



Chief Executive's Management Report

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Chief Executive's Foreword

On Friday, June 13th at the Annual General Meeting, Cllr Tom O'Leary was elected as our 20th Mayor in Fingal with Cllr Gráinne Maguire joining him as Deputy Mayor. Cllr O'Leary takes over the role from former Mayor Cllr Brian McDonagh who was elected in June 2024. Over their term, Cllr McDonagh and Cllr JK Onwumereh, as Deputy Mayor, served with dedication and enthusiasm and worked tirelessly on behalf of the people of Fingal. I know you will join me in expressing thanks to Cllrs McDonagh and Onwumereh for their work over the past year within communities across the county and their involvement in and support of many initiatives. As they begin their terms of office, both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor can draw on their vast expertise as highly experienced and knowledgeable public servants who have represented their constituents for many years with distinction. Also at the AGM, Councillors selected the Chairs for the three Fingal's Area Committees: Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords, Cllr Luke Corkery. Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Cllr Eimear Carbone-Mangan. Howth-Malahide: Cllr Cathal Haughey. On behalf of myself and the Management Team, I wish the councillors the very best of luck in their respective roles.

I hope you are all enjoying the summer so far. The recent spell of good weather has been very welcome for the thousands of concert goers who flocked to Malahide for this year's concert series which saw 7 international big-name acts perform in the stunning surrounds of Malahide Castle & Gardens. The concerts began with Charli XCX on June 17th followed by Iron Maiden, Neil Young, Justin Timberlake, Alanis Morissette, Duran Duran with Nile Rodgers & Chic and finally with Mumford & Sons closing off the series on Friday, July 4th. Due to the meticulous preparation and effective collaboration with all external stakeholders, the concert series was another huge success.

Year on year, we are able to attract top performers to Malahide in what is the highlight in the concert season calendar.

Malahide Castle has proven to be an excellent concert venue due to its close proximity to Dublin Airport and highly efficient train and bus services making it easy for fans to travel to the events. As with every large-scale event organised in Fingal, the level of planning required is substantial and I wish to acknowledge the stellar work carried out by the Operations Department, Events Unit, Heritage and Conservation Team, Planning and Environment Departments in ensuring a fantastic time was had by all who attended.

From one fantastic event series to another – the always highly anticipated Flavours of Fingal in Newbridge House & Farm will take place on the weekend of the 5th and 6th of July and we are very much looking forward to providing a fantastic couple of days for the people of Fingal. Jam packed with live musical performances, locally produced artisan food and drink, shopping, farming events, children's entertainment and so much more, 'Flavours' is a festival that has grown in stature over its thirteenth years to become one of Ireland's most popular, fun and free summer festivals. The expected 70,000 Visitors will be treated to fantastic cookery demonstrations in locations around the demesne by experts including celebrity chef Kevin Dundon, Macken Zawila from The Brooklyn and Kelly and Hazel Keogh. Flynn Park, Balbriggan, will give thrill seekers of all ages the opportunity to have a taste of their activities with trials at archery, laser tag, and Crazi-Bugz. The Fingal Village marquee is always a popular attraction where our departments showcase their work, projects and initiatives and offer members of the public interactive experiences, advice and information. Some of the activities you can look forward to include trying out the VR headsets using cutting-edge Oculus technology at the Digital Services stand, Fingal Arts Office and the master printmakers from Graphic Studios Dublin who will host a hands-on session that brings the magic of fine art printing to life and Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports will be collaborating to have a Technogym and picker pals activities for visitors.

The Fingal Village is a great space to visit to get information from the Housing team who will be offering information on the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant and the Affordable Housing scheme as well as our Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Department who will be on hand offering information on European Projects. Cognisant of our visitors who needed a bit of space away from the excitement of the festival, we partnered with Ireland's Autism Charity, AsIAm, to provide The Quiet Zone – this space is a calming and welcoming area for those with additional needs and, along with a sensory map, will ensure an inclusive, enjoyable and safe experience for all.

Finally, I am very pleased that construction of the €40m centre piece of the Swords Cultural Quarter is progressing well and is on schedule to open in 2027. Culture House Fingal will welcome visitors to the library, theatre, gallery, maker space, arts spaces and café in a stunning four storey high building designed by award-winning architects O'Donnell and Twomey and constructed by Duggan Brothers. The project represents a key capital investment with the majority of the funding coming from our own reserves in addition to a grant of €3m from the Department of Rural and Community Development. Just across the road, 36 new homes expertly constructed by Duggan Brothers, will sit alongside the new building and will create a new community on Seatown Road. Culture House will be at the heart of Swords and will provide visitors with a welcoming and inclusive space to immerse themselves in culture, the arts and learning. The official launch of Culture House Fingal will take place on Culture Night, Friday, September 19, and will include the latest updates on plans for the new building from the Arts Office and Library Service.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Number of Current Job Offers	94

Learning & Development Update

Learning & Development	Year to date
Number of courses	182
Number of Attendees	1771
Number of Training Days	1564

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

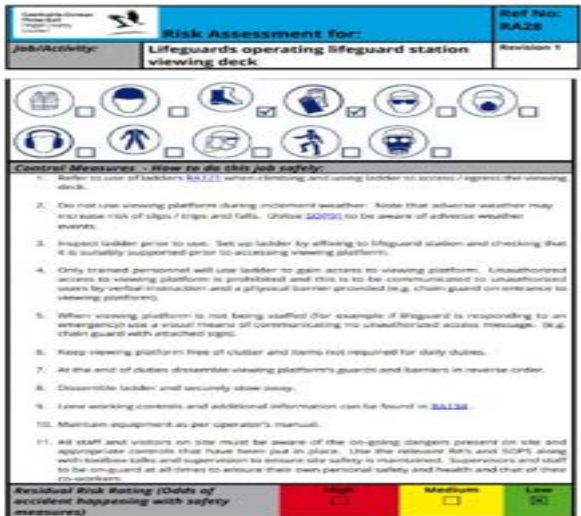
Wellbeing

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

The HSU conducted proactive safety measures during the month of June with the completion of 30 site safety inspections and audits. From January 2025 to date the HSU has completed 23 safety audits and 167 site safety inspections. During the month, the Unit assisted the Training Section with manual handling training and protection & safeguarding of young persons training for the 2025 intake of lifeguards. There was one interaction with the HSA pertaining to a HSA inspection carried out on staff working for Uisce Eireann in Swords WWTP. 30 risk assessments and standard operational procedures were reviewed / created to date including a review lifeguarding tasks and other works on or near water. The HSU continued with its role of VDU assessments and answering staff queries on health and safety issues. In addition, the HSU to date has completed 54 incident investigations into workplace incidents, accidents, and dangerous occurrences. Pictogram examples:





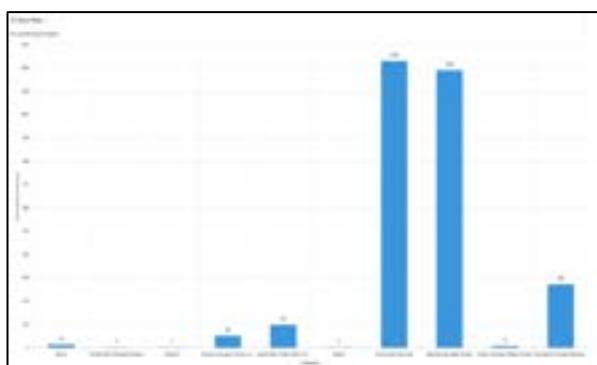
Customer Services

Customer Care Unit Statistics – June 2025

Total No. of Calls dealt with by CCU
7,954

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 June is 692 broken down as follows:



COMMUNICATIONS

Digital Statistics

The fmgal.ie website had 170,052 visitors during June which was an increase of 19,726 on the previous month. The number of page views rose by 25,555 to 363,548 while the average time spent on the site rose by seven seconds to 2 minutes and 1 second. However, the figures for the first six months of the year are down on the same period in 2024. There have been 876,136 visitors and 1,911,247 page views since January and visitors have spent an average of 1 minute and 59 seconds on the site.

The most popular pages during June were Planning Applications, Affordable House and the Malahide Concerts. A news story on the Council's decision to approve the transformation of Red Island and harbour Road in Skerries had over 12,000 page views.

The number of followers across the nine corporate social media channels rose over the month by 1,504 to 98,598.

The Facebook account now has 40,892 followers and the number of views rose by over 400,000 during June to 2,452,474 with a reach of 428,122. There were 13,978 interactions which was an engagement rate of 3.3%.

The most popular post was on June 26 about the Iron Maiden Concert at Malahide Castle with the accompanying video having over 114,000 views. Instagram now has 14,521 followers and had 492,896 views during June from a reach of 49,972. There were 4,332 interactions which was an engagement rate of 9%. The most read post was about The Outing Festival in Balbriggan reach of 3,418 and 104 interactions.

The number of LinkedIn followers is now 11,752. There were 62,922 impressions and 990 reactions which was an engagement rate of 2%. The number of followers on X rose by 13 to 23,398 and there was an engagement rate of 3.56% from 160,978 impressions.

The WhatsApp channel now has 3,315 followers while the numbers currently following the other corporate channels are Threads (1,437), TikTok (1,059) and Bluesky (433).

Six videos were added to the Council's You Tube Channel which saw the number of subscribers grow to 1,790. Videos published included Let Fingal Breathe which was an Environmental Awareness video relating to the effects of discarded cigarette butts. Videos can be viewed at

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



Press Releases

There were 19 press releases issued during June covering topics such as Cultoure House, the New Mayor and Deputy Mayor, the issuing of an Enforcement Notice to daa, the Fingal Food Circle and the Climate Action Plan Progress Report.

Media Queries

Media queries received by the Communications Unit during May included questions about Dublin Airport, Parking Bye-laws, Affordable Housing, Burrow Beach and Housing Voids.

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As part of an early evening familiarisation visit organised by Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce, the tourism team visited Flynn Park adventure centre near Balrothery on 18th June, hosted by Shaun Flynn. The visit showcased the major attractions of the site including the recently installed barrel saunas beside the lake and got to hear firsthand about the plans for further expansion. Discussions were held on how the Council could support and promote the visitor attraction.



TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Dublin LA Tourism Network

The next meeting of the Dublin Local Authority Tourism Network is to be hosted by Fingal County Council on Thursday 3rd July at Newbridge House. The venue will allow the members the chance to see the build for Flavours of Fingal in full swing. The meeting will discuss items of interest across the Dublin region including the marketing of the Dublin region, data capture and the upcoming IrishFest event in Milwaukee.

Flynn Park Familiarisation Visit



Fingal Food Circle



Preparations are advancing for Fingal Food Network's increased representation at Flavours of Fingal 2025. The network will deliver an exciting blend of live cooking, meet-the-maker experiences, and storytelling that brings the community's food heritage to life. Flavours will also see the launch of the network's updated brand identity 'Fingal Food Circle', celebrating the evolution of the network and its continued collaboration with Fingal County Council and the Fingal Farmers Group.

Highlights include the **Local Chefs Showcase:** Daily cooking demos in two locations – the main Food Demo Stage and the Artisan Tent in Fingal Farmers Field – showcasing local culinary talent in action. There will also be a **Display Area:** Pick up your *Fingal Food Network Producers' Bag*, meet the members behind the produce, and explore the newly launched brochure and Fingal food map to guide your next local food adventure. The final element will be a **Meet the Makers Stage:** Between chef demos, enjoy live interviews with producers and growers, sharing stories and insights that connect visitors to Fingal's food culture.

EVENTS

Swords Concerts 2025

Sold out for The Boomtown Rats and limited availability for 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



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.



Fingal Awards Over €100,000 in Festival and Events Funding for Summer Season

Fingal County Council has announced a total of **€106,550 in funding** to support a wide range of festivals and events taking place across the county during **July and August**. The funding will help enhance community engagement, cultural expression, and tourism throughout Fingal.

The following events have been awarded support:

- **Slí Dhála Summer School 2025**
- **Castleknock Music Festival 2025**
- **Fingal 10K Road Race**
- **Dublin Concert Band Free Summer Concert**
- **2025 EFBT Euro Twirl - European Championships, Ireland**
- **Garristown Summer Festival 2025**
- **Loughshinny Summer Festival**
- **Summer Family Fun Day & Taylor Hill Christmas Family Fun Day**
- **Rush Harbour Festival 2024**
- **Harvest Time Festival**
- **Spud Fest**
- **Howth Roots and Blues Festival 2025**
- **Donabate Portrane Summer Festival**

This funding highlights the Council's ongoing commitment to nurturing local culture, supporting the arts, promoting wellbeing, and celebrating the diversity of communities across Fingal.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Newbridge House

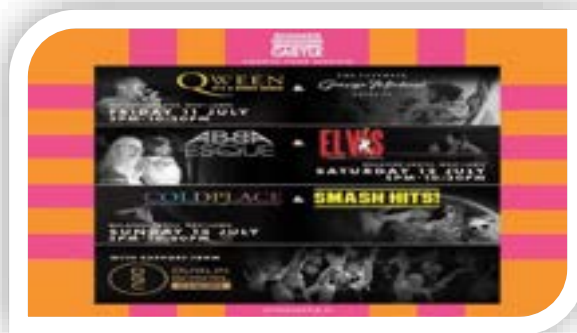
Get ready for the return of one of Ireland's most anticipated summer events. The Flavours of Fingal County Show 2025 is taking place in the stunning parklands of Newbridge House and Farm on the 5th & 6th July.



Visitors can enjoy not only the vibrant atmosphere of the show but also free guided tours of Newbridge House and access to the historic farmyard, included with admission. It is the perfect day out for families, food lovers, and anyone looking to experience the best of Fingal's heritage, food, and fun.

Malahide Castle

"Summer Sessions at the Castle" is coming to the breathtaking West Lawn of Malahide Castle & Gardens for the first time. This boutique music festival promises a magical evening set against the stunning backdrop of the castle.



Enjoy a high-energy lineup featuring Ireland's top tribute acts and party bands, along with delicious food, a wide range of refreshments, and an unbeatable festival atmosphere.

Don't miss the chance to experience this brand-new event in one of Dublin's most iconic outdoor venues.

Swords Castle

Markets



The monthly market in Swords Castle continues to grow with additional vendors, very good footfall and positive reviews. The third Summer food market took place in Swords Castle on Saturday, 21st June. Plans are in place to expand the spread of Summer food markets to other locations in July; it is anticipated that similar markets will soon take place in both the Malahide Casino and in the grounds of St. Patrick's Church in Donabate.

Ardgillan Castle



On 24th and 25th July, Ardgillan Castle hosts two evening open air theatre productions on the terrace performed by the University of South Carolina Lancaster Players. On the 24th July, they will be performing Beckett's iconic play 'Waiting for Godot' and on the 25th July, a new play called 'On the Spectrum', a touching and thought-provoking play that follows the journey of two young adults on the autism spectrum as they connect and communicate in a world not always built for them.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts Development - Youth & Education

Micro Forest, Blakestown

Interviews with the project team took place at the Micro Forest Blakestown this month, with the students, artist Gareth Kennedy, teacher Mary Quinn, curator Rayne Booth and Fingal's Youth & Education Officer Julie Clarke contributing to the making of a film and publication documenting the five-year journey of the micro forest – a living

and functioning art work that serves as an outdoor learning and recreational space on the school grounds of Blakestown Community College.



Musician-in-Residence Evaluation

Fingal Arts Office is carrying out an evaluation of its Musician-in-Residence Programme which includes a consultation process with a range of people involved in the programme – school coordinators, music educators, children and other stakeholders. Karan Thompson Consulting is engaged to lead this consultation with the aim of understanding how the programme has progressed, and how it might be developed into the future.

Music Generation Fingal, Balbriggan Jam Project

Music Generation Fingal's Balbriggan Jam group - 'Spectrum', lit up the stage at We Own the Castle during Cruinniú na nÓg, impressing audiences with their incredible talent, energy and positivity. The young band is now preparing with professional musicians Ollie Cole and Matt Winston for their second summer performance next month at 'Subsounds'.



Public Art

Fingal Arts Office are leading the commissioning of 3 new artworks planned for Fingal's first 5 star hotel which will be located at Dublin Airport. We are working in close partnership with the Arora Group at the site where a selection of artists have been shortlisted to create new work for the public spaces and the bedrooms at the hotel. The hotel and the works are to be ready for the hotel's opening date in October 2026.



Creative Places Balbriggan



Creative Places Balbriggan Local Support Team met in June to plan the official programme launch in the Lark Concert Hall in September among other key upcoming events, including an Arts Office funding clinic for local Balbriggan artists and community groups in July. At present the support team includes members of the Arts Office, Balbriggan Library staff, Our Balbriggan office and the FCC Community Officer for Balbriggan and is chaired by the project coordinator.

A Creative Places Balbriggan Statement of Strategy document has been drafted by the Arts Office, identifying the programme's purpose, vision, mission and values, including the three main pillars of the Creative Places Balbriggan Programme work from 2025 -2027. These pillars will be Youth, Climate Action and Creative Industries.

The coordinator also travelled to the UK in June as part of a EETCD team including Arts and Libraries to research and meet other socially engaged Arts programmes and arts centres. The trip included a visit to Heart of Glass social arts project in St. Helen's to visit some of its team and view their public art murals. Other projects visited included Storyhouse in Chester and Art Depot in Finchley, London.

Arts Act Grant Scheme



Fingal Arts Office continues to support artistic activity across the county through the Arts Act Grant Scheme.

In 2025, funding has been awarded to a wide range of individuals, community groups, and organisations, helping to enrich the cultural life of Fingal through performance, participation and creative development.

To show support and witness the calibre and quality of work being delivered, members of the Arts Office team have attended a number of grants-supported projects, events and festivals across the county already this year. Just some of these include Rush Musical Society, Swords Community College Musical Society, Malahide Camera Club, Songs of Rejoicing in Howth, The Bleeding Pig Festival in Donabate and Portrane, Skerries Trad Music Weekend and Dublin en Plein Air festival at various locations.

This engagement reflects the Council's ongoing commitment to supporting vibrant, high-quality, and inclusive arts activities throughout Fingal.

Awards and residencies

Fingal local writers, **Teri Donaghy, Fiona McKay, Elaine Maguire O'Connor and Rebecca D'Arcy** have been chosen for the Irish Writers Centre's prestigious National Mentoring Programme 2025, following an exceptional response to this year's nationwide callout, which attracted 354 applicants.

Each selected writer will receive one-to-one mentoring from an established writer, offering invaluable creative and professional guidance over the coming months.

Fingal Arts Office funds the four mentorships to guarantee that the chosen awardees receive this potentially career-changing support free of charge.



Fingal Arts Office funded four bursaries for professional artists based in the Fingal area. Each awarded artist received a ticket to the Performing Arts Forum Limerick Gathering which includes all day sessions, lunch, dinner, coffee breaks and the artistic programme.

This year four Fingal artists were selected to participate, **Clíodhna Noonan, Sheila Ryder, Tighearnan Noonan and Jacinta Lowndes.**

Carnegie



Alannah Thornburgh first Carnegie Musician-in-Residence

Harper Alannah Thornburg as the inaugural Musician-in-Residence at The Carnegie, Swords. This exciting new opportunity provides the selected musician with an award of €6,000, along with space and time to develop their artistic practice, create new work and engage with local audiences. Drawing on the Samhain concept of a time when the boundary between the physical and spiritual worlds is at its thinnest, Alannah will research local legends and compose new music in response. The residency will culminate in a live performance of the work in late October to mark Samhain.

Draíocht

Following a hugely successful celebration for Cruinniú na nÓg on 7th June, with outdoor dance, graffiti and family art workshops, Draíocht's Youth Arts Department continues full steam ahead for the Summer months with:

School Tours, July Provision workshop for schools, Summer Projects in Film & Music for teens, Workshops in our Creative Resources Space, plus the much anticipated bi-annual D15 Youth Theatre Production, written and produced by members.

Draíocht is now 6 months in to hosting Sarah Ward's, (a D15 artist and researcher) 4-year PHD at TU Dublin as part of the ARISE Scholarship programme, to examine the relationship between artists, galleries and the public. Sarah has created a summer programme of free workshops in our Creative Resources Space for July & August in the First Floor Gallery, from toddlers to teens, bookable through box office.



A new exhibition 'Navigating Space' by Dublin 15 print artist Maria Atanackovic, opened on 11th June and runs until 20th September. This is Maria's first solo exhibition and Draíocht is thrilled to support same.

Two Summer Visual Artist Residencies were awarded for June-August to Fingal artists Eileen O'Sullivan and Nicole Manning. Applications are now being reviewed for the much sought after joint Fingal Arts Office and Draíocht Studio Artist Award, for September to December 2025, awarding a 4-month paid artist studio residency.

Full details are available on www.draiocht.ie

Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

June saw the centre gearing up for the Garden Party summer season of performances, films and family events, alongside the opening of our summer exhibition by artists Tríona Sweeney and Elaine O'Dea.

Music

Tuesday June 2 saw the end of year concert for the music school take place in the theatre to families and friends. The April-June term had 55 students, including 3 based in America and others based around the country (the majority of classes are in person but some are conducted online). For the end of year concert, 25 students took part, performing solo or in groups, concluding with a few short performances by four of the teachers: Clíodhna NíRuairc (Fiddle), Robert Harvey (Tin Whistle & Flute), Mairead O'Donnell (Fiddle) and Des Reilly (Guitar).

Garden Party Season

Our opening weekend of the Garden Party was sold out. June 14 we were joined by Niall McCabe, combining his natural distinct voice, with deft intricate guitarwork and the support of his full band. This was followed by a rousing afternoon with Seth Mulder & The Midnight Run on June 15, who combine bluegrass, country and folk music, creating a sound that resonates with traditional and contemporary audiences alike.



The final weekend of the month welcomes Neil Delamere with his new epic show, Achillies Neil, as he takes on life's absurdities in his own inimitable way, followed the next day by the dynamic Megatrad, bringing their electrifying energy and skill combining traditional and the contemporary to the TSEAC outdoor stage.

Rounding out the weekend will be a Sunday for families.

This will begin with the puppet show, Jacqueline & The Beanstalk, a retelling of a classic with lots of twists and ending with a trip back to the 90's for the Baby Rave.



Visual Arts

Our current exhibition opened on June 4th and features paintings and drawings by Triona Sweeney and sculpture by Elaine O'Dea, two artists exploring the spaces between the natural and the human-made worlds. Sweeney's atmospheric landscape paintings are based on real places but reimagined to feel both familiar and uncertain. They show quiet, in-between spaces where traces of human presence meet nature. O'Dea's sculptures focus on the body and its environment, using both natural and industrial materials to explore ideas of boundaries, control, and identity. Her forms suggest human or organic shapes, challenging how we define inside and outside, subject and object. Together, their work reflects on how we experience space, place, and the structures - both physical and social - that shape our world. Exhibition runs until July 31.



Libraries

Cruinniú na nÓg



On Saturday, 7th June across Fingal, every library hosted creative events and workshops to celebrate Cruinniú na nÓg, Ireland's national day of free creativity for children and young people. Larger 'Carnivals of Curiosity' in Blanchardstown, Malahide, and Balbriggan Libraries drew big crowds, offering hands-on experiences in art, science, storytelling, and more. Dance performances and graffiti workshops took place in Draíocht arts centre, and the Shapes & Structures Family Day launched an exciting new creative space in the First Floor Gallery. Together, these events showed that when young people are given the space to create, they truly shine.

Swords Castle came alive with the sound of a dynamic teenage music festival, We Own the Castle, organised by Creative Ireland Fingal and Fingal Libraries for Cruinniú na nÓg. With 100 young performers on stage and an audience of nearly 2,000 cheering them on, the festival was a powerful showcase of emerging musical talent. Swords Chapel hosted 'Wavin' Words', a spoken word event that gave young poets a platform to share their voices. With themes ranging from identity and resilience to dreams and social change, these young writers captivated listeners.

Fingal Future Visions



For Cruinniú na nÓg 2025, children's illustrator Chris Judge worked with four primary schools across Swords and Malahide to create an artistic vision of what Fingal, and the world, will look like twenty years from now. This collaborative project resulted in the creation of a vibrant, large-scale mural collage reflecting hopes and possibilities for the future. The mural was unveiled at Swords Castle for Cruinniú na nÓg before going on display in the Atrium in County Hall on June 16th. Close to 100 of the young artists gathered in County Hall, with Deputy Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Gráinne Maguire in attendance, to reflect on the project with Chris and question him about his work. Fingal Future Visions will be on display in the County Hall Atrium until June 27th.

Library Summer Programme



Fingal Libraries launched its programme of events for the summer months. The programme includes free events, workshops, and activities for all ages. Events for children include author visits, creative writing, drawing, sewing, STEM workshops, coding, storytelling, arts and crafts, family yoga, a magic show, and sensory-friendly workshops. The 'Book Doctors' from Children's Books Ireland will visit Blanchardstown Library to give children and families advice on books they will love. Events for adults include exercise classes under the Healthy Ireland at your Library programme, arts and crafts workshops, talks on gardening and genealogy, a poetry workshop, a smartphone course, and eServices clinics to assist people to get the best out of Fingal Libraries free eServices.

Summer Stars

Libraries are taking part in Summer Stars, the national reading programme that runs annually throughout the summer. Every child who takes a book out from the library gets a reading card and a stamp for each book they read. This programme aims to keep children reading throughout the school summer holidays.

Heritage Week

National Heritage Week takes place between 16th – 24th August. Libraries will celebrate with free events for adults and children. Nature workshops in Baldoyle and Malahide Libraries will teach children about Ireland's biodiversity and ecosystems. Events for adults include talks from Bat Conservation Ireland and the Skerries Historical Society, and a workshop on seed saving. Fingal Local Studies and Archives will hold open days where the public can view items from the collection and find out what resources are available for local and family history. Fingal Local Studies and Archives have also organised an exhibition on 'The Sale of Balbriggan' in Bremore Castle. The exhibition will tell the story of the sale of the estate of George Alexander Hamilton 150 years ago, which included the entire town of Balbriggan.

Fingal Festival in a Van

Sounds Like Summer: Fingal Festival in a Van is currently touring Fingal, visiting 12 locations over six days. In a collaboration with Creative Fingal and Fingal Community Development Office, Festival in a Van is bringing pop-up performances of music, dance, and spoken word to all types of communities across Fingal, from housing estates to public parks to youth groups to refugee accommodation.

Helium Arts Summer Art Camp

Helium Arts Summer Art Camp for children with lifelong health conditions will take place in Blanchardstown Library on 22nd - 24th July. This camp is designed for children aged 8-12 living with a lifelong physical health condition(s). The camp is led by a professional artist and has a medic on site if needed.

Flavours of Fingal

Fingal Libraries will take part in the Flavours of Fingal Festival on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th July. Libraries will have a stand at the Fingal Village where staff will provide information on library services, resources and events. The mobile library van will also be at the festival and provide entertainment for children including facepainting and a magic show.

Inclusive Creativity



Inclusive Creativity, a collaboration between Fingal Libraries and Creative Fingal, is continuing over the summer months.

Adults supported by Prosper Fingal are taking part in sustainable arts & crafts workshops in library branches with Aga Hutcheson. This collaborative programme will also offer workshops to older age groups in libraries and other community settings over the coming months.

Weathervane Poetry Anthology

The Creative Poetry Writing Group at Balbriggan Library gathered with friends, family, and the local community to launch their anthology, Weathervane, on 17th June. The group meets in Balbriggan Library every Tuesday to explore different poetry forms in a supportive environment for creativity.

Economic Development Fingal Skills Strategy



EETCD continues to support the implementation of the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024-2029, developing Fingal's skills ecosystem, working in partnership with the SSIG and Industry Subgroups.

As part of our promotion of Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024-2029 the Pavilions centre are part of our Services sub-group are supporting the Strategy with advertising in a high traffic entrance to the shopping centre. The display will feature for 6 months and contains a QR code for the public to download and read the strategy.





At a meeting with the Transport & Logistics Sub-group on the 9th of June, Cuty Gupta, CEO and Founder of CozmoTec and winner of the 2025 Fingal Enterprise Awards presented to the group the impact of AI on the Transport & Logistics sector including the AI tools that are transforming the industry.



At the June Skills Strategy Implementation Group (SSIG) meeting Deirdre Lynch from 'Not so Different' delivered a presentation on maximising human potential through neurodiversity which offers a valuable source of diverse skills and perspectives to employers. The SSIG agreed to establish a sub-group to explore a pilot project in Fingal with Not So Different. The SSIG also discussed plans for a Skills Summit in Q4 2025.

Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo 2025

Under Theme 2 of the Strategy the Xplore Your Future Expo is a key deliverable, 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 14th 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 2,500 students from 22 schools across Fingal registered to attend. The Economic Development team in conjunction with our event managers are currently working with exhibitors to provide as interactive an experience as possible for the students.



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. (See Link)

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Interreg Skylla Project



The Council continues to participate in the Interreg SKYLA Project, with partners from seven European regions, seeking 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 to align with the action of Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 – 2029.



Fingal presented the work of the Fingal Skills Strategy at a SKYLA webinar on “*Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition Regional Pathways to Inclusive Growth and Innovation*” held on the 17th of June.

Bi-Lateral Exchange

Fingal in collaboration with DCU & DRSF hosted SKYLA project partners Skåne for a bi-lateral exchange visit on the 12th and 13th of June. The Swedish delegation consisted of stakeholders from the Skane Regional Government, University of Malmo, (Arbetsmarknadskunskap) AMK, and IUC Syd (Industrial Development Centre).

The meeting commenced with a presentation from AMK representatives on the AMK programme which aims to address skills gaps in the region by directly speaking to students in schools and tailoring the presentations to skills deficient careers. This was followed by a presentation from Trinity College's 'Academy of the Near Future' who run STEM programmes for students throughout County Dublin.



Day Two saw the delegation visit DCU for presentations on the DCU STINT programme which offers Teachers and Student teachers the opportunity to complete STEM internships in STEM companies throughout Ireland. This programme has been very successful in providing teachers in Primary and Secondary schools with the skills and the confidence to introduce STEM into their classrooms to help inspire the next generation to pursue these careers.

The exchange finished with a visit to Esmark Finch who demonstrated how they engaged with the DRSF and Enterprises Ireland's Spotlight on Skills Programme to upskill and retrain staff to meet the development need of the employees and the emerging skills need of the company.

URBACT-EcoCore

The EcoCore Project

Green Transition in Small Cities along Transport Corridors

Fingal County Council continues to lead the URBACT EcoCore Project which comprises a network of 9 small cities/towns in Europe focussing on challenges and opportunities for green growth and sustainable economic development along strategic transport corridors. The Project Team will close out the project by the end of 2025.



A local stakeholder meeting (ULG) was held in the Bracken Court Hotel on the 19th of June. ULG members were presented with the draft Integrated Action Plan (IAP) which is a key deliverable of the EcoCore Project. The IAP is focused primarily on four strategic objectives with key actions for the sustainable economic development of Council owned lands in Stephenstown, Balbriggan. ULG members were invited to review the draft plan which they co-created with the EcoCore Project team.



The EcoCore Project team are currently planning for the final network communications output which will be a series of five podcasts covering the successes, challenges, and learnings of all project partners throughout the URBACT EcoCore journey. The podcasts will be recorded over two days in September with input from all project partners and several local stakeholders.



Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plans



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

Following public consultation, the public submissions received on the Framework Plan are under review for the preparation of the Chief Executive's report for the consideration of the Elected Members. An update on progress was delivered in a briefing to the Elected Members on the 26th May 2025.

Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy

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



Sustainable Fingal



Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainability Strategy

EETCD are due to commence work on Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainability Strategy and is in the process of appointed consultants to assist with the development of the Strategy following the tender process. It is envisaged that the Sustainability Strategy will be completed by Q4 2025 and will compliment and support the Department's suite of Strategies: Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy and Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy.

EETCD continues to liaise with representatives from DCU and daa to explore a work programme of sustainability 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 21st 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.

The Council has submitted 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 LCDDC 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 LCDDC 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 LCDDC met on 28th 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 LCDDC will take place on 9th July 2025.

SICAP

The annual SICAP budget for 2025 is 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



Empower submitted an application to The Department of Rural and Community Development and Gaeltacht (DRCDG) and was allocated €50,000 in additional New Arrivals Funding for the SICAP programme in Fingal.

The mid-year SICAP review took place in June and will be considered by the LCDDC at the July meeting.



LEADER Programme

Fingal LCDDC 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 17th June and approved 7 Projects for funding

- New Hope Residential Centre Digital Upgrade
- Loughshinny new equipment
- Aine Healy Ceramics Growth Initiative
- Donabate Portrane CC-IT Training Room
- East Coast Bikes
- Fort Lucan-Water Slide
- Skerries Harvest Festival

The next Dublin Rural LAG meeting is scheduled for the 26th August 2025.

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

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

Local Enhancement Programme 2025

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

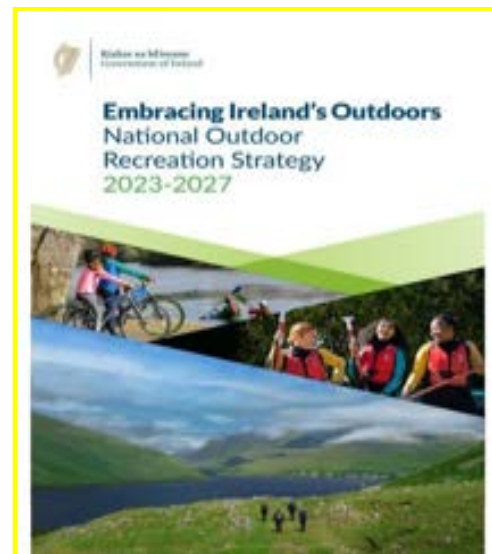


On 13th June 2025, over €280,000 in total funding was awarded to 92 community groups and organisations across Fingal, as announced by Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary, and Minister of State Jerry Buttimer.

This year also saw an additional funding stream for current expenses. An allocation of €38,404 was provided to assist groups with day-to-day essentials like electricity costs, refuse charges, heating charges, rental/lease costs and insurance bills.

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

Work is ongoing on the development of 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.



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. 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:

On the 5th of June, Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD announced over €17 million to deliver 212 community projects across the country as part of the Community Recognition Fund 2024. Fingal has welcomed €309,753 in funding as part of Call 3, set to support a series of initiatives including facility enhancements, equipment purchases, refurbishment works, laneway improvements, and the conversion of an all-weather astro pitch.

- Irish Institute of Music & Song, Balbriggan – Enhancement of facilities and equipment purchase
- Corduff Sports Centre – Refurbishment works
- Huntstown Community Centre – Window upgrades
- Lusk's Forgotten Laneway – Upgrade and installation works
- Swords Celtic Football Club – All-weather astro pitch conversion



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 governance of the Balbriggan Leadership Group responsible for the implementation of the Balbriggan Socio-Economic plan 2025 – 2030. Four multi-stakeholder pillar groups meet periodically, to progress opportunities around Economic Development, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Development and Sustainability, Climate Action and Bio-diversity. The Public Realm Pillar is chaired by the County Architect and reports directly to the Chief Executive.



The Balbriggan Leadership Group is independently chaired by Dr. David Begg and met last on 25th June 2025. Membership comprises the five Balbriggan locally elected councillors and senior representatives from the Public Sector and Local and Community Development stakeholders.



The June meeting facilitated an in depth focus and discussion on the challenges and opportunities identified in the Education, Training & Skills pillar. Speakers included Leon Harding, DDTLETB, Enterprise Engagement Manager, on the launch of the Dublin FET College of the Future, employer engagement and apprenticeships in Balbriggan.

Members of the Leadership group received updates on the Urban Regeneration Development Programme funded schemes including 6a – 14 Bridge Street (De Bruns – Green Corridor).

The Council appointed contractor John Craddock Ltd on the redevelopment of the Quay Street, Harbour & Environs area in Q2 2024. Work is due to be substantially completed by Quarter 1 2026. Work continues to progress well across key elements of the Quay Street & Harbour site.



Phase 3 Works have been completed including works to the River Walls and Riverbed Mill Street footpath and junction upgrades. Phase 4 has commenced with the heritage restoration of the RNLI Boathouse building, new public toilets and harbour pavilion buildings and kiosks progressing, due to be completed by end Q3 2025. with substantive upgrades to Quay Street ongoing. Further works in this phase will incorporate construction of 2 pedestrian bridges, and ongoing construction of exposed aggregate finish at the Plaza due for completion by Q4 2025.





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



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

On receipt of stage gate 2 permission from the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) Unit, Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government, tender documentation will be released to market in Q3 2025.



An Integrated Design Team, Mccullough Mulvin Architects, have been appointed for the DeBruns site and are progressing work on design options based on best possible uses and site constraints. Stakeholder engagement sessions with local community, civic and business groups, and neighbouring properties have been completed. Insights gained have been incorporated into a pre-design report. Options contained in the report have undergone preliminary scrutiny, based on scheme objectives and financial and economic viability and a preferred option is emerging. More design work is required before bringing back to stakeholders in Q3 2025 with the intention of proceeding to a Part 8 planning public consultation process in Q4/Q1 '25/26.

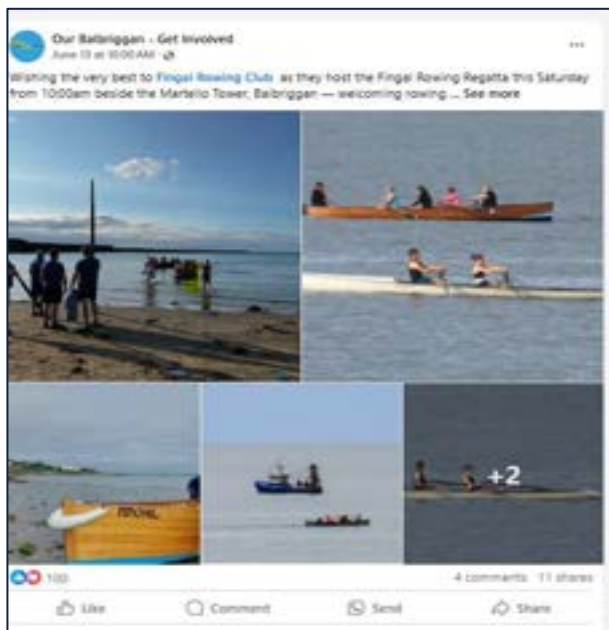
The Programme Office is currently reviewing a Feasibility Study for a Swim Platform, prepared by Langan Consulting (Marine) Engineers, including options and costings.

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.

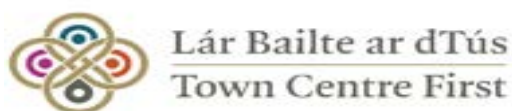


A Draft Open Spaces Scheme for Balbriggan, Chieftan's Drive/Moylaragh Road was published on Consult.ie, with 14 submissions received by the closing date May 30th.

Submissions are currently being reviewed with a view to consulting with locally elected members in September and proceeding to next steps. 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 13,500+ 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 currently being completed regarding the potential of a farmers' market is on track for completion and a request for tender process is ongoing in relation to the Central Parks project.

A town hall meeting was held on Saturday 14 June as part of a Farmers Market feasibility study being conducted by contractors Brouder Marketing. The purpose of this meeting was to encourage participation and feedback from local stakeholders regarding the proposed set-up, location and product range of the market. The meeting was very well attended, and many great ideas were shared which are currently being considered.

An online meeting of the current town team was held on 17 June where discussions took place regarding the establishment of a new town team within Lusk to replace the outgoing team. It has been agreed that a facilitator will attend the next meeting to engage with stakeholder groups and any other local attendees to agree a process for the nomination of new town team members.



Town Centre First - Balrothery

Following on from the completion of a Town Centre First Health Check report, a meeting was held on the 15th 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. Composition of the new town team has been confirmed, with its inaugural meeting expected to take place shortly.

A launch event is expected to take place later in the summer where the Balrothery Health Check Report will be launched in order to create further public awareness of this document and the establishment of the new town team.



Town Centre First - Ballyboughal

A Town Centre First Health Check report has been completed for Ballyboughal. A meeting was subsequently held on the 14th of May with potential members to discuss draft terms of reference, town team composition, and possibilities for future government funding. The new town team is now confirmed, and its inaugural meeting will take place in the near future.

This Health check document will be launched later in the summer to increase public awareness and to promote the new town team.



Town Centre First - Donabate

Similarly to Balrothery and Ballyboughal, a Town Centre First Health Check report has also been completed for Donabate and a meeting was held on the 20th 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 soon.

A launch event for this health check is also expected to take place later in the summer.



Town Centre First - Rush

Building on a successful series of capacity building meetings in Rush, the latest town centre first meeting was held on 4 June, where attendees identified actions which could potentially be implemented in the coming months to address issues raised at previous meetings.

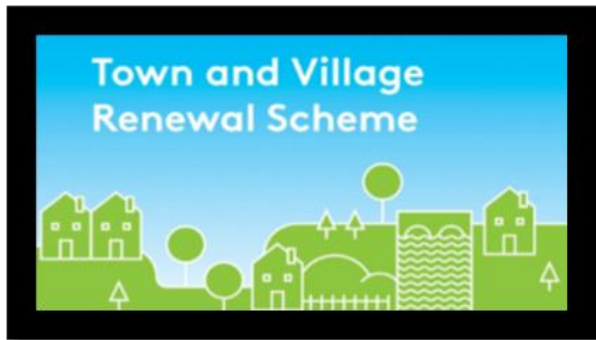
Additional planned workshops will focus on encouraging increased participation from the business community in the town, as well as completing the capacity building process and the formation of a town team.



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 sought Expressions of Interests from a wide variety of internal and external stakeholder groups with a closing date for receipt of expressions of interest of 13 June 2025. A number of expressions of interest have been received and are currently being evaluated by the Town Regeneration Office to ensure that they align with the requirements of the scheme. Applications which best meet those requirements will be selected by the Town Regeneration team to be submitted by Fingal to the D.R.C.D.



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.



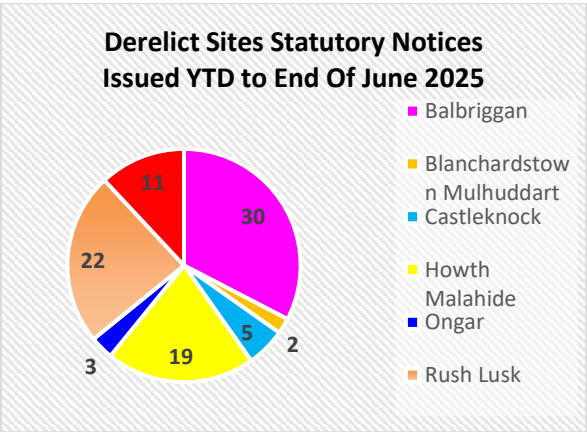
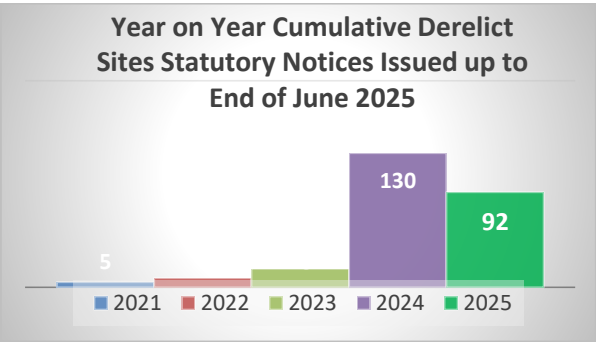
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme Project

One project was approved under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for 2024, “Sea Swimming at Skerries Springers”.

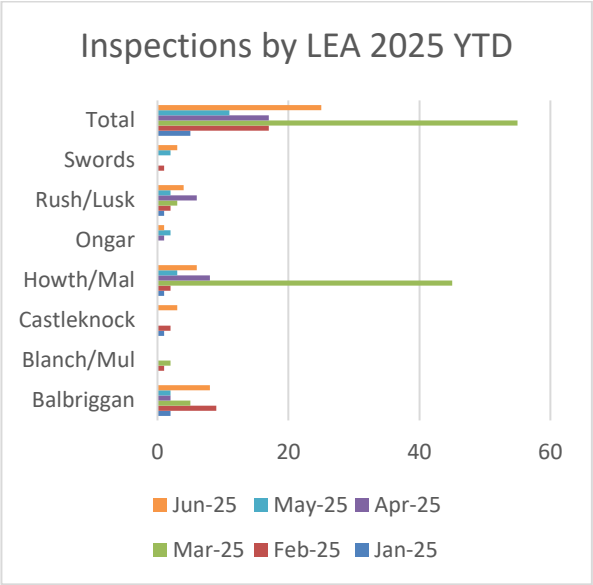
An options report has been received from the designated consultant and this report has been circulated to FCC internal departments for review before publication.

Derelict Sites

92 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 since the start of 2025 resulting in a further 12 derelict sites being added to the Derelict Sites Register.



There has been a total of 128 inspections and reinspections carried out year to date in 2025 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

Local Enterprise Office



LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed.

Fingal Business Network



The next Fingal Business Network event takes place on 3rd July in Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport. Future-Proof Your Business: Discover how your business can benefit from Transformational, Digital & Sustainable programmes! This networking event includes guest panellists, Digital, Lean and Green consultants and of course members of the Fingal business community. Attendees will learn about business success using Transformational, Sustainable and Digital programmes. They will learn how to increase their efficiency, champion sustainability, and dominate the digital landscape. The event includes a networking lunch.

Attendees on the day will hear from our guest panellists:

- Sarah Murphy - Sarah Murphy, CEO, Jack Murphy Clothing
- Wim De Jongh, Founder and Managing Director, Hope Beer
- Grace McNalley, Managing Director, McNally Joinery

Fingal Business Supports Briefing



Following the success of the Fingal Business Supports Briefing on June 4th, which had 85 registrants, the next session is scheduled for July 9th, online.

The June 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 19th 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 a recent meeting, bringing to €533,006 the total approved year to date 2025, for 26 applicants across Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants. There was an additional €33,250 IP Plus Grant approved. The next EVAC meeting will be held in person on the 27th of August 2025.

Management Development



The latest Leadership for Business Acceleration programme concluded on May 7th. 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 25th 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 25th September at the Carlton Hotel it is now open for bookings.

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 has seen strong interest in this scheme with enquiries coming from restaurants, pubs and coffee shops. Eight 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).

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 and are extremely popular.

The Fingal mentor panel consists of a variety of skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. In 2025 so far 342 clients availed of one-to-one appointments in Business Advice Clinics and 155 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, 18 MFI loan applications have been processed. LEO Fingal supports MFI applicants with a Mentor who guides applicants through the application process to help maximise their prospect of approval.

Training and Events

LEO Fingal continues to provide vital training to owner managers with 2,061 participants year to date. There have been six Start Your Own Business courses with 77 participants and our first Digital Marketing course of 2025 commenced on 12th June and is ongoing for 10 weeks. The seventh Start Your Own Business course commences on 1st July 2025.

Internationalisation and Export Development

The new “Market Explorer Grant” has replaced the TAME Grant from 1 January 2025. The grant is available to small enterprises in the manufacturing and international trading sectors (with up to 50 employees). The amount of the grant is to a maximum of €10,000 or 50% of eligible costs. The object of the financial offer is to support the development of export-oriented businesses by incentivising support to research and explore activities in new markets.

Support for the grant applies when eligible companies seek to explore either a new geographic market for an existing product/service or an existing geographic market for a new product/service. LEO Fingal has approved one application for this grant in the amount of €9,520 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 36 Digital for Business programmes year to date at a cost of €78,300 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 the betterment of 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,

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Area Business Totals for May 2025

Area	Public CRM's	Rep CRM's	Area Questions	Area Motions	Headed Items
Balbriggan/Swords	527	62	65	10	1
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	280	180	23	7	0
Howth/Malahide	293	61	22	4	1
Total	1,100	303	110	21	2

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

Rush

One side of project at Rush Complete.



Commencement of works at South Beach Rush as part of Programme of Works.



Rush Tidy Towns was presented with a finalist award in the All-Island National Best Kept Towns competition.



Garristown

New sign installed as part of the Programme of Works for Garristown.



Swords

New Pollinator planting scheme installed as part of the POWs, in collaboration with the Swords Tidy towns and Carlton court resident group. Tree planting, a lavender hedge and blocks of perennial planting have been planted to enhancing the location.



Path improvement works completed in Berwick Grove as part of the POWs. The second phase of these landscape improvements works will include a planting scheme in collaboration with local residents.



Newbridge

Conservation Works progressing on the red brick boundary wall of Newbridge Demesnes Walled Garden as part of Capital works program.





Balbriggan

New access pathway to calisthenics area in millpond Park Balbriggan.



Railings and boundary treatment at St Paul's crescent Balbriggan.



New Dog off leash signage installed at the car park of Newbridge demesne along with Path improvement works and the installation of paving around the new and existing signage.



Santry

New Maxilith mapboards, poles and directional fingerposts installed in Santry demesne by Swords depot Operations staff. This is part of a phased revision of the signage within the parks.



Portrane

New Pollinator planting scheme installed as part of the Programme of Works, in collaboration with the Portrane PVRG group. 5 stone planters and 4 red brick planters are now fully planted up and already adding further colour to the Village.



Harbours



The Council are awaiting the Foreshore Licence from Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine which is required to undertake works at Skerries Pier.

Howth/ Malahide Area

Roads / Footpaths - Malahide



Footpath Repairs by roads crew at Seapark Malahide.



Resurfacing of Estuary Rd as part of 2025 POW.

Drainage Works



Replacement of Defective Stone Culvert on the Backroad Junction in Malahide Drainage ahead of the junction upgrade works being carried out as part of development works in the Area.

Cleansing, Beaches and Graveyards





RobsWall Park Malahide boiler and floor replacement after water damage works were carried out.



Clean up from foul sewer surcharge at Muldowney Toilets Coast Road Malahide.



Works to be carried out to replace loose tiles at Malahide village toilets.





Velvet strand Portmarnock yoga event.



Burial grounds work Fingal Balgriffin post heavy rain.



East pier toilets Howth new opening and closing signage with information to assist door opening and closing.



Beach cleaning Monday 23/6/25 - Howth Burrow Beach Claremont beach

Malahide Parks & Open Spaces

Malahide Demesne concerts



Malahide Concerts Series 2025

The 2025 Malahide Concert Series has commenced and the following acts took to stage on:

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

Talbot Botanic Gardens

Butterfly House.



A new backup generator has been installed in case of power cuts to maintain the heating/temperature for the butterflies and pupae.

Restoration works commencing at Glasshouses in Walled Garden



Fencing around Peach Glasshouse and potting shed.



Peach House – Works have begun on the glass houses. Glass panels removed prior to restoration works.



Glass panels removed from Old Dutch Glasshouse before restoration



Dutch house – initial works beginning on the glass houses.



Alpine house and Frames in Walled Garden

Kettles Park, Kinsealy



Ground works installed for new changing facilities.



Ground works to accommodate new sports changing facilities.



Preparation for Drainage works at Football pitch in Kettles Park is well under way.



Football pitch Kettles pk. drainage works.



Open Spaces - Howth

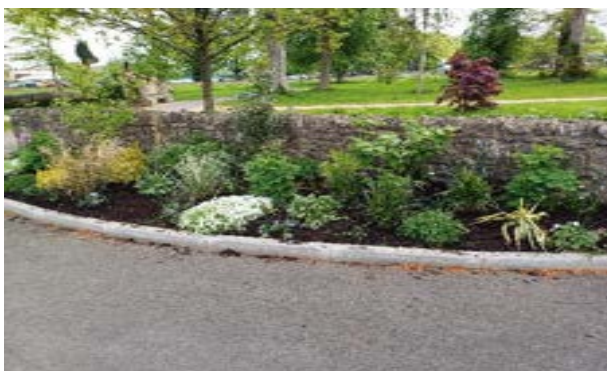


Landscaping of sloped beds in Howth village opposite the harbour has started. Mainly weeding and cleaning up litter so far, planting to follow.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Millennium Park

Photos of 2 beds cleaned and replanted in Millennium Park, 1 ton of bark mulch added.



Shackelton's Gardens - climbing Rose.

Photo of the famous rose in Shackelton's Gardens called Fortunes double yellow climbing Rose.



N3 Navan Road – grass cutting, strimming, litter picking Saturday 14th June 2025.

Photos of grass cutting, strimming, litter picking along the N3 Navan Road carried out on Saturday 14th June 2025.



Windemere – grass cutting, strimming, litter picking Saturday 14th June 2025.

Photos of new Perennial Border in Windemere Clonsilla.

170 Perennial flowers and 2 Ton of bark mulch added to border.



Ash Die Back Tree Removals.

Photos of the Ash Die Back tree removals being carried out in the Dublin 15 Area.

Approx 280 trees have been removed to date.

Ashfield Lawn - 22 ash trees removed



Ongar Link Road Ash Tree removals
111 ash trees removed



Clonsilla road
52 Ash trees removed



Programme of Works 2025

Programme of Works 2025 Ashling Corduff
Footpath Repair.



New play equipment installed in Hartstown Park.
Rockers, seesaw.



Road markings – before and after photos

Car Parking Services

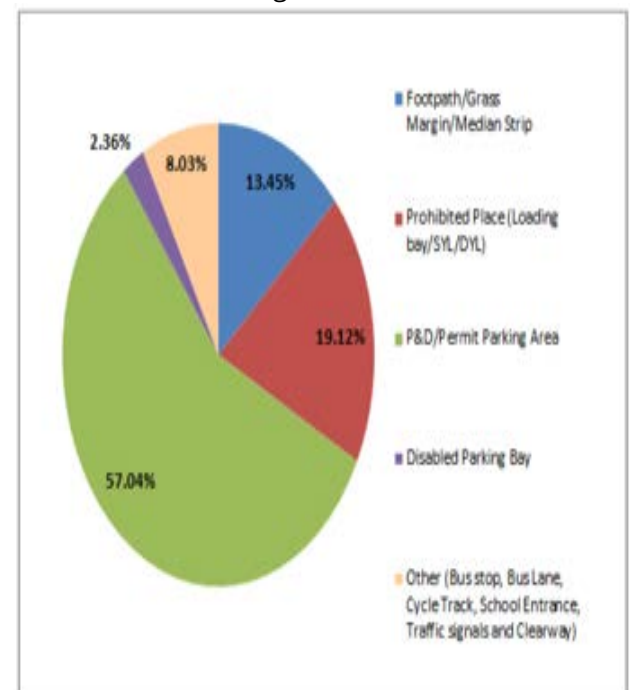
May 2025

There were a total of 1271 parking tickets issued during May 2025.

Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations May 2025
North Street - Swords	154
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	84
Harbour Road - Skerries	65
Strand Street - Skerries	63
Main Street - Swords	59
South Strand Skerries	56
Old Street - Malahide	42
Church Street - Skerries	39
Church Road - Malahide	37
High Street - Balbriggan	34

Breakdown of Parking Offences:



Burial Ground Services

There were 114 Interments in Fingal Cemeteries during May 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 partially completed for installation of a new signalized pedestrian crossing in the Stephenstown area near Bremore Educate Together Secondary School, Balbriggan.



Naul R122 and R108- Traffic management scheme works have commenced for the installation of a new Zebra Crossing and junction improvement works.



Killary Grove, Killalane – Junction Road markings upgrade.



Howth Malahide Area

Examples of completed Road Lining in the Baldoyle Industrial est.





Double yellow lines –Bayside



Above: 'Sharks teeth' refresh - Back Road Malahide.



Lining Works on Alden Road.



Above: New road surface markings for Waterside car park



Above: New Road Lining on Burrowfield road.



Above: 'SLOW' markings for Coill Dubh-Malahide



Above: On going works for new Zebra on the Red Arches Road – Baldoyle

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

New Signals 2025 – Dublin 15

New ESB connections have been approved and paid for. Works for the D15 new pedestrians' signals will commence in July/August.



New Zebra crossing complete in Beechpark Lawn.

Signs



Twisted sign on Auburn Avenue corrected.



Sign and supplementary plate re-aligned on Auburn Avenue.

Speed Reader – Grove Road

The faulty speed reader on Grove Road has been repaired.



Speed reader repaired on Grove Road.

Programme of Works 2025

Programme of Works 2025 Brookhaven Corduff



Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

88 Plant Hires were put in place from 26/05/2025 to 23/06/2025, engaging 19 suppliers.

A New Concrete mixer/bottle was purchased for the Roads Department in Coolmine.



2 New Renault Master Fully Electric Vans purchased for Coolmine and Newbridge.



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

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

Works on the public lighting column replacement programme have commenced.

Public Lighting Column Replacements Completed:

- Dromheath Green, Mulhuddart
- Wellview Estate, Mulhuddart

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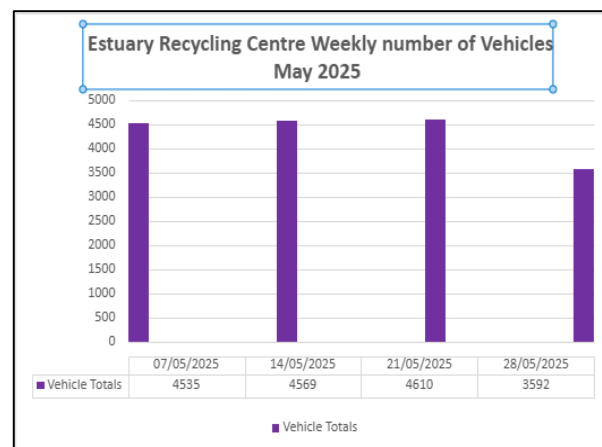
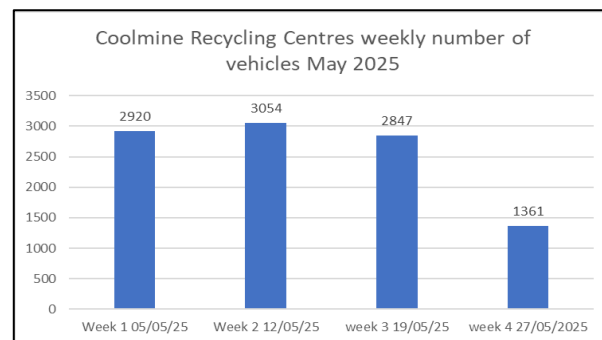
- Lohunda Estate, Coolmine
- Thormanby Lawns, Howth

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.

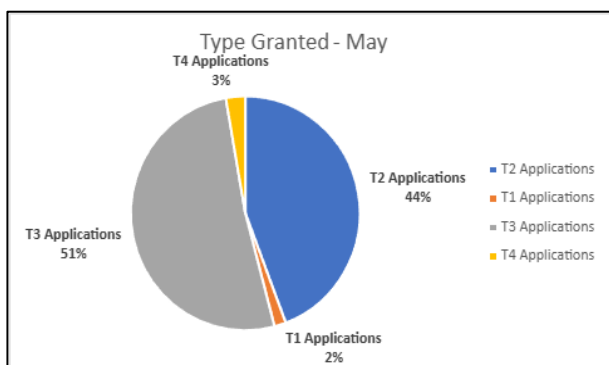
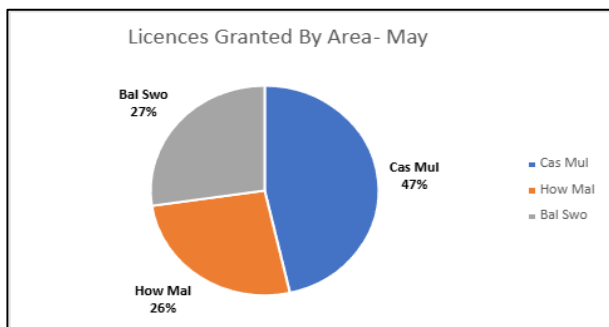
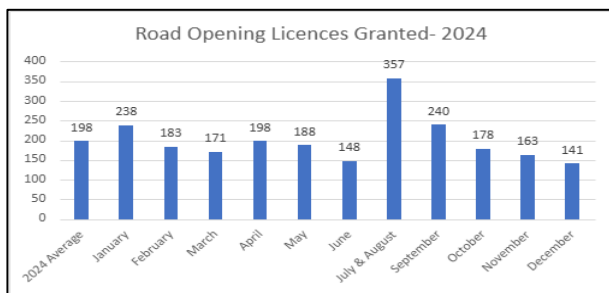


Licenses

- 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.

183 Licences were granted in the month of May, **54% 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.



Bus Enhancement Scheme

Fingal have been allocated €500,000 for the NTA Bus Stop Enhancement Programme in 2025. This has been allocated between the 4 operational areas - €125,000 to Howth/Malahide, €125,000 to Dublin 15, €125,000 to Swords and €125,000 to Balbriggan.

Following a meeting with the NTA in May 2025 a list of proposed works at 20 locations were prepared for each area and this list has been forwarded to the NTA for approval.

The plan is for the work to be completed by November to drawdown the grant.

Grass Pitch Applications 2025/26

Fingal County Council is currently accepting grass pitch applications from the 9th to the 30th of June 2025.

To date FCC has received a total of 20 applications with further applications expected over the next couple of weeks.

Applications & pitch maps can be found on the Fingal County Council website / Grass Pitch Applications.

Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council has a total of 41 valid Casual Trading Licences for the 2025/26 trading season covering trading of Hot Food, Tea & Coffee, Ice Cream and Flowers.

All 41 traders are fully licenced for the 2025 trading season. We are currently processing 4 additional applications. 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 45 Casual Traders operating in the Fingal Administrative area, the highest number to date.



Pilot Scheme Beach Mobile Saunas

Fingal County Council now has a total of 5 Mobile Sauna trading units operating at five different locations throughout the county.

Seasonal licences have been issued under the Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021.

Street Furniture Licences & remaining Parklets

A total of 24 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2025.

All 24 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.



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. A road closure application to facilitate these works will be published shortly. The detailed design for Work Package A, 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 was completed one full month ahead of programme. 30 Nr precast concrete Anchor blocks, overlying rock or newly installed gabion stone-filled mattresses on a geo-textile membrane, and 95m of new pipe installation works were installed by the end of May 2025. These works were executed by FCC Direct Labour with design and technical advice provided by Consulting Engineers, MWP.



Lusk Network Remedial Works

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

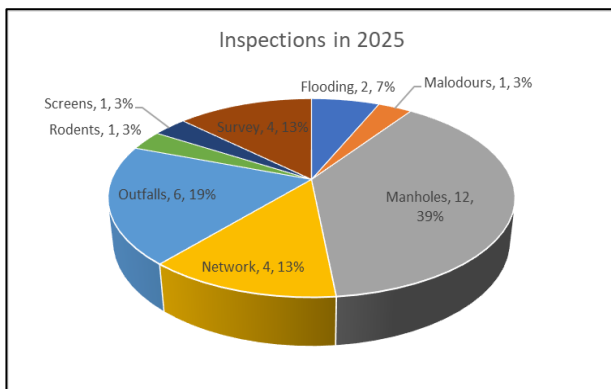
All reinstatements are now complete with road overlay and thermoplastic works completed in June.





Storm Water Maintenance

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



Storm Water Connections:

To date 12 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. Condition Assessment reports are now being broken up into a number of work packages. Tenders will be drafted for external specialized works and a work programme for the Council's Direct Labour crews.

Malahide/Portmarnock

Chalfont invasive repair work was completed in late May. Following a tender process a contractor has been appointed to undertake UV CIPP Liner works in July/August.



Dublin 15

Investigation surveys carried out in Edgewood Lawn (Corduff), Grove Road, Mulhuddart and Damastown are now complete. Remedial work, involving UV CIPP lining is ongoing in Corduff. Works in Grove Road, Mulhuddart and Damastown will require additional robotic removal of restrictions, liner installations and raising of buried access points

Grove Road



Damastown



Howth

Following investigation works a number of network improvements have been identified for the Church Street, Dumbo Hill and R105 areas of Howth. Project scoping and feasibility is currently underway with the development of works package expected in July.



Assets

Ironworks

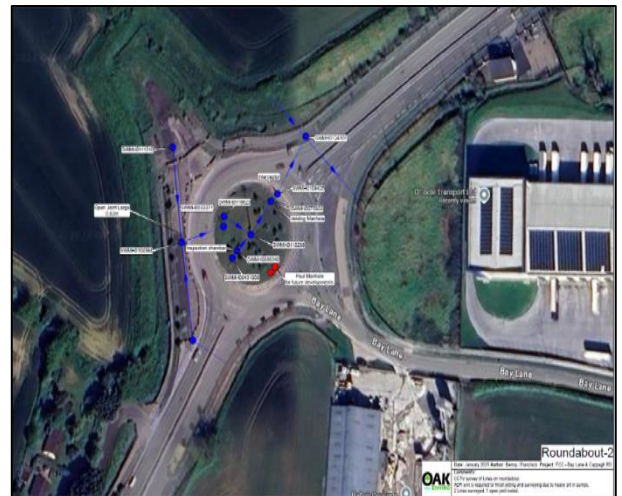
Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement is ongoing countywide. Manhole and frame replacements were carried out in Airside Ind Estate and at the Pavilions in Swords.

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.

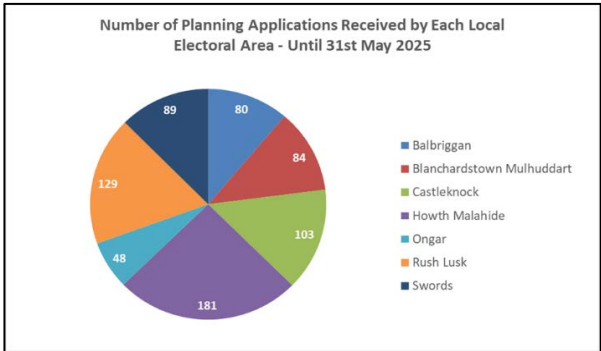


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INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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Planning Applications

Between 1st January and 30th May 2025, a total of 714 planning applications were received, including 585 electronic applications via the LGMA's national portal. Of these, 145 applications were deemed invalid, resulting in 569 valid applications. The accompanying pie chart illustrates the distribution of applications across the various Local Electoral Areas.



During the same period, 4 Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications were submitted to the Local Authority, with two decisions issued on LRD applications. Additionally, An Coimisiún Pleanála has not issued any decisions on Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications during this period.

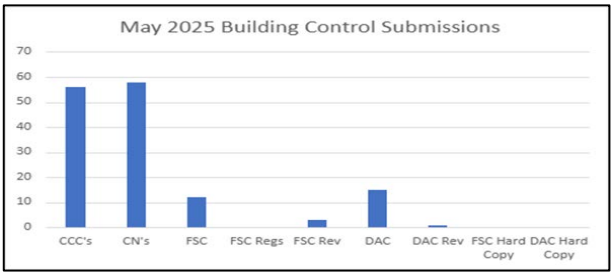
Planning Decisions

Between 1st January and 30th May 2025, a total of 772 planning decisions were issued. This includes 85 decisions to grant permission and 112 refusals of permission.

Building Control Admin

In May 2025, there were 168 building control submissions made via BCMS. This was made up of 58 Commencement notices, 56 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 15 Fire Safety related Certificates and 16 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 211 decisions in May 2025 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 83 decisions to grant, 109 extensions of time and 19 invalid applications.



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 12th May 2025. The draft Old School House Masterplan will be published shortly for public consultation.

Further preparatory background analysis is being undertaken in relation to a number of other plans/studies, including advancement through the procurement process.

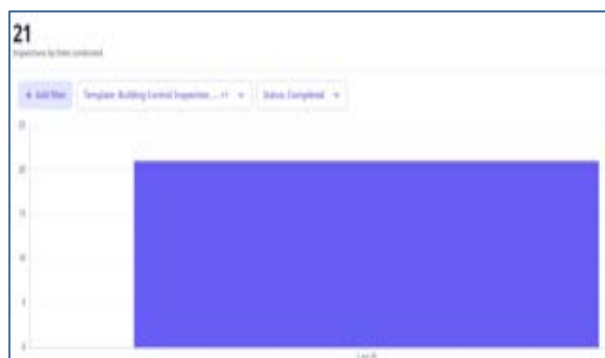
Residential Zoned Land Tax

Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is a tax aimed at activating serviced, zoned land for housing.

On the 31st January 2025, Fingal Co. Co. published the annual RZLT map for 2025 followed on the 1st February 2025 by the publication of the draft annual map for 2026, identifying land currently in scope for the tax; land proposed to be removed from current scope; and land proposed to be included.

The local authority has concluded a review of all submissions received on foot of public consultation for the annual RZLT map for 2025 and the draft annual RZLT map for 2026.

Built Environment Division



Building Control

- 21 building control inspections were carried out in April 2025, covering 82 Buildings.
- There was 1 no. Section 11 request for further information issued during the month of June 2025.

Taking in Charge

- There were 3 housing estates taken in charge in June 2025. These were
 1. Annaly Estate in Ongar Dublin 15
 2. Stralem Estate in Ongar Dublin 15
 3. The large public green in Ongar 15

- The following 2 developments are up for taking in charge in July 2025.

1. Hansfield phase 2 in Ongar
2. Dublin 15 Dunsoughly in Finglas

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 July 2025. We are in the process of appointing consulting engineers for a single party framework for the taking in charge of legacy developments where we have taken the bond. This appointment will be completed in early July.

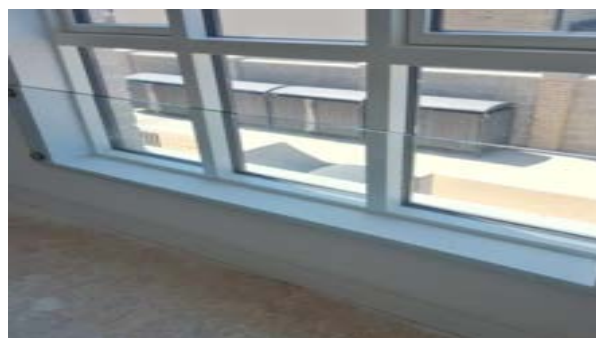
Dangerous Structures

- 1 dangerous structure was reported in June 2025.
- A total of 108 dangerous structures remains active in our database

Pictures



Checking a WC for compliance with Part M (Accessibility) of the Building Regulations in D15



Checking a window for compliance with Part K (Stairways, Ladders, Ramps and Guards) of the Building Regulations.

Domestic SuDS Guide

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

Green Blue Roofs Guidance Document

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

Permeable Surfaces Discussion & Training

A Permeable Surfaces Discussion & Training Day for Fingal staff was held on Thursday 26th June 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 the summer months along the length of the scheme. It is intended that traffic will be diverted onto some of the new Barberstown Lane South in the coming weeks. There will be temporary traffic management on the R149 in Q2 at the junction with Barberstown Lane South while the new junction is being formed.

The overall scheme is expected to be completed in Q3 2025. Updates for the scheme will be posted on www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill



PSI-039 – R132 Connectivity Project



Project summary

The Tender Pack is currently being finalized along with the contract procurement documents.

PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

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



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.



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 meeting was held on site this month between the newly appointed consultant's conservation architects and the Project Design Team to discuss key aspects of the Granard Bridge Project, ensure that the design and planning proposals are well-integrated and provide an opportunity to collectively assess the site and align on key design and conservation considerations moving forward.

Project Programme

The project programme has begun by the Project 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.



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.

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.

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 has taken place.



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. An equality Audit has been completed for the scheme reviewing the schemes accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists in accordance with Equality Infrastructure Guidance from NTA, recommendations will be reviewed and implemented to the scheme.

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

A revised scoping report has now been circulated to prescribed bodies. The scoping study is a key element of the EIAR process and signifies commencement of the development of an 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 Coimisiún 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. A number of trial excavations will commence soon on North Street, which will help inform the design and allow the design team to assess archaeological impacts.

Swords Main Street Transformation

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



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

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 tree survey, traffic surveys and topographical and GPR surveys have all commenced and the team await the findings.

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 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 at a later date.



Artist visual of the greenway from Kinsealy to Portmarnock



Artist visual of the proposed upgrades to Station Road

PSI-009 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.

PSI-023 Swords Western Distributor Road Extension

The Swords Western Distributor Road (SWDR) is within the Oldtown and Mooretown development site, providing access to the Rathbeale Road from the lands to its north and south respectively. The SWDR has cycle tracks in both directions. The SWDR Extension is proposed to extend east to the R132 and the proposed Estuary Park and Ride facility (Metro North) as an extension of the existing carriageway and active travel facilities at Millers Avenue.

Egis (formerly Barry's Transportation) has been appointed to further develop this project to Phase 2 (Options Selection). The Options Report (closing out Phase 2) is expected by the end of 2026.



Proposed SWDR Extension to Metrolink Route

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

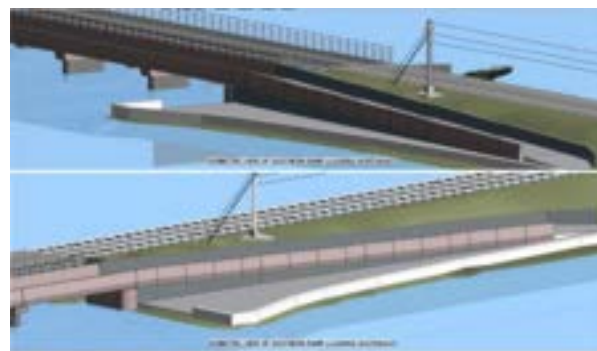
Progress on the detailed design phases of the other elements of this project is continuing. A stage 1 Tender assessment has been completed in advance of a 2-stage tender process to establish a framework for works contractors for the various landward works contracts. The landward elements of the Broadmeadow 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 in order to provide a suitably wide and safe footpath for pedestrians to use in the vicinity of two national schools (St. Patrick's Boys National School and Scoil Phádraic Cailíni). 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 the Council is using a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) to acquire the necessary lands. Notices to Treat are due to issue to affected landowners in July. Tender documents, for the appointment of a contractor to construct the works, are also expected to issue to the market in July.

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 underway to construct new footpaths to facilitate access to either side of the bridge from Main Street Donabate and from Hearse Road. The bridge has undergone 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.

The bridge will open to the public following approval from Irish Rail and the Commission for Railway Regulation and following completion of work on the new footpaths to facilitate access.



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



Image of the site of the bridge works AFTER substantial completion (June 2025)



Aerial image of the bridge over the Dublin-Belfast Railway



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 number of major projects with the objective of improving transport and active travel infrastructure and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula.

The projects include:

- Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project, to improve access to Donabate and Portrane from the M1-Lissenhall Interchange for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists.
- Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade, to provide a safer junction layout that caters for both motorised traffic and active travel modes of transport such as walking and cycling.
- A study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange, in collaboration with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, to assess all technical and operational traffic issues associated with this strategic motorway junction.
- Active Travel Routes which encompass a number of 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 number of potential options have been identified for both Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road and the Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade. These options are currently being assessed 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 and preliminary design will follow on in 2025. Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on later in 2026 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 Mulhuddard 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 works 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.



Heritage Officer

Digging Drumanagh 2025



Season 5 of the community excavation Digging Drumanagh took place in (mostly) fantastic weather between 14-28 May 2025. With over 105 participants, several school visits and over 450 finds it was a very successful season. Finds included sherds of Roman amphorae, bone combs, dice and three different types of gaming pieces. Of particular interest was an intact Roman pot-the only one ever found in Ireland-which was upside down at the base of a pit. It was removed by the National Museum of Ireland and will be excavated under laboratory conditions by our conservator in UCD.

<https://www.rte.ie/news/2025/0524/1514758-roman-pot-discovered/>



Post-Excavation week took place in Swords Castle between 9-13 of June when volunteers turned out to wash animal bone and register samples. Ecofacts and artefacts will now undergo specialist analysis. News coverage included RTE, Irish Independent and Newstalk

<https://www.newstalk.com/.../how-community-and-volunteer...>

Historic Street Elements Audit



An audit of four categories of historic street furniture-Kerbs & Cobbling; Historic Pumps; Postboxes, Milestones and Other was launched by former Mayor Cllr Brian McDonagh in May. Surviving examples will be surveyed for their protection. Any photos of the street elements in the past or locations for survey should be sent to fingalheritage@archaeologyplan.com

Traditional Skills



The Traditional Skills of Ireland will again be highlighted in the courtyard of Newbridge House at Flavours of Fingal. Learn about blacksmithing, stone carving, mud walls and willow fencing along with tapestry, spinning and patchwork. Taking place on 5th and 6th of July there will be pot making and brick making to try!

HOUSING

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Affordable Home Purchase Scheme & Cost Rental

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

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

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
Balmoston Ph 1	All Sale Agreed	86 Homes sold
Wilkinson's Brook	All Sale Agreed	57 Homes sold
Aster Park, Rush	Assessment of applications ongoing	84 of 96 Homes sale agreed
Churchfields 3A	Assessment of applications ongoing	176 of 180 Homes sale agreed
Ballisk Park, Donabate	Assessment of applications ongoing	64 of 112 homes sale agreed
Baile na Mona, Mooretown, Swords	Portal open 25 th June 2025	151 homes for sale
Church Fields 3B	Portal opening 30 th July 2025	110 homes for sale
Church Fields - Cost Rental	Information coming soon	80 Apartments for long term lease
Clonrath Hill	Information coming soon	6 homes

Balmoston Update



All the 86 properties in the Balmoston Phase 1 Affordable Development are now sale agreed with only 2 units left to Exchange. Phase 2 of the development is scheduled to come on stream in Q4.

Site Visit to Church Fields, Dublin 15



On 29th May 2025, the Affordable Housing Team attended a site visit at the Church Fields, Dublin 15 Affordable Housing development to view the 3 different types of A rated 2 & 3 bedroom homes available to purchase under the affordable housing scheme as part of this fantastic development. For information regarding Fingal's upcoming Affordable Housing developments visit www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing.ie

Launch of Church Fields 2nd Affordable Development



Fingal County Council, in partnership with GEM Construction are launching the 2nd Affordable Housing development at Church Fields, Dublin 15 in July. The application portal for 110 new 2 & 3 bedroom homes will go live on Wednesday 30th of July at 12 mid-day. To view the scheme details, eligibility criteria, required documentation and guidance on how to make an application log on to www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

Launch of Baile na Mona, Affordable Housing Development



On 8th of June, the Affordable Housing Team attended the Glenveagh homes launch of the Baile na Mona Affordable housing development at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Santry. With over 200 people in attendance the team were kept busy answering questions and assisting potential Affordable Home purchasers prepare their application for the upcoming application portal opening.

The application portal for Baile na Móna opened on Wednesday 25th June at 12.00 mid-day. Almost 500 applications were submitted on the first day. The Affordable Housing Team will begin assessing applications soon and will contact all applicants with updates when available. For more information:

www.fingal.ie/affordablehousingaffordablehomes.ie

Aster Park – Rush



A limited number of 3-bedroom Affordable homes have become available for sale by Fingal County Council and developers Ballymore Group at Aster Park, Rush. The application portal will go live at 10 a.m. on Friday 27th June 2025. Full scheme details are available to view on:

www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

Affordable Housing Podcast



Fingal County Council is making purchasing a new home more accessible through its delivery of Affordable Housing Developments. Affordable Housing is designed to bridge the gap between what the purchaser can afford and the price of a new home.

In Episode 29 of the Inside Fingal Podcast Gerry McDermott finds out more from Tricia Matthews and Ashling Turley who are part of the Council's Affordable Housing team.

This excellent informative podcast is a great resource for people to learn about the Affordable Housing scheme and the Affordable Housing developments Fingal County Council has available.
<https://www.fingal.ie/podcast>;
www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

Flavours of Fingal



The annual Flavours of Fingal event will take place at Newbridge House & Farm, Donabate on July 5th and 6th. The Affordable Housing Team will be present at the event to answer any queries to those who may be interested in applying for the Affordable Housing Scheme.

Social Housing Delivery

Part V, Social Turnkey & CALF Programme

Delivery of new homes has remained strong over the course of Quarter 2 under the various delivery mechanisms. The first Part V Affordable agreement has progressed, and the homes will launch later in the year with more to deliver via this mechanism throughout the County.

16 Part V homes delivered in Kilmartin Grove, Hollystown, Dublin 15



1 Part V home delivered in Ormond Court, Rush, Co. Dublin



10 Part V homes delivered in Folkstown Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin



45 Homes delivered in partnership with Respond housing in Meadowbanks, Swords, Co. Dublin

95 Homes delivered in partnership with Tuath housing in The Paddocks, Ballygossan Hill, Golf Links Road, Skerries, Co. Dublin



12 Homes delivered in partnership with Tuath housing in Folkstown Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin



32 Homes delivered in partnership with Tuath housing in Kilmartin Grove, Hollystown, Dublin 15



Construction Programme

Summary of delivery of social unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	518
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	196
Planning and Design	179
Part V	1,049
TOTAL	1,942

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

Schemes progressing through pre-planning

Fortlawn, Blanchardstown

The Council will be bringing forward a Part 8 Planning Application for the development of 21 new social homes in Fortlawn. A briefing has been arranged for the local Councillors on the initiation of the Part 8 Planning in advance of the consultation portal opening for submissions.

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.



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.



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 **29** 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.

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.



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 27th June 2025

Completed	Areas
19	D15, Balbriggan
Onsite	Areas
37	D15, Balbriggan, Swords
Upcoming	Areas
40	D15, Balbriggan
Tender Prep	Areas
19	D15, Balbriggan, Swords

Planned Maintenance Programme 2025

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

Planned Maintenance Programme - 27th June 2025

Painting completions	329
Boiler Replacements	To commence Q3
Heat / Smoke Detector Replacement	To commence Q3

Voids

Casual Voids 27th June 2025

In the lettings process	25
In relet works	74
Void Unavailable	10
Total	109

New to stock as of 27th June 2025	
New to stock properties	165

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 144 new tenancies in 2025 to date with approximately 4358 tenancies set up since HAP began in 2017.

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

Rents

Following the introduction in 2024 of new debt management processes and procedures, **rent arrears have reduced by €995k** 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 €1.2m** on same period in 2024 (June).

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 3,260 inspections have been conducted in 2025, with 500 of them being inspected in June. 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

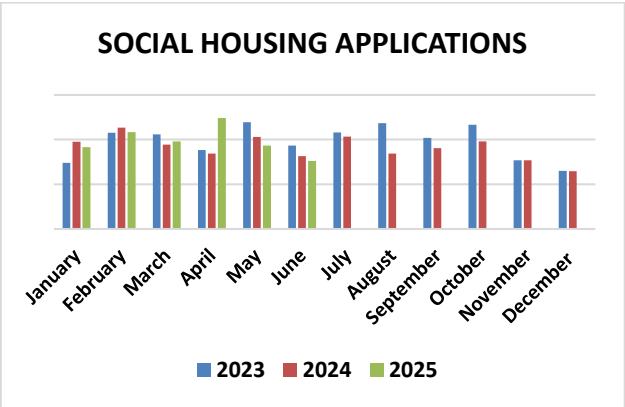
Annually a Social Housing Assessment Summary is completed in accordance with Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009. The purpose of the Assessment is to capture the total number of households qualified for social housing support. The Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) was returned to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage on 2nd December 2024.

2025 Housing List Position are now available on the Choice Based Lettings Portal. This is a static list position and will be issued and updated via CBL yearly. Further information can be sought via, choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie

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

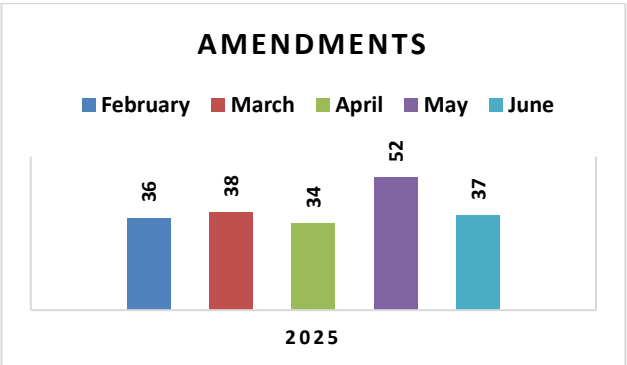
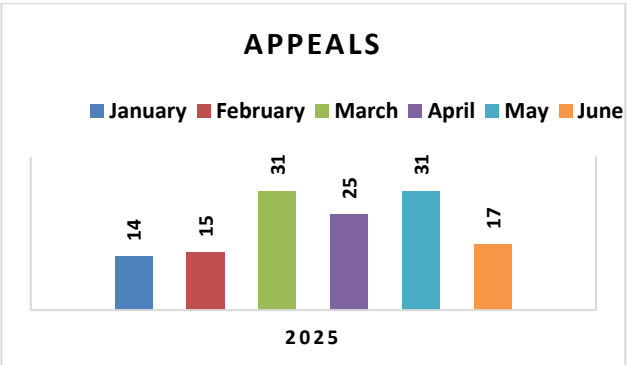
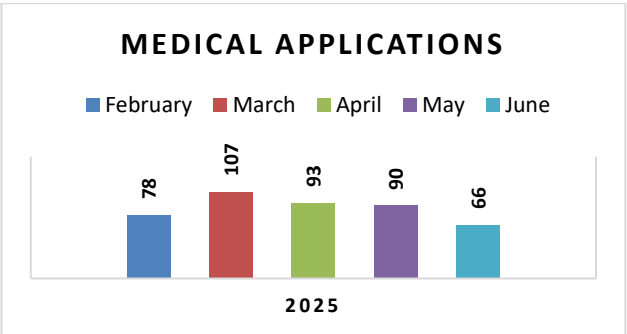
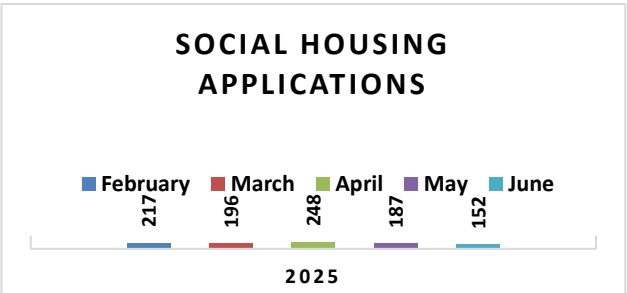
Year on year comparison by month.

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



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

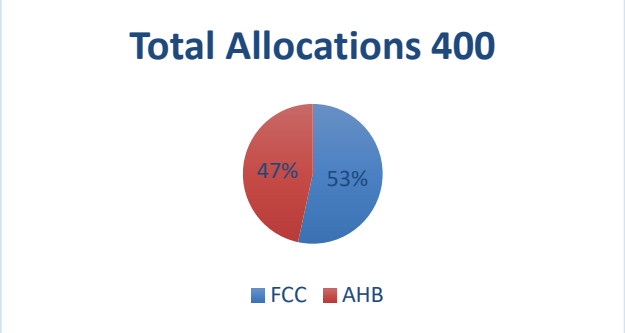
Applications received



Housing Support Appeals

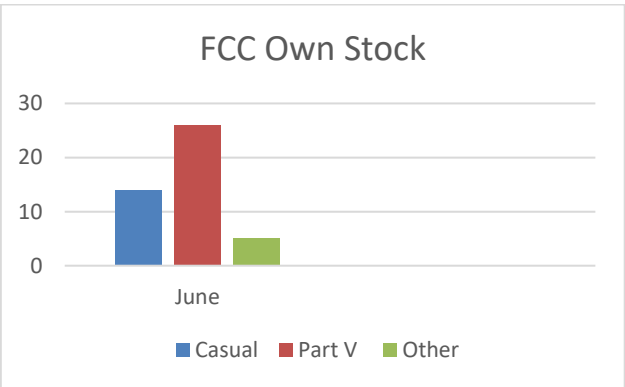
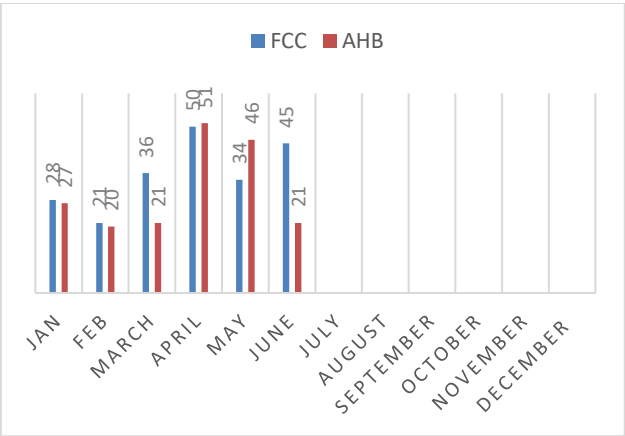
Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

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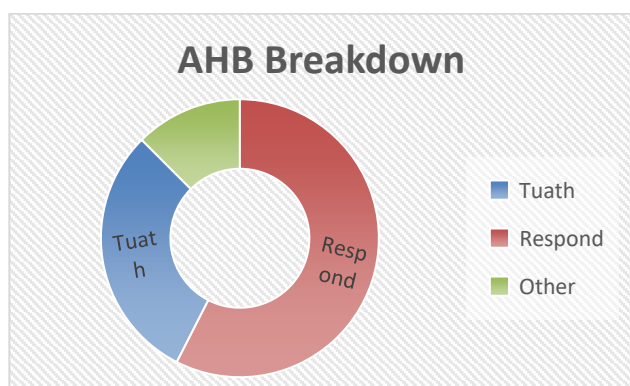


The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2025.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.



186 of the **400** allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies. The other **214** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



Respond have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of June.

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 June



Internal image of advertised property at Avondale Park, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
11 th – 17 th June	Longfield Road, Baldoyle, Dublin 13	2	Apt	1681	327
11 th – 17 th June	Semple Woods, Donabate, Co Dublin	3	House	1838	354
18 th – 25 th June	Avondale Park, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	3	House	1486	198
			Total	5005	879

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

Homeless Services.

Homeless Exits 2025

During June 2025, 36 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	4	10	0	14
Homeless Prevention	10	12	0	22
Total	14	22	0	36

There was a total of 22 homeless prevention cases and 14 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

12 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 10 exited emergency accommodation.

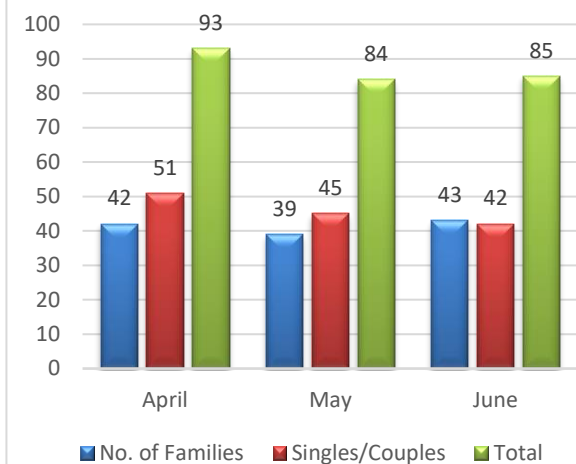
14 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 9 homeless preventions and 4 who exited emergency accommodation and 1 from Direct Provision.

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.

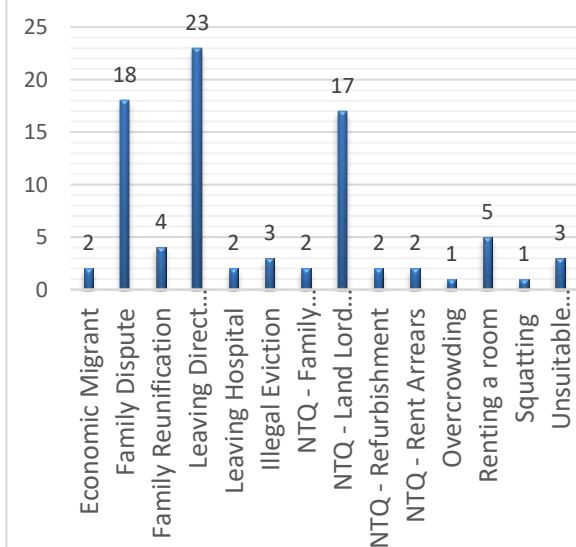
In June 2025, there were a total of 85 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 42 families and 43 singles/couples.

Homeless Assessments 2025



During June 2025, of the 85 Homeless Assessments carried out, 27% of cases resulted from Notice to Termination (NOT) having been served and 27% leaving direct provision, 21% cases resulted from family/relationship breakdown. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from Renting a room (6%), Overcrowding (1%) and Unsuitable Accommodation (4%). The remaining 18% comprise various reasons outlined in the next chart;

Reasons for Homelessness



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 68 reported rough sleeping cases 2025. 24 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 8 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (1 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, four 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.

A third sub-group has been created with St. Michaels House, the first meetings have been held and a list of clients is being collated by their team.

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. It was presented to the Housing SPC on 23/06/2025 by Mary Hayes, Director of the DRHE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The key contact details are:

Fingal County Council Housing Department

Monday to Thursday, 9 am to 5.00 pm,

Friday 9 am to 4.30 pm:

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

Email: NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie

Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:

Freephone: 1800 707 707

Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Council is committed to meeting its responsibilities to address the needs of the Traveller Community as set out in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 -2029 to provide sustainable Traveller specific accommodation and supports.

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

LTACC

The remaining dates for 2025 are now confirmed, with our next meeting due to take place in July 2025. 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 continues to implement 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



Dumping on sites

Illegal dumping on halting sites remains an ongoing issue.

Council contractors frequently clear dumped waste from these sites, incurring significant costs to the Council.

Letters will be sent to residents reminding them that household waste collection is available on-site and urging them to refrain from illegal dumping.



Waste dumped at Moyne Park Halting Site



Waste dumped at St Philomena's Park Halting Site

Fire Safety

Fire safety remains a top priority for the protection of all 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, with additional fire safety equipment installed at several halting sites. Furthermore, a fire safety audit of caravans has been carried out, accompanied by a leaflet distribution to all halting sites.

The Estate Management Section is working closely with Dublin Fire Brigade to organize Fire Safety Training Days for both North Dublin and the Dublin 15 area. LTACC Members have been informed of these planned sessions and have committed to promoting and supporting the training.

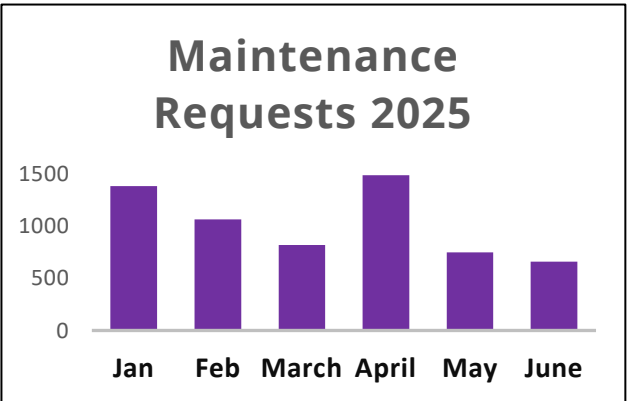
Wastewater Treatment System

Managing the Waste Water Treatment System at the Council's Moyne Park Halting Site remains a persistent challenge for Council contractors.

The rising number of call-outs is resulting in significant costs to the Council.

Despite repeated correspondence, residents continue to disregard warnings that misuse of the system may lead to service interruptions affecting all users.

Housing Maintenance



To date, Estate Management has received 6, 170 maintenance requests, conducted 30 interviews with Fingal tenants and issued 19 Tenancy Alerts for breaches of the Tenancy Agreement.

Additionally, Estate Management has completed 43 minor works on Council properties under the DPG scheme and is currently undertaking extensive works at one Council property.



Hoist system installed at Council property under DPG Scheme

Boiler Servicing Programme 2025

The 2025 Programme of Works is ongoing, with contractors currently active across various areas of the County, including Corduff, Dromheath, Whitestown, Wellview, Lusk, Garristown, Malahide, and Donabate.

Anti-Social Behaviour / Inspectorate Unit

The Council remains committed to thoroughly investigating all reports of anti-social behaviour and implementing appropriate preventative measures. All complaints are handled in strict confidence by the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, which works in close collaboration with An Garda Síochána.

To date in 2025, several Tenant Induction Courses have been delivered, with additional sessions planned.

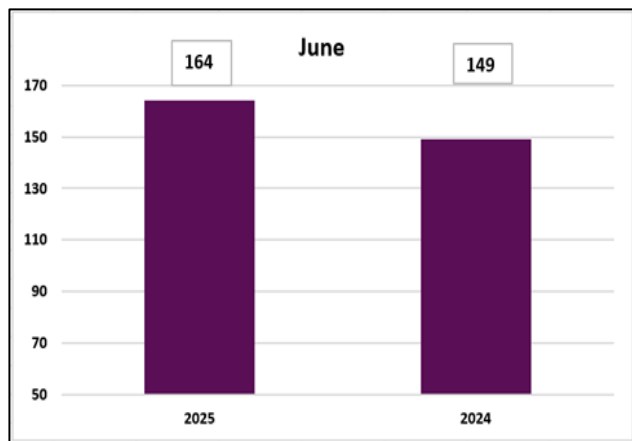
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints June 2025	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	48	41	2	5
Rush / Lusk	28	21	5	2
Swords	31	13	10	8
Howth/Malahide	11	6	4	1
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	36	12	7	17
Ongar	9	3	2	4
Castleknock	1	0	0	1
Total	164	96	30	38

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2025

January (5), February (6), March (3), April (6), May (5), June (2) surrenders.

2025/2024 comparison of ASB complaints received in the month of June



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2025 to date	45
Interviews Held 2024	108
Tenancy Alerts 2025	11
Tenancy Alerts 2024	36
Tenancy Warnings 2025	3
Tenancy Warnings 2024	9

Inspectorate June 2025

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2025	860
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	2072
Housing Inspectors Report January 2025	575
February 2025	857
March 2025	1076
April 2025	909
May 2025	947
June 2025	826

Housing Ukraine Response and Vacant Homes

Those Fleeing the Conflict in Ukraine

The Government is committed to delivering a humanitarian response to welcome people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine and seeking protection in Ireland. Web resources with useful information on support, accommodation and policy changes for Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection are available on the following links

www.gov.ie/ukraine

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

The Council's Community Integration Forum continues to meet regularly to co-ordinate the response of the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community and other new arrivals with the most recent meeting held on the 10th June 2025. The next meeting is on the 6th August 2025. Sub-groups of the forum meet as required.

The Forum was originally tasked with assisting 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) of **€800** per month for vacant properties and **€800** per month to host a Ukraine person in your home will be reduced to **€600** in accordance with the new Government policy. As the payment is payable monthly in arrears, the first payment at the reduced rate will be received by hosts on 8th July 2025.

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

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

Vacant Homes

The Vacant Homes Team continues to engage with persons relevant to vacant properties(private) to encourage them to bring them back into use and advise of schemes that are available to assist this with on-going follow up of properties reported as vacant to the Council and those identified by way of Council survey. Information on Vacant Council Stock is set out in the Asset Management section of this Housing Department Report. The Vacant Homes Team commenced the statutory CPO process with respect to 3 vacant dwellings in 2024, one of which has come back into occupation and possession was taken of the property below in Wellview estate, Mulhuddart on 1st April 2025 to conclude the CPO process.

This long-term vacant property will now form part of the Council's Social Housing stock and be allocated to a social housing applicant upon completion of repairs



CPO property Wellview, Dublin 15

This represents the third private owned long term vacant property in Wellview estate that has been dealt with by the Vacant Homes Team. In addition to the above property, 2 other properties in the estate are back in use through the work of the Vacant Homes Team. One was purchased by FCC under the Buy and Renew scheme and is now occupied by a Council tenant and the other came back into use via the provision of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant with new owners now in situ. 19 properties have come into occupation recently following either CPO proceedings, threat of CPO proceedings or general engagement with parties relevant to the properties. Refurbishment works are completed at a fire damaged property in Hazelbury Park, Clonee where CPO was finalised and the 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 1st May 2023, the scheme was further extended with the eligibility criteria allowing for properties built pre-2008 to qualify and grants increasing to €50k (vacant) and €70k (vacant and derelict). The expansion of the scheme allows for properties to be rented on the private rented market whereas previously the property had to be the applicant's principal private residence. **211** applications have been received since launch of the scheme. **34** new applications received in 2025 with additional applications expected shortly based on engagement with potential applicants. **152** applications are approved which equates to **€7.8 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 8th 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 5th July 2025 and 6th July 2025 to promote the scheme and deal with enquires from citizens.

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

Recently approved VPRG application



Works complete Property - Before and after



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Community Development

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

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

This month the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/initiatives including; Community Development in Dublin 15

On the 17th of June, the residents of Hayworth, Ongar began a collaborative process with the Community Office to establish a Residents Association. This initiative marked a significant step in empowering the local community to take collective ownership of their neighbourhood's development and wellbeing. The Community Office played a pivotal role in facilitating this process—providing guidance, resources, and a structured approach to help residents come together, define their shared goals, and begin formalising their group.

Through the initial community call and agenda planning, residents were introduced to the benefits of forming an association, including improved communication with local authorities, access to funding opportunities, and the ability to organise community-led events and initiatives.

This work reflects the broader mission of the Community Office to support grassroots organisation and civic engagement. By helping communities like Hayworth Ongar form structured groups, the office fosters a sense of belonging, shared responsibility, and local leadership. These efforts not only strengthen community resilience but also ensure that residents have a voice in shaping the services, spaces, and policies that affect their daily lives. The support provided—from strategic planning to stakeholder engagement—demonstrates the Community Office's commitment to inclusive, participatory development and its role as a catalyst for sustainable community empowerment.



Fingal Festival in a Van

Fingal Festival in a Van (Sounds like Summer), a collaboration between the community office and Creative Fingal saw 12 local gigs take place across the county, in partnership with community groups and local organisations. Additional funding this year allowed the groups to organise family community days and cultural celebrations from Churchfields in Mulhuddart to Ballyboughal and from Baldoyle to Balbriggan.

The events complimented the capacity building work that the community office is delivering with community groups in new estates and provided opportunities for age friendly, integration and disability groups to engage with the local community in a fun and inclusive way.



Community Development in Mid & East Fingal

In collaboration with the Georgian Hamlet resident's association and Howth-Malahide Operations team, we were delighted to provide support with marking the estates Golden Anniversary. Celebrating 50 years of neighbourly relations, Georgian Hamlet Residents Association identified a location for a community buddy bench and organised an intergenerational family fun day to take place on the estates green. Despite the rain showers, there was a great turn out, entertainment was provided by Festival in Van and resident's past and present, took the opportunity to come together, reflect, share stories about the estates journey and enjoy the celebratory atmosphere of marking this momentous occasion.



Rivervalley & Rathingle – Pride of Place 2025

Rivervalley & Rathingle has been nominated in the Best Urban Neighbourhood category for the Pride of Place Awards 2025. Planning is underway to involve local community groups and ensure their voices and efforts are fully recognised. These awards highlight the vital role of the community centre, the strong sense of civic pride, and the dedication of volunteers who work daily to promote inclusion, reduce isolation, and make the area a vibrant place to live. The first planning meeting saw a strong turnout and led to the formation of a Pride of Place Steering Group, with representatives from a wide range of local organisations, including the Residents Association, Tidy Towns, Meals on Wheels, the local historical society and a community choir.



Community Facilities Management Support

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

Corduff Resource Centre

Upgrade works for Corduff Resource Centre will commence in early July. Upgrades will include fire safety, health and safety and universal access, electrical safety and mechanical, energy, new sports hall floor, painting and decoration, installation of bicycle parking on site, resurfacing of the car park and upgrade of existing perimeter fencing. The centre will close for twelve months. During the upgrade works groups and staff have been relocated to other community centres across Dublin and the board of management will continue to meet to plan for the fit out and reopening of the centre.



Community Facilities Engagement Support

As I Am, Ireland's Autism charity, delivered training to all community centre managers and staff across Fingal at June's Fingal Community Facilities Networking event in Malahide Castle. Topics included the various aspects of autism, language used, supporting people and creating an inclusive workplace culture. The training was the first step in enhancing each community centre's drive to strengthen community engagement, and to foster a shared understanding of best practices. The session also provided a platform for staff to share experiences, challenges, and innovative ideas, encouraging peer learning and stronger inter-centre connections.

Practical tips such as revisiting centre websites to make them jargon free, conducting sensory audits and sensory maps for each centre will also be part of the plan to create safe spaces.

Feedback from participants has been positive, highlighting the value of practical guidance and open discussion. This training initiative is a proactive step towards building capacity within Fingal's community infrastructure, ensuring that all centres are well-equipped to meet the evolving needs of their local populations.



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 had an in person meeting this month. They are continuously working to progress their annual workplan. Two participants were nominated to take part in the Child Poverty and Well-being Programme Office Youth Advisory Group, and one young person was chosen to be part of the Youth Advisory Group. Four members will attend the Comhairle na nÓg Regional Event in Dublin next month.

Korale Project



KORALE, which is short for "Towards a Community of Practice and Knowledge on Preventing and Tackling Loneliness from Public Policies," is supported by Interreg Europe and co-funded by the European Union. The project aims to improve public policies by exchanging good practices and integrating multifaceted approaches to address and prevent loneliness. The third partner consortium took place in Lisbon in May where the community development department presented on Collaboration across Generations: From Intergenerational Projects to Intergenerational Practice and Fingal Welcome Rooms.

Fingal County Council is partnering with 5 countries including Spain Basque region, Austria, Belgium, Denmark and Portugal to:

- identify and share good practices that prevent or address loneliness at individual, family, and community levels, focusing on low-threshold approaches;
- learn about successful cases of intervention strategies that, deployed early in life, can lead to a reduction in the incidence of loneliness later in life, focusing on longer-term approaches;
- identify the key factors that enable these good practices to be transformed and achieve higher impact policies.

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.

Vintage Picnic 2025



Despite the poor weather early in the day, over 600 older people attended Vintage Picnic on Thursday 5th June in Swords Castle. Tai Chi and Chair Aerobics sessions which took place throughout the afternoon proved very popular. Entertainment was provided by 'Gerry and the Plonkers', a musical group of older Fingal residents, while 'Who' Eddie' proved to be a crowd favourite, sparking fond memories of past performances in local venues. The event's headline act, 'The Swing Cats', delivered an energetic set that had everyone up dancing. Prizes for the best dressed competition were presented to three participants from across the county.

Age Friendly Ambassador Day



Age Friendly Ireland's Ambassadors' Day took place on Wednesday 18th June at VISUAL Carlow. The event focused on the theme *Wellbeing in Later Life — Physical, Mental and Emotional Health* and brought together ambassadors and representatives from across the country. Fingal County Council was represented at this event by the Fingal's Age Friendly Ambassador, the Chair of the OPC, the Chief Executive and the Age Friendly Programme Manager. The day provided valuable insights and reinforced the importance of fostering an inclusive society that prioritises the dignity, independence, and wellbeing of older people.

Age Friendly Housing & Public Realm Training for Staff



Fingal Friendly Fingal, in collaboration with Age Friendly Ireland, hosted a cross-departmental training session on Tuesday 24th June on Age Friendly Housing and Public Realm. The training was designed to enhance awareness and understanding of age-friendly design principles and practices among key Fingal County Council staff in Planning, Architects, Housing, Community and Parks Department. It focused on fostering a collaborative and inclusive approach to the built environment, housing, and public realm planning with a view to creating a more age-friendly county.

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 hosted a Summer School from 26th-29th May in collaboration with DCU School of Civic Engagement and two other Dublin PPNs.

The PPN Secretariat is preparing for a meeting on 2nd July with the elected members of Fingal in County Hall. Fingal PPN will also be hosting three information sessions for local groups in each LEA to inform them of the network's work.

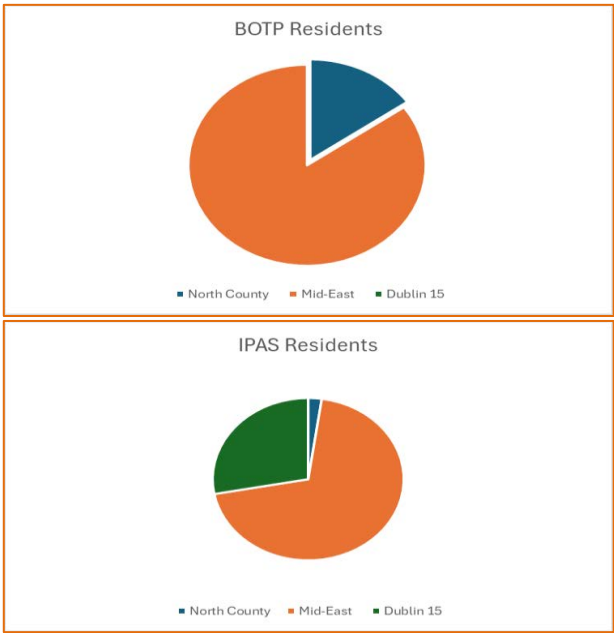
Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

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 as of the May 25th, 2025, 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	54
Mid-East	368	1657
Dublin 15	0	663
Total	434	2374



Connections Expo

The LAIT team are engaged in preparations for a targeted Connections Expo, an initiative developed by the Integration Office to support Accommodation Centres hosting both IP and BOTP residents. This initiative will be held in the mid-east area in collaboration with community, voluntary and statutory stakeholders. This expo is a targeted response to identified needs of families in particular women residing there.

Refugee Week Ireland - 'Community as a Superpower'

16th – 21st of June marked Refugee Week in Ireland. The Fingal Integration Office held several integration initiatives including hosting our Building Bridges: Forging Pathways Beyond Prejudice exhibition in a large-scale IPAS Accommodation centre.



Fingal County Council staff were invited to reflect on the journeys of displaced people and celebrate the strength of inclusive communities by taking part in a photo opportunity both in County Hall and the Civic Offices. Staff were encouraged to participate if they had experienced displacement themselves, supported Refugees in their personal or professional lives, or simply wished to show their support.



Ukrainian Volunteers of Ireland

The Older and Wiser Showcase event was funded by the Integration Office and held on the 24th June. It was a wonderful opportunity for the group to highlight their work in craft making tradition, dress and songs. This event explored ways to build stronger, more connected communities and showcased Eurospeak the EU-funded project promoting inclusive education pathways including digital skills.



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 76 projects in the amount of €179,522.05

Castleknock/Mulhuddart (39 projects)	€96,027.60
Balbriggan/Swords (33 projects)	€76,375.45
Howth/Malahide (4 projects)	€7,119.00

**Community Facilities Remedial Works Scheme
for non-Council owned facilities**

Remedial Funding up to 24th June 2025



Remedial Funding for non-Council owned facilities has been awarded to 4 projects in the amount of €95,354.00 in 2025.

Balbriggan	€24,750 x 1 project
Castleknock	€10,604 x 2 projects
Howth/Malahide	€60,000 x 1 project

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Protected Cycle Lanes:

BLRS Area:

R132 Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane

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

The Project has been handed over to our Operation Section for regular maintenance.

The Final Road Safety Audit on the operational phase of the new project has been completed and all items addressed that were raised during the process.

Seatown Road Swords:

The Project Team is working with the Design Team to finalise the tender documentation for the construction stage. Subject to approvals and funding it is intended to go to tender in Q3 2025.

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 to link 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 and timeline are 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 tree survey has been carried out and draft arborist's report has been received. An emerging preferred option has been identified for much of the route, with the options for the final link and junction still under discussion with the design team. After finalising the Emerging Preferred Option for the final link and junction, the phase 2 cost plan will be furnished to FCC. A presentation on the project's progress will also be made to the Howth-Malahide elected members.

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 have been 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 following a workshop. 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 works tender package is nearing completion, and a tender competition will commence in the coming weeks.



Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

Fingal County Council is 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. A non-statutory public consultation will commence on the 27th June 2025.



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 completed. Ongoing engagement with key stakeholders is ongoing as the design progresses. Detailed design activities across the design team are ongoing and are progressing on programme.



Balrothery Active Travel Plan

The Consultant has produced a draft Travel Plan for Balrothery. A presentation of the plan was made at ACM level, where it was decided that a separate meeting with elected members will be held regarding the plan. This meeting is currently being arranged.

The next steps following the meeting with elected members is to finalise the plan, 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.

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 is generated by the consultant and the Active Travel Department. The optioneering phase is now underway with the detailed analysis of several proposed interventions to aid in the generation of the final report. It is intended to carry out Consultation with the local Councillors later in the summer before we move into a non-statutory consultation phase with all stakeholders.

Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop:

The Part 8 Planning Process commenced in early March and concluded with the Part 8 presentation to the full council meeting on 9th June 2025. The proposal was approved at this meeting.

The project now moves to the detailed design phase. Consultation with the local stakeholders will be facilitated during this phase.

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 were appointed to complete the construction of the project. Road resurfacing works have been completed. Traffic calming ramps have been installed. Line marking works have been carried out. The contractor has also progressed pedestrian ramp works at the entrance to the linear park and at Swords Celtic Football Club. This project will aid the modal shift of the circa 750 junior members of Swords Celtic to a safe active travel route to the club grounds and the surrounding area, together with offering safe access and crossing point to the users of Balhery Linear Park.





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

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

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 earlier this year. 76 submissions were received. The submissions have been 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 costing drawings, preliminary BoQ have been prepared and are now ready to progress to tender for a construction contractor in the coming few weeks.

Seapark Hill Active Travel Project

A multi-disciplinary design team has been appointed to take the established 'Preferred Option' from the design phases to completion. The project kick-off meeting has been held.

The design team has begun with a gap analysis of information produced relating to this project to date and have recommended the procurement of a small supplementary topographical survey to complete the topographical information gathering. This procurement is underway.

Design of the established 'preferred option' has commenced.

Access to Balscadden Bay Beach, Howth.

Final amendments are being made to the Consultant's assessment report of the Existing Stairs at Balscadden Bay Beach for Possible Safety Improvements.

Once the preferred option has been agreed with FCC, we will 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. The project team are currently finalising the tender evaluation. It is anticipated that a contractor will be appointed in the coming weeks to progress to the Construction Stage.

Road Safety: 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.

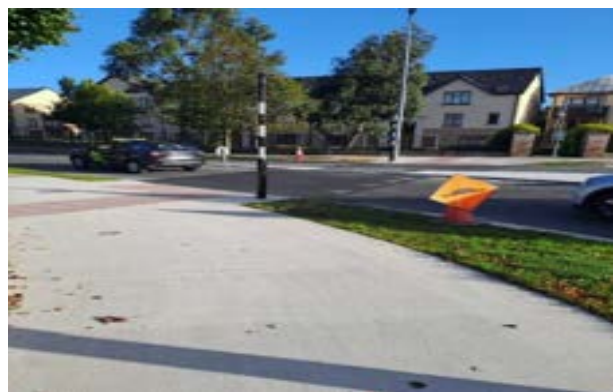
Scoil Ghráinne Community NS, Hansfield

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 26th May 2025.

Safe Routes to School Round 2

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. A cost estimate has been prepared and submitted to the National Transport Authority (NTA) to ensure compliance with budgetary and safety requirements.

Safe Routes to School Round 3

Round 3 of the Fingal Safe Routes to School programme includes the following schools,

1. Broadmeadow CNS
2. Donabate Portrane ETNS
3. Holywell ETNS
4. Malahide/Portmarnock ETNS
5. Scoil Mhuire Junior

6. Scoil Thomáis

7. St Nicholas of Myra NS Kinsealy

Round 3 is now in the early engagement phase of the works and An Taisce are working with the 7 selected school to develop their outline delivery plans for the schools.

The Drynam Heath Quiet Street

VivaCity Modal Filters sensor have been installed to monitor bicycles, pedestrians, and e-scooters—using AI-powered, privacy-safe video sensing.

The works are now ready to go to site with install set for late June.

A dedicated project webpage is available, providing public access to all documents to ensure transparency.

School Wardens:

Our school wardens continue to work across the county with the service to take a summer break from June 27th. The Road Safety office developed some promotional material this month to highlight the role our wardens play in keeping the county's school children safe on their daily commute, this can be found [here](#).

European Mobility Week:

The Road Safety Office are currently working to identify two areas adjacent to schools which can have school streets installed on a temporary basis for the week with the aim of increasing front of school safety and promoting walking and cycling to the schools.

Fingal Road Safety Working Together Group:

In line with Ireland's Government Road Safety Strategy 2021 – 2030 Fingal County Council have established its Road Safety Working Together Group. The group is chaired by the Road Safety Officer and consists of 3 elected members, Cllr Angela Donnelly, Cllr Darren Jack Kelly, Cllr David Healy, as well as representatives from An Garda Síochána, Dublin Fire Brigade,

The Department of Transport, The National Transport Authority, Dublin Airport Authority, The Road Safety Authority and Fingal County Council staff. The aim of the group is to co-ordinate multi-agency road safety policy and implementation at a local level.

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.

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 June-July, lessons are running in three locations:

- Swords, Applewood Community Centre starts Friday 13/06/2025
- Donabate, Donabate Portrane Community Centre Starts Monday 23/06/2025
- Ongar, Ongar Sports Centre, starts Saturday 05/07/2025
- A full list of 2025 Courses is available on our website

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

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



Learn 2 Cycle for Children Aged 6-12 years

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

Current courses:

- Starts 5 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 – Millennium Park

Our Balance Bike Buddies Courses in Millennium Park are up and running with nearly 50 children taking part on Saturday mornings. Our next course begins on Saturday 2nd August in Holywell Park. We'll have two courses, Course 1 at 9:15am and Course 2 at 10am. For booking information, email 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 was 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 collaborated with Blanchardstown Tidy Towns, to host a guided walk along the new path.

A video celebrating this walking infrastructure is being developed to showcase the new route and encourage walking and cycling.

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.

Beeper Lease E-Bike for Staff

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

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

For more information, please email
Emma.court@fingal.ie



Staff Pooled Bikes

Staff pooled bikes are available in County Hall, Swords 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



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 second round of bikes will go out in August 2025, residents from Donabate/Portrane interested in applying for round 2 of the scheme can contact customercare@bleeperactive.com and they will take you through the process



Sofa to Saddle June 2025

We have four Sofa to Saddle Courses currently taking place. In St Catherine's Park and Newbridge House we 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.

We are looking for interested participants for future courses.

For booking information, please contact 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.



Blanchardstown Bike Library

Following the success of the Ongar Bike Library Pilot project, we are extending the bike library to cover the entire Dublin 15 area. We are currently seeking expressions of interest from potential participants. All you have to do is fill out the application form and Bleepers Bike will be in touch. <https://form.jotform.com/241503900081343>



The bike library offers participants a free three month trial on an eBike, eCargo Bike or an eLongtail bike and aims to show them the benefits and versatility of eBikes as a primary mode of transport.

Holyfamily SNS Cycle to Naul

The Active Travel Unit supported The students of Holyfamily SNS on their annual cycle to the Naul. 74 Students took part, making it the biggest cycle the school have ever done. The event is organised by teacher, Tommy Duffy, who retires at the end of the current school term. Fingal would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Duffy for all the time and effort he has put into the promotion of safe cycling in the school and we wish you a long and happy retirement

Public Shared eCargo Bike

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

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



Wheelchair Tandem Bike Service

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

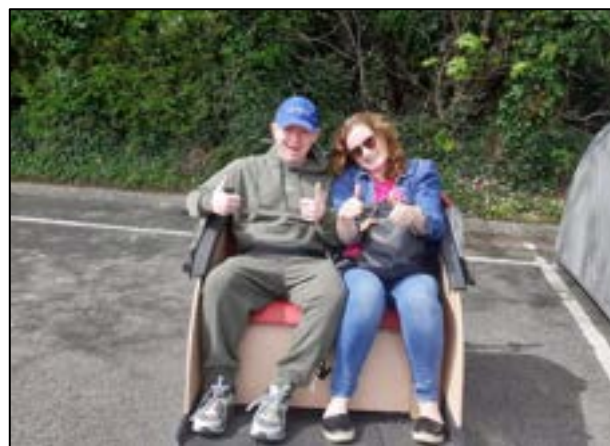
The Bike is a unique and innovative bicycle designed to be a tandem vehicle for individuals with mobility impairments. It combines a wheelchair with a tandem bike, allowing the person in the wheelchair to participate in cycling activities with another cyclist.

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

If you'd like more information, please email us at cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie

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. If you would like to request a trip, please email to check availability at Cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie



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.mcginns@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 June, the number of bookings continues to grow and we are delighted to see it go from strength to strength.

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



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>



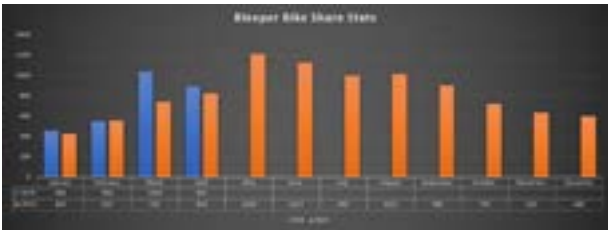
Month	Trips	KM Travelled
May	38	568km
June	92	2486km
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Moby Bikes in Fingal

In June, we signed an agreement with Moby Bikes that will see eBikes return to Fingal. The scheme will initially focus on 10 parking locations around the Dublin 15 area. Moby Bikes can be hired through the Moby App and any issues with the service or reports of improperly parked bikes should be directed to support@mobymove.com



Bike Share Schemes



Blepper Bike

The Blepper Bike Scheme had one of its strongest months of the past four years in the East and Central areas of the county in May. There has been a steady increase in Blepper usage in Swords over the past two months, which we're very pleased to see.

We removed the Bleeper Bike service from Dublin 15 in April due to vandalism, and this has greatly affected trip numbers in the West of the county in May, but we restarted our service in Castleknock Village in June and hope to expand the service further into Dublin 15 over July.



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

993 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in April
There were an additional 195 Journeys that took place outside of Fingal using the Fingal Pass
1,015 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in April
Saturdays (25%) and Sundays 17% recorded the highest usage
Howth, Portmarnock and Castleknock (Phoenix Park Gates) were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided: 267kg of CO2

CLIMATE ACTION

E2CUTIES

Work has continued on the E2-CUTIES project. The Climate Action Team has met with Balbriggan SEC, developed the Balbriggan community profile and a webpage has been set up to facilitate updates on the E2CUTIES project and can be viewed here: <https://www.fingal.ie/e2-cuties>

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 implementation of the Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar Action Plan.

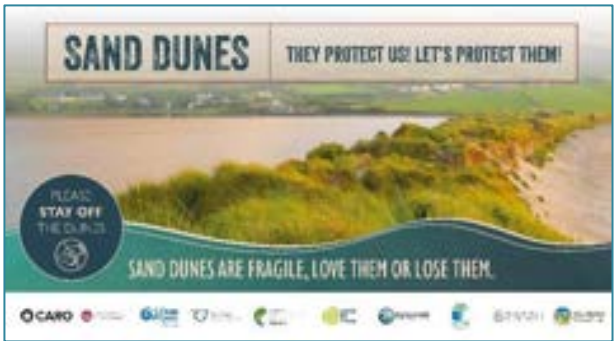
Climate Action Training

The Climate Action Team has promoted and attended Local Authority Climate Action Webinar Series provided by LASNTG.



Protect our Dunes Campaign

Following on from its success in previous years the Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) have launched the 2025 Protect our Dunes Campaign which Fingal County Council is supporting. The Protect Our Dunes campaign will continue to raise awareness on social media, to convey the importance of our sand dunes to coastal resilience and biodiversity, how they can be easily damaged from recreational activities, along with simple measures to preserve them.



CARO

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



Climate Action Plan Implementation Team

The CAPIT, a multi departmental senior committee met in June to review the implementation of the Climate Action Plan. During this meeting, Codema, Dublin's Energy Agency presented on their work on the E2CUTIES project and Decarbonisation Zone project.



Fingal Sustainable Energy Communities

The Climate Action Team met with the Fingal SEC mentors to explore ways of supporting the growth and development of SECs in Fingal.



Community Climate Action Fingal:

A total of € 793,296 has been paid out since Sept 2024 to the 25 applicants and partner groups for pre-funding of projects or projects that have been completed.

Status Update: (144 Projects)

June 2025	73 Projects Completed
	17 Projects In Progress
	54 Projects Not Started

Projects recently completed include Solar PV at St. Maurs GAA in Rush, Solar PV and new windows and external doors at the Ballyboughal GFC clubhouse, new windows and doors at Brackenstown Scout Den in Swords.

The CCAO is carrying out vouching visits routinely. The next round of funding will be announced by the Department in the coming months. The CCAO will continue to promote the fund to eligible groups in Fingal.



Climate Action Awareness:

Fingal Reusable Cup Project (FRCP):

The Fingal Reusable Cup Project launched on 17th May in both Malahide and Rush. To date, 19 businesses have signed up between both areas (out of a potential 40)

The Environment and Climate Action Team will continue to engage with participating businesses and with those who have not yet signed up to the pilot.

We are currently working on a detailed Comms Plan to promote the project in both areas.



Malahide Concerts:

The highly anticipated **Summer Concert Series at Malahide Castle & Gardens** kicked off on Tuesday 17th June and will run through Friday 4th July 2025, with seven major concerts taking place at the iconic venue.

In support of local environmental efforts, Fingal County Council, in partnership with concert promoters MCD Productions and Festival Republic, alongside HEINEKEN Ireland are introducing new sustainability initiatives during the 2025 concert season. Building on the momentum of the **Fingal Reusable Cup Project** launched in Malahide earlier this year which aims to eliminate disposable cups from the village this summer's concerts will go a step further: **no disposable cups will be sold** by Heineken.

Reusable Cup Scheme Introduced

As part of this climate-conscious initiative and in alignment with the principles of the Circular Economy, a Deposit and Return Reusable Cup Scheme will be trialled throughout the concert series.

Vendors serving HEINEKEN draught products will apply a small, refundable deposit to each drink served in a reusable cup. When attendees return their cups, their deposit will be fully reimbursed, encouraging a more responsible and sustainable festival experience.

This will be monitored over the duration of the concerts and stats will be provided

afterwards on the number of cups saved from landfill/incineration

It is intended that all Vendors will participate for the 2026 Concerts.



ENVIRONMENT

Bathing Water Update:

The pre-season samples were taken on 26th and 27th May and all identified bathing waters achieved “excellent” status except for Malahide (non-identified bathing water) which met “good”. A resample was taken on 28th May and this met “excellent” water quality and replaced the earlier result. Sampling will take place during the bathing season period (1st June – 15th September).

Scheduled sampling at the ten identified bathing waters is undertaken fortnightly except for Front Strand beach, Balbriggan which is in a “Changes” category and will be classified in 2025 by the Environmental Protection Agency at the end of the bathing season. Analysis for the two types of bacteria (E. coli and intestinal enterococci) is reported approximately 2.5 days following the collection of the sample and these individual results will be reported as either excellent, good, sufficient or poor. Resamples are taken and investigations carried out when required.

The scheduled sample taken on 3rd June at Front Strand beach, Balbriggan was collected while beach raking/cleaning was taking place and therefore a resample was arranged on 4th June. The result of “poor” required the erection of a Prohibition (Do not swim) Notice on the beach on 5th June however, that sample result on 6th June met “excellent” water quality and permitted the lifting of that notice on the following day.

On Saturday 14th June, 2025 a forecast of heavy rainfall resulted in the issuing of a “prior warning” notice at Velvet Strand beach, Portmarnock. The resample taken on 16th June met the standard of “excellent” water quality and permitted the lift of the notice.

A summary of results is shown below in the tables and all results are available on www.beaches.ie during the bathing season;

NAME OF BEACH	26th, 27th and 28th May*	3rd June	4th June*	5th June	16th June	16th June Resample (if 16th June*)
Balbriggan, Front Strand	Excellent	Poor	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	
Blanes, South Beach	Excellent			Excellent		
Loughshinny Beach	Excellent			Excellent		
Rush, North Beach	Excellent			Excellent		
Rush, South Beach	Excellent			Excellent		
Donabate, Balcanish Beach	Excellent			Excellent		
Portrane, The Brook Beach	Excellent			Excellent		
Portmarnock, Velvet Strand	Excellent			Excellent		Excellent
Sutton, Burnmoor Beach	Excellent			Excellent		
Howth, Claremont Beach	Excellent			Excellent		
Malahide Beach (non-identified bathing water)	Excellent*			Excellent		

Identified Waters Individual Classification					
2025 Season Samples	Excellent	Good	Sufficient	Poor	Total
Scheduled	21	0	0	1	22
Unscheduled	2	0	0	0	2
Total	23	0	0	1	24
Non-Identified Waters Individual Classification					
2025 Season Samples	Excellent	Good	Sufficient	Poor	Total
Malahide	1	1	0	0	2
Resamples	1	0	0	0	1
Other Waters	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	1	0	0	3

Environmental Awareness:

Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Fund Launch
The annual Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Competition officially launched on 29th May and is open for applications until 11th July. Community groups, sports clubs, and men’s and women’s sheds can apply. Activities can include litter clean-ups, painting of estate walls, painting murals, biodiversity projects in litter-prone areas, and public awareness campaigns focused on littering and the correct disposal of vapes. The fund is part-sponsored by the Department of Climate, Energy and Environment.



National Food Waste Recycling Week

National Food Waste Recycling Week took place from the 1st – 8th June. The campaign, managed by My Waste, offered practical tips and advice to help people recycle more of their food waste. To support the campaign, the Environmental Awareness Officer organised several in-person events, including a Food Waste Reduction Workshop and a Home Composting Workshop, alongside a Kitchen Caddy Distribution Day. These efforts aimed to help Fingal residents reduce food waste, save money, and protect the environment. A parallel social media campaign helped spread the message even further.



Estuary Recycling Centre Workshop and Tour

The Environmental Awareness Officer delivered a workshop on waste management and the circular economy to a group from Prosper Fingal. The session focused on everyday actions individuals can take, followed by a guided tour of the Estuary Recycling Centre.



Clothes Swap Kit Launch

As of 9th June, local groups, schools, and organisations in Fingal can now borrow a free Clothes Swap Kit to host their own clothing swap events. This initiative promotes sustainable fashion, helps reduce textile waste, and offers a fun way to bring communities together while raising funds for good causes. This new programme is a collaboration between Fingal County Council and Change Clothes.



Media

The Environmental Awareness Officer was interviewed on **Q102's Dublin Today** with Elizabeth Hearst to discuss the launch of the Clothes Swap Kit and was also interviewed by Michael Sullivan on **Near FM's Northside Today show** to promote the Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Grant.

Online Campaigns

Over the last month the Environmental Awareness Officer organised digital awareness campaigns focused on the proper disposal of vapes, e-cigarettes, and electrical cables, promoting responsible waste management practices.

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 continued the annual litter quantification surveys in June to quantify the litter present, inspecting and counting litter present, thus Identifying black spots, to enable Fingal County Council tackle litter more effectively.
- Attended tenant induction course outlining their responsibilities regarding litter.



Litter Fines & Warning Notices – June 2025

Month	Fines	Warning Notice
January	16	1
February	9	2
March	18	1
April	15	0
May	16	4
June	23	2

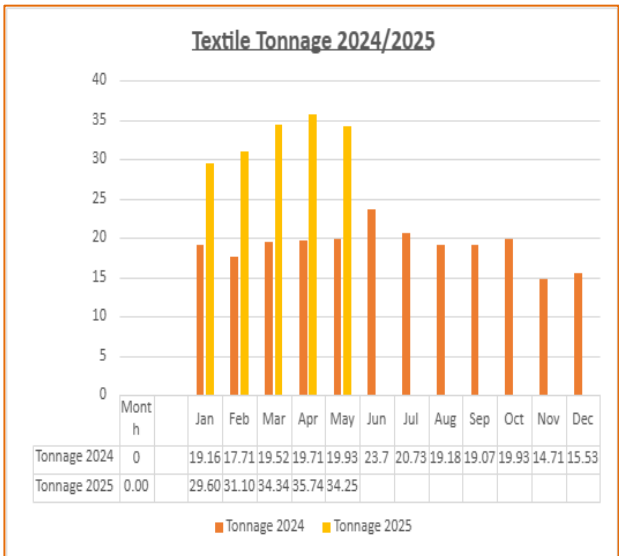
There were 2 cases before the district court in June, both were successful prosecutions, and costs awarded.

Litter Management Cases for June 2025

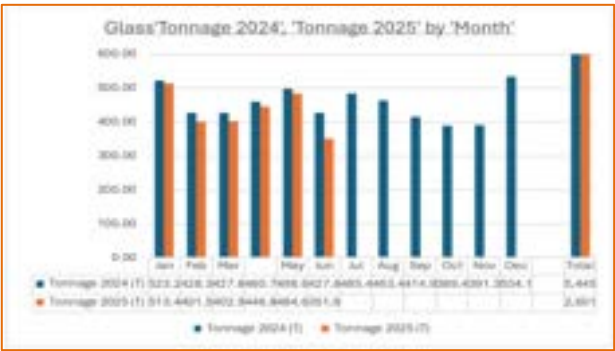
Cases June 2025	Amount
Muck on road	4
Abandoned cars	13
Inspection of bring banks	316
Inspection of dumping black spots	612
Unauthorised signage	2
Request for Dog fouling signs	2
Report of dumping by witness statement	1
Report under general litter	3
Report of dumping 1 – 20 bags	14
Beach patrols	10
Councillor reps' inspection	5



Bring Banks



Textile volumes collected in **May 2025** were **34.25 Tonnes**. This compares with a Textiles collection figure of 19.93 Tonnes in May 2024.



Glass volumes collected to date in **June 2025** total **352 Tonnes**. This compares with a collection figure of 428 Tonnes in June 2024.

Abandoned Vehicles

From 1st January – 20th June 2025, 190 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles have been received by the Environment Department. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

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

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

Information on Abandoned Vehicles can be found on the Fingal County Council website:

<https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles>

	Abandoned Vehicles Lifted		Burnt out Vehicles Lifted	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	0	0	6	0
February	2	0	0	1
March	2	2	3	2
April	2	3	0	0
May	0	2	0	0
June	1	0	0	1
July	0	0	0	
August	0		0	
September	0		0	
October	0		0	
November	0		0	
December	0		1	
	7	7	10	4

Animal Welfare

The Animal Welfare Section received 22 complaints in relation to dogs from 1st of June to 20th of June 2025.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1 st of June 2025 to 20 th June 2025
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	3
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	1
Env - Dog on Person Attack	0
Env - Dog warden assistance, Garda request	1
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	5
Env - Surrendered Dog	0
Env - Stray Dog	9
Grand Total	22

Dog Warden Service

The dog wardens continue to carry out enforcement in relation to breaches of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, Control of Dog Regulations 1998, Parks and Open Spaces byelaws and Beach and Foreshore byelaws. They also educate dog owners on the responsibilities of keeping a dog and remind owners to pick up after their pets when in public places. Dog owners should ensure that they hold a valid licence for their dog and if issued with a 10-day notice by the dog wardens, should present their licence to controlofdogs@fingal.ie within the 10 days provided on the notice. Failure to do so may result in a fine being issued for failing to produce a dog licence when requested to do so by a dog warden and keeping a dog without a valid licence. Over the summer months the dog wardens will increase their patrols on the beaches and in the parks. There were 69 x 10 Day Notices and 12 Fines issued by the dog wardens from 1st to 22nd June 2025.

Licences and Fines

Month	10 Day Notices 2024	2025	Fines Issued 2024	2025	Fines Paid 2024	2025
January	217	19	20	3	€1,997.50	€550
February	267	62	36	5	€2,135	€2,344
March	234	87	40	15	€3,525	€1,121
April	277	85	35	11	€3,075	€1,770
May	408	99	34	15	€3,420	€4,443
June	547	69	56	12	€3,180	€1,750
July	28	88			€3,330	
August	15	52			€3,600	
September	29	23			€2,916.75	
October	15	18			€3,321	
November	104	19			€2,180	
December	8	5			€1,700	
TOTAL	1872	632	629	61	€36,896.25	€11,829.50

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 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	1090	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	571	87	38	€33,080	€16,740
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	330		20		€9000	€
Total for year	10,292	4,494	742	246	€309,720	€128,440

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

Does your dog have a licence?



Purchase at any Post Office or online at [licences.ie](https://www.fingal.ie/licences)

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

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

XL Bully Legislation

From October 1st, 2024, new regulations prohibit the importing, breeding, selling, and re-homing of XL Bully type dogs and from February 1st, 2025, it is illegal to own an XL Bully type dog without a 'Certificate of Exemption' issued by the local authority in which the dog resides.

This certificate of exemption is unique to each XL Bully type dog and owner and specifies the dog's 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 130 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 June 25 there were 15 dogs in the shelter. Up to 22nd of June 2025, 11 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 1 was surrendered by members of the public. Of these dogs, 1 was reclaimed, 3 were rehomed to Rescue and 3 were rehomed to members of the public. As of 23rd of June there were 19 dogs remaining in the shelter.

The shelter has a Facebook page Dublin County Dog Shelter. It also has an Instagram Account @dublincountydogshelter which they actively update with strays and dogs wishing to be rehomed.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of June 2024	23	Dogs in Shelter at start of June 2025	15
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	14	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	11
Surrendered by owners	5	Surrendered by owners	1
Reclaimed	2	Reclaimed	1
Rehomed to Rescue	9	Rehomed to Rescue	3
Rehomed to Public	4	Rehomed to Public	3
PFS	8	PFS	1
Dogs in Shelter at the end of June 2024	16	Dogs in shelter as 23 June 2025	19

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. Since the commencement of the campaign the Shelter have successfully rehomed 33 bull breeds however during this period they have received a further 8 bull breeds in to the shelter.

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

Facebook: Dublin County Dog Shelter

Instagram: dublincountydogshelter



Patsy, approx 2 yrs old, came in as a stray and is waiting to be rehomed. If you would like to come and meet Patsy please give the shelter a call at 087 3914008.

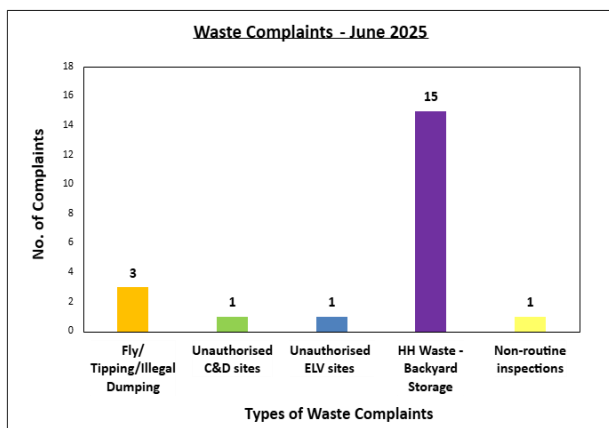
HORSES

Welfare inspections continue on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. In June 2025 there were 6 horses seized from the public realm.



WASTE ENFORCEMENT & REGULATION

During the month of June, a total of 21 waste complaints were received, with 9 resolved and the remainder ongoing through enforcement action. The complaints covered a range of issues, including backyard storage and burning of household waste, an unauthorized End-of-Life Vehicle (ELV) site, unauthorized construction & demolition sites, incidents of fly-tipping and illegal dumping.



Unauthorised waste collectors remain a significant issue, as they dispose of waste in a manner that is neither environmentally safe nor legally compliant. Such activities result in waste being dumped by roadsides or in scenic locations, leading to considerable clean-up costs for the local authority.



The Environment Section continues to encourage public vigilance in this area. Members of the public who suspect an illegal waste collector is operating in their locality, or who wish to verify that a waste collector holds a valid permit, are advised to contact the Environment Section at environment@fingal.ie or Customer Care by telephone at 01 8905000.



A legal file was prepared during June in relation to waste complaints received regarding storage of waste and non-compliance with the waste presentation bye-laws. Direction letters issued under the Waste Management Act 1996 weren't complied with and a legal file was prepared. The case will be dealt with in the district court.



Regulation 27 By-Product

There was only one notification / registration of soil and stone by-product for the month of June and a desktop inspection was conducted to confirm that the status of the site of origin was greenfield. Two site inspections were carried out at sites registered during the previous month.

By-products have an important role to play in the Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy which seeks to reduce the environmental and health impacts of waste and improve resource efficiency. The fundamental goal is to achieve a circular economy that avoids unnecessary waste generation and allows for the use of materials as a resource, wherever possible. This in turn minimises the requirement for the extraction of additional natural resources.



Annual Return Validations

Validations of Annual Returns (AR) have started. There are 109 Waste Collection Permits and 20 Waste Facilities operating under Waste Facilities or Certificate of Registration in Fingal.

The process involves a desktop validation of all 129 Annual Returns, checking that the waste data returned is in line with previous years, crosschecking matching returns from other permit holders, checking that the correct List of Waste codes are used, and that the data is entered into the appropriate tab. The data is used by the EPA to confirm national statistics on waste generation, recycling, recovery and disposal and progress towards meeting EU targets.



Where significant discrepancies are identified or where concerns were raised during the previous year's validation, site inspections are arranged to verify the accuracy of the data against the records maintained by the permit holders. In cases where non-compliances are confirmed, enforcement action is initiated.

Fixed Payment Notices were issued to 4 permit holders who failed to submit their annual return by the agreed deadline. 24 collectors who were contacted regarding late submission of their return.

26 Waste Collection Permits ARs and 4 waste facilities ARs have been validated so far, with the remaining in progress. The validation work takes 4 months to complete (June – September).



Waste Facility authorisations

Pre-application meetings have been held with 3 facilities in the past month, and a further two are scheduled before the end of June.

The meetings are held with applicants of proposed waste facilities to address any issues or shortcomings in their applications before they are lodged which in turn helps to ensure applications are processed in a timely manner without the need for further information requests. The meetings helped to identify one facility which did not need a waste authorisation, with assistance provided to the other two applicants regarding submission of compliant applications.

Malahide Concerts

The Environment Department, through conditions set out in the Public Event Licence, engaged with the organisers of Malahide concerts to promote waste reduction measures such as use of re-usable cups for drinks sold at the Heineken bars at the venue. Regulatory compliance with Waste Regulations regarding the separate collection of food waste was also assessed in conjunction with ensuring vendors were compliant with the Separate Collection (Deposit Return Scheme) Regulations 2024.

Inspections were carried out at vendors (food stands) during the first concert to ensure they were selling bottles and cans branded with the Re-Turn logo and therefore compliant with the DRS Regulations. One non-compliant stand was detected and directed to comply with the DRS Regulations for subsequent concerts. Follow up inspections will be carried out also.

Feedback was provided by the Waste Enforcement Section to the event organisers on the labelling / branding of bins in the main arena and how to make improvements for subsequent concerts.

Through the Public Events Licence the organisers were encouraged to engage with Re-Turn and local community groups/charity to provide for collections of bottles and cans at the concert. The organisers engaged with Re-turn and Malahide Tidy Towns, with volunteers from Malahide Tidy Towns sorting and collecting bottles and cans during the concert.



Waste Presentation Bye-Law Project

Work is progressing on the Waste Bye-Law Project with the Waste Register now complete comprising ~ 90,000 households. The waste register is a list of all households within Fingal that have a waste collection service in place.

The information for the Waste Register was requested by the Waste Enforcement Unit in May whereby Section 18 Notices were sent to 8 different waste collectors operating within Fingal. The operators were asked to provide information on customers who had a bin services in place and to confirm if all three bins; green, black and brown, were provided. Other information such as customer address and the date of the last bin lift was also requested.



Eircodes have been appended to these addresses to facilitate the production of a Reverse Register using a master Eircode/Geocode list, to help identify households who don't have a waste collection service in place for follow on investigation.



The Reverse Register is almost complete and the IT Department are assisting the Environment Department to develop a map to show all households currently on the Reverse Register. The GIS mapping will then be used to target specific areas where participation in a waste collection service is low for follow on investigation or enforcement action.



Once the map has been finalised the next step will be engagement with households on the Reverse Register to establish how they are managing their waste. If households don't have an active bin account in place they have 2 other options available to dispose of their waste i.e. bin sharing or bringing their waste to an authorised facility. In both instances proof is required in the form of a bin sharing agreement whereby 1 household has an active bin account in place and an Account No. or by providing receipts for disposal of waste if bringing waste to a civic amenity centre or waste facility.

Initial engagement with householders will be by letter communication (July 2025) with a follow up reminder letter issued 1 week later. Householders will be asked to confirm how they are managing their waste by completing a declaration that can be filled in online through the Fingal County Council website or by return letter. If sufficient proof is provided, then those households will be taken off the Reverse Register and placed on the Waste Register i.e. households who have a waste collection service in place.

For Households who don't engage or respond, door to door inspections (Aug/Sept 2025) will be carried out to verify on the ground how they are managing their waste. It is proposed to target 4,000 households initially whereby follow up door to door inspections may be required for ~ 50% or 2,000 of those households.



A Fixed Payment Notice (€75 fine) will be issued to households who cannot provide proof of how they are currently disposing of their waste and a direction given under Section 14 of the Waste Management Act to put an active bin account in place. Legal action through the District Court will be taken if households refuse to provide sufficient proof that their waste is being managed in accordance with the FCC Waste Presentation Bye-Laws 2020.



The key objectives of the Waste Presentation Bye-Laws Project are to:

- 1/** Increase participation in household waste collection services throughout Fingal.
- 2/** Decrease incidents of fly-tipping and illegal dumping and associated clean-up costs.
- 3/** Increase segregation of waste materials – having a 3 bin system in place.
- 4/** Reduce the number of waste related complaints allowing waste enforcement officers to focus on National Waste Priorities.



AIR & NOISE UNIT

Air & Noise Complaints

A total of 24 no. noise complaints were received and investigated during June, including complaints regarding noise from drone deliveries, construction sites and neighbour to neighbour noise. A total of 3 no. air complaints were received and investigated and these include complaints regarding agricultural odours and dust from quarrying activities. The majority of these complaints have been resolved, with investigations ongoing to resolve the remaining open complaints.

Planning Files

The Air and Noise Section reviewed 19 no. Planning applications referred by the Planning Department during June. Applications are assessed against the latest Strategic Noise Maps for Fingal to ensure that any proposed developments, particularly residential developments, will not be adversely affected by road, rail, industrial or aircraft noise. The Air and Noise Section also attends pre-planning meetings to advise applicants on noise related matters.



Planning compliance submissions continue to be received and assessed for compliance with air and noise related planning conditions. These submissions typically outline the dust and noise mitigation measures that will be used to minimise the dust and noise impacts during the construction phase of a development.



Planning compliance inspections were also completed during June in respect of the outdoor summer concerts held at Malahide Castle. These concerts are authorised under Event Licence PEL/001/25 and noise levels for the concerts are restricted as a condition of the licence. The promoter appointed an independent noise control consultant to monitor noise levels throughout each event and to liaise with the sound engineer and the Air and Noise Section of Fingal County Council on all matters relating to noise control prior to and during each event.



Strategic Noise Maps

The Environmental Noise Directive 2002/49/EC, which was transposed into Irish law through the European Communities (Environmental Noise) Regulations 2018 to 2021, requires the local authorities within the Dublin agglomeration (Dublin City Council, Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, South Dublin, Wicklow and Kildare County Councils) to produce Strategic Noise Maps and Noise Action Plans every five years.

The latest Strategic Noise Maps are available on the Fingal County Council website at:

<https://www.fingal.ie/environment/noise-action-plan>

They are also available on the EPA website at:

<https://www.epa.ie/our-services/monitoring--assessment/noise/noise-mapping-and-action-plans/>.

These maps provide predicted environmental noise levels expected from road traffic, rail traffic, air traffic and from sites of industrial activity. The Strategic Noise Maps are generated using noise modelling based on a set of digital datasets, with different colours representing different noise levels in decibels (dB(A)).



These maps are required to be updated every 5 years. The next round of mapping updates is now underway, as the new mapping cycle started earlier this year. As a designated Noise Mapping Body, Fingal County Council inputs into this process and liaises with the EPA and other Noise Mapping Bodies on all matters related to mapping updates.

SPORTS OFFICE

Sports Development Conference 2025

Sport Ireland's Annual Sports Development Conference took place on the 27th & 28th of May. Over 300 development officers from National Governing Bodies and Local Sports Partnerships from across Ireland came together at the National Indoor Arena for two days of learning, collaboration, and connection.

Fingal Sports Office was represented by the Office's Sports Development Officers and the Active Cities Co-Ordinator. The theme of the 2025 conference was Unlock the Potential. The SDO conference provided an opportunity to network and learn from colleagues. Various breakout sessions focused on different aspects of sports development, covering topics relating to future planning, applying behavioural science to sport and how to design an inclusive sports programme. A presentation was also given on the latest data and behavioural insights in sport, collated by Sport Ireland, with comparative data for each county.



Balbriggan SummerFest

The Balbriggan SummerFest took place over the June Bank Holiday Weekend at Bremore Castle. Fingal Sports Office gave their support to the festival by providing variety of family friendly sport activities on one of the festival days. The sports day began with well-attended family yoga on the beach and continued with an offering of garden games and large target Inflatables on the neighbouring pitch to Bremore Castle. Football skills were also on display with a mini U7 football blitz with teams from Balbriggan and Skerries participating. The sports activities provided were very popular but the main highlight of the day the popular colour run. Over 250 participants registered to take part, and it brought a colourful conclusion to the day.



Men's Health Week- Men's Shed Walk and Talk

Fingal Sports in partnership with the Active Travel and Community Departments were delighted to deliver the Irish Men's Shed Walk and Talk Event in Newbridge House during Men's Health Week. This was the second year of the event that celebrates and promotes men's physical and mental well-being and involved 14 local Fingal Sheds.

The 120 men started the event with a quick warm-up followed by a 1,3 and 5k walk which finished with a Showcase Workshop in the walled gardens. The Sheds displayed all their crafts from throughout the year and got opportunities to meet other sheds to share experiences and stories about their groups. The three Fingal Depts as well as external stakeholders such as the HSE and Fingal Leader Partnership provided information to the participants on their activities and programmes being delivered throughout the summer.



Move at Swords Castle - June 8th

Fingal Sports Office brought together 600 people on Sunday, June 8th for a fantastic celebration of movement, health, and wellbeing in the stunning grounds of Swords Castle. The event was buzzing with energy, smiles, and activity, featuring: Boxercise, Family Fitness Sessions, Yoga, Pound Fitness, Nutrition & Menopause Talks Body Composition Analysis a Sensory Play Area for all kids. The day highlighted many of the FCC Sport Office community initiatives and was a collaboration with Community and Libraries Dept for sharing event infrastructure during the weekend.



Run with Ray – June 20th

RTE Radio 1 took to Newbridge House and Gardens on Friday 20th June supported by Fingal Sports Office to host 'Run with Ray' 5km, the event brought 300 participants to the Parkrun loop of the park supported by Donabate Parkrun volunteer team.



Active Cities Men's Hike – Glendalough

Fingal Sports Office Active Cities Dublin programme took 62 men to Glendalough to tackle the 10km Spinc Trail. This programme is in collaboration with Healthy Ireland and Get Ireland Walking introducing men who have no interacted with physical activity in some time and gives a safe environment to reengage.



Swimming lessons for St Patrick's SNS Students

In collaboration with Swim Ireland, Fingal Sports Office subsidised swimming lessons for students from St. Patrick's Senior National School, Corduff. The programme saw 160 students participate in 6-weeks of swimming lessons. The pre-programme survey showed that the children, all from 3rd to 6th class, have an average swimming confidence of 2.47/5 according to their parents/guardians with the majority (59%) rating themselves a 1 or 2 at a level of not confident or somewhat confident.

The aim of the programme is to make swimming more accessible and to improve swimming confidence within primary school children across Fingal. The legacy of the programme is to provide the children and their families with the opportunity to access a free open swim session in the National Aquatic Centre during the summer months.



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Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of June 2025 is running at 70%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€116.9m
Rates collected %	70%

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	168%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of June was €45.08m which is c. **97.7%** of budget YTD.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€45.08m
Percentage of Budget YTD.	97.7%

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	
Procurements ongoing at end of May		
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 30 JUNE 2025							
	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	57,621,043	123,749,800	47%	55,185,348	126,862,200	44%	2,435,695
Road Transport & Safety	17,807,193	36,814,800	48%	5,317,378	9,063,700	59%	12,489,815
Water Services	5,459,701	13,233,400	41%	7,661,195	15,070,000	51%	-2,201,494
Development Management	11,960,773	25,261,800	47%	4,487,148	10,206,000	44%	7,473,626
Environmental Services	24,921,688	48,948,700	51%	6,298,370	8,761,100	72%	18,623,318
Recreation & Amenity	30,367,167	59,101,400	51%	1,772,882	4,375,600	41%	28,594,284
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	998,704	1,575,200	63%	287,039	422,700	68%	711,665
Miscellaneous Services	9,779,556	21,053,000	46%	13,843,538	29,588,900	47%	-4,063,982
Central Management Charge	29,423,388	59,137,800	50%	1,986,781	4,073,900	49%	27,436,606
Local Property Tax / GPG				6,350,150	12,700,300	50%	-6,350,150
Rates				83,875,750	167,751,500	50%	-83,875,750
	188,339,213	388,875,900	48%	187,065,579	388,875,900	48%	1,273,634

Appendix 1 – continued
Capital Account – Income & Expenditure

CAPITAL ACCOUNT						
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/06/2025						
		Balance at 0/01/2025 €		Expenditure YTD €		Income YTD €
						Balance at 30/06/2025 €
A	Housing & Building	-9,686,875		160,500,940	-92,580,573	58,233,492
B	Road Transport & Safety	9,980,266		17,684,268	-6,599,430	21,065,104
C	Water Services	-10,327,807		1,093,981	-666,481	-9,900,307
D	Development Management	-175,344,430		11,163,463	-19,663,087	-183,844,054
E	Environmental Services	-15,418,209		1,902,789	-525,210	-14,040,630
F	Recreation & Amenity	-11,766,355		21,071,554	-5,892,405	3,412,794
H	Miscellaneous Services	-42,102,959		7,015,312	-7,359,209	-42,446,856
	Total	-254,666,369		220,432,307	-133,286,395	-167,520,457

Appendix 1 – continued
Summary of Corporate Debtors

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/06/2025				
	Balance at 01/01/2025	Balance at 30/06/2025	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
RATES	687,390	50,973,090	50,289,067	684,023
LOANS	2,130,037	1,857,503	186,248	1,671,255
RENTS	10,032,929	9,132,035	3,108,424	6,023,611
<i>Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments</i>				

Appendix 2

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Number of Contracts Awarded to the end of May (No change to this as system was down)

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	Castlelumney 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, Kilbriain, 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
Fingal County Council		
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - St Colmcille's Girls National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - Holy Family Junior National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - St Helen's Senior National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	Castleknoock Rd - Auburn Ave to gates of Pheonix Park	€ 60,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - St Nicholas of Myra National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Scoil Mhuire Junior National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Scoil Thomáis	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Donabate Portrane Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Holywell Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Malahide/Portmarnock Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Broadmeadow Community National School	€ 10,000
Total:		€ 20,000,000
Allocations Through Other NTA Funding Streams		
FCC/24/xxxx	Bus Stop Enhancement Programme	€ 500,000
FCC/22/0029	R132 Junction Upgrade Design	€ 5,800,000
FCC/24/0005	Waterville Junction upgrade	€ 385,000
FCC/25/00XX	Sustainable Traffic Management Measures	€ 1,000,000
Subtotal:		€7,685,000

Appendix 4
Summary of Environmental Complaints, Inspections and Enforcement Actions

		2023	2024	Q1 2025
Complaints investigated	Waste (incl litter)	1,036	2,287	267
	Water and Wastewater	101	75	21
	Air & Odour	37	54	23
	Noise	99	146	47
	TOTAL COMPLAINTS	1,273	2,562	358
Inspections	Routine Waste Inspections	1124	572	27
	Non-Routine Waste Inspections	416	463	134
	Litter Patrols & investigations	3232	6398	2124
	Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	720	930	358
	Non-Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	133	136	25
	Routine Air & Noise Inspections	61	122	8
	Non-Routine Air & Noise Inspections	134	200	70
	Planning Inspections	416	630	241
	TOTAL INSPECTIONS	6,236	9,451	2,987

Appendix 5
Housing Delivery Construction Programme
Schemes on Site

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush 53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	10 Social 51 Affordable	On-Site	Q2 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph1., Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	87 Social 86 Cost Rental 86 Affordable	On-Site	Q3 2023	Phased delivery
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock / Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3A 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google	40 Social 80 Cost Rental 180 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social	Seatown Road, Swords 53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps	36 Social 36 x 2 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2024	Q3 2026
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock / Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	107 Social 110 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	63 Social 112 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	13 Social 6 x 1 Bed 7 x 2 Bed	Enabling works complete.	Q2 2025	Q 2026

Schemes on Site (Continued)

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Holywell, Swords 53°26'48.1"N 6°12'42.8"W	57 Social 20 x 1- bed 29 x 2-bed 8 x 3-bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q3 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries. 53.580404, -6.122225	14 Social 11x 2-Bed 3 x 3-Bed 1 x 4-Bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q1 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Rathmore, Remount, Lusk 53.521142, -6.161451	18 Social 2 x 1 bed 12 x 2 bed 4 x 3 bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q2 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mooretown Phase 1, Swords. https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	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 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	6 Social 3 x 2-bed 3 x 1-bed	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Woodside, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	34	Planning granted.	Q1 2026	Q4 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	32	Planning granted.	Q1 2026	Q4 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph2, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	86 Social 86 Affordable	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social – Elderly TBC	Blakestown Cross, Mulhuddart 53.399869, -6.401776 Google Maps	30 Social 16 x 1 Bed 14 x 2 Bed	Consultants to be appointed.	Q1 2026	Q4 2027
Howth/Malahide	FCC	TBC	Tuckets Lane 53.385248, -6.066128 Google Maps	8 Social 4 x 1 bed 4 x 2 bed	On-hold	TBC	TBC

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 https://maps.app.goo.gl/xuML7oPaySiPZmf46	21	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide https://maps.app.goo.gl/zfhguqQj7vYYRlB99	4	Pre-planning.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Social	Mayeston, Dublin 11 <a @53.4078889,6.2836111,15z"="" href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53°24'28.4" n+6°17'02.1"w="">53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	74	Pre-Planning	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush- Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHQHp8	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*
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	45 39	Q2 2025 - Delivered Q3 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	The Paddocks, Golf Links Road, Skerries	95 2	Q2 2025 - Delivered Q3 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Folkstown Park, Balbriggan	12	Q2 2025 – Delivered
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	Q3 2025
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	32	Q2 2025 - Delivered
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	Oaklee	CALF	The Lodge, Clonsilla Lodge, Dublin 15	57	2026

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