



Chief Executive's Management Report

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Chief Executive's Foreword

Last month, contracts were signed with Fingal County Council and Kealy Construction signalling the commencement of construction on phase two of a new cemetery at Kellystown. The first phase of the development started in 2019 when an access road and provision of site services from the new Kellystown Link Road and Diswellstown Road extension were installed. This phase of construction will provide approximately 650 grave plots, structures for the storage of ashes including columbarium walls and memorial plots, a small services building and site infrastructure and landscaping. To allow for the growth in population and to future proof the site, there is provision in the current design for further phases to be constructed on the 3.7 hectare site. When fully developed, Kellystown Cemetery will have a capacity for 3,000 burial plots, 500 niches for human ashes in columbarium walls, 500 memorial plots, gathering and reflection areas, and a small services building housing office and public toilets with car parking. The detailed design has been carefully developed by Denis Byrne Architects working with Brady Shipman Martin Landscape Architects, PUNCH engineers, JAK engineers and Austin Reddy & Partners. The €3.15m cost of the development will be funded by the Council's Operations Department with funding made available in the Capital Programme 2025 – 2027. I am very pleased that this key piece of community infrastructure will now be available to the people of Dublin 15 when it is completed early next year.

May is already shaping up to be a very busy time in Fingal with both Dublin Climate Action Week and Bike Week 2025 taking place. Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 is being organised and delivered by the partnership of Fingal County Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council, Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency and the Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (DM CARO). The week starts off on Saturday, May 10th with the Fingal Climate Action Family Fun Day in the magnificent setting of Millennium Park, let's hope this good weather continues for that! For the rest of the week, people of all ages can enjoy fantastic programme including seeing a mobile aquarium, playing some recycled games, getting bikes or clothes repaired and even trying out a velodrome! The programme for the week also includes special film screenings, home energy savings kit demonstrations, zero waste cooking classes for kids and a beach walk and talk with Clean Coasts.

Bike Week runs alongside Climate Action Week from 10th – 18th May and also promises to be a jam-packed week promoting cycling and sustainable travel. Join us for the Sofa to Saddle Cycle, a sunset cycle in Phoenix Park and a cycling scavenger hunt. The Balbriggan Family Fun Day starting at 11am on Saturday, May 17th at the playground behind Bremore Castle will have bike safety checks, street games, the Fireride Cycling Skills Course and lots more for all the family. At 1pm we'll have our Family Cycle around Harry Reynolds Road. The week is nicely rounded off with another Family Fun Day in historic Malahide Castle at 11am on Sunday May 18th. There is such an array of engaging and enjoyable activities on offer all across Fingal so I hope you enjoy the events. For more details please consult: <https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/bikeweek> and [Fingal Programme of Events for DCAW25](#)

Fingal County Council's Annual Report for 2024 was recently published and is a very concise and useful reference guide to the services we provide as a council, the work of the Elected Members and the projects we are currently undertaking and planning for in the future. The report outlines the key achievements of Fingal County Council over the last year, contains a review of the Corporate Plan 2019 – 2024 and outlines the financial position of the council. Readers can also review the service delivery reports and examine the Key Performance Indicators for departments within the council. As Chief Executive, I am proud of the work we do for the people of Fingal in the provision of housing, public infrastructure and sporting amenities as well as our commitment to climate action and sustainable economic growth. Some key capital projects such as the Swords Cultural Centre and the redevelopment of Balbriggan are currently underway and when completed, will hugely benefit not just the people of both towns but also the visitors and tourists whose experience will be greatly enhanced by the facilities on offer. I wish to thank everyone involved with the preparation of the Annual Report and I hope you find it an interesting insight into the work of Fingal County Council.

<https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/annual-report>

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Learning & Development Update

Learning & Development	Year to date
Number of courses	112
Number of Attendees	1168
Number of Training Days	1056

Throughout May, courses will be delivered in the areas of Playground Inspection, Signing Lighting Guarding, First Aid Refresher, Grade 6 & Grade 7 IPA Management Training and many more.

Wellbeing Update

The Wellbeing Team is actively developing and rolling out fresh initiatives focused on supporting the mental health of all employees. These programs are intended to cultivate a workplace culture that encourages wellbeing, reduces stress, strengthens resilience, and ensures staff have reliable access to mental health support.

Employees who have taken part have shared encouraging feedback, noting the positive impact and usefulness of the available resources.

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

The HSU during the month of April 2025 dealt with incident investigations, site safety inspections VDU assessments and safety audits were carried out within the various directorates in Fingal County Council. The HSU continued to field staff requests on a variety of safety issues throughout the organisation. The end of April saw the HSU engaged in compiling Fingal County Council's submission for the 2025 NISO safety awards all-Ireland competition as part of external validation of the local authority's safety management system.

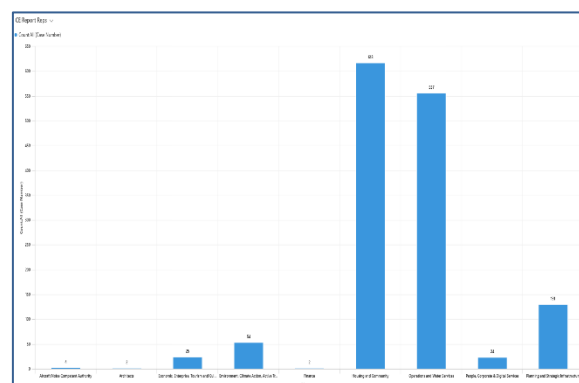
Customer Services

Customer Care Unit Statistics – April 2025

Total No. of Calls dealt with by CCU	Total No. of Emails dealt with by CCU	Presenting In Person
8643	1741	2941

CRM

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to representations from Elected Members (Councillors, TDs and Senators) and complaints submitted by the public. The total number of representations for April was 696 broken down as follows:



COMMUNICATIONS

Digital Statistics

The fingal.ie website has 130,637 visitors and 298,914 page views during April. Both figures were down compared to March and also to April 2024 as was the average time spent on the site which was 1 minute and 49 seconds.

The number of followers across the nine corporate social media channels has risen to 95,788.

Facebook has 39,806 followers and during April its posts had a total of 2,022,929 views and a reach of 366,029 with 6,513 interactions which is an engagement rate of 2%.

The most popular post was about the Drumanagh Dig. It had 193,600 views and generated 32 comments, 475 likes and 36 shares.



Instagram now has 13,564 followers and registered 285,217 views during April. Reach was 32,544 and there were 3,051 interactions.

The most popular post was about the Fingal Pass for Bleeper Bikes which had a reach of 6,152 and generated 126 interactions.

The number of LinkedIn followers is now 11,92. The engagement rate for April was 2% from 20,609 impressions.

The number of followers on X continued to reduce and is now at 23,460 which is a reduction of 120 since the start of the year.

The growth of WhatsApp continued and this channel now has 3,081 followers which is a 139% increase since January 1.

The numbers currently following the other corporate channels are Threads (1,327), TikTok (1,036) and Bluesky (402).

Three videos were added to the Council's YouTube Channel which saw the number of subscribers grow to 1,720. Material posted included a recording of the webinar on the Biodiversity Makeover for housing estates and two videos on the Energy Efficient Grant operated by LEO Fingal.

Videos can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/@FingalCountyCouncil/Video/videos>

Press Releases

There were 15 press releases issued during April. Topics included the development of New Street, Malahide; Bike Week; Dublin Climate Action Week; EV Hubs; and the Dublin Airport Planning Application (F25A/0094E).

Media Queries

Media queries received by the Communications Unit during March included questions about Scramblers, Dublin Airport, Tyrellstown Park Eco-Toilets, Slurry Farm Inspections, Tennant-in-Situ Scheme, Local property Tax and Street Benches.

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Fingal Tourism Strategy



A tourism focused business to business event called 'Fingal Tourism Together' is being held at the Grand Hotel, Malahide on 14th May, bringing together key stakeholders and businesses in the tourism, leisure and food sectors in Fingal. The event will be an opportunity to outline progress and next steps in respect of the implementation of both the Tourism Strategy and Food & Drink Policy as well as offering a networking opportunity for businesses and will include a session with award winning travel write Nicola Brady.

Fingal Food Network

Following a decision to adopt the new name of the 'Fingal Food Circle' for branding purposes, a branding workshop to design a new logo was held on 11th April with a brand designer and members of the Committee. The final decision has yet to be made.

The formalisation of the network is expected to be concluded in early May; this will ensure the Network can collect fees from members and apply for funding.

A meeting was held with the Chair of the Network and the Events team on 16th April to discuss participation and increased visibility of the Network at the Flavours of Fingal show in July. This will include a more prominent position, a rustic themed backdrop and extensive branding.

EVENTS

Swords Concerts 2025

Strong early ticket sales for The Boomtown Rats and Nathan Carter indicate a positive public interest and successful promotion. This could also suggest greater momentum for overall event attendance at future events. Tickets and all details can be found on www.eventsinfingal.ie



Fingal 10k

Fingal 10K – SOLD OUT!

We're thrilled to announce last week that the Fingal 10K is officially sold out! Thanks to everyone who signed up – we can't wait to welcome them to Swords for an unforgettable day of running through stunning urban streets and rural landscapes.

This event continues to grow each year with our partnership with Active Cities and reflects the incredible community spirit and passion for fitness across Fingal and beyond.



Fingal Connect 2025



Connect 25

Connect 25 took place over the May Bank Holiday weekend in Millennium Park, Blanchardstown, and was a major celebration of multiculturalism and inclusion.

The two-day festival featured contributions from over 20 communities, showcasing an array of international cuisine, traditional dance, music, and cultural performances.

The event attracted thousands of attendees from across Fingal and beyond, creating a family-friendly, inclusive environment that celebrated the diversity of our communities.

Role of the Events Unit

Fingal County Council's Events Unit provided both financial support and logistical assistance, contributing to the delivery of a safe, well-managed, and successful event. This included:

- Pre-event planning and site inspections
- Coordination with Operations and local services
- Support in areas such as crowd management, accessibility, and promotion
- On-site presence throughout the weekend

Outcomes

- Strong community participation and feedback
- Positive coverage and engagement on social media
- Reinforced Fingal's commitment to cultural inclusion and community celebration

Next Steps

Post-event debrief with organisers to identify opportunities for growth and improvement in future iterations.



Flavours of Fingal

Planning is progressing well on Flavours of Fingal which is due to be held on the 5th & 6th of July in Newbridge House. The planning licence has been submitted and the newspaper ads published. The programming of the show is progressing well. Highlights will include the Fingal Food Show, Farmers, Traditional Skills of Ireland and the Sports & Active Travel Departments from Fingal.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Newbridge House and Farm

The historic courtyard at Newbridge House serves as a key area for both staff and visitors, facilitating access to the farm and tours of the heritage complex. Due to the current condition of numerous paving slabs, urgent repair work is necessary to address the health and safety risk to those using the site.



The contract works to replacing the damaged slabs is due to commence in mid-May which will ensure the continued safe and efficient operation of the courtyard. The works will cause minimal disruptions to the public.

Malahide Castle

Nugent's Hall will now host a dinner service, with capacity for 80 guests. The service was officially launched on 24th April at a well attended function hosting tour operators. This exceptional venue will be available for bookings starting on 1st June 2025. Dining experiences like this are often requested by the sector and the partner organisations of Malahide Castle.



With its rich historical ambiance, Nugent's Hall provides the ideal setting for unforgettable evening events. Whether hosting a medieval banquet, a corporate dinner, or an intimate private celebration, this remarkable space promises a unique experience. Guests will be transported to a world of elegance, whilst enjoying exquisite cuisine and unparalleled service from the Council's Operator.

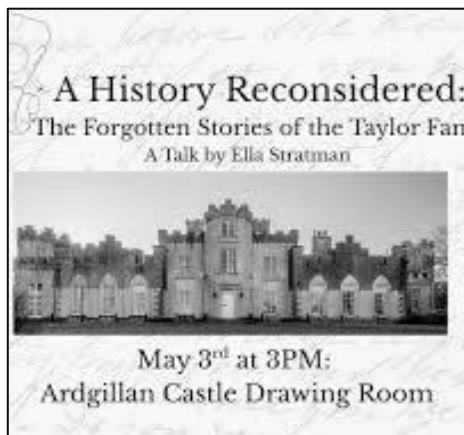
Swords Castle



The first of the summer food markets took place in Swords Castle on Easter Saturday, 19th April. Attended by the Mayor, the market attracted over 1100 visitors despite the heavy rain. Vendors expressed satisfaction with the organisation of the market and a survey taken on the day indicated that most visitors were happy with the selection of goods on offer. A talk on foraging for wild garlic was well attended and this was followed by children's activities in the Chapel. The next market is due to take place on 17th May.



Ardgillan Castle



A talk on the 'Forgotten History of the Taylor Family' took place on Saturday 3rd May given by research consultant Ella Stratman. The well attended talk gave a fascinating insight and forgotten details about the Taylor family, shedding new light on their legacy, lives and the world they inhabited.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts

Public Art

Marielle MacLeman - New public artwork at Semple Woods, Donabate

"Trove" A new public artwork for Semple Woods Donabate is currently underway as part of our planning compliance engagement with housing developer Glenveagh.

The work by Irish/Scottish Artist Marielle MacLeman is a new mosaic work created in collaboration with Glenveagh and inspired by the local stories and ecology of this new housing development. The artist has invited the new residents to engage in a workshop which will allow them to explore their new surroundings and gain insight into how the artist developed the work.



John Conway - Artist in Residence at Corduff Community Centre

Community workshops continue weekly with visual artist John Conway funded through ESB as part of their public art compliance. This week the group took a bus tour to visit John's augmented reality work in Clondalkin, The work titled The Colossus was a work developed with communities who lost loved ones through suicide in the area and allows conversation to continue with the Corduff group on how different conversations on place can find new forms of expression.



Creative Places Balbriggan

The Creative Places coordinator continued Community Engagement throughout the month of April with meetings held with Foróige, Fingal Poetry Festival, Lighthouse Artists, Balbriggan Cancer Support Group, Islander Architects and Balbriggan Dramatic Society. The Coordinator also attended the first meeting of the new Early Years Network for the Arts which will include Balbriggan based artists and projects.

2 – 4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan

The arts office is working cross-departmentally to identify the optimum operational model and use of the space at 2-4 Dublin Street. Procurement documents are nearing completion, and the process will be initiated shortly.

Carnegie Library

Following an open call for expressions of interest from Fingal community arts groups, 4 applicants were selected to utilize the first floor space at the Carnegie for their activities. Those selected were: The Lambay Singers, Donabate/Portrane Dramatic Society and Ceoltas Ceoltoiri Eireann. Rewrite Festival were also selected and they will avail of desk space on the ground floor for planning and production.

Arts Services

Loughshinny Boathouse Artist Studio Award



Louis Haugh, the artist in residence at Loughshinny boathouse facilitated a series of art and biodiversity workshops for Council staff, 6th class students from St. Brendan's National School, the Loughshinny Widows group and AerachAiteachGaelach (LGBTQ+ Irish speaking Arts Cooperative).

The workshops included a hands-on introduction to the cyanotype process, a photographic printing process dating back to the early 19th century used to document the natural world. Foraged plant and seaweed specimens collected from the shoreline were used to make cyanotype prints. Participants also engaged in a reflective discussion on nature and environmental change and responded to a nature survey, the results of which Louis will incorporate into a new artwork.



Draíocht

Our May/June programme is full with the variety and range of events that we are known for, on offer to the public. Performances such as Vladimir Jablov, Neil Delamere, David O'Doherty, and Shane Daniel Byrne all selling out. Our film programme is growing in audience numbers with films from Ireland, Brazil, France and the USA included. We have increased our theatre offering over May/June including presenting 'Baby' by Dublin 15 writer, Aisling O'Mara. Our programme of showcasing end of year shows from Dublin 15 schools of music/dance/drama continues, giving those children and young people the opportunity to perform on the stage of their local arts centre.

We also have work presented by the Romanian and Indian communities, encouraging those communities to engage with us and the arts.

Our current exhibition, 'First Draft', by Blanchardstown native, Rich Gilligan ends on May 3rd. One outcome of this, is that Rich Gilligan will mentor an emerging Dublin 15 artist, Tobi Bello, for the remainder of 2025. Tobi works in photography and painting. Her mentorship with Rich will focus on her photography practice and will look at areas such as portfolio development and ethics in photographic portraiture. Our next Exhibition 'Navigating Space' is by Dublin 15 print artist, Maria Atanackovic. This opens on June 11th and runs until September 20th.

Our artist support programme is at capacity. Dafe Orgubo, an artist we worked with on NEST, is creating a new show for children, with Draíocht's support. His latest residency with us included a work in progress showing. Favour Odusala has been awarded our annual Centre Culturel Irlandais Residency. This facilitates an artist have a month-long Residency in Paris. It is a partnership between CCI and Draíocht, with both partners contributing financially to same.

The children/youth arts programme at Draíocht is continuing to both bring work outside the walls of Draíocht as well facilitating events in the building. Tours, workshops and family days are just some of the events taking place. Our landmark Toddler Takeover Event takes place on May 15th with a Sensory Day for local invited schools taking place on the 16th May. The demand for tickets for TTO is overwhelming. We increased the capacity again this year but sold all 460 tickets over three hours when booking opened.



Our membership of venue Networks continues, including that of the Fingal venue Network which provides for exchange of information and expertise.

Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

Music

April Céilí Beag with 22 parents and toddlers taking part. Sensory music classes involving an introduction to a traditional instrument each week. Rob Heron & The Teapad Orchestra. Energetic show combining Rockabilly, Blues, Country, Swing & Soul. 51 attendees. Freddie White, Masterful guitar player and singer-songwriter- 91 attendees (sold out). Aoife Scott, Folk singer-songwriter from Dublin, returned to TSEAC for a wonderful evening of story and song. 65 attendees. Singing Session: Our regular singing sessions are free and welcome participants either in person or via zoom to share songs in a relaxed and supportive singing circle. This month's special guests were Niamh Parsons and Graham Dunne. Attendance = 23 in person and 21 online. Music Generation 4 day Easter Camp for teenagers- 12 participants. The Haar - A fresh boundary-pushing take on traditional songmaking. 38 attendees. Jim Page - American singer-songwriter, bringing acute wit and dry humour to the Naul. 47 attendees. Traditional Slow Session for March with Paudie O'Connor had 32 tickets booked for in person attendance and 19 online. Music classes resumed on April 28 for the summer term. Tin Whistle, Uilleann Pipes, Fiddle, Guitar, Flute and Banjo.

Comedy

Karl Spain, 'The One Show' – 61 attendees.

Cinema

Small Things Like These. Attendance = 53

The Forest Midwife - An Earth Day event featuring a post-show discussion with the director, Beta Bajgart, journalist and advocate Catherine Cleary, Graham Stanley of Roundwood Tree Services and Caroline Conroy, Green Party politician - Attendance = 37

Visual Arts

Easter workshops for children and adults:

Easter Mosaic Workshop (children). Sold out

Easter Chick Workshop (children). Sold out

Easter Sock Bunny Workshop (children). Sold out

Easter Wreath & Bird Nest Making Workshop (family). Attendance = 9

Art Classes with Noel Manning return on April 30

Graphic Studio Dublin Exhibition launched on April 13 with over 40 attendees and many sales. Exhibition will run until May 30, 2025. Talk & Print demonstration will take place on April 30.

Libraries

Library Development

The (re) development of Baldoyle, Skerries and Donabate (Ballisk House) Libraries continues with all 3 progressing in line with current plans and expected to be in a position to open to the public in the coming months.

Bealtaine Festival



The Bealtaine Festival is Ireland's national celebration of the arts and creativity for older adults. Festival events will run in Fingal Libraries throughout the month of May. This year's programme features a selection of readings celebrating Dublin's mid-twentieth century literary scene, haiku writing workshops, music performances, and a bodhrán course for beginners.

The festival encourages people to try something new; featured workshops include glass etching, wreath-making, painting, calligraphy, embroidery, and cyanotype - the creation of home-made analogue photography. There will be opportunities for young and old to share creative experiences in intergenerational arts and crafts workshops. The festival also includes talks on topics such as walking the Camino, researching local history, Balbriggan street names, and community gardens.

Cruinniú na nÓg



Creative Fingal presents Cruinniú na nÓg - a day of free creativity for young people on Saturday, 7 June. Fingal Libraries has tailored the programme to respond to the creative interests of young people living in Fingal as expressed in the Voice of The Child Survey. Events will take place in all library branches, while Blanchardstown, Balbriggan and Malahide Libraries will host 'Carnivals of Curiosity' to engage the community. Creative writing workshops, author and illustrator visits, coding classes, magic shows, circus performers, and much more will make this a day to remember. This year's Cruinniú Late Event is 'We Own the Castle' - a music festival in Swords Castle for teenagers featuring live performances from young talent hosted by Fingal Libraries and Garageland Galaxy.

The Draíocht Arts Centre will host Shapes & Structures – Creative Response Space, a relaxed environment for parents and children to engage in creative play, which will continue through the summer months. 'OutWall', an immersive dance experience presented by Selma Daniel Dance, will explore architecture and movement. The Walls Project from Waterford Walls will encourage young people to design and paint murals. Also, as part of the festival, author and illustrator Chris Judge will visit schools across Fingal to create an artistic vision of what Fingal, and the world, will look like twenty years from now.

Dublin Climate Action Week

Fingal Libraries and Fingal Climate Action have organised events in libraries to celebrate Dublin Climate Action Week (12th – 18th May). Ciarán Conneely of Dublin Community Growers will give a talk in Blanchardstown Library on how community gardens can mitigate the effects of climate change. Self Help Africa will deliver a workshop on ethical fashion to transition year students in Balbriggan Library. A Codema Home Energy advice pop-up clinic will take place in Baldoyle Library to assist members of the public use the home energy saving kits available from libraries. There will also be library screenings of the Irish documentary film 'Birdsong'.

Africa Day

Balbriggan Library will celebrate Africa Day with a family-friendly music event on Thursday 22nd May featuring musician Darren Rogers and John Nukepor. Dr. Olusegun Morakinyo will exhibit pictures of African collections from the national Museum of Ireland and the National Museum of Northern Ireland as well as presenting a lecture on the intersecting histories of Africa and Ireland. The exhibition will run in Balbriggan Library from 24th May to 13th June. The lecture will take place on Saturday 24th May. Also on Saturday 24th May, Blanchardstown Library will host an in-conversation event with three writers, Melatu Uche Okorie, Neo Florence Gilson, and Gonchighand Byambaa, moderated by Evelyn Nomayo.

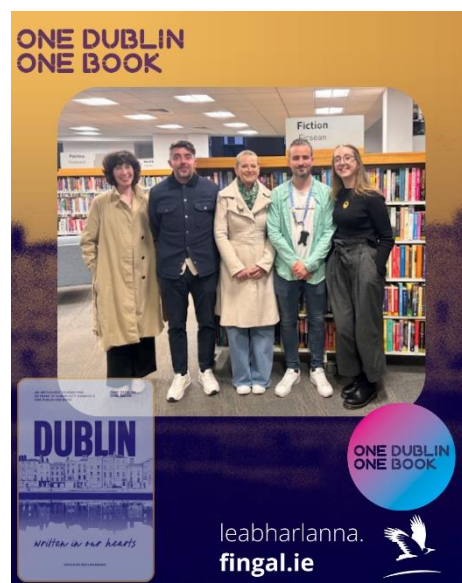
Spring Into Storytime

Story sessions by library staff for children took place in all Fingal libraries during the month of April as part of Spring into Storytime. Spring into Storytime is part of the national Right to Read programme, which aims to promote literacy and reading for fun.

Age Friendly and Skills for Life

MABS, the Money Advice and Budgeting Service, offered budgeting and money management sessions in several library branches in April as part of the Skills for Life programme. Fingal Libraries participated in an information event for older people in Skerries Harps GAA club on 1st April. Marie Keegan gave a talk on Age Action's Care & Repair programme, which assists older people to remain in their homes, in Blanchardstown Library.

One Dublin One Book



This year, marks 20th anniversary of the One Dublin, One Book initiative. Dublin: Written in our Hearts, a new anthology of fiction, poetry, essays and memoir pieces collated in celebration of the city, is the book choice for 2025. Balbriggan Library hosted two of the anthology's contributors in an event on 15th April. Authors Kevin Curran and Niamh Campbell, both from North County Dublin, discussed the influences of suburban living on their writing.

Connections Expo

Fingal Libraries took part in the Fingal Integration Connections Expo, organised by the Fingal Integration Office, at the Airways IPAS Accommodation Centre on 10th April. Library staff provided information to residents on library services, with a focus on eServices. Many residents signed up to get a library card.

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy



EETCD continues to support and drive the actions as outlined in Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024-2029, to develop Fingal's skills ecosystem, working in partnership with the SSIG and Industry Subgroups. Meetings are scheduled for Q2 with the Transport & Logistics, Green-Skills and Construction skills subgroups where we will explore and discuss opportunities to promote skills development in these sectors with key education and industry stakeholders.

As deliverable actions under Theme 2: Increasing Awareness (Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy) we are actively working on the planning and delivery of the 3rd Xplore Your Future TY Skills Expo and developing the "Xplore the Sector" - Student Skills Competition.

Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo 2025

Plans are underway for the 2025 Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo which is open to all TY students in Fingal secondary schools and is scheduled to take place in the Helix, DCU on the 14th of October 2025 building on the success of the last two TY Skills Expo Events.



Xplore Your Future Competition - Student Skills Competition (Construction, Transport & Logistics)



The "Xplore Your Future" Student Skills Competition" derived from participation in the Interreg SKYLA Project and good practice learnings and is an initiative of the "Xplore Your Future" TY Students Skills Expo. Fingal secondary school students/teams are invited to research/explore and market potential career opportunities in specified industry sectors. The current competition is focusing on the Construction and Transport & Logistics sectors. Teams must identify at least five careers with their chosen sector, document their research methodology and create marketing content to promote these career paths to their peers.

The aim of the competition is to create awareness and understanding amongst secondary school children/teachers of the potential career paths and opportunities, fostering and building a future skills pipeline for key industry sectors within the Fingal economy.

Skyla Project



The Fingal SKYLA project team travelled to Vilnius, Lithuania for the fifth project event on the 8th- 9th April.

The objective of the event was to further explore proposed good practices and update on progress on policy instrument improvements with Fingal reporting the integration of good practices into the Fingal Skills Strategy and the adoption of the Strategy. There was discussion and planning on partner needs and exchanges with Fingal establishing connections with partners in Lithuania and Ukraine to examine potential collaborations and exchanges in the areas of STEM and mechanical apprenticeships.



The meeting included peer review workshops, study visits to TECHIN the Vilnius Centre for Technology & Engineering Training and to the Manufacturing Innovation Valley.



Bi-Lateral Exchange

Fingal in collaboration with DCU & DRSF are facilitating and hosting a bi-lateral exchange visit with SKYLA project partner Skåne, Sweden in June 2025. The exchange will focus on Fingal's good P practice "Spotlight on Skills" from DRSF/EI and the "STinT programme" from DCU.

Reporting on activity for Semester 4 of the SKYLA has been submitted and outlines the policy improvements made during the reporting period and cites Fingal's adoption of the Fingal Skills Strategy as Fingal's key deliverable under the project.

URBACT-EcoCore



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

Reporting on activities in 2024 have been submitted to the URBACT Secretariate.



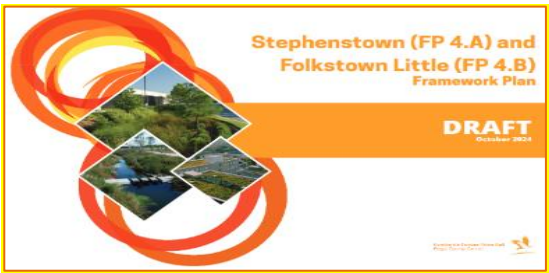
The EcoCore Project team are preparing for the next transnational city visit to Alba Iulia, Romania (19th – 22nd May) where the draft Integrated Action Plans (IAP's) of each city will undergo peer review by project partners and an URBACT Ad-hoc Expert. The draft Balbriggan Integrated Action Plan has been completed and submitted for peer review.

Project EcoCore representatives attended the URBACT City Festival in Wroclaw, Poland (8-10) where 116 Good Practices were showcased for the current Transfer Network Call. Fingal County Council used this opportunity to build the Council's profile through networking with European counterparts.

The Council is currently reviewing the potential to participate in Transfer Networks as partners in the current competitive call.



Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plans

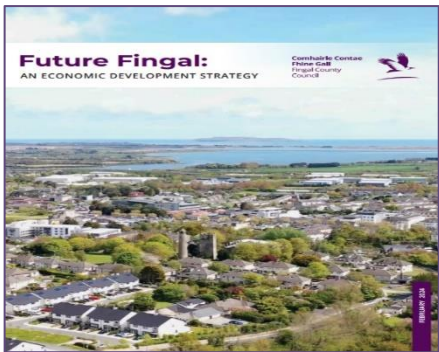


The Draft Stephenstown (FP 4.A) & Folkstown Little (FP 4.B) Framework Plan was on public display from 17th October to 15th November 2024.

Following public consultation, the public submissions received on the Framework Plan are under review for the preparation of the Chief Executive's report for the consideration of the Elected Members.

Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy

The Economic Development team is progressing the implementation of actions, including the development of a Marketing Plan under the Future Fingal: Fingal Economic Development Strategy.



Sustainable Fingal



FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL IN COLLABORATION WITH FINGAL CHAMBER

BUSINESS BRIEFING ON SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE FOOD AND HOSPITALITY SECTOR

Guest Speaker
AMY IRWIN
Conscious Kitchens

UPCOMING EVENTS
3-4pm Each Day

Monday 12 th May	The Brooklyn, Swords
Tuesday 13 th May	The Findlater, Howth
Wednesday 14 th May	Skerries Sailing Club
Thursday 15 th May	Fingal Library, Blanchardstown
Friday 16 th May	The View, Malahide

For more information and to register please visit www.fingalchamber.ie/events

In collaboration with Fingal Chamber and as part of Climate Action Week (12-16th May), EETCD is hosting a series of five one-hour Business Sustainability Briefings throughout Fingal for the food and hospitality sector with Amy Irwin from Conscious Kitchens as the key guest speaker.

The events will focus on sustainable business practices for the food and hospitality sector in Fingal and will inform and support businesses to implement waste reduction and sustainable food practices helping them achieve both cost savings and efficiency through sustainable business practices.

This is a great opportunity for business in the food and hospitality sector to learn sustainable business practices and hear from other Fingal food businesses about their sustainability journeys. Registration for the events is now live on the Fingal Chamber website.

Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainability Strategy

A tender has issued for consultancy services to prepare the Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainable Strategy which will complement and support the Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy and Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy. The Strategy will have an external focus on providing support to existing businesses in Fingal to encourage the incorporation of sustainability measures into operating business models and collaboration as the County transitions to a more circular economy model across all business sectors and operating in partnership with local communities.

EETCD continues to liaise with representatives from DCU and DAA to explore a work programme for 2025 to progress potential collaborative sustainable projects. An application to a competitive funding call to Peacelplus to fund a project on district heating was unsuccessful stakeholders will examine other funding opportunities to advance the project and to explore funding opportunities for projects in the area of biodiversity and the circular economy.

Circular Cities



Following an application to join the Circular Cities & Regions Initiative (CCRI) Community of Practice on Supporting Local Circular Businesses, Fingal have been selected to participate in the working group.

The working group is comprised of 12 European cities, a diverse representation from Cities & Regions. Fingal County Council is the only Irish participant.

The first meeting of the group will take place on 21st May and marks the beginning of a collaborative journey where participants will exchange insights, explore challenges and co-develop strategies to collaborate with businesses, mobilise resources, and scale circular solutions at the local level.

As Fingal County Council is a signatory of Circular Cities Declaration, we continue to engage with the Circular Cities & Regions Initiative.

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC)



The Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Partnership continues to meet regularly to shape and influence policy to enable a higher performing cross border economy and to advance the DBEC work programme.

LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT



Fingal Local Community Development Committee

The Fingal LCDC continues to oversee and administer the key areas of LEADER and SICAP and the various Local Development and Community Development funding programmes under its remit. The LCDC also manages the Healthy Ireland Initiative and the implementation of the community element and review of economic elements of the Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan.

The LCDC meeting took place on 7th May 2025 and focused on LECP Theme 3: Skills for Life & Work and discussed approaches to advance delivery on objectives under this theme. The LCDC also approved the LCDC Annual Report for 2024. The next meeting of the LCDC will take place on 9th July 2025.

SICAP

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



The 2025 budget allocations are outlined below in respect of the delivery of the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP):

- **SICAP Budget 2025** - €1,568,717.00
- **New Arrivals Budget 2025** - €375,372.00

The 2025 Annual Plan and the 2024 Annual Performance Review has taken place and has been approved by the LCDC.



LEADER Programme

Fingal LCDC and Fingal LEADER Partnership are responsible for the LEADER Programme 2023 – 2027 in the Dublin rural area. The Dublin Rural LEADER (LAG) includes rural areas in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.

The Dublin Rural LAG met on 29th April 2025 and approved 8 Projects for funding. The next Dublin Rural LAG meeting is scheduled for the 17th June 2025.

LEADER continues to seek applications from Individuals, Farm Families, Rural Businesses, Community & Voluntary Groups and Social Enterprises. Help is available to guide applicants through the process.

More details: www.dublinruralleader.ie or contact rdinfo@fingalleaderpartnership.ie

Local Enhancement Programme 2025

The Local Enhancement Programme 2025 launched on 3rd December 2024.

Community and Voluntary Groups in Fingal applied for funding under the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2025. The Programme is designed to provide both capital and current funding support to a wide and diverse range of local groups. Funding is available to support small capital works/improvements, the purchase of equipment for community use; tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment etc., as well as capital costs; electricity costs, refuse charges, heating charges, rental/lease costs, insurance bills.



Fingal County Council was allocated a total of €268,827 in funding for Groups across the county €230,423 in Capital Funding and €38,404 in Current Funding.

The Evaluation Committee Meeting for the Current Funding Scheme was held on 27th January 2025, followed by the Evaluation Committee Meeting for the Capital Funding Scheme on 28th January 2025. All proposed funding has now been submitted to the Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) for final approval and notifications will be issued to all applicants when allocations are approved by DRCD.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

The County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP), developed under the guidance of the County Outdoor Recreation Committee, was presented at the April Council Meeting and has been submitted to DRCD.



Applications under the 2024/2025 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) funded by the Department of Rural & Community Development were submitted in March.

2 applications were submitted under the Project Development Measure for feasibility studies for water based sports facilities on the Royal Canal and a greenway linking Balrothery to Ardgillan Castle, 4 applications were submitted under Measure 1 for swim shelters in Rush, Skerries & Donabate and for a play trail in Rush, 1 application for the Fingal Camino was submitted under Measure 2 and 1 application for works around Balbriggan Boathouse and Bathhouse was submitted under Measure 3.



Football Cooperative

The Football Cooperative, founded by Steven O'Connell in partnership with SETU, is a social enterprise that enhances men's physical, mental, and social well-being through inclusive recreational football across two sites in Malahide and Limerick City. It delivers a high social return on investment, offering structured sessions that promote health, connection, and community engagement for men aged 30 and over. Healthy Fingal is a key partner on the initiative, which supports the cooperative's expansion plans and impact both in Fingal and nationally. Through collaboration, they foster healthier lifestyles, reduce isolation, and promote active citizenship. The initiative has earned national recognition for its measurable social value and innovative approach to men's health.



Smoke Free Homes Challenge

The Smoke Free Homes Challenge has expanded to include both Ladyswell National School and Corduff Senior National School. Delivered by Healthy Fingal, the HSE, and Empower, the programme encourages families to make their homes and cars smoke-free. Quit Smoking Advisors will visit classrooms to educate students on the dangers of smoking and vaping, while parents receive support materials and information on signing up for the June challenge. A fun colouring/drawing competition also reinforces the smoke-free message for students.



Community Recognition Fund 2023

The Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2023, funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, approved the Council's project proposals in March 2023. Fingal County Council has received an allocation of €1,813,912 for 26 projects across Fingal with €1.5 million claimed to date.

While the majority of projects have been completed the remaining projects were granted extensions by the DRCD and are in the process of closing. EETCD continues to submit drawdown claims as the projects reach completion.

Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024

The Council received an allocation of €1,538,573 in respect of the Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024. The funding will support capital projects which will be delivered over the time period 2025/2026. The fund is targeted to invest in those communities, villages and towns where the highest level of new arrivals is located and where a clear need for investment is identified. The funding is allocated across 3 application windows as outlined below:

Application Window 1:

8 community projects in Fingal received funding of c. €630,000 in August 2024:

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

Application Window 2:

7 community projects in Fingal received funding of c €596,000 in February 2025:

- Donabate Portrane Community Centre - Safety and Accessibility Works
- St Margaret's GAA Club AstroTurf Installation
- Baldoyle Forum - Fire Safety Upgrades
- Corduff Resource Centre Fire Safety Upgrades
- Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living Electric Wheelchair Accessible Van
- Phibblestown Community Centre AstroTurf Resurfacing (€50,000)
- O'Dwyers GAA Club, Balbriggan - Supply and Installation of Perimeter Fencing



Application Window 3:

The third and final public call for applications under this funding stream was announced in November with a submission deadline in December 2024. Project proposals have been evaluated and submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD), and we are now awaiting approval.



ENTERPRISE CENTRES



Following an agreement by the Boards of Directors of BASE, Beat and Drinan Enterprise Centres to consolidate the management of all three centres, the Council has now formed a new legal entity "Innovate Fingal" to drive innovation and focus on the strategic development of the 3 Enterprise Centres.

The Council approved the lease of BASE and Drinan Enterprise Centres to Innovate Fingal at the April Council Meeting. An official launch event for Innovate Fingal will be scheduled in Q3 2025.

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

TOWN REGENERATION OFFICE

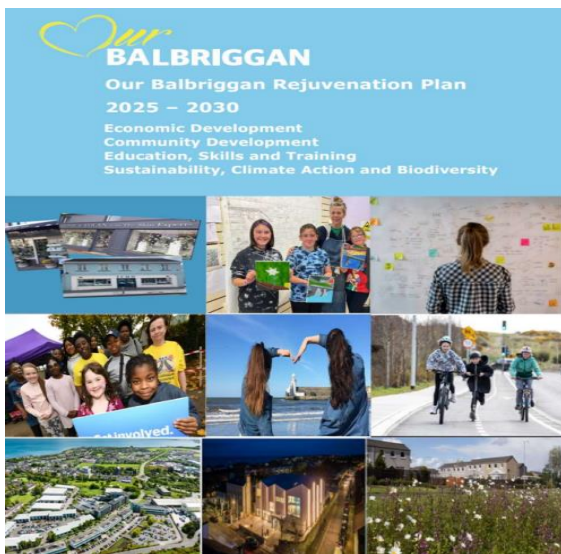
Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2030 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the local Leadership Group, in the stewardship and oversight of the implementation of the Balbriggan Socio-Economic plan 2024 – 2030. Four multi-stakeholder groups meet periodically, to progress opportunities around Economic Development, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Development and Sustainability, Climate Action and Bio-diversity Pillar. The Public Realm Pillar is chaired by the County Architect and reports directly to the Chief Executive.

After a mid-point governance review in 2024 the Rejuvenation programme horizon was extended to 2030, to bring it in line with the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF), supported by the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government.

The Balbriggan Leadership Group, independently chaired by Dr. David Begg, met on March 19th. The meeting formally adopted a set of new Pillar Action Workplans for the period 2025 – 2030 and will now move into implementation phase. Pillar Groups are scheduled to meet again in May/June to progress Action Workplans.



The Council have appointed contractor John Craddock Ltd and work is progressing on schedule, on the redevelopment of the Quay Street, Harbour & Environs area which is due to be substantially completed by December 2025. Work continues to progress well across key elements of the Quay Street & Harbour site.



Phase 2 Works have been completed including Town Car Park and works to the River Walls and Riverbed & Mill Street upgrades. Phase 3 has commenced with the heritage restoration of the RNLI Boathouse building for commercial use, the new public toilets are constructed to roof level, with work to begin shortly on the construction of a new roof. The new harbour building and kiosks are being progressed with substantive upgrades to Quay Street ongoing. Phase 4 will incorporate construction of 2 pedestrian bridges, with substantial completion of the Toilet Block & Kiosk and Harbour Buildings.



The planting of trees on the south-side of the new redeveloped plaza area has been completed, this follows the planting of 20 additional trees around the Quay Street Car Park area and along the adjoining River Bracken.

The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to provide regular updates on the project through social media Channels and includes detailed information on frequently asked questions. Up to date information on the project is available on Balbriggan.ie



2 - 4 Dublin Street is to be transformed into a new Creative Hub with 8 workspaces at 2 Dublin Street and an ancillary connected space at 4 Dublin Street which will support STEAM education, training and enterprise activities supported by Fingal Arts Office & SMART Balbriggan. Planning permission was granted at Council in October 2023.

On receipt of stage gate 2 permission from the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) Unit, Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government, tender documentation will be released to market in Q2 2025.



An Integrated Design Team has been appointed for the DeBruns site and are progressing work on design options based on best possible uses and site constraints. Stakeholder engagement sessions with local community, civic and business groups, and neighbouring properties have been completed. Insights gained have been incorporated into the pre-design report which has been submitted to FCC for review.

The Programme Office is currently reviewing a Feasibility Study for a Swim Platform, prepared by Langan Consulting (Marine) Engineers, including options and costings.

An Internal Project Team has been established from the Town Regeneration Office, Our Balbriggan Programme Office and FCC Architects to progress the Boathouse and Bathhouse project. Enabling works have now been completed. Engineers have been appointed to the project, which is set to be substantially completed in Q2 2026. An application was submitted to the Outdoor Recreation Scheme in March to support costs associated with the scheme and its environs.



A Draft Open Spaces Scheme for Balbriggan, CHIEFTAINS DRIVE/MOYLARAGH ROAD is due to be published on Consult.ie in May. The proposed scheme includes a Half MUGA, and other outdoor equipment including seating. The scheme in conjunction with FCC Sports, Community & Operations Teams is in response to an identified need for amenities in North West Balbriggan.



The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn with over 13,000+ followers across its 5 social media channels.



Lár Bailte ar dTús
Town Centre First

Town Centre First - Lusk

Following the completion of the Lusk for Life Plan, two applications for Project Development Measure funding were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for their consideration and both projects have now been approved for funding.

Both projects were identified in the Lusk Town Centre First Plan and include measures to develop appropriate facilities in Lusk's Central Parks and the feasibility of a farmers' market.

A consultant is in the process of producing a feasibility study for the farmers market project, and the Lusk Central Parks project is currently being procured.



A meeting of the Lusk town team was held on February 13th during which both projects were discussed, it was also agreed to amend the composition of the town team.

Subsequent discussions have taken place regarding Terms of Reference for the town team. These are currently being reviewed and a meeting of the Team will be scheduled soon. Once adopted a new town team in Lusk can be formed.

Town Centre First - Balrothery

Following on from the recent completion of a Capacity Building Output Report, a meeting has been scheduled for May when it is expected that further progress will be made towards the appointment of a town team and the adoption of corresponding terms of reference.



Town Centre First - Ballyboughal

A visit of the Ballyboughal and Rush Capacity Building groups and members of the Fingal Town Regeneration Office to Boyle, Co. Roscommon took place in April, where they were warmly welcomed by members of Roscommon County Council and members of the Boyle Town Team. Many interesting local projects were showcased, which were relevant to the Ballyboughal community as they progress their action plan in the months and years ahead. An Output Report have both been completed for Ballyboughal and the next Town Centre First meeting is scheduled for May, where it is anticipated that a town team will be appointed and terms of reference approved.



Town Centre First - Donabate

At the previous Donabate meeting in March, an Action Plan for the town was confirmed. The next capacity building meeting for Donabate will take place in May to form a town team and agree terms of reference.



Town Centre First – Rush

Following a well-attended second Town Centre First meeting in Rush on the 24th of March, the Rush Capacity Building Group joined the Ballyboughal group on a visit to Boyle, Co. Roscommon, where many interesting ideas were shared regarding potential town team projects. The Boyle town team shared their valuable insights with Fingal on how best to work together to achieve their aims for the town. This will be of huge benefit to the Rush group as they continue their formulation of a Town Centre First plan. The next meeting for Rush is scheduled for May, where further progress will be made on identifying the strengths and needs of the town and working towards forming a town team.

Town & Village Renewal Schemes

The Town Regeneration Office is currently facilitating two approved projects under this scheme from 2023. A Phase 4 development of Floraville Park in Skerries (€55,800) and upgrades to the Rush Community Centre (€64,350) have been approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Both projects are on schedule to be completed by October 2025.

A new call for projects has been announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development for 2025. The Town Regeneration Office has sought Expressions of Interests from a wide variety of internal and external stakeholder groups. Fingal has communicated the new scheme through their Social Media Channels throughout April 2025. Expressions of Interest for both the Main Scheme and Project Development Measures are welcomed from stakeholder groups before 17:00 on June 13th 2025. Additional information, including the Expression of Interest form, is available on FFC public website.



Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024

A second Streetscape Enhancement Scheme was launched in November and a number of expressions of interest were received by the closing date for applications of 29 November. Under the new scheme, up to 75% of the cost of improvements, up to a maximum grant amount of €1,500 per eligible property, is available, subject to terms and conditions. Nine applications have been approved for funding totalling €12,635.28 for a variety of works including painting, green enhancement, and signage enhancement. Letters of Offer have been issued to these successful applicants and improvement works will be carried out over the coming months.



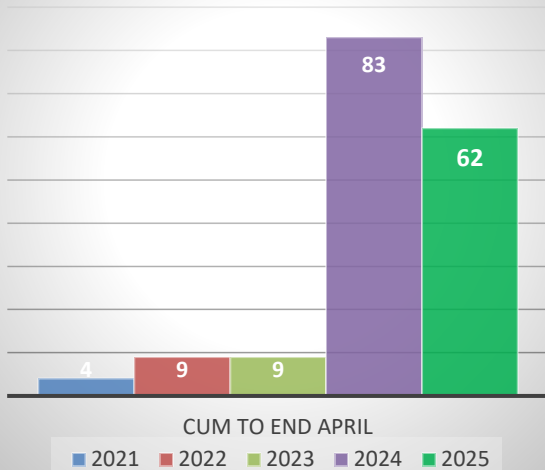
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme Project

One project has been approved under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for 2024, "Sea Swimming at Skerries Springers". A meeting with the local Swimmers group took place on Friday 21st March in conjunction with the Operations department where an update was given regarding the status of the feasibility report. A progress report recently received from the appointed consultant, confirms that the study is due to be completed on schedule.

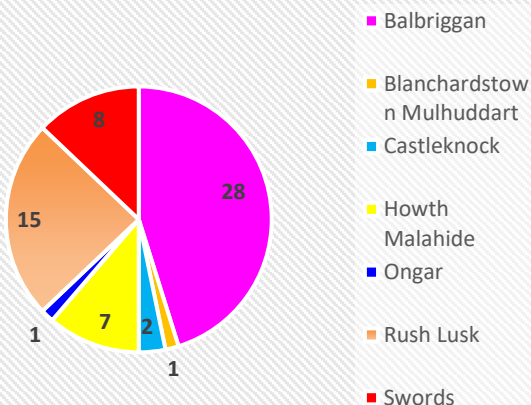
Derelict Sites

62 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties to the end of April 2025.

Year on Year Cumulative Derelict Sites Statutory Notices Issued up to End of April 2025



Derelict Sites Statutory Notices Issued YTD to End Of April 2025



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

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



LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for April 2025 are as follows:

Navigating Escalating Tariffs in the US and Europe



In the light of new tariffs announced by President Trump, LEO Fingal organised an online event called "Navigating Escalating Tariffs in the US and Europe". 87 participants registered for the event which was held on April 10th. Crucial information was provided for Fingal exporters facing impending newly imposed US tariffs. Attendees gained insights into the background and specific impacts of these tariffs on key industries, with a detailed breakdown of affected product codes and rates. Practical strategies for mitigating potential financial losses were discussed, alongside an update on prospective EU retaliatory tariffs to aid preparedness. The event also offered valuable guidance on legal and regulatory considerations and strategies for navigating the evolving trade landscape to maintain competitiveness in the US market.

National Enterprise Awards 2025



The National Enterprise Awards competition in which one overall winner from each of the 31 Local Enterprise Office areas compete for the National awards. This year, **Cuty Gupta from Cozmotec CG Consulting Ltd** will represent Fingal at the National Enterprise Awards final in the Mansion House in May 2025 on 22nd May 2025. Fingal have had great success in the National Competition in recent years. Last year Conor Halpin, PRM Assist won the Dublin Region Award. We wish Cuty Gupta and all the team at Cozmotec the very best of luck.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network



**Resilient by Design:
Practical Strategies and
Mindset Tools for Women
in Business**
Friday 23rd May, 10:30 - 13:30
Featuring: Entrepreneur, Academic, Author and
Advocate for Women in Leadership
**Dr. Rosalind
Beere**

Local Enterprise Office Fingal will host a valuable networking event for women entrepreneurs on Friday, May 23rd, 2025, at Roganstown House Hotel, Swords. Dr. Rosalind Beere, a renowned entrepreneur and advocate for women in leadership, will lead a fireside chat focused on topics such as resilient leadership, sustainable growth, financial confidence, and maintaining work-life balance. The event will provide participants with practical insights, strategies, and opportunities to connect with fellow women in business. A networking lunch will follow, offering a chance to continue conversations and build lasting professional relationships.

Fingal Business Supports Briefing



Following the success of the Fingal Business Supports Briefing in April, the next event is set for May 7th. Building on the momentum from the previous briefing, which saw 124 attendees and sparked strong interest in Business Advice Clinics, Start Your Own Business Courses, and Grant Application Workshops, the upcoming briefing will offer even more opportunities for local business owners. The LEO team will provide expert guidance on training, mentorship, and grants, with a Q&A session and one-on-one consultations to help participants take their next steps.

Student Enterprise Programme



Fingal's finalists are now preparing for the Student Enterprise Programme National Final on May 8th, where they will compete for the title of Ireland's next top young entrepreneurs.

The Student Enterprise Programme, run by the 31 Local Enterprise Offices across the country, is Ireland's largest student entrepreneurship initiative, inspiring over 26,000 students annually to create, develop, and promote their own businesses.

In the Junior Category, the students representing Fingal at the National Final are Rachel Dore and Isla Tanner, and Loreto Secondary School, Balbriggan, with their project, Rachel's and Isla's Self Care, an enterprise focussing on self-care baskets

In the Intermediate Category, Maida-Fatima Riaz, Angelin Bijoye and Abi Solai from Hansfield Educate Together Secondary School, Dublin 15, will showcase their enterprise, Ecochew, which focuses on an innovative solution for chewing gum disposal, ensuring a cleaner environment.

In the Senior Category, Emily O'Donnell, Aaliyah Heeze and Sarah Forbes from Mount Sackville Secondary School, Castleknock, secured their place with Wild Cards, an innovative business centred on handmade, ecofriendly cards.

Food Sectoral Supports



LEO Fingal are delighted to host the next regional Food Starter course which begins on 19th May and is fully online to suit availability of our busy food producers. The programme is already booked out due to the high demand for this type of training.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) approved 2 projects for funding at its April meeting, bringing to €330,545 the total approved year to date 2025, for 18 applicants across Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants. The next EVAC meeting will be held online on the 28th of May 2025.

Management Development



The Leadership for Business Acceleration programme is coming to a close for the current cohort and is due to finish on May 7th at the Skylon Hotel in Dublin City. This programme is run in conjunction with Dublin City LEO and 17 businesses from Dublin City and Fingal LEO have been in attendance over the 8-week programme. The programme facilitates established businesses within the Dublin & Fingal area to grow their businesses and expand. It allows owners time to plan and build a strategy which will carry them through the next 3 years while building their network and learning new skills in the areas of business management, finance and marketing. The next programme commences on Thursday 25th September at the Carlton Hotel and will be open for bookings shortly.

Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme



The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Energy Efficiency Grant was recently revamped and relaunched with several significant changes, the main one being its increase from €5,000 to €10,000 and a change from match funding to now covering up to 75% of eligible costs. The Energy Efficiency Grant is an excellent opportunity for small businesses to continue their business more sustainably and efficiently, which will benefit them in the long run. To apply, businesses need to be solvent and operating within Fingal for at least six months. Nine companies in Fingal have so far qualified for this grant. This year there has been strong interest in this scheme with enquiries coming from restaurants, pubs and coffee shops. Five companies have been approved so far this year and many more are currently going through the approval process.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme



Trading Online Voucher (now expired) scheme supported small businesses by allowing them to enhance their online offering by providing a grant of up to €2,500 for ecommerce and digital marketing activities, as well as giving businesses a better understanding of how they can exploit E-Commerce opportunities for their business. A total of 45 applications have been approved in the amount of €94,138.

The Trading Online Voucher scheme has now closed and only applications received before the closing date will be assessed for payment in 2025. An enhanced “Grow Digital” initiative has taken its place (featuring grant value €5k plus digital consultancy assignments).

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring



LEO Fingal provides one to one business support services through Business Advice Clinics and a Mentoring programme, both online and in person. These services are provided free of charge to small businesses. The Fingal mentor panel consists of a variety of skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. In 2025 so far 247 clients availed of one-to-one appointments in Business Advice Clinics and 104 clients have signed up for mentoring, with consistently high demand for this service among Fingal businesses.

Microfinance Ireland Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with loans from €5,000 up to €50,000 per approved applicant. LEO Fingal is actively promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. Applications are processed and assessed by LEO Fingal and submitted to MFI (Microfinance Ireland). Applications submitted through LEO Fingal are eligible for a 1% reduced interest rate of 5.5% APR if submitted through the Local Enterprise Office. In 2024, LEO Fingal processed a record-breaking 45 applications and this year so far, a further seven MFI loan applications have been processed. LEO Fingal supports MFI applicants with a Mentor who assists with the application process to maximise their prospects of approval.

Training and Events

LEO Fingal continues to provide vital training to owner managers with 1562 participants year to date. There have been four Start Your Own Business courses with 48 participants and our first Digital Marketing course of 2025 commences on 12th June for 10 weeks. Fingal entrepreneurs are showing no slowdown in demand for courses in 2025.

Internationalisation and Export Development

The new “Market Explorer Grant” has replaced the TAME Grant from 1 January 2025. The grant is available to small enterprises in the manufacturing and international trading sectors (with up to 50 employees). The amount of the grant is to a maximum of €10,000 or 50% of eligible costs. The object of the financial offer is to support the development of export-oriented businesses by incentivising support to research and explore activities in new markets. Support for the grant applies when eligible companies seek to explore either a new geographic market for an existing product/service or an existing geographic market for a new product/service. LEO Fingal has approved one application for this grant in the amount of €9,520.

Export Development Programme



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

Following recommendation based on an export readiness assessment 11 Fingal businesses were among the 120 nationally, progressing through the programme. Following stage 2 ‘Workshops’ 60 businesses will now progress to the ‘In Market Visit’ stage of the programme which includes 7 Fingal businesses. Those not progressing can still be considered at a future stage and in the meantime can avail of the support they need to develop their businesses from their Local Enterprise Office.

Grow Digital Voucher & Digital for Business

The logo for 'Grow Digital' features the word 'Grow' in a teal color and 'Digital' in a blue color, with a small blue square icon between them.

A Digital Tool for every Business

Leo Fingal have approved 22 Digital for Business programmes year to date and have also approved 2 Grow Digital Vouchers.

The Digital Boost Webinar launched by LEO Fingal to educate prospective applicants about the Digital Supports available including Digital for Business and Grow Digital, has now been adopted throughout Dublin as a Regional event and will also be rolled out nationally to support the programmes. Another example of LEO Fingal collaborating with other LEO’s to the betterment of our clients.

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Area Business Totals for February 2025

Area	Public CRM's	Rep CRM's	Area Questions	Area Motions	Headed Items
Balbriggan/Swords	466	44	47	10	0
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	316	127	17	7	1
Howth/Malahide	243	52	22	4	1
Total	1,025	223	86	21	2

Works Programme

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area - Parks

Swords

Tree and bulb planting as part of the Pollinator Planting Project with Glasmore Estate Resident Group.



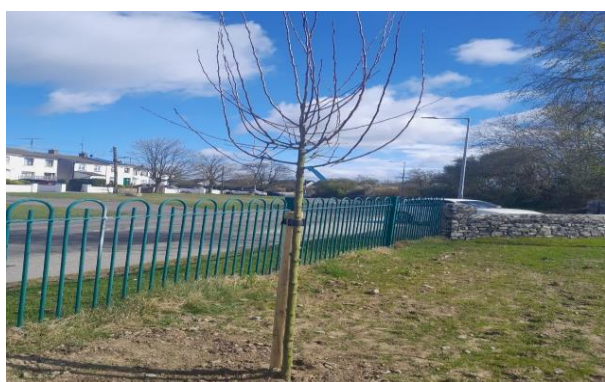
Volunteer tree planting took place on the Hilltown Open space of River Valley Road on Saturday 22nd of March in celebration of National tree week. More than 300 whips planted by Volunteers from Swords Woodland Association led by Cllr Joe Newman, Hilltown Environmental Group, Swords Tidy Towns and local residents. Two locations were planted at either end of the green using native tree whips supplied by the Tree Council of Ireland.



A new Barrier was installed in the Ward River Valley Park at Swords Manor, to replace the gate which was recently damaged. This is the first phase of upgrade works planned on entrances within this section of the park.



As part of the Learn to Cycle track installed in the Ward River Valley Park along Brackenstown Avenue, additional landscape improvements have commenced with the planting of 15 new trees and a section of native hedging.



New play panels installed in Swords Manor Playground as part of recent upgrade works which included boundary treatment repairs, surface works and new bench installs.



Donabate

Tree planting was undertaken on the open space of The Priory Estate in Donabate as part of Operations Annual Tree Planting Programme. Locations were selected following discussions with the Resident Group with the planting undertaken by Watery Lane Depot crew.



A morning of tree planting by Volunteers of Donabate Tidy towns took place in Newbridge Demesne on Saturday 22nd of March in celebration of National Tree week. More than 350 whips were planted in the north-west corner of the Demesne and is a continuation of the Woodland Management Plan objectives to increase tree cover at this area. This adds to the 800 plus whips planted at the same location last March by the same group.



Path improvement works Ardgillan Demesne.



Santry Demesne

New park signage installed:



Rendering of walls in Hastings Estate.



Lusk

Landscaping works as part of the Programme of Works at Station Road / Orlynn Park, Lusk.



Balbriggan

Spring Bulb Display at Tara Court Balbriggan.



Concreting works around tennis courts completed as part of the Programme of Works.



Rush

New Footpath at St Catherines Community Garden, Rush.



Skerries

Footpath resurfacing and repairs at Skerries Mills.



Newly installed path through open space at Townparks, Skerries.

Before:



After:



Area General Maintenance Programme

Footpath repair works at Balscadden Village by Balbriggan Roads Crew.



Repairs to pedestrian footpath outside Rathmore Park on ring road R127 Lusk. Works carried out by Balbriggan Roads Crew.



Footpath Repairs Estuary Rd



Howth/ Malahide Area

Roads / Footpaths - Malahide



Footpath Repairs Seabury Lane

Road Patching



Road Patching works at Seabury Malahide by the Roads Crew.

Burial Grounds and Beaches



New Paving at Balgriffin Cemetery to access the latest extension to the Cemetery.

Howth/Malahide Parks Tree Planting



New Street trees planted Baldoye Road

Open spaces



New signage erected at carving Manannán mac Lir – God of the Sea, Portmarnock

Manannán mac Lir in Irish Mythology was known as the God of the Sea, warrior and one of the Tuatha Dé Danann. He could ride across the waves and land in his chariot with his magical sea stallion Aonbharr and a deadly strength sapping sword named Fragarach. Sometimes he could help a stricken ship in a storm but others he would leave to their own fate. Sailors of old often said a prayer to Manannán to protect them from harm while at sea.

Dia na Mara

Thugtaí Dia na Mara ar Mhanannán mac Lir, i Miotaseolaíocht na hÉireann, laoch agus duine de Thuatha Dé Danann. Bhí sé in ann marcaíocht trasna na dtionnta agus trasna na talún ina charbad lena stail mhara dhraíochtúil Aonbharr agus claíomh a shúigh fuinneamh darbh ainm Fragarach. Uaireanta, bhíodh sé in ann cabhrú le long i mbaol a báite i stoirm ach d'fhágfadh sé cinn eile i muinín na cinniúna. Is minic a deireadh mairnéalaigh ón sean-am paidir do Mhanannán chun iad féin a chosaint ó dhíobháil agus iad ar an bhfarraige.



Vandalised Fence Gray's Lane, Howth



Repaired fence along stream Gray's Lane.

Malahide Demesne

Malahide Concerts Series 2025

The Planning Licence Application has been received for the 2025 Malahide Concert Series.

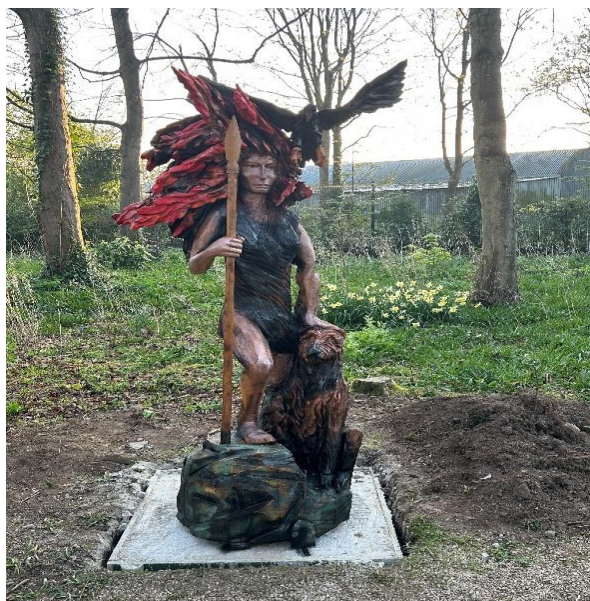
The Acts and dates listed in the application are as follows:

- 17th June - Charli xcx
- 25th June - Iron Maiden
- 26th June - Neil Young
- 28th June - Justin Timberlake
- 29th June - Alanis Morissette
- 30th June - Duran Duran plus Nile Rodgers & Chic
- Friday, 4th July - Mumford & Sons

Talbot Botanic Gardens



Drimys winteri in full bloom Walled Garden



New Sculpture – West Lawn. The Morrigan was a renowned Celtic goddess associated with war, destiny and fertility. She first appeared in the Ulster Cycle, one of four collections of Irish mythology. Legends were peppered with stories of her shapeshifting powers, as both a single and triple goddess.



On Saturday 26th May, Fingal Co Council had the privilege of hosting Mr Jack Davies, Windsor Castle and Mr Tom Bush Sandringham Estate, both Gardeners to King Charles III on a visit to The Talbot Botanical Malahide. They spent several hours on a private tour and fact finding visit of the Gardens.

Howth Pathways



New removable bollards installed on pathways Howth to prevent unauthorised access.



40 steps Howth Pathways overgrown with weeds



40 steps Howth following trimming



Pathway after weeds cut back

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart Area Melville road Charlestown

New Bench installed on the Melville Road Charlestown.



Footpath renewal works in Castlefield Court

Footpath renewal Works in Castlefield Court Clonsilla



Porterstown Park

Ducting installation for public lighting in Porterstown Park



Footpath renewal works Broadway Park

Footpath renewal works carried out at Broadway park in Blanchardstown approx. 100M of footpath.



Ongar Road Planting 150 Holly Plants

Planting 150 ilex Holly plants at Ongar Road



New fencing

New fencing works at bottom of Porterstown Park for Protection of Protected Wildlife.



Planting Winter Spring Bedding in Castleknock Village and Mulhuddart Community Centre

Planting winter/Spring bedding in Castleknock Village and Mulhuddart Community Centre.



Martin Savage Memorial Grout and cobble stone wash

Grout and wash cobble stone at Martin savage memorial on N3.



Beechpark Lawn Sensory Garden

Please see photos attached of new Sensory Garden Planted at Beechpark Lawn in Castleknock .

Works consisted planting of following

- 1) 620 Perennials,
- 2) 3 lilac trees ,
- 3) 1 Japanese Acer
- 4) 5 bamboo trees
- 5) 1 Fern Dicksonia Antartica Tree
- 6) 40 Meter of new footpath 1M wide.

These works were carried out by Operations staff Tony Murtagh + Andrius Venkus.

The garden bed was designed and Supervised by Paul Rattigan Foreman of Works Coolmine Operations. Residents are delighted with this new bed.



Footpath Widening Tolka Valley Park

Footpath widening at Tolka Valley Park.



Huntstown Drive Tree Works



Trees crown raised, shaped and thinned out.

Damastown Car Park Upgrade

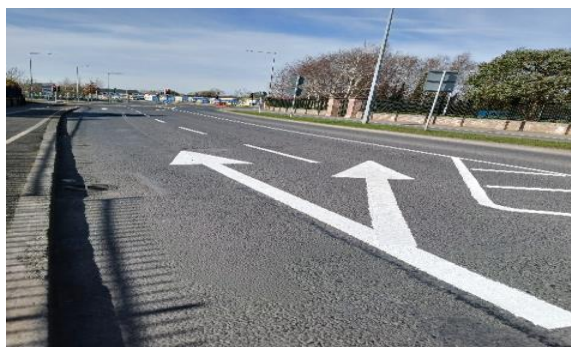
Damastown car park upgrade, Stud wall and fencing installed, giving 24hr access.



Corduff Line Marking



Diswellstown Line Marking



Bus stop R121

Drop put in for wheelchair accessibility to bus stop R121



Car Parking Services
Review of Parking Control Bye-Laws

The Operations Department is in the process of reviewing the Fingal Parking Control Bye-Laws 2020. A presentation on the proposed amendments and timeline for review was presented to the Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee Meeting on the 4th March 2025. A briefing and Q&A with Fingal Councillors on the proposed changes took place on Wednesday 12th March, and a second briefing with Fingal Councillors has been scheduled to take place on 12th May 2025. A meeting took place with the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine on 25th March 2025 to discuss parking in Howth and to outline the proposals by the Council to introduce a pay parking scheme for Howth. A scheme is currently being designed for the Area, and a follow up meeting with DAFM has been arranged for 4th June 2025.

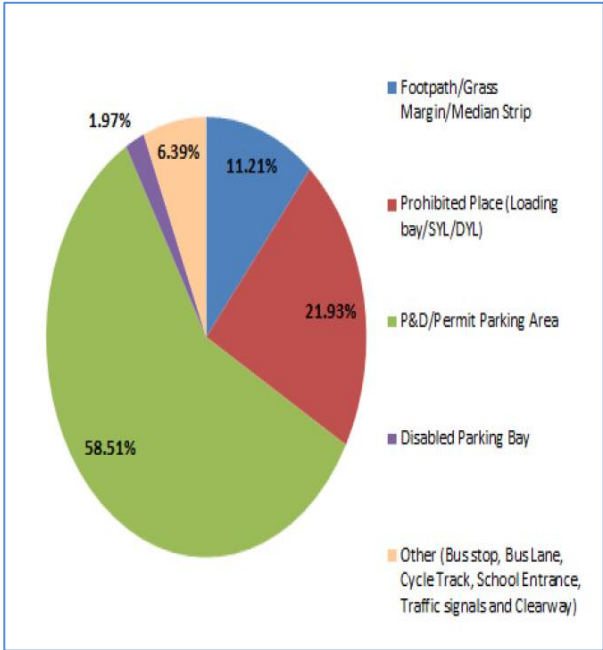
March 2025

There were a total of 1017 parking tickets issued during March 2025.

Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations March 2025
North Street - Swords	98
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	71
Main Street - Swords	53
Strand Street - Skerries	45
Dublin Street - Balbriggan	39
Harbour Road - Skerries	36
Church Road - Malahide	32
Old Street - Malahide	30
South Strand Skerries	30
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	27

Breakdown of Parking Offences:



Meter Replacement Programme

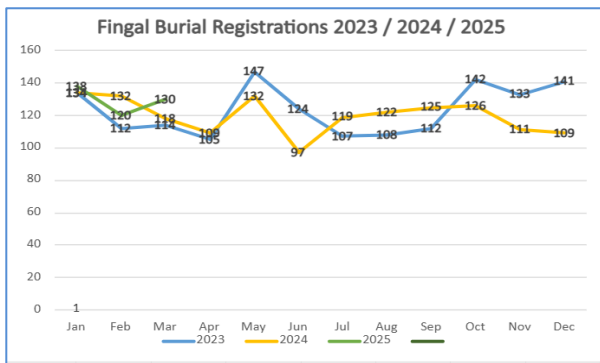
Howth/Malahide Operations Department are progressing the Annual Meter Replacement Programme, which replaces old end of life parking meters with newer machines that can accept contactless/card payment. 9 old meters were replaced with new contactless parking meters as part of the 2025 Programme



Newly replaced meter on Drogheda Street, Balbriggan

Burial Ground Services

There were 130 Interments in Fingal Cemeteries during March 2025.



Kellystown Burial Ground

Kealy Construction, who are based in Dunshaughlin, Co Meath, were appointed to construct the second phase. They commenced work on site in March and are expected to finish in December 2025.

The Council's Operations Department is fully funding the delivery of this project with €3.15m from the Council's agreed Capital Programme 2025-27 and will take over the operation of the new cemetery when it opens in early 2026.

Traffic Operations County-Wide

Balbriggan/Swords Area

Skerries- Upgraded school ahead road markings
Milverton National School



Naul Village- Upgraded school ahead road marking Naul National School



Howth Malahide Area

New Road Markings in Portmarnock



Below: The junction at Malahide Road and College Avenue was upgraded by the Developer following Planning Permission granted to the Belcamp site. The upgraded junction traffic signals are now operational along with the newly installed road markings by Belcamp Park/ Hermitage Apartments on the Malahide Road.



Malahide Road junction with College Avenue

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

92 Plant Hires were put in place from 01/04/2025 to 30/04/2025, engaging 20 suppliers.



Public Lighting

Works on the 2025 Public Lighting Programme of Works is progressing.

2025 POW Works jobs Completed to date:

- Village Road / Raheny Roundabout, Lusk
- Dromheath Drive, Mulhuddart
- Warrenstown Green roundabout, Corduff
- Kenure Woods Park entrance, Rush
- Gartan Drive, Swords (two lights were installed here)
- The Nurseries, Swords
- Latchford Close to Old Hansfield Lane walkway beside playing pitches at Phibblestown Community Centre, Ongar
- Millstead Estate entrance, Blanchardstown
- Parnell Green / Church Road Walkway, Mulhuddart



The Nurseries Estate, Swords



Warrenstown Green, Corduff



Chapel Close Green / Bremore. 2



Latchford Close to Old Hansfield Lane

2025 POW Works in Progress/Ongoing:

- New Haggart Cottages, Balleally
- Porterstown Park Main Carpark, Porterstown
- Chapel Close Green / Bremore Green Pedestrian Walkway, Balbriggan
- Lanesborough Park, Charlestown



Chapel Close Green / Bremore. 1

Works on the public lighting column replacement programme have commenced.

Public Lighting Column Replacements Completed:

- Dromheath Green, Mulhuddart
- Wellview Estate, Mulhuddart

Other public lighting works completed:

- Installation of public lighting on pedestrian walkway from Riverside Court/Old Corduff Road to N3 underpass.
- New columns installed at Skerries Mills

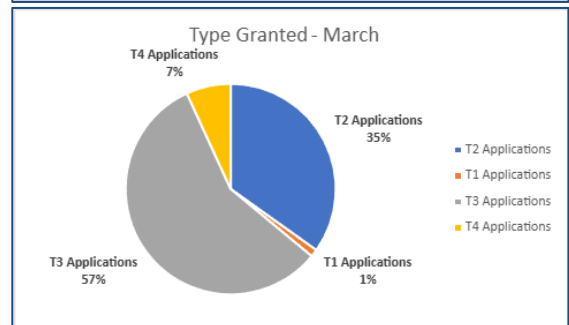
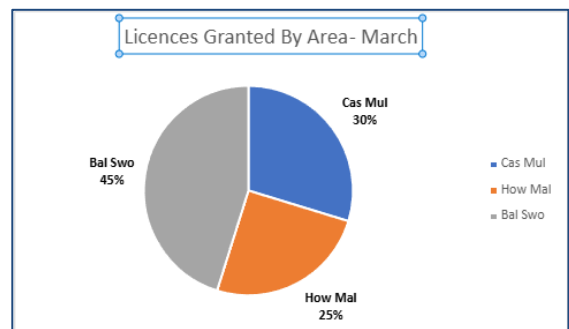
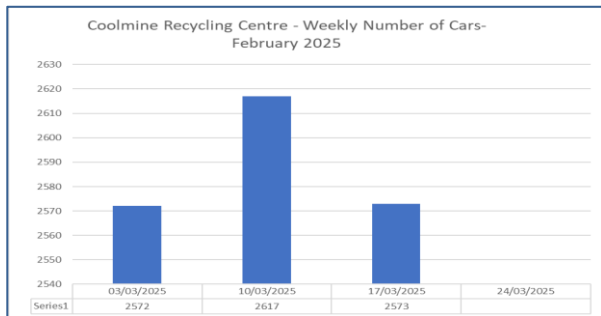
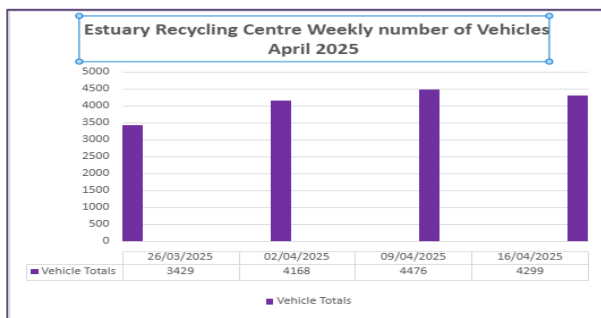


Skerries Mills

Recycling Centres Update

Provision was made in the 2025 Revenue Budget for Increases in charges which commenced on 1st January 2025.

The Council is currently in the process of recruitment of additional Recycling Centre Operators to commence the new opening hours at Coolmine.

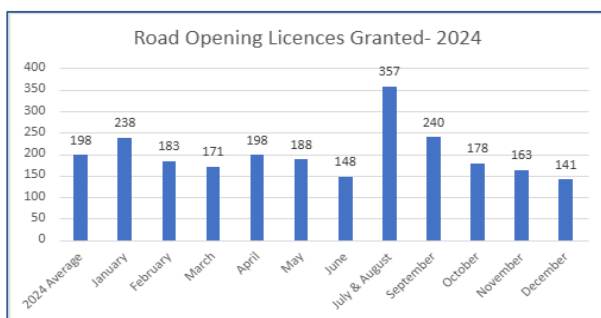


Licences

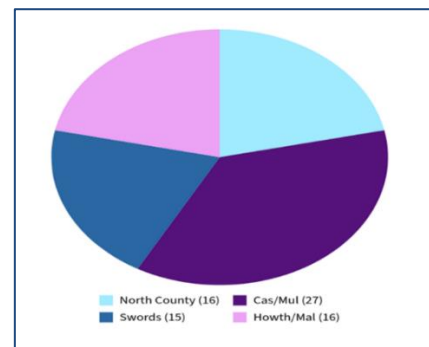
- Road Opening Licenses

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

175 Licences were granted in the month of March, **64% of which were granted by way of automation**. Clerk of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by Utilities.



Pitch Playability Applications 2024/25



See above Pie Chart outlining the number of Pitch Playability Applications received for the 2024/25 playing season, in total we have received 77 applications as outlined above including three from schools.

We have received a total of €64,160 as of the 27th of January in Grass Pitch Allocation Fees for the 2024/2025 playing season.

Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council have received a total of 38 valid Casual Trading Licences for the 2025/26 trading season covering trading of Hot Food, Tea & Coffee, Ice Cream and Flowers.

All 38 Applicants have paid & are licenced for the upcoming period.

We have also received a total of 5 new applications which we are currently processing. The Operations Department is in regular communication with our traders and area inspectors continue to be carried out to assist in delivery of quality service and ensure compliance.

Once complete we envisage a total of 42 Casual Trading operating in the Fingal Administrative area the highest number to date.

Pilot Scheme Beach Mobile Saunas

The Council will be issuing an Expression of Interest on a pilot scheme for Mobile Saunas at the Council beaches during the summer months. Seasonal licences will be issued under the Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021.

Street Furniture Licences & remaining Parklets

A total of 20 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2025.

All 21 business have paid their licence fee & have been issued with their Licence, which must be displayed prominently in the front window of their business premises.

We have also received an additional four applications which we are currently processing.

The removal of the remaining parklets by the Council's contractor has been completed.

Footpath buildouts will be progressed accordingly in each area taking into consideration drainage, adjoining trees, public lighting etc. for the businesses which expressed their interest in one and were deemed suitable following their recent parklet removal.



Surface Water

Stormwater Capital Programme 2025-2027

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects in the 2025-2027 Stormwater Capital Programme. The 3-year programme includes 16 projects estimated at €1.7 million. Below is a brief update in relation to the status of some of the projects.

Howth Stormwater Culvert

The detailed design for WPB has been approved. Further to an internal review of the availability of FCC Direct Labour, It is now anticipated that the works will commence on Tucketts Lane in the Autumn. Meanwhile, the detailed design for WPA, which involves the required works to the culvert on main street, is continuing,

Burrow Beach SW Outfall Pipeline Repair

Works commenced on site in mid-March with the removal of the existing pipeline. Anchor block installation works are ongoing. These works are being executed by FCC Direct Labour under a design provided by consultants, Malachy Walsh and Partners.



Ballyboughal Main St Storm water Extension

All pipework and ancillary works are now complete; several additional road gullies were also installed including reinstatement of all effected Footways.



Lusk Network Remedial Works

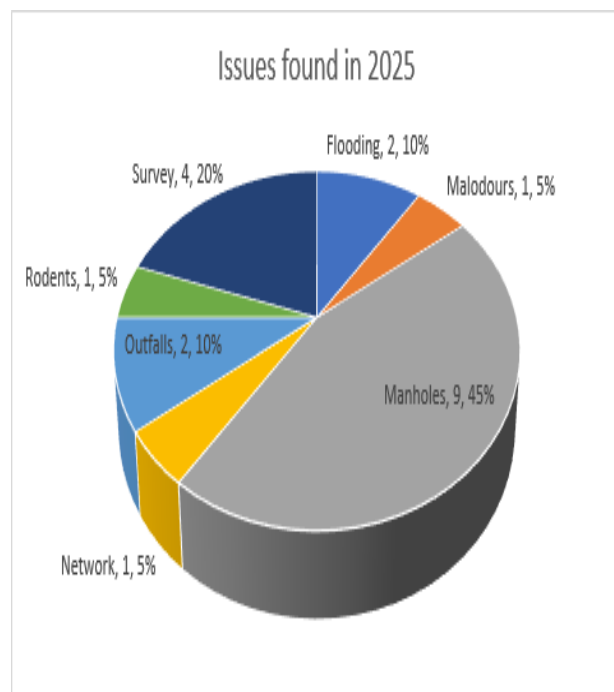
Site investigation works took place and a final design was completed. The work included alterations to the existing network to remove localised restrictions. Footpath and road reinstatements are complete.

A reinstatement tender was posted on Supplygov to appoint a Contractor to carry out a permanent road reinstatement. The tender process is now complete, and a Contractor will be appointed in the coming days. Final reinstatement works will commence in late May.



Storm Water Maintenance

The types and volumes of issues reported are shown in the chart.



Storm Water Connections:

To date 9 Stormwater Connection Applications have been processed in 2025.

Networks

Swords

Investigations of blockages and overground road flooding in Rivervalley, Swords, Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Rd, Cherry Garth and Rivervalley Lawns estates are now complete. The condition of the network will now be assessed, and the feasibility of follow-on works will be discussed. Assisting Parks Department with network surveys in **Brackenstown Park** for an upcoming project.

Malahide/Portmarnock

Chalfont invasive repair work commenced during April. It is expected that this section of the works will be complete mid-May. A tender is also being drafted for specialized underground works.

Dublin 15

Investigation surveys carried out in Edgewood Lawn, Grove Road, Mulhuddart and Damastown are now complete. Remedial work will follow.



Assets

Ironworks

Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement is ongoing countywide. Manhole and frame replacements were carried out in Skerries, Airside, Pavilions and Balheary in Swords during April.

Underground Stormwater storage Assets

Continued Identification and recording of underground storm water management assets county wide.

Cappagh/N2/N3 Link Road SUDS

A contractor has surveyed and is cleaning of two tanks. To help determine future maintenance costs and challenges for SUDs devices of this type



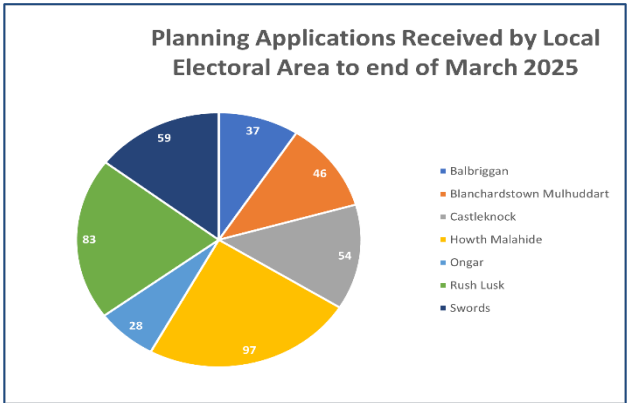
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC
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Planning Applications

There have been 404 planning applications received from 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025. This is including 316E applications via the LGMA portal. 88 applications were invalid leaving a total of 316 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) are detailed in the table below.

There have been two Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications made to the Local Authority. From 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025, 1 decision has been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. An Bord Pleanála have not issued any decisions on SHD applications in the period from 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025.



Planning Decisions

A total of 474 planning decisions have been issued from 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025. There have been 284 decisions to grant permission and 73 refusals of permission.

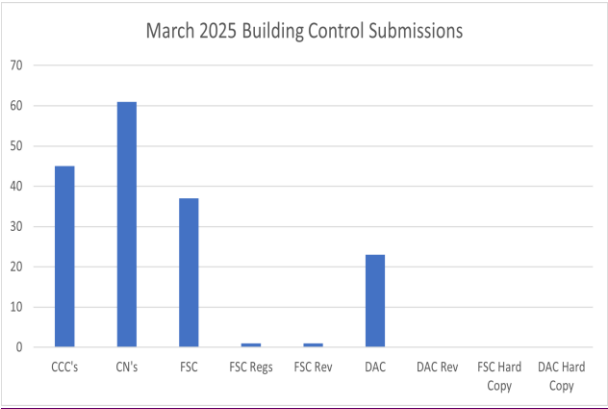
Building Control Admin

In March 2025, there were 168 building control submissions made via BCMS.

This was made up of 61 Commencement notices, 45 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 39 Fire Safety related Certificates and 23 Disability Access related Certificates.

Commencement notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates are submitted through the Projects module on BCMS. Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the Applications module on BCMS, and the Council accepts hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.

The Building Control Admin team processed 214 decisions in March 2025 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 78 decisions to grant and 138 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

The first round of plans emanating from the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 continue to be progressed. The draft Clonsilla Framework Plan was published in January and a well-attended public consultation event held on the 6th February in Blanchardstown library.

The public consultation stage has concluded, and the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department will bring the completed CE report on submissions received to the May meeting of Fingal County Council.

Further preparatory background analysis is underway in relation to several other plans/studies, including advancement through the procurement process.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is a tax aimed at activating serviced and residentially zoned land for housing. Local authorities are responsible for identifying lands which are subject to RZLT.

On the 31st January 2025, Fingal Co. Co. published the annual RZLT map for 2025 followed on the 1st February 2025 by the publication of the draft annual map for 2026, identifying land currently in scope for the tax, land proposed to be removed from the current scope and land proposed to be included. Consultation in relation to the annual 2025 RZLT map and draft 2026 RZLT map concluded on the 1st of April 2025 and the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department is currently reviewing submissions received.

Built Environment Division



Building Control

- 21 building control inspections were carried out in April 2025, covering 78 Buildings.
- There were no Section 11 request for further information issued, but we issued one Section 8 enforcement notice.

Taking in Charge

- Two housing estates were taken in charge in April 2025: Hansfield Phase 1, and Wilsons Brook.
- There are 6 estates up for taking in charge in May 2025. These are
 1. Bellingsmore Green Area, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15
 2. Mount Eustace, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15,
 3. Delhurst Estate, Phibblestown, Dublin 15,
 4. Hayworth Estate, Phibblestown, Dublin 15,
 5. Cloch Choirneal, Balbriggan
 6. Lanestown View, Donabate.
- There are 39 developments with formal Taking in Charge requests, and an additional 328 developments recorded in our system, of which 62 are expected to remain private.
- Our appointed contractor has commenced Taking in Charge works in Cianlea, Swords.
- Taking in Charge works have been completed in Chloch Choirneal, Balrothery, and the contractor will soon begin works in Hoar Rock, The Sanctuary, and Rockabill.
- We have evaluated Stage 1 of the competition for a single-party framework to appoint consulting engineers to project-manage Taking in Charge works for estates where bonds have been sequestered. We will be advertising Stage 2 of the competition in May 2025 with the aim of having the consulting engineers appointed in July 2025.

Dangerous Structures

- 1 dangerous structure was reported in April 2025.
- A total of 106 dangerous structures remains active in our database.

Pictures



Checking weephole location on an house in Portmarnock



Checking Fire doors on an Apartment in Donabate.

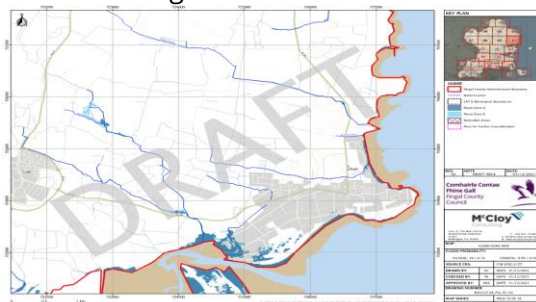
Development Management

- 134 no. new planning files have been received.
- 16 no. Additional Information files have been received and 2 clarifications of Additional Information.
- 16 no. Compliance Submissions have been received; 18 no. have been processed.
- 7 no SHD/LRD applications have been received; 5 no. has been assessed.

- 1 no. Part 8/Part XI applications have been received; 1 no. has been processed.
- Pre-planning consultations – Staff from Planning (Water Services) have engaged in 2 no pre-planning discussions and with developers to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of flood risk management and sustainable drainage systems on site.

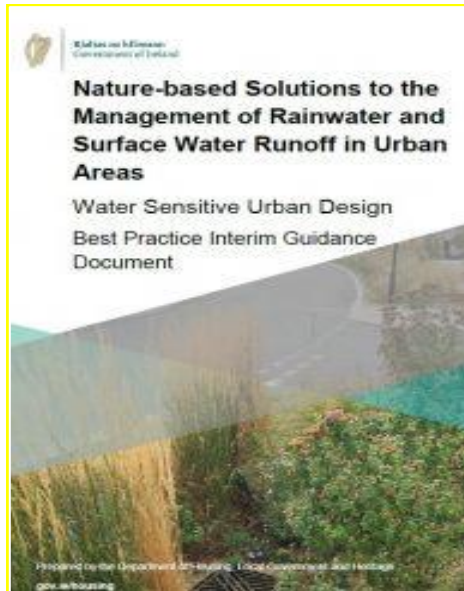
Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

- FCC WSFP staff completed liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the County Development Plan. The SFRA flood mapping & report has been completed.
- The Water Services Planning Dept responded to motions received from the councillors under the motion headings of green infrastructure, flooding, Irish Water & re-zoning.

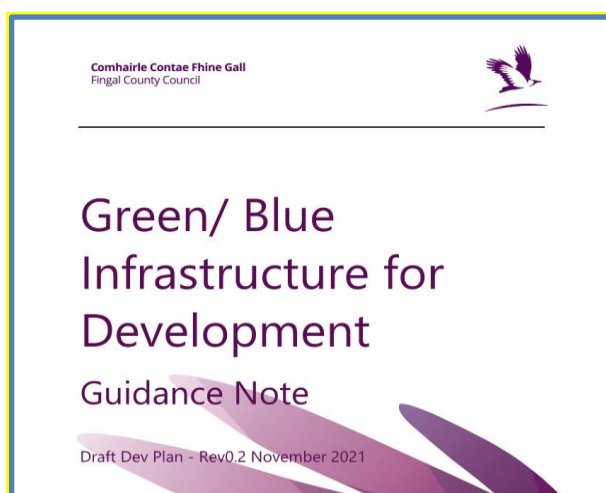


- A new document “Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas - Water Sensitive Urban Design - Best Practice Interim Guidance Document” has been issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is intended as a high-level best practice interim guidance document for all those whose work impacts on the urban environment, for urban planners and all built environment professionals involved in the planning process such as engineers, architects and landscape architects.

The document shows how to move towards a more systematic and sustainable approach to urban planning and design that seeks to mimic the natural water balance of rural areas through “water sensitive urban design”.



- Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – The Fingal SuDS guidance document (Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development) has been reviewed to include changes in technical standards. This document along with the SFRA documents have been incorporated into the new development plan.



Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments



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

Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP)

The procurement process is complete for the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans for *Northwood, Kilbarrack and Baldoyle*. Scoping and tender documents were prepared, and the project was released for tender. Tenders were back at the end of June 2024. Recommendations for award have been made for McCloys Consultant Engineers. Completed SWMPs for Northwood, Kilbarrack and Baldoyle were submitted to FCC and approved in January 2025.

McCloys Consulting Engineers are currently preparing the SFRA for Dubber. The scope for the sustainable drainage strategy is currently also being prepared.

JBA Consultant Engineers have been requested to submit a quotation for a SWMP for Barnhill. A purchase order has been raised and a project kick off meeting will be scheduled for early May 2025.

Domestic SuDS Guide

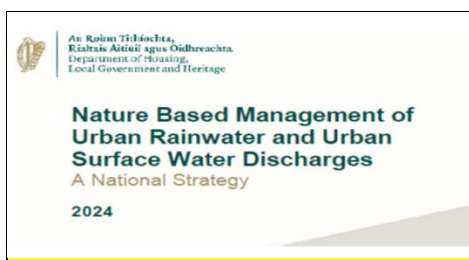
McCloys Consulting Engineers have been appointed to produce a Domestic SuDS Guide for FCC. This was completed in Q3 2024, the guide is available on Fingal's website along with a short presentation video.

Green Blue Roofs Guidance Document

McCloys Consulting Engineers have been appointed to produce a Green Blue Roofs Guidance Document for FCC. This was awarded in Q3 2024 and is scheduled for completion in Q2 2025.

National Guidance

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has issued "Nature Based Management of Urban Rainwater and Urban Surface Water Discharges A National Strategy" in May 2024.



Irish Water

Staff ceased completing Irish Water templates for planning files following the departure of two Executive Engineers.

Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The contractor is continuing to carry out snagging at the interchange.

PSI 002 Ongar Barnhill Road

Bam Civil Ltd. constructed most of the new bridge over the railway line during 2024. Road surfacing will continue during Q2 along the length of the scheme.

Installation of surfacing, subbase, ducting, watermain, kerbs and footpaths will also continue during Q2. It is intended that traffic will be diverted onto some of the new Barberstown Lane South in Q2 2025 following surfacing works. There will be temporary traffic management on the R149 in Q2 at the junction with Barberstown Lane South while the new junction is being formed. The overall scheme is expected to be completed in Q3 2025. Updates for the scheme will be posted on www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill



PSI-039 – R132 Connectivity Project

Project summary

Detailed design stage is currently being finalized along with the contract procurement documents.

Coordination/Progress meetings with NTA and TII/Metrolink which are being held monthly will continue in 2025.



Meetings and Workshops

A workshop meeting was held in December at Malahide Castle to discuss all the Swords projects that are being planned and may be carried out on site over the next 5 years in Swords, as well as knowledge sharing on its projects timelines and phasing plus also gathering feedback on them. A following workshop meeting is expected to be held in May to update the teams involved in various projects in the Swords area and discuss the associated timelines, possible impacts and the actions needed to mitigate them.

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure is undertaking analysis of how these projects and associated timelines may impact Swords, with a view to looking at what mitigation measures may be required. These analyses are being carried out by DBFL Engineers, including microsimulations and an accurate map showing the possible impacts on key locations. These maps have been refined in April.

A meeting was held with FCC various departments to discuss the modelling works been undertaken based on the various Swords projects timelines provided.

Coordination/Progress meetings with NTA and TII/Metrolink which are being held monthly will continue in 2025.

Monthly meetings with Uisce Éireann are being held monthly to discuss and align the details of a State Body Agreement for the foul water sewer across the Estuary Roundabout to be incorporated into the project.

Stage 2 for the construction stage

Two workshop meetings were held with the Design team to prepare the tender procurement documents for stage 2 of the construction phase of the project. These workshops were also to finalise the tender pack documents.

Peer Review

A tender was published in December 2024 for the Peer Review of the tender documents for the R132 Connectivity Project. The tender closing date was in Mid Jan 2025. The tender received was assessed and now the contract documents signing will be undertaken. The assessment of the tender documents was initiated by RPS Consulting Engineers in April 2025, which are independently assessing the tender documents.

ESB Application for new power connections

All applications for new power connections were requested in April from the ESB for new Traffic Signals, Toucan Crossings along the R132 road. No timelines have yet been provided by the ESB for their processing.

PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

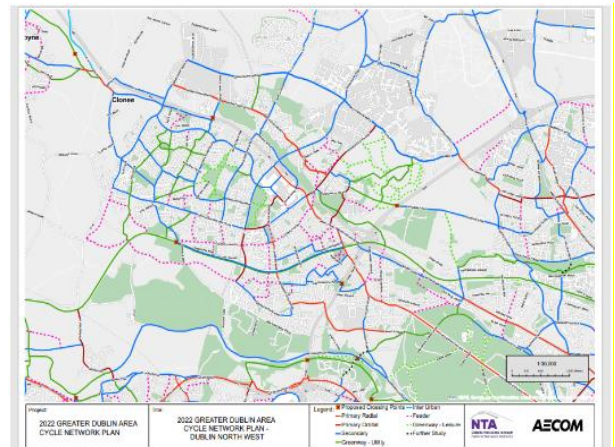
The Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route for this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan consisting of 3km fully segregated Pedestrian and Cyclist Route connecting 6 schools in Balbriggan. This Project is now at substantial completion. The official opening ceremony was held on the 28th of March 2025 with the Mayor of Fingal and the Minister for Climate, Environment and Energy and the Minister for Transport attending. The contractor is continuing to snag.





Consultancy Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department recently signed a Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area.



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

RPS Engineers Consulting Ltd was appointed Fingal County Council Consultants for the Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects.

PSI 063 – Pedestrian & Cycling Scheme at Granard Bridge

The first contract as part of this framework will be to undertake phases 2 to 4 for a new Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock Road which will cross the Dublin Maynooth railway and Royal Canal, parallel to the existing road bridges over the canal and railway, with access for pedestrians and cyclists only. This will form an integral part of the walking and cycling route for Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park which is a proposed route in the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. This will also improve pedestrian and cycle safety at Granard Bridge and further promote the use of more sustainable travel patterns, in line with Government Policy and the cycle network plan for the greater Dublin area.

Meetings and Project Programme

Monthly meetings between Fingal County Council and RPS are being held to progress the project and discuss key points, such as route options and possible constraints to be overcome. In addition, an ecological survey was carried out in March 2025 in the Castleknock area to gather valuable data and a better understanding of the local ecosystem ensuring that any future developments or environmental strategies are informed by the best available ecological information.

Meetings with Irish Rail / Dart+ West team are being held monthly to discuss both projects and align them. A preliminary draft of the Feasibility Report with five route options was developed. In April. The final version of the Feasibility Report is expected to be available in early May. The brief for the Archaeological Services & Conservation Architect was developed this month and is to be issued for tender in May.

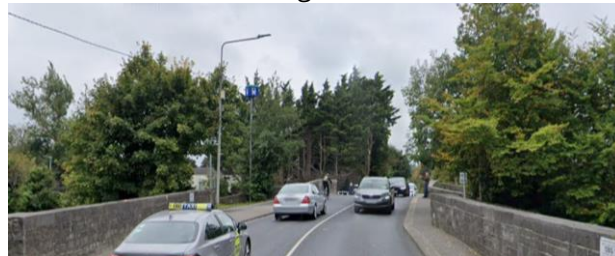
Project Programme

The project programme has begun by the design team with the Concept Development and Options Selection phase 2 now underway.

Next phase will be moving onto phase 3 preliminary design before to phase 4 the statutory processes to obtain planning for the project. Throughout these phases there will be the requirement for regular consultation with all stakeholders including public representatives. This project design will allow for a much-needed Pedestrian and Cycling link from the new Bridge north to the Roselawn Road/Castleknock Road junction and south to the Laurel Lodge Road/Castleknock Road junction. No alternations are proposed to these existing junctions only to tie into the existing junction's infrastructure.



Granard Bridge Site location



Granard Bridge Street View



Granard Bridge Aerial Photo

For more information and keep updated on the project, please see a recent set-up web page for the new Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Grange Bridge Castleknock Road.

[Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge, Castleknock Road, Dublin 15 | Fingal County Council](#)

PSI -036 Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route

Fingal County Council have been working on the Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route project brief and the tender documentation are now finalised for tender publication under the Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area.

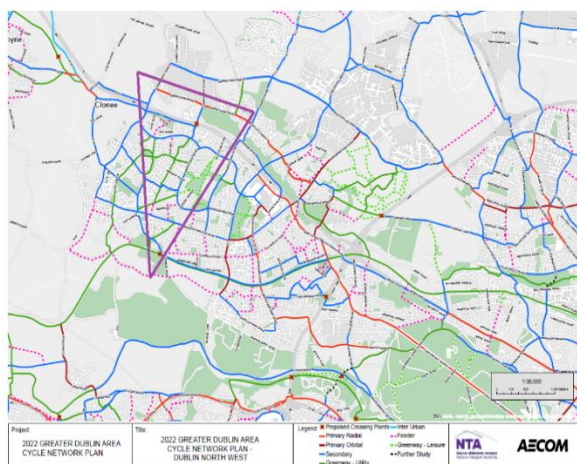


Figure 1 – Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area – Clonsilla to Damastown area highlighted in purple

PSI – 004 Royal Canal Urban Greenway

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

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

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

Irish Rail have been contacted and the changes to the bridge crossings that form part of the permitted DART+ West project are being assessed with additional discussions to be held with Irish Rail consultants soon to determine their impact on the greenway and the design drawings which are being updated as required. Preparation of CPO ongoing. Landowner liaison ongoing. FCC have requested a letter of consent from Waterways Ireland and Irish Rail for FCC to make a Planning Application to ABP on their Lands. Meetings to agree the lands for which the letters of consent will be provided by both Waterways Ireland and Irish Rail have been scheduled. Irish Rail are to provide CIE landownership maps to facilitate the provision of the required letter of consent. Meetings with Waterways Ireland to agree the details for the treatment of the embankments in specific areas between the Kildare border and Collins Bridge have been progressed.

PSI – 065 Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project

Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project will provide for improved accessibility for all road users, in particular pedestrian users as there were no pedestrian footpaths along the eastern end of Seamount Road on the approach to the new development's entrance.

The route also forms one of the local health walks (Sli Na Slainte), the coastal walk between Malahide and Portmarnock. The route also connects to the park lands at Robswall and Paddy's Hill and forms a direct link to and from the only local secondary school, Malahide Community School (MCS) - reducing a 4km route by bike or car to a c. 1.5km walk/cycle and helping to reduce traffic volumes through the centre of the town.

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

An internal meeting has been held in relation to the preparation of landownership maps. The maps are now being reviewed, and the landowners have been identified.

The CE order for the project is being processed and the date for the initial project meeting with the design team from RPS has been set.



S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme –

The preliminary design drawings have been reviewed by the NTA and the stage 2 road safety audit has been completed. All recommendations will be considered and incorporated into the scheme where required.

Pavement design drawings and drawings to identify the locations of utilities within the scheme are being progressed and where required, the project will liaise with utilities to discuss any required diversion works. Drainage and Public Lighting preliminary design is progressing.

The latest revision of the Cycle Design Manual has led to some improvements being incorporated into the overall scheme design including revised layouts for crossings and bus stops to comply with the new standards.

Ground Investigation Works have been complete with final reinstatements completed in January 2025. Design for structures along the route is progressing using the findings from the Ground Investigations. This includes design of the Malahide Tennis Boardwalk, promenade extension at Baldoyle, Sluice River Bridge, Station Road culvert and Burrow Court retaining wall.

Wintering bird surveys have been completed which are required to feed into the planning application. An updated scoping report has been completed and will be circulated to prescribed bodies.

Following completion of the preliminary design, documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. This includes preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, Natura Impact Statement and Compulsory Purchase Order documentation.

Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses and stakeholders is ongoing. On completion of the preliminary design, the project team will contact landowners to discuss the compulsory purchase order process and the scheme and acquisition requirements.

Meetings have been held with Irish Water to ensure coordination of the scheme with planned and existing assets. A search of unregistered lands is ongoing for production of the deposit maps for the land acquisition. Draft documents are being prepared for the submission to An Bord Pleanála.



Above- Artist visual of possible layout for the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Route at Portmarnock.

Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm

The new proposed Public Realm is a key feature of the overall Swords Cultural Project. The pedestrian priority public spaces framed between the Castle, the SCC Building and Fingal offices (County Hall) will serve as a civic amenity space providing a place for festivals, events, markets as well as an everyday meeting place for the local community.



Above- visualisation of the Part 8 proposals for the SCQ public realm layout at North Street

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has procured a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy team for the detailed design and construction supervision of the public realm at Swords Cultural Quarter. Consultants are now progressing with the detailed design phase for the Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm.

Swords Main Street Transformation

Swords Main Street is a key recommendation from the Sustainable Swords Strategy. The project aims to enhance and transform Main Street, the heart of Swords into a destination, which encourages people to stay longer and enables a more attractive, people-friendly, diverse, and enjoyable town centre experience for local residents, businesses and visitors alike. At its core, this ambitious transformation seeks to reimagine Main Street as a hub of urban activity, with distinctive character and vitality while fostering a sense of community and connectivity through the provision of high-quality public realm to enhance the human experience of the place.



Above- Artist impression of possible intervention at Swords Main Street presented in Sustainable Swords Report 2022 which shows enhanced traffic calming, high quality street furniture and planting and enhanced pedestrian and cycle facilities.

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has appointed a multi-Disciplinary Engineering Consultancy for the Option Selection, Preliminary Design and preparation of the application for Planning Consent for Swords Main Street Transformation Project. The commencement meeting occurred in January 2025. The tender process to procure a tree survey, traffic and parking surveys and topographical and GPR surveys is underway. On completion of the tendering process for these contracts, surveys will progress in the coming months. The consultant is also progressing with ecological and environmental walk over assessments.

The project is at the option identification and selection phase. Data collection which feeds into the option selection is ongoing. The consultant has provided a Land use survey, geotechnical report, disability audit, collision analysis and problem identification report.

A communications workshop was carried out in March where the scheme objectives were identified, the initial project risks mapped and the scheme consultation and engagement plan for statutory and non-statutory consultation was considered. The initial set up of the transport model to analyse any traffic management interventions proposed as part of Swords Main Street Transformation is ongoing.

Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes

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

A successful non-statutory public consultation concluded in January 2025, and this yielded more than 100 meaningful and helpful submissions on the proposed walking & cycling scheme from Kinsealy to Portmarnock train station. These submissions are now being categorised and analysed and they will be used to inform the process to progress from the Emerging Preferred Route stage to the Preferred Route stage. Thereafter the preliminary design will commence with the accompanying environmental screening and closely followed by the statutory process required to deliver this part of the project. The Malahide to Kinsealy part of the project will be brought forward as phase 2 of the project later.



Artist visual of the greenway from Kinsealy to Portmarnock



Artist visual of the proposed upgrades to Station Road

Fingal Coastal Way

Preliminary design work is progressing along urban roads and a coastal erosion study concluded and this is being used to locate the greenway nearer to the cliff's edge where applicable, as this minimises land take and severance.

Liaison with utilities and coordination with existing infrastructure are on track and ongoing (Irish Rail, Gas Networks, Eirgrid, TFI and Dublin Bus). This includes the proposed bridges over Rogerstown Estuary and over the rail at Beaverstown Golf Club – application has been made for approval in principle and these are currently being assessed by Irish Rail.

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

Various ecological surveys are ongoing. Progress on the detailed design phases of the other elements of this project continue.

The tender period for the SAQ to establish a framework for works contractors for the various landward works contracts is complete and evaluation to take place in April 2025. It is expected that the landward elements of the Broadmeadow Way in Donabate i.e. from Newbridge Demesne, through Kilcrea lands to the east side of Corballis railway underpass will be open for use once that works package is complete.

- Construction of this environmentally and technically challenging project has been divided into different works packages which will be delivered in stages:
- Construction of the Broadmeadow Estuary Bridge took place in 2024. Works are complete.
- Construction of the greenway along the Northern Causeway will commence during the summer months of 2025.
- Construction of the greenway along the Southern Causeways will commence during the summer months of 2026.

- Construction of the Donabate landward works and the Malahide landward works will take place during 2025 and 2026.
- It is anticipated that the opening of Broadmeadow Way will be in 2026. However, because of the seasonal constraints of working within the estuary, along with the technical challenges of building on the Northern Causeway, works may push in to 2027.



New estuary bridge and ramps looking northwards towards Donabate



Model Images of Viewing Platform on Southern Causeway

Portrane Road, Donabate

The Portrane Road Enhancement Project involves works to widen the existing narrow footpath on the northern side of the road to provide a suitably wide and safe footpath for pedestrians to use in the vicinity of two national schools (St. Patrick's Boys National School and Scoil Phádraic Cailíní).

The project also involves works to provide safe pedestrian crossings and appropriate traffic calming facilities. Third-party lands are required to widen the path and, in this regard, An Bord Pleanála approved the Council's application for a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the project so that the Council can acquire the necessary lands. However, an affected landowner commenced Judicial Review proceedings against An Bord Pleanála's decision to approve the CPO. The Council's legal team successfully sought to expedite the Judicial Review process, with the High Court confirming that a full hearing of the case would go ahead in June 2025.

The Council also reached out to the affected landowner to see if the issues raised could be resolved without the need for the Judicial Review and associated delays. The affected landowner recently confirmed that they would withdraw the Judicial Review proceedings after reaching an amicable settlement agreement with the Council. The project will now go ahead as soon as possible with tender documents for the appointment of a contractor to construct the works expected to issue to the market in May.

Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

Work on the bridge is substantially complete. A small amount of drainage and public lighting work remains to be completed on the east side of the bridge. Work is due to commence shortly to construct new footpaths to facilitate access to either side of the bridge from Main Street Donabate and from Hearse Road. The bridge is currently undergoing an assessment from an independent third-party certification expert as part of the process by Irish Rail and the Commission for Railway Regulation to officially place the bridge into service above the Railway. Following completion of this process and following construction of the new footpaths to facilitate access, the bridge is expected to open to the public in June.



Image of the site of the bridge works BEFORE commencement of construction (October 2024)



Aerial image of the site of the bridge over Dublin-Belfast Railway AFTER substantial completion (April 2025)

Donabate Transport Projects

Work is progressing on the early phase development of Donabate Transport Projects, which comprise several major projects with the objective of improving transport and active travel infrastructure and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula.

The projects include:

- Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project, to improve access to Donabate and Portrane from the M1-Lissenhall Interchange for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists.
- Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade, to provide a safer junction layout that caters for both motorised traffic and active travel modes of transport such as walking and cycling.

- A study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange, in collaboration with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, to assess all technical and operational traffic issues associated with this strategic motorway junction.
- Active Travel Routes which encompass several related local projects which aim to increase local connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.

Data-gathering and concept development stages of the Donabate Transport Projects continue and include topographical and ecological surveys of relevant areas of Donabate. Fingal County Council, working in collaboration with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, has completed a traffic study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange.

Separately, several potential options have been identified for both Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road and the Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade. These options are currently being assessed using multi criteria analysis to determine the emerging preferred route alignment and the emerging preferred junction layout. Once the emerging preferred options are determined, public consultation exercises can be undertaken, most likely in Q2 2025. Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on later in 2025 and in subsequent years, as appropriate.

PSI-019 N3 M50 to Clonee

Aecom/ Roughan O'Donovan are appointed to assess bus priority measures on the N3 between the M50 and Clonee. This scheme is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland. They are also examining active travel links across the N3. The focus is between the Mulhuddart interchange and Clonee as the NTA bus connects project has already a scheme in development from Junction 3 into the city. Route options are being considered and when an emerging route option has been developed a public engagement will be carried out. This is likely to be in Q3 2025.

PSI-068 Portmarnock Railway Bridge Pedestrian & Cycle Improvement Works

Improvement works to existing overpass railway bridge OBB21 (which is currently grassed and formerly used as a cattle pass) will facilitate a safe and direct active travel route from Drumnigh Manor to Portmarnock Train Station and beyond via a new linear park which runs north-south, parallel to the railway track within the Saint Marnock's Bay/Sky Lark Development.

The bridge is located over the Dublin to Belfast Railway line c500m south of Portmarnock Train Station. It is in the ownership of Irish Rail and is currently fenced off and not in use.

The proposed improvement works involve re-surfacing the existing bridge deck with an SMA surface and this will become a shared two-way footpath/cycleway. Detailed design is finalised and a set of documents required for the works are being prepared. The bridge works licence agreement with Irish Rail is being finalised.

The legal access agreement with the landowner to the west is also being finalised. Engagement with the landowner to the east has come to a halt for reasons beyond P&SI control, however, we will continue our attempts to engage.

Access for construction talks had been progressed with the landowner to the east. It is now required to bring construction access in from the western side. Negotiations in relation to this have commenced with the landowner to the west. Once all legal agreements are in place and sufficient notice has been issued to Irish Rail, works can proceed and will likely take up to 3 weeks to complete. The opening of the bridge will be heavily dependent on the landowner to the east.



Heritage Officer



Fingal Fieldnames 2025

The Fingal Fieldnames project seeks to record the unique field names found in Fingal that offer insight into the history of the area

The project was first launched in 2018 and many names have been gathered since then-see <https://meitheal.logainm.ie/fingal-fieldnames/>

The second training workshop took place in the Village Inn, Ballyboughal on the 16 April. To find out more about this exciting project or to become a volunteer, visit <https://www.fingal.ie/.../service/fingal-fieldnames-project>.

Digging Drumanagh



Season 5 of the community excavation Digging Drumanagh will take place between 14-28 May 2025. The call for participants is now open. If you would like to take part or read about the work to date please go to <https://www.fingal.ie/digging-drumanagh>:



Historic Street Elements Audit

An audit of four categories of historic street furniture-Kerbs & Cobbling; Historic Pumps; Postboxes; Milestones and Other is commencing. Surviving examples will be surveyed for their protection. Any photos of the street elements in the past or locations for survey should be sent to fingalheritage@archaeologyplan.com Local knowledge of where surviving examples are, is important especially in Balbriggan, Skerries, Malahide & Howth where the surveys will concentrate during this phase.

Community Monuments Fund 2025

A total of €70,000 has been awarded from the Community Monuments Fund 2025 for two projects in Fingal. Under Stream 1, consolidation works will take place at Abbotstown church (€40,000). Under Stream 2, a conservation management plan will be undertaken for Howth Castle (€30,000). The Community Monuments Fund has been instrumental in the preservation of our archaeological monuments for the future generations of Fingal. For more see <https://www.fingal.ie/community-monuments-fund-0>

HOUSING

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Affordable Home Purchase Scheme & Cost Rental:

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

For anyone interested in making an application for an affordable home it is important that they view the eligibility criteria on www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing and have all required all documents ready to upload in PDF **before** submitting an application on the portal to have the best change possible in being successful.

Affordable Housing Schemes Update

Scheme	Status	Affordable Homes
Balleally Rise	Closed	20 Homes Sold
Kilmartin Grove	Closed	36 Homes sold
North County Homes	Closed	16 Homes sold
Wilkinson's Brook	Now Sale Agreed	57 Homes sold
Aster Park, Rush	Assessment of applications ongoing	75 of 96 Homes sale agreed
Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate	Assessment of applications ongoing	85 of 86 Homes sale agreed
Churchfields 3A	Assessment of applications ongoing	144 of 180 Homes sale agreed
Ballisk Park, Donabate	Assessment of applications ongoing	28 of 112 homes sale agreed

Baile na Mona, Mooretown, Swords	Portal Opening Q2	151 homes for sale
Church Fields 3B	Portal opening Q3	110 homes for sale
Church Fields - Cost Rental	Information coming soon	80 Apartments for long term lease

Update on Ballisk Park



The Application Portal for Ballisk Park, Donabate closed on March 19th. 475 applications have been received and assessments are underway. Provisional offers of properties are currently being issued, with 28 properties now sale agreed.

Docklands Business Forum Presentation



On April 29th 2025, the Affordable Housing team were delighted to have been invited by the Docklands Business Forum to present to Docklands employees on the current and future Fingal Affordable and Cost Rental schemes. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the strong Affordable Housing pipeline in Fingal to explain preparation and early engagement with approved mortgage lenders is key to securing Affordable Housing.

Conferences

Fingal County Council was represented at two conferences during April where Paul Carroll, Director of Housing & Community Development took part in a panel discussion at the CIF Irish Homebuilders Association housing summit in Croke Park alongside industry leaders, and presented on the affordable and social housing delivery underway in Fingal at the Housing Agency's annual Housing Practitioners Conference in Athlone alongside other local authorities, state agencies and approved housing bodies.



Mortgage Broker Breakfast Seminar:

The Affordable Housing Team will be hosting a breakfast seminar for Mortgage Brokers in the Council Chamber, County Hall on Tuesday, May 13th at 10am.

The Affordable Team will present to the attendees on the eligibility criteria for the affordable housing scheme and explain the team's processes and procedures used in delivering Fingal's Affordable Housing Developments, with a question and answer session afterwards.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide clarity to the attending Brokers and to invite them to work with us in delivery of affordable homes across Fingal.

Cost Rental

The Housing, Architects and Finance Departments are working in collaboration to prepare the tender documents for Stage 2 of the Management company tender competition

It is anticipated that the cost rental scheme will be available for applications in Q3 2025.

For more details

www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

Social Housing Delivery Acquisition Programme 2022 - 2026

Construction Programme

Summary of delivery of social unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	527
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	196
Planning and Design	224
Part V	847
TOTAL	1,794

Scheme Update since last month (Further detailed information available in Appendix 4)

Recently Completed

5 Homes delivered in St. Ita's, Portrane Avenue.

Fingal County Council recently completed the renovation of 5 more derelict and vacant homes on Portrane Avenue, St Ita's Campus.

The houses were owned by the Health Service Executive (HSE) and were previously used to house workers from the nearby St Ita's psychiatric hospital, some of which have been vacant for many years and subject to extensive fire damage.

They are in an architectural conservation area and as such the properties have been conserved in line with how they were built. The properties have been conserved very much in line and in the spirit of how they were built with great effort made to recreate the sash windows, preserve and reinstate old roof tiles and source matching tiles and slates.

The houses have also been brought up to modern standards while still considering their architectural heritage. Each house has been replumbed, rewired and upgraded with modern heating systems and insulation.

These delivery of these 5 properties mark the completion of renovations at St. Ita's, with 14 properties having been refurbished and delivered.



10 Homes delivered in Folkstown Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin in partnership with Tuath Housing.



Schemes on Site

Seatown Road, Swords

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



Ballisk Park, Donabate

On behalf of Fingal County Council, Glenveagh have commenced the construction of 175 new homes at "Ballisk Park", New Road, Donabate following the granting of planning permission under the S179A process. The development will be a mixed tenure scheme of 63 social and 112 affordable homes.



Church Fields 3A, Dublin 15

Works are continuing on the mixed tenure scheme of 300 new homes at Churchfields 3A. The development will deliver 40 social, 180 affordable and 80 cost rental new homes in this phase. The first **20** new social homes have been delivered.



Church Fields 3B, Dublin 15

Works are progressing on the mixed tenure scheme at Church Fields 3B, which will see the delivery of a further 217 homes in Church Fields, comprising of 121 houses and 96 apartments. As a mixed tenure arrangement, this phase will include 107 social and 110 affordable homes.



Balmoston Phase 1, Ballymastone, Donabate

Construction work is continuing on Phase 1 of Balmoston. This is a mixed tenure development, which will deliver 87 social and 86 affordable new homes. The first **19** new social homes have been delivered.



Mooretown, Swords

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 274 new homes at “Baile na Móna”, Mooretown, Swords. This will be a mixed tenure scheme of 123 social and 151 affordable homes. Planning for this development was granted under the S179A process.



Holywell, Swords

Construction is progressing on the delivery of 57 new social homes at Holywell, Swords. Planning for this development of 1, 2 and 3 bedroomed new homes was granted under the S179A process.



Mourne View, Skerries

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 14 new social homes at Mourne View, Skerries. Planning for this development of 2, 3 and 4 bedroomed new homes was granted under the S179A process.



Remount Court, Lusk

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 18 new social homes at Remount Court, Rathmore Road, Lusk. Planning for this development of 1, 2 and 3 bedroomed homes was granted under the S179A process.



Asset Management Section

Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme

The 2025 Energy Retrofit Programme is currently progressing, with Fingal County Council allocated €3,196,000 by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, targeting 94 housing units.

Energy Efficiency Retrofit 1 st May 2025	
Completed	Areas
10	D15
Onsite	Areas
10	D15
Upcoming	Areas
18	Fortlawn, D15
Tender Prep	Areas
14	Whitestown, D15
Planned	Areas
	Seatown, Brega

Planned Maintenance Programme 2025

External painting, joinery repairs, boiler replacements, and smoke and heat detector upgrades.

Planned Maintenance Programme 1 st May 2025	
Painting completions	221
Boiler Replacements	To commence Q2
Heat / Smoke Detector Replacement	To commence Q2

Voids

Casual Voids 1st May 2025	
In lettings process	46
In relet works	86
Void Unavailable	10
Total	142

New to stock as of 1 st May 2025	
New to stock properties	170

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP continues to be the primary source of rent support for those in private rented accommodation. Fingal County Council has set up 89 new tenancies in 2025 to date with approximately 4303 tenancies set up since HAP began in 2017.

The HAP team is on hand to deal with any queries from applicants and landlords in person at the Housing Department in the Fingal County Council Blanchardstown Office, by phone at 01 8905000 via the CCU or through email at hap@fingal.ie.

Rents

Following the introduction of new debt management processes and procedures through 2024, **rent arrears have reduced by €500,000** in Q1 2025. New processes initiated include bi-annual statements and letters to all tenants and quarterly statements and letters to tenants in arrears.

The Rents team will continue to engage with tenants who are having trouble paying their rent. The Rents Team have issued 39 Tenancy warnings so far in 2025, with 8 further cases listed for Court hearing in May, to obtain Orders for Possession.

6 Orders for Possession have been obtained following court hearings in 2025.

1,200 households were issued with Rent Assessment Forms in April.

Private Rented Inspections

The inspections team are working towards inspecting 25% of the registered tenancies which is approximately 21,000 tenancies. The target of 5,169 for 2025 have been received from the Department of Housing. Currently, 2,279 inspections have been conducted in 2025, with 597 of them being inspected in April. The team will continue to work this year with the contractor improving and streamlining the process and utilising all avenues to ensure that compliance improves, and the target is reached.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

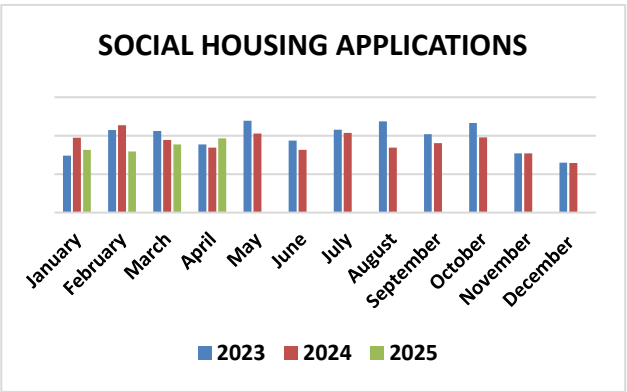
Housing Support

Housing Support issue list positions to applicants on a yearly basis. Applicants will be updated accordingly. Annually a Social Housing Assessment Summary is completed in accordance with Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009. The purpose of the Assessment is to capture the total number of households qualified for social housing support. The Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) was returned to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage on 2nd December 2024.

Housing Support receive a large volume of Housing Applications, Medical Applications, Amendment requests and appeals.

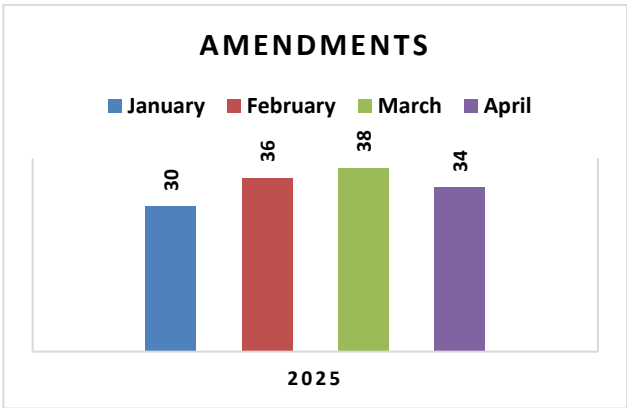
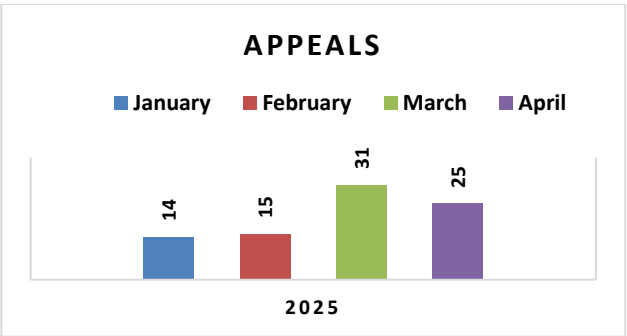
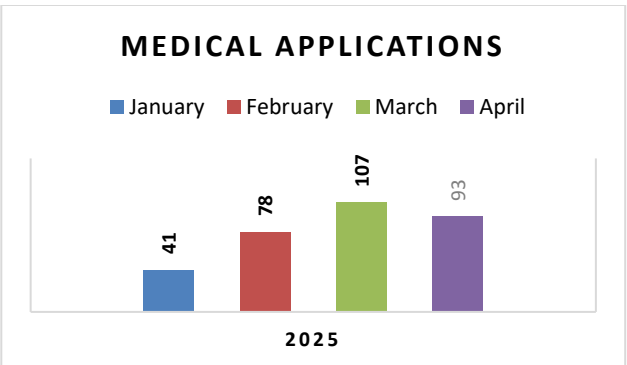
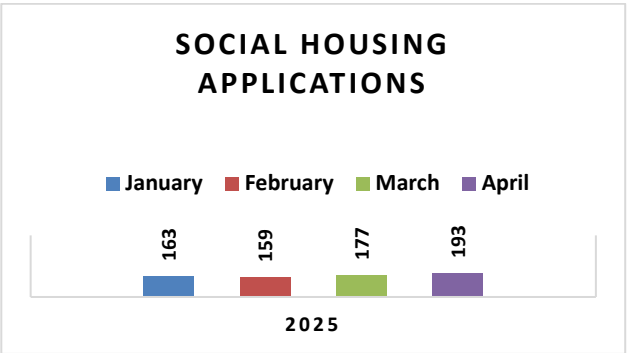
Year on year comparison by month.

Circular 48/2022 and changes being implemented via the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022, the Social Housing Eligibility Bands increased with effect from 1st January 2023. As a result, an increase of Social Housing Applications was received.



Figures for 2024 depict a consistent growth in applications being received in comparison to 2022 figures.

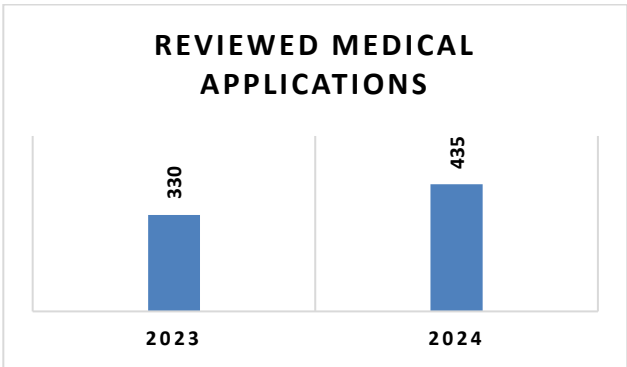
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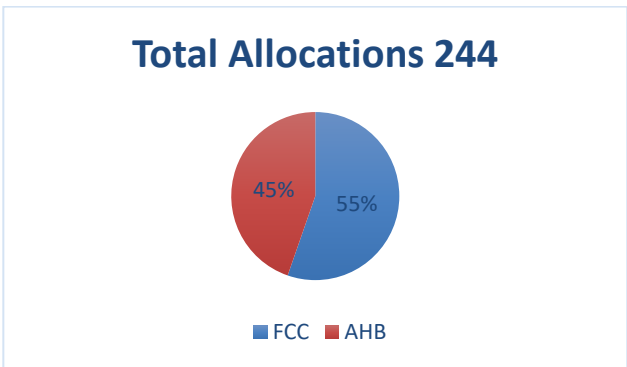
Housing Support Appeals

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

Medical applications reviewed

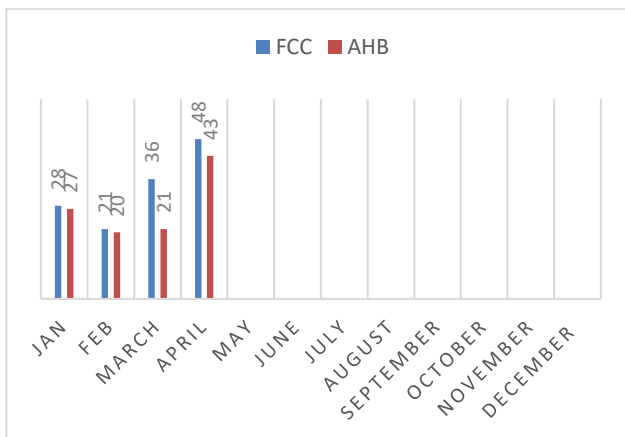


Lettings



The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2025.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.



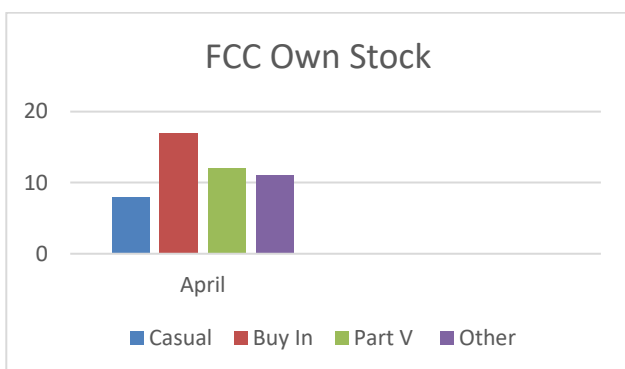
The collaboration between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies is continuing to have a positive impact on the delivery of social housing.

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

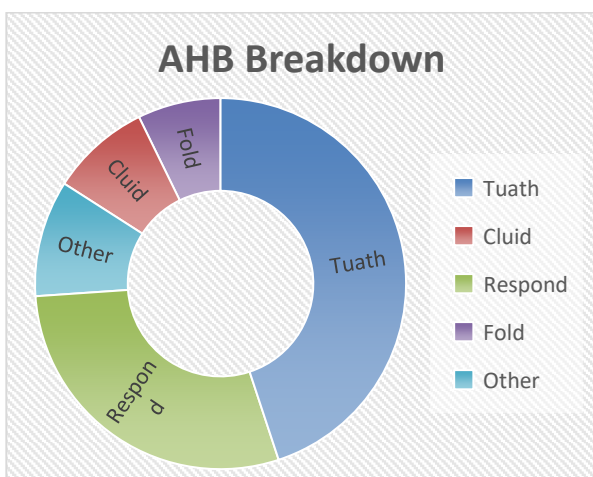
Choice Based Letting's Advertised Properties in April



Internal image of advertised property at Meadowbank's Road, Miller's Glen, Swords, Co Dublin



111 of the 244 allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies. The other **133** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



Tuath have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of March.

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	No. of Views	Expressions of interest
2 nd – 8 th April	Sheephill Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	4	House	549	24
2 nd – 8 th April	Russell's Terrace, Drynam Hall, Kinsealy, Co Dublin	2	Apt	1450	221
9 th – 15 th April	The Water Rill, Waterside, Co Dublin	2	Apt	1494	295
9 th – 15 th April	Meadowbank's Road, Miller's Glen, Swords, Co Dublin	1	Apt	1485	324
9 th – 15 th April	Meadowbank's Road, Miller's Glen, Swords, Co Dublin	3	Apt	1278	184
23 rd – 29 th April	The Paddocks, Golf Links Road, Skerries, Co Dublin	2	Apt	1641	313
			Total	7897	1361

Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

Homeless Services.

Homeless Exits 2025

During April 2025, 38 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including privately rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme.

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

Type of Exit	HHAP Tenancy	Allocation of Tenancy	EA to HUBS	Total
EA	14	7	0	21
Homeless Prevention	14	3	0	17
Total	28	10	0	38

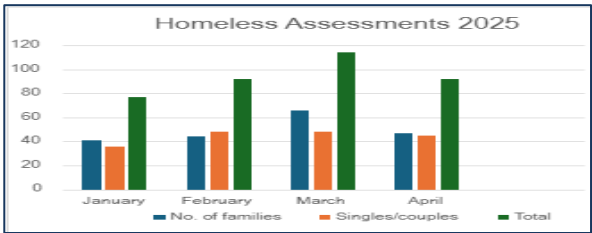
There was a total of 17 homeless prevention cases and 21 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

3 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 7 exited emergency accommodation.

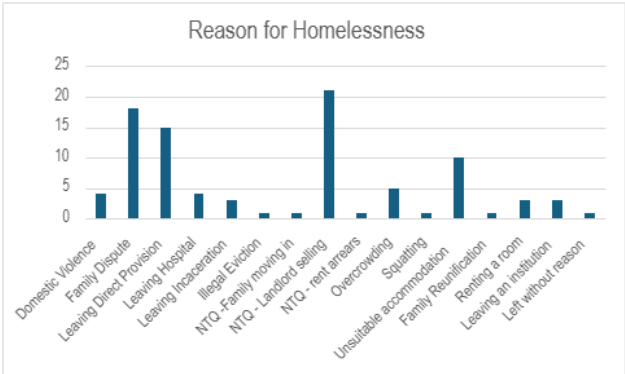
28 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 14 homeless preventions and 14 who exited emergency accommodation and 0 from Direct Provision.

Homeless Assessments

Fingal’s Homeless Team continues to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continue to be carried out. In March 2025, there were a total of 92 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 47 families and 45 singles/couples.



During April 2025, of the 92 Homeless Assessments carried out, 25% cases resulted from a Notice to Termination (NOT) having been served, 20% of cases result from family/relationship breakdown and 16% leaving direct provision. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from unsuitable accommodation (11%), domestic violence (4%) and leaving hospital (4%). The remaining 20% comprise various reasons outlined in the next chart;



Emergency Accommodation (including Fingal County Council Family Hubs)

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

Rough Sleepers

The Homeless Services Team continues to liaise with the DRHE Outreach Team regarding any reports of rough sleeping, to establish their names and circumstances and to offer support. Regrettably, some rough sleepers are reluctant to engage with service providers and may refuse offers to access emergency accommodation. Any rough sleeper who is willing to engage with the Outreach Team and/ or the Council will be assisted.

The Council will carry out homeless assessments and every effort is made to encourage them to avail of homeless services.

A weekly Rough Sleepers Coordination Group monitors the reports of rough sleepers.

The reports come from various outlets, including the DRHE Outreach Team, Elected Representatives, the FCC Operations Department, and the general public.

There have been 491 reported rough sleeping cases 2025. 20 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation and we continue to work with 5 others in an effort to provide a suitable solution. There are 9 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (2 couples and 5 males) from the Fingal Area. We will continue to work with him to provide him with suitable supports.

Cold Weather Strategy 2024/2025

As part of the Cold Weather Strategy for 2024/2025 the DRHE has provided for a total new capacity of 192 permanent beds. There are an additional 104 beds [that can be](#) activated as part of the Extreme Weather Emergency Protocol for 2024/25 when a weather warning is triggered.

There is emergency accommodation available through the 4 Dublin Local Authorities and the DRHE along with our outreach providers will monitor the weather and likely changes to weather warnings over the coming days and activate extreme weather emergency accommodation as required. The Dublin Region Outreach Service is working directly with rough sleepers from 7am to 1am daily and assists any individuals they meet to take up emergency accommodation.

We would also continue to ask the public for their assistance during this time to let us know if they come across someone sleeping rough on our website [here](#) or call 01 872 0185 or via our free app Dublin City Rough Sleeper Alerts available on both Apple & Android Platforms.

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

The DRHE in partnership with Dublin Simon. Outreach and the PMVT Intake team are assertively working on the streets offering accommodation to all rough sleepers.

The teams are very familiar with the locations of people sleeping rough across the Dublin Region and persistently work with individuals to support them into emergency accommodation. This process can take time and multiple contacts, as some people do not want to engage but the teams persevere with every person working to achieve a successful outcome.

The service operates 365 days a year, until 1 am. The Outreach Teams also ensure that people sleeping rough are linked with other appropriate health services such as addiction and mental health services to prevent further rough sleeping. PMVT's Housing First Intake team links rough sleepers to permanent accommodation with long-term support. All emergency accommodation is now 24-hour, with food and shower facilities provided.

National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan

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

The HSE Mental Health Housing Coordinator from Parkgate Hall liaises with the Homeless Services Team on a monthly basis. Currently 21 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, two have been housed in January 2025 and two more have been nominated, awaiting tenancy sign up.

A second sub-group has been created between Fingal County Council and an Interim Disability Case Manager. The HSE have identified 6 new clients, all of whom have Medical Priority and are currently being reviewed for long term allocations

Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

The DRHE, with the approval of all 4 local authorities in the Dublin region, has finalised the Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022-2024.

This Plan is the first plan to be put into operation since Ireland signed the Lisbon Declaration on combatting homelessness in June 2021, which aims to end homelessness by 2030. It will follow on from the previous Homeless Action Plan for 2019- 2021 and continues with the three key themes of **Prevention, Protection and Progression**.

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

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

Fingal County Council is aware that households in the Fingal area who may have received a notice to quit, which is also referred to as a notice of termination, from their landlord may be worried or unsure of what to do. Fingal County Council and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) would like to advise anyone affected of the services that are available to them in these circumstances.

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

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

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

The Council's first response will be to try to prevent homelessness. This includes assessing the person's position on the social housing list, providing advice on applying for Choice Based Lettings, and advising the person on the level of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) they may be eligible to receive.

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

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

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

The Government has put forward options to allow tenants who are not eligible for social housing to remain in their homes, including schemes to support the purchase of homes and a Cost Rental in-situ Scheme. The Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ Scheme is available for tenants who are not eligible for social housing and are at risk of homelessness. The DHLGH has advised that local authorities are to be the first point of contact for this scheme, but it is managed by the Housing Agency. Under the scheme, the Housing Agency can purchase a property and rent it to the tenant. Fingal County Council will undertake an initial assessment of the tenant's circumstances and refer details to the Housing Agency for consideration, where the tenant is at risk of homelessness and the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ scheme applies.

The Housing Agency will then contact the landlord about the purchase of the property.

Where a tenant wishes to purchase their home from the landlord, local authorities can provide advice about the Local Authority Home Loan scheme. The Government is examining implementing a 'right of first refusal' for tenants to purchase their homes, as well as expanding the First Home shared equity scheme. The Council will be able to provide more information on these when available. Works around preventing homelessness, assessing notices of termination, and responding to tenant and landlord in-situ queries are being led on by the Council's Homelessness section, taking a tenant-centred approach, supported by staff dedicated to dealing with tenant in-situ housing acquisitions.

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

The key contact details are:

Fingal County Council Housing Department

Monday to Thursday, 9 am to 5.00 pm,

Friday 9 am to 4.30 pm:

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

Email: NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie

Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:

Freephone: 1800 707 707

Traveller Accommodation Programme

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 to provide sustainable Traveller specific accommodation and supports.

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.

Caravan Loan Scheme

The Council implements the National Caravan Loan Scheme in accordance with Department of Local Government and Heritage Guidelines.

Recent delivery of caravans to Halting Sites

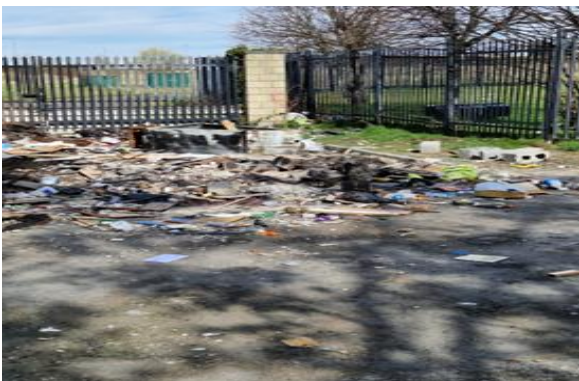


Illegal Occupiers

A number of illegal occupiers parked caravans on Damastown Avenue in Dublin 15 in March & April. Statutory Notices have been issued and the illegal occupiers, the trailers and their occupants have been notified to vacate the area. Unfortunately, a significant amount of waste and debris was left. Fingal County Council will now incur additional expense in cleaning this area and further measures will be considered to strengthen parking prevention measures.

Dumping on site

Illegal dumping on halting sites continues to be an issue. Fingal County Council have engaged our contractor to remove the waste, and a letter will be issued to residents advising that waste collection is provided on site for the disposal of household waste and to refrain from engaging in such activities on site.



Waste dumped at St Philomena's Park Halting Site

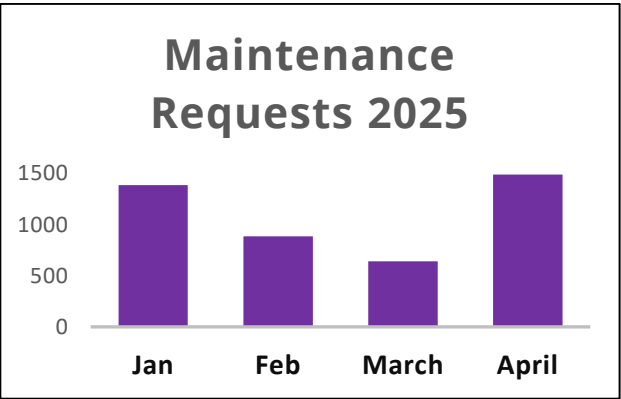
Fire Safety

Fire Safety remains one of the top priorities for the safety of all of our tenants on our Halting Sites and Group Housing Schemes. The Annual Service and Maintenance of Portable Fire Equipment on Fingal County Council Traveller Accommodation Sites has been completed and additional fire safety equipment was installed across several of our Halting Sites. In addition to this, we have completed a Fire Safety Audit in Caravans and a leaflet drop to all of our Halting sites.



Copy of leaflet provided to occupants

Housing Maintenance



To date, Estate Management have conducted 26 interviews with Fingal tenants and issued 10 Tenancy Alerts for breaches of the Tenancy Agreement.

Boiler Servicing Programme 2025

The 2024 Programme had a 84% completion rate across the County.

The 2025 Programme of work is now underway, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Blackmills Grove, Strandmill Road, Strand Road, Cardy Rock Road/Ave/Walk/Sq, Lambreecher Estate and Russell's Terrace.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The Council is committed to investigating every report of ASB and will take the necessary preventative measures possible. All complaints of anti-social behaviour are received in confidence by the ASB Unit who work closely with An Garda Síochána in relation to these complaints.

A number of Tenant Induction Courses have been facilitated so far this year with further courses in the pipeline.

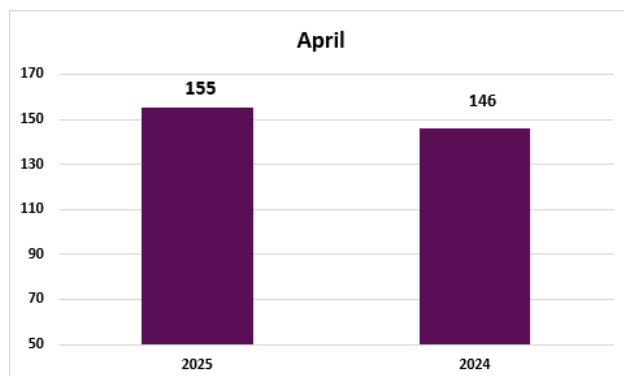
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints Apr 2025	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	34	10	18	6
Rush / Lusk	18	13	4	1
Swords	36	20	5	11
Howth/Malahide	11	6	4	1
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	34	8	10	16
Ongar	20	2	1	17
Castleknock	2	0	2	0
Total	155	59	44	52

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2025

January (5), February (6), March (3) April (6) surrenders.

2025/2024 comparison of asb complaints received in the month of April



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2025	28
Interviews Held 2024	108
Tenancy Alerts 2025	7
Tenancy Alerts 2024	36
Tenancy Warnings 2025	1
Tenancy Warnings 2024	9

Inspectorate April 2025

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2025	564
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	2072
Housing Inspectors Report January 2025	575
February 2025	857
March 2025	1076
April 2025	909

Housing Ukraine Response and Vacant Homes

Those Fleeing the Conflict in Ukraine

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

Web resources with useful information on support, accommodation and policy changes for Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection are available on the following links

www.gov.ie/ukraine

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/9957c-designated-accommodation-centres-current-availability/>

The Council's Community Integration Forum continues to meet regularly to co-ordinate the response of the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community and other new arrivals with the most recent meeting held on the 15th April 2025 with the next meeting on the 10th June 2025. Sub-groups of the forum meet as required.

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

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

The support provided by the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is set out in this link

<https://www.fingal.ie/LocalAuthorityIntegrationTeam>

OfferAHome\Pledge Accommodation

The monthly recognition payment (ARP) is presently **€800** per month for vacant properties and **€800** per month to host a Ukraine person in your home.

In accordance with the recent Government announcement this will be reduced to **€600** per month. The relevant legislation requires the Houses of the Oireachtas to approve the proposal on the rate before the Ministerial order to effect a change is signed. As the payment is payable monthly in arrears, the first payment at the reduced rate will be received by hosts on 8th July 2025.

To pledge fully Vacant accommodation, please visit the national portal at <https://offerahome.ie> or for enquiries, e-mail offerahome@fingal.ie.

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

Vacant Homes

The Vacant Homes Team continues to engage with persons relevant to circa 300 potentially vacant properties(private) to encourage them to bring them back into use and advise of schemes that are available to assist this with on-going follow up of properties reported as vacant to the Council and those identified by way of Council survey. Information on Vacant Council Stock is set out in the Asset Management section of this Housing Department Report.

The Vacant Homes Team commenced the statutory CPO process with respect to 3 vacant dwellings in 2024, one of which has come back into occupation and possession was taken of the property below in Wellview estate, Mulhuddart on 1st April 2025 to conclude the CPO process. This long-term vacant property will now form part of the Council's Social Housing stock and be allocated to a social housing applicant upon completion of repairs





CPO property Wellview, Dublin 15

This represents the third private owned long – term vacant property in Wellview estate that has been dealt with by the Vacant Homes Team. In addition to the above property, 2 other properties in the estate are back in use through the work of the Vacant Homes Team. One was purchased by FCC under the Buy and Renew scheme and is now occupied by a Council tenant and the other came back into use via the provision of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant with new owners now in situ. 19 properties have come into occupation recently following either CPO proceedings, threat of CPO proceedings or general engagement with parties relevant to the properties. Refurbishment works are completing at a property in Hazelbury Park, Clonee where CPO was finalised in 2024, and the property will be allocated to a social housing applicant shortly.



Refurb works complete in CPO property Hazelbury Park, Clonee

The Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant Scheme is also in utilisation to address vacancy and dereliction and provide homes with increasing enquiries, applications, and grant approvals regarding the scheme.

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

This scheme was launched in July 2022. On the 1st May 2023, the scheme was further extended with the eligibility criteria allowing for properties built pre-2008 to qualify and grants increasing to €50k (vacant) and €70k (vacant and derelict). The expansion of the scheme allows for properties to be rented on the private rented market whereas previously the property had to be the applicant's principal private residence. 202 applications have been received since launch of the scheme. 25 new applications received in 2025 with additional applications expected shortly based on engagement with potential applicants. 138 applications are approved which equates to €6.95million in approved funding with further applications to be approved shortly.

Promotion of the scheme is ongoing by the Vacant Homes Team. 6 information events were held to promote the scheme in 2024, and arrangements are advancing for information events in 2025. A very well attended event took place at the Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan on the 8th April 2025 with Council's Architectural Conservation Office also present to provide information on conservation grants that are available to restore properties. The Council's Vacant Homes Team will have an information stand at the Fingal Tented Village at the Flavours of Fingal show on the 5th July 2025 and 6th July 2025 to promote the scheme and deal with enquires from citizens.

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

Vacant properties can also be reported to this address for investigation.

Recently received VPRG application



Works nearing completion – Before photos and work nearing completion photos



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Community Development

Community development is a process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems. Community wellbeing, economic, social, environmental and cultural challenges are often solved through collective action being taken at a grassroots level. Community development ranges from small initiatives within a local group to large initiatives that involve the broader community. Building community capacity, strengthening community participation, and involving people in decisions that affect their lives is a complex process and can only be achieved by working with local communities and agencies who have responsibility to the people in those communities.

This month the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/Initiatives including.

Launch of Fingal Residents Association Handbook: Helping you build better communities

Fingal County Council’s Residents Association Handbook helps communities establish, manage, and strengthen associations, fostering collaboration and neighbourhood improvement. This updated fourth edition was formally launched in April by Mayor of Fingal Cllr Brian McDonagh. The handbook has a clear and user-friendly approach and encourages collaboration between residents and the council to create vibrant, well-managed communities.

It is available on the council’s website and a hard copy will be posted to 169 residents associations on the county database.



Meakstown Community Garden Group

The Meakstown Community Garden group was delighted to welcome award-winning garden designer Jane McCorkell to their April meeting. As the designer of the garden and winner of the Bloom 2023 award, Jane brought a wealth of expertise, offering practical tips and valuable advice to support the group as they prepare for the garden’s opening. The group is currently in the early stages of development, and this meeting was an opportunity for the community to volunteer as committee members and begin planning for the opening of the garden. Jane also led a walk through the garden, sharing her insights on plant maintenance and upkeep, while discussing the inspiration behind her design. The community department look forward to supporting the growth and development of this group.



Community Facilities Management Support

The Building Facilities Unit provides financial and management support to 35 community facilities across Fingal. The Unit also managed the Capital Works programme for the Community Development Office.

Holywell Community Centre – changing room conversion to multi-purpose space

Holywell Community Centre received €35,000 under the Community Recognition Fund in 2022. This funding was used to convert 2 changing rooms that were rarely used into an 80m² multipurpose activity space with a sprung floor. The total cost of the project was €52,000. The balance was funded from Holywell Community Centre's reserve fund. This newly adapted space will provide a multipurpose space during the day for Snowflakes Autism Support Group and will also enable the community to benefit from an additional multipurpose space that can be used for a wide range of activities including after school activities, fitness training, dance / recreational and meeting space.



Castleland Community Centre – replacement of sports hall floor

Following the identification of several defects in the sports hall floor at Castleland Community Centre which resulted in half of the sports hall being out of use for several months, a full replacement of the floor took place in April. The newly replaced Juncker's flooring will ensure that community groups and the pupils of Ardgillan Community College can resume their full schedule of activities in a safe environment.



Tyrellstown Community Centre – changing room conversion to multi-purpose space

As part of the refurbishment works carried out by the Department of Education and Skills as part of the School Remediation Program, the changing rooms at Tyrellstown Community Centre were converted to a multipurpose space. This newly adapted space will cater for a wide range of activities including after school activities, fitness training, dance / recreational and meeting space.

IPB Pride of Place Competition 2025



Following on the success of Fingal County Council winning the overall award for best local authority community engagement on the island of Ireland at the 2024 Pride of Place final, held in Monaghan last November, the community office has selected the three entries for the 2025 competition. This year Fingal will be represented by the community of Rivervalley/Rathingle in Swords, with particular emphasis on the RiverValley community centre in the urban neighbourhood category.

In the health and wellbeing category, the award-winning Thrive Balbriggan mental health project will represent Fingal, following on the great success of this project at the recent LAMA Awards. In the Biodiversity and Climate Action category, the Coolmine lodge biodiversity project, which will combine the tremendous work done by community groups in this part of D15 in partnership with individuals on their journey of recovery, will fly the flag for Fingal. Judging in the 2025 competition for Fingal will take place in the last week of August and the final will be held in Limerick city on November 8th 2025.

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

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg



On April 15th, Fingal Comhairle na nÓg took part in the 2025 National Showcase held at Dublin Castle. The event brought together over 400 young people from all 31 Comhairlí na nÓg across Ireland, alongside policymakers and civil servants from various government departments. This event gave the young people an opportunity to engage directly with decision-makers about issues affecting young people today. Fingal Comhairle na nÓg also got to display their work on improving youth-friendly facilities in Fingal. Local TD Roderic O’Gorman spoke with the group in depth about their research and expressed interest in receiving a copy of their findings.

The group had the chance to network with fellow Comhairlí members, attend panel discussions, and hear keynote speeches from Taoiseach Micheál Martin and Minister for Children, Disability, and Equality, Norma Foley.

Age Friendly Fingal

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

Information Event, Skerries



A challenge that constantly arises in consultations with older people is the over-reliance on social media and the internet for accessing information. To address this challenge, Age Friendly Fingal organised an information Event/Expo in Skerries Harps GAA club on Tuesday 1st April 2025 (10.30-12.30). Over 100 older people attended this event, receiving information and advice from services providers and local organisations. Many queries were also received from older people who could not attend on the day seeking information on the next Information Showcase.

This event was promoted on social media, and through posters and flyers distributed in the community and venues frequented by older people. However, unlike similar events in the past where between 2% and 5% of those in attendance heard about the event through social media, around 20% of those in Skerries found out via social media.

This may in part be due to Age Friendly Skerries social media presence. However, nearly 80% got the information from a flyer/poster or word of mouth.

Comments made by those in attendance included “I got some amazing advice;” “I didn’t know I was entitled to so much;” “It was great to get so much good information in one place;” “That was the best use of taxpayers’ money ever.”

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

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

The LAIT continue to host clinics across the three geographical areas of North County, Mid-East and Dublin 15 in IPAS Accommodation Centres and BOTP Designated Accommodation Centres (DAC).

The latest accommodation statistics have been provided by the LGMA (Local Government Management Agency) and UCTAT (Ukrainian Crisis Temporary Accommodation Team).

Geographical Area	BOTP Residents	IPAS Residents*
North County	79	55
Mid-East	475	1673
Dublin 15	0	829
Total	554	2557

*Due to an ongoing audit within IPAS, numbers for IPAS residents across the 3 geo-areas in Fingal have not been updated since February 16th, 2025. BOTP numbers continue to be updated, and the figures shown here correspond with the latest data, as of April 13th, 2025.

Connections Expo



On April 10th, Fingal Integration Office held the Connections Expo at one of the IPAS centres in the county. This was the second such event.

On this occasion the event was attended by the Mayor, Cllr. Brian McDonagh, Deputy CE, Ethna Felton, and a number of representatives from the International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS) and the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA).

The Connections Expo was specifically targeted to respond to the needs and interests of the residents at the IPAS accommodation centre with a particular focus on the health and wellbeing of residents as well as creating connections to foster stronger community ties.

The event brought together 49 exhibitors representing 22 agencies and was attended by 144 residents throughout the evening.

Public Participation Network – PPN

Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN) is a network of community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations, working to build a better county for the Q&A community of Fingal.



Fingal PPN held its first Plenary of 2025 on 3rd April. They received a very informative presentation by the ombudsman, Ger Deering and a presentation by Mary T. Daly Director of Services FCC who introduced concept of the new community safety partnerships to the ppn members present. The secretariat presented the new Strategic Plan 2025-2026, and it was formally adopted by the Plenary. A launch will follow in the coming weeks.

Funding

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

A funding scheme has also been provided for in the Community Development Programme to support Health & Safety enhancement works in non-council owned community facilities.

Community Activities Funding up to 30th April 2025.

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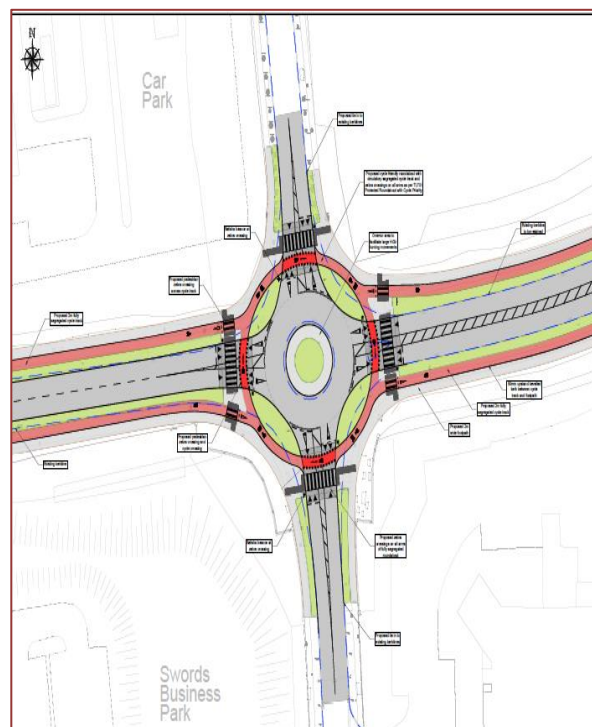
R132 Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane

Works on the R132 have been fully completed with the Contractor having completed the snagging items along the route. The Project has been handed over to our Operation Section for regular maintenance. The Final Road Safety Audit on the operational phase of the new project has been completed and all items addressed that were raised during the process. The full safety file and as constructed drawings are being finalised by the Contractor and Design Team for inclusion as part of the hand over.



Seatown Road Swords:

The Design Team is finalising the detailed design in advance of going to tender for the appointment of a contractor to progress to the Construction Stage in 2025, subject to approvals and funding.



Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:

The Design Team are preparing an options report with the preferred proposed walking and cycling infrastructure option identified in the report. Further details will be presented to Councillors at ACM in due course.

Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:

An options report is being finalised with the preferred option established in the report. The project Team are currently progressing works on the southern end of this project that may be delivered separately to the overall project. This is being progressed to tie in and provide connectivity to other projects that are at an advanced stage in this area on the northern end of Balbriggan.

Howth-Malahide Area:

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

The brief to appoint a multi-disciplinary design team has been prepared and is currently being reviewed. Once the brief is agreed, the tender documents will be published.

A non-statutory public consultation will take place shortly after the consultants are appointed to assess the opportunities and constraints to active travel, and any other local issues that the design consultants need to be aware of, taking account of accessibility, permeability, functionality, schools, medical facilities, public transport routes and the likes. This work will be carried out in line with the other quantitative information gathering elements of the initial study, such as topographic surveys, traffic counts, collision data, population demographics, and collation of utility information.

Once the above is complete and assessed and a preferred solution within the constraints of the area is emerging, a second non-statutory public consultation will be held, to get the feedback and input from the public.

Paddy's Hill to Broomfield

Topographical and traffic Surveys are complete. Two non-statutory consultations have been carried out. The consultant is currently in the

process of obtaining quotations for a tree survey, and a video survey. Road Safety Audits and Road User Audits are currently being carried out. The consultant is in the process of planning for stakeholder engagement, and continuing to develop the preferred option drawings, and compiling the draft options report, which will be sent to FCC for review, once complete.

BMCO Area:

Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar

The preliminary design phase is ongoing. The consultant has received the stage 1 road safety audit on the emerging preferred option.

The latest drawings are being updated taking into account the various bus stops along the route which will be upgraded as part of the project. The latest draft preliminary design report is being updated taking this into account. Draft screening reports have been issued with feedback sent back to the ecologist. These are being updated accordingly. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

The preliminary design phase is ongoing. Initial discussions have taken place with local landowners with site meetings held. Further site investigations have taken place at pinch points along the R147 with drawings updated accordingly in agreement with the NTA. A stage 1 road safety audit is about to commence, and environmental & appropriate screening is underway.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

Detailed design continues with meetings taking place with relevant internal and external stakeholders. Accommodation works and tree removal works have been carried out and associated new tree planting has been ordered. The suite of drawings required for the tender package are complete and draft tender documentation is under review by the project team.



Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

Fingal County Council are progressing on finalising the design for roundabout and junction upgrades.

Improvements to 2 signalised junctions at Hartstown Road/Hartstown Link Road and at Hartstown Road/Mountview Road with Blakestown Road/Shelerin Road are planned along with 2 roundabouts at the junction of Huntstown Way with Ashfield Way/Huntstown Park and at the junction of Huntstown Way with Castlewood. Traffic surveys have been completed for the 2 signalised junctions and a workshop is planned in the coming weeks with the NTA.



Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh

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

Towns & Villages

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

New Street

An Integrated Design Team has been appointed and has commenced with the detailed design phase of this scheme. A consultant has been appointed to carry out a survey of the existing Foul Water and Surface Water lines and planning for stakeholder engagement is underway. The initial detail design is also being progressed.



Balrothery Active Travel Plan

The Consultant is now finalising the draft Active Travel Plan for Balrothery, incorporating the Active Travel Unit's input and feedback.

The Consultant is also progressing Options Comparison and Assessment.

Skerries Active Travel Plan.

The Project Team together with the Consultant are working through the process and data collection and surveys.

A report outlining a Long List of Options was generated by the consultant and the Active Travel Department. FCC and the consultant have workshopped the contents of the draft report and the agreed modifications are underway before it is presented to internal departments and local councillors.

Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop:

The Part 8 Planning Process commenced in early March and the project consultation process has closed on April 17th. There is a lot of interest in this project and over 160 submissions from the public and community groups and others have been submitted. These submissions will be reviewed in the coming weeks and will be assessed and presented to the members in the consultation and Managers report at the June Full Council Meeting.



Connectivity/Permeability

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

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

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

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

Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road:

Jons Civil Engineering has been appointed to complete the construction of the project. Public lighting poles have been installed on Balheary Road, north of the bridge. The contractor has progressed footpath works with concrete scheduled to be poured after the Easter Holiday period. Works will progress through May and it is programmed to be completed by mid to end of June.



Wild Cat Lane

Connectivity improvement works has been undertaken along Wild Cat Lane in Skerries earlier this year and the scheme is now in operation. Active Travel have received positive feedback from users and other stakeholder groups. This lane was previously a space that was overgrown and used as a regular dumping ground. The laneway has now been transformed into an attractive space for children to walk and cycle to the nearby school and offers green spaces and planting areas that will be maintained by the school as part of the Green Schools initiative.



Donabate Permeability - Phase 1:

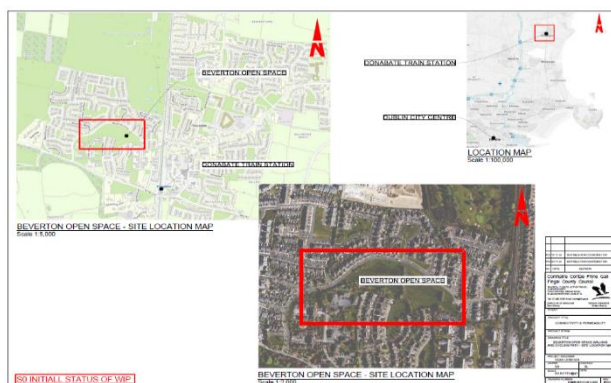
This project involves the provision of a walking and cycling path in Beverton open space. The footpaths from the end of the cul de sacs in Turvey Green, Turvey Drive and Turvey Woods will be extended into the Beverton open space to join the new pathway being provided in the green open space.

A Non-Statutory Consultation was conducted with the residents and locals in the Donabate area to provide observations on Phase 1 of this project. The consultation period ran from Friday 20 December 2024 until 23.59hrs Friday 31 January 2025.

Consultation period has now closed with 76 submissions received. The submissions are currently being categorised to generate a "Public Consultation Report" to be published on the Fingal County Councils consultation portal.

The submissions received are being considered as part of the detailed design process.

A consultant has been engaged to conduct the required environmental screenings in advance of proceeding through the Section 38 process and the exempted development process under the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2013. Detailed design of the project is taking place in conjunction with the screening process.



<https://maps.app.goo.gl/MpYTPWvURvnoBCoP7>

[Donabate Permeability - Phase 1 | Fingal County Council Online Consultation Portal](#)

Access to Balscadden Bay Beach, Howth.

The Consultant is currently incorporating feedback from FCC in the finalising their assessment report of Existing Stairs for Possible Safety Improvements at Balscadden Bay Beach.

Learn 2 Cycle Tracks;

Plans are in place for the construction of another **Learn 2 Cycle Track at Holywell Swords**. This will bring us to three in the county. The Active Travel Team has appointed a Contractor to carry out the works which is due to commence immediately after the Easter break. This will provide another facility for our Walking & Cycling Officers to provide courses and supports for those of all abilities who are willing to take up and learn to cycle.

Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

A number of locations across the county have been identified and are currently being reviewed for the provision of bicycle parking infrastructure in advance of going to tender for the appointment of a contractor to progress to the Construction Stage in 2025.

Safe Routes to School

Round 1 – Tranche 1

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

Rush and Lusk Educate Together

All works are complete for this project.

Castaheany ETNS / St.Benedict's NS

All works are complete for this project.

Bayside Junior & Senior School

All works are complete for this project. Following representations, and subsequent assessment by the Active Travel Unit, the Belisha Beacons on the raised pedestrian crossing have been removed and replaced with Pedestrian Crossing signs (RUS066).

Round 1 – Tranche 2

The works contractor for the Safe Routes to School Tranche 2 contract has completed all works at each of the four school sites. A brief update is provided below for each school site and associated construction works completed to date since the appointment of the works contractor.

Ladyswell National School, Mulhuddart

Works are complete at Ladyswell NS. Junction tightening has taken place at a number of locations in Dromheath estate along with new tactile paving. Footpaths have been widened across green open space. New public lighting has now been installed on the open space. The road surface outside the school has been upgraded and a new coloured surface has been laid to further highlight the school zone.

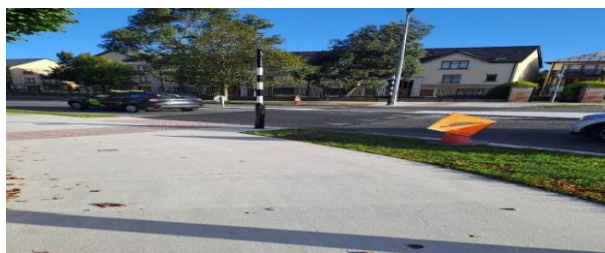
Ladyswell NS, Dromheath Gardens Scoil Ghráinne Community NS, Hansfield

All footpath repairs, new bus parking area, bollard installation, new zebra crossing, road resurfacing works are now complete.



Scoil Choilm Community NS, Porterstown

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



Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide

The project has progressed from design through to delivery, with construction works now complete and final preparations underway for formal handover and public engagement.

Completed

- Construction works for the Safe Routes to School project at Pope John Paul II National School, Malahide were completed in March 2025.

Inauguration

- A formal ministerial inauguration is being planned, subject to the Minister's availability in May 2025.

Safe Routes to School Round 2

An Taisce has officially launched Round 2 of the Safe Routes to School Programme. In line with this, Fingal County Council has appointed Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates (CSEA) as the Project Supervisor for the Design Process (PSDP), in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Safety, Health, and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013.

The appointed schools are:

- St Helen's SNS, Limetree Avenue, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin
- Scoil Bhríde, Cailíní & Buachaillí, Church Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15
- St Colmcille's Girls NS, Chapel Lane, Swords, Co. Dublin
- Holy Family JNS, Forest Fields, Swords, Co. Dublin

Preliminary design work for the Safe Routes to School initiative is currently underway. Once completed, a final cost estimate will be prepared and reviewed by the National Transport Authority (NTA) to ensure that the project adheres to both budgetary and safety requirements.

The Drynam Heath Quiet Street

The project continues to progress steadily through the preliminary design phase, with key assessments and preparatory actions completed to support the delivery of enhanced road safety and accessibility. The following milestones have been achieved:

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA)

Road Safety Audit (RSA) – on-site audit successfully carried out by Traffico, with the final report due end of February 2025

Procurement & Installations:

Quotations for street furniture have been received, with installation scheduled for mid-May 2025.

A VivaCity Modal Filters sensor will be installed in May 2025 to monitor traffic flow and user interactions. It uses AI-powered video sensing to track pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles, delivering real-time, privacy-safe data. The system helps analyse movement patterns and improve road safety by supporting evidence-based transport planning—without storing personal information.

Digital Communication:

A dedicated webpage has been set up and published. All supporting documents related to the project have been uploaded to ensure transparency and public access.

Rush National School:

Works have been completed to facilitate the 'School Street' along Channel Road in Rush. The scheme is underway and monitoring of operation of the School Street is ongoing.

Sustainable Traffic Management Measures

Relocation of Taxi Rank Malahide

The taxi rank in Malahide has been relocated. The queue is now located outside 'Seomra Tae' on Main Street, Malahide, facing west.



New Learn 2 Cycle Track, Holywell Park, Swords

Construction has started on the Learn 2 Cycle Track in Holywell Park, our third such Learn 2 Cycle Track in Fingal. The track will host a large number of projects when it comes on stream in Q2.

Learn2Cycle with a Disability

Learn2Cycle with a Disability lessons are progressing very well, with continued demand for the lessons.

From April-May, lessons are running in three locations:

- Kinsealy, Liam Rodgers Community Centre
Starts Friday 25/04/2025 to 30/05/2025
- Portmarnock Sports & Leisure Centre April
Starts Monday 28/04/2025 to 16/06/2025
- Rivervalley Swords May
Starts Saturday 03/05/2025 to 07/06/2025

A full list of 2025 Courses is available on our website

<https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/mobility/learn2cycle>

With over 40 courses planned for 2025, it promises to be a very busy year.

Learn 2 Cycle for Children Aged 6-12 years

We are delighted to continue our Learn 2 Cycle lessons, to teach children aged 6 – 12 how to cycle.

Current courses:

- May 2025: Saturdays 2.30pm-4pm, Brackenstown Learn2Cycle track, Swords
- July 2025: Saturdays 2.30-4pm, Millennium Park Learn2Cycle track, Blanchardstown

There has been great demand from the community for this course, and we are working with our cycle trainer to provide more lessons during 2025, to meet demand.



Balance Bike Buddies – Brackenstown

The Balance Bike Buddies Course started on Saturday 26th April in Brackenstown, over 40 children aged under 5 took to the track to start their cycling journeys.



The six-week courses are proving extremely popular and the Learn 2 Cycle tracks are providing safe and secure venues for them. Our next course in Millennium Park will begin in Mid-June.

Picker Pals & Fingal Active Travel

The Active Travel Unit is excited to announce a collaboration with the environmental organization Picker Pals. Together, we are developing engaging communication materials to promote sustainable transport among schoolchildren in a fun and interactive way.

These materials will include games, posters, and photo boards, designed to capture children's interest and spread awareness.

We recently met with some of the Picker Pals reporters to discuss the benefits of active travel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h34UdMx6GZI>

There are also plans to use these resources to further engage with schools and parents, reinforcing the message of sustainability and encouraging active travel habits in the community.

Tolka Valley Path Opening Ceremony & Walk

An opening ceremony and guided walk will be held on Saturday 31 May, to celebrate the new path installed by the Operations team, along the Tolka from Mill Road toward Dunsink.

The Active Travel unit are collaborating with Blanchardstown Tidy Towns, to host a guided walk along the new path. A video will also be taken to promote this new walking amenity in Fingal.

Picker Pals Active Travel Communications Launch Burrow NS

We are holding a launch event for an exciting collaboration between Fingal's Active Travel unit and the environmental organisation Picker Pals.

Picker Pals work with schools across Ireland to promote environmental awareness, and the Active Travel unit has teamed up with them to create fun and engaging games and activities that encourage and support active travel.

Together, we have developed activities such as Active Travel Snakes & Ladders, Active Travel Ludo, interactive posters, colouring sheets, and event materials designed to connect with Fingal communities in a fun and positive way.

- We are holding a launch event this Friday, 2nd May at 11:00 a.m. at Burrow National School, Sutton.
- Students from the school will be invited to try out the new games and activities.
- These materials will support our engagement activities with schools.

Bleeper Lease E-Bike for Staff

The Bleeper staff lease bike trial is continuing, and staff feedback so far in 2025 has been excellent, with several staff members using the bikes to commute.

The Bleeper lease bike trial is available for staff based in Blanchardstown. Staff can avail of a free trial of Bleeper LeaseBike with the trial lasting from four weeks (with potential to extend, depending on level of demand).

- Choose from a folding e-bike or trekking e-bike – see example images below.
- Staff must collect the bike from the Blanchardstown Civic Offices, and return the bike to the same location at the end of the trial.

For more information, please email

Emma.court@fingal.ie



Staff Pooled Bikes

The new staff pooled bike scheme was launched in Swords, County Hall in December with two eBikes available through the Bleper Bike App. To sign up for shared eBikes

- Email Building Facilities for Bike Bunker access
- Download the Bleper App
- Register with your FCC email
- Search 'My Private Scheme'
- Enter Scheme name: 'Fingal Staff Bikes'

- Await the confirmation from Bleeper The bikes are available from the middle Bike Bunker in Swords, and we plan to have the two bikes available in the Civic Offices, Blanchardstown in January 2025.

For more information, please email active.travel@fingal.ie



HER Move TY Girls Cycling Course

The Active Travel Unit, in collaboration with Cycling Ireland, is excited to bring the HER Move cycling course, as a pilot course in Fingal. The program aims to equip Transition Year (TY) girls with essential cycling skills, while also providing an opportunity to develop videography and photography skills. Participants will learn how to safely navigate on bikes, while also capturing their journey through media, making for an engaging and educational experience.

The course will not only help students develop cycling proficiency but will also empower them to tell the story of their experience through creative media, fostering confidence, teamwork, and leadership. We are scheduling in the course and hope to run it in the next academic term.

Fingal eBike Connect Scheme

In April the Active Travel Section launched the eBike Connect Scheme for the Donabate/Portrane area, this scheme gives residents the opportunity to apply for a subsidised eBike for a 3-month period. The purpose of the scheme is to show people the benefits of eBikes in relation to commuting and remove barriers that may exist towards buying or leasing your own eBike.

The scheme is the first of its kind in Ireland and we are hopeful that it will prove a sustainable way of bringing a bespoke form of Bike Share to areas where traditional schemes aren't viable.

Residents interested in applying for the scheme can contact customercare@bleeperactive.com and they will take you through the process


Fingal eBike Connect

**EBIKE LEASE SCHEME FOR
DONABATE/PORTRANE**

**RESIDENTS CAN APPLY FOR 3
MONTHS OF SUBSIDISED
EBIKE RENTAL**

REGULAR PRICE	FINGAL EBIKE CONNECT PRICE
€240 FOR 3 MONTHS	€60 FOR 3 MONTHS

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Sofa to Saddle March 2025

Our next Sofa to Saddle course will start on Tuesday 27th May in Newbridge House.

Sofa to Saddle is a 6-week course run by Age & Opportunity and The Active Travel Section of Fingal County Council. The goal of the course is to get people over 50 years of age back cycling. These courses have proven to be hugely popular.

The course will help participants to relearn the basics of cycling independently, focusing on balance, bike control, gearing and braking.

The course is free to take part, however registering is vital as places are limited.

Course dates below:

- Tuesday 27th May in Newbridge House from 11am to 12:30pm.

Places can be booked through the QR Code below



Balance Bike Buddies 2025

Our first Balance Bike Buddies Courses of the year begin on Saturday 8th March in Millennium Park. Due to the phenomenal demand, we have added a second course to the programme.

Course 1 – 9:45am – 10:30am

Course 2 – 10:30am – 11:15am

The courses offer toddlers aged between 2 and 5 a safe and structured introduction to cycling and provides parents with the tools to keep the learning up away from the courses.

8 Courses are planned across Millennium Park and Brackenstown for 2025. For more information, please email stephen.mcginin@fingal.ie

Tandem Cycling Pilot Training

In April we held a tandem cycling pilots training course with Fingal Sports and Vision Sports Ireland. The course helped to train 10 new tandem bike pilots who will put their new training to use by being available to cycle people with a visual impairment on their respective club cycles.

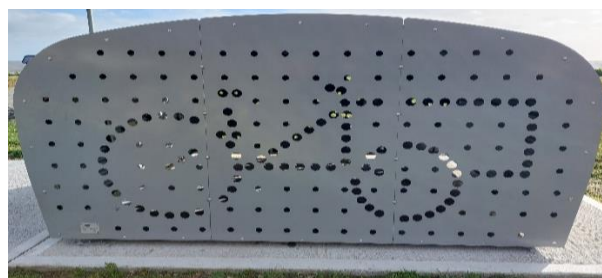


Public Shared eCargo Bike

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

Simply contact

customercare@bleeperactive.com for details on how to access the bike



Wheelchair Tandem Bike Service

The Wheelchair Tandem Bike will be available free of charge to the public and training in how to use it and operate the Bike Bunker will be provided.

The Bike is a unique and innovative bicycle designed to be a tandem vehicle for individuals with mobility impairments. It combines a wheelchair with a tandem bike, allowing the person in the wheelchair to participate in cycling activities with another cyclist.

This type of bicycle offers an opportunity for individuals with disabilities to experience the outdoors, get exercise, and engage in cycling activities in a way that wouldn't be possible on a traditional bike.

If you'd like more information, email cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie and we'll get back to you.

Trike Fundamentals Course

Accessible bikes are becoming more and more available to the public and our newest course aims at helping people using a three wheeled trike to improve their cycling skills on three wheels.



The Trike Fundamentals course will start on Saturday 24 May in Millennium Park and can be booked by scanning the QR Code below.

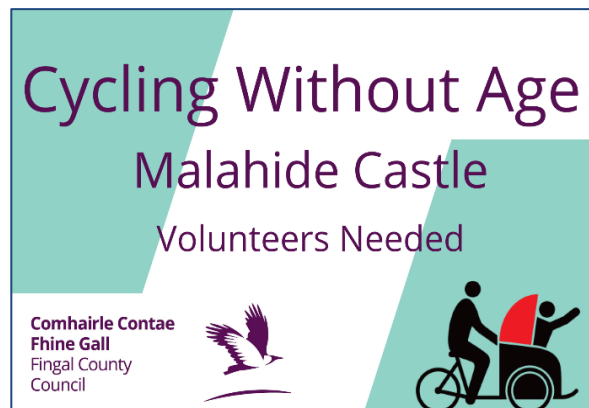


Cycling Without Age

The Cycling Without Age initiative has launched in Malahide Castle. The first volunteer pilots have been trained and bookings from the public are beginning to come in. The Trishaw will be co-located with the Wheelchair Tandem Bike and be available to book by emailing Cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie and requesting a trip.



We are on the lookout for new volunteers in the Malahide area. If you would be interested in signing up or getting more information, please email stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie



STEER-NWE Project

The Active Travel attended the kick off meeting for this project in Brussels, Belgium. The purpose of the project is to prepare Fingal for the transition towards EV Carsharing. The project involves cities from across Northwestern Europe and will provide a blueprint for the just transition to carbon neutral car sharing models



Skerries Community Car

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

The car has completed 84 Trips in Q1, helping people get to everything from the shops, doctors appointments, social occasions and mass

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



Car Share Schemes

There are three car share providers operating in Fingal. Go Car, Yuko and Drive You. Between them, they are helping to reduce the number of private vehicles on our roads and contributing to lower emissions.

Month	Number of Trips	Number of Shared KMs
August	1802	166,577km
September	1713	142,466km
October	1724	145,767km
November	1479	105,383km
December	1321	104,845km
January	1669	116,516km
February	1532	113,798km
March	No Data	No Data

EVPZ

The Active Travel section in partnership with The ESB and the three Car Share Operators recently launched two new shared EV mobility hubs in Swords and Malahide. The hubs each have two electric vehicles on site with a dedicated charger in each location. The Pilot Project aims to increase the number of shared vehicle journeys completed by EV, making the already environmentally friendly form of transport even more sustainable. For more information on the EVPZ eHubs project, you can check out <https://esb.ie/what-we-do/esb-ehubs>



Community eCargo Bikes

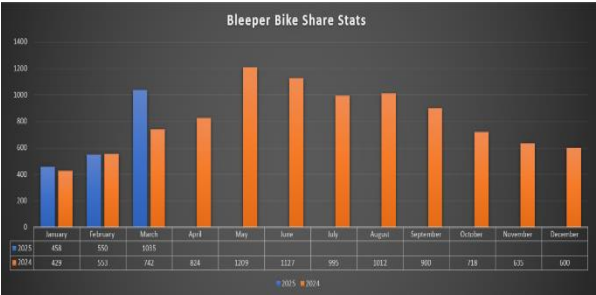
The Active Travel unit have been promoting the Community eCargo Bike initiative and are receiving applications from interested community groups. We are looking forward to providing more community groups with cargo bikes in 2025.



We have partnered with various Tidy Towns Groups, Picker Pals, Dunsink Observatory, The Old Irish Goat Herders as well as our own Operations Team in Newbridge House and The Mayor of Fingal. The bikes have been a valuable asset for the groups and have replaced countless journeys by motor vehicle. We are keen to expand the programme in 2025 and are interested in hearing from Community Groups and small businesses who wish to apply, interested groups can email active.travel@fingal.ie



Bike Share Schemes



Beeper Bike

The new Beeper Bike Operating Zone came into effect from Dec 1st 2024 and the introduction of the Fingal pass has seen a positive impact on trips to date. Despite the smaller operating zone, the trip numbers have increased year on year in December and January, this despite very challenging weather conditions in both months.



The new service saw the introduction of the Fingal Pass. This pass gives residents of Fingal their first 30 minutes of every Beeper trip for free.

Fingal Pass Applications: 168 (28/02/25)
Approved Applications: 120

Refusal Reasons

- Non-Fingal Residents: 4
- No Beeper Account yet: 44

Beeper Bike Monthly Report

844 Beeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in February
There were an additional 191 Journeys that took place outside of Fingal using the Fingal Pass
861 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in February
Sundays (26%) and Saturdays 17% recorded the highest usage
Howth, Ongar and Portmarnock were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided: 348kg of CO2

One concerning trend we have seen in April is an uptick in vandalism around Beeper Bikes in the Dublin 15 area. Fingal County Council, Beeper and An Garda Siochana are looking into this, but continued increases in vandalism will see the service temporarily suspended in Dublin 15 while we work to address it.

Bike Week 2025

Bike Week is fast approaching again, this year the week takes place between Saturday 10th May and Sunday 18th May.

As with previous years, we have a jam-packed schedule of events for the whole family to enjoy.

The full schedule can be found at www.fingal.ie/bikeweek and we hope to see as many people as possible for what promises to be a fantastic week.



ENVIRONMENT

CLIMATE ACTION

Community Climate Action Fingal

Groups are continuing to deliver funded projects for example Naomh Mearnóg GAA have installed new Solar PV for energy generation and planted 200 native trees in an area for biodiversity.

Balbriggan SEC in partnership with the Meals on Wheels have installed LEDs in the building and at the Football club new external doors have been fitted which improves efficiency and retains heat within the building. Love Lusk group have purchased a food composter which will transform food into compost for The Forgotten Laneway for vegetable growing in partnership with groups from around Lusk. Donabate Portrane installed a new Bike Locker to encourage local use of bikes. Rush Eco Group had some tree planting done and have purchased parts needed for the drinking water fountain. The Community Climate Action Officer is meeting with new groups around Fingal and it is envisaged that Phase 2 grants will be announced by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications soon.



Climate Action Awareness

Malahide & Rush are saying Goodbye to Single-Use Cups – and Hello to a Cleaner, Greener Future!

Something exciting is brewing in Malahide and Rush—and it's not just the coffee!

This summer, Malahide and Rush are joining a growing movement to tackle packaging waste, starting with one of the biggest everyday offenders: **the single-use coffee cup**. Inspired by the hugely successful Killarney Cup Project (which kept over **1 million cups** out of the bin in just one year!), Fingal County Council are supporting our communities as we say “**no more**” to throwaway culture.

The Fingal Reusable Cup Project is an ambitious, community-powered initiative aiming to make Malahide and Rush completely single-use cup free by 2026. Backed by passionate volunteers, local groups like:

Malahide Lions Club, Malahide Chamber, St. Sylvester's Parish Council, Malahide Tidy Towns, Rush Tidy Towns, Rush Zero Waste, local clubs and schools, and supported by a network of forward-thinking retailers, this project proves that real change starts at the local level.

We're launching **a six-month pilot in May 2025**, in partnership with reusable cup tech experts **VYTAL**. If you need them, participating cafés will offer reusable takeaway cups, and it's easy for customers to use. Just borrow a cup, enjoy your drink, then return it at any participating location (within 14 days).

Don't miss our Info Day – Saturday 10th May

Meet our high-vis-wearing volunteers around town, enjoy **free coffees** at participating cafés, and learn how the system works.

 **Official Launch – Saturday 17th May**
Join us for the official celebration with local retailers, community members, and special guests **Minister Darragh O' Brien and Mayor of Fingal, Brian McDonagh**. Malahide and Rush have always been places with heart—and now, they are leading the way toward a cleaner, more sustainable future. **Let's raise a reusable cup to that!**



Dublin Climate Action Week 12th -19th May

12 - 18 May 2025



FCC hosting event for four Dublin Local Authorities. FCC will partner with Active Travel to promote Climate Action during Bike Week. DCAW will be launched by Minister Darragh O'Brien in Malahide Castle on Monday 12th May. DCAW is an opportunity for the Dublin Local Authorities to showcase Dublin's climate action progress to its citizens and demonstrate the leadership role of the four local authorities in conjunction with other partners'.

Over 20 public and staff events have been organised across the Fingal area.

E2CUTIES



The Climate Action Team attended the kick off meeting of this EU project in Besançon France. The purpose of this meeting was to gain an understanding of the E2-CUTIES overall project approach and role of FCC and to gain an understanding of Interreg practical and managerial aspects.

The project's goal is to improve energy efficiency in urban areas by empowering local energy communities to adopt integrated, energy-efficient solutions and fostering stronger collaboration between these communities and local authorities. Codema and Fingal County Council will serve as the local Dublin partners, with the Balbriggan Sustainable Energy Community also playing a key role. This initiative will contribute directly to Fingal's climate objectives by advancing efforts to reduce energy consumption within the Balbriggan Decarbonising Zone.



Our Balbriggan- Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar

The Climate Team continue to support the development of the Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar Action Plan.

Climate Action Training

The Climate Action Team has attended Local Authority Climate Action Webinar Series.

Local Authority Climate Action Teams Conference



On 2nd April staff from all 31 Local Authorities gathered in Wexford for a two-day event hosted by the Climate Action Regional Offices (CARO) to review the first full year of implementing Local Authority Climate Action Plans. The event brought together Climate Action Coordinators, officers, senior government staff, and community stakeholders.

Day one featured site visits to climate action projects across Wexford, including a large-scale solar farm, community-led energy initiatives, inclusive green projects, and coastal protection works. Participants also learned from local groups like MARA and CleanCoasts.

Day two was a conference with keynotes from Minister Darragh O'Brien and other senior figures. It included discussions on community engagement, coastal erosion, green clubs, funding opportunities, and local authority progress reports from several counties.

The event highlighted both the challenges and the innovative progress being made in climate action, with thanks extended to all participants, CARO Atlantic Seaboard South, Wexford County Council, and the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications.

CARO

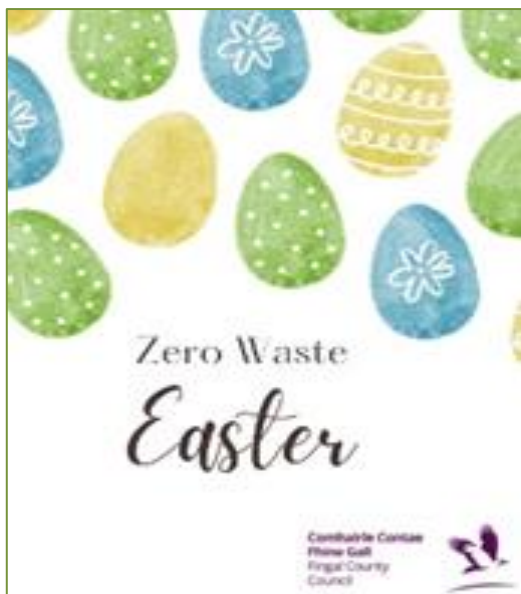
The Climate Team continue to liaise with Dublin Metropolitan CARO and four Dublin Local Authorities to implement and monitor the actions contained in the Climate Action Plans.

Environmental Awareness

In the past month, the Environmental Awareness Officer has been actively involved in a variety of initiatives aimed at reducing waste, promoting circular economy, engaging with local communities, and supporting environmental efforts.

Promotion of Zero Waste Easter

This campaign encouraged minimisation of waste during the Easter holiday by adopting sustainable practices. The initiative aimed to raise awareness around reducing plastic waste and promoting the use of reusable materials in the home.



Promotion of Recycled Paint Project
The Environmental Awareness Officer promoted the Recycled Paint Project to schools and community groups. This circular economy project in collaboration with the Rediscovery Centre keeps paint out of the waste stream by recycling it also the environmental impact of traditional paint products.



Spring Newsletter

The Spring Newsletter included updates on ongoing environmental initiatives, upcoming events, and important sustainability tips. It served as a great way to keep schools and community groups informed and engaged with environmental efforts in the community.



Adopt-A-Patch Scheme Resources

As part of the Adopt-A-Patch scheme, the Environmental Awareness Officer provided Community Hubs with necessary resources for residents who are taking part in this programme. These resources help participants maintain their adopted green spaces, contributing to cleaner, more sustainable local environments.

Dublin City FM radio

The Environmental Awareness Officer was interviewed by Carrie McMullan on Dublin City's Community Chats about the Replay Instruments Project and its connection to the Circular Economy. The conversation highlighted the importance of reusing and repurposing musical instruments and the positive environmental impact of such initiatives.



Donation of Instruments

As part of the Instruments Project, the officer facilitated the donation of musical instruments to two local schools: Santa Sabina in Sutton and Scoil Mhuire Senior in Blakestown. This initiative supports both environmental sustainability and educational enrichment for students.



Ongoing support for Tidy Towns, Residential Groups, Biodiversity Groups, Community Gardens, and Schools

Throughout the month, the Environmental Awareness Officer provided ongoing support to a variety of local groups, including Tidy Towns, residential groups, biodiversity groups, community garden groups, and schools. This support ranged from offering guidance and resources to collaborating on various environmental initiatives, ensuring that these groups have the tools they need to continue their important work.

Litter Management

The Litter Wardens continue to deal with large amounts of littering and dumping throughout the county.

- Investigate and report on all CRM queries raised by the litter management section
- Bring banks in the Fingal area are inspected daily to ensure that there is no dumping and any evidence found is dealt with under the Litter Pollution Act
- Link in with Operations to see if any issues have arisen for their crews regarding illegal dumping/littering in their areas, carry out inspections and follow up with fines/warning notices where evidence is found.
- Report any dumping and littering to Operations division for removal and follow up on witness statements submitted by Fingal citizens.
- Site inspections are carried out following reports of muck on the roads from building developments and farming activities. Site/Farm owners are advised of their responsibilities to ensure the roads are kept clean of muck and that the building sites have a road sweeper/wheel wash facility in operation.
- Continue to raise awareness on the issue of dog fouling on beaches, pathways, parks and roads and target hot spots for dog fouling. Anti dog fouling signs are erected at various locations on foot of requests made and where complaints are received.
- Investigate and report on reports of abandoned cars, photographing and updating the litter app and the CRM system.
- Conduct walking patrols and engage with business owners regarding their responsibilities in keeping outside their premises clean and free of litter.



Litter Management Cases for April 2025

Cases April 2025	Amount
Muck on road	1
Abandoned cars	5
Inspection of bring banks	541
Inspection of dumping black spots	445
Unauthorised signage	7
Request for Dog fouling signs	2
Walking patrols	4
Councillor rep inspection	5
Report of dumping by witness statement	1
Report under general litter	1
Report of dumping 1 – 20 bags	8

Litter Fines & Warning Notices – April 2025

Month	Fines	Warning Notice
January	16	1
February	9	2
March	18	1
April	15	0

Abandoned Vehicles

From 1st January – 28th of April 2025, 149 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles have been received. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

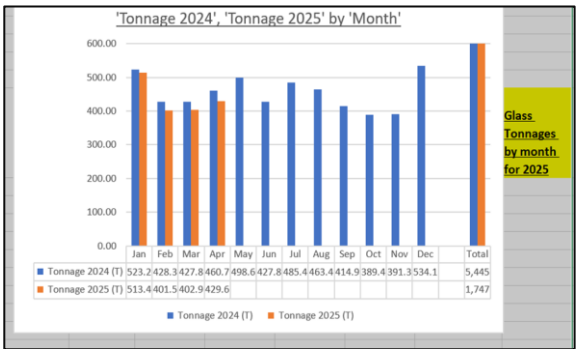
The Litter Wardens carry out an initial inspection of all reported abandoned and burnt-out vehicles. To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should be emailed to environment@fingal.ie

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

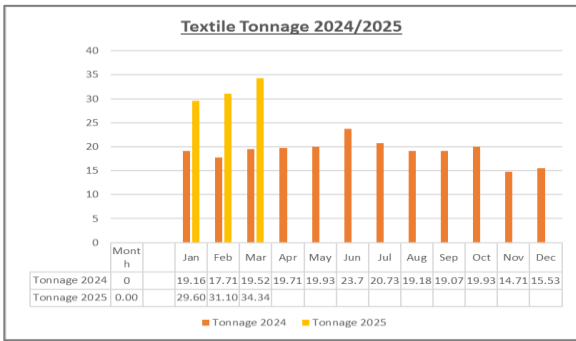
Information on Abandoned Vehicles can be found on the Fingal County Council website: <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles>

	Abandoned Vehicles Lifted		Burnt out Vehicles Lifted	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	0	0	6	0
February	2	0	0	1
March	2	2	3	2
April	2	3	0	0
May	0		0	
June	1		0	
July	0		0	
August	0		0	
September	0		0	
October	0		0	
November	0		0	
December	0		1	
	7	5	10	3

Bring Banks



Glass volumes collected in April 2024 were **431 (T)**. This compares to the 2024 collection figure of **461 (T)**.



Textiles volumes collected in March 2024 were **34 (T)**. This compares to the 2024 collection figure of **18 (T)**.

Dog Warden Service

The dog wardens continue to carry out enforcement in relation to breaches of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, Control of Dog Regulations 1998, Parks and Open Spaces byelaws and Beach and Foreshore byelaws. They also educate dog owners on the responsibilities of keeping a dog and remind owners to pick up after their pets when in public places. Dog owners should ensure that they hold a valid licence for their dog and if issued with a 10-day notice by the dog wardens, should present their licence to controlofdogs@fingal.ie within the 10 days provided on the notice. Failure to do so may result in a fine being issued for failing to produce a dog licence when requested to do so by a dog warden and keeping a dog without a valid licence.

There were 85 x 10 Day Notices and 11 Fines issued by the dog wardens during April 2025

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	217	10	20	3	€1997.50	€550
February	297	82	38	5	€2135	€2244
March	234	87	40	15	€2525	€1121
April	277	85	35	11	€2073	€1770
May	408		38		€2420	
June	247		58		€2180	
July	29		88		€3550	
August	15		52		€4600	
September	29		23		€2919.70	
October	15		13		€2321	
November	104		19		€2185	
December	0		5		€1700	
TOTAL	1872	264	429	34	€30,606.20	€5685

The Animal Welfare Section received 26 complaints in relation to dogs from 1st of April 2025 to 28th of April 2025.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1 st of April 2025 to 28 th of April 2025
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	2
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	3
Env - Dog on Person Attack	3
Env - Dog warden assistance, garda request	1
Env - Pollution - Issue with Dog	13
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	3
Env - Surrendered Dog	0
Env- Stray Dog	1
Grand Total	26

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased during April 2025 in comparison with the same months in 2024. An annual dog licence fee is €20, and a lifetime dog licence fee is €140. We will continue to promote the requirement for a dog licence on social media platforms. It is a legal requirement to hold a valid licence for any dog you own or are responsible for under the Control of Dogs Act 1986. Failing to hold a valid licence for a dog that you are own or are responsible for can incur a fine.

Month	Annual Licences Purchased		Lifetime Licences Purchased		Income from Licences	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	1078	843	87	54	€33,740	€24,420
February	1010	747	62	51	€28,880	€22,080
March	810	838	58	56	€24,320	€ 24,600
April	918	742	64	40	€27,320	€ 20,440
May	1193		90		€36,460	€
June	1045		87		€33,080	€
July	843		49		€23,720	€
August	865		67		€26,680	€
September	762		47		€21,820	€
October	804		65		€25,180	€
November	654		46		€19,520	€
December	310		20		€9000	€
Total for year	10, 292	3170	742	201	€309,720	€91,540

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



XL Bully Legislation

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

To date we have received 166 COE applications, of which 124 have been fully processed, and exemption certificates have been issued to the owner. **For further information, see**

<https://www.fingal.ie/dogs/xl-bully-regulations-and-certificates-exemption>

Dog Shelter Service

Dublin County Dog Shelter holds "Meet and Greet" visits for anyone looking to rehome a dog. Visits can be arranged by calling the shelter and arranging an appointment. These visits can be arranged from Monday – Friday from 11am to 1pm and from 2pm to 3.30pm. The shelter is also open on Saturday from 11am – 1pm. The shelter is closed to the public on Sundays. The dog shelter holds stray dogs picked up by the dog warden and dogs who have been surrendered by their owners either to the dog wardens or directly to the shelter. At the beginning of April 25 there were 19 dogs in the shelter. Up to 28th of April 2025,

13 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 2 were surrendered by members of the public. Of these 34 dogs, non were reclaimed, 10 were rehomed to Rescue, 2 were rehomed to members of the public and 2 were PTS. As of 28th of April there were 20 dogs remaining in the shelter. The shelter has a Facebook page Dublin County Dog Shelter and Instagram Account @dublincountydogshester which they actively update with strays and dogs wishing to be rehomed.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of April 2024	23	Dogs in Shelter at start of April 2025	19
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	10	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	13
Surrendered by owners	2	Surrendered by owners	2
Reclaimed	0	Reclaimed	0
Rehomed to Rescue	5	Rehomed to Rescue	10
Rehomed to Public	4	Rehomed to Public	2
PTS	0	PTS	2
Dogs in Shelter at the end of April 2024	26	Dogs in shelter at end of April 25	20



Alfie, a lurcher cross approx 10 months to a year old came in to the shelter as a stray and was never reclaimed.



Contact the shelter on 0873914008, WhatsApp or Facebook to make an appointment to see the dogs available for rehoming.

HORSES

Welfare inspections continue on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. There are 12 hay feeders being filled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill.

In April 2025 there were 2 horses seized from the public realm.

WASTE ENFORCEMENT & REGULATION

Regulation 27 By-Products inspections

National By-Product Criteria Reference Number BP-N002/2024 establishes detailed criteria determining when greenfield soil and stone from undeveloped land, which is destined for lawful use at another development with appropriate planning permission or exemption, is a by-product and not a waste.

Producers of By-Product register their By-Product on the EPA website (<https://circulareconomy.epa.ie/>) and Local Authorities are required to review the details provided to ensure the soil and stones being moved meet the criteria and are not posing a risk to the environment.



The Waste Enforcement unit carries out desktop inspections to confirm the material is from greenfield site and the receiving site is planning complaint, and site inspections to check the material being moved and used on site is as notified and not a waste.

For soil and stones originating from brownfield sites, the process is different and single notifications are made, which are reviewed by the EPA for determination.

The Local Authority still has a role to carry out site inspections in these cases.

During the month of April, 8 notifications were made (5 greenfield and 3 brownfield), and desktop verifications were carried on all 5. One site inspection was carried out in Garristown GAA Club as a receiving site. Most other sites had been inspected on previous notifications and were not re-inspected on this occasion.



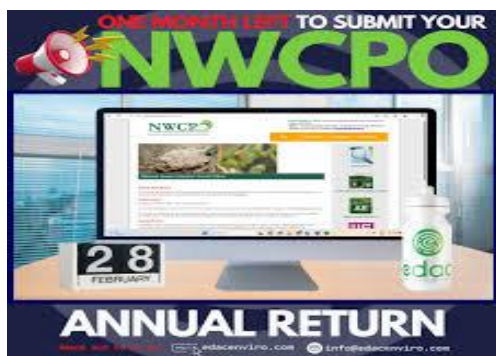
Annual Return Validations – Waste Data

The Waste Enforcement Unit carries out validation on Annual Returns (AR's) submitted by Waste Collection Permit Holders based in the Fingal area, and by facilities operating under Waste Facility Permits and Certification of Registration issued by Fingal County Council.



There are 109 Annual Returns to validate for Waste Collection Permit Holders and 20 for Waste Facilities.

The initial task, which was carried out in April, was to identify permit holders who did not submit their AR by the deadline of 28 February and contact them to seek their submission. 25 Waste Collection Permit holders were given up to 28th April after which they will be issued with Fixed Payment Notices for non-compliance with their permits.



The next steps will be carried out from May to September and will involve initially a desktop validation of all Annual Returns, checking that the waste data returned is in line with previous years, is matching returns from other permit holders, checking that the right List of Waste codes are used, and that the data is returned in the right tabs.

Where significant issues are identified at the desktop stage, or were identified in previous year's validation, site inspections will be scheduled to check the data returned against the permit holder's records. Where Non-Compliances are identified, enforcement action is initiated.

Planning Files

During the month of April, the Waste Enforcement & Regulations Section reviewed 15 applications referred by the Planning Department. Applications are reviewed looking specifically at waste provisions – management of Construction & Demolition Waste for large developments and looking at Operational Waste Management Plan for new large residential developments to ensure the proposed development caters for the provision of a 3-bin system for all residents, and to review the size and capacity of communal waste storage areas.



Figure 5.1 Typical waste receptacles of varying size (240L and 1100L)

A total of 19 Planning Compliance submissions were reviewed for compliance with waste related conditions of the planning permission – Resource Waste Management Plans, details of waste minimisation for a development and details of how C&D waste will be managed on site.



Waste Recovery Levy

The Circular Economy (Waste Recovery Levy) Regulations 2024 were introduced in September 2024, and supersede the 2023 Regulations, and provide for the gradual phasing out of the levy exemptions for the recovery of soil and stone waste.

<https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2024/si/441/made/en/print>



From 1st September 2025, a Recovery Levy of €10 per tonne will apply for C&D Waste recovered at large recovery sites (licensed to recover in excess of 200,000T of waste during the lifetime of the facility) excluding brownfield soil and stone. These sites are typically Licensed by the EPA.

From 1st March 2026, a Recovery Levy of €10 per tonne will apply for C&D Waste recovered at smaller scale recovery sites (authorised to recover under 200,000T of waste during the lifetime of the facility) excluding brownfield soil and stone. These sites typically have a Waste Facility Permit or Certificate of Registration from the Local Authority.



Under the Regulations, Local Authorities are responsible for receiving and checking the levy returns and for collecting the levy payments from private operators every quarter, and for paying the amounts of levy received into the Circular Economy Fund. Local Authorities are also required to audit the returns made by each facility for at least 2 Quarters every year.

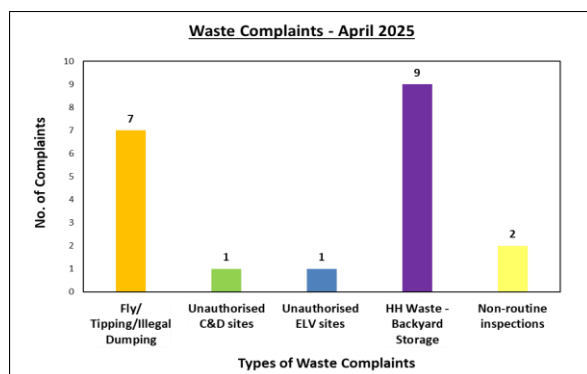
A Guidance Document has been provided by the Local Government Management Agency.

Four facilities have been identified in the Fingal area which will become liable to the recovery levy from 1st September 2025.

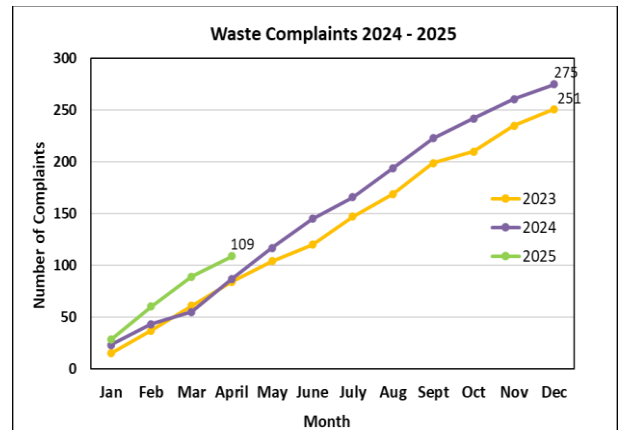
The Waste Enforcement & Regulations unit is currently reviewing these new requirements with a view to setting up the required systems in advance of the 1st September 2025 deadline.

Waste Complaints

During April, a total of 20 waste complaints were received and investigated and 8 were resolved. These included complaints regarding household backyard storage/burning of waste, an unauthorised ELV site, an unauthorised C&D site, fly tipping/dumping, and non-routine complaints. A breakdown of these complaints is shown in the following graph.



On average it takes 1.2 days to fully investigate and close out a waste related complaint with 275 complaints received last year requiring significant resources under the annual environmental inspection plan (RMCEI Plan)



Unauthorised waste collectors do not dispose of waste in an environmentally safe or responsible manner; often waste is fly-tipped by the roadside or in scenic areas, incurring significant clean-up costs.



If you suspect an illegal waste collector is operating in your area, or if you wish to verify that a particular waste collector has a valid permit, please contact the Environment Section at Email: environment@fingal.ie or Tel: 01 9806266.



You can also check if a particular waste collector has a valid waste collection permit on the NWCPO's website at - <https://www.nwcpo.ie/permitsearch.aspx>



Two legal files were prepared in April in response to waste complaints from previous months. The cases related to non-compliance with direction letters issued under the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended to remove and dispose of waste and to cease storing waste in an unauthorised manner. These cases will be dealt with in the District court.

Multi-Agency Checkpoint – April

At the end of April, three authorised officers participated in a multi-agency checkpoint alongside Dublin City Council's Waste Team, Revenue, the Department of Social Protection, and An Garda Síochána. The operation took place on the R139, within Dublin City Council's area, adjacent to Fingal County Council's jurisdiction.



Vehicles including lorries, trucks, and vans were stopped and inspected. For any vehicles transporting waste, drivers were questioned regarding the origin and destination of the waste and were asked to produce their waste permit details.

All vehicles inspected were found to be compliant with relevant regulations.



During the operation, a member of the team received positive feedback from a member of the public, who expressed appreciation for the presence of the checkpoint and noted a significant issue with illegal waste dumping in the area.

These checkpoints are proving effective in raising awareness among waste holders about their obligations to ensure compliance with waste management regulations. Further multi-agency checkpoints are planned for the FCC area in the future.

Water Quality

The Water Quality team has completed the following bathing water tasks in their preparations for the incoming 2025 Bathing Water Season.

- 2025 Designated Bathing Areas
- 2025 Bathing Water Profiles
- 2025 Bathing Water Calendar

2024 Bathing Water Classifications

On the 31st of March 2025, the EPA confirmed 2024 bathing water classifications which are the classifications that will be in place for the 2025 bathing water season. The 2024 classifications when compared to the 2023 classifications show a trend of improving bathing water quality with water quality improvements at 3 beaches namely Skerries, Rush North & Loughshinny and water quality deterioration at 1 beach namely Portrane.

The number of beaches with excellent water quality improved from 2 beaches in 2023 to 3 beaches in 2024 (Portmarnock, Rush North & Donabate).

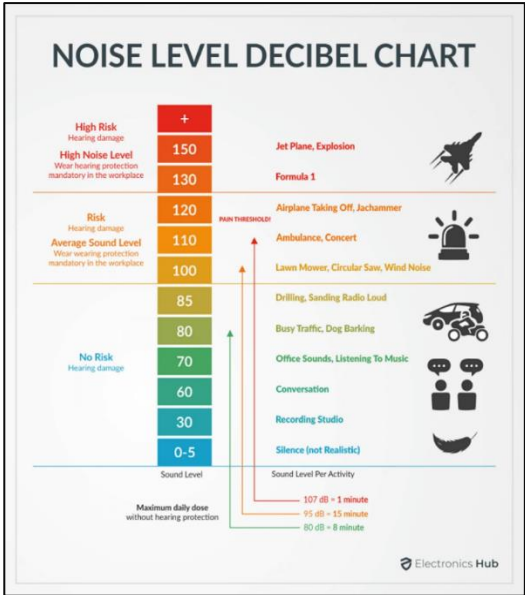
There are no longer any bathing areas in Fingal with poor water quality with the improvements in water quality at Loughshinny and Balbriggan. For the 2024 classification Balbriggan is now in a bathing water status termed “change” as the EPA approved Fingal’s application for a “change” in bathing water classification due to the identification and removal of a significant surface water pollution source which brought about an immediate and consistent improvement in bathing water quality.

Balbriggan bathing water will be classified at the end of 2025 according to the quality of bathing water attained at Balbriggan for the 2025 bathing water season.

Air & Noise Section

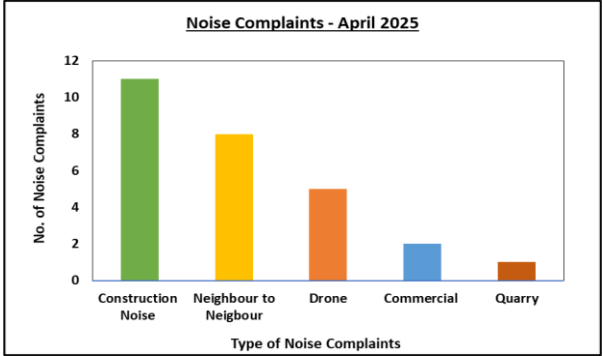
Air & Noise Complaints

Environmental noise is unwanted or harmful outdoor sound arising from all areas of human activity. Noise is caused by many everyday activities, the most common sources of environmental noise exposure in Ireland are from various forms of transport including traffic, railways and aircraft.

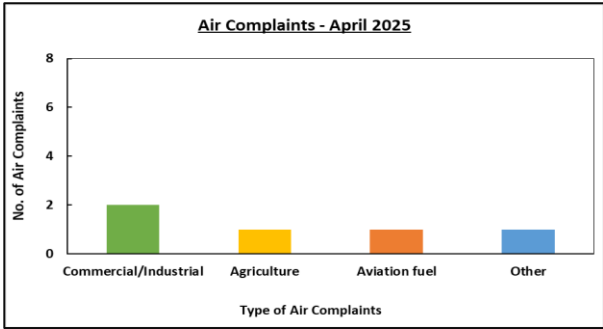


During the month of April, a total of 27 noise complaints were received and investigated with 25 of these complaints fully resolved. These included complaints regarding noise from construction sites, neighbour to neighbour noise, drone noise, quarry noise and noise from commercial premises.

A breakdown of noise complaint types is shown in the graph below.



During April 5 air complaints were received and these included complaints regarding odours from commercial/industrial premises, agricultural odours and aviation fuel. Three of these complaints were resolved with investigations ongoing to resolve the remaining complaints. A breakdown of air complaint types is shown in the graph below.



Planning Files

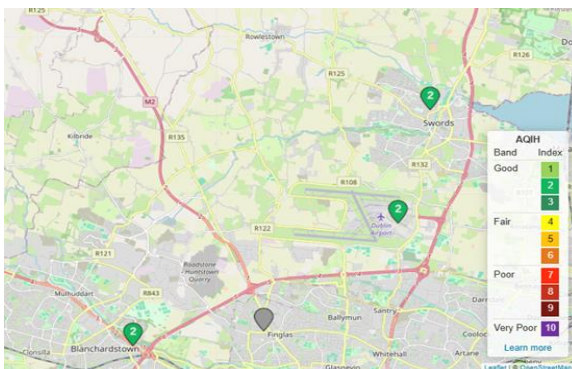
During the month of April, the Air and Noise Section reviewed 16 planning applications referred by the Planning Department. Applications are assessed against the latest Strategic Noise Maps for Fingal to ensure that any proposed developments, particularly residential developments, will not be adversely affected by road, rail, industrial or aircraft noise.



A total of 10 planning compliance submissions were reviewed during April for compliance with air and noise related planning conditions. These submissions typically outline the dust and noise mitigation measures that will be used to minimise the dust and noise impacts during the construction phase of a development.

Air Quality Monitoring

Air quality monitoring in Ireland is managed by the EPA under the Ambient Air Monitoring Programme. There are 3 air monitoring stations situated in Fingal. The key parameters monitored are Ozone, Particulate Matter PM2.5, Particulate Matter PM10 and Nitrogen Dioxide NO2. The monitoring stations are located in Blanchardstown (close to the M50/N3 Interchange), Swords (FCC Depot, Watery Lane) and Dublin Airport (Opposite Terminal 2) and are shown on the map below:



In addition to monitoring, the EPA also operates an Air Quality Index for Health (AQIH). This index is a scale which runs from 1 to 10 and tells you what the air quality is like at the station nearest you and whether or not this might affect your health.

A reading of one to three inclusive means that the air quality is good, and a reading of 10 means the air quality is very poor. The AQIH reading is continuously displayed on the EPA website and is updated hourly. The snapshot above is from 13:00pm on April 29th 2025 and the AQIH reading of 2 indicates that air quality in the Fingal area is good.

Real-time and historic air quality monitoring data at all 3 locations, as well as current AQIH information, is easily accessible via the following links:

1/ <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/air-quality-monitoring>

2/ <https://airquality.ie/>

SPORTS OFFICE

Her Moves/ Exercise Energise Video Competition

This year Fingal Sports Office invited participating schools in the Her Moves Exercise: Energise Programme to enter a video competition. The participating schools had an incentive of winning a prize. The schools were given a brief of what was required in the video. The video had to outline why girls drop out of sport and what would keep them engaged in sport. Each video submitted had interaction and participation from the girls. Following deliberation, it was agreed that Blakestown Community School submitted the most appropriate video with a lively soundtrack. This is the second year in a row that Blakestown have taken the prize.



Fingal Couch to 5K

The Sports Office initiated another Couch to 5k programme after the very successful post-Christmas initiative. This time the target group were inactive participants in Blanchardstown, Swords and Donabate who are looking to take part in their first 5k event.

Tutors are available once a week in Hartstown Park, Broadmeadows Park and Newbridge House to run and develop a structured plan that participants can practice several times during the week with the target of running in the 5k Race Series in the Phoenix Park in May.



Fingal on the Move

The first block of Fingal on the Move concluded in early April in Rush, Balbriggan, Swords, Mountview and Howth. The programme is designed to introduce adults back into fitness and physical activity through gentle/beginner exercise.

There are 7 programmes running across the county with 250 participants joining in each week. The second block of classes will commence at the end of April and run for 8 weeks.



Parent and Toddler Classes

Fingal's Parent and Toddler classes took a break in April and will recommence at the end of the month for a second block of 8 weeks. The classes are designed for both parent and toddlers to get active and meet other parents in their community. The classes can be found in community centres in Swords Holywell and Applewood, Balbriggan, Baldoy, Meakstown and Lusk. There are 6 programmes being delivered throughout the county, with over 120 participants taking part each week.



Active for Life

Fingal Sports Office Active for Life classes cater for adults over 55. A second block of classes started in late April and will run for 8 weeks. The classes focus on movement, increasing mobility and muscle strength.

These classes are available in Balbriggan, Blakestown, Mulhuddart, Baldoy, Lusk and Swords. There are 6 locations and over 150 participants joining each week.



All classes above can be signed up online on www.sports.fingal.ie or through Fingal Sports Office ClubZapp.

SportsCon Masters Research

Fingal Sports Office are delighted to collaborate with TU Dublin on a Masters Research Project investigating the effectiveness of the well-established Sports Conditioning programme. This project using funding from Sport Ireland's Evaluation Grant Scheme assesses the programmes focus on fundamental movement skills and its effects on increased participation in physical activity in both school and club environments. Two Dublin 15 schools will be involved in the initial part of the study as well as input from local sports clubs with results and recommendations expected by Q4 of this year.



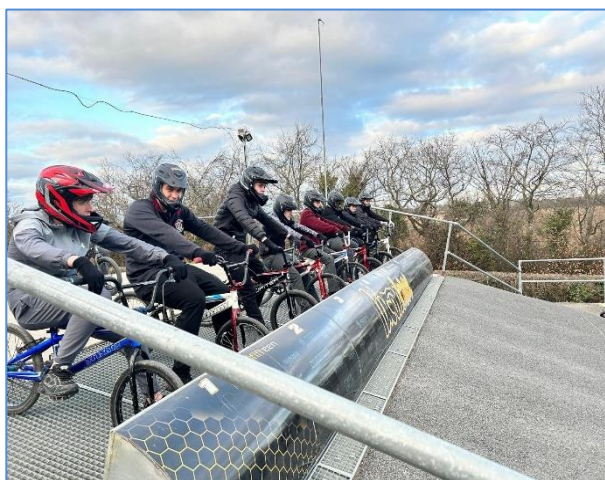
Fingal Athletics League 2025

The second round of race meets took place in April in Porterstown Park and Newbridge House. 60 primary schools and 2,700 students participated across both venues. The finale of the programme will bring all schools to ALSAA Sports Complex on 14th May.



BMXing with BYMI Youth Service

Fingal under the Active Cities Dublin banner have collaborated with Lucan BMX in St. Catherines Park to run a 12-week BMX programme for youths who attend the BYMI youth service in D15. The group selected would be a hard-to-reach target group and their response to them participating in the BMX programme has had great impact for the youth service to engage with them more.



Active Cities Dublin featured Irish Runner magazine

Fingal County Council under our Active Cities Dublin banner featured in the Irish Runner Magazine with a two-page spread alongside the Shelters Running Community we supported in becoming an affiliated club with Athletics Ireland just over a year ago. The Club who run every Saturday at 8:30am on Portmarnock Beach have gone from strength to Strength by providing a social outlet for residents and visitors of Fingal to be physically active in a safe and nonjudgmental space. The Clubs motto says, "It's not a race, it's a community".



Autism in Sport Online workshop

Fingal Sports Office, in partnership with Active Disability Ireland, hosted an online *Autism in Sport* workshop on **Tuesday, April 15th, 2025**.

The fully accredited session provided sports coaches, volunteers, and parents with practical strategies to create inclusive environments for people with autism in sport. The workshop had 12 participants with positive feedback from all involved.



Inter Services Boccia Blitz's 2025

The first Fingal County Council Sports office Boccia Blitzes was hosted on Tuesday 25th March 2025 in ALSAA from 11am – 1pm. These blitzes are designed for all disability service providers in the Fingal County area, catering to individuals within those services who have a passion for Boccia.

Our primary focus is on fun and encouraging active participation.



Sports Office Integration Event Support

The sports office provided support, and information stands to the Fingal Integration Office for the Fingal Integration Connections Expo on Thursday 10th April at the Airways IPAS Accommodation Centre.

The Connections Expo was specifically targeted to respond to the needs and interests of the residents at the Airways Centre with a particular focus on the health and wellbeing of residents as well as creating connections to foster stronger community ties.



ARCHITECTS DEPARTMENT

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Conservation Clinics @ Fingal

Conservation Clinics @ Fingal, a new initiative from the Architectural Conservation Section is to be held in June 2025.

The Architectural Conservation Section of Fingal County Council are delighted to offer homeowners of historic buildings a free consultation with a specialist conservation architect or surveyor. Supported by the National Built Heritage Service (NBHS), the clinic will offer homeowners a 45-minute, one-on-one discussion. This is a valuable opportunity for the owner to discuss all aspects of their conservation project with the experts.

FCC Architectural Conservation Officers, Helena Bergin and Bronagh Lanigan will also be on hand to offer information on conservation grant schemes.

The clinics are by appointment-only and the intended clients shall be homeowners looking for advice on conservation-led repairs only. Consultation on extensions or new-build projects will not be covered by this clinic.

The Conservation Section have invited several homeowners to avail of this initiative and are expecting a productive and successful event.

Conservation Clinics @ Fingal will take place on Wednesday 18th June 2025, in County Hall, Swords.

National Built Heritage Service (NBHS)

The role of the National Built Heritage Service, a section of the Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage, is to work with owners, craftspeople, building professionals, NGOs, local authorities, the Heritage Council, and other public bodies to ensure that our built heritage is valued, protected, and carefully adapted where necessary, so that its character and special interest can be enjoyed by future generations.

The work of the National Built Heritage Service covers a wide range of activities, including:

- Identifying, recording, assessing and monitoring our built heritage through the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage.
- Providing financial support to owners of our built heritage through the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Historic Structures Fund – both operated on behalf of NBHS by local authorities.
- Providing advice and guidance to owners and conservation professionals on how best to conserve, maintain, and revitalise our built heritage, and improve its resilience to climate change.
- Delivering initiatives to enhance appreciation and enjoyment of our built heritage.
- Supporting conservation professionals through training and guidance.
- Working with local authorities and state agencies to ensure that the conservation of our built heritage is integrated appropriately into planning, policy, and investment decisions.



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Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of April 2025 is running at 55%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€92.1m
Rates collected %	55%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of April is €16.1m.

Development Levy Income YTD Apr 2025	
Levies Receipted	€16.1 m
Levies Collected as a % of 2024	22.6%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of April was €29.9m which is c. **97.3%** of budget YTD.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€29.9m
Percentage of Budget YTD.	97.3%

Procurement

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

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	69	
Value €m	19.5m	
Procurements ongoing at end of April		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	26	(i)
Value €m	17.42m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	40	(ii)
Value €m	37.2	
No. of procurements at approved	11	(iii)
Value €m	44.4m	

Notes:

- (i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of April
- (ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the April
- (iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of April

Appendix 1
Revenue Account – Income & Expenditure

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30 APRIL 2025							
	EXPENDITURE				INCOME		NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	38,018,058	123,749,800	31%	36,041,261	126,862,200	28%	1,976,798
Road Transport & Safety	11,454,423	36,814,800	31%	2,586,654	9,063,700	29%	8,867,769
Water Services	3,744,858	13,233,400	28%	5,103,152	15,070,000	34%	-1,358,294
Development Management	8,017,572	25,261,800	32%	3,192,824	10,206,000	31%	4,824,748
Environmental Services	15,828,351	48,948,700	32%	4,425,972	8,761,100	51%	11,402,380
Recreation & Amenity	18,818,668	59,101,400	32%	1,175,321	4,375,600	27%	17,643,347
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	636,241	1,575,200	40%	91,257	422,700	22%	544,984
Miscellaneous Services	6,557,660	21,053,000	31%	8,698,155	29,588,900	29%	-2,140,496
Central Management Charge	19,016,740	59,137,800	32%	1,368,028	4,073,900	34%	17,648,712
Local Property Tax / GPG				4,233,433	12,700,300	33%	-4,233,433
Rates				55,917,167	167,751,500	33%	-55,917,167
	122,092,571	388,875,900	31%	122,833,224	388,875,900	32%	-740,653

Appendix 1 – continued
Capital Account – Income & Expenditure

CAPITAL ACCOUNT				
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/04/2025				
	Balance at 0/01/2025 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/04/2025 €
A Housing & Building	-9,686,875	91,693,710	-29,276,827	52,730,008
B Road Transport & Safety	9,980,266	12,668,809	-2,270,012	20,379,063
C Water Services	-10,327,807	722,232	-526,017	-10,131,592
D Development Management	-175,344,430	6,568,226	-18,465,985	-187,242,189
E Environmental Services	-15,418,209	1,083,847	-350,280	-14,684,642
F Recreation & Amenity	-11,766,355	9,838,398	-2,817,152	-4,745,109
H Miscellaneous Services	-42,102,959	5,032,146	-4,900,041	-41,970,854
Total	-254,666,369	127,607,368	-58,606,314	-185,665,315

Appendix 1 - continued
Summary of Corporate Debtors

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/04/2025				
	Balance at 01/01/2025	Balance at 30/04/2025	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
RATES	687,390	75,756,812	75,024,164	732,648
LOANS	2,130,037	1,917,392	179,770	1,737,623
RENTS	10,032,929	9,489,756	3,282,442	6,207,314

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments
Value of debit at 31/12/2024 was €1,823,834.70 with a credit of €1,136,445.02

Appendix 2

Number of Contracts Awarded to the end of March

Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Legal Address	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Actual Duration (months)	Contract Award Date	Arrangement Type
Specialist seeding and three-year management plan to develop a native hay meadow at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan	Eco Seed Ltd	Inverbrena Hall, Stella Marris Street, Strangford, Co. Down, BT30 7NJ	£37,030.00	10/03/2025	10/03/2028	36	29/04/2025	Contract
Purchase of Front Mounted Mowers	Dublin Grass Machinery	River Road, Ashtown, Dublin 15	€173,600.00	07/04/2025	06/04/2026	12	07/04/2025	Contract
Renewal of Microsoft 365 Licences (non-profit classification) for Libraries & Draiocht	Micromail Ltd	3 Nesson House, Riverview Business park, Bessboro Road, Blackrock, Cork T12 N2NC	€26,699.20	01/06/2025	31/05/2026	12	25/04/2025	Contract
Slip form kerbing, macadam footpath & ancillaries, Towerbay, Portrane	D.M. Morris Limited	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	€81,908.80	14/04/2025	14/06/2025	2	11/04/2025	Call Off Contract
Road inlay & Ancillary works, Quay Road, Portrane	MCM Surfacing Ltd	Castlemumney Dunleer, Co. Louth	€60,786.80	14/04/2025	14/05/2025	1	10/04/2025	Call Off Contract
CCTV installation to Lanesborough Park D11 to include all necessary civil works	SKS Communications LTD	Unit 2 Robinhood Industrial Estate, Dublin 22	€174,535.00	01/06/2025	31/05/2028	36	23/04/2025	Call Off Contract
Installation of My Open Library system to Blanchardstown and Malahide libraries & installation of replacement lift to Malahide library for Fingal County Council	Demac Construction Ltd	7A Monaghan Court, Monaghan Street, Newry, Co. Down BT35 6BH	€499,810.00	11/03/2025	19/09/2026	18	11/03/2025	Call Off Contract
Environmental Consultancy Services – Ecological Clerk of Works -Rathmore Recreational Hub Development	Scott Cawley Ltd	71-73 Rock Road, College House, Rock Road, Black Rock, Dublin	€49,700.00	01/05/2025	01/11/2026	18	24/03/2025	Contract
Multi Party Framework for Design and Construction of New Playgrounds and the Refurbishment/Upgrades of Existing Playgrounds within Fingal County Council's Administrative Area	Play & Leisure Services	31 Carrowdore Road, Greyabbey, Northern Ireland, BT22 2LU	€199,995.72	22/04/2025	22/10/2025	6	31/03/2025	Call Off Contract
Control of and daily monitory of oil spill at Balbriggan Harbour	Pollution and Waste Services	Unit 107 Baldoyle Industrial Estate, Dublin 13	€36,280.67	13/01/2025	01/04/2025	3	13/01/2025	Contract
Maintenance and Management of a network of textile banks and provision of a textile recycling service for the materials collected from the banks for re-use and recycling	Textile Recycling Limited (TRL)	Unit 3, Bluebell Industrial Estate, Dublin, D12 YP99	€60,000.00	24/01/2025	23/07/2025	6	10/02/2025	Contract
Provision of Audit Services - Internal Audit	Crowleys		€200,000.00	21/02/2025	20/02/2027	24	21/02/2025	Call Off Contract
Road Surfacing, North Co Fingal, Local Roads 2025 (six locations)	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€539,073.05	02/06/2025	30/09/2025	17 Weeks	07/04/2025	Call Off Contract
Road inlay/Overlay & ancillary works, R108, Co Dublin, Cooks Rd Junction to Knocksedan Demesne	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€389,469.51	01/07/2025	29/08/2025	9 Weeks	05/02/2025	Call Off Contract
Purchase of up to 8 x Stand on Mowers	Southern Machinery Ltd	Donore, Naas Co. Kildare	€100,000.00	07/04/2025	06/04/2026	12	07/04/2025	Contract
Purchase of Compact Tractor	Dublin Grass Machinery	Ashbrook, River Road, Dublin 15, D15 N504	€52,800.00	07/04/2025	06/04/2026	12	07/04/2025	Contract
Cutting, Breaking & Removal of Reinforced concrete foundation & construction of a river channel at Ward River, Brackenstown, Swords	Rivus Ltd	Ballynagaragh, Kilbrittain, Co. Cork	€35,211.00	10/03/2025	10/06/2025	3	26/02/2025	Contract
Management and Operation of Malahide Castle Sports Pavilion	Campbell Catering t/a Aramark	Newenham House, Malahide Road, Northern Cross Dublin, D17 AY61	€1,151,487.66	26/03/2025	19/03/2029	48	13/03/2025	Contract
Logix Software Subscription 2025 - 2029	Nathean Technologies Ltd	3 Lyncon Court, IDA Science & Technology Park, Snugborough Road, Blanchardstown, D15	€75,601.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2029	48	10/01/2025	Contract

Supply fit out and deliver six (6) Steel Anti Vandal Units	Shankill Business Centre Ltd, T/A Spectrum Portable Buildings	Station House, Station Road, Shankill, Dublin, D18 N1N2	€67,080.00	28/02/2025	31/05/2025	3	28/02/2025	Contract
Sports Surface Consultancy Services Development	Alan Lewis Ltd	1A Crowmeole Lane, Shrewsbury , Shropshire, SY3 8AX	€36,748.80	14/04/2025	14/10/2026	18	19/03/2025	Contract
Bremore Castle Estate Balbriggan (phase 2) - Road Resurfacing inlay	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin	€70,540.00	19/05/2025	30/05/2025	2 weeks	25/03/2025	Call Off Contract
Restoration of 3 No. Glasshouses at Talbot Botanic Gardens, Malahide Demesne	Oldstone Conservation Ltd, Donard,	Donard, Co. Wicklow	€930,587.02	04/04/2025	03/03/2026	12	25/02/2025	Call Off Contract
Road Surfacing Inlay Quickpenney Road, Lusk	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin	€33,475.00	28/04/2025	09/05/2025	2 weeks	27/03/2025	Contract
Road surfacing inlay, St Maurs Est Rush	John McQuillan Contract Ltd	11 Ballinderry Road, Lisburn	€73,936.70	21/04/2025	02/05/2025	1	27/03/2025	Contract
Weekly Bin Collections & Ad hoc Skip Collections from Halting Sites in Fingal Area (2025)	Starrus Eco Holdings Ltd t/a Panda Waste Management Solutions Ltd	Ballymount Road Upper, Ballymount, Dublin 12	€85,000.00	01/01/2025	13/12/2025	12	01/01/2025	Contract
Portable Toilet Units for use at Traveller Accommodation Sites	Norspace Ltd	Unit 17, 1st Avenue, Cookstown Ind Estate, Tallaght, D24	€55,000.00	01/01/2025	13/12/2025	12	01/01/2025	Contract
Consultancy Services for Castleland Swimming Pool Design Team	ReCreation Group	60 Chorley, New Road, Bolton, BL1 4DA	€359,079.75	24/03/2025	24/10/2025	7	24/03/2025	Contract
Post and Rope Fencing Project Nose of Howth	Stirue Fencing	Priestown, Dunleer Co. Louth	€55,800.00	14/01/2025	28/02/2025	6	13/01/2025	Contract
Requirement for Road Inlay and Ancillary Works, Seatown Park, Housing Estate, Swords	D M Morris Ltd	8 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray.	€110,780.00	01/04/2025	01/06/2025	2	25/03/2025	Call Off Contract
Provision of Services for Software Renewal for the Autodesk Software Suite.	NTI Diatec	Unit 17, The Seapoint Building, Clontarf Road, Dublin 3	€181,774.19	01/03/2025	29/02/2028	36	10/03/2025	Contract
Hire of excavator and operator at the former Dunsink Landfill and Environs	Anthony Patton Plant Hire Ltd	Cloghran, Co. Dublin	€85,800.00	18/03/2025	17/03/2026	12	26/03/2025	Contract
Supply and install of new calisthenic/outdoor equipment to Hartstown park	Outfit Outdoor Equipment Ltd	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co Mayo	€44,630.00	01/04/2025	01/10/2025	6	25/03/2025	Call-Off Contract
Requirement for Supply only of ready mix concrete	Keegan Quarries	Millenium Business Park, Cappagh Road, Finglas	€64,240.00	01/04/2025	31/12/2025	9	03/03/2025	Contract
Engineering Services for the upgrade of Skerries Town Park including GAA & soccer sports pitches, ancillary structures and path infr34486.20astructure	McCloy Consulting Ltd	Unit 12, Beat Centre, Stephenstown Industrial Estate, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	€34,486.20	27/03/2025	03/09/2026	18	25/03/2025	Contract
R132 Tree Removal works programme for Fingal County Council	King Tree Services Ltd	Coolbeg , Wicklow, Co Wicklow	€93,288.00	31/03/2025	01/05/2025	3	03/03/2025	Contract
Support in the development of an investment concept for an FCC EUCF Grant Funded Project	BABLE Smart Cities GmbH	Seyfferstrasse, 34 Stuttgart 70197, Germany	€50,000.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	13/03/2025	Contract
Roof Maintenance, Repairs and Callouts at 17 Fingal Locations	Geoffrey T Kelly Roofing and Cladding	11 St Cronan's View, Swords, Co Dublin	€27,200.00	20/03/2025	19/03/2026	12	14/03/2025	Contract
Purchase of Tractor Towed Mowers	Baytown Machinery Ltd	Baytown, The Naul, Co Dublin	€37,656.00	27/01/2025	26/01/2026	12	27/01/2025	Contract
Property valuation and negotiation services	Streets Ahead Property Services	22 Mill Close, Stamullen, Co. Meath	€142,150.00	01/02/2025	31/08/2025	7	18/03/2025	Contract
Requirement for an Email Gateway (Sophos - Lot 1)	Softcat PLC	No 2 Harbour Square, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin	€82,232.40	14/04/2025	13/04/2030	60	11/03/2025	Contract
Road Inlay and Ancillary works, Longlands Swords	SIAC Bituminous Products Ltd	Monastery Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22	€58,973.00	24/03/2025	07/04/2025	2 wks	21/02/2025	Call Off Contract
Supply & Installation of Paving at Balgriffin Cemetery and all ancillary works	John Browne Construction Ltd	Carragh, Granard, Co Longford	€34,250.00	06/03/2025	28/03/2025	1	06/03/2025	Contract
Interim Caretaker Agreement to manage and operate for Malahide Recreational Facility	Campbell Catering t/a Aramark	Newenham House, Malahide Road, Northern Cross Dublin, D17 AY61	€100,388.00	01/01/2025	28/02/2025	2	01/01/2025	Contract
Event Management Services for St Patrick's Day Parade in Swords and Malahide	Invictus Event Management Ltd	Enterprise House, New Market Street, Fermoy, Co. Cork	€145,587.00	21/02/2025	21/04/2025	2	21/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Event Management Services for St Patrick's Day Parade in Blanchardstown and Balbriggan	Davis Events Agency	17 Rathfarnham Road, Terenure, Dublin 6	€107,352.00	21/02/2025	21/04/2025	2	21/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Installation of New Traffic Signals for Fingal County Council	Traffic Solutions Ltd	Unit 5, Block K, Maynooth Business Park, Maynooth, Co Kildare	€667,508.58	10/03/2025	12/12/2025	10	03/03/2025	Call Off Contract

Provision of legal advice and services relating to the delivery of Part V and social turnkey housing units at Aster Park, Rush	Mason Hayes & Curran	South Bank House, Barrow Street, Dublin 4	€60,000.00	01/01/2025	30/06/2026	18	01/01/2025	Contract
Newtown Bridge - Balheary Road Active Travel Scheme	Jons Civil Engineering	Carranstown, Duleek, Co. Meath A92 K654	€995,868.89	30/01/2025	31/07/2026	18	30/01/2025	Contract
Removal of Vessel from Balbriggan Harbour - "Wynd Up"	Marine Specialists Ltd	Larkins Cross, Barntown, Co Wexford	€89,300.00	23/01/2025	31/03/2025	3	23/01/2025	Contract
Environmental Monitoring at Dunsink and Balleally Landfill sites 2025	McQuillan Environmental (John McQuillan Contracts Ltd)	6 Caulside Drive, Antrim, BT41 2DU	€223,985.50	17/02/2025	16/02/2026	12	17/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Landscape Architect Led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services for Public Realm Improvements for a Pedestrianised New Street, Stage 2b	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects (DFLA)	Argus House, Blackpitts, Dublin 8	€325,072.50	04/03/2025	04/04/2026	13	21/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Hire of Volvo EW60E compact wheeled excavator	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire	Grougha, Ring Commons, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	€62,100.00	01/04/2025	30/03/2028	36	12/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Dye & Durham Ltd Lawlink Subscription 2025	Dye & Durham Ltd	31-36 Ormond Quay Upper, Dublin 7	€68,484.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	11/02/2025	Contract
Requirement for Logix BI and NEC Housing drawdown services	Nathean Technologies	3 Lyndon Court, IDA Science & Technology Park, Snugborough Road, Blanchardstown, D15	€140,400.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	10/02/2025	Contract
Tree Removal Works at Comyn Manor and R132	Twin Tree Care Ltd	Sequoia House, 73 Torcaill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin	€36,350.00	17/02/2025	17/04/2025	2	07/02/2025	Contract
Road Lining for Swords/Balbriggan Area	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	Bishopswood Lane, The Ward, Co. Dublin	€51,205.10	14/01/2025	31/12/2025	11.5	04/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Legal Conveyancing Services for the acquisition of social turnkey properties for Fingal County Council	Beauchamps LLP	Riverside Two, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2	€256,650.00	04/02/2025	03/02/2027	24	04/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Ongoing Commissioning, operation & maintenance of existing EV charging points to include enabling works for change over from existing supplier.	Hall Power t/a ePower	1 Technology House, Rockgrove Ind Est, Little Island, Cork	€34,100.00	30/01/2025	29/01/2026	12	30/01/2025	Contract
25 HP Zbook High Spec Laptops	Datapac Ireland	Robinhood House, Robinhood Road, Dublin 22	€38,225.00	22/01/2025	21/01/2026	12	29/01/2025	Contract
Support for Cygnus Housing Loan Application	Gemini Consultants Ltd	AW House, 6-8 Stuart Street, Luton, LU1 2SL, UK	€45,386.33	01/04/2025	31/12/2025	9	29/01/2025	Contract
Property Management Services for Council Owned Unsold Affordable Properties at Parnell Estate, Ladyswell, Dublin 15	Paula Barrett Properties Ltd	22 Northumberland Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	€240,000.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	21/01/2025	Call-Off Contract
Preparation of Dunsink Statutory Local Plan	RMLA Ltd	Unit 3B, Santry Industrial Estate, Santry Avenue, Dublin 9	€685,765.00	20/01/2025	19/01/2026	12	20/01/2025	Call-Off Contract
Macadam Material	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€97,280.00	14/01/2025	31/12/2025	11.5	14/01/2025	Call-Off Contract
Tradfest - Irelands Premier Winter Music & Culture Festival	TASCQ CLG (t/a The Temple Bar Company)	Second Floor, 1-5 Crampton Court, Temple Bar, Dublin 2	€120,000.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	10/01/2025	Contract
Security Services for Coolmine Recycling Centre	Secure Management Solutions	2055 Castle Drive, D24 X2XT	€34,784.50	02/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	08/01/2025	Contract
Purchase of three sports equipment storage units to be installed in local parks & controlled by an app	BoxUp SA	Avenue des Baumettes 9, 1020 Renens, Switzerland	€70,000.00	06/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	06/01/2025	Contract
Maintenance of GPS Vehicle Tracking System	Transpoco (E-Pire Ltd)	Innovation House, DCU Alpha Innovation Campus, Old Finglas Rd, Glasnevin, Dublin 11	€80,000.00	31/12/2024	30/12/2025	12	03/01/2025	Contract
Photography Services for Fingal County Council	Coalesce Ltd	78 Landscape Park, Churchtown, Dublin 14.	€62,080.00	15/01/2025	14/01/2027	24	15/01/2025	Contract

Appendix 3 – NTA Active Travel Allocations 2025

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2025 Allocations		
Project Code	Project Name	2025 Allocation
<u>Fingal County Council</u>		
FCC/12/0001	Broadmeadow Estuary Cycle & Pedestrian Bridge	€ 6,500,000
FCC/13/0001	S2M Extension Sutton to Malahide	€ 460,000
FCC/14/0001	Royal Canal Cycle Route (12th Lock-KCC) (CN2) inc. Deep Sinking Coolmine	€ 400,000
FCC/18/0001	Harry Reynolds Road Cycleway in Balbriggan	€ 3,000,000
FCC/20/0001	Donabate Ped and Cycle Bridge	€ 1,000,000
FCC/21/0001	National Aquatic Centre (NAC) to Ongar Village	€ 130,000
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth Phase 2 (Dublin Road to Dublin Street)	€ 120,000
FCC/21/0004	Donabate Hearse Rd/Main St/Portrane Rd (Link 1 & Link 2)	€ 185,000
FCC/21/0005	Damastown to Clonsilla Cycle Route	€ 150,000
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre	€ 185,000
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock, Auburn Ave.	€ 1,820,000
FCC/22/0004	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D15	€ 135,000
FCC/22/0005	St Cronins Road	€ 25,000
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd Swords	€ 50,000
FCC/22/0007	Balbriggan road mill street and Drogheda st	€ 60,000
FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County	€ 250,000
FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Road to Blakes Cross and Kilhedge Lane	€ 300,000
FCC/22/0011	Skerries - Harbour Road	€ 140,000

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Project Code	Project Name	2025 Allocation
<u>Fingal County Council</u>		
FCC/22/0012	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Road (Swords to Malahide)	€ 725,000
FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan - Coney Hill From Devlin Bridge to Brempre Cottages	€ 40,000
FCC/22/0016	New Street Malahide Improvement Scheme	€ 500,000
FCC/22/0018	Data collection for Active Travel Projects (traffic, air, noise)	€ 50,000
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan	€ 140,000
FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review	€ 165,000
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park Active Travel Route	€ 75,000
FCC/22/0022	Broomfield to Paddys's Hill via Naomh Marnog GAA Active Travel Route	€ 100,000
FCC/22/0026	Staff Costs Active Travel Team	€ 1,100,000
FCC/22/0027	Swords Cycle Network - Sustainable Swords	€ 100,000
FCC/22/0028	Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh	€ 175,000
FCC/23/0003	SRTS (R1) - Ladyswell National School	€ 75,000
FCC/23/0004	SRTS (R1) - Scoil Ghraíne CNS	€ 25,000
FCC/23/0005	SRTS (R1) - Scoil Choilm CNS	€ 115,000
FCC/23/0019	SRTS (R1) - Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide	€ 350,000
FCC/24/0001	Feltrim Road cycle infrastructure	€ 160,000
FCC/24/0006	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue Active Travel Routes	€ 65,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - Scoil Bhride Buachaillí	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - Scoil Bhride Cailíní	€ 200,000

Appendix 3 - Continued

Project Code	Project Name	2025 Allocation
Fingal County Council		
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - St Colmcille's Girls National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - Holy Family Junior National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - St Helen's Senior National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	Castleknock Rd - Auburn Ave to gates of Pheonix Park	€ 60,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - St Nichola's of Myra National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Scoil Mhuire Junior National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Scoil Thomáis	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Donabate Portrane Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Holywell Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Malahide/Portmarnock Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Broadmeadow Community National School	€ 10,000
Total:		€ 20,000,000
Allocations Through Other NTA Funding Streams		
FCC/24/xxxx	Bus Stop Enhancement Programme	€ 500,000
FCC/22/0029	R132 Junction Upgrade Design	€ 5,800,000
FCC/24/0005	Waterville Junction upgrade	€ 385,000
FCC/25/00XX	Sustainable Traffic Management Measures	€ 1,000,000
Subtotal:		€7,685,000

Appendix 4
Summary of Environmental Complaints, Inspections and Enforcement Actions

		2023	2024	Q1 2025
Complaints investigated	Waste (incl litter)	1,036	2,287	267
	Water and Wastewater	101	75	21
	Air & Odour	37	54	23
	Noise	99	146	47
	TOTAL COMPLAINTS	1,273	2,562	358
Inspections	Routine Waste Inspections	1124	572	27
	Non-Routine Waste Inspections	416	463	134
	Litter Patrols & investigations	3232	6398	2124
	Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	720	930	358
	Non-Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	133	136	25
	Routine Air & Noise Inspections	61	122	8
	Non-Routine Air & Noise Inspections	134	200	70
	Planning Inspections	416	630	241
	TOTAL INSPECTIONS	6,236	9,451	2,987

Appendix 5
Housing Delivery Construction Programme
Schemes on Site

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush 53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	10 Social 51 Affordable	On-Site	Q2 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph1., Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	87 Social 86 Cost Rental 86 Affordable	On-Site	Q3 2023	Phased delivery
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock / Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3A 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google	40 Social 80 Cost Rental 180 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social	Seatown Road, Swords 53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps	36 36 x 2 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2024	Q4 2026
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock / Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	107 Social 110 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	63 Social 112 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	13 Social 6 x 1 Bed 7 x 2 Bed	Enabling works complete.	Q1 2025	Q2 2026

Schemes on Site (Continued)

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Holywell, Swords 53°26'48.1"N 6°12'42.8"W	57 Social 20 x 1- bed 29 x 2-bed 8 x 3-bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries. 53.580404, -6.122225	14 Social 11x 2-Bed 3 x 3-Bed 1 x 4-Bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Rathmore, Remount, Lusk 53.521142, -6.161451	18 Social 2 x 1 bed 12 x 2 bed 4 x 3 bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	Mooretown Phase 1, Swords. https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	123 Social 151 Affordable	On-Site	On-Site	Q3 2027

Appendix 5 - Continued
Schemes with Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est.)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social – Elderly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	6 Social 3 x 2-bed 3 x 1-bed	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social – Elderly TBC	Blakestown Cross, Mulhuddart 53.399869, -6.401776 Google Maps	30 Social 16 x 1 Bed 14 x 2 Bed	Consultants to be appointed.	Q1 2026	Q4 2026
Howth/Malahide	FCC	TBC	Tuckets Lane 53.385248, -6.066128 Google Maps	8 Social 4 x 1 Bed 4 x 2 Bed	On-hold	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Woodside, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	34	Planning granted.	Q1 2026	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	32	Planning granted.	Q1 2026	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph2, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	86 Social 86 Affordable	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC

Appendix 5- Continued
Schemes at the Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated date)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHQHp8	80	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide	4	Pre-planning.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Blanchardstown	FCC	Social	Fortlawn, Blanchardstown	21	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	119 39 x 1 Bed 68 x 2 Bed 12 x 3 Bed	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC

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

Appendix 5- Continued
CALF Delivery in partnership with Fingal County Council

Area Committee	AHB	Funding Stream	Scheme Name	No. of Units	Projected Substantial Completion*
Area Committee	AHB	Funding Stream	Scheme Name	No. of Units	Projected Substantial Completion*
Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk/ Swords	Tuath	CALF	Semple Woods	3	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk Swords	Respond	CALF	Meadow Banks, Oldtown, Swords	84	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	The Paddocks, Golf Links Road, Skerries	95	Q2 2025
				2	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Folkstown Park, Balbriggan	12	Q2 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Oaklee	CALF	Harmans Rest, Donabate	44	Q3 2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	Hollyfield, Hollystown, Dublin 15	18	Q2 2025
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	22	Q2 2025
				10	Q3 2025
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Pipers Square, Charlestown, St. Margarets Road, Finglas, D11	211	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Whitehaven, Northwood, Santry D9	94	2026
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Niven Oaks, Santry D9	170	2026
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Pipers Square, Charlestown, St, Margarets Road, Finglas, D11	95	2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Tyrrelstown Square, Hollywoodrath, Dublin 15	120	2026

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to change