Disability Access Certificates. The Building Control Authority carried out over 633 on-site Building Control inspections. Building Control is the Market Surveillance Authority for Construction Products in the Fingal area. The target products in 2024 were concrete (EN 12620); bituminous mixtures (EN13043); unbound and hydraulically bound materials (EN 13242) and masonry units (dense and lightweight aggregates) (EN 771-3).
Ensure appropriate action is taken on unauthorised development.	In 2024, the Planning Enforcement issued 269 warning letters and 91 enforcement notices while managing its ongoing caseload of investigations and enquiries from the public. 18 new cases were referred to the Law Department during 2024 bringing to 41 the number of enforcement cases with the Law Department or at varying stages in the legal system.
Ensure planning decisions are transparent and are decided in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development.	Planning decisions are decided in accordance with statutory requirements. 1,757 planning applications received; 1,577 decisions made. 1 SHD decision was made by An Bord Pleanála in 2024 which was to refuse permission. 12 applications for Large Scale Residential Developments (LRD) were lodged to Fingal County Council in 2024. 19 decisions on LRD applications were made by Fingal County Council, 10 decisions were made to grant permission and/or to grant amendments to existing applications, 5 decisions have been made to refuse permission and 4 requests for further information issued.
Manage the Taking in Charge Statutory Process.	The Council had a record year for Taking in Charge in 2024 with a total of 27 estates taken in charge, as well as 7 estates taken into maintenance and one road scheme taken into maintenance. The Council also tendered on etenders for a Framework of Consultants to assist in preparing the documentation and management of contractors to bring legacy estates up to the taking in charge standard.
Preparation/ review of County Development Plan - set out the strategy and objectives for the sustainable development of the County.	The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 was adopted in February 2023 and came into effect on the 5th of April 2023. Following adoption of the Development Plan, a priority list of LAP's, Masterplans and Framework Plans to be prepared over the lifetime of the Development Plan was agreed by the Elected Members and work continues with respect to these plans. The Donabate Framework Plan was approved by the Members in March 2024 and the Flemington LAP was adopted in December 2024. The Progress Report with respect to the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 was undertaken and provided to the Elected Members in February 2025.



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Delivery of a sustainable transport system for all citizens.	<p>The adopted Capital Plan 2023-2025 contains a range of schemes that are currently being advanced including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Royal Canal greenway</b> land acquisition, design and EIAR reviews and planning application due for submission in 2025.</li> <li>• <b>Harry Reynolds Road:</b> is now substantially complete.</li> <li>• <b>Consultancy frameworks for various pedestrian and cycling projects in the BCMO/Dublin 15 area</b>, with the initial project being the Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock and Cycling Routes was recently awarded.</li> <li>• <b>Ongar-Barnhill:</b> Includes footpaths and cycleways and future proofing for bus lanes. Expected completion in Q2 2025.</li> <li>• <b>Snugborough Interchange:</b> Which includes footpaths, cycle paths and bus lanes was completed in 2024. Active Travel link into Waterville Park in Q1 2025.</li> <li>• <b>Broadmeadow Way:</b> Advance works contracts underway.</li> <li>• <b>Fingal Coastal Way:</b> Preliminary design work progressing along urban roads.</li> </ul>
Promote and Protect Biodiversity.	<p>21 priority actions were implemented or progressed during 2024 such as: the implementation of the woodland management plans for the Ward and St. Catherines Park woodlands, little tern conservation project on the beach in Portrane, the control of invasive species such as Giant Hogweed, Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam, Rhododendron and Mink, the development of a Masterplan for the Ward River Valley Park is ongoing, 2 weirs and rock armour were removed from the Ward River and a fishpass is under construction at Ushers Lake, the implementation of 22 Tidy Towns Biodiversity Plans is ongoing and the Biodiversity Plan for the Beaverstown Golf Club was completed.</p> <p>Preparation has also commenced on planning guidance documents for general biodiversity conservation in developments, hedgerow management and nesting facilities in buildings.</p>
Supporting Housing for All – a New Housing Plan for Ireland.	<p>Ongoing residential development.</p> <p>Quarter 4 2024 as per the 4Dublin Housing Returns:</p> <p>The number of sites with planning permission in Tier 1 is 98.</p> <p>The number of units with planning permission is 18,112.</p> <p>There are 49 active sites.</p> <p>There are 3,394 units under construction.</p> <p>There are currently nineteen SHD Sites in Tier 1, with nine of these sites active.</p> <p>There are ten LRDs in Tier 1, five are active, there is currently one LRD site under a Judicial Review.</p>

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Develop a Coastal Management Policy.	The Council continued to progress the Fingal Pilot Projects for Coastal Monitoring in collaboration with the OPW during 2024. A <b>Maritime Area Consent (MAC)</b> application was lodged with the <b>Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA)</b> in respect of the <b>Coastal Flood Risk and Erosion Risk Management (CFERM)</b> plan for <b>The Burrow, Portrane</b> .
Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the County.	<p>The new <b>Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030</b> was launched in March 2024 and implementation is ongoing. A number of community-based projects were progressed including <b>Digging Drumanagh 2024</b> which focused on post-excavation. As part of special analysis, a 2,000 year old fig without parallel in Ireland was identified. The story captured public imagination and resulted in worldwide positive media coverage for Fingal County Council. <b>Drumanagh Day 2024</b> shared the results of specialist analysis so far, the local community and the production of an <i>Archaeology Ireland Heritage Guide No. 107</i> further disseminated the results of the project nationally.</p> <p>The <b>Fingal Oral Heritage Audit</b> is the first such audit and resulted in a total of 676 recorded items and an appearance on <a href="#">TG4</a>, <b>Fingal Traditional Skills Courtyard</b> was developed for Flavours of Fingal with demonstrations of a mix of traditional building and craft skills from stone carving to lace work. Phase 2 of <a href="#">BLAS: Fingal's Food Heritage Project</a> developed lesson plans for primary school teachers, added to the Storymap, developed a series of recipe cards and produced a video on the history of walled gardens. <b>Fingal Gravestone Recording</b> sessions took place in Mulhuddart Graveyard and St. Margaret's Graveyard. <b>Howth Community Heritage Audit</b> worked with Howth Peninsula Heritage Society to undertake an audit of the built, natural and cultural heritage of Howth to include two community workshops and a survey. The <a href="#">audit</a> was published and launched in September 2024. Digital heritage is a means to provide accessibility to the wider public. The Heritage Officer has worked with the Digital Officer to produce <a href="#">3D tours</a> of <a href="#">Malahide Demesne Church</a> and Lanistown Castle, which are not currently accessible to the public. A number of in-person events and online projects featured, including the launch of the <b>Fingal Heritage Network Booklet 2024</b> and <b>Heritage Night 2024</b> took place for National Heritage Week. Monthly meetings with the <b>Heritage Network</b> and a refresh of the membership of the <b>Fingal Heritage Forum</b> at strategic points in the Heritage Plan process also took place.</p>

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
<p>Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the County.</p>	<p>The Heritage Officer also administers the <b>Community Monuments Fund 2024</b> in Fingal for the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Five projects received funding in 2024 totalling €405,639.75, for St. Columba's Towers Swords, Balrothery Tower House, Lanistown Castle, St. Fintan's Church Graveyard and St. Doulough's Church and Graveyard.</p> <p>The Heritage Officer prepared consultee <b>planning reports</b> for:  98 Planning Permissions  20 LRDs  30 Compliances</p> <p><b>Naming of Developments</b> - A total of 39 reports for compliance with naming conditions were requested from the Heritage Officer in 2024.</p> <p><b>Infrastructural Projects:</b> review of documentation, input and cross-departmental advice for Fingal's infrastructural projects including Dublin Airport, Lusk Town Centre, Ward River Regional Park, Canal Loop Greenway and Fingal Coastal Way.</p>







*Official opening of Snugborough Interchange upgrade*





Fingal Heritage Network



Heritage Plan Launch



Fingal Heritage Network Booklet





*St. Margaret's graveyard and gravestone recording workshop*



*Heritage Week event celebrating harvesting, milling and bread in Fingal*



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# Appendices



# Council Members (January-June 2024)

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**Robert O' Donoghue,**  
(Labour),  
(Elected to Dáil Éireann)  
(Until 29th November)

## **SWORDS ELECTORAL AREA**

### **Marian Buckley,**

(Sinn Féin),  
(Until 15<sup>th</sup> July)

### **Darragh Butler,**

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# Council Membership of Standing Committees of the Council (January-June 2024)

## AREA COMMITTEES

### Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords

Members of Balbriggan, Rush-Lusk and Swords Electoral Areas.

#### Area Chairperson:

Councillor Ian Carey

### Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar

Members of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart, Castleknock and Ongar Electoral Areas.

#### Area Chairperson:

Councillor Tom Kitt

### Howth-Malahide

Members of Howth-Malahide Electoral Area

#### Area Chairperson:

Councillor Eoghan O'Brien

## ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

All Elected Members are members of this Committee.

## CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

**Mayor:** Councillor Adrian Henchy

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE CULTURE AND CREATIVITY SPC

Councillors Joan Hopkins (Chairperson), Cathal Boland, Gráinne Maguire, JK Onwumereh, Brendan Ryan, John Walsh

#### Non-Elected Nominees:

Abbi Wise

## TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SPC

Councillors Tom O'Leary (Chairperson), Ann Graves, Karen Power, Jimmy Guerin, Eoghan O'Brien, Angela Donnelly

#### Non-Elected Nominees:

Sinead Kavanagh, Michael Lenehan

## ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC

Councillors Darragh Butler (Chairperson), Tony Murphy, Ian Carey, Ted Leddy, Siobhan Shovlin, Breda Hanaphy, Howard Mahony, Anthony Lavin

#### Non-Elected Nominees:

Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, Yetunde Joyce, Helen Keng Mobit

## HOUSING SPC

Councillors Robert O'Donoghue (Chairperson, until Nov 2024), Brigid Manton, James Humphreys, Natalie Treacy, John Burtchaell, Kieran Dennison, Adrian Henchy, Michelle Griffin (from January 2024)

#### Non-Elected Nominees:

Finbarr Geaney, Anthony Cooney, Dayakar Reddy Komirelly, John Uwhumiakpor

## CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY AND ENVIRONMENT SPC

Councillors David Healy (Chairperson), Mary McCamley, Joe Newman, Paul Mulville, Aoibhinn Tormey, Pamela Conroy

#### Non-Elected Nominees:

Edward Stevenson, Seamus McGrath,

## **PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC**

Councillors Brian McDonagh (Chairperson), Tania Doyle, Dean Mulligan, Tom Kitt, Brian Dennehy, Punam Rane (until January 2024), Steve O'Reilly (from February 2024).

### **Non-Elected Nominees:**

Paul Arnold, David Branagan

Maguire, Pamela Conroy, Tania Doyle, Tony Murphy, Adrian Henchy, Michelle Griffin, James Humphreys, Ted Leddy

## **LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

Councillors Breda Hanaphy, Robert O'Donoghue, Siobhan Shovlin

## **MARINE AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT SPC**

Councillors Eoghan O'Brien (Chairperson), Adrian Henchy, Brian Dennehy, Robert O'Donoghue, Ann Graves, Paul Mulville, Tom O'Leary, Karen Power, Cathal Boland, David Healy

### **Non-Elected Nominees:**

James McGrane, Stephen Kennedy, Máire O'Brien

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Councillors Cathal Boland, Mary McCamley, Tom O'Leary (from March 2024), Punam Rane (until January 2024)

## **JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

Councillors Ian Carey (Chairperson), Ann Graves, Anthony Lavin, Dean Mulligan, JK Onwumereh, Robert O'Donoghue, Gráinne

# Council Membership of Standing Committees of the Council (June-December 2024)

## AREA COMMITTEES

### Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords

Members of Balbriggan, Rush-Lusk and Swords Electoral Areas.

**Area Chairperson:**  
Councillor Tom O'Leary

### Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar

Members of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart, Castleknock and Ongar Electoral Areas.

**Area Chairperson:**  
Councillor Councillor JK Onwumereh

### Howth-Malahide

Members of Howth-Malahide Electoral Area

**Area Chairperson:**  
Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey

## ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

All Elected Members are members of this Committee.

## CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

**Mayor:** Councillor Brian McDonagh

## COMMUNITY, SPORTS AND CULTURE SPC

Councillors Eoghan Dockrell (Chairperson), Mary McCamley, John Walsh, Angela Donnelly, Tom Kitt, James Humphreys

**Non-Elected Nominees:**  
Brenda Vanderzee, Abi Wise

## PUBLIC REALM, TRANSPORTATION / MOBILITY MANAGEMENT SPC

Councillors Darragh Butler (Chairperson), Darren Jack Kelly, Malachy Quinn, Corina Johnston, Joan Hopkins, Patrick Quinlan

**Non-Elected Nominees:**  
John Fox, Michael Lenahan, Siobhan O'Donnell

## ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC

Councillors Kieran Dennison (Chairperson), Tony Murphy, Tom O'Leary, James Humphreys, Siobhan Shovlin, Ellen Troy, Jimmy Guerin

## Non-Elected Nominees:

Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, Peader O'Kelly

## HOUSING SPC

Councillors Robert O'Donoghue (Chairperson), Gerard Sheehan, Breda Hanaphy, Ted Leddy, John Burtchaell, Aoibhinn Tormey, Cathal Haughey

## Non-Elected Nominees:

David Branagan, Jimmy Doran, Jo Fulham, John Uwhumiakpor

## CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY AND ENVIRONMENT SPC

Councillors Joe Newman (Chairperson), David Healy, JK Onwumereh, Siobhan Shovlin, Ruth Coppinger, Brian McDonagh

## Non-Elected Nominees:

Tara Byrne, Paul Flynn, Sarah Zimmerman

## PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC



Councillors Eoghan O'Brien  
(Chairperson), Cathal  
Boland, Ann Graves, Luke  
Corkery, Tania Doyle, Eimear  
Carbone-Mangan

**Non-Elected Nominees:**

Paul Arnold, Anthony  
Cooney, Kevin Tolan

**MARINE AND COASTAL  
MANAGEMENT SPC**

Angela Donnelly  
(Chairperson), Paul Mulville,  
Corina Johnston, Cathal  
Boland, Gráinne Maguire,  
Dean Mulligan

**Non-Elected Nominees:**

Máire O'Brien, Charles  
Sargent, Alison Regan

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Councillors Cathal Boland,  
Mary McCamley, Tom  
O'Leary

**LOCAL TRAVELLER  
ACCOMMODATION  
CONSULTATIVE  
COMMITTEE**

Councillors Breda Hanaphy,  
Robert O'Donoghue (until  
November 2024), Ruth  
Coppinger (until November  
2024)

# Councillor Membership of Other Bodies (January-June 2024)

## AIRPORT REGIONS CONFERENCE (ARC)

Councillor Cathal Boland

## ARDGILLAN CASTLE LTD

Councillor Gráinne Maguire

## ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AILG)

Councillors Gráinne Maguire,  
Kieran Dennison, Cathal  
Boland

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

Councillors Cathal Boland,  
Mary McCamley, Punam  
Rane (until Jan 2024), Tom  
O'Leary (from March 2024)

## BALLEALLY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillors Brian Dennehy,  
Robert O'Donoghue, Paul  
Mulville, Cathal Boland,  
Adrian Henchy

## BASE ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Councillors Steve O'Reilly, JK  
Onwumereh, Punam Rane  
(until Jan 2024)

## BEAUMONT HOSPITAL BOARD

Councillors Punam Rane  
(until Jan 2024), Tom O'Leary  
(from March 2024)

## BLANCHARDSTOWN COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

Councillors Ted Leddy, John  
Walsh

## BLANCHARDSTOWN LOCAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

Councillors Ted Leddy,  
Natalie Treacy, Michelle  
Griffin

## COMHAIRLE NA NÓG

Councillors Siobhan Shovlin,  
Joan Hopkins, Brendan Ryan,  
Michelle Griffin

## COUNTY HERITAGE FORUM

Councillors Cathal Boland,  
Howard Mahony, Pamela  
Conroy, JK Onwumereh,  
Brendan Ryan

## DBEC POLITICAL ADVISORY BOARD

Councillors Adrian Henchy  
(Mayor), Tony Murphy,  
Howard Mahony

## DRAÍOCHT

Councillors Mary McCamley,  
Howard Mahony

## DRINAN ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Councillors Eoghan O'Brien,  
Anthony Lavin

## DUBLIN AND DÚN LAOGHAIRE EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

Councillors Brigid Manton,  
John Walsh, Cathal Boland,  
Pamela Conroy, Siobhan  
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## DUBLIN NORTH EAST DRUG TASK FORCE

Councillor Brian McDonagh

## EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Councillors Robert  
O'Donoghue, David Healy,  
Brigid Manton

### **EIRGRID EAST MEATH- NORTH DUBLIN GRID COMMUNITY**

Councillors Cathal Boland,  
Brian Dennehy

### **FINGAL AGE FRIENDLY ALLIANCE COMMITTEE**

Councillors Ann Graves,  
Brigid Manton, Mary  
McCamley, Eoghan O'Brien

### **FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)**

Councillors Mary McCamley,  
Cathal Boland, Joan Hopkins

### **FINGAL BIODIVERSITY FORUM**

Councillors Eoghan O'Brien,  
Joe Newman, Ian Carey, John  
Walsh, Joan Hopkins, Punam  
Rane (Until Jan 2024), Steve  
O'Reilly (From Feb 2024)

### **FINGAL COASTAL LIAISON GROUP**

Councillor Tony Murphy

### **FINGAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Councillors Adrian Henchy,  
Tom Kitt, Steve O'Reilly,  
Punam Rane (until Jan 2024)

### **FINGAL TOURISM LIMITED**

Councillors Adrian Henchy,  
Gráinne Maguire

### **GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DCU**

Councillor Jimmy Guerin

### **HANSFIELD SDZ STEERING GROUP**

All Councillors from  
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Mulhuddart/Castleknock/  
Ongar Electoral Areas

### **HOWTH SAAO MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Councillors David Healy, Joan  
Hopkins, Brian McDonagh,  
Jimmy Guerin

### **INTER LOCAL AUTHORITY SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FIRE AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Councillors Tania Doyle,  
Howard Mahony, Kieran  
Dennison, Darragh Butler

### **IRISH PUBLIC BODIES (IPB) MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED**

Councillor Cathal Boland

### **IRISH INSTITUTE OF MUSIC AND SONG**

Councillor Tony Murphy

### **JOINT FINGAL AND SOUTH DUBLIN LIFFEY VALLEY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mayor Adrian Henchy  
and all Councillors  
from Blanchardstown-  
Mulhuddart/Castleknock/  
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### **JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

Councillors Ian Carey  
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Ted Leddy, JK Onwumereh,  
John Walsh, Tania  
Doyle, Tony Murphy,  
Gráinne Maguire, Robert  
O'Donoghue, Adrian Henchy,  
Dean Mulligan, Ann Graves,  
Anthony Lavin, Michelle  
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Howard Mahony, Natalie  
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### **LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION (LAMA)**

Councillor Cathal Boland



### **LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (LTACC)**

Councillors Breda Hanaphy,  
Siobhan Shovlin, Robert  
O'Donoghue

### **MALAHIDE CASTLE AND NEWBRIDGE HOUSE LTD.**

Councillors Adrian Henchy,  
Paul Mulville, Eoghan  
O'Brien, Anthony Lavin

### **NAMING AND COMMEMORATIVE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

Councillors Joe Newman,  
Ted Leddy, Ann Graves,  
Brigid Manton, James  
Humphreys, Pamela Conroy,  
Howard Mahony, Joan  
Hopkins, Cathal Boland

### **NORDUBCO – NORTH DUBLIN DEVELOPMENT COALITION**

Councillors Brigid Manton

### **NORTH DUBLIN REGIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE**

Councillors Gráinne  
Maguire, Tony Murphy, Dean  
Mulligan, Brigid Manton,  
Brian McDonagh, Ann  
Graves, Brendan Ryan

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### **LOCAL AUTHORITIES SECRETARIAT (NFLA)**

Councillor David Healy

### **OUR BALBRIGGAN LEADERSHIP GROUP**

Councillors Tony Murphy,  
Karen Power, Gráinne  
Maguire

### **REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM DUBLIN AND NORTH EAST**

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Mary McCamley, Howard  
Mahony, Adrian Henchy,  
Aoibhinn Tormey, Kieran  
Dennison, Brigid Manton

### **SÉAMUS ENNIS ARTS CENTRE**

Councillor Cathal Boland

### **ST. MARGARET'S COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP**

Councillor Ian Carey

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Councillors Robert  
O'Donoghue, Brian Dennehy,  
Cathal Boland

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Councillors Gráinne Maguire,  
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Power, Mary McCamley,  
Breda Hanaphy, Siobhan  
Shovlin, Natalie Treacy,  
Pamela Conroy, Aoibhinn  
Tormey, Joan Hopkins,  
Tania Doyle, Brigid Manton,  
Punam Rane (Until Jan 2024)

# Councillor Membership of Other Bodies (June-December 2024)

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Councillors Eoghan O'Brien,  
Cathal Haughey

Councillor James Humphreys

## BLANCHARDSTOWN LOCAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

## DUBLIN AND DÚN LAOGHAIRE EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

## ARDGILLAN CASTLE LTD

Councillor Brendan Ryan

Councillors Angela Donnelly,  
Ellen Troy, Ted Leddy

Councillors Eimear Carbone-  
Mangan, Eoghan Dockrell,  
Angela Donnelly, Dean  
Mulligan, John Walsh

## ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AILG)

Councillors Kieran Dennison,  
Mary McCamley, JK  
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## COMHAIRLE NA NÓG

Councillors Luke Corkery,  
Brian McDonagh, Dean  
Mulligan

## DUBLIN NORTH EAST DRUG TASK FORCE

Councillors Cathal Haughey,  
Joan Hopkins

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

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James Humphreys, Mary  
McCamley

Councillors Darren Jack  
Kelly, Eimear Carbone-  
Mangan, Corina Johnston, JK  
Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn

## EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Councillors Tom O'Leary,  
David Healy, Eimear  
Carbone-Mangan

## BASE ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Councillors Breda Hanaphy,  
JK Onwumereh

## DBEC POLITICAL ADVISORY BOARD

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(Chairperson), Tom O'Leary

## EIRGRID EAST MEATH- NORTH DUBLIN GRID COMMUNITY

Councillors JK Onwumereh,  
Eimear Carbone-Mangan

## BEAT ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Councillors Gráinne Maguire,  
Tony Murphy

## DRAÍOCHT

Councillors Eimear Carbone-  
Mangan, John Walsh

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Councillors Joan Hopkins,  
Tom O'Leary, Tania Doyle,

## BEAUMONT HOSPITAL BOARD

## DRINAN ENTERPRISE CENTRE



Ellen Troy

**FINGAL LOCAL  
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COMMITTEE (LCDC)**

Councillors Cathal Haughey,  
Eoghan Dockrell, Eimear  
Carbone-Mangan

**FINGAL BIODIVERSITY  
FORUM**

Councillors Luke Corkery,  
David Healy, Paul Mulville

**FINGAL COASTAL LIAISON  
GROUP**

Councillors Corina Johnston,  
Eoghan Dockrell, David  
Healy, Paul Mulville, Robert  
O'Donoghue (until Nov 2024)

**FINGAL SPORTS  
PARTNERSHIP  
COMMITTEE**

Councillors Tom Kitt, Corina  
Johnston, Cathal Haughey

**FINGAL TOURISM LIMITED**

Councillors Brian McDonagh,  
Darren Jack Kelly

**HOWTH SAAO  
MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Councillors David Healy, Joan  
Hopkins, Cathal Haughey,

Brian McDonagh

**INTER LOCAL  
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AMBULANCE SERVICES  
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Kieran Dennison

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LIMITED**

Councillor Kieran Dennison

**IRISH INSTITUTE OF MUSIC  
AND SONG**

Councillor Tony Murphy

**JOINT FINGAL AND SOUTH  
DUBLIN LIFFEY VALLEY  
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

Councillors Ted Leddy,  
Siobhan Shovlin, Ellen Troy,  
John Walsh, Eimear Carbone-  
Mangan, Ruth Coppinger  
(until Nov 2024)

**JOINT POLICING  
COMMITTEE**

Councillors Ian Carey  
(Chairperson), Pamela  
Conroy, James Humphreys,  
Ted Leddy, JK Onwumereh,  
John Walsh, Tania  
Doyle, Tony Murphy,

Gráinne Maguire, Robert  
O'Donoghue, Adrian Henchy,  
Dean Mulligan, Ann Graves,  
Anthony Lavin, Michelle  
Griffin

**LIFFEY VALLEY SPECIAL  
AMENITY AREA ORDER  
(SAAO) COMMITTEE**

Councillors Siobhan Shovlin,  
Ted Leddy, John Walsh,  
Howard Mahony, Natalie  
Treacy, Pamela Conroy

**LOCAL AUTHORITY  
MEMBERS ASSOCIATION  
(LAMA)**

Councillor JK Onwumereh

**LOCAL TRAVELLER  
ACCOMMODATION  
CONSULTATIVE  
COMMITTEE (LTACC)**

Councillors Breda Hanaphy,  
Robert O'Donoghue (until  
Nov 2024), Ruth Coppinger  
(until Nov 2024)

**MALAHIDE CASTLE AND  
NEWBRIDGE HOUSE LTD.**

Councillors Cathal Haughey,  
Eoghan Dockrell, Corina  
Johnston, Eoghan O'Brien

**MILL HILL LTD.**

Councillor Tom O'Leary

**NAMING AND**



### COMMEMORATIVE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Councillors Malachy Quinn, Joe Newman, Darragh Butler, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, James Humphreys, Darren Jack Kelly, Ted Leddy, Siobhan Shovlin, Eimear Carbone-Mangan

### SÉAMUS ENNIS ARTS CENTRE

Councillor Eoghan Dockrell

### ST. MARGARET'S LIAISON GROUP

Councillor Dean Mulligan

### NORTH DUBLIN REGIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

Councillors Luke Corkery, Corina Johnston, Darren Jack Kelly, Dean Mulligan, Malachy Quinn, Robert O'Donoghue (until Nov 2024)

### TOWN CENTRE FIRST – LUSK TOWN TEAM

Councillors Corina Johnston, Eoghan Dockrell, Robert O'Donoghue (until Nov 2024)

### NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES SECRETARIAT (NFLA)

Councillor Paul Mulville

### ST. MARGARET'S COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Councillor Ian Carey

### OUR BALBRIGGAN LEADERSHIP GROUP

Councillors Gráinne Maguire, Brendan Ryan, Tony Murphy, Malachy Quinn, Tom O'Leary

### TOWN CENTRE FIRST – LUSK TOWN TEAM

Councillors Robert O'Donoghue, Brian Dennehy, Cathal Boland

### REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM DUBLIN AND NORTH EAST

Councillors Aoibhinn Tormey, Tom Kitt, Mary McCamley, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Kieran Dennison, Ruth Coppinger (until Nov 2024)

### WOMEN'S CAUCUS

Councillors Gráinne Maguire, Seána Ó Rodaigh, Karen Power, Mary McCamley, Breda Hanaphy, Siobhan Shovlin, Natalie Treacy, Pamela Conroy, Aoibhinn Tormey, Joan Hopkins, Tania Doyle, Brigid Manton



# Meetings Held in 2024

Meeting	Number of Meetings held
Full Council	11
Balbriggan/Rush-Lush/Swords (Services A) Area Committee	9
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services B) Area Committee	*10
*Meeting adjourned in December 2023 took place on 04/01/2024	
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services A) Area Committee	9
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services B) Area Committee	9
Howth/Malahide (Services A) Area Committee	9
Howth/Malahide (Services B) Area Committee	9
Special Meeting	2
Annual Meeting	*2
*Annual Meeting was adjourned on 21/06/2024	
Budget Meeting	1
Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee	5
Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee	2
Community Development, Heritage Culture and Creativity Strategic Policy Committee (January-June 2024)	1
Community Development, Heritage Culture and Creativity Strategic Policy Committee (June-December 2024)	1
Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee	2
Housing Strategic Policy Committee	2
Planning Strategic Transport and Infrastructure Development Strategic Policy Committee	2
Transport and Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy Committee (January-June 2024)	1
Transport and Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy Committee (June-December 2024)	1
Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee	2

## Attendance at Meetings (January-June 2024)

Councillor	Number of meetings attended
Cathal Boland	20
John Burtchaell	15
Darragh Butler	17
Ian Carey	19
Pamela Conroy	17
Brian Dennehy	18
Kieran Dennison	14
Angela Donnelly	17
Tania Doyle	15
Ann Graves	18
Michelle Griffin	16
Jimmy Guerin	18
Breda Hanaphy	18
David Healy	15
Adrian Henchy	21
Joan Hopkins	12
James Humphreys	19
Tom Kitt	18
Anthony Lavin	17





<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Number of meetings attended in 2024</b>
Ted Leddy	12
Gráinne Maguire	16
Howard Mahony	18
Brigid Manton	19
Mary McCamley	18
Brian McDonagh	13
Dean Mulligan	16
Paul Mulville	20
Tony Murphy	9
Joe Newman	19
Eoghan O'Brien	18
Robert O'Donoghue	20
Tom O'Leary	20
Steve O'Reilly (From 12th Feb)	10
JK Onwumereh	14
Karen Power	18
Punam Rane (Until 29th Jan)	2
Brendan Ryan	19
Siobhan Shovlin	17
Aoibhinn Tormey	12
Natalie Treacy	15
John Walsh	15

## Attendance at Meetings (June-December 2024)

Councillor	Number of meetings attended
Cathal Boland	20
Marian Buckley (Until 15th July)	1
John Burtchaell	13
Darragh Butler	20
Eimear Carbone-Mangan	20
Ruth Coppinger (Until 29th November)	10
Luke Corkery	17
Kieran Dennison	20
Eoghan Dockrell	14
Angela Donnelly	22
Tania Doyle	12
Ann Graves (From 9th September; Until 29th November)	9
Jimmy Guerin	18
Breda Hanaphy	18
Cathal Haughey	20
David Healy	18
Joan Hopkins	14
Kevin Humphreys (From 18th December)	1
James Humphreys	20



<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Number of meetings attended</b>
Corina Johnston	19
Darren Jack Kelly	20
Tom Kitt	19
Ted Leddy	19
Gráinne Maguire	17
Mary McCamley	20
Brian McDonagh	17
Dean Mulligan	15
Paul Mulville	21
Tony Murphy	13
Joe Newman	21
Eoghan O'Brien	15
Robert O'Donoghue (Until 29th November)	10
Tom O'Leary	20
JK Onwumereh	19
Patrick Quinlan	15
Malachy Quinn	20
Brendan Ryan	18
Gerard Sheehan	16
Siobhan Shovlin	16
John Smyth (From 18th December)	1
Aoibhinn Tormey	16
Ellen Troy	17
John Walsh	18



## Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999

Councillor	Donations and Expenditure Disclosed (€)
Cathal Boland	0
John Burtchaell	0
Darragh Butler	0
Eimear Carbone-Mangan	0
Ruth Coppinger	1660.29
Luke Corkery	0
Kieran Dennison	0
Eoghan Dockrell	0
Angela Donnelly	0
Tania Doyle	0
Ann Graves	0
Jimmy Guerin	0
Breda Hanaphy	0
Cathal Haughey	0
David Healy	1000
Joan Hopkins	625
James Humphreys	0
Kevin Humphreys	0
Corina Johnston	0
Darren Jack Kelly	0



<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Donations and Expenditure Disclosed (€)</b>
Tom Kitt	0
Ted Leddy	0
Grainne Maguire	0
Mary McCamley	0
Brian McDonagh	0
Paul Mulville	0
Tony Murphy	0
Joe Newman	0
Eoghan O'Brien	0
Rob O'Donoghue	1500
Tom O'Leary	0
John Kingsley Onwumereh	0
Patrick Quinlan	0
Malachy Quinn	0
Brendan Ryan	0
Gerard Sheehan	0
Siobhan Shovlin	1000
John Smyth	0
Aoibhinn Tormey	0
Ellen Troy	0
John Walsh	900

## Payments to Councillors in 2024

Councillor Payments made to Councillors under Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001	Amount (€)
Total Expenses paid to members in respect of attendance at meetings of the County Council and its Committees:	
• (January – June 2024)	162,608.41
• (July – Dec 2024)	158,754.85
Total Representational Payments	1,156,521.53
Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Allowance Total	49,583.68
Mayors Allowance (January – June 2024)	14,373.75
Mayors Allowance (July – Dec 2024)	15,948.70
Deputy Mayors Allowance (January – June 2024)	2,874.74
Deputy Mayors Allowance (July – Dec 2024)	2,989.74

## Councillors Expenses and Representation at Conferences in 2024

Expense Type	Home (€)	Abroad (€)	Total (€)
Fees	3,300.00	0	3,300.00
Travel and Subsistence	2,551.75	0	2,551.75

*\*For details of Conference Payments – see Appendix VIII*



## Conferences/Seminars/Training attended by Councillors in 2024

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillors in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expenses (€)	Conference Fee (€)
LAMA Spring Seminar 2024	Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal	19th and 20th January 2024	Kieran Dennison		160
AILG Elected Member Training Programme – Module 1 – Annual Declarations, Donations, Code of Conduct and Local Representation Allowance Update (Northern and Western, Midlands and Eastern Region)	Fairways Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth	25th January 2024	Kieran Dennison		85
AIR Conference – Southern Regional Assembly	Adare, Co. Limerick	7th and 8th February 2024	Brigid Manton		160
			Kieran Dennison		160
AILG Annual Training Conference 2024	Arklow Bay Hotel, Co. Wicklow	14th and 15th February 2024	Kieran Dennison		170
			Cathal Boland	106.65	170
			Gráinne Maguire		170
AILG Elected Member Training Programme – Module 2 – Local Election Preparation – Briefing from the Electoral Commission	Hotel Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny	21st March 2024	Kieran Dennison		85
	Hudson Bay Hotel, Athlone, Co. Roscommon	23rd March 2024	Cathal Boland		85

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillors in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Ex-penses (€)	Conference Fee (€)
AILG Elected Member General Induction Training – Southern Regional Assembly	Radisson Blu Hotel, Co. Cork	13th July 2024	Kieran Dennison		85
Patrick McGill Summer School – “On The Brink”	The Highlands Hotel, Glenties, Co. Donegal	18th to 20th July 2024	Kieran Dennison		100
AILG Autumn Training Seminar 2024	Hillgrove Hotel, Co. Monaghan	11th and 12th September 2024	Kieran Dennison		170
			Tom O’Leary		170
			Cathal Boland	250.17	170
			Gráinne Maguire	415.89	170
			Mary McCamley	441.95	170
AILG September Training Module – “An Overview of the Planning System” – Eastern and Midlands Region	Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly	28th September 2024	Cathal Boland	143.32	85
			Paul Mulville	214.50	85
LAMA Autumn Seminar	Newgrange Hotel, Navan, Co. Meath	17th and 18th October 2024	Kieran Dennison		170
			Mary McCamley	381.20	170
			Cathal Boland	98.76	170
AILG October Training Module – “Local Authority Finance and Budget” – Southern Region	Sligo Park Hotel, Co. Sligo	24th October 2024	Kieran Dennison		85



Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillors in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expenses (€)	Conference Fee (€)
AILG October Training Module – “Local Authority Finance and Budget” – Eastern and Midland Region	Radisson Blu Hotel, Co. Limerick	November	Cathal Boland	237.54	85
AILG Cross-Border Event – “Respectful Leadership – Raising the Bar”	Carrickdale Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth	7th November 2024	Mary McCamley	261.77	N/A
			Kieran Dennison		N/A
AILG November Training Module – “Government Legislation Policy Programme 2024” – Southern Region	Tower Hotel, Co. Waterford	14th November 2024	Kieran Dennison		85
AILG November Training Module – “A Councillor’s Guide to Home Upgrade Grants”	Claregalway Hotel, Co. Galway	16th November 2024	Cathal Boland		85
				<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
				<b>2,551.75</b>	<b>3,300.00</b>



## Part 15 Local Government Act 2001 - Contraventions

There were no contraventions of Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001 in 2024.

## Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014

There was one Protected Disclosure in 2024.



# Freedom of Information Requests / Customer Complaints / Ombudsman Queries

<b>Applications Received/Processed</b>	
Applications received	190
Decisions made	179
Applications on hand at 31 <sup>st</sup> December	11
<b>Nature of Information Sought</b>	
Personal (to applicant)	51
Non-Personal	139
Mixed	0
Granted	40
Part-Granted	91
Refused	39
Transferred	2
Withdrawn/Outside FOI	18
<b>Appeals</b>	
Appeals to Information Commissioner	1
<b>Ombudsman Complaints</b>	
Complaints received	37
Complaints responded to	37





<b>Subject of Complaints</b>	
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	2
Operations and Water Services	1
Housing	31
Finance	0
Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sport	1
Community	0
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development	0
Corporate Services and Governance	2
Libraries	0
<b>Citizen Charter Complaints</b>	
Complaints received	197
Complaints responded	191
<b>Subject of Complaints</b>	
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	17
Operations and Water Services	32
Housing	96
Finance	4
Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sport	11
Community	0
Economic, Enterprise and Tourism	2
Corporate Services and Governance	24
Libraries	11

# Performance Indicators

## 01/01/2024 - 31/12/2024

*\* All Figures in Appendix XII are correct at time of printing*

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
<b>Housing: H1</b>	<b>A.</b> No. of dwellings in the ownership of the Local Authority at 1/1/2024	5,842	
	<b>B.</b> No. of dwellings added to the Local Authority owned stock during 2024 (whether constructed or acquired)	348	
	<b>C.</b> No. of Local Authority owned dwellings sold in 2024	12	
	<b>D.</b> No. of Local Authority owned dwellings demolished in 2024	0	
	<b>E.</b> No. of dwellings in the ownership of the Local Authority at 31/12/2024	6,178	
	<b>F.</b> No. of Local Authority owned dwellings planned for demolition under a DHLGH approved scheme at 31/12/2024	0	
<b>Housing: H2</b>	<b>A.</b> The percentage of the total number of Local Authority owned dwellings that were vacant on 31/12/2024	3.72%	
	The number of dwellings within their overall stock that were not tenanted on 31/12/2024	230	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
<b>Housing: H3</b>	<b>A.</b> The time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date in 2024 when the dwelling is re-tenanted, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2024	33.76 weeks	
	The number of dwellings that were re-tenanted on any date in 2024 (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	79	
	The number of weeks from the date of vacation to the date the dwelling is re-tenanted	2,667 weeks	
	<b>B.</b> The cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted in 2024, averaged across all dwellings re-let in 2024	€21,269.64	
	Total expenditure on works necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings	€1,680,301.60	
<b>Housing: H4</b>	<b>A.</b> Expenditure during 2024 on the maintenance of LA housing compiled from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024, divided by the no. of dwellings in the LA stock at 31/12/2024, i.e. the H1E less H1F indicator figure	€1,926.30	
	Expenditure on maintenance of LA stock compiled from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024. <i>Expenditure includes direct labour, contracted works, plant and machinery and material costs.</i>	€11,900,674.80	
	Planned maintenance and expenditure that qualified for grants, ie; Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland (SEAI) grants for energy efficient retro-fitting works are included		
<b>Housing: H5</b>	<b>A.</b> Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area at 31 December 2024		This figure will be supplied directly to the LGMA by the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB)
	<b>B.</b> Number of rented dwellings inspected in 2024		Figures will be provided by the DHL-GH



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
	<b>C.</b> Percentage of inspected dwellings in 2024 which were found to be not compliant with Standards Regulations		Figures will be provided by the DHLGH
	<b>D.</b> Number of dwellings deemed compliant in 2024 (including those originally deemed non-compliant)		Figures will be provided by the DHLGH
	<b>E.</b> The number of inspections (including re-inspections) undertaken by local authorities in 2024		Figures will be provided by the DHLGH
<b>Housing: H6</b>	<b>A.</b> Number of adult individuals in emergency accommodation that are long-term (i.e. 6 months or more within the previous year) homeless as a % of the total number of homeless adult individuals in emergency accommodation at the end of 2024		Dublin Regional Homeless Executive to provide this data for the 4 Local Authorities
	The number of adult individuals classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation on the night of 31 December 2024 as recorded on the PASS system		Dublin Regional Homeless Executive to provide this data for the 4 Dublin Local Authorities
	The number out of those individuals who, on 31/12/2024, had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously, or for 6 months cumulatively within the previous 12 months		Dublin Regional Homeless Executive to provide this data for the 4 Dublin Local Authorities
<b>Housing: H7</b>	<b>A. (1)</b> Total number of houses retrofitted between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme		Data to be provided by the LGMA Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
	<b>A. (2)</b> Number of houses that achieved a BER rating of B2 or above between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme		Data to be provided by the LGMA Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
<b>Housing: H7</b>	<b>A. (3)</b> Number of heat pumps installed in those houses between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme		Data to be provided by the LGMA Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
	<b>B.</b> Total annual energy savings in MWH from houses retrofitted between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme		Data to be provided by the LGMA Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
	<b>C.</b> Total carbon emission reduction of Co2 from houses retrofitted between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme		Data to be provided by the LGMA Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
<b>Roads: R1</b>  <b>Pavement Surface Condition Index (PSCI) Ratings</b>	<b>The percentage of total Regional road</b> that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2024		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	<b>The percentage of total Local Primary road</b> that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2024	51.47%	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	<b>The percentage of total Local Secondary road</b> that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2024	53.36%	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	<b>The percentage of total Local Tertiary road</b> that received a PSCI condition rating in the 60 month period prior to 31/12/2024	92.09%	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	The percentage length of (a) Regional, (b) Local Primary and (c) Local Secondary roads that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2024 and the percentage length of (d) Local Tertiary roads that received a PSCI condition rating in the 60 month period prior to 31/12/2024, in each of the following PSCI rating categories: 1-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10	Info not yet provided by RMO	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO

Topic	Indicator	Value		Comment	
<b>Roads: R2 Road Works</b>	<b>Road type</b>	<b>1-4 Rating</b>	<b>5-6 Rating</b>	<b>7-8 Rating</b>	<b>9-10 Rating</b>
	<b>(a) Regional</b>				
	<b>(b) Local Primary</b>	0.83%	24.06%	22.79%	3.8%
	<b>(c) Local Secondary</b>	53.36%	1.86%	21.76%	7.99%
	<b>(d) Local Tertiary</b>	4.07%	25.96%	49.69%	12.37%
	<b>A1.</b> Kilometres of regional road strengthened during 2024			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	<b>A2.</b> The amount expended on regional roads strengthening work during 2024			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	<b>A3.</b> The average unit cost of regional road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	<b>B1.</b> Kilometres of regional road resealed during 2024			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	<b>B2.</b> The amount expended on regional road resealing works during 2024			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	<b>B3.</b> The average unit cost of regional road resealing works per square metre (€/m2)			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	<b>C1.</b> Kilometres of local road (i.e. total of primary, secondary and tertiary) strengthened during 2024			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	<b>C2.</b> The amount expended on local road strengthening works during 2024			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	<b>C3.</b> The average unit cost of local road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	





Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
<b>Roads: R2 Road Works</b>	<b>D1.</b> Kilometres of local road resealed during 2024		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	<b>D2.</b> The amount expended on local road resealing work during 2024		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	<b>D3.</b> The average unit cost of local road resealing works per square metre (€/m <sup>2</sup> )		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
<b>Motor Tax: R3</b>	<b>A.</b> The percentage of motor tax transactions which were dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued) in 2024	N/A	
<b>Road Opening Licensing and Inspections: R4</b>	<b>A.</b> Total number of T1, T2', T3, T4s issued by the local authority between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024	2,217	
	<b>B.</b> Total number of T5 notifications received from licence holders between 01/01/2024 and 31/01/2024	2,362	
	<b>C.</b> Percentage of licences that have been reviewed by the local authority prior to entering the guarantee period	97%	
	<b>D.</b> Percentage of licences that have been subject of an inspection prior to entering the guarantee period	4%	
<b>Water: W1</b>	Percentage of drinking water in private schemes in compliance with statutory requirements in respect of the monitoring of the quality of private drinking water supplies during 2024		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the Environmental Protection Agency

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
<b>Water: W2</b>	Number of local authority registered schemes monitored in 2024		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the Environmental Protection Agency
	Total number of registered schemes in 2024		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the Environmental Protection Agency
<b>Waste/ Environment: E1</b>	<b>A.</b> The number of households, which availed of a 3-bin service offered by a licensed operator at 31/12/2024		This data will be supplied by the National Waste Collection Permit Office
	<b>B.</b> The percentage of households within the local authority that the number at A represents		This data will be supplied by the National Waste Collection Permit Office
<b>Environmental Pollution: E2</b>	<b>A1.</b> Total number of pollution cases in respect of which a complaint was made during 2024	2,555	
	<b>A2.</b> Number of pollution cases closed from 1/1/2024 to 31/12/2024	2,474	
	<b>A3.</b> Total number of cases on hands at 31/12/2024	145	
	The opening number of cases carried forward from the year end 2023	64	
<b>Litter Pollution: E3</b>	<b>A1.</b> The percentage of the area within the local authority that when surveyed in 2024 was unpolluted or litter free		Data will be submitted by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
	<b>A2.</b> The percentage of the area within the local authority that when surveyed in 2024 was slightly polluted		Data will be submitted by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
<b>Litter Pollution: E3</b>	<b>A3.</b> The percentage of the area within the local authority that when surveyed in 2024 was moderately polluted		Data will be submitted by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
	<b>A4.</b> The percentage of the area within the local authority that when surveyed in 2024 was significantly polluted		Data will be submitted by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
	<b>A5.</b> The percentage of the area within the local authority that when surveyed in 2024 was grossly polluted		Data will be submitted by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
<b>Green Flag Status: E4</b>	<b>A.</b> The % of schools that have been awarded/renewed green flag status in the two years to 31 December 2024	41%	
	Schools which attained a Green Flag for the first time in 2024	2	
	Schools which renewed their Green Flag in 2024	27	
	Schools which held a Green Flag from 2023 and therefore do not require renewal until 2025	29	
<b>Energy Efficiency Performance: E5</b>	<b>A.</b> The cumulative percentage of energy savings achieved by 31/12/2024 relative to baseline year (2009)		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
<b>Public Lighting: E6</b>	<b>A.</b> Total annual consumption of the public lighting system		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	<b>B.</b> Average wattage of each public light		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
<b>Public Lighting: E6</b>	<b>C.</b> Percentage of the total system that LED lights represent		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	Number of LED lights in the public lighting system		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	Number of non-LED lights		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
<b>Climate Change: E7</b>	Does the local authority have designated FTE climate action resources under the following headings?		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
	Climate Action Coordinator (Yes/No/WIP)		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
	Climate Action Officer (Yes/No/WIP)		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
	Does the local authority have a Climate Action Team?		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
<b>Planning: P1</b>	<b>A.</b> Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	8.95%	
	Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority i.e. buildings where a valid Commencement Notice was served in the period 1/1/2024 to 31/12/2024 by a builder or developer to the local authority, in accordance with section 6(2) (k) of the Building Control Act 1990 and Part II of the Building Control Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 496 of 1997) as amended by the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 85 of 2004) and the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 351 of 2009)	7,073	Waivers introduced through legislation in 2024 greatly increased the numbers of number buildings on the Commencement Notices, but this does not match what actually commenced thus distorting the figures for 2024



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
<b>Planning: P1</b>	Number of new buildings notified to the local authority in 2024 that were the subject of at least one on-site inspection during 2024 undertaken by the local authority under section 11 of the Building Control Act 1990	633	
<b>Planning: P2</b>	<b>A.</b> Number of local authority planning decisions which were the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála that were determined by the Board on any date in 2024	189	
	<b>B.</b> % of the determinations at A which confirmed (either with or without variation) the decision made by the Local Authority	60.85%	
	Number of An Bórd Pleanála determinations confirming the local authority's decision (either with or without variation)	115	
<b>Planning: P3</b>	<b>A.</b> Total number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the local authority in the period 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 that were investigated	269	
	<b>B.</b> Total number of investigated cases that were closed during 2024	380	
	<b>C.</b> Percentage of the cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	55.79%	
	<b>D.</b> Percentage of the cases at B that were resolved to the local authority's satisfaction through negotiations	0.53%	
	<b>E.</b> Percentage of the Cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings (i.e. remedied in response to a warning letter issued under section 152 of the Act or to an enforcement notice issued under section 154 of the Act or where a prosecution was brought under section 157 or an injunction was sought under section 160 of the Act)	43.68%	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
<b>Planning: P3</b>	<b>F.</b> Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2024	1,059	
	<i>In order to compile B to E above, the following must be provided:</i>		
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	212	
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were resolved to the local authority's satisfaction through negotiations	2	
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were closed due to enforcement proceedings (i.e. remedied in response to a warning letter issued under Section 152 of the Act or to an enforcement notice issued under Section 154 of the Act or where a prosecution was brought under Section 157 or an injunction was sought under Section 160 of the Act):	166	
<b>Planning: P4</b>	<b>A.</b> The 2024 Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data divided by the population of the local authority area per the 2022 Census	€48.33	
	AFS Programme D data consisting of D01 – Forward Planning, D02 – Development Management, D03 – Enforcement (inclusive of the relevant Programme D proportion of the central management charge) for 2024	€15,974,701	
<b>Planning: P5</b>	<b>A.</b> The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2024 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of their receipt	17.32%	
	<b>B.</b> The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2024 that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant	42.78%	
	The total number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2024 that were not withdrawn by the applicant	381	



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
<b>Planning: P5</b>	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2024 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of the date of receipt of the application	66	
	The number of applications for Fire Safety Certificates received in 2024 that were decided (granted or refused) within an agreed extended time period	163	
<b>Fire Service: F1 (Cost per Capita of the fire service)</b>	<p><b>A.</b> The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme E expenditure data for 2024 divided by the population of the local authority area per the 2022 Census figures for the population served by the fire authority as per the Risk Based Approach Phase One reports:</p> <p>AFS Programme E expenditure data consisting of E11 - Operation of Fire Service and E12 - Fire Prevention (inclusive of the relevant Programme E proportion of the central management charge) for 2024:</p>		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
<b>Fire Service: F2</b>	<b>A.</b> Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	<b>B.</b> Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	<b>C.</b> Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	<b>D.</b> Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
<b>Fire Service: F3</b>	<b>A.</b> Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	<b>B.</b> Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
<b>Fire Service: F3</b>	<b>A.</b> Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	<b>B.</b> Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	<b>C.</b> Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	<b>D.</b> Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	<b>E.</b> Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	<b>F.</b> Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Total number of call-outs in respect of fires from 1/1/2024 to 31/12/2024		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Total number of call-outs in respect of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire) from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
<b>Fire Service: F3</b>	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
<b>Library Service: L1</b>	<b>A.</b> Number of visits to libraries per head of population for the local authority area per the 2022 Census	3.16	
	<b>B.</b> Number of items issued to library borrowers in the year	1,066,217	
	<b>C.</b> Library active members per head of population.	0.17	
	<b>D.</b> Number of registered members of the library in the year	51,350	
	Number of visits to its libraries from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 per automatic counters if used	1,045,611	
<b>Library Service: L2</b>	<b>A.</b> The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2024 divided by the population of the local authority area per the 2022 Census	56.23	
	<b>B.</b> The annual per capita expenditure on collections over the period 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024	3.07	
	AFS Programme F data consisting of F02 - Operation of Library and Archival Service (inclusive of the relevant proportion of the central management charge for Programme F) for 2024	€18,585,525	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
<b>Library Service: L2</b>	The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2024 divided by the population of the local authority area per the 2022 Census	€1,013,848	
<b>Youth and Community: Y1</b>	<b>A.</b> Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme	68	
	Total number of second level schools in the local authority area at 31/12/2024	34	
	Number of second level schools in the local authority area from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na nÓg AGM held in 2024	23	
<b>Groups associated with Public Participation Network PPN: Y2</b>	<b>A.</b> Number of organisations included in the County Register at 31/12/2024 and the proportion of those organisations that opted to be part of the Social Inclusion College within the PPN	862/141	
	Total number of organisations included in the County Register for the local authority area as at 31/12/2024	862	
	Total number of those organisations that registered for the first time in 2024	90	
	Number of organisations that opted to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College on whatever date they registered for the PPN	141	
<b>Corporate: C1</b>	<b>A.</b> The wholetime equivalent staffing number as at 31 December 2024	1525.31	
<b>Corporate: C2</b>	<b>A.</b> Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2024	3.07%	
	<b>B.</b> Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2024	0.43%	



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
<b>Corporate: C2</b>	Total number of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2024	13,392	
	Total number of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2024	1,483	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of medically certified sick leave days in 2024	2,767	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of self-certified sick leave days in 2024	3	
	If any staff are on long-term sick leave (i.e. a continuous period of more than 4 weeks), include a text note of the number of staff on long-term sick leave	23	
<b>Corporate: C3</b>	<b>A.</b> The per capita total page views of the local authority's websites in 2024	12.8	
	<b>B.</b> The per capita total number of followers at end 2024 of the local authority's social media accounts (if any)	0.834	
	The cumulative total page views of all websites operated by the local authority for the period from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 obtained from a page tagging on-site web analytics service or equivalent	4,231,968	
	The total number of social media users who, at 31/12/2024, were following the local authority on any social media sites	275,671	
	The number of social media accounts operated by the local authority	56	
	Indicate if there was a change to the cookie policies on the local authority sites and the date this came into effect	No	



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
<b>Corporate: C4</b>	A. All ICT expenditure in the period from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024, divided by the WTE number supplied under the C1 indicator	€5,525.09	
<b>Corporate: C5</b>	Total of ICT expenditure in 2024	€8,427,470.92	
	A. All ICT expenditure calculated in C4 as a proportion of Revenue expenditure	2.49%	
	Total revenue expenditure from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 before transfers to or from reserves	€338,932,640.00	
<b>Finance: M1</b>	<b>A.</b> Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2020 in the Revenue Account from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€15,979,679	
	<b>B.</b> Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2021	€15,979,812	
	<b>C.</b> Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2022	€15,980,204	
	<b>D.</b> Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2023	€15,980,457	
	<b>E.</b> Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2024*	€15,980,735	Unaudited AFS
	<b>F.</b> Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2024 as a percentage of Total Income in 2024 from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS*	4.32%	Unaudited AFS
	<b>G.</b> Revenue expenditure per capita in 2024	€1,025.49	Unaudited AFS (Population 329,218 - Census 2022)



Topic	Indicator		Value	Comment
Finance: M1	H. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2024 excluding significant out of county/shared service expenditure			Only Applicable to Dublin City, Laois and Limerick
	The 2024 Total Income figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS		€369,667,555	Unaudited AFS
	The 2024 Total Expenditure figure on the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS		€338,932,639	Unaudited AFS
Finance: M2	Collection Levels by Year	(a) % Rates	(b) % Rent and Annuities	(c) % Housing Loans
	Individual percentage figures for 2020	93.00%	80%	96.50%
	Individual percentage figures for 2021	92.50%	77.4%	100%
	Individual percentage figures for 2022	98.1%	76.1%	96.8%
	Individual percentage figures for 2023	99.1%	75.3%	97%
	Individual percentage figures for 2024* (Unaudited AFS)	99.9%	78.7%	96.8%
Finance: M3	A.1 Per capita total cost of settled claims for 2024		€2.61	
	If self-insured, enter 0 for claims settled under excess			

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
<b>Finance: M3</b>	Total cost of claims settled under excess for 2024:	€0	
	The following data is required for self-insured local authorities		
	Number of notified claims for 2024:	146	Notified claims broken down as 70 Injury 76 Damages
	Number of settled claims for 2024:	139	Settled claims broken down as 49 Injury 90 Damages
	Total cost of settled claims for 2024:	€861,685.25	Cost of settled claims broken down as €765,627.94 Injury and €96,057.31 Damages
<b>Finance: M4</b>	<b>A.</b> Overall central management charge as a percentage (%) of total expenditure on revenue account	15.9%	Un-Audited AFS
	<b>B.</b> Total payroll costs as a percentage (%) of revenue expenditure	30.8%	Un-Audited AFS
	Overall central management charge from the local authority FMS and defined in the Annual Budget	€53,751,757	CMC (actual) expenditure €57,589,494 less CMC (actual) income €3,837,737= CMC (NET) €53,751,757
	Total payroll costs from Appendix 1 of the AFS for 2024 (including salaries, wages and pensions)	€113,758,470	Un-Audited AFS



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
<b>Economic Development: J1</b>	<b>A.</b> The per capita number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2024 to 31/12/2024 per 100,000 of population	59.84	
<b>Economic Development: J2</b>	<b>A.</b> The number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2024 per 100,000 of population	38.58	
	<b>B.</b> The number of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2024 per 100,000 of population	14.58	
<b>Economic Development: J3</b>	<b>A.</b> The per capita number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2024 to 31/12/2024 per 100,000 of population	321.98	
	The number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2024 to 31/12/2024	197	
<b>Economic Development: J4</b>	<b>A.</b> Does the Local Authority have a current Tourism Strategy?	Yes	
	<b>B.</b> Does the Local Authority have a designated Tourism Officer?	Yes	
<b>Economic Development Spend: J5</b>	The spend on local economic development by the local authority in 2024 per head of population	€ 244.75	



# Members' Security Allowance 2024

Councillor	Security Allowance (€)
Adrian Henchy	0
Angela Donnelly	0
Ann Graves	0
Anthony Lavin	0
Aoibhinn Tormey	0
Breda Hanaphy	0
Brendan Ryan	0
Brian Dennehy	0
Brian McDonagh	0
Brigid Manton	0
Cathal Boland	0
Cathal Haughey	0
Corina Johnston	0
Darragh Butler	0
Darren Jack Kelly	0
David Healy	0
Eimear Carbone-Mangan	0
Ellen Troy	0
Eoghan Dockrell	0
Eoghan O'Brien	0
Gerard Sheehan	0
Grainne Maguire	0

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Security Allowance (€)</b>
Howard Mahony	0
Ian Carey	0
James Humphreys	0
Jimmy Guerin	0
Joan Hopkins	0
Joe Newman	0
John Burtchaell	997.00
John Walsh	0
John Smyth	0
John Kingsley Onwumereh	0
Karen Power	0
Kevin Humphreys	0
Kieran Dennison	0
Luke Corkery	0
Malachy Griffin	0
Malachy Quinn	0
Mary McCamley	0
Natalie Treacy	0
Patrick Quinlan	0
Paul Mulville	0
Pamela Conroy	0
Rob O'Donoghue	0

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Security Allowance (€)</b>
Ruth Coppinger	0
Siobhan Shovlin	833.64
Steve O'Reilly	0
Tania Doyle	0
Ted Leddy	0
Tom Kitt	0
Tom O'Leary	0
Tony Murphy	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1830.64</b>



