

# Chief Executive's Management Report

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# **Chief Executive's Foreword**

I hope you all had a very enjoyable Halloween break. This year, we were very pleased that Fingal was chosen as a hub for 'Ireland, Home of Halloween' -The strategy, which was developed collaboratively by Fáilte Ireland, Tourism Ireland, and Tourism Northern Ireland, seeks to create a link with our Halloween festivities and our ancient history and culture and the marking of Samhain, which traditionally meant the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. The Wonderful family friendly events which took place complemented the already stellar Halloween programme planned and ensured enjoyment for all not just on Halloween night itself but throughout the month of October. In addition to the incredible programme of safe, accessible and fun events which took place across Fingal in celebration of the season of Samhain, three spectacular fireworks displays took place in Bremore Castle, Balbriggan, Swords Town Park and Millennium Blanchardstown. Thousands of spectators came out to enjoy the music and soak up the atmosphere before the night sky was illuminated with stunning fireworks displays. I have received many messages of thanks from people who thoroughly enjoyed the various Halloween events showcased in Fingal and I wish to thank everyone involved in the planning and staging of these events.

In today's economic climate and with unprecedented demand for housing, sourcing suitable accommodation for your personal circumstances can be extremely difficult. Fingal County Council is proud to have launched Church Fields Cost Rental - a new development offering 80 high quality 1, 2, and 3bedroom apartments at more than 25% below market rent. These beautifully appointed homes are suitable for young singles & couples, families and older residents (accessible units available) who don't qualify for social housing and who have moderate incomes. This housing model puts fairness first by basing rent on the real cost of building and maintaining the property. The location of the new homes, in the Dublin Enterprise Zone, is surrounded green open park spaces, а creche, library/community hub & commercial units and is ideally situated to access the M50 with Dublin Airport, Blanchardstown Shopping Centre and Phoenix Park in close proximity. The application portal is open until Monday 12th November at 12 p.m. and further details on the scheme is available here:

https://www.fingal.ie/news/church-fields-cost-rental

The SuperValu TidyTowns competition has been promoting civic pride, environmental awareness, and community involvement across Ireland since 1958. This year, over 900 towns entered the competition demonstrating the huge interest from community groups in showcasing their localities and encouraging people to get involved in their areas. There was great celebration when the results were released with towns in Fingal scoring very highly in this year's competition. All the dedicated committees across the county received higher scores than in 2024. Skerries was awarded County Second and a Gold Medal, while Malahide was awarded County Third and a Gold Medal. Swords was also awarded a Gold Medal, while Lusk, Rush and Balbriggan all received Bronze medals. There was also success for Clonsilla, with the group receiving an Endeavour Award for the biggest improvement by an entrant in the county from the previous year, improving by 32 points on 2024. Howth TidyTowns was highly commended in the EPA Circular Economy award, with Malahide receiving second prize in this category. Mayor of Fingal Cllr Tom O'Leary offered his congratulations to all the TidyTowns winners on a fantastic result. On behalf of myself and the Executive Management Team I would like to echo the Mayor's sentiments in acknowledging the stellar work carried out by TidyTowns groups across Fingal each week. For many years our Operations Department has worked collaboratively with TidyTowns groups and in Fingal County Council, we have the highest regard for the volunteers and the tireless work they carry out in their communities.

Fingal's County Architect Fionnuala May has been elected as President of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI) for 2026-2027 after being nominated for the position by the RIAI Council. She is the 66th person to hold the position since it was first established in 1839 and the fifth woman. Fionnuala joined Fingal County Council in 1994 and, as the head of the Architect's Department, she has been involved extensively in projects in the areas of housing, public buildings, corporate offices and heritage buildings. Fionnuala brings to the role her wealth of experience and knowledge and it is a testament to her years of dedicated work that she has been elected by her peers. I know you will join me in warmly congratulating Fionnuala and wish her all the very best as she begins her term as President of the RIAI.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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#### **Recruitment**

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# **Learning & Development Update**

Learning & Development	Year to date	
Number of courses	292	
Number of Attendees	2813	
Number of Training Days	2503	

Throughout November, courses will be delivered in the areas of Personal Effectiveness, Chain Saw Training, Eco Driver training, Court Room Skills and many more.

# **Wellbeing Update**

The Wellbeing Team continues to champion a workplace culture that prioritises support and wellbeing for every member of staff. Guided by staff feedback and active engagement, the team, through a range of targeted initiatives, resources, and engaging activities, strengthens the four foundational pillars of our Wellbeing Strategy.

# **HSU - Health & Safety Unit**

The HSU is committed to ensuring that safety measures are in place by undertaking a proactive blended approach which creates an effective safe and healthy working environment. This includes undertaking risk assessments, safety audits and inspections, encouraging hazard reporting and taking corrective action. This approach is essential for preventing incidents and improving future safety practices in Fingal County Council.

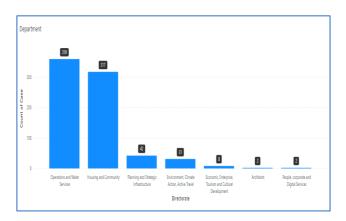
#### **Customer Services**

Customer Care Unit Statistics - October 2025

Total Calls CCU	Total Emails CCU
9,025	1,637

### **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 October was 761 broken down by department below.



# **COMMUNICATIONS**

The fingal.ie website had 158,915 visitors during October, an increase of 14,575 from the previous period. The number of page views rose by 35,766 to 364,611. The average time spent on the site rose to 1 minute and 54 seconds.

There have been 1,469,619 visitors and 3,244,758 page views since January and visitors have spent an average of 1 minute and 58 seconds on the site. The most popular page during October was the opening of new pedestrian and cycle bridge in Donabate. Our Planning Applications page also had over 25,000 page views.

The Facebook account rose to 43,067 followers (+1%) while the number of views rose by 10% to 1,814,704 from the previous month. There were 4,784 interactions. The most popular post was about a new off-leash area for pups unveiled in Waterville Park, Dublin 15.

Instagram rose to 16,399 followers. Total views rose 34% to 758,053 (from 565,241) from the previous month, with a reach of 46,431 (up from 37,272). There were 5,867 interactions. The most read post related to Storm Amy.

The number of followers on X rose by 49 to 23,409 and there was an engagement rate of 4.31% from 126,727 impressions.

The WhatsApp channel now has 3,447 followers while the numbers currently following our other corporate channels are Threads (1,586), TikTok (1,163) and Bluesky (462).

For our YouTube Channel the number of subscribers rose by 30 to 1,898 in October. Total views were 7,311. Videos published included the opening of new pedestrian and cycle bridge in Donabate, Storm Amy update and the Council Meeting Webcast. The video on the Affordable Housing Scheme - Online Application Tutorial was our most viewed video in the month.

#### **Press Releases**

There were 21 press releases issued during October, covering topics such as the appointment of Fionnuala May as RIAI President, Xplore Your Future TY Skills Expo, the opening of Donabate Pedestrian Bridge, and the launch of the Capital Development Plan.

Key coverage included RTE, Irish Times, Irish Independent, along with other national outlets covering the approval of planning permission for Metrolink and protests over drone deliveries in Dublin 15. Home of Halloween also featured on Dublin City FM.

Alongside this there was an Irish Examiner feature on sustainability at Halloween with Fingal's Environmental Awareness Officer.



# **Media Queries**

Media queries received during October included questions about the Defective Concrete Blocks, Fingal's Climate Action Plan, the erection of unauthorised posters, and removal of the Irish flag from lampposts.

# **Irish Language**

The communications unit continues its role regarding the Irish language, with training provided to staff through Gaelchultur and Fingal continues its participation in the Gaelige365 programme. Some Gaelige365 initiatives in Fingal included internal promotion through Lá Mór na Gaeilge and staff games and competitions to improve Irish.

Irish is included in festivals including Flavours of Fingal, the Ceol agus Craic (Photo 1) evening and the Irish Language Podcast for Heritage Week and An Leabharlann Fháilteach (Photo 2) launched at Oireachtas na Samhna.





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# **TOURISM DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Ireland Home of Halloween**



Fingal has announced an exceptional programme for the month of October as part of the Ireland Home of Halloween campaign, building on a solid base of existing events. The county was announced as one of the seven hubs earlier this year, following a competitive application process. The pilot scheme is part of the 'Ireland, Home of Halloween Strategy' which was developed collaboratively by Fáilte Ireland, Tourism Ireland, and Tourism Northern Ireland.





**Fingal Food Markets** 



The summer food market programme featured 14 markets in three locations from April to September. Two of the trial locations were selected as part of Fingal's Ireland Home of Halloween programme, extending the Fingal Summer Food Markets programme to October. Two Halloween themed markets with performers and face painters were launched:

- Swords Castle Food Market: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- Malahide Food Market in Casino Model Railway Museum Grounds: 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025

# **Fingal Food Circle**

Fingal Food Circle welcomed Fingal County Council, Failte Ireland and network members to Carnegie Free Library, Swords on 8<sup>th</sup> September. The event marked the commencement of a new Failte Ireland Pilot Programme in partnership with Fingal County Council and Fingal Food Circle which is focused on developing the network and food tourism in Fingal.

Fingal Food Circle participated in Fingal's Home of Halloween programme, running free educational Kids Food Workshops as part of the Harvest Food Fair at The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre on Sunday 5th October.



# **Fingal Tourism Together Sector Symposium**

The second Fingal Tourism Together event took place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown on Wednesday, 5th November. This half-day symposium brought together tourism, food and drink businesses from across Fingal to strengthen collaboration and drive destination development. The symposium provided key tourism stakeholders with a comprehensive briefing on progress, the implementation of the Tourism Strategy and Food and Drink Policy, plans for 2026 and Fingal's ambition to become a leading visitor destination.

The programme included showcase tastings from Fingal Food Circle members, presentations and panel discussions. The event also offered valuable informal networking opportunities and a chance to shape future collaboration across the tourism sector in Fingal.

# **EVENTS**

The Fingal Festal of Fire took place again this Halloween in partnership with the Home of Halloween over 100,000 spectators attended a variety of organised events throughout the county For information and photos on this <a href="https://www.eventsinfingal.ie">www.eventsinfingal.ie</a>



Swords Castle Christmas Markets will take place on Friday 28th November 3-8pm, Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th November 12-7pm, Saturday 6th December & Sunday 7th December 12-7pm. Step into the magic of Christmas at Swords Castle,

Step into the magic of Christmas at Swords Castle, where festive charm fills the air! The historic castle grounds will transform into a winter wonderland bursting with holiday cheer.



Discover a delightful mix of local **artisan craft stalls** showcasing handmade gifts, festive decorations, jewellery, and local art — the perfect place to find something special for loved ones. Warm up with **food trucks**, **mulled wine**, and **seasonal treats** from local producers while enjoying the enchanting atmosphere under twinkling lights

# **Festival and Events Funding for 2026**

Fingal Festival & Events Funding Programme

Following the success of the 2025 programme, which supported over 100 events across the county to the tune of €600,000, applications for the 2026 scheme will open at the end of October. The programme underlines the Council's commitment to fostering arts, culture, sport, and community engagement, while also delivering economic and tourism benefits in Fingal. Events from local community festivals to large-scale cultural celebrations, this funding ensures that Fingal continues to host a diverse and vibrant calendar of events, providing opportunities for residents and visitors alike to celebrate, participate, and connect.



€49.000 in Festival and Events Funding for October/ November

Just over €49,000 in festival and events funding to support a wide range of festivals and events taking place across the County during August & September. The funding will help enhance community engagement, cultural expression, and tourism throughout Fingal.

The following festivals or events have been approved for funding

- Fingal Open International Ballroom and Latin American Dance Festival 2025
- Gaelcon Irish Games
- Coastal Music Festival Baldoyle
- Autumn International Cross Country Festival
- Spooky Zombie Parade Ballyboughal Marathonkids Final Mile Event in Santry Stadium
- How It's Made 2025
- Malahide Village Turning On Christmas Lights
- Sea Scouts Community Fun Day Portrane
- Rush Christmas Food & Craft Market
- Blanchardstown Main St Tree Lighting

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

# **HERITAGE PROPERTIES**

#### **Malahide Castle**



Starting on 14<sup>th</sup> November, Wonderlights returns to Malahide Castle with a spectacular festive display with over one million lights under the theme 'One Upon a Glow'. This year sees new additions including a 'taste of Holland' experience and hot air balloons aglow. With specially composed music and a landscape filled with light and sound, this is expected to be a very popular festive event.

#### **Malahide Casino**



In collaboration with the Fingal Food Circle and Fingal Farmers Group, the final food market of the year took place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October in the grounds of the Malahide Casino Model Railway Museum. This free autumnal themed event attracted a good turnout to sample a delightful mix of artisan foods, organic local produced and handcrafted goods by talented Fingal crafters.

# **Skerries Mills**



The watermill café located on the first floor of Skerries Mills has undergone an upgrade to provide a bistro like environment with a fresher, more contemporary and less cluttered feel. With more light and more space to move around, the feedback from customers has been overwhelmingly positive.

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#### **CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

# **ARTS**



Mayor Cllr Tom O'Leary recently visited Sean Molloy's solo exhibition at the Molesworth gallery, Dublin 2. The title of this exhibition, *Headland*, denotes the beginning of a dialogue between two strands in Sean Molloy's practice. Over the past 15 years, he has investigated, deconstructed and reconstituted baroque painting. The exhibition closed on 30<sup>th</sup> October and further information about the Fingal Arts Office supported artist can be found here: Sean Molloy | 9 - 30 October 2025 - Overview | Molesworth Gallery

# New Public Artwork - Semple Woods, Donabate.



Glenveagh Homes in partnership with Fingal County Council's Public Art Programme have successfully delivered a new public artwork for the recently completed Semple Woods housing development.

The work is by artist Marielle MacLeman and it titled Trove. Inspired by Newbridge House and the Cabinet of Curiosities, it was created using traditional terrazzo techniques which combined with local beach glass found by the artist along the areas coast.

# **Creative Places Balbriggan**



Fingal Arts Office has recruited Paula Phelan to consult with key stakeholders for the remainder of 2025. Paula will attend and facilitate upcoming Creative Places events and clinics in November and December to gather data to assist the direction of the project in 2026 and identify priorities within Balbriggan community member groups, such as youth, older people and professional artists.

As well as attending various Climate Action project workshops, the Creative Places Balbriggan Coordinator attended the Arts Council Creative Places Symposium "Art of Place" in Tallaght alongside the Youth and Education Officer to represent Fingal County Council as the project's Lead Partner. Main speakers included Patrick Fox, CE of UK social arts project "Heart of Glass" and Kim Wide, Artistic Director and CEO Take A Part UK Project. A separate coordinators' meeting the following day included a site visit to observe project work at nearby Creative Places MacUíllíam in Tallaght.

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#### **Arts Act Grant Scheme**



Fingal Arts Office announced that applications for the Arts Act Grant Scheme 2026 opened on Thursday 10th October 2025 and will close on Friday 5th December 2025 at 4.00pm.

The scheme is designed to support individual artists, community groups, and arts organisations engaged in arts and cultural activities in Fingal. Grants are awarded under the Arts Act 2003 and reflect its objectives of promoting the arts, increasing access to the arts, and supporting cultural development across the county.

This scheme welcomes applications across a wide range of artforms, including theatre, literature, music, dance, opera, film, circus, architecture, visual arts and multi-disciplinary projects, events and festivals.

# Carnegie

The Carnegie Musician in Residence, Alannah Thornburgh, delivered two interactive workshops with 56 students from River Valley School. The sessions introduced participants to the harp and percussion instruments, offering a hands-on experience that encouraged musical curiosity and creativity. The midpoint of her residency is being marked by a Samhain performance in the Atrium.

#### Draíocht

We are coming to the end of a very busy September/October season, playing to capacity audiences for many of our performances and film programme. The November/December programme will be as busy. The January/February 2026 programme is being signed off with some shows including Coolmine Panto's production of Cinderella, already on sale and selling fast.

Fingal's 'Home of Halloween' event at Draíocht includes a number of children's workshops which all sold out and a performance by the Fingal Mummers which is booking well.

Our Dublin 15 Youth Theatre held auditions recently and a number of new members began. We now have over 34 members with many more on the waiting list. Our Create Dance groups are also back to their regular workshop programme. Our dance artist in residence, Matt Szczerek and his close collaborator, Alessio Motta, are beginning their final 4 weeks of a 2-year Residency. The last 3 weeks of same (November) will see them perform the piece they created, 'Monsters', in Dublin 15 Primary Schools.

Our current Exhibition,' Unquiet Layers, works by Brigid Flannery' opened on October 15<sup>th</sup>. This Exhibition is over both Ground and First Floor galleries and is accompanied by a young people's engagement programme. The Opening Night was well attended by family, friends and professional colleagues of the artist and of Draíocht, including representation from our Board of Directors.

James McLoughlin is into the third month of his 4-month residency in the Artist's studio.

Draíocht is 25 years old in 2026 and several events are being planned to mark the occasion. The planning for an Open Call Exhibition of recent graduates (past 4 years) who are from and/or live in Fingal is underway with the call out for applicants going live in early November. All artists selected to exhibit, will be paid a fee.

Full details are available on www.drajocht.je

#### The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

October was a busy month for The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre with our ongoing exhibition, music and art classes, singing sessions and slow sessions, plus special events for the Fingal Home of Halloween month.

#### **Home of Halloween**

The Home of Halloween programme kicked off on October 5<sup>th</sup> with the Harvest Food Fair, featuring 22 stands selling a variety of local fruit and veg, homemade bakes, artisan breads, farmhouse cheeses, jams and chutneys, kombucha, cordials, Italian products, chocolates, locally roasted coffee and much more. In addition we hosted a Herbs, Hexes and Halloween workshop for adults with Denise Dunne exploring Samhain traditions and Irish Herbal Lore with 24 attendees (sold out), and four sold out children's cookery classes in conjunction with the Fingal Food Circle (80 attendees). Overall we had over 1100 attendees on the day.





Over the midterm we hosted a variety of special **Home of Halloween children's craft workshops** (all sold out – 72 participants in total), with animal sculpture in clay, fused glass creations, an owl log workshop and a dreamcatcher workshop. Our children's programme ended with the magical film, **The Book of Kells** on October 30.

Rounding out the HoH month was a talk focused on Fourknocks, our local passage tomb entitled **Death in the Neolithic** on October 24 – sold out (92 attendees), an Irish language horror film, **An Taibhse** (The Ghost) on October 30, and finishing up with a talk and whiskey tasting night **Uisce Beatha – Monks, Moonshine and Mythical Mashbills** with Rosi Goswell and Garry Quinn.



#### Music

We commenced a new series this month, **The Pure Drop**, which will showcase the very essence of traditional Irish music. We kicked off on October 3 with a captivating performance by Noel Hill and Paddy Glackin (71 attendees). This was followed on October 11 by Tara Breen, Padraig Rynne and Jim Murray (48 attendees) and on October 17, Ye Vagabonds (90 attendees – sold out).

Within our traditional music programme, we had the **Céilí Beag** with 16 parents and toddlers being introduced to a different traditional instrument each week. We had 8 people for **The Pop Up Gaeltacht** join us before the **Singing Sessions** (17 in person, 17 online) and the **Slow Sessions** (16 in person, 29 online) continued to support both learners and those more experienced in engaging with the Irish language, instruments and song.

October saw the start of a new slow session for younger musicians (**Sessiún Óige**) with 14 attendees (ages 8 to 15), working this month with Gléas Traditional Music Ensemble from Balbriggan.

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# Theatre, Cinema & Comedy

**Sinead Culbert**, one of the Dirtbirds, supported by Sharon Mannion, was a big hit at the centre, with a sold out raucous show (92 attendees) on October 10.

In Cinema, we showed Dutch/French film **The Last Journey** (31 attendees) as well as other films mentioned above.

#### **Visual Arts**

We had one adult **craft workshop** this month – Fused Glass with Eddie Byrne (10 participants) – creating lanterns out of coloured glass.

Our **current exhibition**, 'Fine Point' by Gillian Cullen, runs until November 20. The exhibition features a series of intricate, detailed drawings paying homage to the enduring art of the pencil.

#### Libraries

#### **Write Time Festival**



The Write Time Festival, Fingal Libraries' annual celebration of creative writing and literature is now in its 10th year. Once again this November, we are delighted to welcome an outstanding group of writers to take part, discuss their work and engage people in creative activities in their communities. Author talks and expert-led workshops will take place in library branches. There will be discussions on Irish crime fiction and how to make a living as a writer. Workshops will explore the process of writing and give aspiring writers tips on taking inspiration from the world around them and improving their craft.

A showcase of author talks will take place in the Carnegie Free Library, Swords, on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th November. Curated by Balbriggan author Kevin Curran, the weekend will feature conversations with renowned authors such as Kevin Barry, Joseph O'Connor, Cecelia Ahern, Lisa McInerney and many more. There will be panel discussions on the challenges faced by debut authors and on what happens in the editing process between writing a book and seeing it on shelves. The range of free events at the Write Time will give readers the opportunity of meeting some of their favourite authors to find out what inspires them. Whether you're a reader or a writer, a poet or a playwright, a novice or a wordsmith, there's something for all book lovers at the Write Time festival.

# **Home of Halloween**

Fingal Libraries programmed a variety of free, family-friendly events and workshops, across all library branches as part of the Ireland Home of Halloween initiative. The Halloween programme included fun monster mask making and pumpkin collage workshops, spooky story sessions from renowned storytellers, author visits, creative writing workshops, family movie screenings, and Halloween crafts.

# **Makerspace Programme**



A full programme of hands-on workshops for adults, teens and children is taking place at the Makerspace in Blanchardstown Library throughout the winter months. Fingal Makerspace is a place where people come together to learn new skills, share ideas, collaborate on projects and access equipment such as 3D printers and laser cutters.

Upcoming workshops in November include an introduction to sewing machines aimed at adults who want to learn to sew but don't know where to start. Also, for adults there will be a hands-on workshop where attendees will learn to design and print their own tote bag. A textile and sewing meetup for teens provides a space for young creatives to explore and enhance their skills. Introduction to 3D printing workshops will teach children and teens the fundamentals of designing and printing their own 3D creations. All these workshops offer participants great ways of combining creativity, technology, and problemsolving in fun, practical sessions.

# **Fingal Inclusion Week**

Fingal Libraries has organised events to celebrate Fingal Inclusion week which takes place between 17th - 23rd November. At Balbriggan Library, author and educator Oein DeBháirdúin will share his passion for the stories and folklore rooted in the Traveller oral tradition.

The Balbriggan Traveller Project will provide a unique opportunity for people to learn how to create a piece of traditional copper art. For children, there will be a fun, inclusive story time using the spoken word and Lámh signs. Fingal Libraries will invite ASD units from local schools in Balbriggan and Blanchardstown to sensory hour at the library. A class of school children will explore how to create inclusive communities in a 'Show Racism the Red Card' workshop in Blanchardstown Library.

'Sharing Songs...Unforgettable Voices': A Shared Island Community Arts Collaboration Project



On Thursday, 14th November, the Creative Fingal team will attend the Creative Ireland Shared Island Conference in Croke Park, where the two choirs involved in Creative Fingal's Shared Island project Songs...Unforgettable Voices" "Sharing perform for Taoiseach, Micheál Martin. This inspiring two-year project is an all-island creative partnership established between the Forget-Me-Nots Choir based in Baldoyle, North Dublin, This Is Me Choir from Larne, and Community Arts Partnership 'CAP' in Belfast. Connections with choir members North and South are created through shared creative learning and public performances in both communities. The project is due to conclude with a Gala performance in Stormont Buildings, Belfast, at the end of February 2026.

# **Fingal Festival of History 2025**



Fingal Libraries ninth annual Festival of History took place from Monday 29th September to Saturday 11th October in conjunction with the Dublin Festival of History. This year the programme consisted of 12 talks throughout library branches and a guided tour of St. Mary's Church and Graveyard in Clonsilla. Topics covered included the History of Loreto Convent Balbriggan; Luttrelstown Castle; Ireland's space exploration; the use of DNA in family history research; and culinary experiences at Newbridge House.

Presentations by well-known names such as Flor McCarthy, Turtle Bunbury and Myles Dungan drew sizeable and appreciative audiences. History at the Library Day took place on Saturday 4th October in the Carnegie Free Library in Swords. The talks covered the Carnegie Library itself and the role it played in Swords' life, Gentours Holiday Camp in Skerries, the use of DNA in family history research and the last Theatre Royal, Dublin. The Theatre Royal talk included recordings of music and film from bygone years, with past ushers, usherettes and Royallettes (resident dance troupe) in the audience. The content of the talks, the speakers and the convivial surroundings made for an excellent and very well attended day.

# **Economic Development**

# **Fingal Skills Strategy Update - November 2025**



- Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group Meeting is scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025.
- Fingal Skills Strategy sub-group meetings are scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025.
- Inaugural Fingal Skills Summit is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 in Riasc Centre, Feltrim Road, Swords
- Review proposals for Neuro-Inclusion Pilot with stakeholders for 2026

# Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo - Update - November 2025

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> October
 Venue: The Helix, DCU

This interactive event is designed to help Fingal TY students explore potential future career possibilities.



This year's Expo was huge success with positive feedback from both teachers and students. This year had the largest number of attendees yet with over 2,500 students from 22 schools across Fingal and c. 80 exhibitors attended the Expo.

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



- Invitations to enter competition issued to 36 secondary schools in Fingal Region.
- Closing date for entries: 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025.
- Focus: To build awareness of the wide variety of careers and job opportunities in specific industry sectors.
- Aramark and Glenveagh are partnering with FCC to support students with their entries.
- Categories: Senior Category and Junior Category,

Further details are available here:

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# Interreg Skyla Project - Update - November 2025





- The team attended a project meeting held in Bialystok (Poland) from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October.
- We reviewed implementation of policy improvement and Identification of indicators to measure and monitor effectiveness of policy Improvements.
- Liaised with partners & key stakeholders on good practices.
- The team are currently working on the project and policy improvement reporting documents for semester 5 of the SKYLA project.

# **URBACT-EcoCore - Update - November 2025**

# The EcoCore Project

Green Transition in Small Cities along Transport Corridors

- The final EcoCore transnational city visit took place in September in Dubrovnik (Croatia).
- Balbriggan's IAP (Integrated Action Plan) document has been finalised and presented to partners.
- IAP launch event scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 in the Bracken court Hotel, Balbriggan.



- The EcoCore podcast has been launched, and all episodes are available to listen on Omny, Apple Podcasts & Spotify.
- Focus: the successes, challenges, and learnings of project partners throughout the URBACT EcoCore journey.

Podcast episodes available to listen here: <u>EcoCore</u> <u>Podcast clips - Omny.fm</u>



# Sustainable Fingal - Update - November 2025



- Consultants appointed to develop the Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainability Strategy.
- Consultants are presenting a draft of the Sustainability Strategy during the November Climate Action and Economic Development SPC meetings.
- Sustainability stakeholder engagement sessions are scheduled for November and December with the internal Fingal County Council team, Business Stakeholders, community groups and the Councillors.

# **Circular Cities - Update - November 2025**



- Ongoing engagement on CCRI Community of Practice
- Feasibility study from EcoCore Hackathon in progress on a Circular Hub and Digital Platform for the Balbriggan area.

# LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT



# **Fingal LCDC**

- Next LCDC Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025
- Healthy Ireland & LECP: Ongoing implementation and review

# **SICAP Update**

- Budget 2025: €1.57M + €425,000 for New Arrivals.
- Mid-Year Review: Annual Plan and Programme of works presented and approved by Committee.
- SICAP 2026 Annual Planning Process for setting KPI targets is now underway.

#### **LEADER Programme Update**

- LAG Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- 9 projects approved
- Applications currently open for Leader Funding: For rural individuals, businesses & community groups
- Next LAG Meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025





# **Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2025**

- Budget 2025: €280,000
- Funding Awarded: 92 Fingal community groups (announced 13th June 2025)
- Additional Support: €38,404 allocated for everyday costs (e.g. electricity, heating, insurance etc.)

# **County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)**

- Presented to Full Council April 2025, and approved
- Submitted Plan to DRCDG April 2025

# Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

- Funding Secured: €210,500 for 5 projects
- Swim Shelters (€40K each): Donabate, Rush, Skerries
- Feasibility Studies:
- Greenway (Balrothery to Ardgillan Park) €40,500
- Royal Canal 'Canal Quarter' €50,000
- One Unsuccessful application: Rush Play Trail



# **Additional ORIS Applications with DRCDG:**

An announcement regarding funding awards under Measure 2 and 3 is awaited from DRCDG. Fingal County Council applied for the following projects:

- Fingal Camino (Measure 2)
- Balbriggan Boathouse & Bathhouse upgrades (Measure 3)



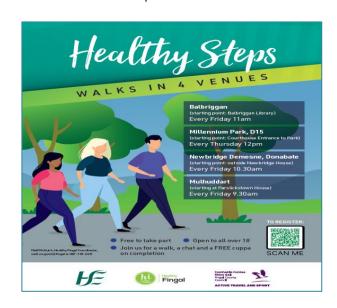






# **Healthy Steps**

- 4 GP Referral walks in Balbriggan, Donabate, Millennium Park and Mulhuddart running until end of November.
- New Mulhuddart route up and running
- Developed By Healthy Fingal and Fingal Active Travel and supported by the HSE
- Linking participants to free indoor activities developed by the sports office for the Autumn/Winter period.





# **Taking Heads - Let's Talk About Suicide**

- A Healthy Fingal, HSE & CYPSC partnership in suicide prevention.
- Barbers complete free online Let's Talk About Suicide training.
- Making barbershops around Fingal safe spaces for mental health conversations.

# **Sailing into Wellness**



- Programme launched in Howth, supporting addiction recovery through sailing.
- Participants complete 4 days training over 4 weeks
- build teamwork, confidence, and wellbeing while learning practical sailing skills.
- Delivered in conjunction with the Drugs Task Force and Sailing into Wellness to promote health, resilience, and community connection.

# Let's Play Rush Halloween Event



- Halloween Event took place in Kenure Woods
- Organised by the Let's Play Rush team Rush Tidy Towns, Rush Community Council, 38th Rush Scout Group and supported by EETCD
- Family friendly carnival games, face painting, and spooky activities in a lively, community-focused atmosphere.

# **Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2023**

- Funded by the DRCDG
- Fingal allocated €1,813,912 for 26 projects
- Meeting with DRDCDG held in August to analyse submitted claims (€1.6 million)
- EETCD continues to submit drawdown claims as the projects reach completion.

# **Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024**

# **Application Window 1 - €630K (Aug 2024)**

# **Projects:**

- 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 – €596K (Feb 2025) Projects:

- 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
- O'Dwyers GAA Club, Balbriggan Supply and Installation of Perimeter Fencing

# Application Window 3 – €309K (June 2025) Projects:

- 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 Q4 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 Group responsible Leadership for implementation of the Balbriggan Socio-Economic plan 2025 – 2030. Four multi-stakeholder pillar groups meet periodically, progress to 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, a nominated Pillar Chairperson provides a report to the Leadership Group at each meeting.



The Balbriggan Leadership Group, is independently chaired by Dr. David Begg and provides stewardship and oversight of the implementation of the Balbriggan Socio Economic plan 2024 – 2030.

The Leadership Group meets four times a year to review progress and challenges of its four Pillar Groups and to receive updates from its Pillar Chairs and a detailed update on the Urban Regeneration Development Fund Programme. Membership comprises the five Balbriggan locally elected councillors and senior representatives from the Public Sector and Local and Community Development stakeholders.



A plenary session for members of the Balbriggan Leadership group and Pillar members has been scheduled for 3rd December. The purpose of the session is to mark the successful renewal and adoption of the Our Balbriggan Plan 2025 – 2030.

The plenary will provide an update on Town Rejuvenation projects, and an opportunity to network, share learnings and opportunities for collaboration.



The Leadership Group met last on October 30<sup>th</sup> and members were provided with a detailed presentation on the De Bruns site by the Integrated Design Team (IDT), McCullough Mulvin Architects, the meeting was proceeded by a workshop in the Hub where members engaged directly with the IDT.

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 in Spring 2026. Work continues to progress well across key elements of the Quay Street & Harbour site.



Phase 4 works are underway with the heritage restoration of the RNLI Boathouse building continuing and work is progressing on the slating of the roof. The new public toilets, harbour pavilion buildings and kiosks are progressing well. The Harbour Pavillion buildings, RNLI Boathouse and adjoining Kiosk and Public Toilet are due to be completed by December 2025. It is intended the buildings will be operational in Q2 2026.

Further works in this phase will incorporate the completion of 2 pedestrian bridges, and ongoing construction of exposed aggregate finish at the Plaza area.





Tender documentation to appoint a contractor for the redevelopment of 2-4 Dublin Street were published on October 24th, with tender submissions due back by November 28th. The property and adjoining commercial unit are set 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, digital learning, training and enterprise activities supported by Fingal Arts Office & local stakeholders. Planning permission was granted at Council in October 2023.



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 were 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. It is intended to proceed to a Part 8 planning public consultation process in 2026.

A Feasibility Study for a Swim Platform has been completed by Langan Consulting (Marine) Engineers, the Programme Office are reviewing the proposed options and costs before progressing next steps.

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. Based on the current programme, a public planning process is likely to commence in Q1 2026 with construction commencing in late 2026 allowing completion of the project in Q3 2027.



Our Balbriggan Programme Office continue to work with Operations on a programme of works to enhance spaces for young people. Three locations have been completed in Millpond, Bremore and Charlie Moore Parks.

Following the publication of a Draft Open Spaces Scheme for Balbriggan, Chieftan's Drive / Moylaragh Road on Consult.ie in June, and a presentation to the Balbriggan ACM in September installation will commence Q4 2025 – Q1 2026 and include a Half MUGA, and other outdoor enhancements including seating.

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 were approved for funding.

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

A feasibility study examining possible locations for the creation of a farmers' market has now been completed by an appointed consultant, and its recommendations are being examined by the Town Regeneration team. A consultant has also been appointed to examine options for the redevelopment of parks to maximise their public amenity usage at specific locations in Lusk.

A public consultation took place in the Lusk Community Cultural Centre on 24<sup>th</sup> October to gather ideas from residents of Lusk for potential public amenity uses of these locations, with further consultations expected soon. A community engagement survey was also launched on 24 October, which will run until 07 November in order to give as many residents and community groups as possible in Lusk the chance to have their say. It is envisaged that, when enhanced, these locations within Lusk will contribute significantly to the vibrancy and social cohesion of the town.

A meeting of the outgoing Town Team for Lusk took place on 02 October, where further progress was made towards agreeing the process for creating a new town team. A Community Forum will be launched soon, from which attendees will be asked to put forward representatives to participate in the new Town Team.





# **Town Centre First - Balrothery**

The new Balrothery Town Team is now established and focussed on implementing the new Town Centre First Health Check document.

In addition, the new Town Centre First Health Check plan has also been completed and is scheduled to be launched by the Mayor of Fingal on 06 November at the Heritage Centre, Balrothery.

This plan will focus on the actions identified by the residential and business communities of Balrothery, and will assist the new town team in accessing government funding.

The launch event will be a key opportunity to promote the plan, and to sincerely thank all those who participated in the capacity building process in Balrothery over the past number of months. The Town Regeneration Office looks forward to continued collaboration with the Balrothery Town Team to ensure that the objectives of the Town Centre First Health Check document are implemented.



# **Town Centre First - Ballyboughal**

Ballyboughal's new Town team has been established, and the new Town Centre First Health Check Plan for Ballyboughal is completed.

The document will be launched by Mayor of Fingal on 11th November.

This is the culmination of many months of hard work and dedication from members of the community. It contains actions and objectives which the new town team have identified, and these actions will have a pivotal impact in creating a village which better caters for all of its residents and businesses. The launch event will create public awareness of the document and the new town team. The existence of such a plan will also enable the town team to apply for government funding to aid with the completion of their projects.

The Town Regeneration office looks forward to working closely with the new town team to help deliver key enhancements for the people of Ballyboughal.



# **Town Centre First - Donabate**

Donabate is the third Fingal town this year to complete a Town Centre First Health Check.

A launch event took place in the Parish Hall, Donabate on 07th October, where the Mayor of Fingal launched the Town Centre First Health Check document for the town. The event was attended by members of the new Town Team, officials from Fingal, and many locals who contributed to the capacity building process throughout the year. This plan will benefit the new Town Team in helping them to address actions identified during the capacity building process and provide a mechanism to apply for government funding.

The Town Regeneration Office looks forward to working closely with the new Town Team in the months and years ahead and wishes to sincerely thank all those who participated in the process.



#### **Town Centre First - Rush**

Throughout 2025 the Town Regeneration Office conducted a series of capacity building meetings in Rush with a view to establishing a new Town Team. During these workshops a consultant assisted members of the residential and business communities to identify key actions that they would like to implement to improve the functionality and vibrancy of their town. The Town Regeneration Office also appointed a second town planning consultant to create a new Town Centre First Plan for Rush.

Intensive work has taken place on both of these projects throughout the year, and the Town Regeneration Office is now pleased to confirm that a new Town Team has been appointed for Rush, and a new Town Centre First plan for the town has also been created. The inaugural meeting of the new Town Team will take place in early November, during which it is expected that the new Town Plan will be officially adopted by the team.



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#### **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. Work has recently been completed on Rush Community Centre. The finishing touches are also currently being applied on the Skerries project.

A new call for projects in 2025 was announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (D.R.C.D.G) in March. The Town Regeneration Office sought and received Expressions of Interests from a wide variety of internal and external stakeholder groups by the closing date of 13 June 2025.

Five applications which best met the eligibility requirements of the scheme have been selected and submitted by Fingal County Council to the Department of Rural and Community Development & The Gaeltacht totalling €1,035,450. The Town Regeneration Office expects to receive a response on these applications from the department in the coming months.



# **Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024**

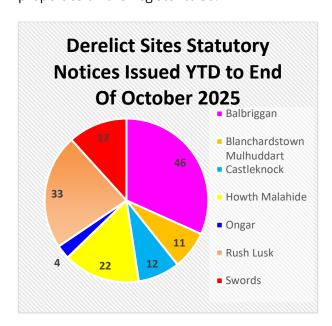
In the most recent Streetscape Enhancement Scheme, nine applications were approved for funding totalling €12,635.28 for a variety of works including painting, green enhancement, and signage improvement.

This scheme has now concluded, and options for a new scheme are being explored.



#### **Derelict Sites**

145 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 since the start of 2025 resulting in a further 16 derelict properties being added to the Derelict Sites Register. This brings the total number of properties on the Register to 30.



There have been a total of 221 inspections 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 <a href="mailto:derelictsites@fingal.ie">derelictsites@fingal.ie</a>

# **Local Enterprise Office**



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

# **National Women's Enterprise Day (NWED)**



Fingal businesswomen came out in force for this year's National Women's Enterprise Day on Thursday, October 16th, at the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel on Golden Lane. Organised by the Local Enterprise Offices in the Dublin region, Ireland's flagship event for women in business was officially opened by Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment Mr Peter Burke TD. More than 300 female founders and business leaders gathered from throughout the Dublin region to network, learn and be inspired by a stellar line up to speakers and panellists.

Cuty Gupta, founder of Cozmotech and winner of the Dublin Regional Enterprise Award 2025 represented Fingal as this year's Ambassador. Her journey and achievements exemplify the spirit of innovation and resilience that National Women's Enterprise Day champions.

# **Fingal Business Network**

# Innovating in an Age of Chaos – Fingal Business Network with Mark Little

The next Fingal Business Network Event: "Innovating in an Age of Chaos" with renowned journalist, entrepreneur and innovation expert Mark Little, journalist, founder of Storyful and Kinzen, and leader in the global tech and media landscape, will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December in The Grand Hotel, Malahide.



This engaging event will feature practical lessons and fresh perspectives on leadership, adaptability, and creativity in business and as always, the Fingal Business Network provides a valuable opportunity to connect with fellow business owners, entrepreneurs, and leaders and share experiences and ideas over refreshments and networking sessions.

# Student Enterprise Programme - Xplore TY Expo in the Helix



LEO Fingal was busy promoting the option to "Be Your Own Boss" at the Xplore Your Future TY Skills Expo at The Helix on 14 October, where over 2,500 TY students and 250 teachers brought incredible energy, curiosity, and creativity.

On the ground floor, information on the Student Enterprise Programme (SEP) was provided, giving students the chance to start a real business while still in school. From gaining hands-on experience in marketing, finance and teamwork, to the opportunity to compete in the Fingal County Final and the National Final in May 2026, SEP offers a powerful springboard for young entrepreneurs. With exciting prizes from Keoghs, Simtech Aviation, One4All, Blanchardstown Centre, and a trip to Barcelona for the Senior winner, there was huge interest among students and teachers alike.

Many students also asked about the Local Enterprise Office and what supports are available after school – demonstrating their keen interest in entrepreneurship at an early age.

# **Fingal Business Supports Briefing**



On October 8<sup>th</sup>, LEO Fingal hosted the monthly Business Supports Briefing. The online event attracted 144 registrants and received highly positive feedback. Attendees had the opportunity to engage directly with the LEO team through an open Q&A session.

The next Online Business Supports Briefing is scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup>. The October session saw strong participation from local business owners, who benefited from expert advice on training, mentorship, and grant opportunities.

Interest continues to grow in Business Advice Clinics, Start Your Own Business Courses, and Grant Application Workshops. The upcoming briefing will offer even more chances to access these valuable supports. As before, the LEO Fingal team will provide live Q&A sessions and one-on-one consultations to help participants take the next step in their business journey.

# **Food Sectoral Supports**



Dublin Food Chain is a food business networking platform run by the four LEOs in the Dublin region. Four Fingal food producers engaged on an export visit to Belfast along with four food producers from each of the other three Dublin LEO areas.

The visit on 23rd October included meet the buyer visits to Henderson's foodservice, Sawers Retail outlet, a Northern Ireland retail distributor and a talk with a chef, as well as visiting one of the big four supermarkets. The aim of the trip was to encourage the first steps to export for some of our local food businesses. The Dublin Food Chain continues to run many other networking and educational events for food businesses across the Dublin Region including Food Starter, the Digital School of Food and Food Academy.

# **Evaluations and Approvals Committee**

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) has approved 36 projects for total funding Year to Date of €662,346 across Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants. The next EVAC meeting will be held online on the 12th of November 2025.

# **Management Development**



The Leadership for Business Acceleration programme currently is underway participants from Fingal and Dublin City LEO's learning about new ways to expand and grow their businesses. This programme has proven to be invaluable to the previous cohorts and has in tangible growth, increased employment and greater ambition. The current programme will complete the learning sessions in November and their Business plans will need to be completed by Mid January. LEO Fingal and LEO Dublin City will run further Leadership for Business Acceleration programs in 2026 and expressions of interest links are open for any interested parties.

# **Sustainability Supports**





The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) provides expertise and incentives to enable small businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and become more sustainable. The Local Enterprise Office has delivered the Green for Business programme to 35 Fingal based businesses Year to date which then allows the businesses to apply for the Energy Efficiency Grant if eligible. The Energy Efficiency Grant provides funding of up to a maximum of €10,000 and 75% of eligible costs, to enable small businesses to acquire energy efficient equipment and processes. To apply, businesses need to be operating from a commercial premises, be solvent and operating within Fingal for at least six months.

This year has seen an increase in interest in this scheme with enquiries coming from across several sectors. 13 companies have been approved for grant assistance under this scheme year to date, with several businesses currently working on applications.

# **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 features 38 skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds.

In 2025 year to date, 554 clients availed of one-toone appointments in Business Advice Clinics and 278 clients have signed up for mentoring, with consistently high demand for this service among Fingal businesses.

#### **Business Loan scheme**

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland (MFI), with loans between €5,000 and €50,000 per approved applicant. LEO Fingal actively promotes the availability of finance to businesses that have difficulty raising funding from their bank. Applications are processed and assessed by LEO Fingal and submitted to MFI. Applications are eligible for a 1% reduced interest rate of 5.5% APR if submitted to and processed by the Local Enterprise Office. So far this year 36 MFI loan applications have been processed. Anyone applying for MFI through LEO Fingal will be supported by an expert 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 2,879 participants year to date. Ten Start Your Own Business courses have been provided, with 118 participants year to date.

# **Internationalisation and Export Development**

The new "Market Explorer Grant" is available to small enterprises in the manufacturing and international trading sectors (with up to 50 employees). The amount of the grant is 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum of €10,000. The objective is to support the development of exportoriented businesses by incentivising support to explore activities research and in markets. Eligible businesses can 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 six applications for this grant year to date in the amount of €44,000, with interest in the grant increasing and several businesses currently working on submissions.



In addition to grant assistance, the LEO supports ambitious businesses on their export journey through the "Get Exporting" programme, run at national level 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 and Enterprise Ireland.

Following recommendation based on an export readiness assessment 11 Fingal businesses were among the 120 nationally, progressing through the programme. 60 of these candidates (including 7 Fingal businesses) are progressing to the 'In Market Visit' stage of the programme. 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. The next Get Exporting programme is due to launch early 2026, with further information available in early November 2025.

# **Digital & Innovation Supports**



The Grow Digital Voucher offers small and medium businesses with up to 50 employees financial support to embrace digital technology. Prior to applying for the voucher, businesses will receive expert digital consulting service completely free of charge in the LEO's "Digital for Business" scheme.

Funding of up to €5,000 to invest in software and training/IT configuration is available under the Grow Digital Voucher Scheme. LEO Fingal have approved 50 Digital for Business assignments year to date and have also approved 12 Grow Digital Vouchers total funding of €31,353.

LEO Fingal provides a regular Digital Boost Webinar to assist business in applying for both Digital for Business and Grow Digital Voucher and to help businesses thrive in this digital age. The next Digital Boost Webinar will be held on Thursday 13th November.

# **Productivity & Competitiveness Supports**



#### Lean into working smarter, not harder!

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

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

Fifteen clients have been approved and are currently undertaking this programme in 2025. A free workshop will take place online on 6<sup>th</sup> November and attendees will learn from LEAN consultants about "Lean Thinking, & How Small Changes can have a Big Impact!"

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Surface Water

# **Area Business Totals for May 2025**

Area	Public CRM's	Rep CRM's	Area Questions	Area Motions	Headed Items
Balbriggan/Swords	585	79	78	6	3
Castleknock/ Mulhuddart	467	159	23	7	0
Howth/Malahide	304	36	22	3	0
Total	1,356	274	123	16	3

# **Works Programme**

# **Donabate**

A new Swim shelter installed at Donabate beach as part of the POWs, which also included path & landscape improvement works around the new shelter. This project also received funding support via the ORIS funding scheme and now provides an accessible area for visitors to change or simply sit and view the sea.







# **Swords**

Before and after following leaf clearing at Ashley Estate, Swords.





Burnt out bin replaced at Millers Glen, Swords.





Before and after photos following the clearing of vegetation around bridges on Swords Underpass.





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Before and after photos following ivy clearance from a wall in Lioscian, Swords.





Before and after photos following leaf clearing in Rivervalley Park, Swords.





A new pollinator planting scheme installed at the entrance to Ward River Valley park at Brackenstown Avenue. These works were done as part of the recent park upgrades involving the Learn to Cycle area. This the second phase of works after last year's Tree planting project, with New bulb planting and wildflower areas to follow over the coming weeks. This project is being undertaken in collaboration with local residents.





New Bicycle parking racks installed in Millers Glen park adjacent to the MUGA area. This project was initiated following a request by a young park user who regularly cycles to the park to use the facilities with friends and family.



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New line markings installed in Ward River Valley Park and Broadmeadow linear park as part of collaboration with the respective Park run groups. This project was initiated by the long established WRV Pk Park run group and will also include the install of timber post directional markers to direct Park runners through the 5km and 2km (Junior) routes within the park. The project coincided with the inaugural Broadmeadow Linear Park park run with the newly launched group in late September.





The cut and collection of meadow areas within the Rathbeale Archaeological Park in Swords which was undertaken by a combination of Operations staff and a contractor who is collecting the arisings. This method of management helps and promotes the establishment of more species diverse wildflower meadows.



A new steel corral installed adjacent to the playground of Ward River park on Brackenstown avenue. This install is part of a phased project to combat the potential access points for unauthorised vehicles entering the park. The corral has been designed to continue to accommodate those park users with mobility challenges, those with Buggies, and forms of cycling bikes also.





# **Howth/ Malahide Area**

# **Malahide Demesne**

New Bicycle racks installed in the coach car park, Back rd. Malahide demesne.



Pedestrian path installed adjacent to the playing pitches, Back Road end of Demesne.



Preparation work for new pedestrian pathway.



Finished surface on new pedestrian path.



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# **9 hole 3 par Golf course Malahide Demesne** Extension and improvement works on Golf Tees.





Work underway to extend the Tee's on the golf course, Malahide Demesne.

# **Tree works- Malahide Demesne**



# Playing pitches, Bridgefield below



Spreading of sand to aid the aeration and drainage of the soil for the playing pitches.

# Roads / Footpaths – Howth/Malahide Depot Works

The Howth Malahide Crew continue to replace defective concrete footpaths and kerb lines ahead of road resurfacing.







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# **Roads Program of Works**

The Contractor has completed all sections of resurfacing of the cycle lane with tar.





# Storm Amy -

This storm brought severe winds between Friday 10<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October. We experienced fallen trees, branches and road/path blockages due to debris during the 17 hour storm period. Photos below of the work carried out by the How/Mal team dealing with fallen trees & removing debris.





How/Mal staff clearing fallen trees and debris during storm Amy



**Cleansing, Beaches and Toilets** 

Deployment of flood defence barriers at Sutton Strand in advance of Storm Amy.





Flood barrier in place above.



Removal of temporary bins at the Green, Malahide & installation of new permanent bins.



Work being carried out to remediate grave subsidence at Balgriffin Burial grounds





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Malahide Parks & Open Spaces
Storm damage in Sutton woods/Redrock. S.A.A.O
& S.A.C





**Malahide Tidy Towns** 

New planter installed at open space by Grand Hotel, Malahide.





Howth Malahide team preparing vehicles for the winter gritting season.

## Cleansing

Clearance of Fly tipping at Moyne Road and Clothes Bank





Graffiti removal preparation at Oakleigh, Malahide.





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## **Flooding**

Flooding situation on Sunday 19th October – Baskin Park. How/Mal crews in attendance.





**Talbot Botanic Gardens** 

Alpine House – Frame and glazing works to date.





Peach House glazing complete at Malahide Demesne.



Drainage works to facilitate rainwater from Peach house and Dutch house.



Dutch house frame and glazing removed, temporary protection installed to provide frost protection to rare plants.





Drainage lines between pond and Dutch house.

## **Howth Malahide Traffic POW**

3 New Bus Ramps installed at Blackwood Lane, Portmarnock.







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**New Lining & Signing** 

Installed at Streamstown Lane, Malahide.







Below is works completed to install a drop kerb by St Sabinas Church, Sutton



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## **Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area**

## **Storm Amy**





Severe winds from Storm Amy caused widespread tree damage and obstructions across multiple areas. A total of 28 incidents were recorded between 2:15pm Friday and 6:30pm Saturday. Most incidents involved fallen trees, broken limbs, or debris blocking roads and paths. Immediate safety works were carried out, with follow-up removals and clean-up scheduled during the week.



## **Deerpark Road**

Drainage works were undertaken at Deerpark Road.



Deerpark Road drainage works.



**Orchard Close Blanchardstown** 

Footpath reinstatement works were undertaken at Orchard close Blanchardstown.



**Roselawn Road** 

Programme of Works 2025 Roselawn Road.



**Laverna Dale** 

Kerb reinstatement works were undertaken at Laverna Dale Blanchardstown.





## **Bramley Blanchardstown**

Concrete works were undertaken at Bramley in Blanchardstown.





#### **Clonsilla Village Festival**





Clonsilla Village Festival which took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> of September in Shackleton Gardens.

#### **Waterville Park**



Playground perimeter works were carried out at Waterville park playground, which included reduction of hedge to allow clear visibility into the playground and the installation of a new fence and gates.



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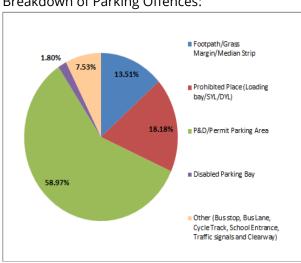
## **Car Parking Services September 2025**

There were a total of 1221 parking tickets issued during September 2025.

#### Main Ticketing Locations:

Top 10 Locations			
	Location	Main Ticket Locations September 2025	
	North Street - Swords	134	
	Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	106	
	Main Street - Swords	61	
	South Strand Skerries	60	
	Strand Street - Skerries	51	
	Harbour Road - Skerries	46	
	Quay Street (short stay)Carpark - Balbriggan	33	
	Old Street - Malahide	33	
	The Green - Malahide	33	
	Church Road - Malahide	33	

## Breakdown of Parking Offences:



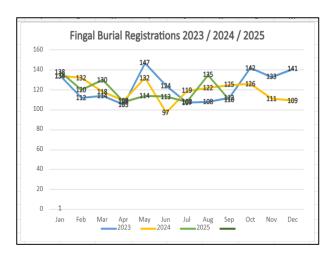
## **Parking Control Bye-Laws**

The Draft Parking Control Bye-Laws 2025 were presented to the 3 Area Committees in October for Noting.

The Revenue Budget for 2026 will include any additional income from the proposed increase in parking fees. This increase will contribute to the new staff resources, 3 No. Additional parking wardens, and public realm improvements and costs at Recycling Centres.

#### **Burial Ground Services**

There were 110 Interments in September 2025 in Fingal Cemeteries.



## **Traffic Operations County-Wide**

## **Default Speed Limits Update**

Regarding the 30kph in built up & urban areas, the Department of Transport previously communicated to Councils that we were to proceed with the review and implementation of urban speed limits by special speed limit bye-laws rather than a change in the default speed limit.

In order to undertake the process of setting special speed limits in built up & urban areas, the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland were being revised. All LA's have been eagerly awaiting their publication. They have just been issued to Councils on the 16/10/2025 via a new Circular. The Circular has directed the LA's to commence the process of reviewing existing speed limits on roads in built-up and urban areas & to set speed limits in accordance with the newly published technical Guidelines. LA's will, where appropriate, introduce 30 km/h speed limits, such as on roads in the urban/built up areas in cities, towns & villages.

The direction by the Minister is for local authorities to start this process with the objective of having the 30km/h speed limits in built-up and urban areas operational by 31st March 2027.

Speed limit changes will be implemented by LAs, through the adoption of special speed limit byelaws, rather than by changing default limits. Making of bye-laws is a reserved function of local authorities elected members.

Local authorities will hold a statutory public consultation process. Members of the public and stakeholders can make representations to LAs on any proposed speed limit changes, in line with the provisions of the Road Traffic Act 2004, as amended.

Speed limits on roads in built-up and urban areas can only be changed where a majority of the elected members in a Local Authority vote to do so. In 2027, the speed limit changes will come into effect on the dates specified by each LA in their new bye-laws. Signs showing the new speed limit will be installed at appropriate locations, so that road users are aware of any change.

## **Balbriggan/Swords Area**

Flemington Lane, Balbriggan- Traffic calming ramps works in progress.



## **Howth/Malahide Area**

**POW 2025**: 3 New Bus Ramps installed at Blackwood Lane, Portmarnock.







**New Lining & Signing**Installed at Streamstown Lane, Malahide.



## New Signals 2025 - Dublin 15

The two sets of pedestrian traffic lights on the Hollywoodrath Road were made operational in October.



Pedestrian lights on the Hollywoodrath Road.

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## Ramps

Numerous modular speed cushions were replaced with insitu asphalt ones on the Boulevard in Tyrrellstown.





## **Road markings**

Yellow boxes have been installed at the junction of Ongar Distributor Road/Shelerin Road and Ongar Distributor Road/Hartstown Link Road.



Yellow box installed at the junction of Ongar Distributor Road/Shelerin Road



Yellow box installed at the junction of Ongar Distributor Road//Hartstown Link Road.

#### Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

93 Plant Hires were put in place from 01/10/2025 to 28/10/2025, engaging 21 suppliers.

7 Fully Electric Renault eMaster tipper trucks purchased for operations.



## **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
- New Haggart Cottages, Balleally
- Glasmore Park Entrance, Swords
- Porterstown Park Main Carpark,
   Porterstown

- Balgriffin Park, Balgriffin
- Kinsealy Lane, at Bright Sparks Montessori, Kinsealy
- Feltrim Road, besides Feltrim Quarry, Swords
- Streamstown Lane, Malahide
- Howth Village, Howth East Pier Car Park between Abbey Street and Toilets
- Beechpark Avenue, Castleknock

## 2025 POW Works in Progress/Ongoing:

- Chapel Close Green / Bremore Green Pedestrian Walkway, Balbriggan
- Forest Road, Swords Phase 2

Works on the public lighting column replacement programme have commenced.

#### Public Lighting Column Replacements Completed:

- Dromheath Green, Mulhuddart
- Wellview Estate, Mulhuddart
- Lohunda Estate, Coolmine (Phase 1 Lohunda Close, Court, Crescent, Dale, Downs, Drive, Green, Grove and Road)
- Thormanby Lawns, Howth
- Lohunda Park, Coolmine (Lohunda Estate, Phase 2)

#### Public Lighting Column Replacements ongoing:

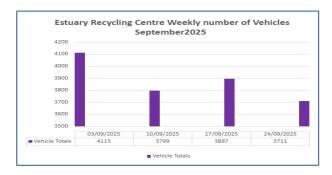
- Ashfield Estate, Mulhuddart
- Woodvale Estate, Clonsilla

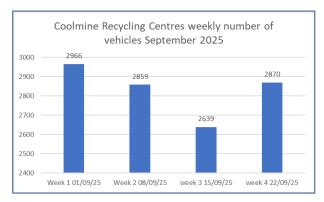
## Other public lighting works completed:

- 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**

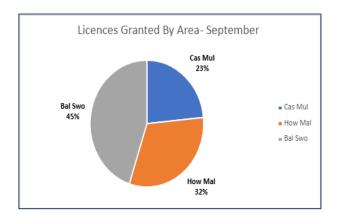
#### - Road Opening Licenses

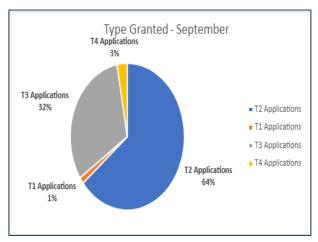
The Licensing unit continues to process and manage the licensing system for the County. Applications are allocated by area for examination and conditioning which includes reviews of the existing carriageway, footpaths, cycleways, and grass verges. Applicants submit temporary traffic management plans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

**209** Licences were granted in the months of September, **35%** 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.



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#### **Bus Enhancement Scheme**

The Council received a grant of €500,000 for 2026 from the NTA. A list of proposed works at 20 locations were sent to the NTA as pre-approval was required prior to works commencing. In September 2025 the Council received approval totalling €300,000 to proceed with 13 bus stop works. This has been allocated between the 4 operational areas of Howth/Malahide, Dublin 15, Swords and Balbriggan.

#### - Howth Malahide Area

There are four bus stops approved for upgrading under the Bus Enhancement Scheme in this area. Two are located in Malahide Village, and two at Howth Summit. A tender is due to be published within the next week for a contractor to carry out the works at the stops. It is envisioned that the works will be carried out before year end.

## - Balbriggan Swords Area

There are two bus stops approved for enhancements on the R127 Skerries Road in Balbriggan. The upgrade includes the installation of new seating, and these works will be undertaken by direct labour. Completion is anticipated before year end.

#### - Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

There are five bus stop enhancement projects which have received grant approval by the NTA in the Castleknock/Mulhuddart area. These are located on the Ratoath Road (L3080), two on the R122 close to the National Reception Centre, Westmanstown Road, and the R135 in Broughan. A tender is due to be published within the next week for a contractor to carry out the works at the stops. It is envisioned that the works will commence before the year end.

## **Grass Pitch Applications 2025/26**

To date, **74 applications** have been processed, with **71 applicants accepting their allocations**. A total of **€61,765 in fees** has been received.

We've also **begun processing applications for dressing room usage**, with the aim of supporting clubs and community groups ahead of the upcoming season. 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 43 valid Casual Trading Licences for the 2025/26 trading season covering trading of Hot Food, Tea & Coffee, Ice Cream and Flowers.

All 43 traders are fully licenced for the 2025 trading season. We are currently processing 3 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 47 Casual Traders operating in the Fingal Administrative area, the highest number to date.



#### **Pilot Scheme Beach Mobile Saunas**

Fingal County Council is currently in the process of re advertising any available pitches for Mobile Sauna's throughout the county. This has been done under the Mobile Sauna Pilot Scheme for the off-peak season running from the 01/11/2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. The deadline set for applications is Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October have been issued under the Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021.

#### **Street Furniture Licences**

A total of 31 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2025.

All 31 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 5 applications which we are currently processing & provisional inspections are being carried out.

Partial Street Furniture Refunds are been processed in line with Circular Letter SPI 01/2025 Planning and Development (Street Furniture Fees) Regulations 2025 (S.I 367 of 2025)



#### **Harbours**

#### **Skerries Harbour:**

The outer pier (constructed in the 1960s) has surpassed its engineering design life and is in a progressive state of collapse. Accordingly, this section of pier was closed and declared off-limits to all during summer 2025.

Design studies and a preliminary design to encapsulate the existing pier and construct a new, larger pier around it were completed in 2024. Planning Approval for the proposal was granted by An Bord Pleanála on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

The Council submitted an application for Foreshore Licences to the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine (DAFM) in December 2024. Two such licences were applied for:- (a) to undertake boreholes in the seabed so as to inform the engineering design of the foundations required for the new pier. This would allow the engineering design to be completed, and tenders issued to the market to procure contractors for the construction of the new pier, AND (b) a licence to carry out the construction of the new pier itself. These licences are being progressed by DAFM but may take up to 18 months meaning it could be 2027/8 before construction of the new pier can commence.

During 2025 and while awaiting licences from DAFM, extensive regular inspections and monitoring of the pier have been on-going. It has been observed that the rate of deterioration has been rapidly accelerating over the course of the year with evidence of increased loss of material from within the pier creating a number of cavities which increases the risk of a sudden collapse of the pier.



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A contractor is to be engaged in the coming months to fill the cavities with concrete in an effort to stem the rate of loss of material from within the pier and to slow down the rate of collapse of the pier pending the grant of licences from DAFM and the construction of the new pier. It is important to be aware that this work cannot render the pier safe and fit for use. Funding is provided in the Capital Budget for these works.

#### **Balbriggan Harbour:**

It is the intention of the Operations Department to carry out maintenance dredging of Balbriggan Harbour so as to improve navigation and berthing facilities within. Approximately, on average, 1m+ depth of sediment is to be removed from throughout the harbour basin. Tender documents are nearing completion for the procurement of a suitable contractor.

The Exempted Development Planning Application, to carry out the maintenance dredging was lodged with the Council's Planning Department in accordance with Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 200 and the decision is currently under review and appeal process.

An application is also being prepared for submission to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) for Marine Usage Licence (MUL) which is necessary before maintenance dredging can be carried out. A necessary part of the application to MARA will be the determination from the Council's Planning Department as to whether maintenance dredging can be deemed to be planning exempt. As with the DAFM process, it has been indicated that the MARA application process can take two years or more.





Photos show previous maintenance dredging undertaken in 1996.

#### **Loughshinny Harbour:**

The Operations Department also proposes to dredge a channel alongside the pier in Loughshinny, again to improve navigation and berthing facilities. Ayesa Consulting Engineers were appointed during the summer of 2025 to undertake the necessary surveys, nature assessment, design etc. The process, which is similar to that for the Balbriggan dredging, is still at a very early stage and again a MARA licence will be required. A conservative timeframe for when dredging could take place is 2027/8.



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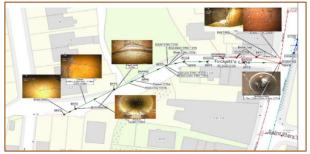
#### **Surface Water**

## **Stormwater Capital Programme 2025-2027**

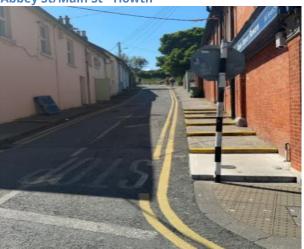
Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects in the 2025-2027 Stormwater Capital Programme. The 3-year programme includes 16 projects estimated at €1.7 million. Below is a brief update in relation to the status of some of the projects.

#### **Howth Stormwater Culvert:**

This project consists of the design and construction of a Stormwater culvert replacement on Howth Main Street (Work Package A) and the separation of a combined sewer on Tuckett's Lane, Howth (Work Package B). Site investigations for WP B took place on 25-29<sup>th</sup> August and final design drawings were prepared for works to commence in January 2026 with a road closure. Work package A design options are being reviewed for the defective sections of pipe/culvert on Main Street with the preferred solution to lay a new 1200mm pipe to replace the existing culvert. Further surveys and site investigations are required to inform the detailed design.



Abbey St/Main St - Howth



**Tucketts's Lane, Howth** 

#### **Lusk Network Remedial Works:**

Phase 3. A works schedule has been developed to carry out pipeline repairs on Main St, between Post Office Road and Chapel Road junctions. Project material procurement will commence in January 2026. Site set up and works commencement will start in February 2026.

## Church Road, Howth Stormwater Network Repairs

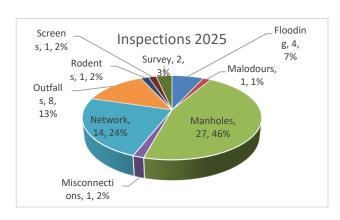
Network improvements were identified for the Church Street, Dunbo Hill and R105 areas of Howth. Following optioneering and additional GPS surveys, an in-house design is near completion. Project material quotations have been sought, and work will commence on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November under a road closure and a project plan of 6 weeks.



Church St, Howth

#### **Storm Water Maintenance**

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



#### **Storm Water Connections:**

To date 18 Stormwater Connection Applications have been processed in 2025.

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#### **Networks**

#### **Swords**

Survey works in the Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Rd, Cherry Garth and Rivervalley Lawns estateswere completed in July. The completed reports were broken down into a number of work packages. Quotations have been sought for the specialised elements of the repair works and liner installations. Some minor advanced interventions will be carried out by Direct Labour in December with the main works commencing in Q1 2026.





River valley, Swords

#### Malahide/Portmarnock

Chalfont

Following the completion of invasive repairs and UV CIPP liner installations a 3<sup>rd</sup> party intrusion will need to be removed by the Utility body to complete all works in the Chalfont estate.



Chalfont, Malahide

#### **Santry - Northwood Avenue**

Following surveys carried out by Operations, several defects were identified on the Stormwater line that runs along the R132. This survey report is currently being analysed to develop a remedial works programme.

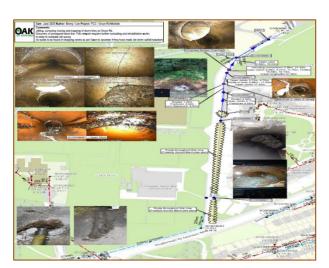
#### **Dublin 15**

Surveys were carried out in Mount Symon, D15. A possible Foul to Storm misconnection has been identified with large volumes of Stone, Silt and roots identified in the lines. Remedial works will require additional dye testing, surveys and the installation of a UV CIPP liner to repair defects if required. A specialist contractor has been engaged with start date to be agreed.



**Mount Symon, Clonsilla** 

CCTV surveys were carried out in the Grove Road area of Blanchardstown during August. A number of issues were identified within these lines. Remedial work will require the raising of buried manholes, additional jetting, root cutting and the installation of liner repairs.



**Grove Rd, Blanchardstown** 

#### Howth

CCTV survey along Seaview Terrace have identified capacity issues with the lines including pipe sizing and buried/inaccessible manholes. Feasibility is currently being considered to excavate the existing line a renew it with a more appropriately sized pipe.



Seaview Terrace, Howth

## **Baldoyle**

Jetting and CCTV camera work is ongoing to clean and identify defects within the SW in Abbey Park with a view to preparing a works programme.



Abbey Park Balrothery

Following reports of surcharging water in the footway on Coach Rd a CCTV survey revealed a collapsed pipeline full of debris. The damaged pipe has now been replaced, and the area has been reinstated

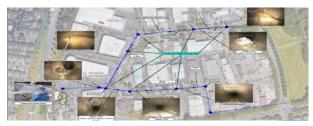




**Coach Road, Balrothery** 

#### **Surface Water Pollution**

Investigations are ongoing in conjunction with the FCC pollution section to determine the source of a pollutant intermittently making its way into the Tolka River via a Stormwater Outfall. CCTV survey and extensive dye testing of the surrounding network has taken place and investigations are ongoing.



**Coolmine Industrial Estate** 



**Survey in Coolmine** 

#### **Ironworks**

Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement is ongoing countywide. Manhole cover and frame replacements were carried out in Skerries and Loughshinney



MH cover replacement, Loughshinney

#### **Outfalls and Screens**

Following reports of a damage to a Stormwater screen along Dublin Road in Baldoyle a Contractor has been appointed to remove the existing end of life screen and replace it with a new unit.



**Outfall, Baldoyle** 

## Preventative Maintenance (Jetting) Programme

Work has recently begun on a countywide preventative maintenance programme. A specialist Contractor has been procured to carry out maintenance and preemptive jetting on a number of networks. These networks have been identified as suffering from slow flows and regularly fill with silt and debris. Jetting works were carried out in Castleknock View, Abbey Park, Seaview Terrace, Westway & Carrick Court.

#### **Underground Stormwater storage Assets**

Continuing Identification and recording of underground storm water management assets county wide. There are 48 such structures recorded.

#### Beaches

Following another successful bathing season for Fingal, below are the stats from our Beach Lifeguards for the 2025 Bathing Season:

		Rescue			Advice
	Rescue	Craft	1st Aid	Lost Child	Given
Balbriggan	1	0	45	10	301
Skerries South	2	0	90	0	525
Loughshinny	0	0	6	0	85
Rush North	0	0	1	0	25
Rush South	1	0	7	0	268
Portrane	0	0	0	0	24
Donabate	1	0	40	7	374
Malahide	29	12	17	2	598
Portmarnock	1	1	101	25	1297
Sutton	19	2	36	13	507
Howth	0	0	16	2	219
JUN-SEPT FULL					
RETURNS	54	15	359	59	4223

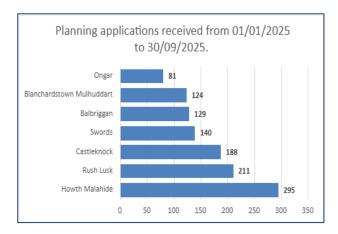
# PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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## **Planning Applications**

Between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025, a total of 1,168 planning applications were received, including 865 electronic applications via the national portal. Of these, 278 applications were deemed invalid, resulting in 890 valid applications. The accompanying bar chart illustrates the distribution of applications across the various areas.



During the same period, 10 Large-scale Residential Development applications were submitted to the Local Authority, with 9 decisions issued on LRD applications.

Additionally, An Coimisiún Pleanála has not issued any decisions on Strategic Housing Development applications during this period.

## **Planning Decisions**

Between 1st January and 30th September 2025, a total of 1,054 planning decisions were issued. This includes 837 decisions to grant permission and 213 refusals of permission.

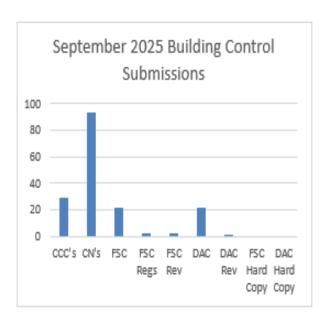
#### **Building Control Admin**

In September 2025, there were 171 building control submissions made via BCMS.

This was made up of 93 Commencement notices, 29 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 26 Fire Safety related Certificates and 23 Disability Access related Certificates.

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

The Building Control Admin team processed 118 decisions in September 2025 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 45 decisions to grant, 70 extensions of time, 1 refusal and 2 invalids.



#### **Strategic Policy Unit**

## Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

The first round of Plans emanating from the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 continue to be progressed.

The Clonsilla Framework Plan was adopted by the Elected Members at the sitting of Fingal Co. Co. on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

The draft Old School House Masterplan was on public display between 30<sup>th</sup> June and 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025. This Masterplan provides for the sustainable development of the lands having regard to their unique local setting. Over 270 submissions have been received. The Chief Executive's Report has been issued to the Members and the Masterplan will be brought to the local ACM in November.

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**

The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is a tax aimed at activating serviced and residentially zoned land for housing. Local authorities are responsible for identifying the land that is subject to RZLT. 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. 11 appeals have been submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála and are being assessed.

## Section 28 Guidelines - NPF Guidelines: Housing Growth Requirements

Following the publication of the revised Section 28 Guidelines in July 2025, we have initiated a detailed review of the adequacy of existing zoned lands to meet Housing Growth Requirement targets for the full duration of the current development plan.

This review is actively underway and involves assessing the likelihood of residential lands being delivered within the remaining plan period.

We are examining factors such as planning history, site activation, and servicing potential. Where concerns arise about deliverability, we are exploring the scope for alternative zoning to support short- to medium-term housing delivery.

While no decisions have been reached at this stage, substantial progress has been made in applying the Guidelines. Work is ongoing to prepare the Chief Executive's Report, which will outline our findings and next steps and should be completed in the coming weeks. A further briefing for councillors will be scheduled shortly.



## **Building Control**

- 9 building control inspections were carried out in October 2025 so far, covering 22 Buildings.
- There was 4 no. Section 11 request for further information issued during the month of September 2025.

## **Taking in Charge**.

There were 3 estates taken in charge in October 2025

- Glaslinn, Donabate, Co Dublin
- Taylor Hill Phase 1 & 2, Balbriggan, Co Dublin
- Greenbrook, Rush, Co Dublin

There is one road up for taking in charge in November 2025

• Greys Lane Howth

And 4 estates up for taking in charge in December 2025 meeting

- Forest Little/Barbertown Road adjoining Dublin Airport.
- Foothpath outside the Clonross development in Dublin 15.
- St. Marnock Bay Portmarnock.
- Kinsealy woods Kinsealy.

There are 48 developments with formal Taking in Charge requests, and an additional 327 developments recorded in our system.

 We have appointed O'Connor Sutton Cronin as our Consultant for managing Taking in Charge works where we have taken the bond. The first contract is for Chapelwood, Alderwood and Redwood in Dublin 15. The consultants are currently gathering background information on this scheme

## **Dangerous Structures**

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

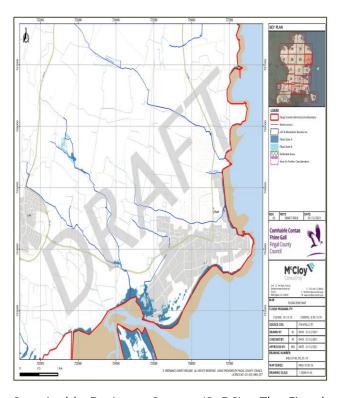
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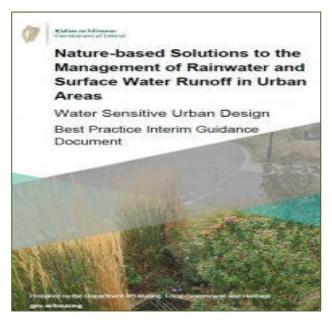
Checking Insulation in a duplex building in Kinsealy



Inspecting floor joists in a house in Rush



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





Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments



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

#### **Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP)**

The procurement process is complete for the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans for *Northwood, Kilbarrack and Baldoyle.* Completed SWMP's for Northwood, Kilbarrack and Baldoyle were submitted to FCC and approved in January 2025. McCloys Consulting Engineers are currently preparing the SFRA and SDS for Dubber with submission expected in October 2025.

JBA Consultant Engineers have been appointed to complete a SWMP for Barnhill. A purchase order has been raised, and a project kick off meeting took place in May 2025. Completion is forecast for October 2025.

#### **Domestic SuDS Guide**

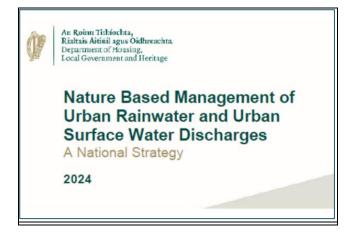
McCloys Consulting Engineers were appointed to produce a Domestic SuDS Guide for FCC. This was completed in Q3 2024, the guide is available on Fingal`s website along with a short presentation video.

#### **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 was completed in Q3 2025.A short promotional video is expected in Q4 2025.

#### **National Guidance**

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



#### **Irish Water**

Staff ceased completing Irish Water templates for planning files in October 2024.

#### **Transportation Planning**

## **PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade**

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



#### 002 Ongar Barnhill Road

Bam Civil Ltd. constructed most of the new bridge over the railway line during 2024. Road surfacing, signage, road marking and water infrastructure is being completed. ESB Networks are installing cabling and associated equipment to enable power for the public lighting and traffic signals. Recently laid watermains need to be connected into the Uisce Eireann network over the coming weeks.

There will be temporary traffic management on the R149 in Q4 at the junction with Barberstown Lane South while the new junction is being formed. The overall scheme is expected to be completed in Q4 2025. Updates for the scheme will be posted on www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill



**PSI-039 - R132 Connectivity Project** 



#### **Project summary**

The Tender Pack was finalized, along with the contract procurement documents and NTA gateway approval was granted, and the project is currently out to tender as part of the Stage 2 of the tender process for the construction phase of the Project.

#### **Meetings and Workshops**

Following workshop meeting of various projects in the Swords area and discussions, as well as knowledge sharing on it projects timelines and phasing plus also gathering feedback on these projects to assist in managing the mitigation measures that may be required at key locations. Monthly meetings with Uisce Éireann are being held monthly to discuss and align the details of a State Body Agreement for the foul water sewer across the Estuary Roundabout to be incorporated into the project.

Coordination/Progress meetings with NTA and TII/Metrolink which are being held monthly and is continuing through 2025.

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

The Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route for this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan consisting of 3km fully segregated Pedestrian and Cyclist Route connecting 6 schools in Balbriggan. This Project is now at substantial completion. The contractor is continuing to with 90% of snags completed. The permanent commemorative plaque has been installed at the civic space beside the public car park at the Dublin Roundabout.



## Comparison Photos of before and after Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route Project



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## 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 safely 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 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 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.

Regular meetings are continued to be held with Irish Rail / Dart+ West team and Waterways Ireland to discuss the projects and ensure that the design and planning proposals are well-integrated.

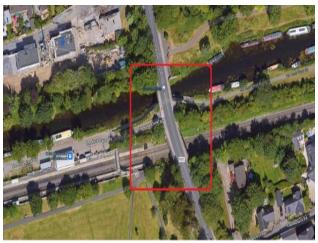
A non-statutory public consultation meeting will take place in October. Prior to this, a briefing meeting was held with the councillors of the Dublin 15 area to present the project and facilitate an open discussion.

The design team has developed several route options along with the preferred route option which will be included into the next phase of the project which will included as part of the non-statutory Consultation.

#### **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** 



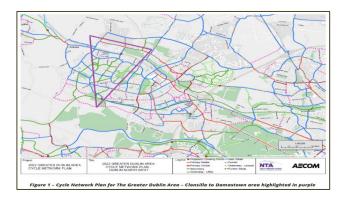
**Granard Bridge Street View** 

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.

<u>Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge,</u> <u>Castleknock Road, Dublin 15 | Fingal County</u> 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

The project team from the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department is continuing to finalise the preliminary design in consultation with all the key stakeholders, the National Transport Authority, Irish Rail 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.

In November 2024 Fingal County Council requested consent from Waterways Ireland and Irish Rail to make a planning application for the Royal Canal Urban Greenway on their Lands to An Coimisiún Pleanála. Fingal County Council received consent from Irish Rail in July 2025 to proceed with making an application their Lands to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

Waterways Ireland informed Fingal County Council in September that they will issue a letter of support for Fingal County Council to make an application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for the project on their lands. Alterations to the preliminary design from Hansfields to KCC Boundary on widths was agreed following further discussion with Waterways Ireland in September.

The project is currently at preliminary design stage, and following further discussion with Waterways Ireland throughout 2025 the project team reached agreement with Waterways Ireland on the design for the Greenway widths and level in the area between the Kildare border and Collins Bridge in September 2025.

This now requires a body of work to be undertaken to update the EIAR, RSA & EAA, Prelim Business Case, photomontages and do more up to date habitat and ecology surveys which is now been undertaken.

Current Landowner checks and land referencing are being maintained and kept up to date for the project.

Following completion of the preliminary design, all the required documents which includes the Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be prepared prior to making the planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

# 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 Traffic Survey now programmed to be carried out after the school mid-term break in Early November. When the survey has been completed the Options Report will be finalised. The Council continues to liaise with the Key Stakeholders. Discussions are progressing well.





#### S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme -

The preliminary design drawings have been reviewed by the NTA, and the stage 2 road safety audit has been and an equality audit were completed. Revised preliminary design general arrangement drawings have been received which have incorporated the recommendations of the Road Safety Audit and the Equality Audit into the scheme where required. These are under review.

Pavement design drawings, drainage drawings and drawings to identify the locations of utilities within the scheme have been received and are under review. The project will liaise with utilities to discuss any required diversion works. 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.

Design for structures along the route is progressing using the findings from the Ground Investigations. This includes design of the Malahide Tennis Boardwalk, promenade extension at Baldoyle, Sluice River Bridge, Station Road culvert and Burrow Court retaining wall. Wintering bird surveys have been completed which are required to feed into the planning application. An updated scoping report has been completed and will be circulated to prescribed bodies.

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

Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses and stakeholders is ongoing. The project team will contact landowners in the coming weeks to discuss the compulsory purchase order process and the scheme and acquisition requirements. Updated land requirement drawings are being drafted. These will be provided to landowners in advance of submission of the planning application for the scheme. The first batch of these are under review.

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



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

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

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



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

The **Planning** & Strategic Infrastructure Department has procured a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy team for the detailed design and construction supervision of the public realm at Swords Cultural Quarter. Consultants are now progressing with the detailed design phase for the Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm. 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 The tender pack and contract progresses. documents for the public realm works are being developed alongside the detailed design. An application for ministerial consent for the works has been sent to National Monuments Service.

#### **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 Main Street central public realm, pedestrian amenity zones, raingardens and new street trees

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 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 concept development workshop is planned to progress the option selection and preliminary design for the scheme.

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. A parking a parking report is currently being drafted by the design team which analysis the findings from recently completed parking surveys.

## **PSI-041 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.

Following a non-statutory public consultation in January 2025, the options report and the preferred route drawings were published on the Fingal website in September 2025. The Kinsealy to Portmarnock part of the project is now progressing to Phase 3 (Preliminary Design & Environmental Screening) with a view to preparing a planning application.

The Malahide to Kinsealy part of the project will be brought forward 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**

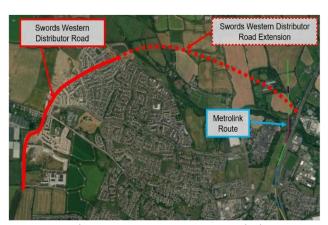
Liaison with utilities and coordination with existing infrastructure are on track and ongoing (Irish Rail, Gas Networks, Eirgrid, TFI and Dublin Bus). This includes the proposed bridges over Rogerstown Estuary and over the rail at Beaverstown Golf Club – application has been made for approval in principle,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

#### **PSI-007 Rush to Lusk Walking & Cycling Route**

The aim of this scheme is to deliver a high quality, safe and attractive pedestrian and cycle network of approximately 3km between the towns of Rush and Lusk and to improve connectivity to the local Rush/Lusk train station and to several schools and tourist attractions in the area. The anticipated primary user groups for the network will be local commuters and school children walking and cycling between Lusk and Rush and the train station.

Fingal County Council has appointed engineering consultants to commence work on the delivery of this scheme.

## **Broadmeadow Way Greenway**

Progress on the detailed design phases of the other elements of this project is continuing. Engagement with Irish Rail and with the National Transport Authority is ongoing for the causeway works.

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. 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 2026 and 2027.
- 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

## **PSI-026 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 Cailíní). The project also involves works to provide safe pedestrian crossings and appropriate traffic calming facilities. Third-party lands are required to widen the path, and in this regard the Council is using a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) to acquire the necessary lands. Notices to Treat were issued to affected landowners in July. Tender documents, for the appointment of a contractor to construct the works, are expected to issue to the market in November.

## **PSI-027 Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge**

Work on the Donabate Pedestrian Bridge has been completed. The bridge was officially opened to the public on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025.



Image of the Donabate Pedestrian Bridge being officially opened by the Mayor of Fingal County Council, Councillor Tom O'Leary, accompanied by Andrew Bagnall from the National Transport Authority, AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, and Linda Lally, Senior Engineer in Transportation Planning.



Image of the Donabate Pedestrian Bridge after completion of FCC construction works (August 2025)

#### **PSI-042 Donabate Transport Projects**

The Donabate Transport Projects comprise a number of projects with the objective of improving transport 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, and;
- 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 number of potential options have been identified for both Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road and the Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade. The emerging preferred route option has been determined for the second phase of the Donabate Distributor Road. Details of the scheme are currently on public display in the Donabate-Portrane Community Centre as well as being available to view online on the Fingal County Council consultation portal. Scheme details will remain on display until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

A public information evening was held in the Shoreline Hotel in Donabate on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 to allow members of the public to meet the project team and ask any questions on the emerging preferred route option for Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road.



Image of the public information evening (Oct. 2025)

Preliminary design for Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road is expected to follow on in 2026. The emerging preferred option for Blakes Cross is expected to be determined in Q4 2025.

Tender submissions have been received for the appointment of a consultant to progress the next phases of the project. Work relating to environmental assessment, planning consent and detailed design is expected to be carried out throughout 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 Mulhuddart interchange and Clonee as the NTA bus connects project has already a scheme in development from Junction 3 into the city. Route options are being considered and when an emerging route option has been developed, a public engagement will be carried out. This is likely to be in Q1 2026.

## 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 proposed improvement works involve resurfacing the existing bridge deck with an SMA surface and this will become a shared two-way footpath/cycleway. Jons Civil Engineering Ltd. have been appointed to undertake the upgrade works. The Contractor has produced a works methodology to be agreed with Irish Rail.

It is envisaged the works shall commence on the 17th of November; however, this will be confirmed closer to the time. The works are expected to take up to four weeks to complete.

## **Heritage Officer**



## Celebrating 10 Years of Community Archaeology in Fingal

A seminar was held in the packed-out Millbank theatre, Rush at the end of September to showcase the results of research, commercial and community excavations across the county. From Professor' Gabriel Cooney's research on Lambay Island to the Mesolithic pathway uncovered in Balbriggan and the feasting at Maynetown Portmarnock, it was evident that there is huge interconnection between sites and people across Fingal. Ian Doyle, Head of Conservation, The Heritage Council concluded the presentations with the value of and contribution that community archaeology makes-from the economy to well-being!

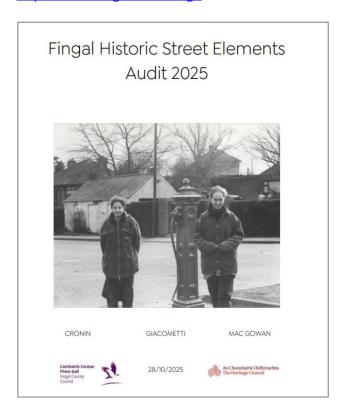


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## **Heritage Plan Projects:**

Both the *Fingal Historic Street Elements Audit* and the *Fingal Coastal Zone* projects have concluded. Reports are available on.

https://www.fingal.ie/heritage



## **National Heritage Week-County Award**



Congratulations to the Balbriggan Traveller Project who are the 2025 winners of the County Award.

#### **HOUSING**

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## Affordable Home Purchase Scheme & Cost Rental

## Link to Affordable Housing landing page can be found <u>here</u>.

For anyone interested in making an application for an affordable home it is important that they 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 <a href="https://www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing">www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing</a>

#### **Affordable Housing Developments Update**

Development	Status	Affordable Homes
Balleally Rise	Closed	20 Homes Sold
Kilmartin Grove	Closed	36 Homes Sold
North County Homes	Closed	16 Homes Sold
Balmoston (Phase 1)	Closed	86 Homes Sold
Wilkinsons Brook	All Sale Agreed	57 Homes Sold
Aster Park, Rush	All Sale Agreed	96 Homes Sold
Church Fields (Phase 1)	All Sale Agreed	177 Homes Sold
Ballisk Park,	Assessment of	105/112 Homes
Donabate	Applications Ongoing	Sale Agreed
Baile na Móna,	Assessment of	58/151 Homes
Swords	Applications Ongoing	Sale Agreed
Church Fields	Assessment of	28/110 Homes
(Phase 2)	Applications Ongoing	Sale Agreed
Clonrath Hill	Assessment of Applications	6 Homes
	Ongoing	
Balmoston	Application Portal	73 Homes
(Phase 2)	Launch - Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	
	of November 2025	

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#### **FCC's First Cost Rental scheme**



Fingal County Council's Affordable & Cost Rental team is delighted to announce the upcoming launch of 80 x 1, 2 & 3 bedroom cost rental apartments in Church Fields, Dublin 15. These brand-new high-quality homes will be available for long-term lease under the Cost Rental model, offering secure, high-quality accommodation at rates at least 26% below market rent.

Our operating partner - OCCU Living LTD will host the application portal which will go live on

- Friday 31st October at 12pm and will close I on
- Monday 10th November 2025 at 12pm.

#### https://occu.ie/locations/church-fields/

The Cost Rental Homes will be allocated through a lottery-based system, designed to ensure fairness and transparency in the distribution of available housing. This process is initiated once the application window closes. At that point, all valid applications are entered into a randomised draw, which is conducted to generate a ranked list of eligible applicants.

For more information on the Cost Rental Apartments including Apartment Specifications, Monthly rents, Eligibility Criteria, required documentation and Cost Rental FAQs. <a href="https://www.fingal.ie/Housing/CostRental">https://www.fingal.ie/Housing/CostRental</a>

#### **Fingal Appoints Cost Rental Operator**



On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2025, Fingal County Council's Direct signed contracts with Occu Living Ltd. for the Cost Rental services requirements at Fingal's first fully funded by Cost Rental homes at Church Fields, Dublin 15.

Occu Living Ltd have extensive experience and expertise in creating rental experiences that are easy, flexible and support our residents' lifestyles without defining or hindering them.

Fingal County Council is delighted to work in partnership with the team in Occu to ensure that the high quality not for profit homes in Church Fields are occupied as quickly and smoothly as possible.

https://occu.ie/locations/church-fields/

**Balmoston (Phase 2) Affordable Development** 



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The Affordable Housing team in partnership with Glenveagh homes are delighted to bring **73** new build Affordable 2 & 3 bedroom homes to Fingal's housing market. The application portal will open at **12 p.m. on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025** and will remain opening until **5 p.m. on Wednesday 26th November 2025**. Applicants are advised to be purchase ready prior making an application. To view the development details, minimum prices, income limits, scheme eligibility, required documentation and how to make an application go to <a href="https://www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing">www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing</a>

#### **Aster Park Affordable Development**



The Affordable Housing Team are delighted to announce that all 96 properties in the Aster Park development are now sale agreed.

The development is a mix of spacious 2, 3 and 4 bed properties in the highly sought after location of Rush, Co. Dublin.

Our team received a huge amount of interest in this development and are delighted to have been able to help a combination of First Time Buyers and Fresh Start purchasers secure their new home.

#### **Clonrath Hill (Part V) Affordable Development**



The Clonrath Hill application portal closed on October 6<sup>th</sup> 2025. A large volume of applications have been received and assessments are now being conducted on a first come first served basis. All application queries are made through the portal only.

## **Social Housing Delivery**

## Part V, Social Turnkey & CALF Programme

The delivery of new homes has continued steadily, supported by a range of delivery mechanisms. Many of these homes are expected to be ready by the end of the year, helping to meet local housing needs.

## 306 apartments under construction at Pipers Square, Charlestown, Finglas Dublin 11.

Units being delivered in partnership with Respond Housing Association under the CALF Scheme.



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#### **Construction Programme**

Summary of delivery of social unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	571
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	110
Planning and Design	179
Part V	1,075
TOTAL	1,935

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

#### **Schemes on Site**

#### Seatown Road, Swords

Works for the delivery of 36 social homes at Seatown Road, Swords continue on site and are 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 are constructing 175 new homes comprising of 123 houses and 52 apartments at "Ballisk Park", New Road, Donabate following the granting of planning permission under the S179A process. The development will be a mixed tenure scheme of 63 social and 112 affordable homes.



#### **Church Fields 3A, Dublin 15**

Works are continuing on the mixed tenure scheme of 300 new homes at Churchfields 3A, being constructed by Gem Construction on behalf of Fingal County Council. The development will deliver 40 social, 180 affordable and 80 cost rental new homes in this phase. The first 32 new social homes have been delivered.



#### **Church Fields 3B, Dublin 15**

Works are progressing on the mixed tenure scheme at Church Fields 3B, being constructed by Gem Construction on behalf of Fingal County Council which will see the delivery of a further 217 homes in Church Fields, comprising of 121 houses and 96 apartments. As a mixed tenure development, this phase will include 107 social and 110 affordable homes.



## **Balmoston Phase 1, Ballymastone, Donabate**

Construction work is continuing on Phase 1 of Balmoston. This is a mixed tenure development, being constructed by Glenveagh on behalf of Fingal County Council which will deliver 87 social and 86 affordable new homes. The first 33 new social homes have been delivered.



#### Baile na Móna Phase 1, Mooretown, Swords

Construction work is progressing on the delivery of 274 new homes on Phase 1 of Baile na Móna, Mooretown, Swords. Glenveagh are constructing the new homes on behalf of Fingal County Council. This will be a mixed tenure scheme of 123 social and 151 affordable homes. Planning for this development was granted under the S179A process.



## Holywell, Swords

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



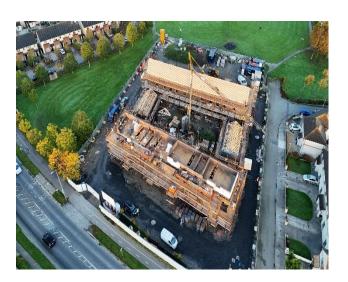
## **Mourne View, Skerries**

Construction work is continuing 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 work is progressing 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.



**North Street, Swords** 

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 13 new social homes at North Street, Swords, comprising of 1 and 2 bedroomed apartments at North Street, Swords which is being constructed by Broomfield Construction on behalf of Fingal County Council.



## **Balmoston Phase 2, Ballymastone, Donabate**

Construction work has commenced on Phase 2 Balmoston, Donabate. This is a mixed tenure development. Phase 2, Balmoston will deliver 72 new social and 75 affordable homes over several hand-over phases through 2026 and 2027.



## **Asset Management**

# **Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme**

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

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Energy Efficiency Retrofit 30th Oct 2025		
Project Status	Total	
Pre-Survey	10	
Surveyed	2	
Tender Awarded	3	
On-Site	8	
Completed	116	
Areas: Brega, Corduff, Fortlawn, Seatown,		
Wellview, Whitestown.		

## **Planned Maintenance Programme 2025**

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

Planned Maintenance Programme 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2025		
Painting completions	565	
Boiler Replacements	170	
Heat / Smoke Detector Replacement	179	

## **Voids**

Casual Voids 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2025	
In the lettings process	59
In re-let works	52
Void Unavailable	3
Total	114

New to stock 30th Oct 2025		
New to stock properties	96	

### **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 **244 new HAP tenancies** in 2025 to date with approximately 4458 HAP tenancies established since HAP commenced 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 <a href="https://hap.google.com/hap@fingal.ie">hap@fingal.ie</a>. The HAP Amendments Portal is also available as a secure platform for tenants and landlords to submit requests to update the circumstances of their HAP tenancies

### Rents

The Pay My Rent Online system was launched in early October 2025 to facilitate more convenient online rent payments for tenants.



Tenants can also access their rent charge and balance via the Housing Online portal.

Following the introduction in 2024 of new debt management processes and procedures, **rent arrears have reduced by €1.2m** since 01/01/2025. New processes initiated include biannual statements and letters to all tenants and quarterly statements and letters to tenants in arrears.

who experience challenges paying their rent. The team have issued **123** Tenancy Warnings year to date. Six Orders for Possession have been obtained following court hearings in 2025.

The Rents team continue to engage with tenants

The Rents collection rate in October 2025 shows an increase of €2.4m on the same month in 2024.

## **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 Dwellings for 2025 has been received from the Department of Housing. Up to the close of business on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 5,395 inspections have been conducted in 2025, with 4674 of them qualifying towards the Dwellings target. So far there have been 471 inspections carried out in October. 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**

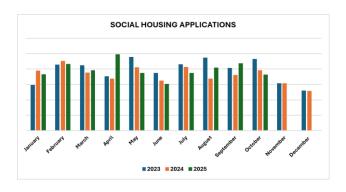
## **Housing Support**

In accordance with Circular 24/2025 as released on 31st July 2025, the Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) is due for return to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage on 1st December 2025. Letters have issued to all applicants required to complete the SSHA. Following the successful launch of the online HNA System in 2022, applicants have been advised to complete the assessment where possible online. All facilities will be available to applicants at the Customer Care Counters and in the Fingal Libraries for those individuals requiring assistance in completing their Housing Needs Assessment. Hard copy forms are available.

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

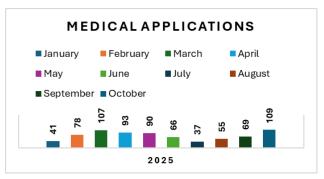
Housing Support receive a large volume of Housing Applications, Medical Applications, Amendment requests and appeals.

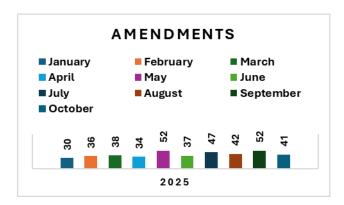
### Year on year comparison by month



## **Applications received**

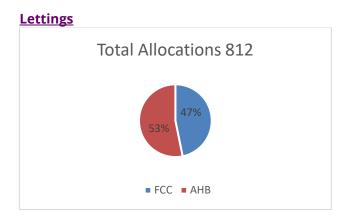






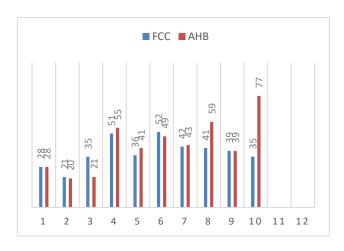
## **Housing Support Appeals**

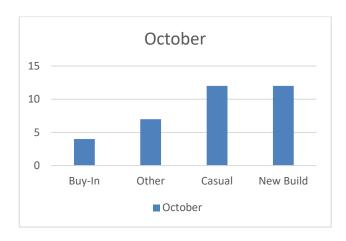
Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.



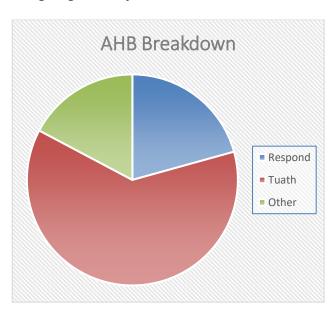
The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2025.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.





**432** of the **812** allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies. The other **380** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



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

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

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

## Choice Based Letting's Advertised Properties October.



Internal image of advertised property in Piper's Square, Charlestown, Finglas, Dublin 11

		Type		Expressions
III			of	of
			Views	interest
Golden Ridge	3	Apt	1034	111
Rush,				
Co Dublin				
	3	Apt	1159	103
Dublin 9				
	2	Apt	1488	295
Finglas, Dublin 11				
Piper's Square,	1	Apt	1567	302
Finglas, Dublin 11				
Wellview Green,	3	House	1057	135
Dublin 15				
I Militaria			T	
Road,	3	House	1086	177
Blanchardstown, Dublin 15				
	3	House	864	131
Dublin 15				
Castleview Walk,	2	House	1720	416
Co Dublin				
		Total	9975	1670
	Mews, Rush, Co Dublin  Domville Woods, Santry, Dublin 9  Piper's Square, Charlestown, Finglas, Dublin 11  Piper's Square, Charlestown, Finglas, Dublin 11  Wellview Green, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15  Whitechapel Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15  Corduff Close, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15  Castleview Walk, Swords,	Mews, Rush, Co Dublin  Domville Woods, Santry, Dublin 9  Piper's Square, Charlestown, Finglas, Dublin 11  Piper's Square, Charlestown, Finglas, Dublin 11  Wellview Green, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15  Whitechapel Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15  Corduff Close, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15  Castleview Walk, Swords,	Mews, Rush, Co Dublin  Domville Woods, Santry, Dublin 9  Piper's Square, Charlestown, Finglas, Dublin 11  Piper's Square, Charlestown, Finglas, Dublin 11  Wellview Green, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15  Whitechapel Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15  Corduff Close, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15  Corduff Close, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15  Castleview Walk, Swords, Co Dublin  Co Dublin  Duse	Mews, Rush, Co Dublin  Domville Woods, Santry, Dublin 9  Piper's Square, Charlestown, Finglas, Dublin 11  Piper's Square, 1 Apt 1567  Charlestown, Finglas, Dublin 11  Wellview Green, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15  Whitechapel Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15  Corduff Close, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15  Castleview Walk, Swords, Co Dublin  Co Dublin 15

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 October 2025, 57 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	HAP Tenancy	Allocation of Tenancy	Total
EA	5	14	19
Homeless Prevention	11	27	38
Total	16	41	57

There was a total of 38 homeless prevention cases and 19 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

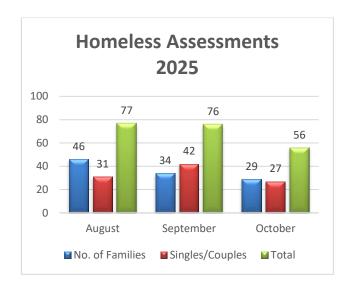
27 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 14 exited emergency accommodation.

16 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 11 homeless preventions and 5 who exited emergency accommodation.

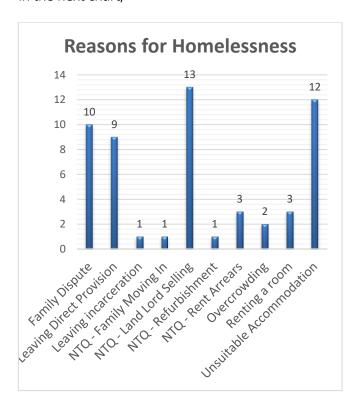
### **Homeless Assessments**

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

In October 2025, there were a total of 56 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 29 families and 27 singles/couples.



During October 2025, of the 56 Homeless Assessments carried out, 33% of cases resulted from Notice to Termination (NOT) having been served, 18% cases resulted from family/relationship breakdown and 16% were from leaving direct provision. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from Renting a room (5%) and Overcrowding (4%). The remaining 24% comprise various reasons outlined in the next chart;



## Emergency Accommodation (including Fingal County Council Family Hubs)

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

### **Rough Sleepers**

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

A weekly Rough Sleepers Coordination Group monitors the reports of rough sleepers. The reports come from various outlets, including the DRHE Outreach Team, Elected Representatives, the FCC Operations Department, and the public. There have been 119 reported rough sleeping cases 2025. 37 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation and we continue to work with 7 others to provide a suitable solution.

There are 8 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (2 couples, and males) from the Fingal Area. We will continue to work with them to provide suitable supports. Members of the homeless team recently worked in collaboration with the operations team to resolve an issue with a rough sleeper site in North Dublin.

## 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.

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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 decongregation) 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, 6 have been housed in 2025 and 2 more has been nominated to housing, 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 made a second offer. A third sub-group has been created with St. Michaels House, the first meetings has been held and a list of clients is being collated by their team.

### Homeless Action Plan 2025- 2027

The Homeless Action Plan 2025-2027 was adopted at the Council Meeting in July. It has also been adopted by DCC and SDCC and it will go before the next Council meeting in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown.

## 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 <a href="https://www.threshold.ie">www.threshold.ie</a> 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 interauthority 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 <a href="MTQEnquiries@fingal.ie">MTQEnquiries@fingal.ie</a>, 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 <a href="mailto:homeless@fingal.ie">homeless@fingal.ie</a>

Email: NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie

## **Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:**

**Freephone:** 1800 707 707

### **Traveller Accommodation Programme**

The Council is implementing the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025–2029 by providing sustainable, culturally appropriate Traveller-specific accommodation and supports.

Council officials continue to actively engage with the Traveller Community, Traveller advocacy groups, and relevant support services, including welfare, child protection, and mental health service, as well as other agencies, to address and resolve issues wherever possible. The Housing Department and the Architects Department are working in close collaboration on upcoming projects as outlined in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025–2029

### **LTACC**

A meeting of the LTACC was held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at Matt Lane Resource Centre, St. Macullins Halting Site. The meeting was well attended and considered highly productive. Members of the LTACC also attended Traveller Cultural Awareness Training on the 6<sup>th</sup> October. A further meeting of the LTACC is scheduled for mid November.

To date in 2025, meetings have been well attended and considered highly productive. Estate Management remains committed to working collaboratively with all stakeholders to support the delivery and ongoing maintenance of Traveller-specific accommodation throughout the county.

### **Caravan Loan Scheme**

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

## Recent delivery of caravan and upgrade of onsite sanitation unit at Gardiner's Hill





### Allocation of properties

This month saw the sign up of a newly refurbished dwelling at St. Philomenas's Court following an extensive re-furb. Further allocation of the remaining refurbished dwellings is intended to return the area to full occupation.



### Census

The Traveller Census is due to take place week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> November with all Group Housing and Halting Sites included in the annual process. Using the information provided, it is possible to plan and prepare necessary policy to ensure the needs of the Traveller Family located in the Fingal area are well represented and considered in all plans for accommodation.

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





Dumping at St. Philomena's Park and NCT

### **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 in conjunction with Dublin Fire Brigade organized a successful Fire Safety Training Day which took place on 29<sup>th</sup> October in Balbriggan. The session was well attended with members of the Traveller community and the Balbriggan Traveller Project in attendance. A further session for the D15 area is planned with the Estate Management section committed to promoting and supporting the training.



## Dublin Fire Brigade Training session at Balbriggan

In addition, new notices have been placed on all powerhouse doors to advise that there is no entry permitted to the powerhouse by unauthorised persons.



## **Wastewater Treatment System - new contract**

Managing the Waste Water Treatment System at the Council's stock remains a focus of the Estate Management, maintenance section, with a new Waste Water Contract finalised in July.

### **Housing Response Maintenance**

2025		
Maintenance Requests Received	10,732	
Tenancy Alerts Issued	49	
Interviews Held	45	
Unauthorised Works Documented	50	
Permission For Works Requests	92	

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### **Boiler Servicing Programme 2025**

The 2025 Programme of work continues, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Clonsilla, Tyrellstown, Blanchardstown Village, Santry, Baldoyle, Howth, Swords, Rush, Balbriggan, Garristown, and Malahide.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour / Inspectorate Unit**

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

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

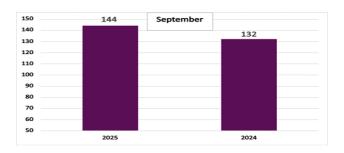
### **ASB Caseload Management**

Complaints Sept 2025	Total	Active	Monitoring	Close d
Balbriggan	32	12	4	16
Rush / Lusk	15	3	6	6
Swords	34	13	15	6
Howth/Malahid e	17	10	5	2
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	35	11	14	10
Ongar	8	3	1	4
Castleknock	3	2	1	0
Total	144	54	46	44

## Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2025

January (5), February (6), March (3), April (6), May (5), June (2) July (10), Aug (5), Sept (6). One formal tenancy warning issued for illegal occupiers at a dwelling.

# 2025/2024 comparison of ASB complaints received in the month of September.



### **Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions**

Interviews Held 2025 to date	72
Interviews Held 2024	108
Tenancy Alerts 2025	21
Tenancy Alerts 2024	36
Tenancy Warnings 2025	7
Tenancy Warnings 2024	9

#### Inspectorate lune 2025

inspectorate june 2025	
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2025	1346
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
July /Aug 2025	1736
September 2025	871

## **Housing Ukraine Response and Vacant Homes**

### Those Fleeing the Conflict in Ukraine

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.

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### www.gov.ie/ukraine

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The Council's Community Integration Forum continues to meet regularly to co-ordinate the response of the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community and other new arrivals with the next meeting scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025. 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

- 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 was recently reduced to €600 in accordance with the new Government policy.

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

To pledge a room in your home, this can be done through the Irish Red Cross via <a href="https://www.redcross.ie">www.redcross.ie</a>

### **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.

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 refurbishment works.



### **CPO property Wellview above, Dublin 15**

This represents the fourth privately owned long term vacant property in Wellview estate that has been dealt with by the Vacant Homes Team. In addition to the above property, three other properties in the estate are back in use or coming back into 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 two others came back into use via the provision of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant with new owners now in situ.

A long-term vacant property in Hazelbury Park, Clonee where CPO was finalised earlier in 2025 was refurbished and allocated in July.



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.

## Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

This scheme was launched in July 2022. In May 2023, the scheme was further extended to allow 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 rental market.. 243 applications have been received since launch of the scheme. 66 new applications received in 2025 with additional applications expected shortly based on engagement with potential applicants. 175 applications are approved which equates to €8.9million in approved funding with further applications to be approved shortly.

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 <a href="mailto:vacant.homes@fingal.ie">vacant.homes@fingal.ie</a> Vacant properties can also be reported to this address for investigation.

## Recently received VPRG application





Recently approved VPRG application



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**Works complete Property** 





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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;

## <u>Fingal's 'Our Fabric' Project Weaves Stronger</u> <u>Community Ties, Unlocking Key Resident-Led</u> <u>Initiatives</u>

The Community Department continue to support the 'Our Fabric' project in the Churchfields area of Mulhuddart in partnership with Neighbourhood Networks. On the 8th and 9th of October the project team conducted a targeted door-knocking drive in Avondale Place and The Minnows, overcoming traditional communication barriers and generating immediate, enthusiastic feedback. This project has confirmed its success in directly engaging residents, leading to the identification of several specific, positive, and actionable community initiatives.

A further 26 residents have signed up to the growing WhatsApp group which keeps the community informed of upcoming initiatives. The two-day engagement demonstrated the significant power of direct outreach, confirming a strong appetite for participation in tangible, project-based activities.

### Key Positive Outcomes for Residents:

Immediate Community Group Formation: In the Minnows, residents moved swiftly from general interest to concrete action, expressing a high, specific interest in forming a Community Garden Group. The 'Our Fabric' team will immediately support this resident-led initiative, ensuring a tangible, positive participation outcome that builds community capacity from the ground up.

The goal of Neighbourhood Networks is to meet people where they are and listen to their specific needs, and this engagement proved incredibly successful. The immediate enthusiasm for the Community Garden in The Minnows is a fantastic example of residents taking ownership of their local environment. The 'Our Fabric' project is committed to supporting these newly identified resident groups and initiatives, fostering a stronger, more participatory community across Fingal.

The Our Fabric team are also working closely with residents and the newly established Girl Guides in Churchfields to plan a Christmas Choir event in the coming months.

## GLAS @ TU Dublin Secures Sláintecare Funding for 'Connect and Grow' Community Wellbeing Initiative

Fingal County Council's Community and Economic Development teams, are delighted to announce that the **Connect and Grow Programme** at the GLAS @ TU Dublin Community Garden has been awarded funding through the Sláintecare Integration Fund. The successful funding application, made possible by the collaborative efforts of GAP, TU Dublin, and Fingal County Council, will expand this crucial therapeutic horticulture and social inclusion project. The initiative is set to enhance mental and physical health outcomes for some of the most socially excluded communities in West Fingal, including Mulhuddart, Corduff, and Tyrrelstown.

The Connect and Grow Programme uses inclusive community gardening as a proactive tool for supporting, Social Inclusion, Health and Wellbeing and Building Community Capacity: The funding will enable the programme to increase the dedicated hours of the qualified Community Garden Manager, ensuring high-quality technical, emotional, and educational support for all participants throughout the growing season.

The support from the Community and Economic Development departments was instrumental in linking this health and wellbeing project to broader local development strategies outlined in the Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan. The Sláintecare funding is a significant achievement for the GLAS garden and the communities it serves. This investment validates the critical link between community development, access to urban nature and public health.



# Healthy & Connected Event Fingal Liam Rogers Community Centre

The Community Development Department supported Fingal Liam Rodgers Community Centre in Swords to coordinate a free *Health & Connected* event in October. Participants included the Irish Heart Foundation, Irish Cancer Society, FCC Sports Department and Active Cities Dublin. Alongside free blood pressure testing and strength testing a selection of workshops and information was provided to members of the local community, with a focus on securing feedback from all attendees on activities in the community centre going forward.



### **Thrive Balbriggan World Mental Health Week**

Thrive Balbriggan marked World Mental Health Week in the town with a programme of inclusive events for all the community. Connect cafes, physical exercise and talks on the five ways to wellness were delivered throughout the week with partners including Foroige, Balbriggan Men's and Women's Sheds and Balbriggan Integration Forum. A historic walk and talk event with local historian Jim Walsh brought over 20 people on a tour throughout the town culminating with a Connect Cafe hosted by Cairde at their premises in the town. Art workshops and talks on positive mental health were organised with support from the Community Development Office and Empower. Thrive Balbriggan is representing Fingal in the annual pride of place finals in Limerick this month.



### **Lusk Residents Associations supports**

Lusk Action Group, in collaboration with the FCC Community Development Office is working with two new and re-emerging residents' associations in the town to build their capacity and facilitate best practice. A meeting with Lusk Village Estate was attended by 38 residents who came together to reconvene the dormant group. Advice and supports were provided on the role of the resident's association and the correct procedures in electing committee members. A wider discussion followed on the key concerns in the community and potential areas of work for the resident's group and capacity building supports will be available from the community office. In addition, Dun Emer estate in Lusk is now working with the community office and will elect a new committee later this month. This work follows on the meeting convened by Lusk Action Group earlier this year which saw the formation of The Forge residents' Association who went on to run their own community family day over the summer, with funding and other ongoing supports from FCC Community Development office.



## **Donabate Town Team launched**

The Donabate Town Team was formally launched in Donabate Parish Hall last month. Representatives from the community of Donabate joined with FCC elected members, and FCC Community Office and Economic Development Department officials to launch the town health check plan which focuses on the infrastructural and community development potential of the centre of the town.

A sub committee was formed to plan for the first ever St Patricks Day Parade in March 2026. Donabate Parish Hall provided a photographic display outlining the history and development of the town at the event, which was addressed by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr Tom O'Leary.





### **Balbriggan Volunteer Expo**

Fingal Volunteer Centre held an Expo in the Our Balbriggan Office in October focused on promoting the work of the volunteer Centre and linking up community members who wish to volunteer their time with organisations and community groups in need of such volunteers. The event was attended by many of the groups who regularly use the support services of the Centre including; Foroige Youth Service, Balbriggan Meals on Wheels, Aisha AED project, Remember Us, Balbriggan Youth Forum and Balbriggan Tidy Towns. Groups benefited from positive support and information provided by the Centre, and some travelled from further afield, including the Naul and Dublin 15 to explore potential new volunteering opportunities.

Schools arranged for students, seeking ideas for TY work experience to attend where info relating to the requirements for Gaisce awards was on hand. The rewards of volunteering were in evidence on the day with many now more aware of what can be achieved by giving of your time to volunteer locally. Further Expos are proposed for 2026.



### **IPB Pride of Place finals in Limerick City**

Fingal was proudly represented by Thrive Balbriggan, Coolmine Lodge D15 and Rivervalley Community Centre in Swords at the all-island IPB Pride of Place Competition Finals held in Limerick earlier this month. This north-south competition recognises the best in community development on the island of Ireland and is organised every year by Co-Operation Ireland and local authorities on both parts of the island. The three community projects represented Fingal in the Health and wellbeing, Climate Action and Biodiversity and Urban Neighbourhood Categories respectively. The finals event was attended by Fingal County Council CE AnnMarie Farrelly, Mayor of Fingal Cllr Tom O' Leary and representatives from all three groups alongside FCC community office staff.



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## **Community Facilities Management Support**

The Community Facilities Unit provides financial and management support to 38 community facilities across Fingal. The Unit also manages the Capital Works programme for the Community Development Office.

Official opening of St Margarets Community Centre St. Margaret's Community Centre was officially opened by the Mayor of Fingal on Friday, October 20th in the company of the Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly. The event drew a significant attendance, including the Board of Directors of St. Margaret's Amenities, public representatives plus many local community organisations and stakeholders. Entertainment for the ceremony was provided by the St. Margaret's Primary School choir, who displayed their musical and vocal talent, followed by a performance from Scoil Rince Ni Anglais.

The opening was made possible following the recent completion of the Phase One refurbishment works carried out by Fingal County Council. This enhanced facility will serve as a crucial asset, offering a dedicated space to encourage community participation in diverse activities and enabling the St. Margaret's community to flourish.



## **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



On the 14th of October, Fingal Comhairle na nÓg organised and facilitated their Annual Youth Conference. This fantastic event was opened by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Tom O'Leary and had a total of 98 young people in attendance. Throughout the day, the participants got to discuss what they feel are key issues for young people in Fingal. The top 3 issues were mental health, vaping & substance misuse, and anti-social behaviour and safety. After discussing all three topics the participants voted on what they felt was the top issue and anti-social behaviour and safety received the highest number of votes. This decided the topic that Comhairle will focus on as part of a project for the next Comhairle year. Following this event, an information meeting will be held for the young people considering joining Fingal Comhairle na nÓg.

### **Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN)**



The staff of Fingal PPN were delighted to attend the PPN national conference in Trim, hosted by Meath PPN on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of October.

The conference was attended by Jerry Buttimer, Minister of State at the DRCDG. The theme of the event was 'Building Better Communities' and it was the backdrop to the launch of our PPN report 'Building Community Resilience for Times of Emergency' which was a collaboration of all 31 PPNs. A visit to Rathcairn Gaeltacht in Meath and workshops on misinformation, disinformation and mal-information, Girley Bog natural habitats and Trim Tidy Towns Circular Economy Strategy.

The PPN Plenary session took place on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin Airport

## **Rivervalley & Rathingle Bottle Banks Art Project**

Arising from engagement with the Rivervalley & Rathingle Pride of Place Steering Committee; a group of local youths spent the last 12 weeks designing, creating and completing a thematic art project for the local Bottle Banks in Rivervalley. Coordinated by the Community Development Department supported by a successful application to the Anti-Litter - Anti-Graffiti Fund which is part-sponsored by the Department of Climate, Energy with support from the Environmental Department who secured and prepped the bottle bank, the art project was facilitated by CrossCare Swords and Baldoyle Youth Services (BYS) . Taking inspiration from wildlife observed during local woodland walks, the changing seasons and the intended outcome of improving our living environments through recycling, a series of vibrant murals now adorn the bottle banks. With support from FCC environmental department and Rivervalley Community Centre this interagency project has proven to be an engaging project that has successfully delivered a meaningful response to a locally identified need. Consequently, the youth who participated in the project intend to use their learning and involvement as evidence of their civic engagement & participation for a Gaisce Award. The awards which are a direct challenge from the President of Ireland for young people aged 14-25 to dream big and realise their potential and they have certainly done that with this project. You can view the journey via the following link Video Rivervalley Bottle banks.mp4



Community Development Department acknowledged by the Swords Division of St Johns Ambulance Ireland.

Invited to attend their annual Bravery Awards Event, the Community Development Department attended the *Swords Division of SJA* annual awards ceremony and were delighted to be included in the celebration. As a valued community service which provides volunteers for local events, this token of recognition to everyone in the Community Department, was much appreciated.





### **Age Friendly Fingal**

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

Positive Ageing Week



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To celebrate Positive Ageing Week which took place from 29<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025, community centres across the county were supported in running events to combat loneliness among older people. Over 25 events were organised with a focus on physical and mental health, ranging from talks on healthy eating to exercise sessions in Tai Chi and Yoga and tea dances. Music sessions were held for those who were less able to participate in physical exercise.

#### Information Event & Fashion Show



In collaboration with the Pavilions Shopping Centre, Swords, 30 service providers and groups such as Citizen's Information, Care & Repair, Adult Education Providers, Fingal Men's Sheds, Care & Repair, Dementia support, Local Link, An Garda Siochana, Dublin Fire Brigade, Libraries, Sports and Active Travel hosted stands providing information and advice for older people. To coincide with this event, the Pavilions Shopping Centre held a fashion show with older models displaying clothing available from retailers in the centre for older people.

## **Fingal Integration Office:**

# LAIT, Ukraine Support, Community Integration Forum and Migrant Strategy.

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 centres.

The latest accommodation statistics as of October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 have been provided by the LGMA (Local Government Management Agency) and UCTAT (Ukrainian Crisis Temporary Accommodation Team).

Geographical	ВОТР	IPAS
Area	Residents	Residents
North County	59	54
Mid-East	311	1545
Dublin 15	0	607
Total	370	2206



### **Employment Skills Day for BOTP Residents**



On 1<sup>st</sup> October, in partnership with Intreo and the management of an accommodation centre in the Fingal area, the LAIT hosted an employment market skills session in the accommodation centre.

This provided an opportunity to BOTPs living at the centre to get support with CVs and register their interest in employment with a large hotel and property management company who also gave a talk at the event. 28 registered at this event, representing about 33% of the target group.

### Integration, Health and Wellbeing Conference



On 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October, LAIT staff attended the Integration, Health and Wellbeing Conference hosted by Limerick County Council.

This two-day event showcased a broad range of services and initiatives across Limerick with examples of good practice shared nationally amongst the many Local Authority Integration Teams in attendance.

## **Ukraine Support**

The Integration Office has provided funding to support the delivery of events tailored towards Ukrainians living in Fingal. With the support of Fingal Integration, the Ukrainian Volunteers of Ireland will be holding a Cultural Christmas event for Families and running an arts and crafts project for individuals living in a BOTP accommodation centre. The group are also expanding their Symbol of Hope exhibition with funding provided by the Integration Office, which will be on display in County Hall this November. The Fingal Ukrainian Support Group will host a stall at the Fingal Christmas Market in Swords Castle to promote the integration of Ukrainian people within Ireland through Art pieces, with funding provided by the Integration Office.

## **Community Integration Forum**

The Community Integration Forum continues to meet regularly. This forum creates a co-ordinated response from the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community and other new arrivals. The most recent meeting was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 with the final meeting of the year to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025. The Forum was originally tasked with assisting Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection. However, in line with the evolving situation, work has expanded to include:

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- 4. Beneficiaries of Temporary Accommodation (BOTPs).

### **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.

€279,432.52 of funding has been approved to date in in 2025 with further applications to be approved before year end.

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.

€190,708.00 of funding has been approved to date in 2025

# ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION, ACTIVE TRAVEL AND SPORTS DEPARTMENT

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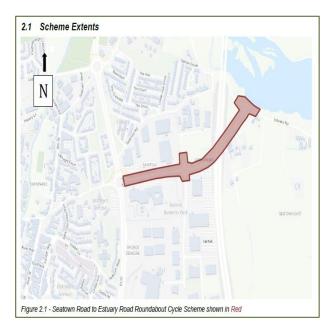
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### **Active Travel**

### **BLRS Area:**

### **Seatown Road Swords:**

A tender competition to procure a contractor to carry out the works has closed. Tenders are currently being evaluated by the Project Team. It is anticipated that the works will commence on site later in Q4 2025.



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

The Project Team has reviewed the options report, and it is currently being finalised by the Design Team. Once gateway approvals are received from the NTA, the project will proceed to the preliminary design phase. Further details will be presented to Councillors at ACM in due course.



## Junction of the R132 and Flemington Lane Balbriggan:

The Contractor has mobilised and commenced works on site at Flemington Lane Junction, Balbriggan. These works will be ongoing over the coming weeks, with traffic and pedestrian management in place. The proposed project is located at the junction of Flemington Lane and the R132 in Balbriggan, Co. Dublin. The Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Department of Fingal County Council intends to carry out upgrading works at this location to improve traffic safety, facilitate public transport, and support access to surrounding developments.



#### **Howth-Malahide Area:**

## Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

The extent of the scheme has been considered, and the brief and tender documents will be amended accordingly. A design team will then be appointed with a view to setting up public consultation at the earliest stage to the Concept Development and Option Selection.

## **Feltrim Road Active Travel Project**

This project is currently progressing well in the Preliminary Design Phase. The design team are currently taking the emerging preferred option and developing it into a preliminary design. To this end, supplementary surveys have been carried out. As part of this phase, the design team will also carry out a range of ancillary deliverables including Road Safety Audits, Road User Audits, Environmental Screenings, and a Preliminary Business Case.

### **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. An NTA workshop is due to take place in November 2025. 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 has been completed, and draft environmental & appropriate screening report comments have been issued from the Active Travel team to the design team for discussion. A non-statutory public consultation is being prepared.

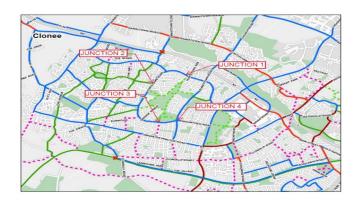
### **Castleknock to Dunsink Lane**

A tender competition to procure a contractor to carry out the works commenced on the 14th August 2025 and is now closed. Tenders have been evaluated by the Project Team. The standstill period has started and will finish on the 4th November 2025. It is anticipated the works will commence on site in Q4 2025.



### 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 has closed and a public consultation report is now published. Detailed design and procurement has now commenced.



## **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**

Detailed design activities across the integrated design team are ongoing and are progressing on programme. The construction tender documents are in the process is being drafted and reviewed by the Active Travel unit.



## **Balrothery Active Travel Plan**

The design team has identified an initial project from the Balrothery Active Travel Plan. This project is in the 'Concept Development and Option Selection' stage. These options will now be further developed and scored using a multi-criteria analysis.

The draft plan is now complete, and a strategic environmental assessment screening recommendation has been prepared. A 'determination' of this recommendation will now by sought by the Active Travel Unit.

### **Skerries Active Travel Plan.**

The optioneering phase is now underway with the detailed analysis of several proposed interventions to aid in the generation of the final report.

A workshop was conducted with internal FCC stakeholders to gather feedback and discuss the proposals. This proved to be beneficial, and the learnings gained in this workshop will be used to improve the proposals.

Meetings have been held with transport operators, such as Irish Rail and Bus Eireann, to ensure coordination between their projects and operations and the proposed active travel plan. Further meetings will be undertaken with these stakeholders as the programme proceeds.

An external communications consultation has being engaged to assist in the non-statutory public engagement process, which will commence in the coming weeks. Local councillors will be briefed on the proposals in advance of this consultation. These non-statutory public engagements will be advertised through all our social media outlets.

### Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop:

The Part 8 Planning Process concluded at the full council meeting on 9th June 2025. The proposal was approved at this meeting.

The project is now in the detailed design phase. FCC has continued to engage with the ESB and other utilities on the requirements to underground services on Harbour Road.

Consultation with the local stakeholders will be facilitated in advance of the construction phase in 2026.

These works have been split into two phases for construction with the works to the Red Island Loop, the car parks, link along South Beach to Dorn Lane, forms the initial phase. This will be followed by the works to Harbour Road as a separate contract and 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 the 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:**

This project is substantially complete, and the contractor has demobilised off-site. A number of snag items along the route are currently being reviewed in advance of being addressed by the appropriate contractor.

This project has proved very successful in providing safe walking and cycling facilities for vulnerable road users in the area.



### **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.

These works are currently underway and will be completed in the month of November.



### **Seapark Hill Active Travel Project**

This project is progressing on schedule, and the design team are currently designing the public lighting elements of the scheme, as well as incorporating a supplementary arborist's report that was deemed required.

The design team are also preparing the deliverables required to close off this phase of the project.

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

The brief has been drafted to appoint a multidisciplinary design team to bring this project from the Options Development Stage through to completion. The extent of the scheme and various other constraints are under consideration at present by the Active Travel Unit.



### **Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure**

Works associated with the provision of Bicycle Parking Infrastructure have been completed at the following locations:

Porter's Gate Green, Clonsilla, Dublin 15



Hayworth Drive, Ongar, Dublin 15



Dunsandle Court, Castleknock, Dublin 15



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### **Road Safety:**

### Safe Routes to School Round 1

All works are complete for the Safe Routes to School Round 1 program.

### **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

The preliminary designs for Scoil Bhríde Cailíní and Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí, located on Church Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, have been completed by the appointed designer and successfully reviewed by the Council. A detailed cost estimate has also been prepared and approved by the National Transport Authority (NTA), ensuring the project aligns with budgetary constraints and safety standards. The Section 38 Public Consultation for these schools is currently ongoing, marking a key milestone in the implementation process.

In addition, preliminary designs for St Helen's SNS, Limetree Avenue, Portmarnock; St Colmcille's Girls NS, Chapel Lane, Swords; and Holy Family JNS, Forest Fields, Swords have also been completed and reviewed. Cost estimates for these projects have likewise been approved by the NTA. The Section 38 Public Consultation for these schools is scheduled to commence in the coming weeks, representing the next phase in delivering safer, more sustainable travel routes for students across Fingal.

#### Safe Routes to School Round 3

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

- Broadmeadow Community National School (CNS)
- Donabate Portrane Educate Together National School (ETNS)
- Holywell Educate Together National School (ETNS)
- Malahide/Portmarnock Educate Together National School (ETNS)
- Scoil Mhuire Junior
- Scoil Thomáis
- St Nicholas of Myra National School, Kinsealy

Fingal County Council is actively progressing Round 3 of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programme, which aims to create safer, more accessible routes for students walking and cycling to school. The programme is currently in the early engagement phase, with An Taisce working closely with each of the selected schools to develop outline delivery plans tailored to the specific needs and context of each school community. This collaborative approach ensures that proposed infrastructure improvements are both practical and responsive to local conditions. The grant application for Round 3 has been approved by the Director of Fingal County Council and submitted to the National Transport Authority (NTA) for final approval. Once approved, the programme will proceed with pre-works surveys, paving the way for the next stage of design and implementation.

### **School Wardens:**

Our school wardens continue to work across the county withy the service to take a summer break from June 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 is currently identifying two areas adjacent to schools where temporary **School Streets** can be implemented during European Mobility Week. The initiative aims to enhance safety at the school front and encourage walking and cycling among students.

The schools under consideration for this initiative are:

- Gaelscoil Na Mara & Donabate Community College
- Thornleigh Educate Together National School

### **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.

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

Our Cycling Skills Courses in Holywell finished up on Saturday 25th Oct with a very successful group cycle around the Holywell area. This was the first time many of the participants cycled independently on live roads. Our courses will break now until the new year, but they have proved very popular and beneficial to all who have taken part





### Learn2Cycle with a Disability

Learn2Cycle with a Disability lessons are progressing very well, with continued demand for the lessons. Lessons are continuing in Rivervalley, Tyrrelstown and Luttrelstown.

Our next lessons are running in:

- Flemington Community Centre, starts 10/11/2025
- Tyrrelstown Community Centre, starts 07/11/2025
- Flemington Community Centre, starts Monday 10/11/2025

A full list of 2025 Courses is available on our website <a href="https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/mobility/learn2cycle">https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/mobility/learn2cycle</a>

Throughout 2025, we will have run approximately 40 Learn2Cycle with a Disability courses in Fingal.



### **Balance Bike Buddies - Halloween Party**

We finished our Balance Bike Courses for 2025 with a brilliant Halloween Party on the Learn 2 Cycle track in Millennium Park.

Over 80 children came along and enjoyed cycling, face painting, balloon modelling, a magic show and lots of fun activities.

Our Balance Bike Buddies Courses will resume in February 2026. We'd like to say a massive thank you to our wonderful coaches and all our participants who have joined us this year to start their cycling journey.



## **Utrecht - Study Tour**

A group of Fingal County Council Councillors, Planners, Engineers and Active Travel Staff undertook a three-day study tour to Utrecht in October. The purpose of the trip was to meet with representatives from the local municipality, experience the world class infrastructure and identify areas of best practice that could be implemented in Fingal



The tour provided the participants with a fascinating and inspiring insight into Dutch cycling culture and showed us what is possible as we continue to develop our Active Travel infrastructure.



## **Healthy Steps Projects**

Working in partnership with our colleagues in Healthy Fingal, we have been delighted to continue to expand the Healthy Steps Walking Groups around the County. The walks are led by trained walk leaders and participants can be GP referred or self-refer with the goal of using exercise as a way of combating illness.

We currently have walks in as follows:

- Newbridge House Fridays at 10:30am
- Parlickstown House Fridays at 9:30am
- Balbriggan Library Fridays at 11am
- Millennium Park Thursdays at 12pm



### **Castleknock Walking Group**

The Active Travel team have been working with residents in Castleknock to set up a new weekly walking group from the area. The group will hold their first walk on Tuesday 11th November at 11am. The meeting point is just inside the Castleknock Gate of the Phoenix Park. The gentle walk will finish with a tea/coffee at the Phoenix Park visitors centre.



### **Sparkpark - Precision Parking Technology**

In November, we will launch Irelands first precision bike parking technology system for shared mobility. Sparkpark are a Norwegian company part owned by EIT Urban Mobility. The system works using precision antennas placed over designated sheffield stand locations, in these locations, bike share users will not be able to finish their journey outside of the stand.

The technology ensures that bikes are parked responsibly, keeping the public realm free from obstacles that may inhibit people with reduced mobility, those with prams or people using mobility aids.

The scheme will initially focus on 10 locations in Dublin 15 in conjunction with Moby eBikes.



## **KINTO Join - Carpooling Platform**

In November, a joint project across multiple sections will go live. The Kinto Join sustainable travel platform will allow staff match up with colleagues who may provide a lift or need a lift to either County Hall or Civic Offices. The carpooling platform will verify each sustainable journey, including walking and cycling. The platform will be of particular use to staff who

The platform will be of particular use to staff who need to travel between offices and will help us track and monitor our staff travel habits throughout the year.

The Fingal County Council communities will go live from the 25<sup>th</sup> November and we will have information sessions in both locations.

The platform will play a key part in helping us promote sustainable transport and meet our climate action targets



### **The Fingal Second Spin Project**

Our Second Spin pilot scheme is up and running with the first recycled bikes delivered to teens who have been the victim of bike theft. The project is being run in conjunction with the Rediscovery Centre in Ballymun and as part of the project we provide teens who have experienced bike theft with an upcycled second hand bike free of charge. The scheme promotes the continuation of Active Travel for victims of bike theft while also helping to promote the circular economy by given older bikes a new lease of life.

The 'Second Spin' project recognises the emotional and practical impact that being a victim of bike theft places on a teenager and aims to give them back their independence while also giving older bikes a chance to be restored to their former glory.



The pilot project aims to repair and renew bikes that have been abandoned or donated and while they may not be a new bike, they will give Teenagers an opportunity to continue cycling. Participants will also have the option to re-donate their bike back to the scheme should they ever decide to purchase a new bike again.

Applying for the scheme is easy, if you are the victim of bike theft, simply fill out the application form below and we will be in touch.

https://forms.office.com/e/iX3z0TgTB0

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

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

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

- Choose from a folding e-bike or trekking ebike – 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 <a href="mailto:Emma.court@fingal.ie">Emma.court@fingal.ie</a>





### **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 <a href="mailto:active.travel@fingal.ie">active.travel@fingal.ie</a>



## **Fingal eBike Connect Scheme**

Following on from the success of the eBike connect scheme in Donabate/Portrane we are extending the scheme to the Skerries area.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest for Round 1 in Skerries and round 3 in Donabate/Portrane.

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 went out in August 2025 and due to the phenomenal demand and feedback we are doubling the number of bikes available, residents from Donabate/Portrane interested in applying for round 3 of the scheme can contact <a href="mailto:customercare@bleeperactive.com">customercare@bleeperactive.com</a> and they will take you through the process



### **Dublin 15 Bike Library**

The uptake for the Dublin 15 Bike Library is currently at 100%, however we are still seeking expressions of interest for the next 2 rounds. Interested participants can still sign up through the jotform and Bleeper Bike will be in touch.

https://form.jotform.com/241503900081343



The bike library offers participants a free threemonth 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.

## The Balbriggan Green Commute Project

The Active Travel Section in partnership with UCD and Irish Rail are running an electric bike pilot project in Balbriggan. Initially, we are seeking six people who currently drive to Balbriggan Train Station and use the train 3 to 5 days a week to take part in a 6-month trial.

Participants will receive **free use of an electric bike** along with **secure bike storage at the station**. The aims of this project are to:

- Reduce car journeys to Balbriggan Train Station
- Demonstrate the convenience of eBikes for commuting
- 3. Showcase the benefits of safe, secure bike storage at train stations
- 4. Support a greener, more sustainable Balbriggan

Participants will also be entitled to use the Bleeper Bike, Fingal Pass, which will give you 30mins free use of Bleeper Pedal bikes in all their operating zones across Dublin. Expressions of interest will open in early September, but if you have any queries, please contact <a href="mailto:Stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie">Stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie</a>



### **Wheelchair Tandem Bike Service**

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

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

This type of bicycle offers an opportunity for individuals with disabilities to experience the outdoors, get exercise, and engage in cycling activities in a way that wouldn't be possible on a traditional bike. If you'd like more information, email cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie

### **Cycling Without Age**

Over the summer Cycling Without Age has really taken off in Skerries and Malahide Castle with multiple trips per week in both locations. It has been fantastic to see such an increase in the service, with that though, we are on the lookout for new volunteer pilots for each area. If you would be interested in finding out more, please contact cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie



There are now two ways to book a Cycling Without Age Trishaw trip. Details below By Email:

<u>Cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie</u> with your name, preferred location, preferred date and time.

### Online:

Fill out the booking form <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/n9aTJLu7jd">https://forms.office.com/e/n9aTJLu7jd</a> and we'll be in touch.



### **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. In September the Community Car completed 67 trips, with 4 being cancelled, the continued growth of the Community Car shows us just how valuable the service is and we are actively working on ways to expand the service to other locations in the County. To book the service or to sign up as a volunteer simply call Flexibus on 046 9074830 email flexibus@locallinklmf.ie



#### **EVPZ**

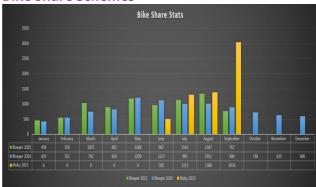
The Active Travel section in partnership with The ESB, Yuko and Go Car recently launched two new shared EV mobility hubs in Swords and Malahide. The hubs each have two electric vehicles on site with a dedicated charger in each location. The Pilot Project aims to increase the number of shared vehicle 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
July	42	2626km
August	67	3219km
September	61	2289km
October		
November		
December		
Total 2025		

### **Bike Share Schemes**



Overall, we had nearly 3,700 bike share journeys in Fingal for September.

### **Moby Bikes In Fingal**

Moby had a very strong month in September, completing 3,036 trips across Dublin 15. This equates to roughly 3 trips per bike per day. 3,036 Moby eBike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in September.

- Distance travelled by ebike = 10,925km
- Average Trip Distance = 3.21km
- > Thursday recorded the highest usage
- ➤ Average Trip Time = 14mins
- Estimated emissions avoided in Fingal this month was 1400kg



### **Bleeper Bike**

The Bleeper Bike Scheme continued to provide a valuable form of public transport for September, the trip numbers using Dublin Airport continues to grow. We removed the Bleeper Bike service from Dublin 15 in April due to vandalism.

This has greatly affected trip numbers in the West of the county in May, but we restarted our service in Castleknock Village, Blanchardstown Shopping Centre and Blanchardstown Village and have seen no increase in vandalism, we hope to continue expanding to the remaining Dublin 15 areas over the coming months.



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: 391 (29/09/2025)

Approved Applications: 280

**Refusal Reasons** 

Non-Fingal Residents: 7 No Bleeper Account yet: 104

### **Bleeper Bike Monthly Report**

03 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in July

There were an additional 264 Journeys that took place outside of Fingal using the Fingal Pass

992 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in April

Sundays (19%) and Mondays (14%) recorded the highest usage

Howth, Baldoyle, Sutton and Castleknock Village were the most popular starting points. Estimated emissions avoided in Fingal this month: 191kg of CO2 (Plus an additional 51kg from external Fingal Pass trips)

### **CLIMATE ACTION**

## **Fingal Sustainable Energy Communities**

Fingal County Council, with the SEAI SEC mentors, arranged a workshop with the SEC's in Fingal to discuss barrier to progressing Energy Master Plans and Projects.



### **E2CUTIES**

Work is progressing on the second deliverable for this project: *Progress of the Dublin Pilot Site*.

## **LASNTG Climate Action Training**

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

# Our Balbriggan- Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar

The Climate Team presented to the Our Balbriggan Leadership Group on the methodology for the development of the Decarbonisation Zone Plan for Balbriggan. The Climate Team continue to support the implementation of the Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar Action Plan.

### **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.

### **Harnessing Bioeconomy Solutions**

On 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025, staff from the Climate Action Team attended a conference on Harnessing Bioeconomy Solutions for Climate Adaptation at the Teagasc facility in Co. Meath., which was supported by the CARO Office. Presentations were given by Tipperary and Donegal County Council on projects in their Local Authority.

### **Decarbonisation Dublin Summit**

The Climate Action Team attended the Decarbonisation Summit organised by Codema



### **Community Climate Action Fingal Grant**

Minister Darragh O'Brien from the Department of Climate, Environment and Energy, launched the Community Climate Action Fingal grant on 20th October. The €1.127m fund is open for applications from not-for-profit community groups, organisations and clubs. Projects that are eligible must reduce carbon emissions such as upgrading building insulation, doors and windows, heating, and fitting solar panels on the local hall or sports club, a heat pump, composting food waste, new recycling bins, planting trees and increasing biodiversity. The maximum grant for any individual application is €100k. Anyone wishing to apply should visit the webpage and view the information and then contact the Community Climate Action Officer Sinead Fox. The grant closes on Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

Applicants are advised to start the application as soon as possible. Harnessing Bioeconomy Solutions for Climate Adaptation.



### **ENVIRONMENT**

## **Environmental Awareness:**

## Screening of Losing the Thread: The Cost of Fast **Fashion**

The short film Losing the Thread: The Cost of Fast Fashion, created by the four Dublin local authorities about the consequences of fast fashion, premiered at the Lighthouse Cinema in Smithfield on 3rd October. The event brought together Mayors and Councillors from all four local authorities, stakeholders in sustainable fashion, and secondary school students for an exclusive screening. Following the film, attendees engaged in a lively panel discussion on the environmental and social impacts of fast fashion. Students also participated in workshops facilitated by An Taisce's Let's Fix Fashion programme and the Relove Fashion Competition. A clothes swap organised by Circular Fashion Ireland proved highly successful, with 200 items of clothing exchanged.



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## Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti (ALAG) projects

This summer, forty community groups across Fingal received funding through the Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti (ALAG) grant and have been working on projects aimed at improving their local environment. Most of these initiatives are now in their final stages. A notable example is the Portmarnock Community Association's collaboration with street artist Envoy to paint the bathing shelters on Portmarnock Beach (which the ALAG grant went to part funding). Students from Portmarnock Community School were actively involved in the creative process, making this a true community effort.



## **Community Leaf Mould Composting Project**

The Community Leaf Mould Composting Project is in full swing, with over fifty community groups participating. Many of these groups have partnered with local secondary schools, inviting students to assist in setting up compost cages and delivering educational talks on the benefits of composting leaves. This initiative not only promotes sustainable practices but also fosters environmental awareness among young people.

### **Waste Prevention and Circular Economy Tour**

Transition Year students recently visited the Estuary Recycling Centre as part of the autumn programme. During their visit, they attended a talk on waste prevention and the circular economy model, followed by a guided tour of the facility. These sessions aim to highlight the role individuals can play in reducing waste and supporting a circular economy.

### **Recycled Bikes Project**

Two adult bicycles and nine children's bikes were donated schools with students with additional needs through the Active Travel team. This initiative promotes physical and mental well-being while contributing to carbon reduction efforts.

### **Green Halloween**

Halloween provided an opportunity to promote sustainable practices by promoting sustainable celebrations. While the season is traditionally associated with creativity and fun, it also generates significant waste from plastic decorations, costumes, and single-use sweet wrappers. To address this, ecofriendly tips and mid-term activities for children were shared on the Environmental Awareness webpage, encouraging families to celebrate in a more sustainable way.



### **Media Engagement**

Media engagement supported these efforts, with interviews conducted to raise awareness of greener Halloween practices. Helen O'Callaghan from the Irish Examiner featured tips for parents, while Maurice O'Connor from Community Radio Kilkenny discussed sustainability during Halloween festivities.

### **Social Media Campaign**

Complementing this, a social media campaign focused on the correct disposal of seasonal waste items such as costumes, pumpkins, and batteries, reinforcing the message of responsible waste management.



## **Litter Management**

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

- Investigate and report on all D365 cases 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 September to quantity 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 warden to call to business in industrial estate regarding securing and removing of bonfire materials (pallets, tyres etc).



### **Litter Fines & Warning Notices - October 2025**

Month	No of Fines issued	No of Warning Notices issued
January	16	1
February	9	2
March	18	1
April	15	0
May	16	4
June	23	2
July	38	5
August	16	0
September	17	0
October	26	0

There were four cases before the district court in October.

### **Litter Management Cases for October 2025**

Cases for October 2025	Number
Muck on road	2
Inspection of bring banks	316
Inspection of dumping black spots	612
Unauthorised signage	1
Request for Dog fouling signs	3
Report of dumping from a car	2
Report of dumping 1 – 20 bags	10
Surveys	42



### **Abandoned Vehicles**

From 1<sup>st</sup> January – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025, 357 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles have been received by the Environment Department. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

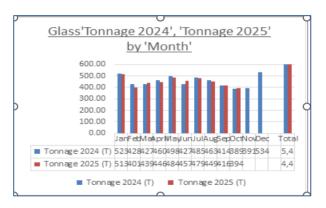
The Litter Wardens carry out an initial inspection of all reported abandoned and burnt-out vehicles. To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should be emailed to <a href="mailto:environment@fingal.ie">environment@fingal.ie</a>

- 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: <a href="https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles">https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles</a>

	Abandoned V	Abandoned Vehicles Lifted		hicles 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	0
August	0	0	0	0
September	0	3	0	0
October	0	5	0	0
November	0		0	
December	0		1	
	7	15	10	4

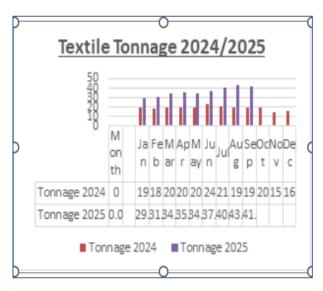
### **Bring Banks & Bottle Banks**



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Glass volumes collected in October 2025 were 395 (T). This compares with a collection figure of 389 (T) in October 2025.

### **Textiles Banks**



Textiles collected in September 2025 were 41 (T). This compares with a collection figure of 19 (T) in September 2025.

### **Animal Welfare**

### **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  $192 \times 10$  Day Notices and 38 Fines issued by the dog wardens to the 29th of Oct 2025.

Month	10 Day	Notices	Fines Issued		Fine	s Paid
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	217	10	20	3	€1,997.50	€550
February	297	82	38	5	€2,135	€2,244
March	234	87	40	15	€2,525	€1,121
April	277	85	35	11	€2,073	€1,770
May	408	99	38	15	€2,420	€4,443
June	247	81	58	12	€2,180	€1700
July	29	82	88	12	€3,550	€1221.50
August	15	224	52	29	€4,600	€2200
September	29	104	23	25	€2,919.70	€3750
October	15	192	13	38	€2,321	€3700
November	104		19		€2,185	
December	0		5		€1,700	
TOTAL	1872	1046	429	165	€30,606.20	€22,699.50

The Animal Welfare Section created 43 cases relating to dog incidents from 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2025 to 29th of October 2025. The Animal Welfare team also successfully dealt with 1592 emails in the period in relation to Control of Dogs.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1 <sup>st</sup> of October 2025 to 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	10
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	4
Env - Dog on Person Attack	4
Env – Dog warden assistance, garda request	2
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	6
Env - Surrendered Dog	0
Issue with Dog	13
Dog Signage Requests	0
Env- Stray Dog	4
Grand Total	43

### **Dog Licences**

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 to 29<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 in comparison with the same months in 2024. An annual dog licence fee is €20, and a lifetime dog licence fee is €140. We will continue to promote the requirement for a dog licence on social media platforms. It is a legal requirement to hold a valid licence for any dog you own or are responsible for under the Control of Dogs Act 1986. Failing to hold a valid licence for a dog that you are own or are responsible for can incur a fine.

Month	Annual Lie Purchased			Lifetime Licences Purchased		m
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	1078	954	87	66	€33,740	€28,320
February	1010	846	62	56	€28,880	€24,760
March	810	855	58	61	€24,320	€25,640
April	918	838	64	46	€27,320	€23,200
May	1193	939	90	64	€36,460	€27,740
June	1045	795	87	47	€33,080	€22,480
July	843	808	49	52	€23,720	€23,440
August	865	897	67	72	€26,680	€28,020
September	762	719	47	43	€21,820	€20,360
October	804	609	65	45	€25,180	€18,480
November	654		46		€19,520	€
December	310		20		€9000	€
Total for year	10, 292	8,260	742	552	€309,720	€242,440



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

#### **Dog Shelter Service**

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 October there were 8 dogs in the shelter. Up to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025, 5 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 4 were surrendered by members of the public.

Of these 17 dogs 2 were reclaimed, 2 were rehomed to Rescue and 3 were rehomed to members of the public. As of 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 there were 9 dogs remaining in the shelter. The shelter has a **Facebook page Dublin County Dog Shelter** and **Instagram Account @dublincountydogshelter** which they actively update with strays and dogs wishing to be rehomed.

Dogs in Shelter at the end of October 20 <mark>2</mark> 4	19	Dogs in shelter at 30 <sup>th</sup> of October 2025	9
PTS	2	PTS	1
Rehomed to Public	6	Rehomed to Public	3
Rehomed to Rescue	6	Rehomed to Rescue	2
Reclaimed	0	Reclaimed	2
Surrendered by owners	8	Surrendered by owners	4
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	5	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	5
Dogs in Shelter at the start of October 2024	20	Dogs in Shelter at start of October 2025	8





Meet Pixie who is still available for rehoming. Pixie went on trial for Customs and rescue but came back as too much of a pet. Some more training needed in a home environment, however she will thrive with the right owner.

Contact the Shelter on **0873914008**, **WhatsApp or Facebook** for further information or to book a viewing.

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

Facebook: Dublin County Dog Shelter

Instagram: dublincountydogshelter

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A social media campaign was run in the lead up to Halloween giving practical advice to keep dogs safe during the fireworks. This was shared on all social media platforms and on Staff Messages





### Horses

During October a total of 4 horses were seized from the public realm. Weekly welfare inspections and monthly vet inspections continue at Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. Hay feeders are filled weekly to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill. There are 12 hay feeders being filled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill.



### **Waste Enforcement & Regulation**

the month of October, the Waste Enforcement Section continued work on the Fingal County Council Segregation, Storage Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste Bye-Laws project. To date, a total of 3,224 households, suspected of not participating in a waste collection service, were contacted to confirm how they're managing their waste. Households unable to prove they were in compliance with the Bye-Laws were reminded that non-compliance can result in the issuing of a Fixed Payment Notice. This has resulted in over 200 new bin accounts being put in place since the beginning of the project.

While the vast majority of households have demonstrated compliance with the Waste Bye-Laws, the project will continue with a view to ensuring all households are participating in a waste collection service and managing their waste as per the Fingal County Council Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste Bye-Laws.



Door to door inspection revealed that:

- approx. 5% of houses visited were noted to be vacant,
- 29% were managed by a property management company and had communal bins in place,
- 16% had a bin sharing agreement with a neighbour or relative,
- 42% were engaged/engaging with a waste collector and
- 8% disposed of their waste at an authorised facility.

In tandem with the project, anti-dumping media posts are being displayed on Fingal County Council social media sites during the month of November and December as well as video clips highlighting the Waste Bye-Laws Project and the important of participating in a waste collection service plus the dangers of engaging the services of an unauthorised waste collector with no waste collection permit in place.



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### **Waste Complaints**

During October, a total of 28 waste related complaints were recorded and 17 were fully investigated and resolved. 11 are currently under investigation by waste enforcement officers.

Types of Complaints 🔻	Oct-25
Fly/ Tipping/Illegal Dumping	3
Unauthorised C&D sites	0
Unauthorised ELV sites	1
Unauthorised Tyre Dumps	0
Unauthorised Waste Collectors	3
Unauthorised Waste Activities	0
WFP Sites (Permit Expired)	0
Extractive industries	0
HH Waste - Backyard Storage	14
Article 27	0
Non-routine inspections	1
Total	22

These complaints related to household backyard burning/storage of waste, unauthorised ELV sites, fly tipping/dumping, and unauthorised waste collectors. A number of enforcement notices were issued to ensure compliance with the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended and the Waste Presentation Bye-Laws. A breakdown of the types of complaints investigated in October is shown in above graph.



The number of waste related complaints received to date in 2025 has increased compared to previous years partly due to the fact that multiple complaints about the same issue have to be recorded as separate complaints for the purposes of RMCEI reporting and in accordance with EPA guidelines on complaint recording.



### **WEEE Inspections**

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

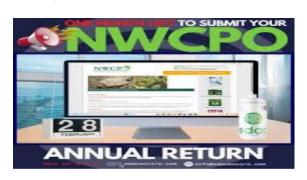


During October, 7 WEEE and 7 battery inspections were undertaken, with only 1 compliant premises. Most premises were unregistered and were directed to register with a compliance scheme and follow the requirements of the legislation by displaying a certificate of registration and statutory notice, and provide takeback of WEEE and batteries.

### **Annual Returns**

Article 20(2)(e) of the Waste Management (Collection Permit) Regulations 2007 and Article 19(3)(d) of the Waste Management (Waste Facility Permit and Registration) Regulations 2007, ensures that waste permit holders in Ireland maintain and submit detailed records of their waste activities. These records are managed through the National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) online portals and validated using a national protocol. The data is vital for tracking waste generation, recovery, and disposal, and supports environmental compliance and enforcement at local, regional, and national levels.

There are 113 Annual Returns to validate for Waste Collection Permit Holders and 20 for Waste Facilities. Currently 103 have been validated.



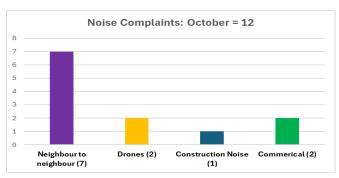
The initial task, which was carried out in April, was to identify permit holders who did not submit their AR by the deadline of 28 February and contact them to seek their submission.

From May to date, desktop validations of all submitted Annual Returns were undertaken, ensuring that the waste data returned was in line with previous years, matched returns from other permit holders, the right List of Waste codes were used, and that the waste data was returned in the correct tabs. Where significant issues were identified at the desktop validation stage, or where issues were identified in the previous year's validation exercise, site inspections were scheduled to check the waste data returned against the permit holder's records. 10 inspections were undertaken in 2025. Where noncompliances were identified, enforcement action was initiated to ensure compliance with the Waste Collection Permit Regulations.

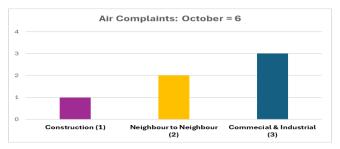
#### **Air and Noise**

### **Air & Noise Complaints**

A total of 12 no. noise complaints were received and investigated during October. Complaints were received regarding neighbour-to-neighbour noise, drone delivery noise, construction site noise and noise associated with commercial activities.



A total of 6 no. air complaints were received and investigated during October and these included complaints regarding construction dust, neighbour-to-neighbour air pollution issues and complaints about emissions from commercial and industrial units.



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 14 no. Planning applications referred by the Planning Department during October. 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.



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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.



### **Water Quality Protection**

### **Bathing Water Quality Report 2025**

The Bathing Water season ran from the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2025 – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

9 of the identified designated bathing areas were sampled on 8 scheduled occasions during the 2025 season while the remaining designated bathing water namely Balbriggan Front Strand was sampled on 16 scheduled occasions as Balbriggan Beach was in a status of "change" for 2025. Bathing water quality was also sampled and monitored at Malahide Beach which is a non-identified beach.

2 rounds of sampling were also carried out at Irelands Eye and Balscadden. The identified and non-identified bathing waters are listed in Table 1.

Table 1.

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

#### **Interpretation of Results**

Bathing water quality sample results are rated as being either Excellent/Good/Sufficient or Poor depending the number of Escherichia Coli (E.Coli) and Intestinal Enterococci (Enterococci) identified in each water sample. **Appendix 3** details the bathing water status achieved in every sample collected and tested at each of the bathing areas in 2025;

### Water Quality 2025:

90% of bathing water sampling results returned in 2025 were determined to be of "Excellent" Status with 6% of samples returning as "Good" Status and the remaining 4% of samples determined to be of "Poor" Status. 3 of the 4 Poor results were caused by urban wastewater discharges with the 4<sup>th</sup> Poor result attributed to bird contamination.

A breakdown of 2025 scheduled bathing water samples collected and tested from the 10 designated bathing areas is detailed below in **Appendix 4**.

2025 Identified Waters Individual Classification					
2025 Season Samples	Excellent	Good	Sufficient	Poor*	Total
Scheduled	88	6	0	4	98

All 9 bathing water samples collected and tested at the non-designated bathing area at Malahide were found to be of Excellent water quality in 2025.

### **Weather During 2025**

Summer 2025 in Ireland was provisionally the warmest on record, with a mean temperature of 16.19 °C a significant increase of 1.94 °C above the long-term average. This warm trend was driven by a warmer-than-average June and July and this would have aided bathing water quality due to the intensity which can reduce bacterial count in waters. However, despite the high temperatures, rainfall was mixed, with a wet June and close to average rainfall in July. The heavier than normal rainfall in June and July contributed to agricultural and urban runoff. It also resulted in an increase in stormwater overflows during this period, which have the potential to impact coastal environments.

Storm Floris brought about the closure of all bathing waters on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2025 due to the forecast of strong winds and heavy rainfall which realised as predicted.

Rainfall levels detailed below were recorded at Dublin Airport from 2020-2025 and in 2025 were just slightly above the long-term average. However, it should be noted that most of this rainfall fell in June, July and September.

Tota	Total rainfall in millimetres for DUBLIN AIRPORT 2025					
Year	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
2025	41	79	80	31	91	324
2024	36	30	37	36	59	201
2023	36	49	149	119	123	477
2022	48	44	30	35	128	284
2021	84	13	73	65	42	276
2020	9	70	99	87	61	326
Long Term Average	60	67	56	73	84	314

### **Incidents and Actions**

There were 28 bathing water incidents raised and acted upon and managed during the 2025 bathing water season. 18 of the bathing water incidents were incidents which arose due to prior weather warning notices, with 9 incidents arising due to urban wastewater discharges and the 1 remaining incident due to bird contamination.

10 of 18 prior weather warning notices raised were raised due to the forecasted Storm Floris in early August which brought about very heavy rainfall and strong winds as predicted.

In terms of urban wastewater discharges there were 3 significant urban wastewater discharges on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July 2025 which are considered to have contributed to the Poor Water Quality results returned at that time for Balbriggan, Claremont and Rush North designated bathing areas. E.Coli concentrations on that day at Balbriggan were found to be 15,531 MPN/100. There was also one bathing water sample collected at Balbriggan on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2025 which was affected by bird contamination.

### **Bathing Water Classifications:**

The bathing water assessment and classification is carried out in accordance with Schedule 6 of the Bathing Water Quality Regulations 2008 and as per the Regulations, the mandatory requirement for bathing water quality over a 4-year assessment period is at least "sufficient".

Classification of a bathing water is based on a calculation including 4 years of bathing water quality results, using a percentile evaluation of all bacterial enumerations in the data set.

Each bathing water is given a bathing water classification of "excellent," "good," "sufficient" or "poor" based on scheduled water quality sample results for the current year's results and the previous 3 years.

Fingal County Council's analysis of the 2025 bathing water data finds that there were some significant bathing water improvements and achievements attained in 2025 with the restoration of 2 bathing areas, namely Skerries and Burrow to "Excellent" water quality status. This brings the total number of "Excellent" designated bathing areas in Fingal to 5. were also significant water improvements at Loughshinny ("Sufficient" to "Good") and Portrane ("Sufficient" to "Good") while a major achievement was accomplished in Balbriggan where water quality at this bathing area was reclassified as been "Sufficient" after successfully undergoing a "change" in status process. Balbriggan was previously at Poor status prior to the change process. All remaining 5 beaches maintained there 2024 bathing water status. There are no longer any beaches in Fingal of a "Poor" water quality standard. The EPA will confirm classifications of each bathing water by the 31st of December 2025. The classification assigned by the EPA following the 2025 bathing season is likely to be as follows:

"Excellent"	"Good"	"Sufficient"	<i>u</i>
Excellent	"Good"	Sufficient	"Poor"
Donabate			
(no change)			
Portmarnock	Rush South	Howth,	
(no change)	Beach	Claremont	
	(no change)	Beach	
		(no change)	
Rush North	Loughshinny		
Beach	(improved		
(no change)	from		
	"Sufficient to		
	"Good")		
Skerries	Portrane	Balbriggan	
(improved	(improved	(improved	
from	from	from	
"Good"to	"Sufficient to	"changes" to	
"Excellent")	"Good")	"Sufficient"	
Sutton			
(improved			
from			
"Good"to			
"Excellent")			

### **Blue Flag Beaches**

Water quality at Fingal County Council's two blue flag designated bathing areas, namely Portmarnock, Velvet Strand and Donabate, Balcarrick Beach remained at "excellent" water quality for 2025.

Donabate Balcarrick Beach also holds a Green Flag as a designated Green Coast Award Beach.

### **SPORTS OFFICE**

### **Xplore TY Skills Expo**

The Sports Office were delighted to exhibit this year at our Economic Development Depts 'Skills Expo' in the Helix DCU. This gave the team a chance to give students a flavour of Careers in Sport including Sports Development, Sports App Development, Personal Training and Sports Medicine.

The Office also used it as an opportunity to launch the TY Sports Leadership Programme which will give students opportunities to complete Sports Coaching Badges including work experience and a Bursary towards Personal Training Qualifications.





### **Sports First Aid**

Following two successful Basic Sports First Aid Training workshops with 60 participants, representatives from 5 clubs underwent an Accredited Defibrillator Qualification in Holywell Swords.

This training upskilled participants in treating Cardiac Arrest using Defibrillators available in the clubs and has been a very welcome and useful addition to the Sports Office 'Coach Education Series'.



### **Autism in Sport and Disability Inclusion Training**

October was a particularly busy month for Education and Training for inclusive sport which is the focus on promoting inclusive practices in sport. Over the course of the month, a total of three training courses were delivered, engaging 56 participants in total. These included two Autism in Sport courses and one Disability Inclusion course, each designed to equip coaches, volunteers, and educators with the knowledge and tools needed to create more accessible and supportive sporting environments. The positive uptake and high levels of engagement across these sessions reflect a growing interest and commitment within the sporting community to foster inclusivity and better support individuals with disabilities. The success of these courses highlights the continued importance of education in driving change and building awareness at all levels of sport.





### **Autumn Programmes**

The indoor Autumn programmes got underway at the start of October. Fingal on the Move, Active for Life and Parent/Toddler started an 8-week block of fun, accessible, community-based exercise programmes.

With 30 classes taking place throughout the county, the aim of these programmes is to promote physical activity, social connection, and well-being within the community.

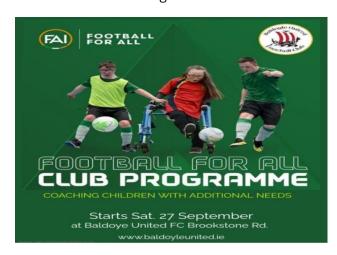


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### **Baldoyle Football For All Launch**

Baldoyle United launched a football for all programme to invite children from the community into their club. The launch was well attended with 10 families taking part and participants returning for sessions in the following weeks.



### **European Week of Sport**

The European Week of Sport took place from September 23-30. This year's theme was Move More, Scroll Less, encouraging a focus on physical activity to improve both physical and mental health. We had over 1000 people participate in initiatives throughout the week such as; BMXing, canoeing, hiking, social dancing for older adults, school fitness classes, soccer for all tournament, a boccia blitz for people with disabilities and an autism in sport workshop.



# Social Dancing for Older Adults - Swords / Balbriggan / Blanchardstown

As part of the European Week of Sport this year we supported some local social dancing events to encourage older adults to get active and also give them the opportunity to socialize in their local area. Gleb North FC hosted the Balbriggan event, Fingallians GAA hosted the Swords Event and Coolmine Set Dancing group hosted the Dublin 15 event. All events saw an increase in new members taking part.





#### **Football for All Blitz**

As part of European Week of Sport, Dublin City Council and Fingal Sports Office hosted a football blitz for adult day services at the FAI Headquarters in Abbottstown. The event brought together teams from both areas to compete for trophies across three different ability levels. While there was a competitive element, the blitz was full of fun and enjoyment, with all participants leaving with a smile — and something to take home.





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### ARCHITECTS DEPARTMENT

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Refurbishment of Vernacular Housing on Parochial Avenue

### **Parochial Avenue Project**

The Architects Department has recently completed a refurbishment project on Parochial Avenue, Baldoyle with a view to reletting the vacant properties.

Works involved the refurbishment, low energy upgrade and conversion of 2 no. existing, terraced cottages to 3 no. high quality, age friendly homes. The dwellings are located at 8, 9 & 10 Parochial Avenue, within the Baldoyle Architectural Conservation Area.



Figure 1 BEFORE - As 2 Dwellings



Figure 2 AFTER - As 3 Separate Dwellings

The design approach was sympathetic to the existing structures, originally constructed in the early 1900's.

House No.8 was converted back to two separate 1-bedroom dwellings, reinstating the original design.

The existing, single storey structures underwent a full interior thermal upgrade. The internal masonry walls and window reveals were insulated to mitigate damp and condensation. Existing floors were replaced with new insulated concrete slabs. During repairs to the main roof timbers, the original roof slates were sensitively removed and stored on site until they could be reinstated. New dropped ceilings were created, and attic spaces insulated.

The extensions to No's 8 and 10, later additions to the original structures, were demolished, due to structural issues. New, energy efficient rear extensions were constructed to each of the three dwellings, containing upgraded kitchens and age friendly wet rooms. The cottages underwent a full mechanical and electrical refit, with heat pumps and underfloor heating installed.



Figure 3 BEFORE - Toilet and Wash Facilities



Figure 4 AFTER - Age-Friendly Toilet and Wash Facilities

Refurbishment of the front elevations of the cottages was carefully considered to complement the existing streetscape.

The existing windows and doors were in poor condition with a mixture of the original timber and more recent uPVC additions. They were replaced with double glazed, hardwood sash windows and doors, whose design and appearance reinstated the original character of the streetscape.





Figure 5 BEFORE and AFTER - Sash windows upgrade

The existing stone windowsills were sand blasted to remove flaking paint, and a thin coat of new render was applied to the facades.

The project has successfully delivered 3 no. warm, comfortable, energy efficient, 1-bedroom homes with due consideration given to their location in an Architectural Conservation Area.

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#### **Rates**

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of October 2025 is running at 93.3%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€156.37m
Rates collected %	93.3%

### **Development Levy Income**

Development levy income collected to the end of October is €26.7m.

Development Levy Income YTD Oct 2025					
Levies Receipted	€26.7 m				
Levies Collected as a % of 2024	37.5%				

### **Payroll**

Overall payroll spend to the end of October was €72.3m which is c. **103.6%** of budget YTD.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€72.28m
Percentage of Budget YTD.	103.6%

#### **Procurement**

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

No. of contracts awarded	227	
(details below) for year to		
date		
Value €m	67.5m	
Procurements ongoing at		
end of October		
No. of procurements	12	(i)
awaiting tender responses		
Value €m	31.3m	
No. of procurements under	37	(ii)
evaluation		
Value €m	55.6	
No. of procurements at	17	(iii)
approved		
Value €m	9.7m	

#### Notes:

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

# Appendix 1 Revenue Account – Income & Expenditure

### REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31 OCTOBER 2025

	EX	(PENDITURE			INCOME		NET	
	Expenditure	Adopted Full	%	Income	Adopted Full	% Budget		
	€	Year Budget	Budget	€	year Budget	Raised	€	
		€	Spent to		€			
			date					
Housing & Building	98,703,672	123,749,800	80%	102,378,806	126,862,200	81%	-3,675,134	
Road Transport & Safety	29,574,477	36,814,800	80%	8,711,413	9,063,700	96%	20,863,065	
Water Services	8,782,322	13,233,400	66%	10,263,785	15,070,000	68%	-1,481,463	
Development Management	20,758,710	25,261,800	82%	8,820,030	10,206,000	86%	11,938,680	
Environmental Services	41,307,949	48,948,700	84%	8,893,109	8,761,100	102%	32,414,840	
Recreation & Amenity	50,879,751	59,101,400	86%	3,200,688	4,375,600	73%	47,679,062	
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,548,144	1,575,200	98%	404,636	422,700	96%	1,143,508	
Miscellaneous Services	16,335,345	21,053,000	78%	23,764,063	29,588,900	80%	-7,428,717	
Central Management Charge	51,004,678	59,137,800	86%	3,303,962	4,073,900	81%	47,700,717	
Local Property Tax / GPG				10,583,583	12,700,300	83%	-10,583,583	
Rates				139,792,917	167,751,500	83%	-139,792,917	
	318,895,048	388,875,900	82%	320,116,992	388,875,900	82%	-1,221,943	

# Appendix 1 – continued Capital Account – Income & Expenditure

CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/10/2025									
	INCOME & EXP	Balance at 0/01/2025 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/10/2025 €				
Α	Housing & Building	- 9,686,875	263,873,114	- 204,238,184	48,922,035				
В	Road Transport & Safety	9,980,266	27,109,207	- 19,134,484	17,954,989				
С	Water Services	- 10,327,807	1,879,425	- 1,893,547	- 10,341,929				
D	Development Managemer	- 175,344,430	42,525,457	- 24,360,283	- 157,179,256				
E	Environmental Services	- 15,418,209	2,930,661	- 875,070	- 13,362,618				
F	Recreation & Amenity	- 11,766,355	34,164,387	- 15,496,023	6,902,009				
Н	Miscellaneous Services	- 42,102,959	11,824,673	- 12,647,681	- 42,925,967				
	Total	- 254,666,369	384,306,924	- 278,645,272	- 149,004,717				

# Appendix 1 – continued Summary of Corporate Debtors

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/10/25								
	Balance at 01/01/2025	Balance at 31/10/25	Current debt	> 1 Year				
	€	€	€	€				
RATES	687,390	11,192,854	10,522,994	669,860				
LOANS	2,130,037	1,877,237	157,934	1,719,302				
RENTS	10,032,929	8,825,814	3,089,326	5,736,488				

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

# Appendix 2 Number of Contracts Awarded to the end of September

Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Legal Address	Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Actual Duration (months)	Contract Award Date
Mechanical Bulb & Wildflower Planting 2025	Flower your Place B.V.	De Oude Wijk 15, 2771, WT, Boskoop	€155,868	01/09/2025	31/12/2025	4	23/10/2025
Resurfacing a section of the Baskin Lane, Kinsealy, Co Dublin and ancillary works	Roadstone Limited	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€120,051	03/11/2025	28/11/2025	1	22/10/2025
Estate Wall Repairs Newbridge Demesne - Phase 2	Francis Haughey Construction Ireland Ltd	21-23 St. Patricks Street, Keady, Co. Armagh, BT60 3TQ	€418,889	22/09/2025	19/01/2026	5	21/08/2025
Supply and Delivery of Bicycle and Scooter Racks to Multiple Locations for Fingal County Council	IPL Group	Slane Road, Drogheda, Co Louth	€27,260	30/10/2025	30/04/2026	6	08/10/2025
Lift Maintenance and Repair Services for Fingal Buildings	FAIN Ireland Ltd	Unit 6 Broomhill Business Park, Broomhill Road, Dublin 24	€50,000	09/10/2025	25/09/2026	12	26/09/2025
Consultancy Services for segregated cycle network, footpath improvements and public realm space along the R132 in Balbriggan through Dublin Street, Drogheda Street along the R132.	DBFL Consulting Engineers	Ormond House, Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin 7	€709,699	29/10/2025	28/10/2028	36	29/10/2025
Purchase of 8 Battery Electric Vans	Gowan Auto Ltd	Unit 2007, Orchard Avenue, City West Business Campus, D24	€709,099	21/10/2025	20/10/2026	12	21/10/2025
Solar Power Signage Contract 2025	PWS Signs Ltd	Ravensdale, Unit 10 Northlink Business Park, Coes Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth	€46,470	22/09/2025	22/03/2026	6	28/08/2025
Donabate Portrane Library Loose Furniture	Tona Commercial Interiors Ltd	The Harbour Kilcock, Co. Kildare	€25,285	21/10/2025	21/04/2026	6	21/10/2025

Provision of event management services for a programme of events at Swords Castle and Carnegie	Invictus Events Management and Consultancy Ltd	Unit 3 Pairc Glas, Rathcormac, Co. Cork		01/09/2025	19/12/2025	4	23/10/2025
Library (Sept to Nov 2025)	,		€79,970				
Provision of event management services for a programme of events at Swords Castle and Carnegie	Invictus Events Management and Consultancy Ltd	Unit 3 Pairc Glas, Rathcormac, Co. Cork		02/05/2025	31/08/2025	4	23/10/2025
Library (June to August 2025)			€74,179	04/40/0005	0.4 /0.0 /0.00=		24/42/222
Corduff Park Improvement Works, Blackcourt Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Sole Sport and Leisure Ltd	Unit 8 Rosemount Business Park, Sinnittstown Lane, Wexford	€2,019,348	01/12/2025	01/08/2027	20	21/10/2025
Policy and Economics Consultancy Services to Develop a Comprehensive Business Sustainability Strategy - "Future	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	13-18 City Quay, Dublin 2	£114 904	29/08/2025	28/02/2026	9	29/08/2025
Fingal: Fingal Sustainability Strategy" Engineering Consultancy Services for Emergency Stabilisation Works for Skerries Pier	Ayesa Consulting Engineers	H5 Oak Road, Centrepoint Business Park, Dublin 12	€114,804 €38,673	27/10/2025	27/03/2026	6	20/10/2025
Upgrade works at Sluagh Hall Project for Fingal County Council at Sluagh Hall, Spittal Hill, Lissenhall, Swords	Mullacurry Construction Ltd	Mullacurry, Dromin, Dunleer, Co Louth	€199,735	07/08/2025	28/11/2026	15	07/08/2025
Project R132 Flemington Lane Junction Upgrade and Maintenance Works	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	13A Fernhill Road, Annaclone, Banbridge, Co Down, BT32 5AF	€1,171,218.0 0	10/10/2025	09/10/2028	36	10/10/2025
Racecourse Park Baldoyle - detailed design and tender preparation	Civic Engineers Ltd	36 Lad Lane, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2	€641,920.00	23/05/2025	23/09/2027	28	14/05/2025
Resurfacing of a section of Harbour Rd, Howth	D.M Morris Ltd	13 Parklands Office Park , Southern Cross Road, Bray, Co Wicklow	€344,729.50	21/10/2025	21/11/2025	1	17/09/2025
Permeability Works at Beverton, Donabate, Co. Dublin	KT Civil Ltd	Corrydonlon, Rathowen, Co. Westmeath	€138,350.00	14/10/2025	14/04/2026	6	06/10/2025
Establish a Single Party Framework Agreement for Student Enterprise Programme with initial contract for 2025 - 2026	Sharon Rossignuolo T/A Coach Executive Ireland	43 Latchford Square, Castaheany , Dublin 15	€40,000.00	01/08/2025	01/08/2026	12	11/06/2025

1 ' ' '	Nuzum Road Services	The Mill House, Ballyshannon,		29/09/2025	26/10/2025	1	15/09/2025
Installation of Antiskid for the Howth Road Cycle Lane	Ltd	Kilcullen, Co. Kildare	C110 FF0 00				
Provision of Tenancy Sustainment Services & Waste Management for	Bridge Housing	39 Uppercross Road, Rialto, Dublin 8	€118,550.00	16/04/2025	01/04/2026	12	16/04/2025
Council tenants residing at Ballough Place, Lusk, Co. Dublin			€53,600.00				
Purchase of up to 5 no 45 - 50 KW Compact Tractors	Maher Tractor Sales Ltd	The Bush, Dunshaughlin ,Co Meath	€36,000.00	16/09/2025	15/09/2026	12	16/09/2025
Resurfacing of the Hartstown Link Road, Junction with Ongar Distributor Road, Dublin 15 and	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11		08/10/2025	20/11/2025	2	11/09/2025
ancillary works.			€102,842.50				
Hire of 1 Rubber Wheeled 180° Backhoe Excavators with Full Complement of Multiple Size Buckets, Rock Breaker and	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire	Grougha. Ring Commons, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin		13/10/2025	12/10/2026	12	03/10/2025
Operators For Fingal County Council Stormwater Operations			€66,986.00				
Upgrade of the existing overflow car park at Porterstown park. To include SUDS features, ducting, lining and traffic calming measures		Ardee Road, Dunleer, Co. Louth	€844,114.00	10/10/2025	09/10/2026	12	03/10/2025
Resurfacing of Red Arches Road Cycle Lane	Tarstone Road Maintenance Ltd	Easton House, Carranstown, Duleek , Meath	€58,000.00	06/10/2025	24/10/2025	1	29/09/2025
Concrete footpath construction in a serious of batches from 3 - 6 square meters at Ard Na Mara Malahide Co	Clar Con Construction Ltd	Cnon-Glas, Jordanstown, Lusk, Co Dublin		22/09/2025	17/10/2025	1	11/09/2025
Dublin			€39,670.00				
Project and Portfolio Management System (3 years)	NextGen PPM Ltd	Calle Angel Burna, Spain		01/09/2025	31/08/2028	36	01/09/2025
			€50,000.00				
The provision of building surveying and Inspection services in	ABL Surveyors	26/27 Upper Pembroke St, Dublin 2		26/09/2025	28/02/2026	6	01/09/2025
connection with social housing.			€104,350.00				

Supply, Delivery and Installation of Loose Furniture to Skerries Carnegie Library, Strand Street, Skerries, Co. Dublin, K34 FT61	Bushell Interiors Ltd	12 Heaney Ave, Park West Dublin 12	€85,504.16	24/09/2025	24/03/2026	6	24/09/2025
Remedial Works to traffic signal infrastructure at the Churchfields Link Road project (PSI-034) in Damastown, Dublin 15	Traffic Solutions Ltd	Unit 5, Block K, Manooth Business Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare W23 D981	€236,188.30	01/10/2025	31/12/2025	3	26/09/2025
Supply of 2 x PowerEdge R760 Servers	Dell Technologies	Innovation House, Cherrywood, Dublin 18	£29,426.46	01/10/2025	30/09/2028	36	10/09/2025
Technical Advisory Quantity Surveying Consultancy Services for Work stages (ii)(c) to (v) for Design and Construction of 32nr units and works at Park Road, Kenure, Rush, Co. Dublin	McGahon Surveyors Ltd	Block 1 Quayside Business Park, Mill Street, Townparks, Dundalk, Co. Louth	€59,470.00	25/07/2025	25/01/2029	42	11/07/2025
Technical Advisory Civil and Structural Engineering Consultancy Services for Work stages (ii)(c) to (v) for Design and Construction of 34nr units and works at Woodside, Swords, Co. Dublin	_	Arena House, Arena Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18	€60,000.00	25/07/2025	25/01/2029	42	11/07/2025
Geoenvironmental Consultancy Services at Quay Street Balbriggan Co Dublin	ARUP Ltd	1 Albery Quay, Co Cork	€147,350.00	08/09/2025	09/03/2026	6	05/09/2025
Delivery of New Public Artwork for Harry Reynolds Road	John Kindness	London	€42,750.00	06/10/2025	06/09/2026	11	26/05/2025
Park development works including boundary fencing, entrance gateway works, footpath and associated works at Bleach Green, Lucan	KT Civil Ltd	Corrydoniion Rathowen, Co. Westmeath	€268,005.56	05/08/2025	05/12/2025	4	28/07/2025
Services of Event Managers for Fingal Xplore Your Future TY Skills Expo 2025	Whitelight Consulting Ltd T/A Whitelight Events	60 Bryanstown Village, Dublin Road, Drogheda, Co Louth, A92 X00N		01/09/2025	28/02/2026	6	01/09/2025
			€29,700.00				

	MCM Surfacing Limited	Castlelumney, Dunleer, Co.Louth		22/09/2025	09/03/2026	7	21/08/2025
Traffic Calming Ramps Contract 2025			€204,356.40				
Inspections of Playgrounds/ Skate parks /Fitness Equipment and Multi Use Games Areas in Fingal County	Play Services Ireland Ltd	705 Lisburn Enterprise Centre, Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 2BP		08/09/2025	08/09/2027	24	05/09/2025
Council			€383,150				/ /
Slipform kerb and bituminous footpath construction at Baskin Cottages Co. Dublin	Postmount Buildings Ltd t/a Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	Ballymore, Rathoath, Co. Meath	€56,481	01/09/2025	26/09/2025	1	25/08/2025
	Siac Bituminous Products Ltd	Monastery Road, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin		20/09/2025	20/11/2025	2	11/09/2025
Resurfacing of Clonsilla Road Dublin 15			€131,135				
Summerfields Blanchardstown Footpaths	Citius Ltd	Club Road, Ballymount, Dublin 22	€37,240	15/09/2025	15/10/2025	1	11/09/2025
Provision of Arts Services to Manage and Deliver Cultural Development Objectives Fingal County Council	Peninsula Art Productions Limited	77 Carrs Mill, Donabate, Co. Dublin K36 HY26	€160,000.00		10/09/2027	24	10/09/2025
Resurfacing of Castleknock Drive & Meadows Castleknock Dublin 15	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€74,700	01/09/2025	01/11/2025	2	11/06/2025
Resurfacing of Village Heights Residential Estate Mulhuddart Dublin 15	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	11 Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 2SA	€25,726	01/10/2025	01/12/2025	2	01/09/2025
Provision of Professional Services to Support Development and Delivery of Key Initiatives within Swords Cultural Quarter for Fingal County Council	Linda Shevlin Arts Services Ltd	St. Patrick Street, Boyle, Co. Roscommon	€250,000.00		10/09/2027	24	08/09/2025
Fixed Voice services (Interim Contract)	Eir Ltd	City West, Saggart, Co. Dublin		01/09/2025	31/08/2026	12	25/08/2025
			€90,000				
The Refurbishment of Existing All Weather Pitch Facility at Ward River	JN Cummins & Co ta Premier Pitches	Mayfield, Cashel, Co. Tipperary		01/09/2025	01/10/2025	1	20/08/2025
Valley Park, Swords, Co. Dublin			€123,123.00				

Slipform Kerb and Bituminous Cycleway, Concrete footpath and ancillary works - Chapel Rd Kinsealy	Formac Construction Ltd	60 Upper Main Street, Rush, Co. Dublin		04/09/2025	03/10/2025	1	25/08/2025
Co Dublin.			€185,105				
Countywide Bicycle Parking Infrastructure for Fingal County Council	KT Civil Ltd	Corrydonnellan, Rathowen , Mullingar, Co Westmeath		22/07/2025	30/12/2025	5	22/07/2025
			€68,925				
Technical Advisory Fire Safety & Disability Access Consultancy Services for Work Stages (ii)(c) to (v) for Design & Construction of 32nr	Eamon O'Boyle & Assoc	51 Cullenswood Rd, Ranelagh, Dublin, D06 X7P1		11/07/2025	10/01/2029	42	11/07/2025
units and associated works at Park			656.050				
Road, Kenure, Rush, Co. Dublin	5 015 1 0	54.0.11	€56,050	44 /07 /0005	40/04/0000	40	44/07/2025
Technical Advisory Fire Safety & Disability Access Consultancy Services for Work Stages (ii)(c) to (v) for Design & Construction of 34nr	Eamon O'Boyle & Assoc	51 Cullenswood Rd, Ranelagh, Dublin, D06 X7P1		11/07/2025	10/01/2029	42	11/07/2025
units and associated works at Woodside, Swords, Co. Dublin			€56,050				
Technical Advisory Fire Safety & Disability Access Consultancy Services for Work Stages (ii)(c) to (v) for Design & Construction of 30nr apartments and associated works at Blakestown Road / Huntstown Way, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	AFEC International Ltd	Newtown, Co. Dublin, K67 N237	€77,070	11/07/2025	08/01/2029	42	11/07/2025
Supply & Install Exercise Equipment	Outfit Outdoor Fitness	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co.	•	20/08/2025	19/09/2026	13	20/08/2025
at Corduff Park	Equipment Ltd	Mayo	€36,960				
Purchase of incidentals (stock from all other lots)	Multiple Suppliers		€35,000	15/08/2025	14/08/2026	12	15/08/2025
Purchase of non-service stock	O'Mahony's Booksellers	120 O'Connell St, Prior's-Land, Limerick, V94 H6Y8	€75,000	15/08/2025	14/08/2026	12	15/08/2025
Purchase of foreign language material	O'Mahony's Booksellers	120 O'Connell St, Prior's-Land, Limerick, V94 H6Y8	€50,000	15/08/2025	14/08/2026	12	15/08/2025

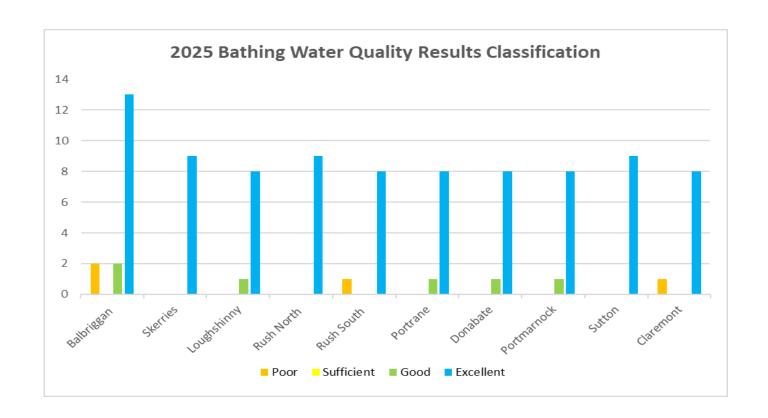
Purchase of graphic novels	O'Mahony's Booksellers	120 O'Connell St, Prior's-Land, Limerick, V94 H6Y8	€50,000	15/08/2025	14/08/2026	12	15/08/2025
Purchase of Irish language material	O'Mahony's Booksellers	120 O'Connell St, Prior's-Land, Limerick, V94 H6Y8	€50,000	15/08/2025	14/08/2026	12	15/08/2025
Purchase of junior and young adult books	International Education Services	Weston Industrial Estate, Salmon Leap, Backwestonpark, Leixlip, Co. Dublin	€180,000	15/08/2025	14/08/2026	12	15/08/2025
Purchase of adult non-fiction books	Irish Library Suppliers	270 Rathmines Rd Lower, Rathmines, Dublin 6, D06 C8Y8	€130,000	15/08/2025	14/08/2026	12	15/08/2025
Purchase of adult fiction books	O'Mahony's Booksellers	120 O'Connell St, Prior's-Land, Limerick, V94 H6Y8	€180,000	15/08/2025	14/08/2025	12	15/08/2025
Purchase of Road de-icing salt for Winter Roads Gritting Season 2025- 26	Salt Sales Co.	Fort Road, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland	€142,100.00	01/11/2025	31/03/2026	5	27/08/2025
Maintenance of Playground Equipment, MUGAS, Skateparks, Parkour, and Fitness Equipment in Fingal County Council Parks and Open Spaces	Sproai Linn Ltd	Ballygarran House, Kilmuckridge, Co. Wexford	€1,000,000.0 0	01/08/2025	31/07/2028	36	10/07/2025
Resurfacing of a section of Wendell and Redfern Avenue, Portmarnock, Co Dublin	John McQuillan Contracts Limited	Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 2SA	€93,037.65	18/08/2025	17/09/2025	1	30/07/2025
Community Centre Upgrades at Corduff Resource Centre	Vision Contracting Ltd	Melbourne House, Melbourne Business Park, Cork	€2,345,954.3 9	01/09/2025	31/05/2027	21	03/07/2025
Road inlay & Ancillary works, Old Airport Rd L-2015 Co. Dublin	D.M. Morris Ltd	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray Co. Wicklow	€260,910.00	01/09/2025	30/09/2025	1	08/08/2025
Construction of Naul Village Park	Vision Contracting Ltd	Melbourne House, Melbourne Business Park, Cork	€2,975,795.3 5	06/08/2025	12/10/2027	26	06/08/2025
Supply of playground equipment for Millenium park playground refurbishment for Fingal County Council	Spraoi Linn Ltd	Ballygarran House, Kilmuckridge, Co. Wexford	€49,950.00	01/09/2025	01/12/2025	3	19/08/2025
Newbridge Demesne - Walled garden boundary wall remedial works	Francis Haughey Building Construction Ireland Ltd	21/23 St. Patricks Street, Keady, Co. Armagh BT60 3TQ	· ·	02/04/2025	02/08/2026	16	02/04/2025

Interform Housing Web-based applications	Interform Ltd	6 York Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	€130,300.00	01/06/2025	31/05/2026	12	01/06/2025
NEC RDBA Service (Sept 2025 -2027)	Nec Software Solutions		€130,731.00	15/08/2025	01/01/2028	40 months	15/08/2025
Flavours Event Management & Production	Invictus Event Management & Consultancy Ltd	3 Parc Glas, Rathcormac, Cork, P61 WV48	€506,568.10	01/07/2025	10/07/2025	10 Days	02/07/2025
Footpath widening and surface improvements, Lanesborough Park , Dublin 15	KT Civil Ltd	Corrydonnellan, Rathowen , Mullingar, Co Westmeath	€84,235.00	11/08/2025	01/09/2025	3 weeks	11/08/2025
Chalfont Estate, Malahide, Co Dublin - Pipe Rehabilitation - UV CIPP Liner and Robotic cutting	USSR Underground systems and Sewer Repair Ltd	Unit 14 Golden Mile Industrial Estate, Breaffy Road, Castle Bar, Co. Mayo	€30,896.00	15/08/2025	15/08/2026	12	15/07/2025
Seapark Hill Active Travel Project	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates Ltd	The Highline, Bakers Point, Pottery Road, Dun Laoghaire	€98,710.00	21/05/2025	01/11/2027	30	21/05/2025
Purchase of 1 No. Jeep	Henry Ford & Sons	Boreenmamma Road, Balintemple, Cork	€33,225.00	08/08/2025	07/08/2026	12	08/08/2025
Purchase of 1 No. Electric Van	Setanta Vehicle Holdings	Setanta House, M50 Business Park, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	€50,830.00	08/08/2025	07/08/2026	12	08/08/2025
Purchase of 20 No. 7.5 Ton Diesel Trucks	MMC Commercials	Mitsubishi House, JFK Drive, Naas Road, Dublin 12	€1,400,000.0 0	01/08/2025	30/07/2026	12	01/08/2025
Development and implementation of the Fingal Tourism Strategy 2025- 2029 and Fingal Food & Drink Policy 2025-2029	Brouder Marketing	5A Humbert Street, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo	€600,000.00	01/08/2025	31/12/2025	5	01/08/2025
Road Surfacing Inlay and ancillary works, Balbriggan Street, Skerries, Co. Dublin	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ltd	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€102,266.00	24/08/2025	01/09/2025	1 week	01/07/2025
Concrete footpath construction in a serious of batches from 5 - 20 square meters at Asleigh Estate Castleknock Dublin 15.	John Browne Construction Ltd	Kelly Rahill & Co. 16 Town Hall Street, Co. Cavan	€36,540.00	04/08/2025	04/09/2025	1	16/06/2025

CCTV replacement works in Millenium park		2 Robinhood Industrial Estate, Longmile Road, Dublin22	€112,030.00	01/08/2025	28/02/2026	7 Months	25/07/2025
Concrete footpath construction in a serious of batches from 3 - 6 square meters in various locations in	Pavement & Road Surfacing Ltd	Westwinds, Windmill Hill, Rathcoole, D24 VY90		21/07/2025	08/08/2025	3 Weeks	21/07/2025
Bayside Co. Dublin			€37,825.00				
MUGA Upgrade for St. Catherine's Park, Rush		James Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo		18/07/2025	05/08/2025	3 Weeks	16/07/2025
			€115,590.00				
playground at Meakstown,		Greyabbey, Northern Ireland,		04/08/2025	04/02/2027	18	17/07/2025
Community Centre, Dublin 11		BT22 2LU	€88,105.72				
Full drainage system installed to full size pitch at Hazelbury Park	. •	Unit B10 Swords Enterprise Park, Co. Dublin K67 E920	€112,216.00	18/08/2025	17/11/2025	3	10/07/2025
Concrete footpath construction in a serious of batches from 3 - 20 square meters at Pace Road,	John Browne Construction Ltd	Kelly Rahill & Co. 16 Town Hall Street, Co. Cavan		23/07/2025	23/10/2025	3	16/06/2025
Littlepace, Ongar Dublin 15			€34,650.00				
Managed Print Services Contract	Datapac	Robinhood House, Robinhood Road, Dublin 22	,	26/08/2025	25/08/2026	12	11/07/2025
			€70,000.00				
Provision of support, maintenance and training for the existing 3D Models for Public Consultation		Unit 204, Business Innovation Center, Upper Newcastle Road< University of Galway	€37,500.00	06/06/2025	06/06/2027	24	04/06/2025
	Barry Transportation	Classon House, Dundrum Business Park, Dundrum Road, Dublin 14	€395,108.64	04/06/2025	02/07/2027	24	04/06/2025
	Swords Auto	Lawless's Yard, North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin		17/02/2025	06/03/2025	1	06/02/2025
			€42,934.96				
Repositioning of Seabees at Burrow, Portrane, Co. Dublin		Ring Commons, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	€77,886.00	02/09/2025	18/10/2025	2	09/07/2025
Commvault managed Service	Sureskills Ltd	2-4 Terminus Mills, Clonskeagh, Dublin 6 D06 VY62	€26,400.00	01/08/2025	31/07/2026	12	08/07/2025

Engineering Design Services for	Design ID Consulting	23LR Workspace, 23 Lisburn		09/06/2025	09/12/2026	18	30/04/2025
Rathmore Park Recreational Hub,	Ltd	Road, Hillsborough, B. Ireland,					
Lusk		BT26 6AA	€80,655.00				
Development pipeline analysis to	EY, Ernst & Young	Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, D02		01/06/2025	30/07/2025	2 Months	05/06/2025
inform preparation of Development	Business Advisory	YA40					
Contribution Scheme 2026-2028	Services		€65,000.00				
Road Surfacing Inlay, Ballymadun,	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin		21/07/2025	28/07/2025	1 Week	21/05/2025
Co. Dublin		24					
			€105,231.48				
Road Surfacing Inlay and ancillary	Breedon Surfacing	Rosemount Business Park		21/07/2025	28/07/2025	1 Week	30/05/2025
works, Fancourt Road, Co. Dublin	Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Ballycoolin Road Dublin 11					
			€159,110.00				
Flavours Transport Services	Marathon Training &	Suite 40, Block 5, Northwood		26/05/2025	07/07/2025	1.5	26/05/2025
	Events t/a Marathon	Court, Santry, D9					
	Safety Solutions.		€98,880.00				

Appendix 3 – 2025 Bathing Water Quality Results in Status Form



## **Appendix 4 - 2025 Bathing Water Quality Results**

Date:	Balbriggan	Skerries	Rush South	Rush North	Donabate	Portrane	Portmarnock	Loughshinny	Burrow	Claremont
09/09/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
08/09/2025	Excellent									
02/09/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
25/08/2025	Excellent									
18/08/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
11/08/2025	Excellent									
05/08/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent
28/07/2025	Excellent									
**28/07/2025	Excellent		Excellent							Excellent
21/07/2025	Poor	Excellent	Poor	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Poor
14/07/2025	Excellent									
07/07/2025	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
30/06/2025	Excellent									
23/06/2025	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
16/06/2025	Excellent									
09/06/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
03/06/2025	Poor	·								
26&27/05/202 5*	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent

## **Appendix 5 - NTA Active Travel Allocations 2025**

Project Code	Project Name	2025 Allocation		
	Fingal County Council			
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	e Project Name 2				
	Fingal County Council				
FCC/22/0012	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Road (Swords to Malahide)	€	725,000		
FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan - Coney Hill From Devlin Bridge to Bremore 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 Ghrainne 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 Buachailli	€	200,000		
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - Scoil Bhride Cailini	€	200,000		

## Appendix 5 - Continued

Project Code	Project Name	2025 Allocation			
	Fingal County Council				
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - St Colmcille's Girls National School	€	200,000		
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - Holy Family Junior National School	€	200,000		
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - St Helen's Senior National School	€	200,000		
FCC/25/XXXX	Castleknock Rd - Auburn Ave to gates of Pheonix Park	€	60,000		
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - St Nichola's of Myra National School	€	10,000		
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Scoil Mhuire Junior National School	€	10,000		
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Scoil Thomáis	€	10,000		
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Donabate Portrane Educate Together National School	€	10,000		
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Holywell Educate Together National School	€	10,000		
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Malahide/Portmarnock Educate Together National School	€	10,000		
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Broadmeadow Community National School	€	10,000		
	Total:	€	20,000,000		
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	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		
Subtota	d:	$\top$	€7,685,000		

# Appendix 6 Summary of Environmental Complaints and Inspections

Complaints / Inspections	Description	2023	2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025
	Waste (incl litter)	1,036	2,287	267	327
Complaints	Water and Wastewater	101	75	21	18
Complaints investigated	Air & Odour	37	54	23	18
	Noise	99	146	47	102
	TOTAL COMPLAINTS	1,273	2,562	358	465
	Routine Waste Inspections	1124	572	27	131
	Non-Routine Waste Inspections	416	463	134	213
	Litter Patrols & investigations	3232	6398	2124	3088
	Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	720	930	358	320
Inspections	Non-Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	133	136	25	13
	Routine Air & Noise Inspections	61	122	8	10
	Non-Routine Air & Noise Inspections	134	200	70	123
	Planning Inspections	416	630	241	203
	TOTAL INSPECTIONS	6,236	9,451	2,987	4,101

# Appendix 7 Housing Delivery Construction Programme Schemes on Site

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail		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	On-Site.	Q2 2023	,
	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Phase 1, Donabate	51 Affordable 87 Social 86 Cost Rental 86 Affordable	On-Site.	Q3 2023	Phased delivery
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/Castleknock / Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure		40 Social 80 Cost Rental 180 Affordable	On-Site.	Q4 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social		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.	`	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		13 Social 6 x 1 Bed 7 x 2 Bed	On-Site.	Q2 2025	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush- Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	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.	Q4 2024	Q3 2026

## Schemes on Site (Continued)

Balbriggan/Rush-	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries	14 Social	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Q1 2026
Lusk/Swords			<u>53.580404, -6.122225</u>	11x 2-Bed			
				3 x 3-Bed			
				1 x 4-Bed			
Balbriggan/Rush-	FCC	Social	Remount Court, Rathmore, Lusk	18 Social	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Q2 2026
Lusk/Swords			<u>53.521142, -6.161451</u>	2 x 1 bed			
				12 x 2 bed			
				4 x 3 bed			
Balbriggan/Rush-	FCC	Mixed	Baile na Móna Phase 1, Swords	123 Social	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Phased
Lusk/Swords		Tenure	https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1	151 Affordable			delivery.
			<u>nL2J9</u>				
Balbriggan/Rush-	FCC		Balmoston Phase 2, Donabate	72 Social	On-Site.	Q3 2025	Phased
Lusk/Swords		Tenure	53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	75 Affordable			delivery.

# Appendix 7 - 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.	ТВС	ТВС
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
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	ТВС	Tuckets Lane 53.385248, -6.066128 Google Maps	8 Social 4 x 1 bed 4 x 2 bed	On-hold	TBC	ТВС

# Appendix 7 - 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.	ТВС	TBC
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide https://maps.app.goo.gl/zfhguqQj7vYY RJB99	4	Pre-planning.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Social	Mayeston, Dublin 11  53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google  Maps	74	Pre-Planning	ТВС	ТВС
Balbriggan/Rush- Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QS BHQHp8	80	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC

<sup>\*</sup>The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.

### Appendix 7 - Continued CALF Delivery in partnership with Fingal County Council

Area Committee	AHB	Funding Stream	Scheme Name	No. of Units	Projected Substantial Completion*
Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk/ Swords	Tuath	CALF	Semple Woods	3	Q3 2025 - Delivered
Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk Swords	Respond	CALF	Meadow Banks, Oldtown, Swords	45 39	Q2 2025 - Delivered Q3 2025- Delivered
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	The Paddocks, Golf Links Road, Skerries	95 2	Q2 2025 - Delivered Q4 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	Q4 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
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	St. Josephs, Clonsilla Dublin 15	113	Q4 2026

<sup>\*</sup>The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to change