



# **Chief Executive's Management Report**

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## **Chief Executive's Foreword**

Recent spells of glorious sunshine across the county brought a steady stream of visitors to our coastline with people taking to the water to enjoy swimming and water sports and to relax on our beaches. We are fortunate in Fingal to have a scenic coastline which stretches 88km from Howth to north of Balbriggan, three large protected estuaries and salt marsh habitats as well as 13 major beaches. In May, Fingal County Council was again awarded Blue Flags and Green Coasts Awards. The beaches at Portmarnock (Velvet Strand) and Balcarrick Beach in Donabate have each retained their Blue Flag status, reflecting their outstanding water quality, safety, and environmental management. Balcarrick Beach has also once again received a Green Coast Award, which recognise beaches for their natural beauty, clean environment, and high-quality bathing water. These awards are the benchmark of excellence and a proud testament to the ongoing work conducted along our coast. Local communities, Tidy Towns and Clean Coasts groups play a significant role in assisting the Council in achieving Blue Flag and Green Coast awards and to ensure our beaches and bathing waters are kept clean and safe for all who use them. I wish to extend my thanks to all whose efforts have resulted the attaining of these awards year on year.

The communities of Malahide and Rush are trialling a new sustainability initiative that aims to remove disposal beverage cups from circulation by this November. We are all aware of the campaigns urging consumers to move away from single use cups, for which recycling rates remain low, but thanks to the Fingal Reusable Cup Project, it will be easier to move towards a more climate friendly approach when availing of your next coffee. During the six month pilot, participating cafés in Rush and Malahide will offer free reusable takeaway cups for those who don't already own one of their own. Customers can simply borrow a VYTAL cup to enjoy their drink and then return it at any participating location within 14 days, for free. This is very much a collaborative effort with local communities, schools, Chambers of Commerce, business owners, sports clubs and parish councils all working together in supporting the participating café's and working towards the goal of zero single use cups.

The Regional Waste Management Planning Offices are funding the initiative and it is hoped that that the scheme will be extended to other locations within Fingal following the successful pilot period.

I am very pleased that this year Fingal's Summer Project Initiative will be supporting 41 projects across the county due to an increased allocation of funding in 2025. Last year, the initiative was allocated €62,000 and supported 32 groups. In 2025, almost €89,000 has been ringfenced to deliver a 20-hour programme of supervised recreational and educational activities aimed at young people. This year's funding increase, which was enthusiastically supported by the Elected Members, reflects the growing numbers of participating children taking part across the county. The programme is varied, inclusive and structured with children from diverse communities and socio-economic backgrounds coming together to experience enjoyable, educational and fun activities over the summer period. I wish all involved in the delivery of the project every success.

Fingal County Council has received an ecological habitat which was designed and constructed by daa as compensation for the removal of 15.8km of hedgerow during the construction of the North Runway. The eight hectare site in Kilsallaghan contains a wetland and a bat roost and was carefully designed with existing species and habitats at the location in mind. Native wildflowers, shrubs and trees will attract wildlife to the habitat which will be curated by the Council's Biodiversity team who will limit visits to the area to educational trips and events in order to preserve the sensitivity of the area. This is an excellent example of how ecological protection and promotion can be forged from development for the benefit of the local community.

I hope you enjoy this video on the habitat.

<https://youtu.be/8qMUAmq-TvY>

Best wishes,

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

## PEOPLE, CORPORATE AND DIGITAL SERVICES

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### Learning & Development Update

Learning & Development	Year to date
Number of courses	157
Number of Attendees	1567
Number of Training Days	1395

Throughout June, courses will be delivered in the areas of Pre-Retirement Planning, Teleporter, Safe Disposal of Needlesticks, Introduction to Excel and many more.

### Wellbeing

The Wellbeing Team remains committed to fostering a healthy, supportive environment for all staff. New wellbeing initiatives are regularly rolled out aimed at helping employees reduce stress, build resilience, and access the support they need.

Staff feedback has been very encouraging with reports from staff feeling more supported and better equipped to manage everyday challenges. The Wellbeing Team actively continue to encourage staff members to explore the wellbeing resources available and take advantage of the services that best suit their needs.

### HSU – Health & Safety Unit

A total of 78 VDU assessments for remote and office-based staff working with display screen equipment have been undertaken since January 2025. To date 2079 staff have been assessed for work with display screen equipment since the current assessment program was rolled out in 2018. The HSU continued to field staff requests of a variety of safety issues including advice on smoking cessation and advice on evacuation of persons with reduced mobility during fire alarm activations.

The HSU in May 2025 compiled and submitted Fingal County Council's entry for the 2025 NISO occupational health and safety awards. The competition is across the Island of Ireland under the auspices of the Northern Ireland Safety Group NISG and the National Irish Safety Organisation NISO and is external validation of the Council's safety management system.

### Customer Services

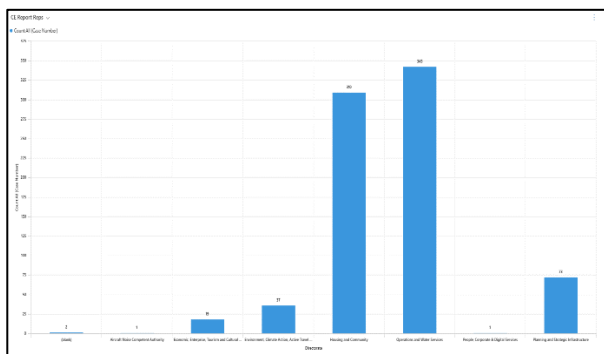
Customer Care Unit Statistics – May 2025

Total No. of Calls dealt with by CCU	Total No. of Emails dealt with by CCU	Presenting In Person
12,087	1,086	1,888

### 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 May is 786 broken down as follows:





## DIGITAL SERVICES

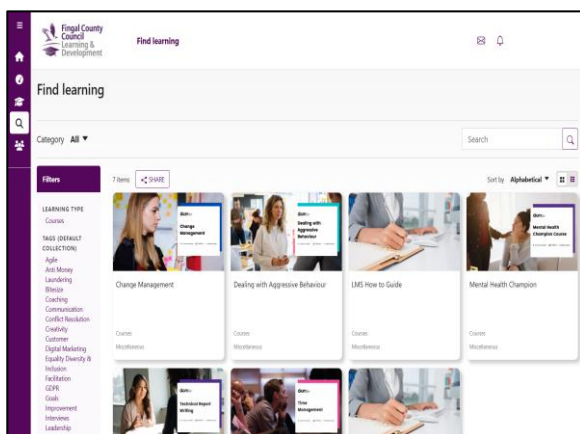
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### New Learning Management System

People Services and Digital Services launched a new Learning Management System (LMS) this month. The system aims to enhance the learning and development experience for staff.

The benefits of the system include:

- User-Friendly Interface: Seamless navigation for an intuitive learning experience
- On-Demand Courses: Staff are encouraged to enroll in the courses available, learning at their own pace.
- Progress Tracking: Progress can be monitored through the tracking and reporting features.



### Smart Balbriggan

Smart Balbriggan helped organise and support the Our Nature Festival in Balbriggan hosted by Balbriggan Tidy Towns.

15 Street Games were also developed in collaboration with local artists for the Family Fun Day in Balbriggan with Active Travel.

Smart Balbriggan also travelled with the street games to host them in Blanchardstown and Malahide during the Family Days for Bike Week across Fingal during the month.



## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Digital Statistics**

The fingal.ie website has 150,326 visitors during May which was an increase of 19,689 on the previous month while the number of page views rose by 39,079 to 337,993. The average time spent on the site rose by five seconds to 1 minute and 54 seconds.

Almost 21,000 people viewed the Affordable Housing section of the website during the month with the planning, recycling and jobs pages also experiencing a high volume of traffic. The number of followers across the nine corporate social media channels has risen to 97,094.

The Facebook account achieved a major milestone during May as it now has 40,309 followers, its posts had a total of 2,032,627 views and a reach of 347,251 with 17,306 interactions which is an engagement rate of 5%.

The most popular post was on May 22 about Skerries Pier being closed. It had a reach of 93,511 with 408 interactions.

Instagram now has 14,034 followers and registered 393,470 views during May. Reach was 35,849 and there were 4,672 interactions which was an engagement rate of 13%. The most read post was about traffic arrangements in Balbriggan for the funeral of Garda Kevin Flatley which had a reach of 5,003 and 111 interactions. The number of LinkedIn followers is now 11,552. The engagement rate for May was 1% from 50,800 impressions.

The number of followers on X continues to reduce month on month and is now at 23,385 which is a reduction of 195 since the start of the year.

The growth of WhatsApp continued and this channel now has 3,217 followers.

The numbers currently following the other corporate channels are Threads (1,382), TikTok (1,046) and Bluesky (419).

Fourteen videos were added to the Council's YouTube Channel which saw the number of subscribers grow to 1,750. Videos published included three from the Conscious Kitchen series as well as two road safety videos and videos on the Digging Drumanagh project and the Football and Fitness Transition Year Course graduation. Videos can be viewed at

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



### **Press Releases**

There were 28 press releases and media invitations issued during May. Topics included Blue Flags, Bathing Water Quality, Baldoyle Library and Kellystown Cemetery.

### **Media Queries**

Media queries received by the Communications Unit during May included questions about Dublin Airport, Cemetery Sunday, Swords Cultural Quarter, Schools Wardens, Flavours of Fingal and Donabate Library.

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### TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

#### 'Fingal Tourism Together' Event



Around 50 tourism related Fingal businesses were formally welcomed by the Mayor to the inaugural business to business event 'Fingal Tourism Together' at the Grand Hotel, Malahide on 14<sup>th</sup> May, bringing together key stakeholders and businesses in the tourism, leisure and food sectors in Fingal. The event was a great success with lots of opportunity for informal and formal networking and briefings on the implementation of both the Tourism Strategy and Food & Drink Policy as well as a very informative and well received presentation by award winning travel writer Nicola Brady.



#### Fingal Food Network



An invitation has issued to all food related businesses in the Fingal area to join the revamped Fingal Food Network that will be known as the 'Fingal Food Circle'. To date, 35 businesses have joined the network with representation from producers, cafes/restaurants and hotels. The committee has agreed on new branding and a logo for the network and this will be unveiled shortly and rolled out in the run up to Flavours of Fingal. A new map showing all members businesses and location will go into production shortly as part of the marketing drive for the network.

## EVENTS

### Swords Concerts 2025

Limited availability 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](http://www.eventsinfingal.ie)



### Flavours of Fingal County Show

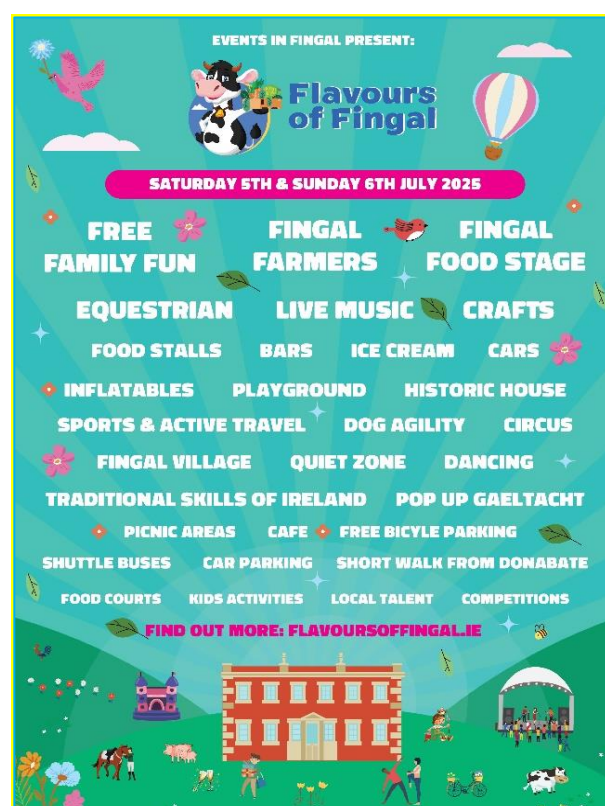
The Flavours of Fingal County Show is Fingal County Council's flagship annual event, attracting up to 70,000 visitors over two days. Held at the historic Newbridge House and Farm, this vibrant free family fun festival seamlessly blends agriculture, Equestrian food, culture, and community spirit.

Delivered by Fingal County Council in partnership with key stakeholders, the show features everything from local artisan produce and livestock displays to live entertainment, kids' activities, and interactive exhibitions. Best of all—it's free to enter, with no charge for activities, making it one of Ireland's most accessible large-scale events.

At the Flavours of Fingal County Show, Fingal County Council proudly showcases its wide range of services in the dedicated Fingal Village marquee.

This interactive space is led by the Communication Unit allows members of the public to engage directly with staff from across the Council's departments, learn about ongoing initiatives, and discover the full scope of services that support communities across the county.

From environment, active travel, sports, arts to community development, tourism, libraries, emergency services, and more — the Fingal Village marquee is a central hub for information, engagement, and innovation.



### Festival & Events Funding – May/June Allocations

Fingal County Council is pleased to announce that €244,325 in Festival and Events Funding has been allocated to a wide range of community groups, cultural organisations, sports clubs, and local initiatives across the county for the months of May and June.

These grants support the delivery of festivals, events, and activities that enhance community life, celebrate local culture, and contribute to Fingal's vibrant event calendar.

Funding recipients include:

- Skerries Camera Club
- Ballyboughal Community Council
- Broadmeadow Community Garden
- Swords Celtic F.C
- Leinster Branch Irish Pipe Band Association
- Balbriggan Tidy Towns
- Malahide Tidy Towns
- Baldoyle Forum CLG
- Fingal Ravens Gaelic Football Club
- Irish Institute of Music and Song
- The Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival Committee
- Visit Howth Peninsula
- Naul Community Council
- Skerries Rowing Club
- Skerries Ukulele Strummers
- Skerries Tourism
- Howth Yacht Club
- Children 4 World Children (C4WC) CLG
- MIND Ireland
- St Luke's Community & Family Group
- Balbriggan & Skerries Fishing Club
- Greater Cochin Club
- Balbriggan and District Historical Society
- BORD CHONTAE ATHA CLIATH COMHALTAS
- The Seamus Ennis Centre
- Danse Fusion
- Fingal Rowing Club
- Castleknock Village Festival Committee
- Dublin Plein Air Painting Festival
- Ballyboughal Boxing Club
- Skerries Sailing Club
- Skerries Mills Community Garden
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- Lusk Action Group
- Lusk AC
- Fingal Triathlon Club
- Volleyball Ireland
- Currachaí na Sceirí
- St Lawrence Pipe Band Howth
- Skerries Traditional Music Weekend
- Balbriggan LGBTQ
- Balbriggan Summerfest
- Courtlough Outdoors Adventures Ltd t/a Flynn Park
- Skerries Mid-Summer Festival

This diverse group of awardees reflects Fingal's commitment to supporting inclusive, community-led events that promote economic development, well-being, creativity, accessibility and cultural diversity.

## **HERITAGE PROPERTIES**

### **Newbridge House and Farm**

The Courtyard Kitchen will host another BBQ workshop with Man Street Kitchen on the 15<sup>th</sup> June. This event will cover barbecue maintenance and smoking techniques together with a live cooking demo.



Afterwards the attendees will enjoy slow-cooked food and drinks. This limited-space event is a perfect Father's Day treat, booking is essential.

### **Malahide Castle**

A recent structural assessment of the roof at South Lodge, located at the main entrance to the demesne, has identified significant issues with the condition and stability of the roof slates. The inspection revealed that the nails securing the slates are rusting, causing several slates to slip from their fixings which now poses a safety risk.



Hoarding has been erected to the front of property to ensure public safety. A works package has been prepared with costings currently being prepared by the Architects Department.



## Swords Castle



Over 2,500 people attended the second of the summer food markets that took place in Swords Castle on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May. Bathed in glorious sunshine, visitors enjoyed the great atmosphere of the bustling market with lots of opportunities for the whole family to enjoy weekend browsing and relaxing with tasty treats under colourful new gazebos and beanbags dotted around the site.

## Ardgillan Castle



The Board of Ardgillan Castle Limited has agreed to invest over €100k in improving the heritage offering at Ardgillan Castle. They are in discussion with an interpretation design consultancy who will create a more contemporary and creative experience that brings the tour to life and attracts a new audience. It is anticipated that the tour upgrade will be completed by the end of the year.

## CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

### Arts Development

#### **Youth & Education**

Space Crafts is a two-year arts & science initiative engaging over 200 children across eight primary schools in Dublin 15. This month artists Mary Jo Galligan, Julie MacConville and Aileen Murphy, together with scientist Sadhbh Leahy of Dunsink Observatory and pupils of Scoil Oilibhéir, collaborated to create individual cyanotype prints and an astonishing large scale fabric piece inspired by the curious figure-eight pattern that traces the sun's annual path through the sky known as the 'analemma'.



#### **Public Art**

Adam Gibney - Tidal Composition 1 - Fall and Rise  
Balbriggan Library, borrow a S.A.L.I.E -On  
Thursday 15th May,



Fingal Arts Office extended an invitation to experience the culmination of *Tidal Composition 1: Fall and Rise* an artwork by Adam Gibney. Central to this project is the SALIE (Sound and Light Interactive Emitter) network - a technological bridge between the Irish Sea and our inner emotional landscapes.

The new artwork was launched as part of this years 'Hello How Are You?' Event organised by Thrive Balbriggan in conjunction with partner organisations and individuals. Adam worked with Thrive Balbriggan and Empower to facilitate engagement with their WRAP Programme participants who brought the SALIE's and the calming, meditative properties of the sea into their homes.



Library members are invited to borrow one of the S.A.L.I.E artworks for 1 week. It comes complete with logbook and user information so that you can bring the calming effects of the sea into their space and engage in its meditative benefits until the June 6th.



### Hide FM Podcast

The hide FM podcast is a work of art by artist Garrett Phelan. It takes the form of 28 imagined and performed monologues on 28 birds that are visitors to the Rogerstown Estuary, Lusk, North County Dublin, Ireland. 12 of the 28 birds he features are on the endangered RED list. 10 of the birds are on the endangered AMBER list and 6 are on the GREEN LIST.

The HIDE FM - Podcast IS NOT REAL. It is an 'IMAGINED, PERFECT' landscape. Each week we will release a podcast that will focus on one bird from the area.



### Creative Places Balbriggan

A strategy workshop was held in May with the Arts Office team to work on the vision and main pillars of work of the Creative Places Balbriggan programme for 3 years. The main pillars of work will be Youth, Climate and Creative Industries. The coordinator also attended the Creative Places Network support meeting in the Arts Council, the KPMG Children's Books Ireland Awards and supported the opening of "On the Altar of The Arts 2025" local art exhibition in Millfield Shopping Centre, Balbriggan featuring work from 22 local artists.





### Loughshinny Boathouse Artist Studio Award Closing event

'Scríobhtar é sna Carraigeacha / It's Written in the Rocks' took place on 12<sup>th</sup> May and celebrated the outcomes of artist Louis Haugh's residency which was designed to enable an artist to reflect on climate change, biodiversity and the coastal habitats of the area.

Featuring an open studio exhibition showcasing a collection of artworks created during the residency in response to Loughshinny's biodiversity and geology, each piece reflected Louis Haugh's deep engagement with the coastal environment and the local community throughout his residency.

Visitors also had the opportunity to take part in walk and talk sessions led by environment experts to discuss the unique biodiversity and geology of Loughshinny. Dr. Quentin Crowley, Prof. of Geology and Director of the Centre for the Environment Trinity College Dublin led an engaging talk on the area's geological features and Fingal County Council's Executive Biodiversity Officer, Lorraine Bull's session on the shoreline offered visitors valuable insights into Loughshinny's coastal biodiversity.

There was over 70 people in attendance.



### Awards and residencies

Graphic Studio Dublin Fine Art Print residency award open for applications from 19th May-27th June 2025. Graphic Studio Dublin, are offering two Fine-Art Print Residencies. It is planned that the two-week residencies will take place in Autumn/Winter 2025/2026 at a date to be agreed with the artists.



The Age & Opportunity and Tyrone Guthrie Centre residency award 2025 applications open 12th May-9th June at 5:00pm. This residency award offers a professional visual artist and a professional writer over the age of 50+ the opportunity to research or develop new work. Recipients will receive two separate 2-week long residencies (1 month total per artist) including a small stipend. The residency must take place between July and December 2025.

Draíocht Artist Studio Residency Award opens 3rd June. This offers a 4-month paid Studio Residency in Draíocht's Artist Studio for the period September to December 2025. This Residency consists of the use of Draíocht's Visual Artist's Studio for the period above rent free in addition to a fee of €4,000 and €1,000 towards material costs.

### Draíocht

Our May/June programme is full with a variety and range of events that we are known for, on offer to the public. Performances such as Vladimir Jablovkov, 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 11<sup>th</sup> and runs until September 20<sup>th</sup>.

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 15<sup>th</sup> with a Sensory Day for local invited schools taking place on the 16<sup>th</sup> 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

May was a busy month for the Arts Centre, with a full programme of events covering traditional music, theatre, cinema, comedy and the visual arts.

### Music

Within traditional music, the Céilí Beag continues its success with 24 parents and toddlers being introduced to a different traditional instrument each week. The Pop-Up Gaeltacht, Singing Sessions (29 in person, 13 online) and Slow Sessions (24 in person, 19 online) continued to support both learners and those more experienced in engaging with the Irish language, instruments and song. We welcomed Quilty with Andy Irvine and Alannah Thornburgh & Macdara O Faolain for two intimate performances and ended the month with a commemoration event for Seamus Ennis featuring music and film. Kimmie Rhodes and Shelton & Williams rounded out the music for the month, along with two music events for seniors as part of Bealtaine.



### Theatre, Cinema & Comedy

We welcomed Frankie Cafferty and his play Lisdoon Nirvana, directed by Charlie Bonner on May 9, which featured live music by Cafferty. Cinema this month ranged from the Iranian My Favourite Cake, to the Latin American/US La Cocina and Italian Cinema Paradiso. An international journey for all visitors. Rounding out the month was a night of hilarity with David McSavage.

## Visual Arts

We were delighted to host the Graphic Studio Dublin Exhibition, Home, drawn from a partnership with the Simon Community. A fascinating Talk & Print demonstration took place within the gallery, explaining some of the numerous processes involved in printmaking. The exhibition closes on May 31<sup>st</sup>.



We hosted a sold-out Mosaic Workshop and a sun-filled Food Fair, with produce from across Fingal (flowers, vegetables, fish, craft and cakes). Our next exhibition will open on June 4<sup>th</sup> and will feature Triona Sweeney and Elaine O'Dea (Art and Sculpture).

## Libraries

### Baldoyle Library re-opens



The Renovated Baldoyle Library was officially reopened to the public by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Brian McDonagh on 23rd May after substantial renovation works over the past months. The renovation modernised the library to serve the needs of the community in Baldoyle into the future. Baldoyle Library is one of the first public buildings in the Council's stock to be decarbonised by retrofitting it with a heat pump. Renovations include upgraded computer rooms and desk areas, seating areas for reading, a children's activity room, and a sensory garden. The works also include a suite of energy efficiency improvements. The My Open Library service has resumed, providing patrons with access to library services from 8am to 10pm, seven days a week.

## Library Development

The (re) development Skerries and Donabate (Ballisk House) Libraries continue, progressing in line with current plans and expected to open to the public in the coming months.

## Cruinniú na nÓg



Creative Fingal presents Cruinniú na nÓg - a day of free creativity for young people on Saturday, 7th June. The programme is responding to the creative interests of young people living in Fingal as expressed in the Voice of The Child Survey, and includes creative writing workshops, author and illustrator visits, coding classes, magic shows, circus performers, and much more. Events will take place across all library branches, while Blanchardstown, Balbriggan and Malahide Libraries will each host a 'Carnival of Curiosity'.



This year's Cruinniú late event is 'We Own the Castle', an evening of performances from young talent in music, and poetry hosted by Fingal Libraries and Garageland Galaxy for a teenage audience. The Draíocht Arts Centre will host Shapes & Structures – Creative Response Space, a relaxed environment for parents and children to engage in creative play. Selma Daniel Dance will present 'OutWall', an immersive dance experience. The Walls Project from Waterford Walls will encourage young people to design and paint murals. Author and Illustrator Chris Judge will unveil Fingal Future Visions, a time capsule art project he designed with four Fingal schools to see what Fingal, and the world, will look like twenty years from now.

### **My Little Library Bag**



The My Little Library Bag is a national initiative designed for all children who will be starting school in September 2025. Its goal is to provide each child with a specially prepared bag containing two books and the opportunity to become a library member. Children and families can now collect their My Little Library Bag from all Fingal Library branches.

### **Guide to Resources for Primary Schools**

Fingal Libraries has produced a guide for teachers, educators, parents and guardians of children in Fingal, highlighting its free resources for primary schools and students. The guide, Fingal Libraries: Free Resources for Primary Schools, is available to view and download on the Fingal Libraries website. Hard copies are also available in library branches.

### **Pride Events**

Balbriggan Library is celebrating Pride month in June with two author talks. Playwright Phillip McMahon will be in conversation with journalist Una Mullally about his play 'Once Before I Go' on 11th June. Author Páraic Kerrigan will speak about his work and share stories of trailblazers and change makers in Irish society, drawing on oral history and archival evidence on 14th June.

### **Bealtaine Festival**



The Bealtaine Festival, Ireland's national celebration of the arts and creativity for older adults, ran in Fingal Libraries throughout the month of May. Events and workshops included literary readings, live music, poetry workshops, film screenings, glass etching, wreath-making, painting, calligraphy, embroidery, cyanotype photography, intergenerational arts and crafts workshops, and a beginners' bodhrán course, as well as a selection of interesting talks. Older people in Fingal responded enthusiastically to the opportunity to express their creativity and learn a new skill.

### **Dublin Climate Action Week**

Events to celebrate Dublin Climate Action Week took place in several libraries between 12th – 18th May. Ciarán Conneely of Dublin Community Growers gave a talk on how community gardens can mitigate the effects of climate change. Self Help Africa delivered a workshop on ethical fashion to transition year students in Balbriggan Library. A Codema Home Energy advice pop-up clinic took place in Malahide Library to assist members of the public in using the home energy saving kits available from libraries.

## Africa Day



Balbriggan Library celebrated Africa Day with a family-friendly music event featuring musician Darren Rogers and John Nukepor. Dr. Olusegun Morakinyo gave a lecture on the intersecting histories of Africa and Ireland. An exhibition of pictures of African collections from the National Museum of Ireland and the National Museum of Northern Ireland will run in the library until 13th June. Blanchardstown Library hosted an in-conversation event with three writers, Melatu Uche Okorie, Neo Florence Gilson, and Gonchighand Byambaa, moderated by Evelyn Nomayo.

## Outreach at Swords Castle Food Market

Fingal Libraries hosted the 'chapel programme' at the new Swords Castle Food Market on Saturday, 17th May. Library staff spoke with members of the public about all the services libraries have to offer. Anna Browne gave a talk on seed saving, and children's author Shane Hegarty read from his work, engaging children of all ages.

## Economic Development Fingal Skills Strategy



EETCD continues to support and drive the actions 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 to explore and discuss opportunities to promote skills development in these sectors with key education and industry stakeholders.

## Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo 2025

Under Theme 2 of the Strategy the Xplore Your Future Expo is a key deliverable, and planning is underway for the 2025 Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo which is open to all TY students in Fingal secondary schools. The Expo is scheduled to take place in The Helix, DCU on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2025, building on the success of the last two TY Skills Expo Events.

This year's edition is set to be the largest yet with over 2500 students from across Fingal registered to attend.



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



The "Xplore Your Future" Student Skills Competition" derived from participation in the Intereg 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.

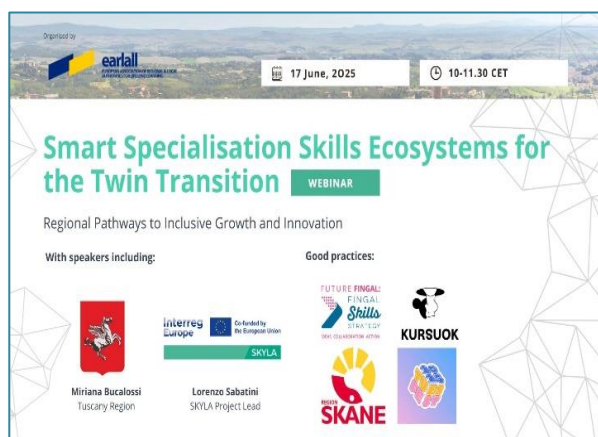
The aim of the competition is to create awareness and understanding amongst secondary school children/teachers of the potential career paths and opportunities, fostering and building a future skills pipeline for key industry sectors within the Fingal economy.

### Interreg Skyla Project



Fingal continues to participate in the SKYLA partnership, representing seven regions to enhance VET's role in innovation ecosystems, strengthen links between SMEs and VET providers, and boost regional capacity to anticipate and meet skills needs.

Reporting on the policy instrument improvement was submitted in May outlining the adoption of the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy which includes details on improvements made to Strategy as a result of learning from the good practices of the partners.



In June the project team will take part in the SKYLA webinar - Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition Regional Pathways to Inclusive Growth and Innovation. and present on the Fingal Skills Strategy.

### Bi-Lateral Exchange

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



### URBACT-EcoCore

## The EcoCore Project

Green Transition in Small Cities along Transport Corridors

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 Secretariat.





The EcoCore Project team visited Alba Iulia, Romania from the 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> of May for the project network meeting where partners conducted peer reviews of each cities Integrated Action Plans (IAPs).



The network meeting included site visits to local industries showcasing their work in digital and green sectors, including Delex, who have designed and constructed the only carbon neutral building in Romania.

The group also visited IPEC, one of the top 5 producers of ceramics in the world who haven implemented robotics on the production line.



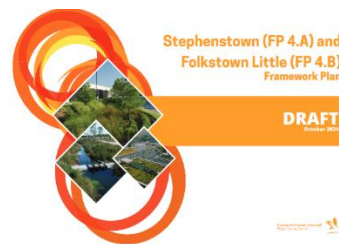
A key deliverable of meeting was to participate in the Integrated Action Plan (IAP) peer review workshop, where project partners comprehensively reviewed and critiqued each other's Integrated Action Plans. Balbriggan IAP received constructive feedback which is being incorporated into the draft IAP which will be presented to the URBACT Local Group (ULG) for their input at the next ULG meeting scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> of June.



EETCD presented at the second annual joint URBACT-European Urban Initiative Irish information session in Custom House on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. The event was organised by EMRA (Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly, the national contact point entity for URBACT and EU in Ireland.

This was a great opportunity for Fingal showcase our participation in an EU City to City Exchange Project with other Local Authority representatives and to highlight our position as the first Local Authority in Ireland to lead an URBACT project.

### Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plans

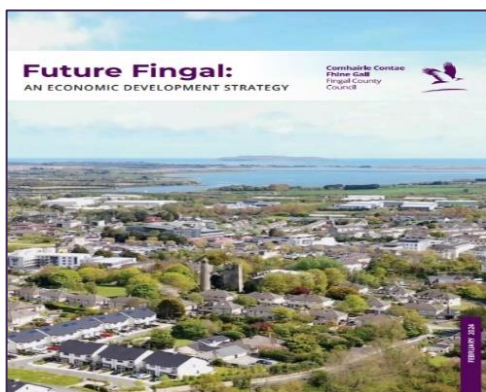


The Draft Stephenstown (FP 4.A) & Folkstown Little (FP 4.B) Framework Plan was on public display from 17<sup>th</sup> October to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

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. An update on progress was delivered in a briefing to the Elected Members on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

## 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



In collaboration with Fingal Chamber and as part of Climate Action Week (12-16<sup>th</sup> May), EETCD is hosted a series of four 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 focussed on sustainable business practices for the food and hospitality sector in Fingal and informed businesses to implement waste reduction and sustainable food practices to help them achieve both cost savings and efficiency through sustainable business practices.

This was 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.



## Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainability Strategy

Procurement is nearing completion for the provision of consultancy services to prepare Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainable Strategy which will complement and support 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 Peaceplus 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



EETCD has joined the Circular Cities & Regions Initiative (CCRI) Community of Practice on Supporting Local Circular Businesses and participated in the first working group on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May.

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 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.

Following the EcoCore Hackathon held in October 2025, EETCD and Smart Balbriggan are progressing with a feasibility study on the winning concept to examine the potential for a Circular Economy Hub and Digital Platform.

## 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.

EETCD is working with DBEC to lead on an application for funding to InterTrade Ireland for the development of an innovation support programme, building on the work that Fingal lead on for DBEC in 2023 for a Feasibility Study on Innovation Support and funded by the Shared Island Fund.

## 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 met on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and focused on LECP Theme 3: Skills for Life & Work and discussed approaches to advance delivery on objectives under this theme. The next meeting of the LCDC will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> 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

DRCD is seeking proposals for additional New Arrivals Funding by the 30<sup>th</sup> May and an application for additional funding for Fingal has been submitted.

The mid-year SICAP review is scheduled to take place in June for the LCDC's review and approval in July.

Pobal delivered finance and IRIS training on 22<sup>nd</sup> May to LCDC support staff in advance of the submission date.



## 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 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and approved 8 Projects for funding. The next Dublin Rural LAG meeting is scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.dublinruralleader.ie) or contact [rdinfo@fingalleaderpartnership.ie](mailto:rdinfo@fingalleaderpartnership.ie)

## Local Enhancement Programme 2025

The Local Enhancement Programme 2025 launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



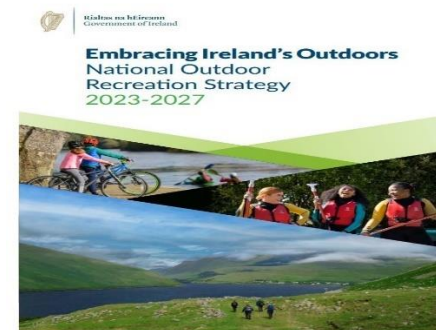
Fingal County Council was allocated a total of €268,827 in funding for Groups across the county €230,423 in Capital Funding and €38,404 in Current Funding.

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 2025.

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 project was submitted under **Measure 2**.

1 application for improvement works around the Balbriggan Boathouse and Bathhouse was submitted under **Measure 3**.



### Healthy Steps

Healthy Fingal is developing three walking initiatives in Balbriggan, Donabate, and Dublin 15 under the "Healthy Steps" project, with support from the HSE, Empower and Fingal's Sports Office. These community-based walks allow GPs and healthcare professionals to refer patients, promoting both physical activity and mental wellbeing. The Donabate walk has been running successfully for the past two years as part of the Woodlands for Health initiative, which supports mental health through nature-based activity. This walk will continue under the same name and like the walk in Millennium Park and Balbriggan is now open to referrals through Healthy Steps.





### 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. A fun colouring/drawing competition took place in both schools with information on signing up to the Smoke Free Homes Challenge sent out to all student homes. To date, 57 families have signed up to the initiative, which will take place over 4 weeks in June, with parents receiving support materials and information on maintaining a smoke free home/car and signposting participants towards quit smoking supports in the community.



### 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 most 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

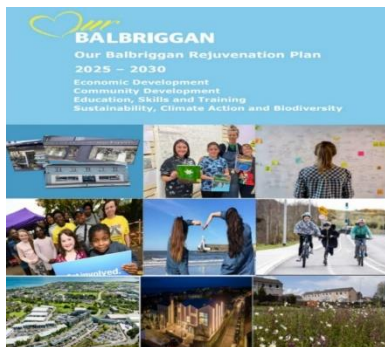


The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the local Leadership Group, in the stewardship and oversight of the implementation of the Balbriggan Socio-Economic plan 2024 – 2030. Four multi-stakeholder groups meet periodically, to progress opportunities around Economic Development, Education, 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 formally adopted a set of new Pillar Action Workplans for the period 2025 – 2030 and has now moved to implementation phase. The Leadership Group are scheduled to meet next on June 25th with Pillar Groups scheduled to meet during 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](http://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 Q3 2025.



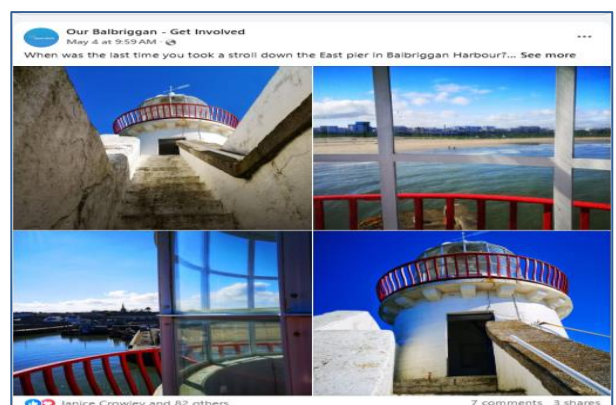
An Integrated Design Team has been appointed for the DeBrunns site and are progressing work on design options based on best possible uses and site constraints. Stakeholder engagement sessions with local community, civic and business groups, and neighbouring properties have been completed. Insights gained 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 was published on Consult.ie on May 9<sup>th</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.



### **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.

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

A feasibility study is currently being completed regarding the potential of a farmers' market, and a request for tender process has commenced in relation to the Central Parks project.



Discussions regarding a new town team are ongoing and this is expected to be finalised soon.

### **Town Centre First - Balrothery**

Following on from the recent completion of a Town Centre First Health Check report, a meeting was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May with prospective members of the new town team for Balrothery to discuss draft terms of reference, town team composition, and future government funding possibilities. Finalisation of the new town team structure for Balrothery is expected to take place before the end of May, with its inaugural meeting expected to take place in June.



### **Town Centre First - Ballyboughal**

A Town Centre First Health Check report has been completed for Ballyboughal. A meeting was subsequently held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May with potential members to discuss draft terms of reference, town team composition, and possibilities for future government funding. The town team is expected to be finalised before the end of May, with its inaugural meeting will be expected to take place in June.



### **Town Centre First - Donabate**

Similar to Balrothery and Ballyboughal, a Town Centre First Health Check report has also been completed for Donabate and a meeting was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May regarding composition of the new town team and draft terms of reference, as well as future government funding possibilities. It is expected that the new town team will hold its inaugural meeting in June.





### **Town Centre First – Rush**

The Town Centre First capacity process continues to move forward in Rush, with workshops held on 07 May and 19 May, to identify areas of need and corresponding actions which the town team will focus on when established. Additional workshops are scheduled for June.



### **Town & Village Renewal Schemes**

The Town Regeneration Office is currently facilitating two approved projects under the Town & Village Renewal 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 scheduled to be completed by October 2025.

A new call for projects in 2025 was announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development in March. 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 website and social media channels throughout April and May 2025, and will continue to do so until the closing date for receipt of Expressions of Interest on June 13<sup>th</sup> 2025. Additional information, including the Expression of Interest form, is available on [www.fingal.ie](http://www.fingal.ie).



### **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 improvement.

Letters of Offer have been issued to successful applicants and improvement works will be carried out over the coming months.



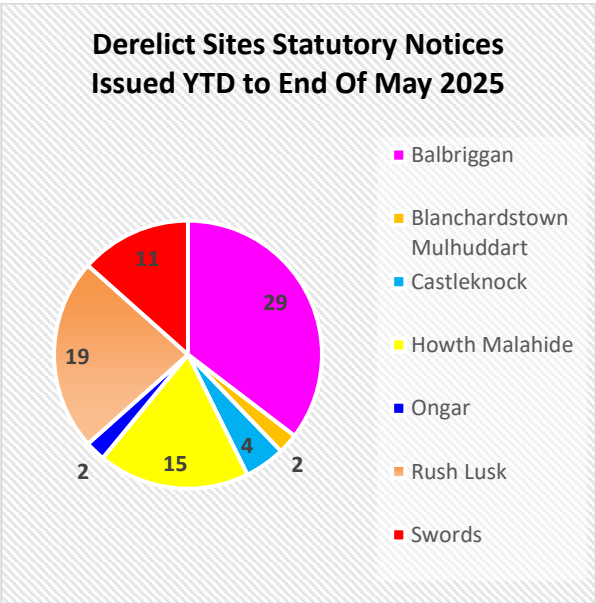
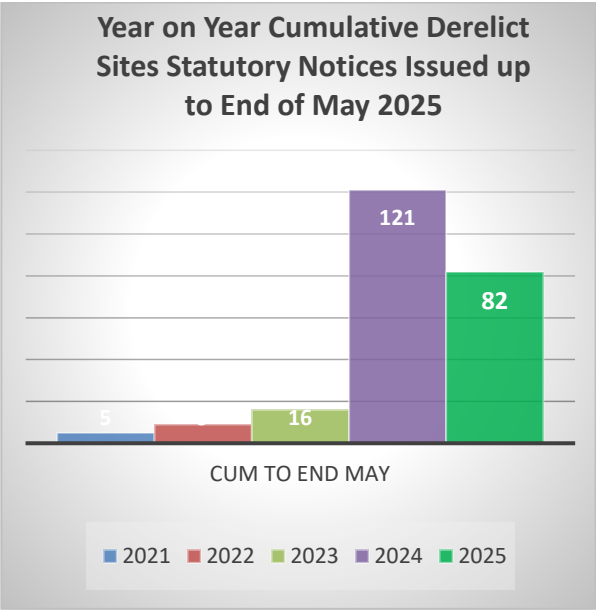
### **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme Project**

One project was approved under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for 2024, "Sea Swimming at Skerries Springs".

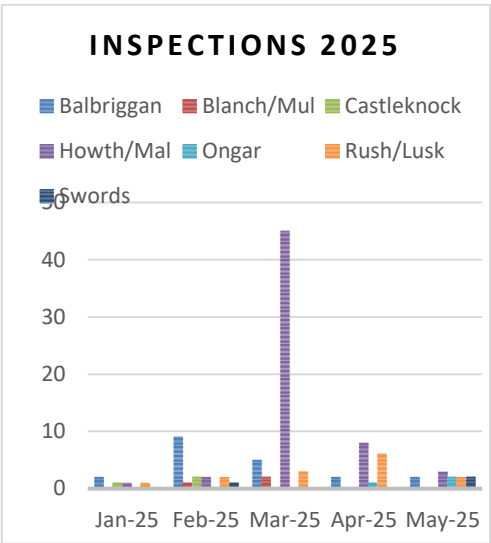
An options report has now been received from the designated consultant, and is currently being reviewed.

**Derelict Sites**

82 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 since the start of 2025 resulting in a further 11 derelict sites being added to the Derelict Sites Register.



There has been a total of 105 inspections carried out year to date through referrals from members of the public and through the activity of the Derelict Sites team.



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](mailto: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 May 2025 are as follows:

**National Enterprise Awards 2025**



The National Enterprise Awards is a national competition in which the finalists from each of the 31 Local Enterprise Office areas compete for the National awards. This year, **Cuty Gupta from Cozmotec CG Consulting Ltd** represented Fingal at the National Enterprise Awards final in the Mansion House on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025. LEO Fingal is proud to announce that Cozmotec has been named the Dublin Region Winner and are acknowledged as a standout business in Dublin. Cozmotec are leading the way in providing business process automation and AI-driven solutions. LEO Fingal are also delighted to announce that **Tom Keogh**, founder of **Keogh's Crisps** scooped the Outstanding Achievement Award at the National Enterprise Awards.

Local Enterprise Office Fingal is delighted to have provided support to both Cozmotec and Keogh's Crisps, the LEO Fingal team are working hard to ensure that Cozmotec continue to get the support they need as they grow their business internationally. While Keogh's Crisps, led by Tom Keogh, who transformed his family's 200-year-old farming legacy into an internationally recognised crisp brand, employing over 150 people in Fingal will continue to receive support from Enterprise Ireland as they grow from strength to strength.

Several Fingal-based businesses have achieved success in the National Enterprise Awards over recent years. Last year, PRM Assist Ltd won the Dublin Region award, in 2023 Cream of the Crop Ltd won the Green/Sustainability Award, while in 2022, Farmony, clinched the Dublin Region award. Other previous National Winners from Fingal included Kianda in Blanchardstown, Hope Beer in Howth, flight simulation company "Simtech Aviation", as well as software companies "Vromo" and "IFS Ltd." from Dublin 15.

## Fingal Enterprising Women Network



The Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) - Resilient by Design event on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, was a great success, bringing together women entrepreneurs for an engaging fireside chat with Dr. Rosalind Beere. The discussion explored resilient leadership, financial confidence, and work-life balance, offering valuable perspectives and actionable insights. The event fostered meaningful connections, with a networking lunch providing an excellent opportunity for participants to continue conversations and build lasting relationships.

## Fingal Business Supports Briefing



Following the success of the Fingal Business Supports Briefing on May 7<sup>th</sup>, which had 95 registrants, the next session is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> at the RIASC Centre, Kinsealy. The May event saw strong engagement from local business owners, with attendees benefiting from expert guidance on training, mentorship, and grants. Interest in Business Advice Clinics, Start Your Own Business Courses, and Grant Application Workshops continues to grow, and the upcoming briefing will provide even more opportunities to access valuable support. The LEO Fingal team will once again offer Q&A sessions and one-on-one consultations, helping participants take the next steps in their business journey.



## Food Sectoral Supports



The latest Dublin regional Food Starter course began on 19<sup>th</sup> May led by LEO Fingal, 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. LEO Fingal welcomed participants and highlighted availability of supports including funding and Energy Efficiency Grants as well as Digital Programmes.

## Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) approved 4 projects for funding at its May meeting, bringing to €418,695 the total approved year to date 2025, for 22 applicants across Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants. The next EVAC meeting will be held online on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2025.

## Management Development



The latest Leadership for Business Acceleration programme concluded on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Participants now have a couple of months to work on their business plan and submit for review by the course providers. The current cohort will graduate and receive a certificate at the opening of the next course which is on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

The 8-week 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

This year there has been strong interest in this scheme with enquiries coming from restaurants, pubs and coffee shops. Seven companies have been approved year to date, with several businesses currently working on applications.

Two Success Story videos have been produced to highlight the benefits of this grant. Stories by Ola (Balbriggan) and PJ's Party & Childcare (Balbriggan). In addition, LEO Fingal team presented details of the Energy Efficiency Grant at Climate Action Week on 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May in Swords, Blanchardstown, Howth & Malahide. Businesses were met with on an individual basis to discuss the grant and other supports available.

## Trading Online Voucher Scheme



Trading Online Voucher scheme (now expired) 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. Before the scheme closed, a total of 45 applications were approved in 2025, in the amount of €94,138.

The Trading Online Voucher scheme has now closed, and the LEO team will continue to process grant payments from applications approved before the closing date. Approved applicants have 6 months from the date on their Letter of Offer to draw down their voucher before it expires.

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 288 clients availed of one-to-one appointments in Business Advice Clinics and 130 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 in 2025 year to date, a further 16 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 1848 participants year to date. There have been five Start Your Own Business courses with 60 participants and our first Digital Marketing course of 2025 commences on 12<sup>th</sup> June for 10 weeks. The sixth Start Your Own Business course commences on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

## Internationalisation & 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 with several businesses currently working on submissions.

### 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



Leo Fingal have approved 33 Digital for Business programmes year to date at a cost of €70,200 and have also approved 2 Grow Digital Vouchers worth €7,160. 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 support our clients.

### Lean for Business



*Lean into working smarter, not harder!*

Lean For Business is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness. Lean is for all companies, regardless of sector – not just for manufacturing companies.

LEO Fingal supports approved clients with a consultant who use Lean tools and techniques that help companies across the globe to address competitiveness issues within their businesses by building the capability of their people to identify problems, improve operations and create a more innovative organisation. Six clients have been approved for this programme in 2025.



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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	492	54	54	11	0
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	258	117	27	9	1
Howth/Malahide	229	51	16	6	0
Total	979	222	97	26	1

Works Programme  
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area - Parks

Rush

Planting on Shore Road, Rush.



Balrothery

Installation commenced at the Sports Capital funded Balrothery Tennis Club building.



Swords

Weed Removal from steps at Ward River Valley Park.

BEFORE:



AFTER:





New link path installed between Berwick Grove and Abbeyvale Grove.



New planter bed installed for Swords Tidy Towns.



Bin cleansing on Swords Main Street



## Balbriggan

New drainage installed in Bremore Castle by Roads Crew ahead of resurfacing works.



Core sampling and testing of subgrade on Fancourt Road and Balbriggan Street (R127) ahead of resurfacing works on this year's Programme of Works.

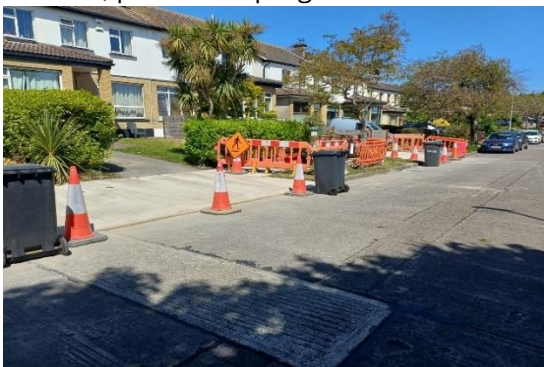






## Skerries

Footpath replacement programme Greenlawns, Skerries, part of the programme of works.



Beginning of perennial scheme at Skerries Mills





## Harbours

Damage inspection at Skerries Harbour.



Preparation for remedial works on Skerries Harbour Pier ongoing, application for Foreshore Licence from Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine is urgently required to undertake primary works. Application submitted 18th December 2024, permit expected end of 2025.

## Preliminary Dredge Assessment - Loughshinny Harbour

Initial surveys to include bathymetry, sediment sampling, trial pits, sub-surface sonar, preliminary structural review. Optimum dredge depth to be established.



## Blue Flag Raising Event

A blue flag as well as a Green Coast Award was awarded to Donabate Beach again for the 2025 Bathing Season.



## Howth/ Malahide Area

### Roads / Footpaths - Malahide



Footpath Repairs Read Arches Baldoyle and Blackthorn Close Portmarnock as part of the 2025 POW.



## Drainage Works



Replacement of Defective Drainage on Church Street and Harbour Road Howth as part of the 2025 POW.

## Cleansing, Beaches and Graveyards



Howth/Malahide beach cleaning.



Fly Tipping on Moyne Road.



Installation of new seasonal lifeguard huts in Howth/Malahide.



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





Howth East Pier toilets deep clean and servicing.

### Blue Flag Raising Event

A blue flag was awarded to Velvet Strand beach, Portmarnock again for the 2025 Bathing Season.



### Howth/Malahide Parks & Open Spaces Malahide Demesne

#### Resurfacing Main Avenue



Front Gates before works commenced.



Laying new surface front gates.



Line Marking front gates.



Front gates complete.





Front Avenue before works.



Planting front Avenue.



Top dressing of concert site:



Hoarding around south lodge:





## Malahide Concerts Series 2025

The Planning Event Licence has issued for the 2025 Malahide Concert Series.

The Acts and dates 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
- 4th July - Mumford & Sons

Meetings have been held with local residents and businesses in advance of the concerts.

## Talbot Botanic Gardens



Marquees for Wedding West Lawn.

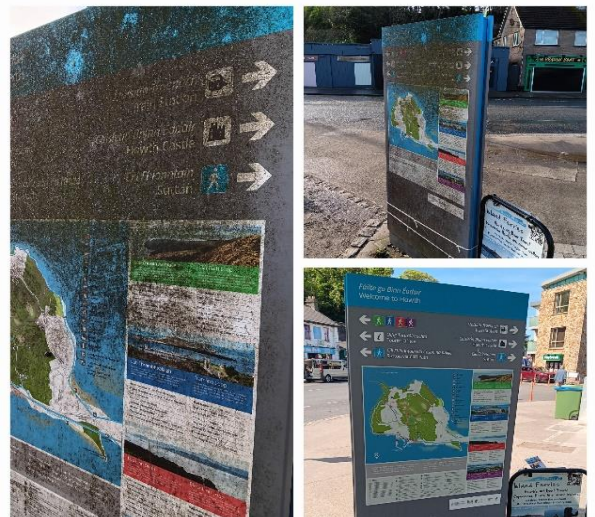


Bracteantha growing in Glasshouse for planting.



Planting Bracteantha in Australian Garden.

## Open Spaces - Howth Pathways



Cleaning of the primary Howth pathway signage.

## Resurfacing pathway on the Bog of Frogs





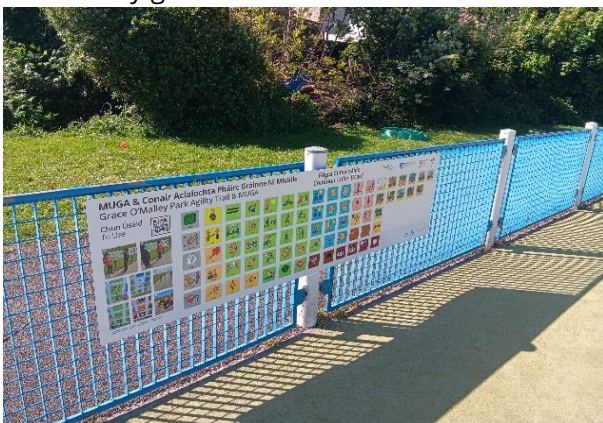


This area was extremely wet and slippery during rainy spells. Ballylusk and Greywack used in compliance with the biodiversity specification.

New communication boards installed for inclusive play.



Myrtle Square and Grace O'Malley MUGA and community gardens



## Seabury Playground



All-inclusive Ability and Age See Saw



Establishing new community gardens, Howth.

## St. Nessan's Terrace Community Gardens



This area was cleared of weeds and years of overgrowth, a stone surface was laid with hedging planted around the boundary. Raised beds for community gardening projects are planned for here.





St Nesson's Terrace Photos of Community Garden

**Castleknock/ Mulhuddart Area**  
**Darkness Into light Event St Catherine's Park**  
**Lucan Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025**



**Connect Events Millenium Park**





### Ash Die Back Tree Removal along Ongar Link Road

Please see attached ongoing Ash Die Back Tree removals along The Ongar link Road.



### Dunsink Lane 10 m of new railing placed on Dunsink Lane

New 10M of Solid Bar railings placed on Dunsink Lane .



### New Footpath laid at Community Garden in Tyrrelstown



New Footpath laid at Community Garden Tyrrelstown 12m



### Park Avenue Park Benches

New replacement Park benches in Park Avenue

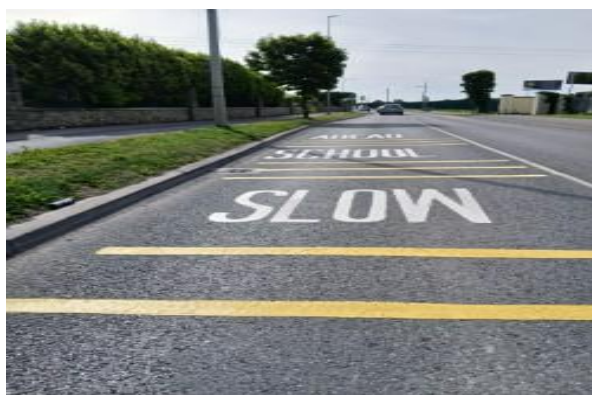




Surface water works Ongar Village



Road markings Cappagh Road



Tree works Huntstow Drive



## Car Parking Services

### Review of Parking Control Bye-Laws

A second briefing with Fingal Councillors on the review of the Parking Control Bye-Laws took place on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Councillors were presented with the proposed changes to the Bye-Laws, including proposals to introduce new Pay Parking locations, followed by a Q&A. The Draft Bye-Laws will go on display in June 2025 for public consultation and submissions.

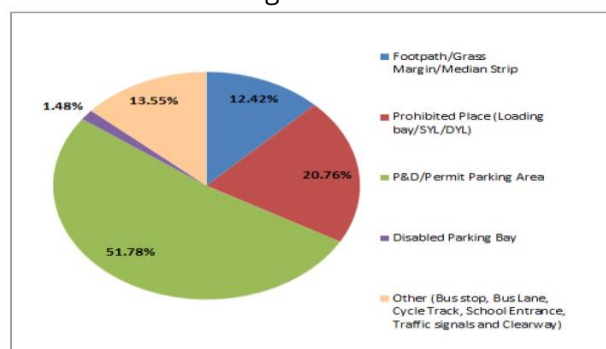
A meeting took place with the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 to discuss parking in Howth and to outline the proposals by the Council to introduce a pay parking scheme for Howth. A contractor has been appointed to design a scheme for the location, and a follow up meeting with DAFM has been arranged for 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

### April 2025

There were a total of 1151 parking tickets issued during April 2025. Main Ticketing Locations:

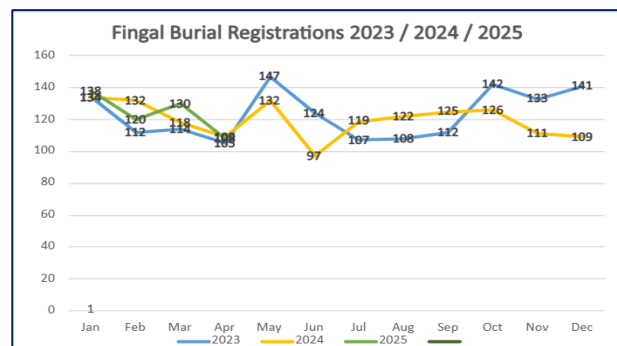
Location	Main Ticket Locations April 2025
North Street - Swords	101
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	75
Harbour Road - Skerries	53
Strand Street - Skerries	51
Main Street - Swords	44
South Strand Skerries	41
The Green - Malahide	38
Church Road - Malahide	34
Quay Street (short stay) Carpark - Balbriggan	34
High Street - Balbriggan	33

### Breakdown of Parking Offences:



## Burial Ground Services

There were 108 Interments in Fingal Cemeteries during April 2025.



### Kellystown Burial Ground

Kealy Construction 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

Balbriggan – Works have commenced on the installation of a signalized pedestrian crossing in the Stephenstown area near Bremore Educate Together Secondary School, Balbriggan.



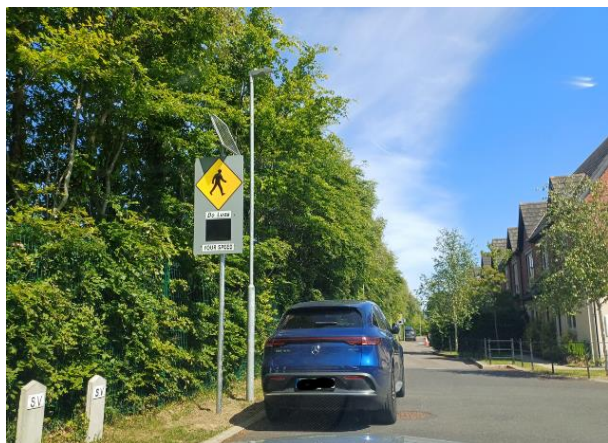


Rush- Upgrade works at the existing signalized junction between Park Road and Knightsgate Avenue to improve vehicle movement and traffic flow.



### Howth Malahide Area

#### New Speed readers and traffic signage for Coill Dubh Court -Malahide



**Below:** New Lining and Bollards Old Street and Strand Road – Malahide



**Above:** Bollard replacement and new road Markings at junction of Old Street and Malahide Road.

#### Howth-Malahide-Other ongoing traffic upgrades – Planning related

**Below** Works ongoing to Back Road/Malahide Road junction upgrade including new four way signalised junction.



**Below :** New Zebra Crossing for Red Arches Avenue (Baldoye Racecourse Development)





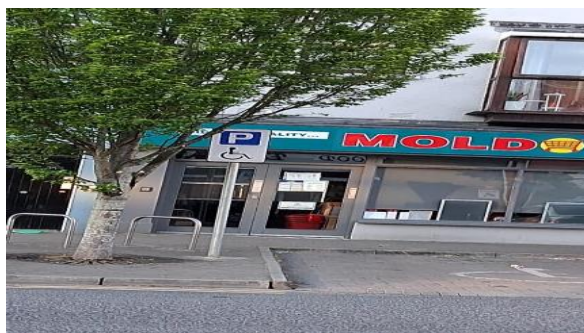
## Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

### Signals - Wellview



Zebra crossings in Wellview made operational.

### Signs - Ongar



F204 signs installed in two parking bays in Ongar Village

## Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

83 Plant Hires were put in place from 30/04/2025 to 26/05/2025, engaging 19 suppliers.



A New Tractor, McCormick X7.618, was purchased for the Roads Department in Coolmine.

### Public Lighting

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

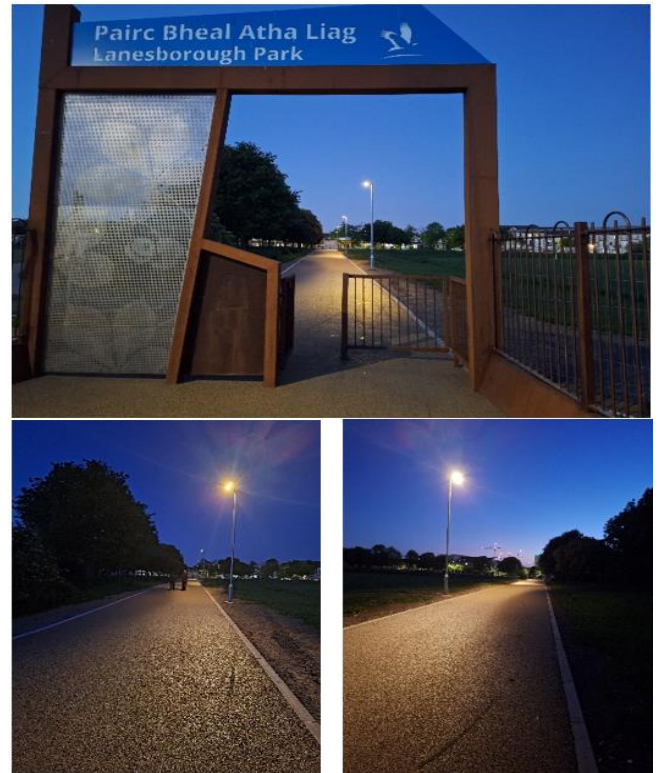
2025 POW Works jobs Completed to date:

- 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
- Turvey Avenue, Donabate - between Beresford Estate and Waterleaf Estate
- Lanesborough Park, Charlestown

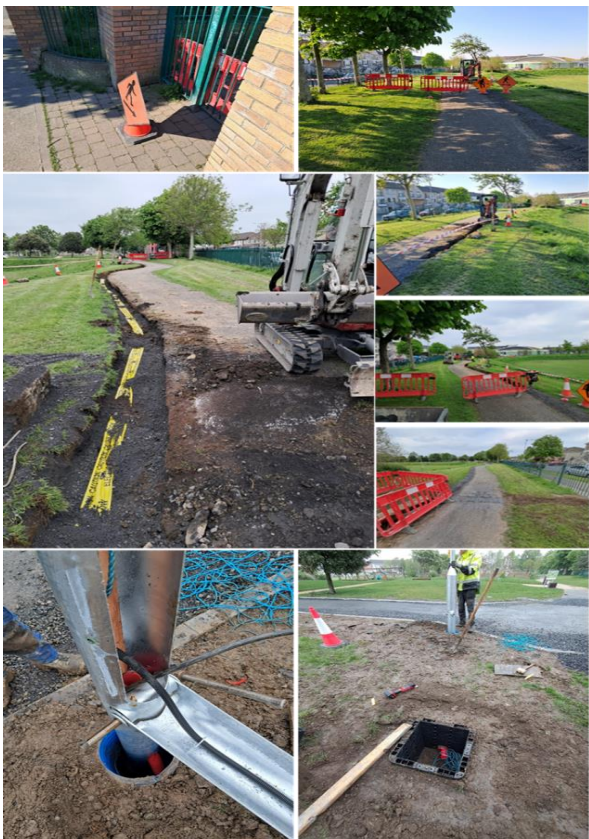




Parnell Green / Church Road Walkway, Mulhuddart



Public Lighting Lanesborough Park, Charlestown



Laying of ducting to supply point for new public lighting in Lanesborough Park

2025 POW Works in Progress/Ongoing:

- New Haggart Cottages, Balleally
- Porterstown Park Main Carpark, Porterstown
- Chapel Close Green / Bremore Green Pedestrian Walkway, Balbriggan
- Howth Village, Howth - East Pier Car Park between Abbey Street and Toilets
- Streamstown Lane, Malahide



Streamstown Lane, Malahide



Works on the public lighting column replacement programme have commenced.

Public Lighting Column Replacements Completed:

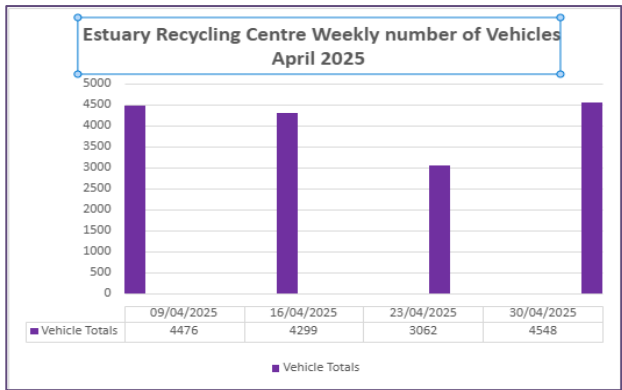
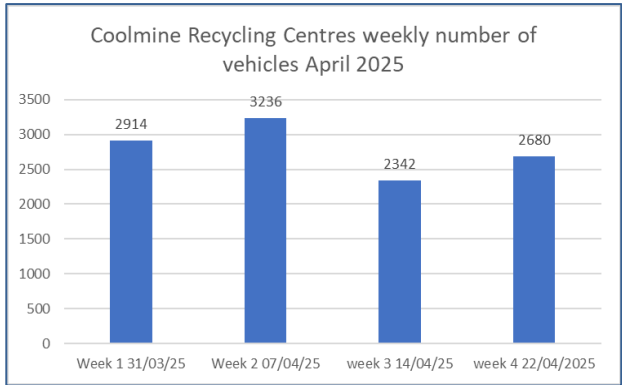
- Dromheath Green, Mulhuddart
- Wellview Estate, Mulhuddart

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 pedestrian walkway

Recycling Centres Update

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

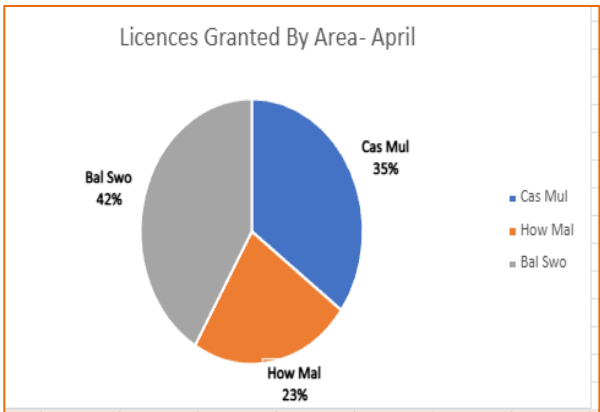
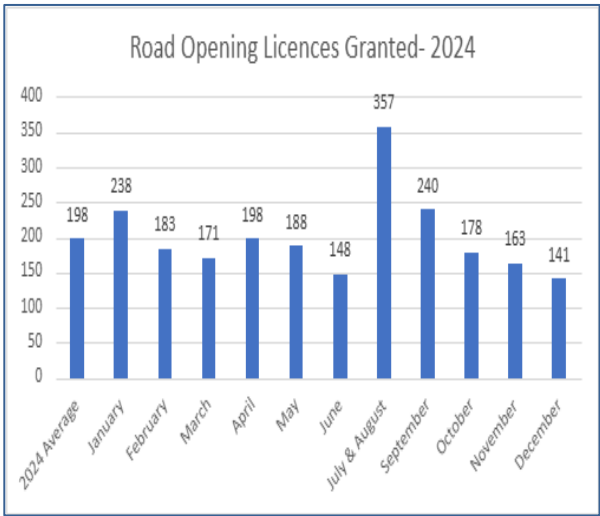


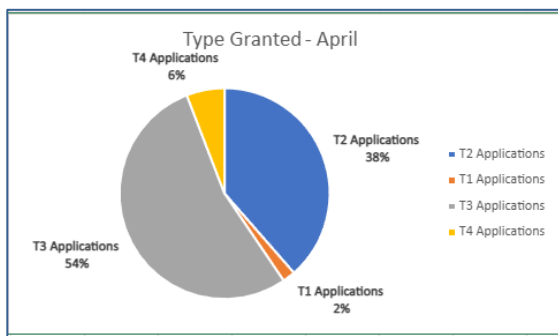
Licenses

- **Road Opening Licenses**

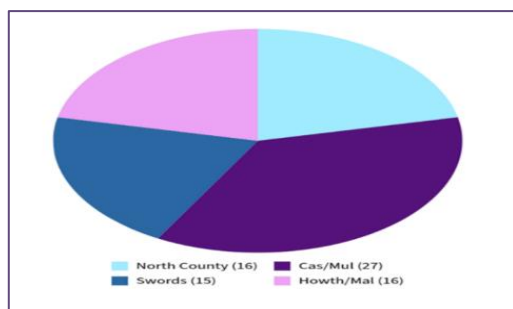
The Licensing unit continues to process and manage the licensing system for the County. Applications are allocated by area for examination and conditioning which includes reviews of the existing carriageway, footpaths, cycleways, and grass verges. Applicants submit temporary traffic management plans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

**205 Licences** were granted in the month of April, **60% 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.





### Grass Pitch 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 including three from schools. We have received a total of €64,160 as of the 27<sup>th</sup> 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 has received 38 expressions of interest following the notice issued for a Mobile Sauna Pilot Scheme. The Council has issued applications to the interested parties to be completed and returned by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025. Applications will be processed by the Casual Trading admin team and Seasonal licences will be issued under the Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021.

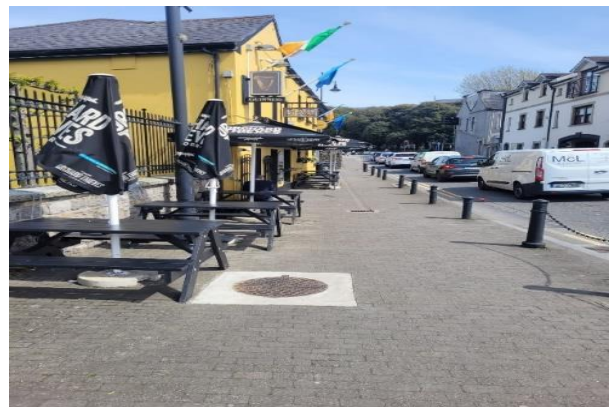
### Street Furniture Licences & remaining Parklets

A total of 21 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 six applications which we are currently processing & provisional inspections are being carried out.

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

Work Package B – Tucketts Lane, it is now anticipated that the works will commence in the Autumn. The detailed design for WPA, which is the surface water culvert works on main street, is progressing with further surveys now identified to be completed.

### Burrow Beach SW Outfall Pipeline Repair

The remediation of the surface water outfall pipe is now complete one full month ahead of programme. Starting in mid-March 30 Nr precast concrete Anchor blocks, overlying rock or newly installed gabion stone-filled mattresses on a geotextile membrane, and 95m of new pipe installation works were completed by the end of May 2025. These works were executed by FCC Direct Labour working at lowest available tide, with design and technical advice provided by Consulting Engineers, Malachy Walsh and Partners.



### Lusk Network Remedial Works

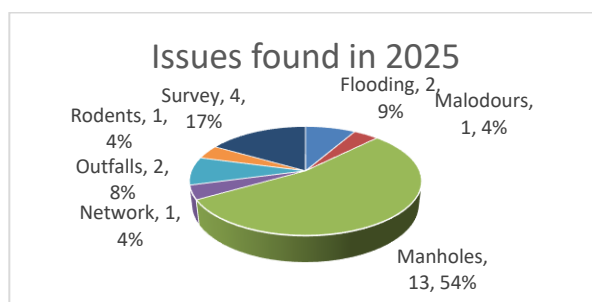
The project consists of Stormwater infrastructure provision and improvement in the Lusk urban area.

A contractor has been appointed for resurfacing in early June, subject to a road closure approval.



### 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.

#### Malahide/Portmarnock

Chalfont invasive repair work was completed in late May. A tender is also being drafted for specialised underground works. Works are expected to take place in July.



## Dublin 15

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



## Assets

### Ironworks

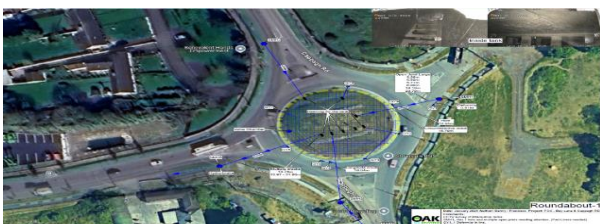
Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement is ongoing countywide. Manhole and frame replacements were carried out in Feltrim and Balheary in Swords.

### 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 cleaned two tanks in a pilot, to help determine future maintenance costs and challenges for SUDs devices of this type.



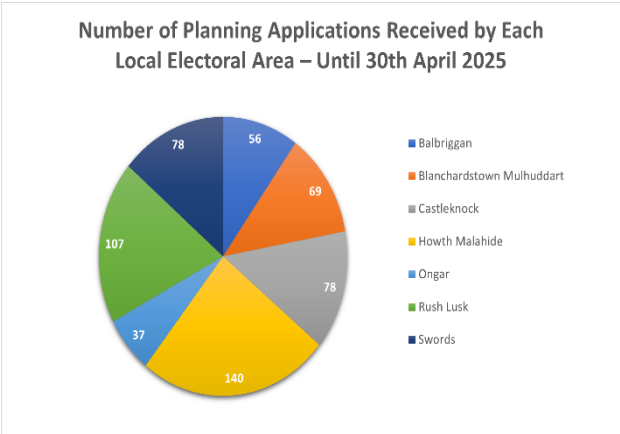


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Planning Applications

Between 1st January and 30th April 2025, a total of 568 planning applications were received, including 451 electronic applications via the LGMA's national portal. Of these, 119 applications were deemed invalid, resulting in 449 valid applications. The accompanying pie chart illustrates the distribution of applications across the various Local Electoral Areas. During the same period, two Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications were submitted to the Local Authority, with one decision issued on LRD applications. Additionally, An Bord Pleanála has not issued any decisions on Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications during this period.

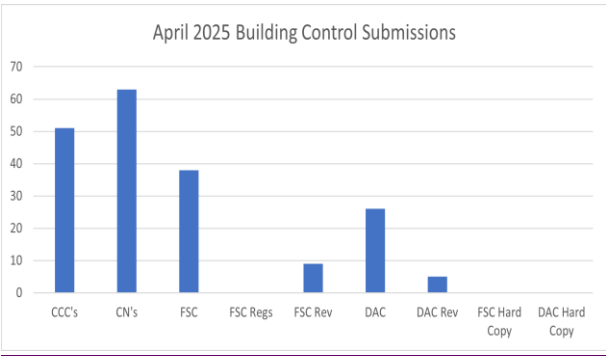


Planning Decisions

Between 1st January and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025, a total of 630 planning decisions were issued. This includes 380 decisions to grant permission and 92 refusals of permission.

Building Control Admin

In April 2025, there were 192 building control submissions made via BCMS. This was made up of 63 Commencement notices, 51 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 47 Fire Safety related Certificates and 31 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 190 decisions in April 2025 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 99 decisions to grant and 91 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

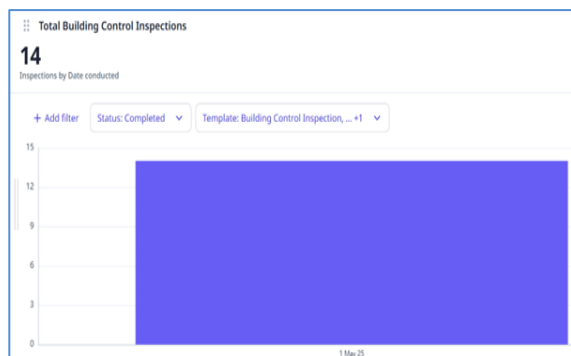
The first round of Plans emanating from the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 continue to be progressed. The Clonsilla Framework Plan was adopted by the Elected Members at the sitting of Fingal Co. Co. on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2025. Further preparatory background analysis is being undertaken in 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 of January 2025, Fingal Co. Co. published the annual RZLT map for 2025 followed on the 1st of 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 reviewing submissions received.

## Built Environment Division



### Building Control

- 14 building control inspections were carried out in April 2025, covering 49 Buildings.
- There was 1 no Section 11 request for further information issued during the month of May.

### Taking in Charge

- There were 6 housing estates taken in charge in May 2025. These were
  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 3 developments up for taking in charge in June 2025. These developments are
  1. Annaly Estate in Ongar Dublin 15.
  2. Stralem Estate in Ongar Dublin 15.
  3. The large public green in Ongar 15.

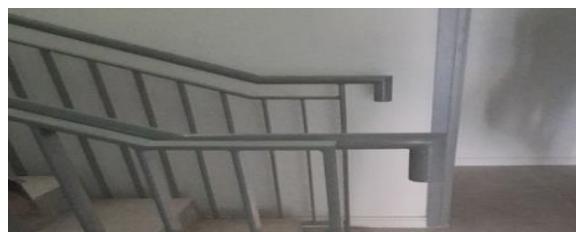
There is also a section of Park Road in Rush that was widened and upgraded, and this section of road is also being taken in maintenance in June 2025.

- There are 2 developments up for Taking in Charge in July 2025. These developments are Hansfield phase 2 in Dublin 15 and Dunsoughly in Finglas.

## Dangerous Structures

- 3 dangerous structures were reported in May 2025.
- A total of 105 dangerous structures remains active in our database.

## Pictures



Checking Balustrade for compliance with Part K and Part M of the building Regulations.





Checking the foundation at a site in swords



Checking Fire doors on an Apartment in Donabate

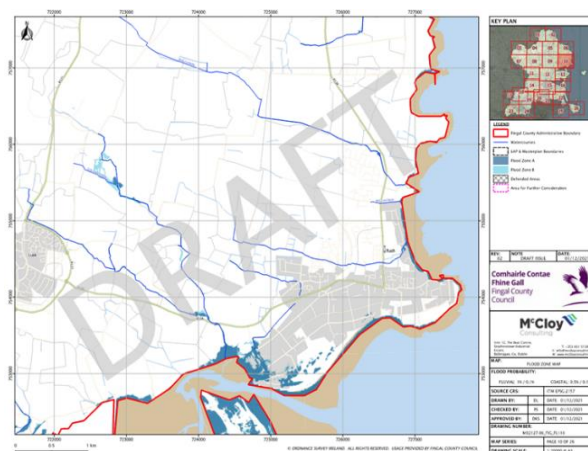
## Development Management

- 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.

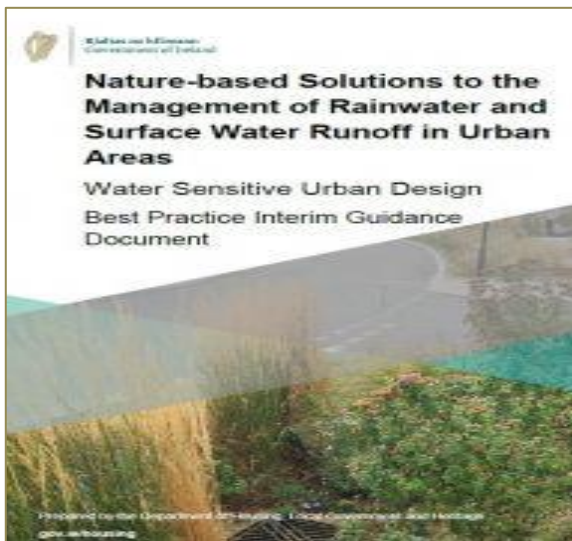
Pre-planning consultations – Staff from Planning (Water Services) have engaged in 2 no pre-planning discussions and with developers to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of flood risk management and sustainable drainage systems on site.

## Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

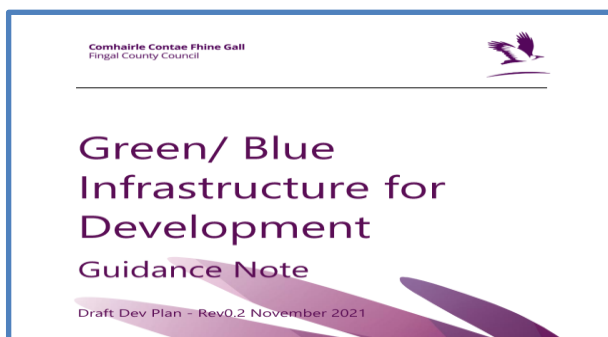
- FCC WSFP staff completed liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the County Development Plan. The SFRA flood mapping & report has been completed.
- The Water Services Planning Dept responded to motions received from the councillors under the motion 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 and shows how to move towards a more systematic and sustainable approach to urban planning and design that seeks to mimic the natural water balance of rural 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.

### Domestic SuDS Guide

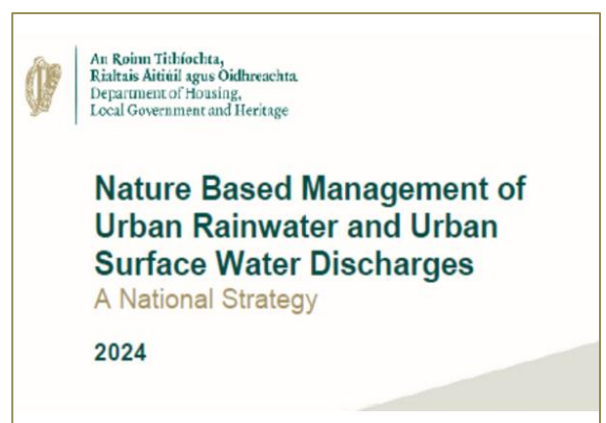
McCloy Consulting Engineers have been appointed to produce a Domestic SuDS Guide for FCC. This was completed in Q3 2024, the guide is available on Fingal's website along with a short presentation video.

### Green Blue Roofs Guidance Document

McCloy 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.





## **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](http://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.



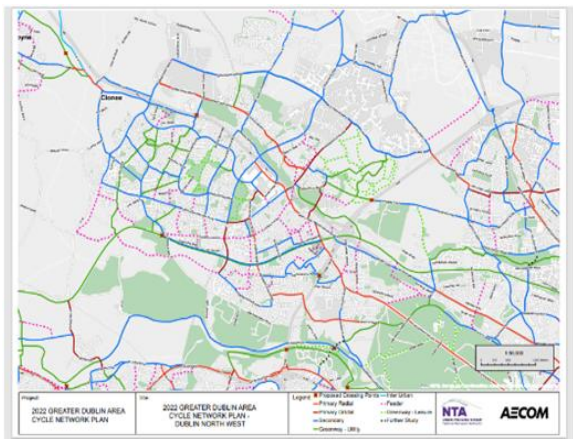
## **PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route**

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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Reports

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 inspection 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 June.

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.

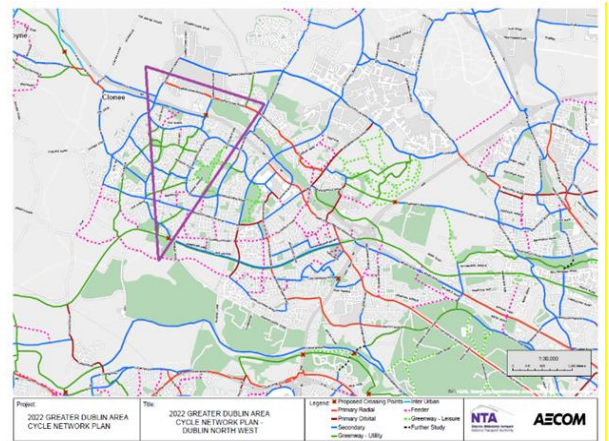


Figure 1 – Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area – Clonsilla to Damastown area highlighted in purple

### 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 reviewing the latest drawings with a view to issuing the 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 has been approved and RPS have been awarded the Contract for consultancy services. The initial project meeting with the design team from RPS will take place the last week in May.



### **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.

A revised scoping report will be circulated to prescribed bodies in the coming weeks. The scoping study is a key element of the EIAR process and signifies commencement of the development of an EIAR. 'Scoping' is a process of deciding what information should be contained in an EIAR and what methods should be used to gather and assess that information.

It is defined in the European Commission Guidance as: 'determining the content and extent of the matters which should be covered in the environmental information to be submitted in the EIAR'. All relevant comments from the various consultees during the consultation process (both in May 2023, and May 2025), along with comments from any pre-application meetings which may take place as part of the planning process, will be fully addressed as required within the EIAR.

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.

#### **Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm Enhancements**



**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. Discussions are ongoing with the National Monument Services and an application for Ministerial Consent will be made for the public realm works as the design progresses.

## 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 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. 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 complete and topographical surveys and traffic studies are scheduled for completion in May.

The consultant has completed various baseline studies. The project is at the option identification and selection phase. The consultant has provided a Land use survey, geotechnical report, disability audit, collision analysis, Ecology and Environment report and problem identification report. A tree survey is programmed in the coming month.

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. Traffic data captured in recent and ongoing surveys will be fed into the model to allow for various scenarios for traffic flow to be modelled.

## 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 have been categorised, analysed and 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

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 being assessed by Irish Rail now.

Preliminary design work is progressing along urban roads and a coastal erosion study concluded that was used to locate the greenway nearer to the cliff's edge where applicable to minimise land take and severance.

## Broadmeadow Way Greenway

Progress on the detailed design phases of the other elements of this project is continuing.

A stage 1 Tender assessment has been completed in advance of a 2-stage tender process to establish a framework for works contractors for the various landward works contracts. 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 delivered through this framework.

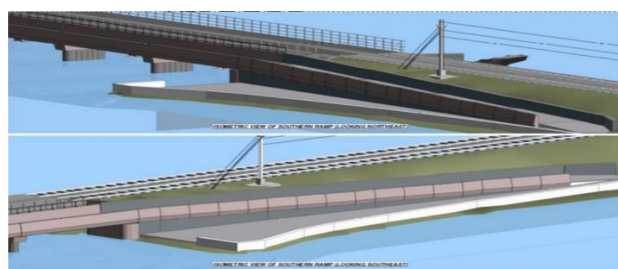
Construction of this environmentally and technically challenging project has been divided into different works packages which will be delivered in stages:

- Construction of the Broadmeadow Estuary Bridge took place in 2024. Works are complete.
- The tender for the construction of the greenway along the Northern Causeway is being finalised and this will be issued during 2025. It is expected that construction of the Northern Causeway will not be completed until 2027
- 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.
- Due to the seasonal constraints of working within the estuary, along with the technical challenges of building on the Northern Causeway, it is expected that the opening of the Broadmeadow Way will be in 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 shortly.

### 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.



Site image of the bridge works BEFORE commencement of construction (October 2024)



Aerial image of the bridge over the Dublin-Belfast Railway (viewed from the west side of the bridge)

### Donabate Transport Projects

Work is progressing on the early phase development of Donabate Transport Projects, which comprise a few 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, a few 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 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 complete, and a set of documents required for the work has been 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; however, 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 dependent on the landowner to the east.



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### 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	82 of 96 Homes sale agreed
Churchfields 3A	Assessment of applications ongoing	145 of 180 Homes sale agreed
Ballisk Park, Donabate	Assessment of applications ongoing	53 of 112 homes sale agreed
Baile na Mona, Mooretown, Swords	Portal opening 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	151 homes for sale
Church Fields 3B	Portal opening 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	110 homes for sale
Church Fields - Cost Rental	Information coming soon	80 Apartments for long term lease

### 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](http://www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing)

Please ensure you have all the required documents ready to upload in PDF **before** submitting an application on the portal to have the best chance possible in being successful.

### Site Visit to Aster Park



On 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025, the Affordable Housing Team visited Aster Park, Rush, where they met Shannon and her family during a site visit to the newly developed affordable units. Shannon, who recently moved into her home, shared her joy at having successfully secured one of the 96 affordable units within the development. She expressed appreciation for the straightforward application process and noted the consistent support provided by the Affordable Housing Team throughout.

The Affordable housing team wish Shannon and her family many happy years in their new home.

For information regarding Fingal's upcoming Affordable Housing developments visit [www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing.ie](http://www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing.ie)



## Mortgage Brokers Information Morning



On 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025, the Affordable Housing Team hosted an information event for mortgage brokers, providing key insights into Fingal County Council's Affordable Housing pipeline through 2030, outlining the scheme's eligibility criteria, and detailing the priorities agreement with approved lenders. The session was attended by approximately 20 mortgage brokers from across Fingal and featured a dynamic question-and-answer segment, fostering engagement and discussion on the scheme's implementation and accessibility.

A strong network of mortgage brokers and approved lenders is essential in supporting Fingal County Council's ongoing efforts to meet housing needs and advance its long-term objectives for affordable housing delivery.

## EBS – First Time Buyer Event



Approximately 200 people attended the EBS First-Time Buyer event at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2025, where the Affordable Housing Team were invited as guest speakers. The evening featured a panel discussion and Q&A session addressing frequently asked questions about the Affordable Housing Scheme, with a focus on the upcoming Baile na Móna Development.

Attendees also had the opportunity to engage directly with the Affordable Housing Team after the Q&A session, to ask any additional questions that had not been covered. These type of industry-engagement events are valuable tools for the Affordable Housing team to engage with finance professionals and potential applicants, improving awareness and uptake in our schemes.

## Launch of Baile Na Móna, Swords



The pre-advertisement campaign for the Baile na Móna Affordable Housing Development began on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025. The objective of this campaign is to prepare Affordable Housing applicants to become purchase ready by providing clear guidance on eligibility, documentation, and submission requirements.

The application portal for Baile na Móna will open on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 12.00 p.m. For more information, please contact [www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing](http://www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing) or [affordablehomes.ie](http://affordablehomes.ie)



## **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	179
Part V	1,122
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,024</b>

**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.



### **20 Homes delivered in Kilmartin Grove, Hollystown, Dublin 15**





## 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 <sup>st</sup> May 2025	
Completed	Areas
11	D15
Onsite	Areas
27	D15
Upcoming	Areas
14	Fortlawn, Seatown
Tender Prep	Areas
32	Whitestown, Brega
Planned	Seatown, Brega

**Planned Maintenance Programme 2025**

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



Planned Maintenance Programme 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	
Painting completions	235
Boiler Replacements	To commence Q2
Heat / Smoke Detector Replacement	To commence Q2

## Voids

Casual Voids 29th May 2025	
In lettings process	31
In relet works	81
Void Unavailable	9
Total	121

New to stock as of 29th May 2025	
New to stock properties	169

## 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 114 new tenancies in 2025 to date with approximately 4328 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](mailto:hap@fingal.ie).

## Rents

Following the introduction in 2024 of new debt management processes and procedures, **rent arrears have reduced by €800,000** since 01/01/2025.

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 **70** Tenancy Warnings so far in 2025. 6 Orders for Possession have been obtained following court hearings in 2025.

The Rents **collection rate has seen an increase of €850,000** on same period in 2024 (May).

## 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, 2,796 inspections have been conducted in 2025, with 517 of them being inspected in May. 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

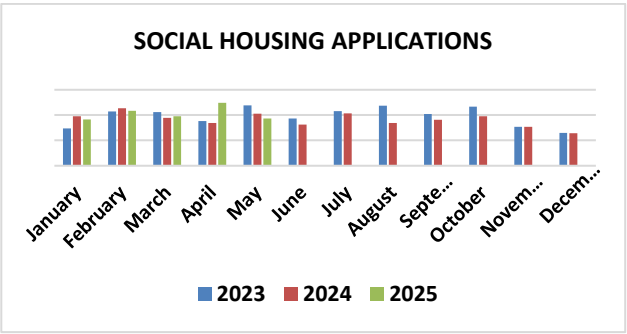
### Housing Support

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 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024.

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

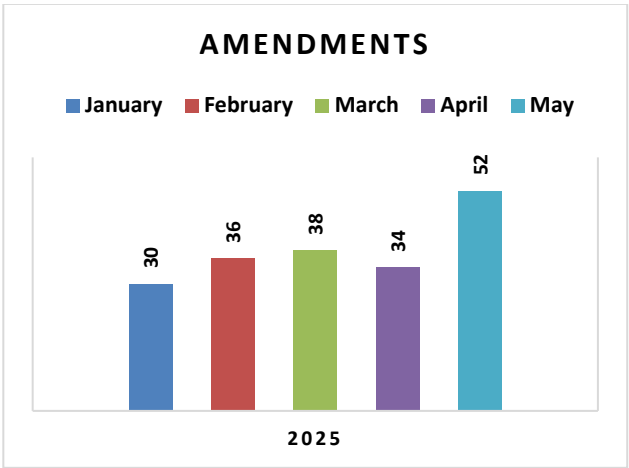
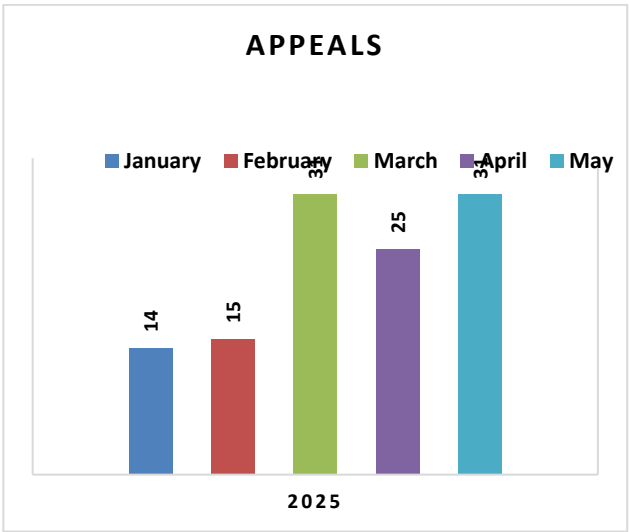
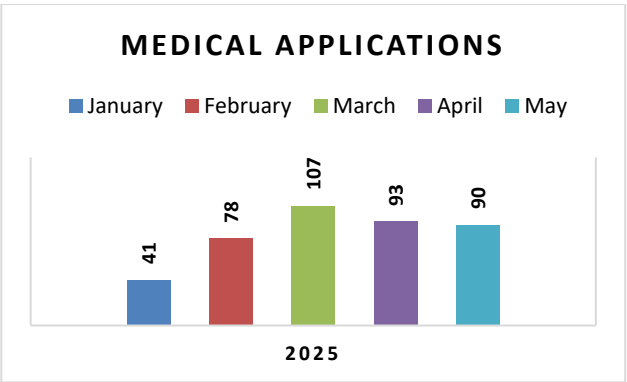
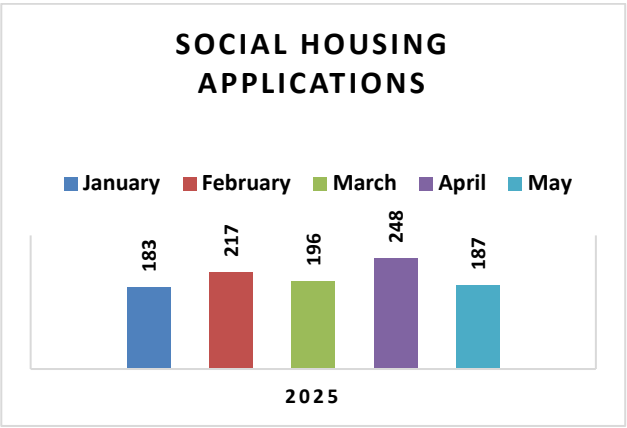
Year on year comparison by month.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

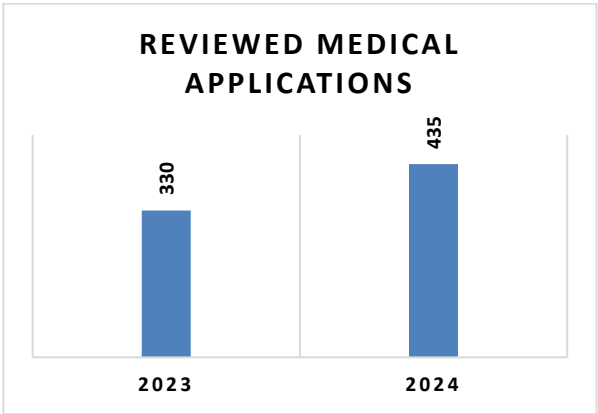
Applications received



Housing Support Appeals

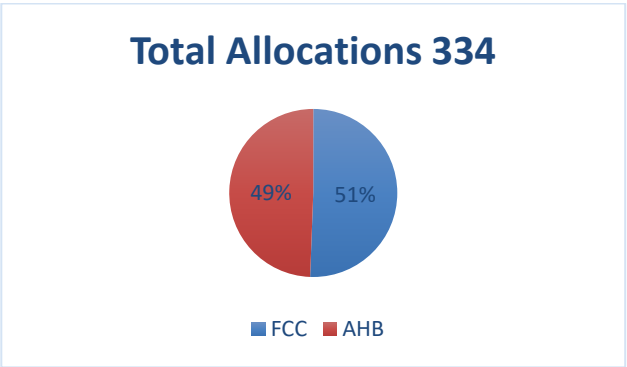
Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

Medical applications reviewed



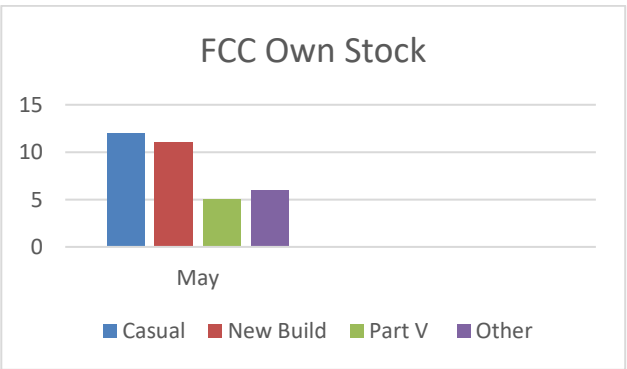
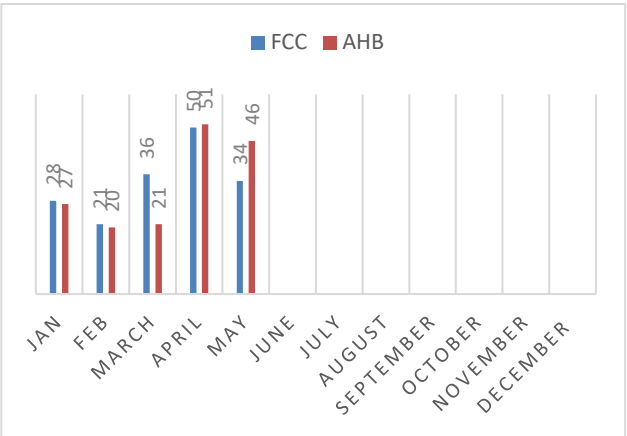


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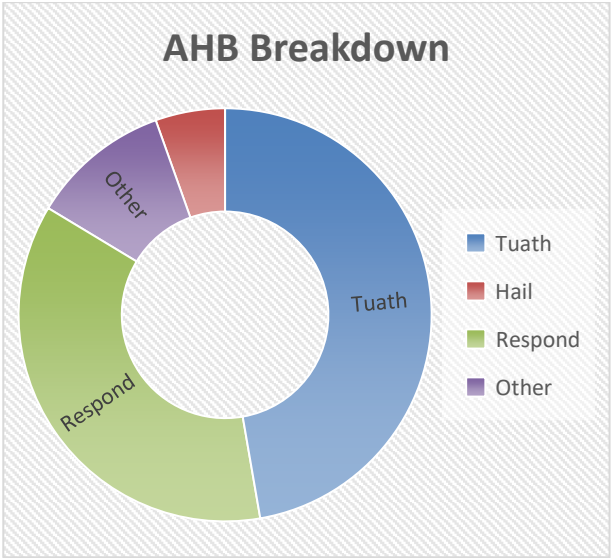


The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2025.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.



**165** of the **334** allocations have been in collaboration with several **Approved Housing bodies**. The other **169** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



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

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 May



Internal image of advertised property at Balmoston, Donabate, Co Dublin

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
30 <sup>th</sup> April – 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Portrane Avenue, Portrane, Co Dublin	2	House	1666	323
7 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Balmoston, Donabate, Co Dublin	2	House	2099	481
7 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Balmoston, Donabate, Co Dublin	3	House	1751	282
7 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> May	The Paddocks, Golf Links Road, Skerries, Co Dublin	1	Apt	1170	231
			<b>Total</b>	<b>6686</b>	<b>1317</b>

Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact [Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie](mailto:Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie) to request their unique username and password.

### Homeless Services.

### Homeless Exits 2025

During May 2025, 48 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	11	10	1	22
Homeless Prevention	7	18	1	26
Total	18	28	2	48

There was a total of 26 homeless prevention cases and 22 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

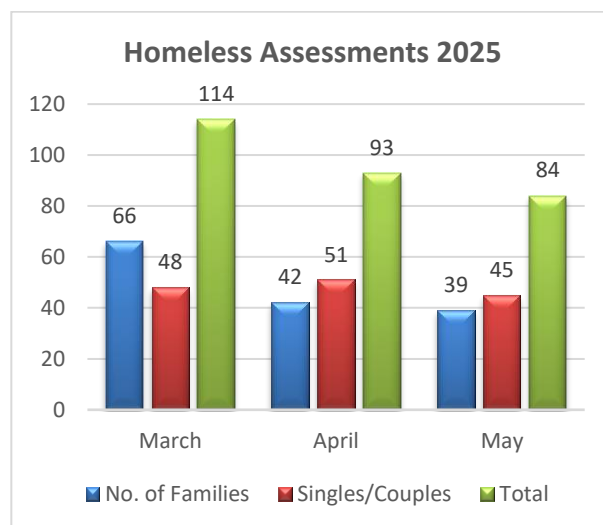
18 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 12 exited emergency accommodation.

18 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 7 homeless preventions and 9 who exited emergency accommodation and 2 from Direct Provision.

### Homeless Assessments

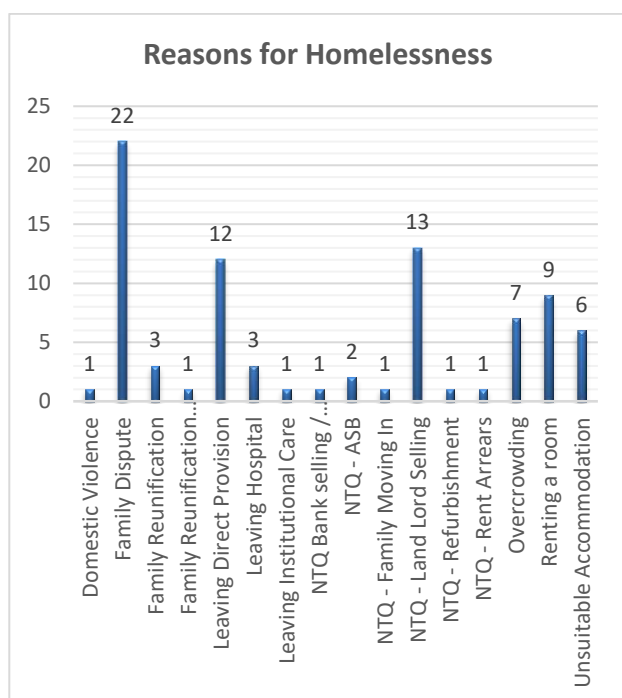
Fingal's Homeless Team continues to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continue to be carried out.

In May 2025, there were a total of 84 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 39 families and 45 singles/couples.



During April 2025, of the 84 Homeless Assessments carried out, 26% cases resulted from family/relationship breakdown, 23% from a Notice to Termination (NOT) having been served and 14% leaving direct provision. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from Renting a room (11%), Overcrowding (8%) and Unsuitable Accommodation (7%). The remaining 18% 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 60 reported rough sleeping cases 2025. 21 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation and we continue to work with 10 others in an effort to provide a suitable solution.

There are 10 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (2 couples, 1 Female and 5 males) from the Fingal Area. We will continue to work with him to provide him with suitable supports.

**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 18 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, three have been housed in 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. One client has been housed in May 2025.

### Homeless Action Plan 2025- 2027

The Homeless Action Plan 2025-2027 is currently in draft form and will be for adoption at the Council Meeting in July.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:homeless@fingal.ie)

Email: [NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie](mailto: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.

### **LTACC**

Two Meetings of the LTACC has been held in 2025 to date. Representatives from Traveller Development Groups, Councillors and Council Officials were in attendance. Members of the LTACC will be receiving Traveller cultural awareness training in the coming months, to assist them in their committee duties.

### **Caravan Loan Scheme**

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

DHLGH has confirmed annual allocation for the Caravan Loan Scheme.

### **Recent delivery of caravans to Halting Sites**



### **New Shrine installed in Barnlodge**

Estate Management recently worked with Pavee Point regarding the building of a shrine in Barnlodge Halting Site. The shrine is a great addition to the site for all residents and was commissioned as a place to go and pray and to remember their loved ones.



### **Dumping on site**

Illegal dumping on halting sites continues to be an issue. Council Contractors regularly clear dumping from sites at a significant cost to the Council. Letters 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 Moyne Park Halting 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.



Free Standing Fire Extinguisher units recently installed

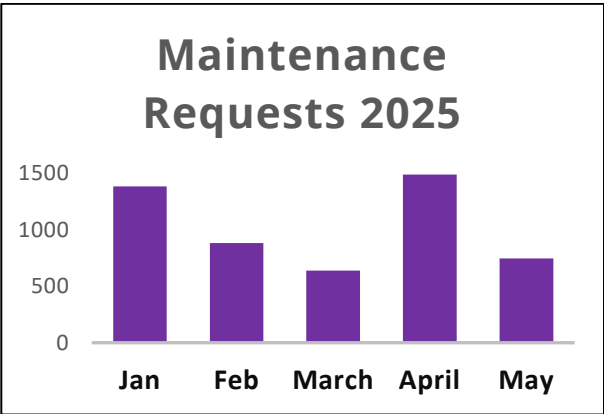


Wastewater Treatment System

We are currently facing challenges in our Moyne Park halting site with the Wastewater Treatment System. Residents are disposing of non-organic waste through the toilets and causing severe blockages which is having a detrimental effect on the ability of the pumps to process waste in an efficient manner. Unfortunately, the Housing Department has to write to residents of the site advising that continued misuse of the wastewater system will lead to an interruption in services to all users of the system.



Housing Maintenance



To date, Estate Management have conducted 27 interviews with Fingal tenants and issued 12 Tenancy Alerts for breaches of Tenancy Agreement.

Boiler Servicing Programme 2025

The 2025 Programme of work continues, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Corduff, Dromheath, Whitestown, Wellview, Lusk, Garristown, Malahide and Donabate.

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 to date in 2025 and two courses are schedule in June for Kimmartin and Baleally.

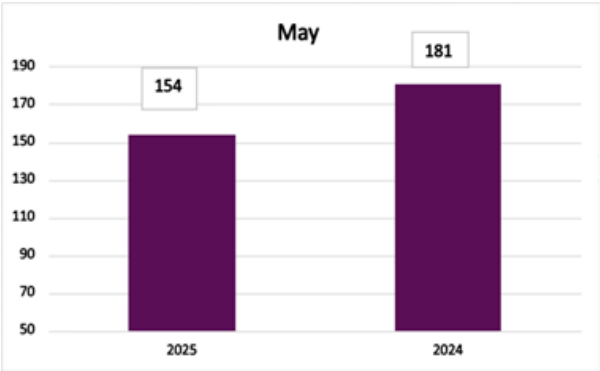
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints May 2025	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	36	19	9	8
Rush / Lusk	26	16	6	4
Swords	22	9	8	5
Howth/Malahide	24	10	10	4
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	35	4	6	25
Ongar	9	3	0	6
Castleknock	2	0	1	1
Total	154	61	40	53

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2025

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

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



## Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2025 to date	35
Interviews Held 2024	108
Tenancy Alerts 2025	10
Tenancy Alerts 2024	36
Tenancy Warnings 2025	2
Tenancy Warnings 2024	9

## Inspectorate May 2025

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2025	709
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	2072
Housing Inspectors Report January 2025	575
February 2025	857
March 2025	1076
April 2025	909
May 2025	947

## 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](http://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.

The most recent meeting was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025 with the next meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 new Government policy this will be reduced to **€600** per month. As the payment is payable monthly in arrears, the first payment at the reduced rate will be received by hosts on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

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

To pledge a room in your home, this can be done through the Irish Red Cross via [www.redcross.ie](http://www.redcross.ie)

## **Vacant Homes**

The Vacant Homes Team continues to engage with persons relevant to vacant properties (private) to encourage them to bring them back into use.



They will also be advised 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

In addition, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. **208** applications have been received since launch of the scheme. **31** new applications received in 2025 with additional applications expected shortly based on engagement with potential applicants. **147** applications are approved which equates to **€7.5 million** 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 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025 with Council's Architectural Conservation Office also present to provide information on conservation grants that are available to assist 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 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:vacant.homes@fingal.ie).

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

### Recently approved VPRG application



**Works nearing completion – Before photos and work nearing completion photos on next column**



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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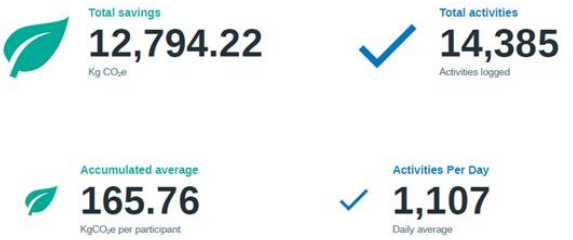
Community development is a process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems. Community wellbeing, economic, social, environmental and cultural challenges are often solved through collective action being taken at a grassroots level. Community 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 the following initiatives:



Climate Action Heroes – Community Centres Challenge

To support community engagement actions in the Fingal Climate Action Strategy and create awareness during Dublin Climate Action week 2025, the Community Department partnered with Global Action Plan to run a Climate Action Heroes Challenge across our Community Centre network.

Climate Action Heroes encouraged the centre’s clients and user groups to reflect on their behaviours and allows them to log their actions on the online platform to demonstrate the impact over the course of the initiative. The challenge ran from 6<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May. The leaderboard was competitive all the way through, but the team at Meakstown Community Centre did just enough to come out on top with their per person Carbon savings. In total, 140 participants representing 22 facilities took part and peoples actions saved 12,794 KG Co2.



Ongar Green Event



On the 15th of May, Fingal County Council’s Community Development Office, in collaboration with the Climate Action Department and local partners, hosted a Keen to be Green event at Ongar Community Centre as part of Climate Action Week. The event brought together residents, community groups, and sustainability advocates for an inspiring afternoon focused on practical climate action and community connection.

Highlights included Your Sustainable Wardrobe, an engaging session by The Sustainable Life School, a vibrant Swap Shop promoting circular fashion, and interactive sensory play by the D15 Toy Box using recycled materials.

The Riverwood Biodiversity Group delivered an insightful talk on local environmental efforts, while the community showcase featured Oxfam Ireland, Ongar Tidy Towns, Grow Getters, and more. Fingal Libraries also supported the event by giving away primary school books for first readers in both Irish and English, encouraging early literacy and bilingual learning.

The event was a strong demonstration of community spirit and Fingal's commitment to a greener, more inclusive future. It laid a positive foundation for continued collaboration and future initiatives that empower residents to take meaningful climate action.

### **Corduff Park Residents Association & Place Standards**

On the 2nd of May 2025, the Community Development Office and Operations Department of Fingal County Council conducted a site visit to Corduff Park to discuss local area enhancements and the formation of a new community group with the local community. This engagement has since led to the establishment of the Corduff Residents Association, a positive step towards strengthening civic life and community participation in the area. Supported by the principles of the Place Standards Tool, this initiative empowers residents to assess their local environment and collaborate on meaningful improvements. The association aims to foster a more connected, inclusive, and vibrant neighbourhood, with a strong focus on community-led development and long-term enhancement of public spaces.



### **Coolmine Lodge Biodiversity Group**

On 29 May 2025, the Community Development Office met with the Coolmine Lodge Biodiversity Project team to coordinate preparations for their entry into the 2025 Pride of Place competition for Dublin 15. The group, led by Coolmine Therapeutic Centre and supported by local partners and Blakestown Drive Environmental Group discussed a strong presentation strategy. Key themes include biodiversity and food sovereignty, community volunteerism, education, wellbeing and health. The meeting marked a positive step forward in showcasing the climate action and biodiversity impact on both individuals, the environment and the community – 'If you are given seeds ... water them'.



### **Our Fabric Neighbourhood Networks Project**

Fingal County Council Community Development Office has entered into partnership with Neighbourhood Network to foster community engagement, promote social inclusion, and strengthen local leadership through targeted initiatives in and around the Churchfields area of Mulhuddart. The Our Fabric Project began on the 13th and 14th of May seeing the Neighbourhood Networks team knocking on 260 doors in the area and introducing residents to the 'Our Fabric' project. This 18-month pilot project which will be overseen and supported by the Community Department will enhance participation, connectivity, and inclusiveness which aims to deliver tangible outcomes by fostering stronger connections within Churchfields and the wider community. Expected results include increased community volunteering, the organisation of local activities, the formation of resident groups, and enhanced partnerships with support networks and organisations.



Ultimately, this early intervention programme seeks to build a resilient, sustainable, and well-connected community. The project will host its first get to know your neighbour event on the 1st of June.



### Place Standards Tool Mulhuddart

Following the highly successful introduction of the Place Standard Tool in Corduff, Dublin 15, which saw strong community engagement and delivered valuable feedback and discussion, the Place standards Tool will now be introduced in Mulhuddart.

This community engagement project invites all local stakeholders to participate in workshops, where groups explore the local area together, assessing community life over a range of themes. The process encourages in depth reflection on what it's like to live in the area for everyone.

This highly anticipated project will run in parallel with a community art project through the Arts Department. Both projects which complement each other, offering unique and varied perspectives on Mulhuddart.

### Fingal Festival in a Van

Fingal Festival in a Van, a co-production between the community Development Office and Creative Fingal was launched last month with the Mayor of Fingal and Temper-Mental MissElayneous, one of the many artists taking part in the 12 community gigs happening across the county.

This year each of the 12 communities will host their own community celebration in conjunction with the Van, which provides music and storytelling and an opportunity for local talent from the host communities.



### Africa Day in the North County

Africa day was celebrated in Balbriggan, Lusk and Swords with the support of Irish Aid, the Community Development Office, Fingal LAIT and the vibrant African communities active in the north county. The Flemington Community Centre event in Balbriggan focused on the achievements of young people from the African Irish community, while the celebration in Lusk Culture Centre, in partnership with Lusk Community Council, saw cultural performances and an exhibition focusing on the stories of migrant women. In Swords, the Bold Woman organisation hosted stalls with cultural artifacts in the grounds of Swords Castle and led a musical performance in the Castle Chapel which saw both the Mayor and deputy Mayor taking part in the musical celebrations. Thanks to all who made events such a great success again this year.



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

### **Hartstown Community Centre**

Refurbishment works at Hartstown Community Centre are reaching the final phase of completion. Over the past few months, the community centre has had a full upgrade with several essential improvement works, including roof upgrade, energy efficiency upgrades, insulation, a new heating system, fire compartmentation and safety works.

The centre also received funding under the Sports Capital funding scheme which will also see a full upgrade of the all-weather facility. Building works remain on schedule it is hoped the community centre will be ready to re-open to the community in August. On completion the centre will have two upgraded childcare facilities, meeting rooms, coffee shop / youth space, multipurpose sports hall, all weather pitch and an external multipurpose space thereby creating a welcoming hub promoting community engagement.



**External view – Hartstown CC**



**Internal View Main Hall – Hartstown CC**

### **Baldoyle Racecourse Community Centre:**

Works are well advanced on site and are expected to be ready for fitout and commissioning in August.

This new facility will provide a sports hall, dance studio and community rooms. Changing rooms for nearby playing pitches are also provided. The carpark adjoining the community centre has been completed as the first phase of Racecourse Park redevelopment.

Works have been fully funded by Fingal County Council



**Baldoyle Racecourse Community Centre External view May 2025**





Internal view of Main Hall -May 2025

### Keen to Be Green Facilities - Water Conservation Awards

Keen To Be Green Facilities is a key environmental and climate action project across the community centre network. On 14<sup>th</sup> May, during Dublin Climate Action Week, community centres were recognised for their actions in the area of Water Conservation. This is the second key milestone they have reached following on from their recognition of efforts towards improved Waste Management in 2023. Mayor of Fingal Brian McDonagh was on hand in County Hall to present the awards to centre managers and local board representatives. The next phase of the project is Energy Efficiency, with Travel and Biodiversity to come after.

### Interagency

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

### Fingal Comhairle na nÓg

The group is busy working on and planning their annual project. Currently, they are working on a survey and organising some consultation events. Two young people were nominated to attend the Headstart Youth Mental Health Fund Projects' Mid Review Youth Panel.

In addition, two members of the group took part in a consultation with Jigsaw, which focused on the topic of social media and mental health. Two young people also represented the group at the National Youth Assembly on Climate 2025.

### Fingal Public Participation Network (FPPN)

Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN) is an independent network of community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations, working to build a better county for the community of Fingal. The PPN is managed by voluntary Secretariat which reports to PPN members through the Plenary.



Fingal PPN has been hosting a Summer School from 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May in collaboration with DCU School of Civic Engagement and two other Dublin PPNs. After consultation with our members, the topics this year included:

Social Media Training, Exploring PPNs: Beyond A Decade of PPNs in Ireland Panel Discussion: Guest speaker - Jake Ryan, Dept. of Rural & Community Development,

An Introduction to A.I., Sustainable Energy Communities: Changing How We Think about & Use Energy,

How to Recognise and Navigate Disinformation, Understanding and Navigating the Public Policy Ecosystem in Ireland,

The Future of Dublin: How to Make Policy that Works for All. This is an excellent opportunity for members to network, learn, and take new skills back to their respective groups. Sessions took place in-person at DCU and online each evening.

## 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.

## National OPC Convention: May 2025



Representatives from Fingal OPC participated in the National Older People's Council Convention on 8–9 May 2025, hosted by South Dublin County Council. The event, themed *"The Wisdom of Years: A Lifetime of Perspective"*, focused on preventive healthcare, brain health, and intergenerational solidarity as key elements to positive ageing.

Professor Ronan Collins, Age Friendly South Dublin Ambassador and National Clinical Lead for Stroke, emphasized the importance of early intervention, raising community awareness, and encouraging dialogue across generations on healthy ageing. Key priorities discussed at the convention included improved access to healthcare and preventative services, local transport, and better access to information. Addressing loneliness was highlighted as a major concern by many OPCs, and Fingal OPC will include this topic on their workplan for 2025-26.

## OPC Afternoon Tea Dance



Fingal Older People's Council held its annual social Tea Dance on Tuesday, 6th May at the Shoreline Hotel in Donabate. The event welcomed over 120 older people from community groups across the county. Transport was arranged from various locations including Blanchardstown, Castleknock, Swords, Rush, Skerries, and Balbriggan, ensuring broad participation. Guests enjoyed a traditional afternoon tea followed by lively music from the 1960s through the 1990s, with the dance floor full for more than two hours of continuous dancing.

## Age Friendly Shopping Centre



Swords Pavilions Shopping Centre has taken a significant first step towards becoming Ireland's first major Age Friendly Shopping Centre. On Thursday, 15th May 2025, Age Friendly Fingal facilitated Age Friendly Business Training for centre staff. An Age Friendly Champion has been appointed by the centre to work alongside the Programme Manager and the Older People's Council (OPC) to identify and address barriers to accessibility and usability within the shopping centre. Additionally, the centre has committed to partnering with Age Friendly Fingal to host an event in celebration of Positive Ageing Week later this year.

## 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.

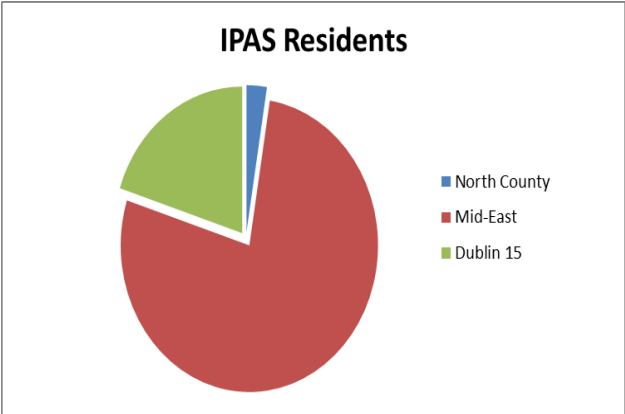
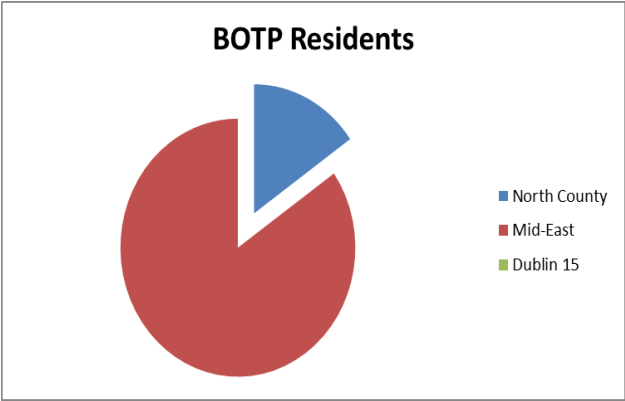


The LAIT continued to host integration clinics across the three geographical areas of North County, Mid-East and Dublin 15 in IPAS Accommodation centres and BOTP Designated Accommodation Centres (DAC).

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	66	55
Mid-East	367	1673
Dublin 15	0	829
Total	433	2557

\*Due to an ongoing audit within IPAS, numbers for IPAS residents across the geo-areas in Fingal have not been updated since February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. BOTP numbers continue to be updated, and the figures shown above correspond with the latest data for BOTP residents, as of May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.



### Africa Day

Africa Day was marked in Lusk Community Cultural Centre with a celebration that brought together community and culture. The Integration Office provided funding to Lusk Community Council to celebrate the people and culture of African countries. The event also included our Library of Migrant Women Exhibition (on display from 19<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May in Lusk Cultural Centre). This exhibition showcased the voices and experiences of Migrant women and their journey from their homeland to Ireland. The event was filled with music, dance, song and traditional food, creating a welcoming environment for all who attended.



### Refugee Week - 'Community as a Superpower'

On 16<sup>th</sup> June the Fingal Integration Office marks Irish Refugee Week by showcasing our Building Bridges Forging Pathways Beyond Prejudice Exhibition at a targeted family specific IPAS centre in the Mid-East. The team invited IPAS residents to engage with the powerful stories and artwork – which will be an innovative approach for the team to foster meaningful interactions and conversations with residents. This celebration will showcase the transformative power of storytelling in building connections, strengthening community and raising awareness of anti-racism.

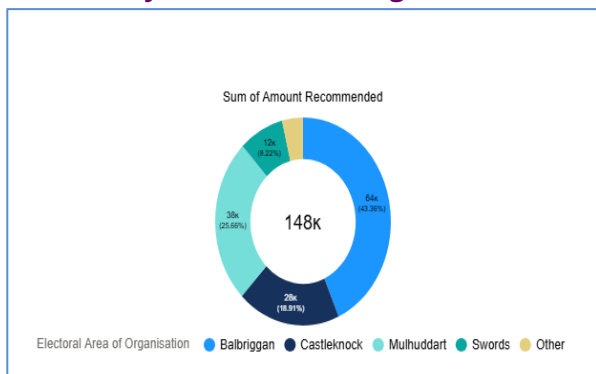


## Funding

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.

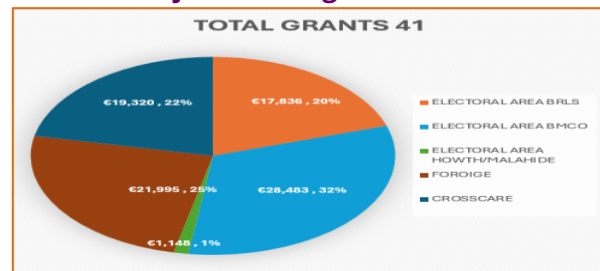
## Community Activities Funding



To date, Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to forty-one projects in the amount of €148,076.05.

<b>Castleknock/Mulhuddart</b> (28 projects)	€68,391.60
<b>Balbriggan/Swords</b> (33 projects)	€76,375.45
<b>Howth/Malahide</b> (2 projects)	€3,309.00

## Summer Project Funding



Summer project Funding has been awarded to:

- **41** projects in the amount of **€88,782**
- **26** Community led Summer Projects were awarded €47,467
- **8** Fordege projects were awarded €21,995
- **7** Crosscare projects were awarded €19,320

The inclusion of partner initiatives such as the one with Crosscare who are providing child safety training and programme delivery support and local voluntary resident association's; will ensure an increasing number of children from diverse backgrounds can participate in summer programmes. Providing them with an opportunity to participate in structured activities over the summer at a local level. Providing resident associations with pathways to participation through developing targeted activities, meaningful community engagement is fostered, and capacity building continues to be promoted going forward. The diverse range of applications submitted from groups who successfully secured funding evidenced by an increase in applications from Special Needs Groups including Autism Awareness Howth and Down Syndrome Swords further demonstrating the community departments commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion by ensuring the funds are not only accessible to all but have the widest possible reach.





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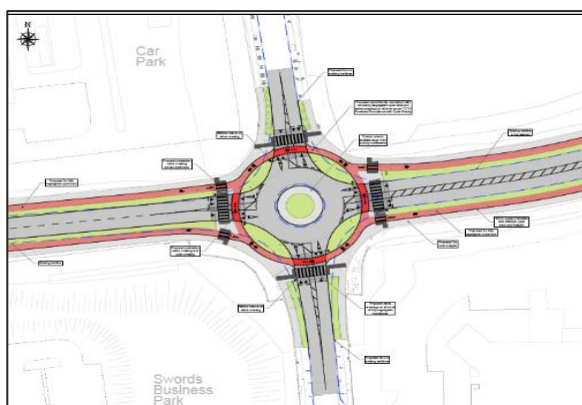
Works on the R132 have been fully completed with the Contractor having completed the snagging items along the route.

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 Project Team is working with the Design Team to finalise tender package for the construction stage in 2025, subject to approvals and funding.



#### **Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:**

The Design Team is 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 is working with the Design Team to progress 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 to bring this project from the Options Development Stage through to completion. The brief has been drafted. 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.

## **Feltrim Road Active Travel Project**

A video survey has been procured and is due to be carried out. The Consultant has issued a draft Options Report/Feasibility Report for review. Various key stakeholders have been engaged with. The Consultant will now seek to ensure all deliverables to close out Phase 2 of the project are completed before seeking approval to move to the next phase of the project: 'Preliminary Design'.

## **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 underway, and environmental & appropriate screening has commenced.

## **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 taken place.

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 held 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**

A CCTV survey of the existing Foul Water and Surface Water lines has been instructed by FCC. Engagement with the majority of key stakeholders has been carried out, and the design team have considered these engagements in the context of the detailed design. Engagement with the remainder of key stakeholders is being arranged.

The design team are to provide a recommendation to FCC as to the proposed build-up of the street for approval. Outline detailed design hard landscape drawings have been provided to FCC. The design team will continue to produce the deliverables required during this phase of the project.



### **Balrothery Active Travel Plan**

The Consultant has amended their draft Active Travel Plan for Balrothery, incorporating comments and suggestions from FCC. Once the draft report is finalised, Fingal County Council will consider the design team's recommendations regarding environmental screening and make the appropriate determinations. Pending the outcome of these determinations, FCC will then publish the Active Travel Plan for Balrothery.

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 have been reviewed and assessed. The CE report is being drafted and will be presented to the full council meeting in June.

### **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 have been appointed to complete the construction of the project. The contractor has installed curved walls at Linear Park. The contractor has completed footpath works to the north of the bridge up to the proposed pedestrian ramp at Swords Celtic.



### 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.

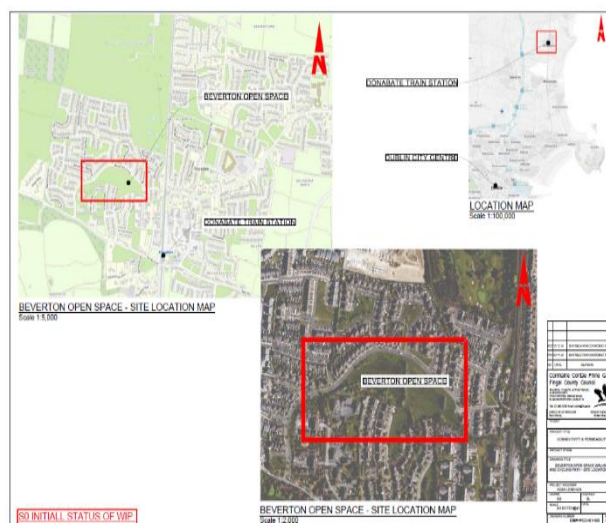
A Non-Statutory Consultation was conducted with the residents and locals in the Donabate area to provide observations on Phase 1 of this project. The consultation period ran from Friday 20 December 2024 until 23.59hrs Friday 31 January 2025.

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 was 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. These processes have been completed.

The final detailed design and tender documents are being prepared with the view to commence construction over the summer months.



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

### Seapark Hill Active Travel Project

A multi-disciplinary Integrated Design Team has been appointed to take the established 'Preferred Option' from the design phases to completion. Next step is a project kick-off meeting between FCC and the newly appointed design team.

### **Access to Balscadden Bay Beach, Howth.**

FCC expect to receive the Consultant's assessment report of Existing Stairs for Possible Safety Improvements at Balscadden Bay Beach in the first week of June. FCC will then obtain quotations for a consultant to carry out the relevant environmental screening reports.

### **Broomfield to Paddy's Hill**

Brief and tender documents have been prepared to appoint a consultant from the NTA Multiparty Framework to carry out the 'Concept Development and Options Selection' stage. The extent of the scheme and various other constraints are under consideration at present by Fingal County Council. Indicative study area for the Paddy's Hill to Broomfield scheme is outlined below.



### **Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure**

A number of locations across the county have been identified for the provision of bicycle parking infrastructure. Tender documents are currently being prepared in advance of going to tender for the appointment of a contractor to progress to the Construction Stage in the end of Q2 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.

### **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**

Completed

- Construction works for the Safe Routes to School project at Pope John Paul II National School, Malahide were completed in March 2025.
- Minister Darragh O'Brien has confirmed his attendance at the formal inauguration scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> 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 for Round 2 of the Safe Routes to School project has been completed by the designer and will be reviewed by Fingal County Council. Once finalized, a cost estimate will be prepared and submitted to the National Transport Authority (NTA) to ensure compliance with budgetary and safety requirements.

### **The Drynam Heath Quiet Street**

The project is progressing steadily through the preliminary design phase with key milestones achieved:

- Environmental and Appropriate Assessments completed.
- Road Safety Audit by Traffico completed;
- Street furniture quotations received; installation planned for mid-June 2025.
- VivaCity Modal Filters sensor installation scheduled for 23rd May 2025 to monitor bicycles, pedestrians, and e-scooters—using AI-powered, privacy-safe video sensing.

A dedicated project webpage has been launched, providing public access to all documents to ensure transparency.

### **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

### **Paint Refresh of Disabled Car Parking Spaces and Age Friendly Spaces, Malahide**

The paint has been refreshed on the following parking bays in Malahide:

- The Mall (outside PTSB) – refresh of Disabled bay.
- The Mall (outside library) – refresh of Age Friendly bay.
- The Mall (outside butchers) – refresh of Disabled bay and adjacent Age Friendly bay.
- James' Terrace – refresh of Age Friendly Bay.
- James' Terrace (at Malahide Sea Scouts) – refresh of Disabled Bay.

### Relocation of Taxi Rank Malahide

This is now completed. The queue is now located outside 'Seomra Tae' on Main Street, Malahide, facing west.

### New Learn 2 Cycle Track, Holywell Park, Swords

The installation of the "Learn 2 Cycle Track" has been completed and the contractor has finished on site. The facility is open to the public and initial feedback, both locally and through social media, has been very positive. Active Travel's walking and cycling officer will be organising events at the new facility in the coming weeks.



### 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

With over 40 courses planned for 2025, it promises to be a very busy year. A full list of 2025 Courses is available on our website

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



### 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

Our Balance Bike Buddies Course in Brackenstown comes to an end on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May, the course has been a huge success for all the children and parents who have taken part. Our next course begins on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June in Millennium Park. We'll have two courses, Course 1 at 9:45am and Course 2 at 10:30am.

For booking information, email

[stephen.mcginin@fingal.ie](mailto:stephen.mcginin@fingal.ie)



The six-week courses are proving extremely popular and the Learn 2 Cycle tracks are providing safe and secure venues for them.

### **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.

### **Blepper Lease E-Bike for Staff**

The Blepper 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 Blepper lease bike trial is available for staff based in Blanchardstown. Staff can avail of a free trial of Blepper 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](mailto: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 Bleeper Bike App. To sign up for shared eBikes

- Email Building Facilities for Bike Bunker access
- Download the Bleeper 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](mailto: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 first 10 eBikes were delivered to participants in May and we are delighted with the feedback and response to date.

Residents interested in applying for round 2 of the scheme can contact:

[customercare@bleeperactive.com](mailto:customercare@bleeperactive.com) and they will take you through the process



### **Sofa to Saddle June 2025**

Our next Sofa to Saddle courses will start on Tuesday 10th June in Newbridge House and Wednesday 18th June in St Catherine's Park. Due to popular demand, in Newbridge House we will have an advanced skills course at 9:30am followed by a beginner's course at 11am.



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 courses are free to take part in, but registering is vital as places are limited. Course dates below:

- Advanced Skills Course - Tuesday 10th June in Newbridge House from 9:30am – 11am
- Beginners Course – Tuesday 10th June from 11am to 12pm
- Beginners Course – Wednesday 18th June in St Catherine's Park from 11am to 12pm

For booking information, please contact [Stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie](mailto:Stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie)

### **Cycle Training for Primary School Students, Balbriggan**

Fourth class students from Gaelscoil Bhailebrigín and Bracken ETNS took part in cycle skills training on Monday 19 May, to celebrate the new cycling infrastructure in Balbriggan. These two schools are located beside the new infrastructure, enabling students to walk and cycle to school safely. The cycle training assisted students in developing their safe cycling skills.



### **Bike Week 2025**

This year, Bike Week was held from Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th May and we had a wide variety of events throughout the week. The week kicked off with a wonderful family event in Millennium Park with over 1800 people in attendance. The event included our colleagues from Environment, Climate Action and Sports and showcased the wide variety of activities on offer from the Department





During the week we held a Sunset Cycle in the Phoenix Park in partnership with the OPW, DCC and I Bike Dublin. The event saw over 200 cyclists take to a car free route around the park, with laid back music, a relaxed cycle and a beautiful sunset added to the occasion



Our Sofa to Saddle participants took on a 14km cycle to showcase their new cycling skills, the group met in Howth and cycled to Clontarf Dart Station, stopping along the way for coffee and a snack in Clontarf GAA Club. The cycle was the first time many of the group had cycled in live traffic conditions

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On Friday and Saturday we held pop-up BMX events in Balheary Park, Swords and Cardy Rock, Balbriggan with a group of Pro BMX Riders from the UK, they put schools through their paces on their skills course and held demonstrations of some of the skills needed to be a professional BMX competitor



On Saturday we held our first ever Mayors Cycle from Portmarnock to Swords. The event was a 10km on road cycle supported by Syls Cycling Club, An Garda Siochana and Fingal staff from Active Travel and Operations. The event finished in Swords Castle, where participants were able to enjoy a family movie on the lawn



The week culminated with the hugely successful Malahide Pedal Parade and Family Day at Malahide Castle. The pedal parade from New Street saw over 100 small children take to the road dressed as buzzy little bees and cycle to the event at the Castle





The event included a yoga session on the lawn, pedal powered games, free bike repair, a pop-up sea aquarium, information stands on energy upgrades and useful information on composting, recycling and upcycled street games from Seal Arts Collective in Balbriggan.



The highlight of the day was the two family movies that were shown on the lawn. The crowd of nearly 4,000 people were treated to Despicable Me 4 and Moana 2 from the team at Retro Drive In Movies



Other events throughout the week included a come and try cycling event for older adults and people with additional needs in ALSAA, taster sessions in Lucan BMX Club for Schools, staff bike repair workshops, a cycling treasure hunt in Phoenix Park, The Fingal Schools Superhero Cycle and a historical cycle around Donabate by Donabate Cycling Club.



The Active Travel section would like to thank all our colleagues in Events, Community, Operations, Environment, Climate Action and Sport who helped to make the week an unforgettable one for all involved.

### The Smarter Travel Mark

We are pleased to announce that Fingal County Council – Civic Offices and Fingal County Council – County Hall have been awarded the Smarter Travel Mark at Silver level.

The Smarter Travel Mark is recognition of Fingal County Council's commitment to changing attitudes and behaviours regarding walking, cycling and public transport usage by implementing measures that facilitate, support and encourage sustainable travel options for our workforce and visitors.

Achieving the Smarter Travel Mark demonstrates that Fingal County Council prioritises the importance and value of sustainable travel initiatives and the associated environmental benefits.

We look forward to implementing further Smarter Travel initiatives to support staff and visitors in choosing environmentally friendly transport options



### 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](mailto: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 would like more information, please email us at [cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie](mailto:cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie)

### 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 8 June at 11:15am 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](mailto: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.mcgin@fingal.ie](mailto:stephen.mcgin@fingal.ie)



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.

Throughout May, we have added 5 new volunteer drivers to the scheme and we look forward to training up more as the year continues

To book the service or to sign up as a volunteer simply call Flexibus on 046 9074830 or email [flexibus@locallinklmc.ie](mailto:flexibus@locallinklmc.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
April	No Data	No Data

EVPZ

The Active Travel section in partnership with The ESB, Yuko and Go Car 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>





Month	Trips	KM Travelled
May	38	568km
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
Total 2025		

### 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](mailto:active.travel@fingal.ie)

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Council

**ECARGO BIKES FOR  
COMMUNITY GROUPS**

**Who is eligible?**  
All Community Groups and small businesses who rely on motor vehicles to undertake their daily tasks and deliveries are eligible to apply.

**1**

**What is the Scheme?**  
The Active Travel Section in Fingal will provide your group with an eCargo bike for a 12 month period.

**2**

**How to Apply?**  
Simply email [active.travel@fingal.ie](mailto:active.travel@fingal.ie) with your group name and we will contact you with more details.

**3**

**What are you responsible for?**  
Your group will be responsible for storing your bike in a secure, weather proof location and will be required to send in monthly usage reports.

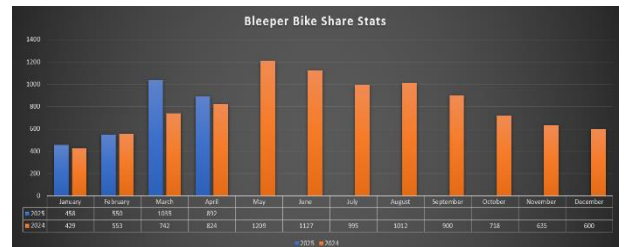
**4**

**What type of bikes are available?**  
We have a range of eCargo Bikes. They include: open box front loaders, three wheelers, closed box front loaders and longtail eCargo bikes.

**5**

[www.fingal.ie](http://www.fingal.ie)

### Bike Share Schemes



### Blepper Bike

The Blepper Bike Scheme continues to grow month on month in the operating zones around the County. However, as reported last month, we had seen a concerning trend of vandalism in Dublin 15. There has been no drop off in this unfortunately and as a result, we have had to temporarily suspend the Blepper Bike Service in Dublin 15. It is hoped that by working with Blepper Bike and An Garda Síochána we will start to see the reintroduction of the service in Dublin 15 over the month of June. On a positive note, Swords has recorded its highest level of usage since February 2022.



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

Fingal Pass Applications: 311 (20/05/25)  
 Approved Applications: 215

**Refusal Reasons**

Non-Fingal Residents: 5  
 No Bleeper Account yet: 91

**Bleeper Bike Monthly Report**

755 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in April
There were an additional 137 Journeys that took place outside of Fingal using the Fingal Pass
781 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in April
Sundays (22%) and Tuesdays 19% recorded the highest usage
Howth, Castleknock and Hartstown were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided: 197kg of CO2

**CLIMATE ACTION**

**Dublin Climate Action Week 2025**

Dublin Climate Action Week took place on May 12<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> this year and it was a great success. During this week we saw over 20 public and closed events take place in Fingal celebrating and demonstrating climate action.

Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 was organised and delivered by the partnership of Dublin City Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Fingal County Council, South Dublin County Council, Codema - Dublin's Energy Agency and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO)



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

Fingal Climate Action Team at Climate Action and Active Travel Family Fun Day, Malahide Castle







Home Energy Advice Clinic- Malahide Library



Beach Walk & Talk, Portmarnock Beach



Creative Redesign Workshop, Castleknock Community Centre



D15 Toy Library at Ongar Green Fest



Sustainable Gardening Workshop with a focus on rain gardens at Bayside Community Centre



Climate Action and Active Travel Family Fun Day, Malahide Castle



Clean Coasts at Beach Walk and Talk, Portmarnock Beach



Home Composting Course at GLAS Community Garden, TUD, Blanchardstown





Keen to be Green Water Awards



Biodiversity Lego Workshops- Swords and Rush

## E2CUTIES

The Climate Action Team continues to engage with the E2-CUTIESI project. 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.



Fingal Climate Action Coordinator- Bridget Loughlin presenting on the Decarbonizing Zone to the Our Balbriggan Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar

## Community Climate Action Fingal Grant

The Community Climate Action Officer is continuing to engage with groups and not-for profit organisations in Fingal to give information about the upcoming Community Climate Action Grant. The next round of the grant (€ 1,127,000) is expected to be announced by the Department of the Environment, Climate Action and Communications in the near future. Applicants who were awarded funding in Round 1, are continuing to deliver climate actions.

St Maurs GAA (pictured) have delivered an impressive solar PV system (included an SEAI grant and their own fundraiser) which cost total €60k, they also purchased reusable cups which will be used to eliminate single-use cups at the club.

Bayside and Rivervalley Community Centres fitted new efficient entrance doors and planted native species in their gardens.

Howth Yacht Club have fitted new windows and a bike charger outside for members.

Balbriggan SEC in partnership with Balbriggan FC have installed new external doors at the club and internal LEDs. All these actions reduce emissions significantly in the community.





The Minister for Climate, Environment & Energy and Minister for Transport, Darragh O' Brien alongside Mayor of Fingal Brian McDonagh and Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly, paid a visit to Naomh Mearnóg CLG on Monday 26th May to view the Clubs recently completed works from funding received under Round 1 of the Community Climate Action Fund.

Works include a new bike shelter to encourage active travel by club members for training/matches, tree planting to increase biodiversity on the grounds, signage and storage for a Club Swap Shop so that Members can swap club gear they no longer use, keeping them in circulation. The Minister was highly impressed with the recently installed solar panels and even climbed a ladder to the roof to see them in place. All of the above actions will enhance the reduction of this Clubs Carbon Footprint.



## Climate Action Awareness

### Fingal Reusable Cup Project



The Fingal Reusable Cup Project officially launched on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May in Malahide and Rush.

### **A Community-Powered Solution to a Global Problem**

Backed by **funding from the Regional Waste Management Planning Offices (RWMPO)**, under the Government's **Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) 2025**, supported by the **Circular Economy Fund**, this project is a **first-of-its-kind, holistic approach** to cutting disposable cup waste.

Malahide and Rush are aiming to go disposable cup free by Nov 2025, and the road to that goal starts now. This isn't just a council-led plan, it's a cross-sector collaboration that's bringing together **public and private players, local volunteers, environmental advocates, community groups and retailers**. Think: baristas, tidy towns volunteers, parish councils, sports clubs, schools, chambers of commerce, all working side-by-side toward one shared goal: **no more disposable cups**.

## Real climate action, brewed locally.

We were delighted to have the Minister and the Mayor in attendance to officially launch the project and hope to roll it out across Fingal on a phased basis following the pilot.



## Environmental Awareness

### Replay Instruments Project

This month, many appreciative recipients received instruments including flutes, trumpets, saxophones, keyboards, guitars, bass guitars, violins, a mandolin, an electric piano, and even a euphonium.

The next chapter for these instruments begins with Music Generation Fingal, St. Patrick's Brass and Reed Band, Rath Dara Community College, St. Fintan's High School, St. Colmcille's BNS, Swords Community College, Skerries Community College, Donabate Community College, and Scoil Mhuire SNS.



## Fingal Students Shine at Relove Fashion Final

The Environmental Awareness Officer attended the fantastic Relove Fashion Final at the Rediscovery Centre in Ballymun, where Fingal was proudly represented by two outstanding finalists: individual entrant Lauren Bannon and Harafat Ambibola from Le Chéile Secondary School. Both wowed the judges with their uniquely crafted, show-stopping outfits.



The Relove Fashion Competition is open to students of secondary school age and was created to address the serious environmental and social impacts of fast fashion. It encourages change by recognising the powerful role young people play in shaping creative, sustainable solutions. This brilliant initiative is a partnership between the Regional Waste Management Planning Offices, the Government of Ireland, and the Rediscovery Centre—Ireland's National Centre for the Circular Economy. Fingal County Council is proud to support it.



### Climate Action Talk at Prosper Fingal

The Environmental Awareness Officer had an inspiring visit to Prosper Fingal on Seatown Road, engaging with the team to explore creative, impactful ways to take action on climate change. The conversation was thought-provoking and energising, filled with simple yet powerful steps everyone can take to make a real difference.



### Climate Action Week Family Fun Days

During Climate Action Week, the Environmental Awareness Officer connected with the public at family fun days held at Millennium Park and Malahide Castle, promoting Food Waste Recycling. The interactive displays, showcasing what can and cannot be composted, were both informative and engaging for all ages. Attendees were delighted to receive complimentary kitchen food waste caddies to encourage recycling at home.



### Green Schools Awards

Congratulations to all 18 schools across Fingal awarded their Green-Schools Green Flag at the ceremony held at the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk. It was a great honour for Fingal's Environmental Awareness Officer to present these well-deserved Green Flags across various themes including Litter & Waste, Travel, Water, Biodiversity, Global Citizenship (Marine Environment, Litter & Waste, Travel), and Primary Climate Ambassador.

These flags represent two years of incredible commitment, teamwork, and passion for protecting our environment. We couldn't be prouder of the dedication shown by students, teachers, and school communities. We look forward to many joyful flag-raising ceremonies in the coming weeks as each school celebrates this fantastic achievement. The future is bright and green in Fingal.



### **Hansfield ETNS EcoChew Team**

Big congratulations to Team EcoChew (Maida-Fatima, Angelin, and Abi) from Hansfield ETSS, winners of the Sustainability Award in the Intermediate Category at this year's Student Enterprise Final. Representing Local Enterprise Office Fingal, these young eco-innovators impressed everyone with their innovative approach to chewing gum disposal. They recently met with the Environmental Awareness Officer to discuss their clever, planet-friendly solution and to plan an exciting Gum Litter Awareness Event coming to Fingal this July.



## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **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.
- The wardens commenced the annual litter quantification surveys in May to quantify the litter present, inspecting and counting litter present, thus Identifying black spots, to enable Fingal County Council tackle litter more effectively.







### Litter Fines & Warning Notices – May 2025

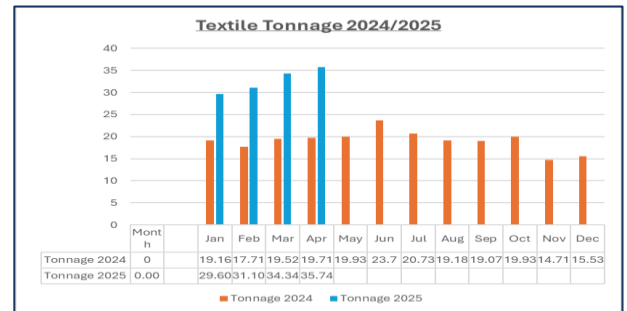
Month	Fines	Warning Notice
January	16	1
February	9	2
March	18	1
April	15	0
May	16	4

There were 4 cases before the district court in May, four were successful prosecuted, and costs awarded.

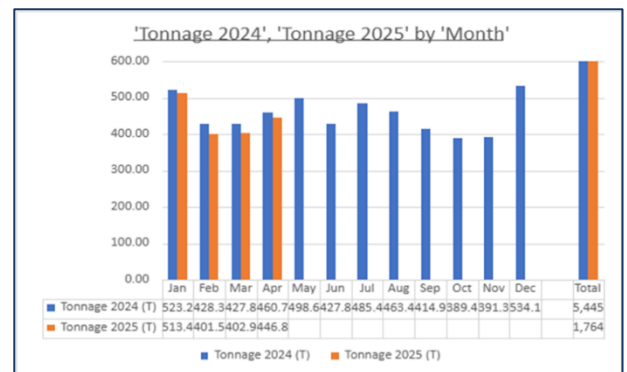
### Litter Management Cases for May 2025

Cases May 2025	Amount
Muck on road	1
Abandoned cars	13
Inspection of bring banks	412
Inspection of dumping black spots	780
Unauthorised signage	4
Request for Dog fouling signs	1
Report of dumping by witness statement	1
Report under general litter	3
Report of dumping 1 – 20 bags	4
Beach patrols	10
Report of dumping from a vehicle	1

### Bring Banks



Textile volumes collected in **April 2025** were **36 Tonnes**. This compares with a 2024 Textile collection figure of 16 Tonnes in April 2024.



Glass volumes collected to date in **May 2025** total **447 Tonnes**. This compares with a collection figure of 461 Tonnes collected in April 2024.

### Abandoned Vehicles

From 1st January – 28th of May 2025, 169 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](mailto: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	2	0	0
June	1		0	
July	0		0	
August	0		0	
September	0		0	
October	0		0	
November	0		0	
December	0		1	
	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>

## Animal Welfare

The Animal Welfare Section received 20 complaints in relation to dogs from 1st of May 2025 to 28th of May 2025.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1 <sup>st</sup> of May 2025 to 26 <sup>th</sup> of May 2025
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	1
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	1
Env - Dog on Person Attack	4
Env - Dog warden assistance, garda request	2
Env - Court File	1
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	7
Env - Surrendered Dog	0
Env - Stray Dog	4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>20</b>

## 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](mailto:controlofdogs@fingal.ie) within the 10 days provided on the notice. Failure to produce a valid licence for keeping a dog may result in a fine being issued.

Over the summer months the dog wardens will increase their patrols on the beaches and in the parks.

There were 99 x 10 Day Notices and 15 Fines issued by the dog wardens during May 2025.

## Licences and Fines

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	217	10	20	3	€1,997.50	€550
February	297	82	38	5	€2,135	€2,244
March	234	87	40	15	€2,525	€1,121
April	277	85	35	11	€2,073	€1,770
May	408	99	38	15	€2,420	€4,443
June	247		58		€2,180	
July	29		88		€3,550	
August	15		52		€4,600	
September	29		23		€2,919.70	
October	15		13		€2,321	
November	104		19		€2,185	
December	0		5		€1,700	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1872</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>€30,606.20</b>	<b>€10,128.50</b>

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased during May 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	753	90	45	€36,460	€ 21,360
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	€
<b>Total for year</b>	<b>10,292</b>	<b>3923</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>€309,720</b>	<b>€112,900</b>

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, new regulations prohibit the importing, breeding, selling, and re-homing of XL Bully type dogs and from February 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 license 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 126 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 May 25 there were 20 dogs in the shelter.

Up to 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2025, 10 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 32 dogs, 3 were reclaimed, 12 were rehomed to Rescue and 2 were rehomed to members of the public. As of 26<sup>th</sup> of May there were 15 dogs remaining in the shelter. The shelter has a **Facebook page Dublin County Dog Shelter** and **Instagram Account @dublincountydogshelter** which they actively update with strays and dogs wishing to be rehomed.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of May 2024	26	Dogs in Shelter at start of May 2025	20
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	14	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	10
Surrendered by owners	3	Surrendered by owners	2
Reclaimed	2	Reclaimed	3
Rehomed to Rescue	11	Rehomed to Rescue	12
Rehomed to Public	6	Rehomed to Public	2
PTS	1	PTS	0
Dogs in Shelter at the end of May 2024	23	Dogs in shelter at end of May 25	15

Dublin County Dog Shelter are currently holding a social media initiative highlighting their services and the number of bull breeds they have there at the moment. The campaign commenced on the 22/05/25 on Facebook and Instagram and highlights/promotes the shelter and the dogs that are currently available for rehoming.

Fingal County Council has shared this information on our own Facebook & Instagram pages.

Facebook: Dublin County Dog Shelter

Instagram: dublincountydogshelter



**HORSES**

Welfare inspections continue on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite.

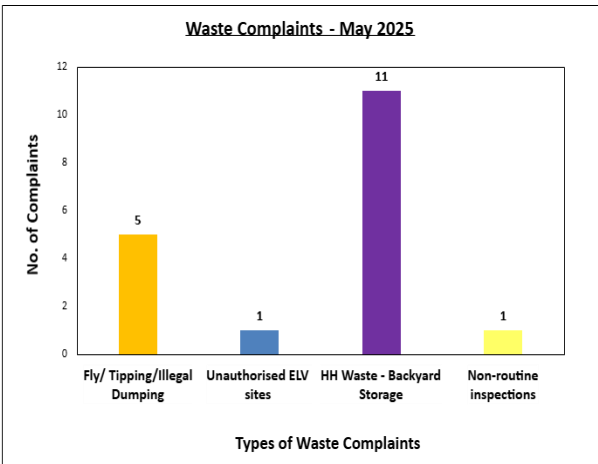
In May 25 there were 8 horses seized from the public realm.



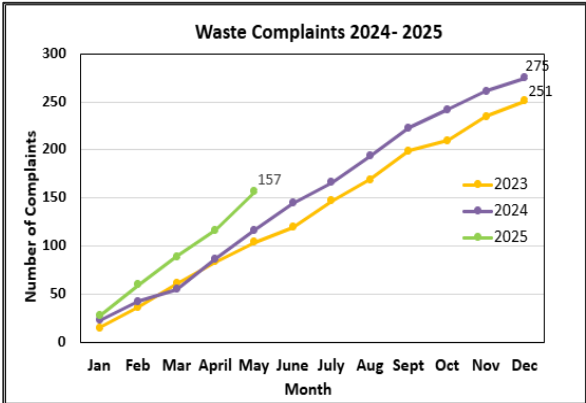
**WASTE ENFORCEMENT & REGULATION**

**Waste Complaints**

A total of 40 waste complaints were recorded in May, and 20 were resolved.



These complaints related to household backyard burning/storage of waste, unauthorised ELV sites, fly tipping/dumping, and non-routine complaints. A breakdown of the types of complaints investigated in May is shown in above graph.



If you suspect an illegal waste collector is operating in your area, please contact the Environment Section on Tel: (01) 9806266 or at: [environment@fingal.ie](mailto:environment@fingal.ie)



**Man in the Van Patrols**

During a routine "Man in the Van" patrol, waste enforcement officers observed a van on the M50 carrying a large quantity of treated wood. They discreetly followed the vehicle and approached the driver when it stopped at a service station in Palmerstown. The driver was uncooperative, unable to confirm the source or destination of the wood. After contacting his employer, it was revealed the load was intended for disposal at RDC Paving in Clondalkin, which ultimately refused to accept it. Officers directed the van to the Ballymount authorised waste facility for disposal and followed it there to ensure compliance with the Waste Management Act 1996 as Amended.





## WEEE Inspections

Under S.I. No. 149/2014 - European Union (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Regulations 2014 and S.I. No. 283/2014 - European Union (Batteries and Accumulators) Regulations 2014, premises which distribute or produce EEE, and/or batteries must register with a compliance scheme. Customers can return WEEE and batteries to these registered premises, which are then collected for recycling. Local Authorities have a key role in enforcing compliance with the WEEE regulations.



During May, 9 WEEE and 6 battery inspections were undertaken, with only 1 premises fully compliant. Most premises were registered but failed to correctly display the statutory notice and certificate of registration as required by the legislation. All premises will be fully compliant in the coming weeks.

## Deposit Return Scheme

The Environment Department was in consultation with Re-turn to ensure all vendors at upcoming events and festivals are registered with the Deposit Re-turn Scheme (DRS).

This will help capture and recycle all drinks containers at these events. Waste Enforcement Officers continue to carry out inspections covering both retailers and producers of drinks containers. Enforcement action is taken where non compliances are found. More inspections are planned for the remainder of the year with a total of 30 inspections due to be completed by year end.

Re-turn, the administrator of Ireland's Deposit Return Scheme, is introducing a new optional charity donation feature that is set to begin rolling out across Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs). This new feature will give RVM suppliers the ability to offer retailers the option to let customers donate their container deposits to charity when returning drinks containers.



## Repak

Repak was set up in 1997 to help Member businesses meet their legal obligation to recycle the packaging they place on the Irish market. They have over 3,400 Members, whose fees fund household recycling bins, bottle banks, civic amenity sites and business back-door waste nationwide. Repak has 3 Primary Goals – 1. To make Ireland a Leader in Europe when it comes to packaging recycling and recovery. 2. To recycle 55% of plastic packaging and 65% of all packaging material placed on the market by 2035 and 3. To educate Irish society on how to recycle better and re-use packaging material.



The waste enforcement team have together with WERLA highlighted businesses that are obligated to join the Repak scheme. Inspections are planned for these businesses to ensure compliance with packaging regulations. So far, we have received positive engagement from all companies that were inspected who will become full Repak members in due course.

### Commercial Food Waste

WERLA, the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority, created a list of commercial waste premises by tonnage by assessing annual returns from waste collectors. A selection of these premises have been selected for both food waste and dry recyclable inspections to ensure compliance with the Waste Presentation Bye Laws 2020 and the Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations 2009 as amended.



These inspections cover a range of premises – supermarkets, cafes, schools, restaurants, fast food chains and delicatessens. A three bins system is necessary for all commercial premises following 2024 amendments to the Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations, 2009. Commercial premises will reduce the amount of organic waste being disposed of through residual waste bins and increase the amount food waste that can be recycled for other uses such as compost.



### Anti-Dumping Initiative 2025

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications is again making funding of €3M available to Local Authorities, through the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLAs) to support the 2025 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI).



The Waste Enforcement Section submitted an application in April and was successful in securing €90,000 in funding. The application was centred around the Waste Presentation Bye Laws 2020 and will be used to progress the project to the next stage – Engagement with Householders on the Reverse Register.

The Reverse Register is currently being updated through information received from waste collection companies to highlight households who potentially don't have a waste collection service in place through the use of Eircodes. The reverse register once completed will be mapped using GIS to help identify hot spot areas for follow on investigation. Households will be asked to clarify how they are disposing of their waste and to put in place a waste collection service if required.





## Water Quality

### Farm Inspections



The National Agriculture Inspection Plan (NAIP) requires that 74 farms within the functional area of Fingal are inspected in 2025. 25 full farm inspections were completed by Q1 2025. At the time of inspection 21 farms inspected were found to be in full compliance with the GAP Regs and 4 farms found to be non-complaint. All non-compliant farm operators have been issued with warning letters and given a timeframe to bring their farm operation into compliance with the GAP Regulations. Failure to comply with the GAP Regulations will result in the operator facing enforcement action and potential prosecution.

### *Section 4 Licence to Discharge to Waters*



ECAATS are responsible for the monitoring and enforcement of operators who hold a Section 4 licence to discharge treated sewage or treated industrial effluent to waters.

In Q1 2025 32 Section 4 samples were collected from the licensees resulting in the issuing of 22 enforcement letters to non-complaint operators.

All non-compliant operators have been directed to comply with their discharge licence consent or else render themselves liable for enforcement action including prosecution.

### Licensed Landfills

#### Dunsink Landfill Works

Site clearance works at the southeastern section of the landfill site is now complete enabling the engineering team to start programming for the required drainage maintenance works which is planned to commence in Q3 2025.

#### *Dunsink Site Clearance Works: BEFORE*



#### *Dunsink Site Clearance works: AFTER*





## **SPORTS OFFICE**

### **Area Based Programmes**

A new series of Area Based Classes started in May across the County. This included 4 different programmes targeting groups from toddlers to older adults across 22 locations in the 7 electoral areas. These programmes inspire increased participation among targeted groups especially for individuals who want to kickstart or renew their health and well-being fitness journeys. All locations have been well attended, and the programmes have inspired participants to partake in follow up participatory and competitive events.



### **SportsCon Teacher Training**

The Sports Office continued its Education Series in May with Teacher Training workshops for schools in Lusk and Swords. These workshops develop best coaching practice in schools and clubs looking particularly at developing young people's fundamental movement skills. So far this year over 100 coaches and teachers have benefited from these workshops in all 7 electoral areas of the county.



### **Fingal Athletics League Finals Day**

The Finals Day for this year's Fingal Athletics League programme took place on 14th May in ALSAA sports complex. There were 50 schools and over 2,500 students from across Fingal descending on ALSAA for the climax of the programme, after 4 local race meets in Porterstown Park and Newbridge House. As well as there being 4,000 spectators in person, another 6,500 tuned in to watch the livestream of the event.

On the day, students were also able to join in on some fun activities delivered by coaches from Leinster Rugby, Cricket Leinster, Hockey Ireland and Athletics Ireland. There were 8 winning schools across different categories including Overall Winner; St Brigid's NS, Castleknock and Fingal's Greenest School, Balrothery NS.





### **The first Fingal / DCC - FAI Football for All blitz**

The first Fingal / DCC - FAI Football for All blitz was held at the FAI National Training Centre on Wednesday 30th April. Many teams from around Fingal attended. Approximately 80 players participated in the wonderful sunshine. Lots of good football and great craic! These blitz's will be held over the year monthly.



### **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.



### **Age & Opportunity Physical Activity Leaders Workshops**

Fingal Sports Office is delivering a 6-week series of Physical Activity Leader (PALs) Workshops in partnership and being facilitated by Active Age & Opportunity in the Liam Rogers Centre during May & June. PALs Workshop are an initiative designed to empower older adults with the skills and confidence to lead sport and activity sessions within their local groups and communities.

This year's course has welcomed a diverse range of community groups, including members of Men's Sheds, Active Retired Groups, Countrywomen's Association (ICA) guilds, Community Centres, Family Resource Centres and Alone support workers. Each bringing their own perspective on wishing to engage older adults in physical activity. The 5-hour Workshops consists of topics covering Sit Fit, Better Balance, Going Strong and Rolling and Bowling.



### **Fingal/ FAI TY Football & Fitness Course Graduation**

The TY Class of 2025 from the Football and Fitness Transition Year Course – a flagship collaboration between the FAI and Fingal County, were celebrated in the Carlton Hotel, Blanchardstown, in May.

Fifty Transition Year students from across Fingal were awarded their certificates at a special ceremony attended by FAI representatives, Fingal County Council officials, programme staff, and special guests Killian Philips – a former participant of the course and recent senior international call-up and Women's National Team manager Carla Ward.



## Sports First Aid

Fingal Sports Office continued its Coach Education Series with another Sports First Aid workshop in Corduff Sports Centre D15. Twenty volunteers from ten different clubs in the D15 area took part in a very informative workshop tutored by paramedic Brian Pentony. Participants explored topics such as cardiac arrest, heart attacks, concussion and minor sports injuries. The Sports Office plans to deliver a follow-up accredited course by the Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council in Q3 for participants who attended these introductory courses.



## New BoxUp locations

As part of the Active Cities Dublin initiative, Fingal County Council has expanded access to free sports and play equipment with the installation of six new BoxUp units—bringing the total to eight across the county.

BoxUp is a solution for sharing sports and leisure equipment using a physical station, accessible via a mobile application. The user accesses the equipment for a few hours of play, then returns the equipment to the locker as soon as the activity is over.

The BoxUp units provide a solution with cross-functional impacts;

**Quality of Life:** BoxUp makes spaces livelier, activities more spontaneous and easily accessible to all.

**Access to Sport and Physical Activity:** Sharing stations facilitate access to a range of sporting activities, helping to inspire more active lifestyles.

**Health & Equality:** BoxUp improves access to urban infrastructure and thus boosts sporting activity and, by extension, the health of local residents.

BoxUp Units are now installed in; Millennium Park, Malahide Castle & Gardens, Hartstown Park, Newbridge House and Farm, Skerries Mills, Argillan Castle, Lusk Sports Hub and Balbriggan Skate Park.





## FINANCE

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### Rates

May 2025 is running at 64%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€107.2m
Rates collected %	64%

### Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of May is €17.0m.

Development Levy Income YTD May 2025	
Levies Receipted	€17.0 m
Levies Collected as a % of 2024	23.8%

### Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of May was €37.68m which is c. **97.9%** of budget YTD.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€37.68m
Percentage of Budget YTD.	97.9%

## Procurement

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

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	104	
Value €m	28.4m	
<b>Procurements ongoing at end of May</b>		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	12	(i)
Value €m	14.7m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	59	(ii)
Value €m	53.5	
No. of procurements at approved	9	(iii)
Value €m	43.5m	

### Notes:

- (i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of May
- (ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the May
- (iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of May

**Appendix 1**  
**Revenue Account – Income & Expenditure**

**REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31 MAY 2025**

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	47,960,580	123,749,800	39%	46,365,058	126,862,200	37%	1,595,523
Road Transport & Safety	15,305,288	36,814,800	42%	3,491,881	9,063,700	39%	11,813,406
Water Services	4,640,240	13,233,400	35%	6,402,366	15,070,000	42%	-1,762,125
Development Management	10,273,906	25,261,800	41%	3,872,287	10,206,000	38%	6,401,618
Environmental Services	20,363,828	48,948,700	42%	5,655,539	8,761,100	65%	14,708,289
Recreation & Amenity	24,552,993	59,101,400	42%	1,198,823	4,375,600	27%	23,354,170
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	801,051	1,575,200	51%	261,592	422,700	62%	539,459
Miscellaneous Services	8,036,638	21,053,000	38%	11,461,817	29,588,900	39%	-3,425,179
Central Management Charge	24,027,255	59,137,800	41%	1,707,398	4,073,900	42%	22,319,857
Local Property Tax / GPG				5,291,792	12,700,300	42%	-5,291,792
Rates				69,896,458	167,751,500	42%	-69,896,458
	<b>155,961,780</b>	<b>388,875,900</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>155,605,012</b>	<b>388,875,900</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>356,768</b>



**Appendix 1 - continued**  
**Capital Account - Income & Expenditure**

<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b> <b>INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/05/2025</b>						
		Balance at 0/01/2025 €		Expenditure YTD €		Income YTD €
						Balance at 31/05/2025 €
A	Housing & Building	-9,686,875		125,458,875		-59,760,429
B	Road Transport & Safety	9,980,266		14,806,127		-5,810,307
C	Water Services	-10,327,807		914,667		-565,022
D	Development Management	-175,344,430		9,704,149		-15,695,504
E	Environmental Services	-15,418,209		1,934,023		-437,745
F	Recreation & Amenity	-11,766,355		18,730,593		-5,624,345
H	Miscellaneous Services	-42,102,959		6,120,926		-6,128,899
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-254,666,369</b>		<b>177,669,360</b>		<b>-94,022,251</b>

**Appendix 1 – continued**  
**Summary of Corporate Debtors**

<b>SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/05/2025</b>				
	<b>Balance at 01/01/2025</b>	<b>Balance at 31/05/2025</b>	<b>Current debt</b>	<b>&gt; 1 Year</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>RATES</b>	687,390	60,759,598	60,047,167	712,431
<b>LOANS</b>	2,130,037	1,904,892	177,637	1,727,255
<b>RENTS</b>	10,032,929	9,254,008	3,150,833	6,103,175

*Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments*



**Appendix 2**  
**Number of Contracts Awarded to the end of May**

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
Supply and install of new calisthenic/outdoor exercise equipment to Millenium Park, D15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo	€58,790.00	01/07/2025	31/12/2025	6	27/05/2025	Call Off Contract
sCFT LEAN Business Programme	Jigsaw VAE Ltd t/a Jigsaw Better Business	2 Ballymore Road, Loughnavalley, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	€355,500.00	08/05/2025	07/05/2027	24	08/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Deliver, Set Up & Monitor of Radio Frequency for 30 Working Days Licence Period of Radio Station & Production Days	Broadcast Technical Services	Unit 20 Bluebell Business Park, Old Naas Raod, Dublin 12	€25,800.00	22/03/2025	22/04/2025	1	21/02/2025	Contract
Road inlay and ancillary works, Estuary Rd., Malahide	D.M. Morris Limited	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	€83,586.00	26/05/2025	12/06/2025	3 Weeks	16/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Postal Collection Services	Print Post Ltd	Unit 4 Broomhill Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€180,000.00	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	12	28/04/2025	Contract
Concrete footpath construction in a serious of batches from 3 - 6 square meters at Red Arches Baldoyle Co Dublin.	Joe Duke & Company Ltd	Unit G9 Riverview Business Park, Nangor Road	€42,548.00	21/05/2025	06/06/2025	2 Weeks	13/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Consultancy Engineering Services for Feasibility Study for Dredging of Loughshinny Harbour for Fingal County Council	Ayesa (Formerly t/a Byrne Looby & Partners Ltd	H5 Oak Road, Centrepont Business Park, Dublin12, D12 VW27	€249,605.00	03/06/2025	02/06/2029	48	19/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Resurfacing of Pecks Lane Castleknock Dublin 15	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 13	€59,715.00	01/06/2025	01/12/2025	6	21/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Resurfacing of Dromheath Drive and Avenue Dublin 1	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 14	€79,230.00	01/07/2025	01/10/2025	3	22/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Resurfacing of Hadleigh Court and Park Castleknock Dublin 15	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 15	€46,520.00	01/06/2025	01/09/2025	3	20/05/2025	Call Off Contract

Road Markings for How/Mal area	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	Mespil House, Sussex Road, Dublin 4	€52,491.85	28/05/2025	26/05/2026	12	12/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Consultancy Services for Portmarnock Railway Overbridge OBB21	Barry Transportation	Classon House, Dundrum Business Park, Dundrum Road, Dublin 14	€44,293.60	28/04/2025	28/09/2025	5	28/04/2025	Call Off Contract
Planting and Maintenance of Council-Owned Summer/Winter Floral Display Baskets/Planters for various locations within Fingal Administrative Area and the supply of a limited number of Units	Redlough Landscapes Ltd	Belgree, Hollystown, Dublin 15	€187,100.10	01/05/2025	31/12/2025	8	16/04/2025	Call Off Contract
Supply & Installation of Shelving & Miscellaneous Items for Skerries Library	Bushell Interiors Ltd	12 Heaney Ave. Parkwest, Dublin 12	€66,863.00	20/05/2025	25/07/2025	10 Weeks	20/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Migration of Data, CCR & Historical Data from Cygnus to Agresso Housing Loans Module and Implementation of a Debt management System	Ascendas Business Solutions Ltd	Market House, 15 Market Square, Dillonsland, Navan, Co. meath C15 N525	€80,600.00	27/05/2025	27/05/2026	12	08/05/2025	Contract
Emergency Paving Repair Works at Newbridge House Courtyard	Francis Haughey Construction Ireland Ltd	21/23 St. Patrick Street, Keady, Co. Armagh	€46,484.00	19/05/2025	20/06/2025	5 Weeks	29/04/2025	Contract
Provision of NGN Phone Circuits for 2024 & 2025	Eir (Eir Evo)	Hibernia House,	€48,378.83	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	24	22/05/2025	Contract
Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project	RPS Consulting Engineers Ltd	Block 2, West Pier Business Campus, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	€259,185.39	07/05/2025	07/05/2027	24	13/03/2025	Call Off Contract
Waste Management Services - provision of bins at beaches (Interim)	Bord Na Mona Offices	Bord Na Mona Offices, Main Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare W12 XR59	€284,248.99	01/05/2025	31/10/2025	6	16/05/2025	Contract
Development & Implementation of FCS (Financial Contribution System)	EY Client Solutions Unlimited	Harcourt Centre, Harcourt Street, Dublin 2	€84,314.42	03/04/2025	30/04/2028	36	03/04/2025	Contract
Construction of a community garden at Meakstown - the adaptation and reuse of Bloom Garden 'A breathing space for Fingal'	Martin King Landscaping Ltd	Richardstown, Dromin, Dunleer, Co. Louth	€82,469.00	12/05/2025	10/07/2026	14	27/03/2025	Contract

Design and Construction of 2 no. Playgrounds at Corduff Park, Blanchardstown and Laurel Lodge, Castleknock, Dublin 15	Hawthorn Heights Ltd	75 Craigbrack Road, Eglington, Co. Derry, BT47 3BE	€824,670.00	01/06/2025	01/12/2026	18	14/05/2025	Contract
Resurfacing of a section of Carrickbrack Road Sutton Rd and ancillary works	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin	€119,415.00	26/05/2025	06/06/2025	2 Weeks	12/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Provision of Accounting, Audit and Financial Advisory Services for ANCA	Crowe Ireland Risk Limited	40 Mespil Road, Dublin 4, DO4 C2N4	€140,000.00	29/05/2025	29/05/2026	12	14/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Construction of Learn 2 Cycle Track, Holywell Park, Swords, Co. Dublin	KT Civil Ltd	Rathowen, Co. Westmeath	€82,199.76	12/05/2025	12/08/2025	3	08/05/2025	Contract
Purchase 2 Electric Vans	Setanta Vehicle Importers	Setanta House, M50 Business Park, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	€101,580.00	10/05/2025	09/05/2026	12	10/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Desilting of Millpond at Ward River Park, Swords, Co. Dublin	Rivus Ltd	Ballynagaragh, Kilbrittain, Co. Cork	€93,604.50	15/05/2025	15/08/2025	3	30/04/2025	Contract
Inlay and ancillary works of a section of Station Rd Lusk, Co Dublin	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin	€33,945.00	26/05/2025	13/06/2025	3 Weeks	06/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Swift Survey Fingal Towns	Birdwatch Ireland	Unit 20 Block B, Bullford Business Campus, Kilcoole, Greystones, Co. Wicklow	€42,360.00	25/05/2025	01/04/2026	11	17/05/2025	Contract
Supply, Installation and Commissioning of the CCTV & Recording System in Bell's Lane.	SKS Communications LTD	Unit 2 Robinhood Ind. Estate, Longmile Road, Dublin 22	€68,944.00	18/03/2025	18/07/2026	16	06/03/2025	Contract
Supply of Bitumen Emulsion 2025	Irish Tar, Colas Teoranta & Breedon	Irish Tar - Alexandra Road Dublin 11, Colas Teranta - Bluebell Industrial Estate Dublin 2, Bredon - Rosemount Business Park Ballycoolin	€171,827.00	01/06/2025	31/12/2025	7	29/04/2025	Call Off Contract
Swords Main Street Transformation - Traffic Survey Phase 1	Tracsis Traffic Data Ltd	Unit 43 Canal Walk, Parkwest, Dublin1 2	€48,830.00	28/04/2025	28/06/2025	2	02/05/2025	Contract
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 & Draíocht	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	Castletumney 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 monitoring 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 DFK	16-17 College Green, Dublin 2	€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
An initial contract to supply fit out and deliver six (6) Steel Anti Vandal Units to be used as Lifeguard Stations on beaches in the administrative area of Fingal County Council.	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 Quickpenny 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	€60,300.00	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 infrastructure	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 EUCEF 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	€95,130.00	23/01/2025	23/04/2025	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 Lyncon 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 2SI, 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
<b>Fingal County Council</b>		
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	Castleknoock 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
<b>Total:</b>		<b>€ 20,000,000</b>
<b>Allocations Through Other NTA Funding Streams</b>		
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
<b>Subtotal:</b>		<b>€7,685,000</b>



**Appendix 4**  
**Summary of Environmental Complaints, Inspections and Enforcement Actions**

		<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Q1 2025</b>
<b>Complaints investigated</b>	Waste (incl litter)	1,036	2,287	267
	Water and Wastewater	101	75	21
	Air & Odour	37	54	23
	Noise	99	146	47
	<b>TOTAL COMPLAINTS</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>2,562</b>	<b>358</b>
<b>Inspections</b>	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
	<b>TOTAL INSPECTIONS</b>	<b>6,236</b>	<b>9,451</b>	<b>2,987</b>

**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 <a href="#">53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps</a>	10 Social 51 Affordable	On-Site	Q2 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph1., Donabate <a href="#">53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W</a>	87 Social 86 Cost Rental 86 Affordable	On-Site	Q3 2023	Phased delivery
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock / Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3A <a href="#">53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google</a>	40 Social 80 Cost Rental 180 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social	Seatown Road, Swords <a href="#">53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps</a>	36 Social 36 x 2 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2024	Q4 2026
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock / Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B <a href="#">53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps</a>	107 Social 110 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate <a href="#">53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W</a>	63 Social 112 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords <a href="#">53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps</a>	13 Social 6 x 1 Bed 7 x 2 Bed	Enabling works complete.	Q2 2025	Q3 2026

### Schemes on Site (Continued)

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Holywell, Swords <a href="#">53°26'48.1"N 6°12'42.8"W</a>	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. <a href="#">53.580404, -6.122225</a>	14 Social 11x 2-Bed 3 x 3-Bed 1 x 4-Bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q1 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Rathmore, Remount, Lusk <a href="#">53.521142, -6.161451</a>	18 Social 2 x 1 bed 12 x 2 bed 4 x 3 bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q2 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mooretown Phase 1, Swords. <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9">https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9</a>	123 Social 151 Affordable	On-Site	On-Site	Phased delivery



**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 <a href="#">53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps</a>	6 Social 3 x 2-bed 3 x 1-bed	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Woodside, Swords. <a href="#">53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps</a>	34	Planning granted.	Q1 2026	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. <a href="#">53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps</a>	32	Planning granted.	Q1 2026	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph2, Donabate <a href="#">53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W</a>	86 Social 86 Affordable	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social – Elderly TBC	Blakestown Cross, Mulhuddart <a href="#">53.399869, -6.401776 Google Maps</a>	30 Social 16 x 1 Bed 14 x 2 Bed	Consultants to be appointed.	Q1 2026	Q1 2027
Howth/Malahide	FCC	TBC	Tuckets Lane <a href="#">53.385248, -6.066128 Google Maps</a>	8 Social 4 x 1 bed 4 x 2 bed	On-hold	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 (Est)
Blanchardstown	FCC	Social	Fortlawn, Blanchardstown <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/xuML7oPaySiPZmf46">https://maps.app.goo.gl/xuML7oPaySiPZmf46</a>	21	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/zfhguqQj7vYYRlB99">https://maps.app.goo.gl/zfhguqQj7vYYRlB99</a>	4	Pre-planning.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Social	Mayeston, Dublin 11 <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53%24%28.4%22N+6%26%27%202.1%22W/@53.4000000,-6.4500000,15z">53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps</a>	74	Pre-Planning	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush- Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHQHp8">https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHQHp8</a>	80	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*
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
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	Cluid	CALF	Hollyfield, Hollystown, Dublin 15	22	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
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
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Hansfield Orchard, Hansfield, Dublin 15	54	Q1 2026
				37	Q2 2026

\*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to change