



Chief Executive's Management Report

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Chief Executive's Foreword

A major milestone in the MetroLink project was reached this month with the publication of the Railway Order by An Coimisiún Pleanála. Planning for the arrival of MetroLink by Fingal County Council has been proceeding for several years now and we are very pleased that the project will now advance with the granting of the planning permission. The route will take passengers directly from Swords to Dublin City in 25 minutes and will provide service users with a fast, efficient and sustainable service with trains every three minutes. The benefits for the people of Fingal, and further afield, will be immense as the service will be capable of accommodating up to 20,000 passengers per hour in each direction therefore easing traffic congestion and providing commuters with more transport choices to link with Dublin Airport, DART, rail and bus services and to the city. Economically, the project will mean the enacting of Master Plans to develop housing and explore economic opportunities along the route. MetroLink will be 18.8km long and will run from Swords to Charlemont with 16 stations, seven of them in Fingal. The Fingal stations will be Estuary, Seatown, Swords Central, Fosterstown, Dublin Airport, Dardistown and Northwood. Fingal County Council welcomes the news of the advancement of the project and we look forward to continuing the good working relationship with MetroLink as well as with all other stakeholders on the next phase of the works.

Enhancing Fingal County Council's online experience for our customers has been a focus as part of an overall transformation of digital services. 90% of local authority services will be available online by 2030 and will fundamentally change how people interact with their council. The latest improvement will give council tenants the flexibility to pay their rents online. This option will give our customers access to manage their rent accounts 24/7 as well as providing those who face challenges when accessing in person services with a more efficient way to make their payments. Of course, the existing methods of payment remain the same - Council cash offices will continue to accept in-person payments (cash, cheque, card) and payments over the phone. Tenants can also use a Rent Card, available upon request, to pay at An Post offices and BillPay retailers. Standing orders and the Household Budget scheme remain active payment options. To access the system, go to www.fingal.ie/council/service/rent-payment and follow instructions. Users need their Rent Account number and email address; they can pay rent, view charges, and clear any arrears. I hope that our customers find this to be an efficient and user-friendly means to manage their household finances.

I was delighted to have joined Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Tom O'Leary, representatives from Fingal County Council's Parks and Landscapes division and Meakstown Community Group in Meakstown recently for the official opening of the community garden.

Located adjacent to the Community Centre and children's playground, in the heart of the locality, the garden is a visual and sensory masterpiece for visitors and locals to enjoy. Designed by award-winning designer, Jane McCorkell, the garden is divided into three spaces containing urban elements, a forest bath, and simple landscape features. The layout and chosen plants and ornamental grasses really encourage and entice visitors to explore the garden and discover its sensory properties. All the materials that were used in the creation of the garden have come from council depots and demonstrate what can be achieved when you reduce, reuse and recycle. I wish to thank the Parks and Landscapes teams who worked collaboratively with Meakstown Community Group to see this project to fruition. Gardens are spaces for socialising, taking time for quiet reflection and to truly see biodiversity in action. I have no doubt that this beautiful space will be a much-loved amenity in Meakstown for the future.

With the weeks advancing and plans for trick or treating already beginning, it's a sure sign that Halloween is just around the corner! In Fingal, we have a proud tradition of celebrating Halloween with the fantastic Festival of Fire events comprising of a spooky themed live DJ followed by spectacular fireworks displays. This year, to enhance the Halloween celebrations, we are delighted to be 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 planned will complement the already stellar Halloween programme we have in place and will ensure enjoyment for all not just on Halloween night itself but throughout the month of October. Many of the events in our Libraries, Arts Centres and historic castles are free to enter and to whet your appetite, here is a snapshot of just some of the events on offer: Pumpkins After Dark in Newbridge House & Farm, Harvest Food Fair in the Séamus Ennis Arts Centre, Flip Animation Workshop in the Dráiocht Theatre, A Traitorous Tale in Malahide Castle & Gardens and Skerries Mills Family Fireshow Spectacular. All these and many more events are listed on www.fingal.ie/halloween I would encourage everyone to take the opportunity to visit some of these events as we celebrate the Samhain season - I'm sure a wonderful experience awaits you all.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Learning & Development Update

Learning & Development	Year to date
Number of courses	258
Number of Attendees	2480
Number of Training Days	2191

Throughout October, courses will be delivered in the areas of the Basic IT Skills for outdoor staff, Advanced Excel, Diversity & Interculturalism, Personal Effectiveness and many more.

Wellbeing Update

The Wellbeing Team are committed to creating a healthy, safe, and supportive environment for all staff. Our Wellbeing Programme continues to evolve, with a focus on promoting resilience, encouraging positive habits, and supporting every individual's overall wellbeing. This month, the Wellbeing team continued to build and support the four key pillars of the Wellbeing strategy through activities and resources.

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.

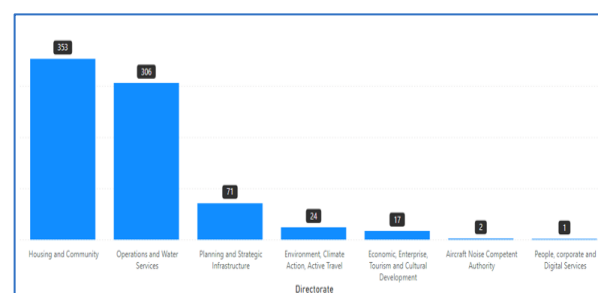
Customer Services

Customer Care Unit Statistics – September 2025

Total No. of Calls dealt with by CCU
9,987

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 September was 774 broken down by department as follows:



COMMUNICATIONS

Digital Statistics

The fingal.ie website had 144,340 visitors during September which was an increase of 9,243 from the previous period. The number of page views rose by 36,641 to 328,845 while the average time spent on the site reduced by three seconds to 1 minute and 51 seconds.

There have been 1,310,665 visitors and 2,880,045 page views since January and visitors have spent an average of 1 minute and 58 seconds on the site.

The most popular pages during September were: Major new housing developments for Balbriggan and Skerries officially underway. Our Affordable Housing Scheme page also had over 7,500 page views.

The Facebook account now has 42,682 followers and the number of views dropped by 30% to 1,604,330 from the previous month. There were 5,437 interactions. The most popular post was on September 17th about the newly redeveloped car parks in Balbriggan with 61,898 views and 292 interactions.

Instagram now has 16,100 followers and had 565,241 views for a reach of 37,272. There were 3,243 interactions which was an engagement rate of 8%. The most read post was about vacant homes with a reach of 16,631 and 194 interactions.

The number of LinkedIn followers is now over 12,000. There were 33,692 impressions and 575 reactions which was an engagement rate of 2%. The number of followers on X rose by 46 to 23,414 and there was an engagement rate of 2.45% from 142,411 impressions.

The WhatsApp channel now has 3,426 followers while the numbers currently following our other corporate channels are Threads (1,586), TikTok (1,163) and Bluesky (455).

For our YouTube Channel the number of subscribers rose by 27 to 1,870 in September. Total views rose by 26% from the previous month to 8,412. There was also a 137% increase in watch time from the previous month. Videos published included Culture House Update, European Mobility Week, and new housing developments for Skerries and Balbriggan. The video on the commencement of the major new housing developments was our most viewed video in the month. The Fingal Presidential Election prospective candidate nomination webcast accumulated 673 views.

Press Releases

There were 17 press releases issued during September, covering topics such as the sod turning of two major housing developments in Balbriggan and Skerries, the special meeting to consider Presidential nomination requests, and the launch of Fingal's Culture Night programme. Key coverage included RTE, Irish Times etc. covering the special meeting to consider Presidential nominations, along with the approval of planning permission for Dublin Airport's Pier 1 West extension.

Alongside this there was an RTE focus piece looking at the conservation work being done at Ireland's Eye, with a news item also looking at efforts to boost the number of teenage girls cycling.



Media Queries

Media queries received during September included questions about Presidential candidates, playground arson, allotments, and the Tenant-In-Situ scheme.

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Ireland Home of Halloween

Fingal County Council is one of seven destinations selected to receive funding as part of Fáilte Ireland's newly launched Home of Halloween Destination Development Pilot Scheme. The Council has received a first annual grant of €100,000 to develop and promote immersive Halloween experiences that are deeply rooted in local culture and traditions.



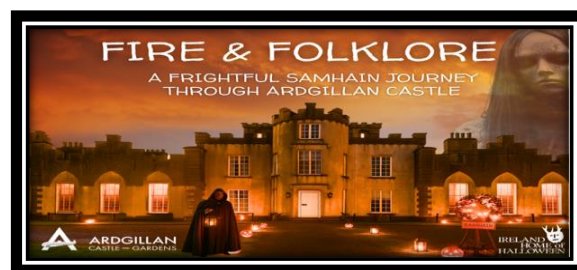
There is now a full programme of Halloween events, experiences and venues available on the Council's website and on the events website. Fáilte Ireland have also added all of the Fingal events to visitdublin.ie, and Ireland.ie as well as their own portal.

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

<https://www.eventsinfingal.ie/home-of-halloween>

<https://visitdublin.ie>

This programme is comprehensive, extending much further across the calendar than in previous years to drive additional visitors and economic activity across the county. There are over 80 Halloween experiences opportunities available in more than 23 locations showing the strong partnership of artistic venues, heritage properties and tourism businesses who are involved in making this happen alongside the Council's Tourism, Attractions, Events & Arts teams.



Tourism Strategy, Food & Drink Policy

A key focus in implementation of the tourism strategy and food and drink policy in September was the new collaboration framework which fosters collaboration between stakeholders within Fingal's tourism, food and drink sectors. A structured, multi-stakeholder governance model, the framework ensures that businesses, government agencies and community representatives work together efficiently to enhance tourism and economic growth in Fingal. Four strategic working groups established under the framework met for the first time this month focussed on the following:

- Product & Experience Development (visitor and attraction saleable experience enhancement)
- Industry & Economic Development (business development, investment, skills training, infrastructure, skills, job creation))
- Marketing & Sales (branding, destination promotion, sales)
- Community (tourism-community engagement)

EVENTS

The Fingal Festival of Fire takes place again this Halloween in partnership with the Home of Halloween

For information on this Free Family Fun Event www.eventsinfingal.ie



Festival and Events Funding for 2026

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.



Just over €70,000 in funding was awarded in September / October to support a wide range of festivals and events taking place across the County. The funding will help enhance community engagement, cultural expression, and tourism throughout Fingal.

The following festivals or events have been approved for funding

- Safer Blanchardstown
- Naul Gardening & Flower Club Annual Flower Show
- Howth Yacht Club 2025 Autumn League
- Ireland v India Men's International Cricket Series
- All Ireland Festival of Solo Piping & Drumming
- Skerries Eco Festival
- Lambay Rowing Challenge
- Clonsilla Heritage Festival
- Fingal International Open Ballroom & Latin American Dance Festival
- Gaelcon
- Coastal Music Festival
- Autumn International Cross County Festival
- Spookie Zombie Parade

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

Newbridge House and Farm

'At Home' is an exhibition of fourteen contemporary artworks in Newbridge House, running this September – November. It celebrates the role of the Academies of Dublin, London and Edinburgh and their contribution to collecting contemporary art. The curator at the House Cathal Dowd Smith, is offering curatorial tours each midday on Thursday 9th October, Saturday 8th November, and Friday 21st November.



For most of October Newbridge House will run a spectacular light display as part of the Home of Halloween festival in Fingal. Pumpkins after Dark promises to be a well-attended event, with large-scale and eye-catching displays of Halloween fare.



Swords Castle

The objectives of the Swords Castle conservation plan, include the aim of making as many enriching experiences and memories of Swords Castle for the local people as possible.

The local 49th Scouts Troop a.k.a. Swords Scouts camped inside the range in September. Over 120 youth members - from Beaver Scouts to Rover Scouts - enjoyed a medieval themed camp filled with fun activities, in the local historical landmark. This included orienteering, campfires, songs and camaraderie.

Feedback from the well behaved and polite young members focussed on how exciting it was to spend a night at the Castle.



CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT **ARTS** **Culture Night 2025**



Culture Night Fingal – Friday, 19 September 2025, was celebrated across Fingal with a programme of over 60 free events at 18 venues, showcasing the county's rich cultural landscape. This annual national event invited audiences of all ages to experience an exciting evening of creativity, heritage, culture, and community. Key highlights included a special event at County Hall, Swords, marking Fingal County Council's vision for Culture House, part of the upcoming Swords Cultural Quarter. The evening featured performances by the Forget Me Nots Choir, as well as exhibitions by Amanda Dunsmore and Dr. Declan Brady.

Interactive programming was delivered at Swords Castle and the Carnegie Library, including a songwriting challenge facilitated by Music Generation Fingal and a live youth poetry slam hosted by Sheila Ryder. Fingal Libraries offered family-friendly events at branches in Malahide, Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, and Swords, while D15 Youth Theatre hosted a taster workshop at Draíocht.

Visitors also explored Fingal's heritage sites, including Newbridge House, Malahide Castle, DIAS Dunsink Observatory, and the Casino Model Railway Museum. At Ardgillan Castle, attendees enjoyed live performances and the *Evolving Landscapes* art exhibition. Creative Places Balbriggan hosted networking sessions and artist-led talks.

Public Art

John Kindness Returns to Balbriggan



One of Ireland's most prolific artists is set to create new public artworks in Balbriggan. The first of which is planned for the Harry Reynolds Road. John has listened to local and interested communities during the development of his idea and the proposed "Harry's Wall" was met with resounding support on his recent visit to Balbriggan. The work will feature a series of ceramic elements representing the life of Harry Reynolds and the historical/social local contexts as part of the concept.

Artist in Residence at The Carnegie Amanda Dunsmore – Chamber Drawings for Culture Night, Swords.



Artist Amanda Dunsmore installed a unique exhibition at Fingal County Council's Chamber as part of the Culture Night Programme for Swords 2025.

Amanda is exploring the dynamics of local democracy as part of the Decade of Centenaries Legacy funding where Democracy & Politics and the history of local government are the focus for Fingal in 2025.

These performative drawings were created during live council sessions where the concentration of line relate to individual agenda items and the length of time discussed. The work is part of a bigger enquiry into **national and European democratic structures**.

Youth and Education



Music Generation Fingal welcomed music enthusiasts of all ages to take part in a unique music workshop at Swords Castle on Culture Night 2025. Participants were given the exciting challenge of writing and recording an original song from start to finish in just 60 minutes. Facilitated by our talented Music Educators Eoghan McGale and Ava Durran, the workshop offered an interactive, fun experience inspired by the sounds, ideas and incredible children and families participating on the night. Participants collaborated to write lyrics, to sing or speak a line, strum a string, play a beat and lots more. Each participant received a copy of the final recording to commemorate their involvement in Culture Night. The completed song also featured on the Ray D'Arcy Show, RTE Radio 1 on Monday 22nd of September, along with an interview highlighting the workshop and the wider Music Generation Fingal Programme.

Creative Places Balbriggan

The Creative Places Balbriggan project hosted *Creative Connections* on Culture Night on September 19. The event showcased 6 Balbriggan artists, some of whom were selected through an open call from the Arts Office to the local Scéal Arts Collective.

Over 75 community members attended the 2-hour event at the Our Balbriggan Hub, including local Councillors, who were treated to presentations from 6 of their brightest and accomplished local artists, sharing their journeys, inspirations and work. Aimed at connecting with younger members of the community in particular, those presenting on the night were author Kevin Curran and visual artists Maya Brezing, Antonio D'Souza, Alison O'Grady, Martin Hughes and Petra Skyvova. Some of the young community members welcomed were from the Balbriggan Youth Integration Forum and the Aisha Project from Balbriggan Community Council. *Creative Connections* was focussed on engaging 2 of its three main work pillars of Youth and Creative Industries.



Carnegie



In August, The Carnegie welcomed new resident community groups and artists. **Sing Fingal**, an inclusive choir comprising primarily residents of Swords, commenced its activities at the centre.

The choir promotes diversity and participation, with a particular emphasis on fostering community spirit through collective singing.

The Carnegie also welcomed **Melatu Uchenna Okorie**, writer and founder of the Rewrite Festival. Okorie's literary work addresses themes of migration, identity and storytelling, with a focus on amplifying underrepresented narratives. During her residency, she will engage young people through a programme of readings, community writing initiatives, and literary events designed to encourage dialogue and participation.

Draíocht

Summer 2025 has been a busy one in Draíocht. The D15 Youth Theatre presented their devised piece 'Ladybird or Beetle' to sold out performances. Summer projects included Filmmaking and Songwriting, recording & performing for 13 to 17 year olds. The 'Shapes and Structures' response space for children in the First Floor Gallery, based on Maria Atanackovic's Exhibition, 'Navigating Space' gave children the opportunity to respond in a hands on way. Structured workshops as well as time drop-in times over the July/August period increased family's access to our spaces and resources. It was a popular initiative with word-of-mouth recommendations from parents and repeat visits, increasing the footfall.

September will see us start a very busy performance period. Draíocht is presenting 4 shows in the Dublin Theatre Festival. The two children's pieces that are part of that programme 'The Maker' and 'The Leap' are sold out as in the preview of the Three Sisters. The latter has 'Derry Girl' Saoirse Monica Jackson headlining the cast and has proved to be very popular with a large waiting list for tickets.

Maria Atanackovic's Exhibition 'Navigating Space' runs until 20th September. Our next Exhibition, 'Unquiet Layers, works by Brigid Flannery' will open on October 15th. This Exhibition will be over both Ground and First Floor galleries.

The joint Fingal Arts Office and Draíocht Studio Artist Award, for September to December 2025, has been awarded to expanded printmaker, James McLoughlin.

Full details are available on www.draiocht.ie

The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

September saw the return of our indoor programme in the theatre and parlour, with live music, storytelling, art and music classes and art exhibitions in the Gallery.

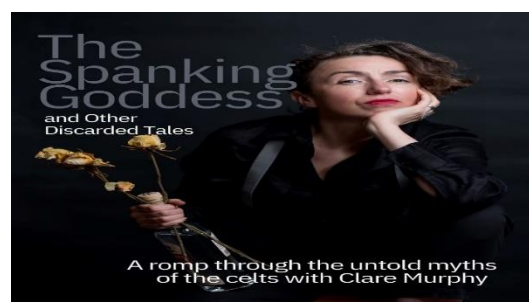
Music

Within traditional music, the **Céilí Beag** started up again for the autumn with 16 parents and toddlers being introduced to a different traditional instrument each week. **The Pop Up Gaeltacht, Singing Sessions** (14 in person, 13 online) and **Slow Sessions** (20 in person, 28 online) continued to support both learners and those more experienced in engaging with the Irish language, instruments and song. We welcomed Dubliner **Daoirí Farrell** (singer and bouzouki player), with support by singer/songwriter Seán Collins on September 18th, for a sold out show (91 attendees). Our **Music School** started up again for the autumn, with 40 students in person and 11 online studying the Uilleann Pipes, Guitar, Fiddle, Tin Whistle and Flute



Theatre, Cinema & Comedy

The month kicked off with a raucous evening of **storytelling with Clare Murphy** and her new show, **The Spanking Goddess and Other Discarded Tales** (sold out – 90 attendees). Following this was a Talk entitled, **'Is Bob Dylan now History? An Evening with Michael Gray.'** Gray is the pioneer of Dylan studies and the talk asked the question, 'Now that we're a quarter through the 21st century, can Dylan be anything more than an historical figure for young people today? A thought provoking an entertaining evening (50 attendees). Theatre returned to the Centre with **'The Murder of Wolfe Tone', written and performed by Paddy Cullivane**, recounting the life and death of Theobald Wolfe Tone through story and song (69 attendees). In Cinema, we showed the winning film, **Beat the Lotto** (22 attendees).



Visual Arts

Art Classes with award-winning artist Dave West (sold out – 18 participants) started up for the autumn term, this time focusing on painting with oils and drawing skills. Dave West, from Wales and now based in Balbriggan, has exhibited at the Centre before and we are delighted to have him in to teach the class.



Our **current exhibition**, 'I Can Buy Myself Flowers' by Tom Byrne ran until September 30. Known for his diverse range of work, including portraits, landscapes, and abstract pieces, often exploring themes of Irish history, culture, and spirituality. He creates luxurious textures in nuanced, lush layers of paint and structured layers of colour, creating a very tactile result.

Our **next exhibition**, 'Fine Point' kicks off on October 1 with extraordinary drawings by Gillian Clarke. The exhibition will feature a series of intricate, detailed drawings paying homage to the enduring art of the pencil. With a background in Environmental Science, the structure and form of the natural world have always interested her.

Her work is filled with contrasts — the smoothness of skin, the delicate fibres of wool, bright white porcelain on a dark background, the inherent nature of wood, the texture of water. Gillian was a finalist for the Zurich Portrait Prize in 2018, and in 2024 was shortlisted for the Derwent Art Prize in London. The exhibition runs until November 30.



Craft Workshops this month focused on Pottery with Christien Van Bussel, with an optional Crafternoon Tea to follow, always a big hit (sold out – 16 participants). October will be a bumper workshop month with workshops in glass working and herbs & hexes for adults and in cooking, pottery, glass working, woodworking, dreamcatchers for children.

Libraries

Autumn/ Winter Programming



Fingal Libraries programme for Autumn/Winter includes free events, workshops, and classes for all ages between now and the end of the year.

Irish language programming features **Bronntanas**, a new family-friendly Irish language festival from Gaeilge365 and Fingal Libraries. Bronntanas events took place across libraries on 26th and 27th September. Parents and children, regardless of their language ability, enjoyed this opportunity to hear and speak Irish at creative events in their community.

Fingal Libraries organised several events to raise awareness of Sustainable Development Goals Week (19th-28th September) including talks on composting, seed saving, bats, and birds and biodiversity.

A variety of Autumn/Winter workshops are programmed for children, including seasonal events and a sensory-friendly programme. In October, there will be workshops and an exhibition to mark **Open House Junior**, a dedicated weekend for children as part of the Irish Architectural Foundation's festival of architecture. A full programme of hands-on workshops for adults, teens and children takes place at the **Makerspace** in Blanchardstown Library.

Under the **Skills for Life programme**, talks and workshops will help people make informed choices about the technologies shaping our lives. Páraic Kerrigan will explore the potential and pitfalls of Artificial Intelligence. Journalist Aoife Barry will discuss media literacy, including verifying information and protecting data. Digital literacy classes will support people who may need assistance in using mobile phones for everyday tasks.

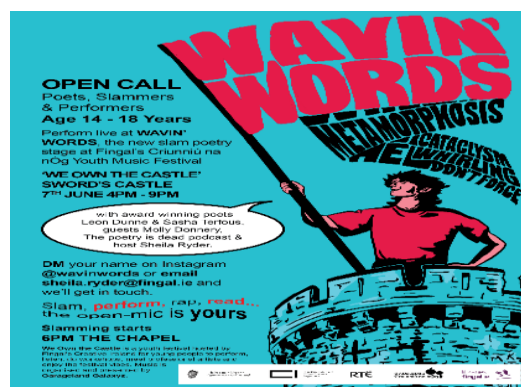
Libraries will host **age-friendly** exercise classes and health information talks on topics such as migraines and menopause as part of the Healthy Ireland in your Library programme. The full programme is available to view in the Autumn/Winter brochure: [Fómhar/Geimhreadh i Leabharlanna Fhine Gall 2025 Go leor le feiceáil...go leor le déanamh! Autumn/Winter in Fingal Libraries 2025 So much to see...so much to do! | Fingal County Council](#)

Politics and Democracy in Fingal, 1924-39



Politics and Democracy in Fingal, 1924-39 by historian Dr. Declan Brady's was launched on 22nd September at The Carnegie in Swords by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Tom O'Leary. This book is the first publication in a six-part series on politics and local government in North County Dublin. *Politics and Democracy in Fingal, 1924-39* is available free-of-charge through Fingal Library branches and as an eBook on BorrowBox.

Culture Night



Fingal Libraries hosted a programme of free cultural events across several libraries on Culture Night, Friday 19th September. Venues included Swords Library, Blanchardstown Library, Balbriggan Library, Malahide Library, Local Studies and Archives, where attendees enjoyed performances from bands, musicians and choirs, as well as creative activities for children. The Atrium in County hall hosted the Forget me Nots choir for a feel good and uplifting performance to celebrate the launch of the Culture House brand. The Chapel in Swords Castle was the setting for a 'Wavin' Words' poetry and music event, featuring audience participation from talented, enthusiastic teens and young people. Fingal Local Studies & Archives hosted a popular open evening featuring a tour of their collections and family history research advice from a genealogist.

Magic of Stories Festival



The Magic of Stories Festival made a triumphant return to Swords Castle on Saturday, 27th September.

Despite the rain, families arrived in their droves to Fingal's Children's Literature Festival, now in its fourth year. There was huge excitement as some of the biggest names in Irish children's literature arrived to delight their audiences. Live readings from acclaimed authors, including Eoin Colfer, Ciara Geraghty, Sarah Webb, Aoife Dooley, Erika McCann, Pádraig Kenny, and Chris Judge, captivated audiences of all ages, bringing stories to life in unforgettable ways. Meanwhile, creative workshops led by Ireland's top illustrators—Tarsila Krüse, Niamh Sharkey, Úna Woods, Steve McCarthy, Clive McFarland, and Ashwin Chacko—offered children the chance to explore their own artistic talents and connect with the magic behind the books they love. Every corner of the castle grounds offered something magical—from storytelling tents and puppet shows to circus acts, arts and crafts, orchestras and the ever-popular Book Doctor sessions. Fingal Libraries staff were on hand to welcome attendees, share information about library services, and encourage new memberships. ChildVision returned to share the magic of braille and accessible books with families and young readers. For anyone who needed a little break from the hustle and bustle outside, Fingal Additional Needs Respite were in The Quiet Zone with the sensory tent. This much-loved event continues to grow in popularity, remaining a cornerstone of the Fingal Library calendar as a day where all are welcomed to celebrate the power of books, imagination, and community.

Creative Ireland

8-Week Tinsmithing Taster Course



An 8-week tinsmithing taster course will commence at Matt Lane Community Centre, Balbriggan, in October.

Tinsmithing is an integral part of Traveller heritage, once a widely practised trade among Traveller men. Today, only one known practising tinsmith, James Collins, who is in his 70s, remains active in Ireland. The knowledge, skills, and cultural identity associated with this craft are on the verge of extinction. This project, in collaboration with Fingal Community Development Office and The Balbriggan Traveller Project, will provide participants from the local Traveller community with the opportunity to complete an 8-week taster course in tinsmithing, facilitated by James Collins. The course will cover the history and cultural significance of tinsmithing and safe use of tools and materials, along with hands-on training in cutting, shaping, and soldering tin and copper. The objective is to revive and preserve traditional tinsmithing in the Traveller community, provide hands-on, skills-based education, support cultural pride, community cohesion, and creative expression and lay the foundation for a longer-term course.

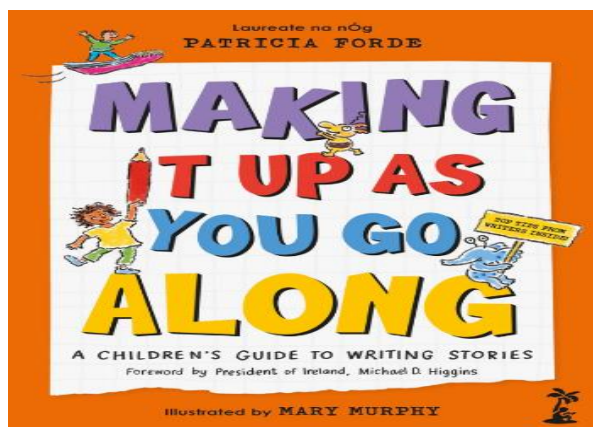
Schools programme- Dave Rudden



In November, author and veteran performer Dave Rudden will host two fun and fast-paced shows full of jokes, writing advice and readings from his monstrous new bestseller CONN OF THE DEAD - a short and snappy horror novel Goosebumps author R.L. Stine called 'my kind of book.' On the 21st November, Dave will be in The Lark theatre, speaking to over 300 students from Balbriggan schools. On the 22nd November, he will be in the Draíocht theatre for an already fully-booked group of over 250 students from Dublin 15 schools.

Dave Rudden is one of Ireland's best-known children's authors, and has travelled to hundreds of schools to yell at large groups of children about monsters, magic and mental health. With tons of interaction, spot prizes and an extremely hazardous Q & A, Dave's events are perfect for both dedicated book lovers and reluctant readers alike.

Schools programme- Laureate na nÓg



Laureate na nÓg Patricia Forde and children's author-illustrator Mary Murphy will hold four sessions over October 22nd and 23rd in The Carnegie Free Library with schoolchildren from Holy Family SNS, Swords, based around their newly published book, 'Making it Up as You Go Along: A Children's Guide to Writing Stories.' The sessions will encourage and inspire children ages 8-11 to get writing in a fun, interactive seminar, where they will have the chance to engage in exercises around drawing, writing and brainstorming. The sessions will culminate in a Q&A with the authors. The book includes tips on craft development from beloved Irish children's authors including Eoin Colfer, Catherine Doyle, Pádraig Kenny and Derek Landy, and the sessions will especially target children who don't already have an interest in writing, in order to spark their creativity. Fingal Libraries will be gifting copies of the book to the children. This is the second project this year that Fingal Libraries has worked on with Holy Family SNS, Swords, as we continue to foster a positive connection with an enthusiastic local secondary school.

Fingal Libraries is one of the three library authorities that the authors have chosen to promote the book with nationally, the others being Galway City Libraries and Limerick City Libraries.

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy Update – October 2025



- Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group Meeting was held on 15th September 2025.
- Inaugural Fingal Skills Summit scheduled for 18th November 2025 in Riase Centre, Feltrim Road, Swords
- Review proposals for Neuro-Inclusion Pilot with stakeholders for 2026

Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo – Update – October 2025



- Date: 14th October 2025
- Venue: The Helix

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

This year's Expo is set to be the largest yet with over 2,500 students from 22 schools across Fingal registered to attend and c. 80 exhibitors attending 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: 19th 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:

[Student Skills Competition 2025 | Fingal County Council](#)

Interreg Skyla Project - Update - October 2025



Interreg
Europe



Co-funded by
the European Union

- Meeting held in Bialystock (Poland) 30th September – 1st October 2025
- Review implementation of policy improvement and Identification of indicators to measure and monitor effectiveness of policy Improvements.
- Liaising with partners & key stakeholders on good practices.

URBACT-EcoCore - Update - October 2025

The EcoCore Project

Green Transition in Small Cities along Transport Corridors

- Final EcoCore transnational meeting took place on 24th September – 26th September 2025 in Dubrovnik, Croatia.
- Focus: Presentation of Integrated Action Plans.
- Workshops on local challenges and opportunities for green transition.



- Balbriggan's IAP document has been finalised and presented to partners.
- Final local event in Balbriggan being planned for December 2025.



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

Podcast episodes available to listen here:
[EcoCore Podcast clips - Omny.fm](#)

Sustainable Fingal - Update – October 2025



- Consultants appointed to develop the Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainability Strategy.
- Sustainability stakeholder engagement sessions commencing in November.

Circular Cities - Update – October 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 LCD C

- Next LCD C Meeting: 22nd October 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.

LEADER Programme Update

- LAG Meeting: 26th August 2025
- 11 projects approved
- Applications currently open for Leader Funding: For rural individuals, businesses & community groups



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:

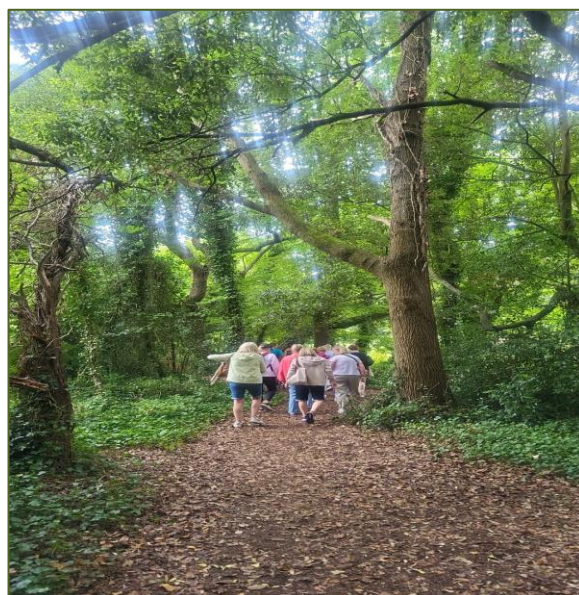
An announcement regarding funding awards under Measure 2 and 3 is awaited from DRCDG. Fingal County Council applied for the following projects:

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



Healthy Steps

- 4 GP Referral walks in Balbriggan, Donabate, Millennium Park and Mulhuddart.
- New Mulhuddart walk starting in October
- Developed By Healthy Fingal and supported by the HSE and Active Travel
- 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.
- Launching Oct 10th on World Mental Health Day.
- Barbers complete free online Let's Talk About Suicide training.
- Making barbershops safe spaces for mental health conversations.

Sailing into Wellness



- Programme launches in Howth on October 10th, 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 being scheduled in October 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 DRCDG 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 Astro turf Installation
- Baldoyle Forum - Fire Safety Upgrades
- Corduff Resource Centre Fire Safety Upgrades
- Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living- Electric Wheelchair Accessible Van
- Phibblestown Community Centre Astro turf 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 or individuals who wish to avail of remote working options and facilities. Bespoke options or generic office fitouts can be considered. Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres are all over 90%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 65 businesses and over 320 direct jobs.

TOWN REGENERATION OFFICE

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

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



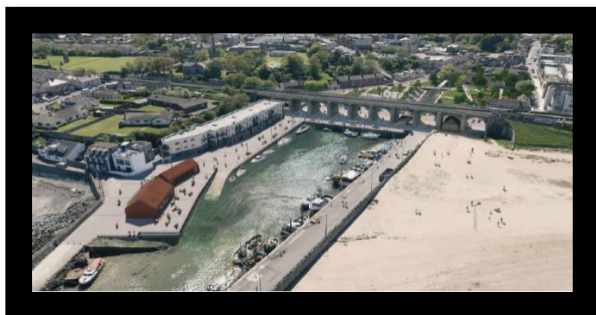
The Balbriggan Leadership Group, is independently chaired by Dr. David Begg and provides stewardship and oversight of the implementation of the Balbriggan Socio Economic plan 2024 – 2030.

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.



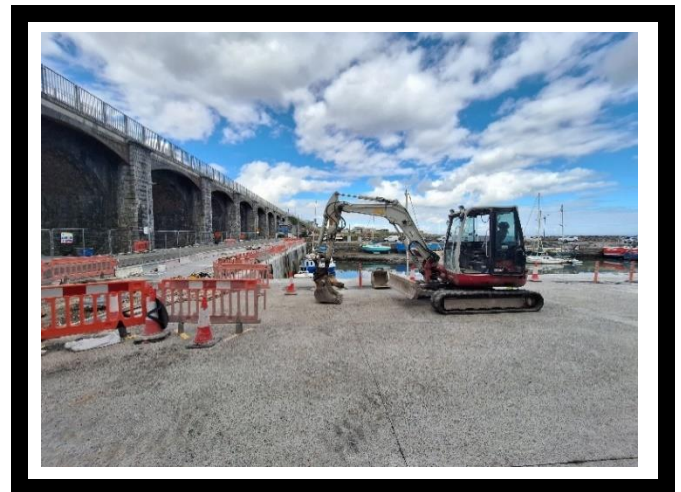
The June meeting was provided with an update on the De Bruns site and the emerging preferred option with a more detailed presentation by the Integrated Design Team to follow at its next meeting in October.

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 Q1 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 due for completion by Q4 2025.



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



Tender documentation to appoint a contractor for the redevelopment of 2-4 Dublin Street is due to be published in October. 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, 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.



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 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 re-development of parks to maximise their public amenity usage at specific locations in Lusk. This forms part of the Central Parks objective, as outlined in the Lusk for Life Plan.

A number of local stakeholder capacity building workshops were held in July and August this year with the goal of attracting new members of the community and local businesses to participate in the Town Team process. A meeting of the existing Town Team is scheduled for early October, where it is expected that further progress will be made on this objective.



Town Centre First – Balrothery

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

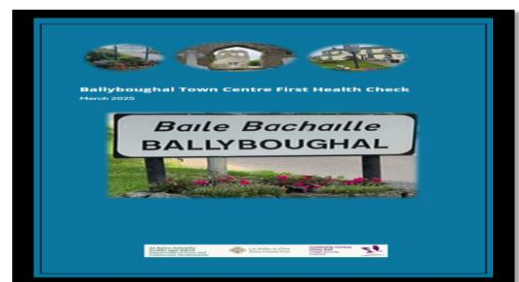
An event will be held in Balrothery in early November when the new Town Centre First Health Check Document will be officially launched by the Mayor of Fingal. This event will also be an opportunity to thank all those who participated in the capacity building process in Balrothery over the past number of months. The Town Regeneration Office looks forward to continued collaboration with the Balrothery Town Team to ensure that the objectives of the Health Check document are implemented.



Town Centre First – Ballyboughal

A launch event with the Mayor of Fingal will take place in November to promote Ballyboughal's new Town Centre First Health Check. The document is the culmination of many months of hard work and dedication from members of the community. It contains actions which the new town team have identified and 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 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. An event is scheduled in October in Donabate where the new health Check will be officially launched by the Mayor of Fingal. This plan will benefit the new Town Team in helping them to address actions identified during the stakeholder engagement and capacity building process which took place over recent months.

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 capacity building process.



Town Centre First – Rush

During the months of July and August, the Town Regeneration Office held dedicated capacity building sessions with the business community in Rush. This enabled the team to gain a comprehensive insight into the wishes and objectives of both the community and businesses active in it.

These objectives have been incorporated into a new Draft Town Centre First Plan for Rush which has been compiled by RMLA Planning Consultants.

The first meeting of a new Rush Town Team will be confirmed in the coming weeks.



Town & Village Renewal Schemes

The Town Regeneration Office is currently facilitating two approved projects under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme from 2023.

A Phase 4 development of Floraville Park in Skerries (€55,800) and upgrades to the Rush Community Centre (€64,350) have been approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Both projects are on scheduled to be completed soon.

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.



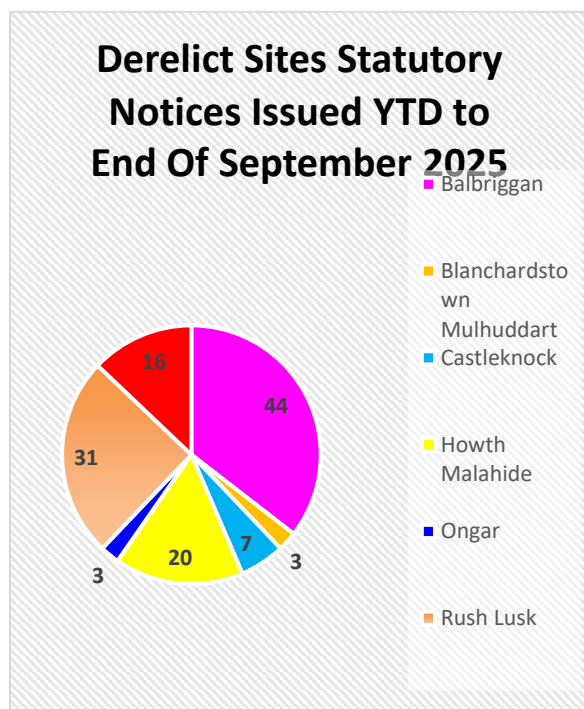
Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024

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.

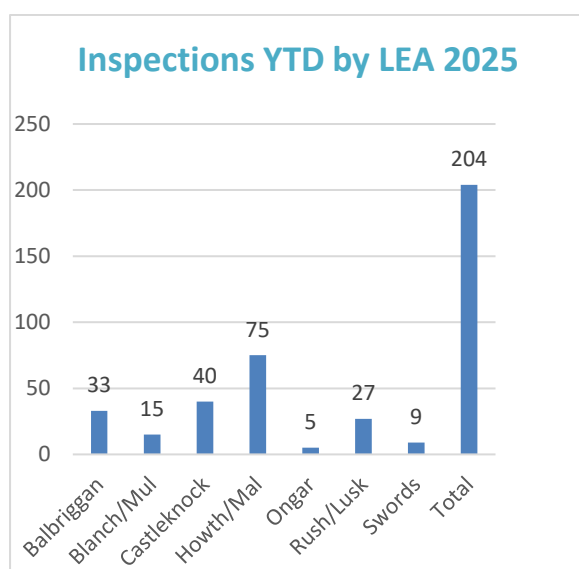


Derelict Sites

124 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 204 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 derelictsites@fingal.ie

Local Enterprise Office

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

Fingal Business Network



On Friday, 26th September 2025, the Local Enterprise Office hosted the latest Fingal Business Network event, with a dynamic morning at the Crowne Plaza Blanchardstown, focused on helping local SMEs explore and embrace international growth opportunities.

The event, titled Exporting Success for Fingal's Small Businesses - A Gateway to Global Growth, brought together business owners, entrepreneurs, and support agencies for a morning of expert-led insights, practical guidance, and tailored supports for entering export markets. Speakers shared a range of strategies and resources available to help small businesses take their first steps toward international growth. Attendees contributed actively by posing thoughtful questions and exploring potential challenges they might face - fostering a collaborative atmosphere focused on solutions and shared learning. The next Fingal Business Network Event will be the Christmas networking lunch on Friday 5th December in the Grand Hotel Malahide

National Women's Enterprise Day (NWED)



This year, the Dublin regional NWED celebration will take place on the morning of Wednesday, October 16th at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Golden Lane. This inspiring event will bring together a dynamic lineup of speakers, thought leaders, and hundreds of trailblazing female entrepreneurs from Fingal and throughout Dublin to celebrate and empower women in business.

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

Student Enterprise Programme Launch



The Student Enterprise Programme (SEP) officially launched its 24th year at County Hall, Swords, with students from last year's winning teams on hand to inspire the next wave of young entrepreneurs.

Organised by LEO Fingal, the programme is expected to be bigger and better than ever, with a record-breaking 28,000 second-level students nationwide anticipated to take part, of which more than 1,200 will be from Fingal schools.

The Student Enterprise Programme gives students from 1st to 6th year the chance to set up and run their own businesses, learning vital skills in creativity, teamwork, finance, marketing and innovation. Each year, Fingal students make their mark on the national stage, with winners going on to represent the county at the National Finals.

This year also marks the exciting addition of Keoghs Crisps as a new sponsor, joining long-standing partners Simtech Aviation, One4All, and Blanchardstown Centre, helping to make the programme possible and to inspire Ireland's next generation of business leaders.

Fingal Business Supports Briefing



On September 3rd, LEO Fingal hosted an Online Business Supports Briefing, building on the success of previous in-person events. The online event attracted 170 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 October 8th. The September 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



The Dublin Food Chain is hosting an export visit to Belfast with four food producers from each of the Dublin LEO areas. The trip will be on 23rd October and will encompass a visit to Henderson's foodservice to meet the buyer, 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 is to encourage the first steps to export for some of our local food businesses.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) approved 5 projects for funding at its September meeting, bringing to €662,346 the total approved year to date 2025, for 36 applicants 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 opened on Thursday 25th September with thirteen businesses participating in the ten week programme. The event started by presenting the graduation certificates to the previous cohort who have just finished their business plans. They were able to share their main take-aways from the programme with the new class and encourage them to enjoy and absorb the learnings and the experience. The current course will complete in November with graduation happening early in 2026.

Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme



The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Energy Efficiency Grant was recently revamped and relaunched with several significant changes, the main one being its increase from €5,000 to €10,000 and a change from match funding to now covering up to 75% of eligible costs. The Energy Efficiency Grant is an excellent opportunity for small businesses to continue their business more sustainably and efficiently, which will benefit them in the long run. To apply, businesses need to be solvent and operating within Fingal for at least six months.

This year has seen an increase in interest in this scheme with enquiries coming from across several sectors, notably hospitality and foodservice sector. Eleven companies have been approved year to date, with several businesses currently working on applications.

Two Success Story videos have been produced featuring LEO supported businesses, to highlight the benefits of this grant. Both clients are based in Balbriggan: *Stories by Ola* and *PJ's Party & Childcare*.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme



Trading Online Voucher scheme (now expired) supported small businesses by allowing them to enhance their online offering by providing a grant of up to €2,500 for ecommerce and digital marketing activities, as well as giving businesses a better understanding of how they can exploit E-Commerce opportunities for their business. Before the scheme closed, a total of 45 applications were approved in 2025, in the amount of €94,138.

The Trading Online Voucher scheme has now closed, and the LEO team will continue to process grant payments from applications approved before the closing date. Approved applicants have 6 months from the date on their Letter of Offer to draw down their voucher before it expires. An enhanced “Grow Digital” initiative has taken its place (featuring grant value €5k plus digital consultancy assignments).

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring



LEO Fingal provides one to one business support services through Business Advice Clinics and a Mentoring programme, both online and in person. These services are provided free of charge to small businesses and are extremely popular. The Fingal mentor panel features 38 skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds.

In 2025 year to date, 470 clients availed of one-to-one appointments in Business Advice Clinics and 240 clients have signed up for mentoring, with consistently high demand for this service among Fingal businesses.

Microfinance Ireland Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland (MFI), with loans between €5,000 and €50,000 per approved applicant. LEO Fingal actively promotes the availability of loans to businesses that have difficulty raising finance 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 28 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. There have been nine Start Your Own Business courses with 106 participants year to date.

Internationalisation and Export Development

The new “Market Explorer Grant” has replaced the TAME Grant from 1 January 2025. The grant is available to small enterprises in the manufacturing and international trading sectors (with up to 50 employees). The amount of the grant is to a maximum of €10,000 or 50% of eligible costs. The objective is to support the development of export-oriented businesses by incentivising support to research and explore activities in new 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 five applications for this grant year to date in the amount of €34,000, with interest in the grant increasing and several businesses currently working on submissions.

Export Development Programme



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

Following recommendation based on an export readiness assessment 11 Fingal businesses were among the 120 nationally, progressing through the programme. Following stage 2 ‘Workshops’ 60 businesses will now progress to the ‘In Market Visit’ stage of the programme which includes 7 Fingal businesses. Those not progressing can still be considered at a future stage and in the meantime can avail of the support they need to develop their businesses from their Local Enterprise Office. The next Get Exporting Programme is due to launch early 2026, with further information to be provided by Enterprise Ireland in Q4 2025.

Grow Digital Voucher & Digital for Business



Leo Fingal have approved 49 Digital for Business programmes year to date to the value of €107,100 and have also approved 11 Grow Digital Vouchers totalling €29,380. The next Digital Boost Webinar will be held on 1st October. This webinar educates prospective applicants about the Digital Supports available including Digital for Business and Grow Digital.

Lean for Business



Lean into working smarter, not harder!

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

LEO Fingal supports approved clients with a consultant who use Lean tools and techniques that help companies across the globe to address competitiveness issues within their businesses by building the capability of their people to identify problems, improve operations and create a more innovative organisation. Fourteen clients have been approved for this programme in 2025. A free workshop will take place online on 2nd October 2025 and attendees will learn from LEAN consultants “Lean Thinking, & How Small Changes can have a Big Impact!”

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Area Business Totals for May 2025

Area	Public CRM's	Rep CRM's	Area Questions	Area Motions	Headed Items
Balbriggan/Swords	491	73	N/A	N/A	N/A
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	404	195	N/A	N/A	N/A
Howth/Malahide	235	43	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	1,130	311	N/A	N/A	N/A

Works Programme

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area - Parks

Rush

Work in progress on the Muga at St Catherines Park Rush.



Balbriggan

Upgrades to path at Balbriggan Town Park.



Santry

The pathways within the Walled Garden of Santry demesne were refurbished as part of the demesne's Capital program. Approximately 1200m² of pathways were included and refurbished with fresh Ballylusk gravel. Before and after photographs show the finished product.



New Vehicular and pedestrian traffic counters installed in Newbridge demesne and Santry demesne as part of the capital programmes. 3 Vehicular and 16 pedestrian counters were installed across both locations.



A new section of Timber knee railing installed as part of this year's programme of works in the Royal oak estate Santry. The knee rail was installed to compliment the corral system installed earlier in the summer and further strengthen the deterrence of unauthorised vehicles onto the open space.



Swords

Before and after path clean up at Ennis Lane, Swords.



Before and After some weed removal on Brackenstown Road.



A new play space installed in Holywell Park Swords as part of the recent upgrades works in the park. The play space includes a combination play trail, a spin/balance unit along with inclusive items in the form of percussion bongos and chimes.



Bonfire material was removed from both Swords and Santry Demesne, over 80 pallets were collected across the two areas.



As part of the final phase of boundary improvement works at Rathbeale archaeological park with 120 linear metres of timber post & Fence installed at the border to Brides Glen estate and a further 30 linear metres of rounded knee rail installed at the adjoining section of the park. All works were no-dig in line with the Archaeological status of the park.



Benches installed by Operations depot staff on the open spaces at Ridgewood Green and Castlefarm (JCs) as part of the Programme of works.





Howth/ Malahide Area

Playgrounds – upgrades, repair & maintenance



Surrounding timbers at the sand pit were rotting, some missing.

Newbridge

As part of the final phase of works in the Dog off leash area in Newbridge demesne, 220 linear metres of gravel paths were installed. These paths now provide a traversable route during wetter periods and also provides for park users with mobility challenges. The path includes a small loop to the north end before rejoining the main path, with two benches to be installed imminently here by Operations staff.





The timber walls were rotten in many sections, the whole surrounding wall was removed and replaced with pressure treated rounds of timber.

Malahide Demesne

Half acre glass house



New boiler installed in the Half acre glasshouse.

Roads / Footpaths - Howth/Malahide Depot Works

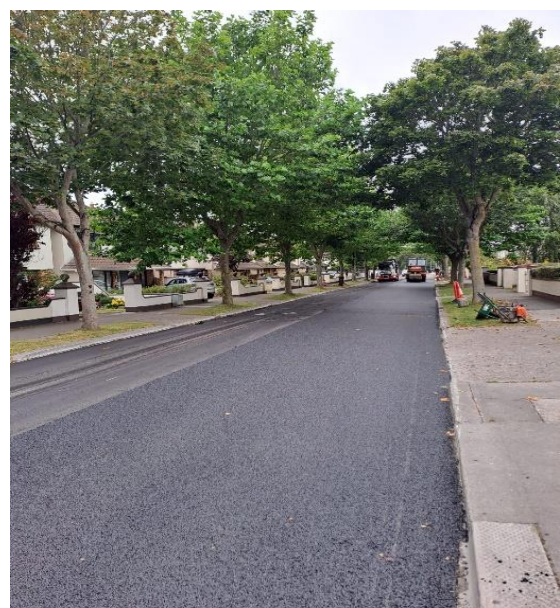


The Howth Malahide Roads Crew replaced the entrances to cycle lane at Sutton High School.



The Howth Malahide Roads Crew replaced defective concrete footpaths and kerb lines ahead of road resurfacing at The Moorings Malahide.

Roads Program of Works



Redfern Ave & Wendell Ave in Portmarnock was resurfaced as part of the 2025 POW.

Cleansing, Beaches and toilets



Velvet strand Portmarnock beach shelter steam clean prep for Murial works.



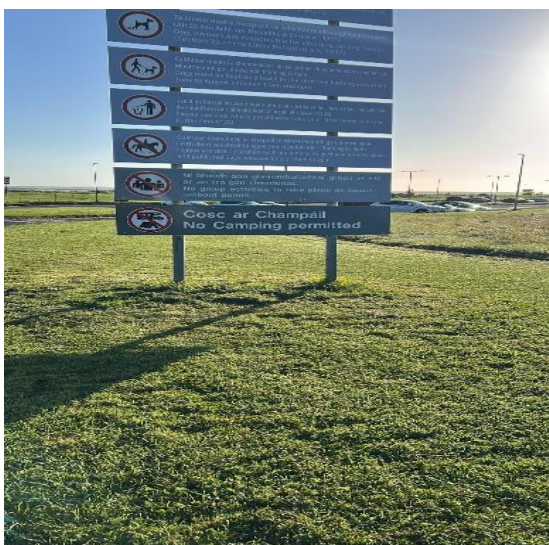
Portmarnock velvet strand toilets cleaning and graffiti removal.



Illegal dumping at Fingal burial grounds litter warden notified will be following up on this.



Ground maintenance ongoing at Fingal Balgriffin burial grounds.



Placement of new no camping signage
Howth & Malahide.



End of season removal of lifeguard huts.

Malahide Parks & Open Spaces

Crown lifting shrubs, Coast rd. Malahide.



Shredding cuttings.

Kettles Park
New changing facilities



New changing facility being craned into position.



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Talbot Botanic Gardens
Restoration of the glass houses continues.



Installing the glass was delayed during the spells of heavy rain.



New panes of glass installed in the Peach house.

Howth Pathways

Illegal dumping at entrance to S.A.A.O pathway.



Old and new garden waste dumped on S.A.A.O path.

Malahide estuary - new pathway



New pedestrian pathway by Barrack bridge, Yellow Walls Road.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

New Waterville Park Dog Run and Footpaths.



This dog run is to open soon. It includes a new tar path 160 Meter long, and a 36M no dig path, connecting from one side of Waterville through the woodland out to the new dog run.

Further no dig footpath is included in these works from top of woodland through the woods at Waterville Park.



Perennial flower bed Blanchardstown Shopping Center Roundabout.

Approximately 130 perennial plants, including two tonnes of bark mulch was planted at the roundabout at Blanchardstown shopping centre.

Planting included six Portuguese laurel (prunus Lusitanica) in the centre of the roundabout and small grasses planted around, perennial plants planted out to borders edge.



Perennial flower bed Blanchardstown Shopping centre roundabout.

N3 Navan Road grass cutting

Grass cutting, strimming, and litter picking was carried out along the N3 Navan Road.



N3 Navan Road Grass cutting.



N3 Navan Road Grass cutting.

2025 Programme of Works

New borders - Cherry Lawn and Fortlawn

Works consisted of 80 Perennials and a Ton of Bark Mulch at Cherry Lawn.

At Fortlawn 40 perennials and a Ton of Bark Mulch.



New borders Cherry Lawn & Fortlawn



New borders Cherry Lawn & Fortlawn

Roundabout on the Hartstown Ring Road.

Roundabout on the Hartstown ring road at entrance to Rusheeney village, now in full bloom.



N3 Navan Road/Ballymun Road



Hedge cutting works were carried out on the N3 Navan Road and the Ballymun road. 2km of hedging was topped and breasted along these roads.

Removal of farm sheds – St. Catherine's Park



Old farm sheds, of no historical value, at St. Catherine's Park, Lucan, which were at risk of collapse and no longer in use, were removed from site.



In the lower courtyard we removed all block structures and stripped the site back to the original stonework.

Pitch Improvements – Hazelbury Park



Comprehensive pitch drainage system to Hazelbury park GAA pitch with over 12,000 linear metres of drain installed.

Car Parking Services

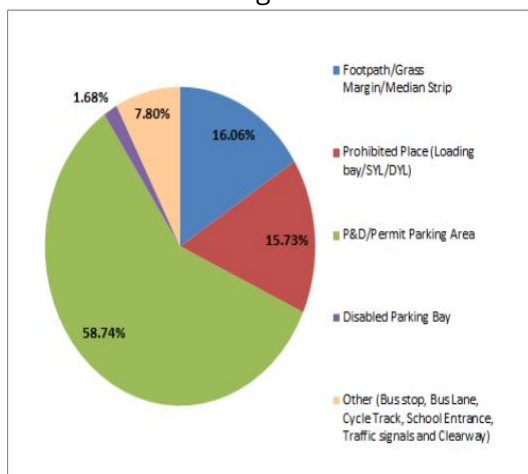
August 2025

There were a total of 1488 parking tickets issued during August 2025.

Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations August 2025
North Street - Swords	135
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	125
South Strand Skerries	87
Main Street - Swords	70
Harbour Road - Skerries	64
Strand Street - Skerries	50
Coast Road - Malahide	46
Strand Road Portmarnock	44
Harbour Road Howth	44
The Green - Malahide	41

Breakdown of Parking Offences:



Parking Control Bye-Laws

Public Consultation on the Draft Parking Control Bye-Laws 2025 closed on 28th August 2025. A total of 553 submissions were received, and a report on the consultation is currently being compiled and are being 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.

Meter Replacement Programme

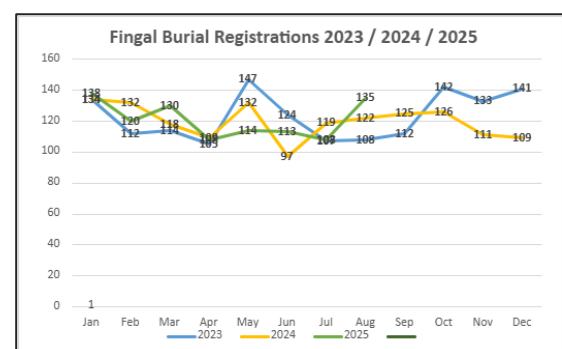
Howth/Malahide Operations Department are progressing the Annual Meter Replacement Programme, which replaces old, end of life parking meters with newer machines that can accept contactless/card payment. 9 old meters were replaced earlier this year with a further 2 being replaced in August as part of the 2025 Programme.



Newly replaced meter on Chapel Lane, Swords.

Burial Ground Services

There were 135 Interments in August 2025 in Fingal Cemeteries.



Kellystown Burial Ground



This phase of cemetery development works on a greenfield site at Kellystown will provide approx. 650 grave plots, a columbarium wall for the storage of ashes, a landscaped angel garden, a small services facilities building and yard, including all associated site services and landscaping. The works started on site in March and are expected to take up to 12 months to complete. Currently the grave plots and paths are well advanced with buildings at early stages of construction.

Traffic Operations County-Wide

Default Speed Limits Update

Regarding the 30kph in built up & urban areas, the Department of Transport originally communicated that there would be a default speed limit of 30kph set for these. This was changed as there is no definition of urban areas in legislation with regards to the setting of speed limits. In order to implement a default 30kph in urban areas, there would need to be updated legislation which would take some time. Therefore the Department of Transport 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 are being revised. They have not yet been issued to us. The best timeframe we have is that they will be issued in Q3 2025 via a new Circular. The circular will direct the LA's to commence the process of reviewing speed limits in our areas and to set speed limits in accordance with the new Guidelines.

We attended a workshop where feedback was taken on board from Traffic Engineers to assist with the finalising of revisions to the Guidelines which we are still waiting for. The Council have not received any further information from the Department of Transport.

Balbriggan/Swords Area

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



Howth/Malahide Area

POW 2025: Construction completed for two uncontrolled crossings on the Back Rd, Malahide.





Sharks Teeth refresh on Blackwood Lane.

New Road Signage for Streamstown Lane and Back Road Malahide



Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

New Signals 2025 - Dublin 15

The Civil and Electrical works are complete for the new signalised pedestrian crossing on Beechpark Avenue. The lights are awaiting a power connection for the ESB.



Ramps

The chicane was removed and replaced with a traffic calming ramp on the Beechpark Avenue.



New ramp on Beechpark Avenue.

Modular speed cushions replaced with asphalt speed cushions on Blackcourt Road.





The modular speed cushions have been replaced with new asphalt speed cushions on Blackcourt Road.

Traffic calming buildout

The traffic calming buildout on Pecks Lane/Hadleigh court was completed in September.



Buildout on Pecks Lane/Hadleigh Court

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

90 Plant Hires were put in place from 25/07/2025 to 25/08/2025, engaging 21 suppliers.

Public Lighting

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

2025 POW Works jobs Completed to date:

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

2025 POW Works in Progress/Ongoing:

- Chapel Close Green / Bremore Green Pedestrian Walkway, Balbriggan

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

Public Lighting Column Replacements ongoing:

- Lohunda Park, Coolmine (Lohunda Estate, Phase 2)
- Ashfield Estate, Mulhuddart



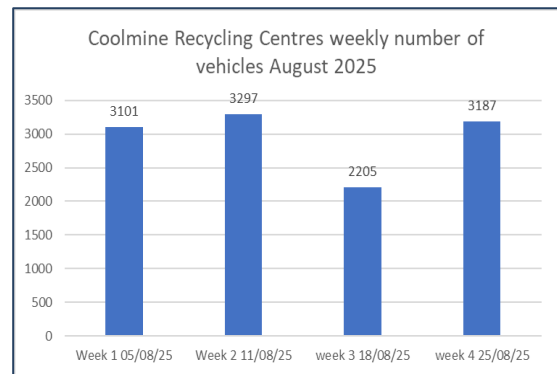
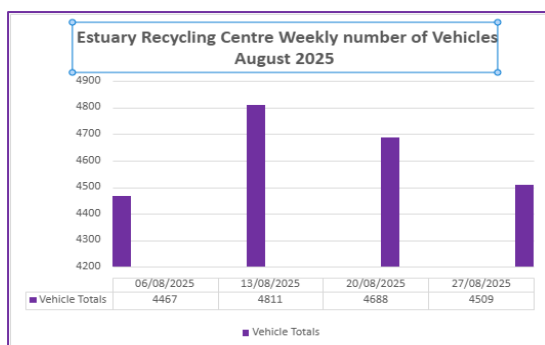
Lohunda Park after Column Replacements.

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.

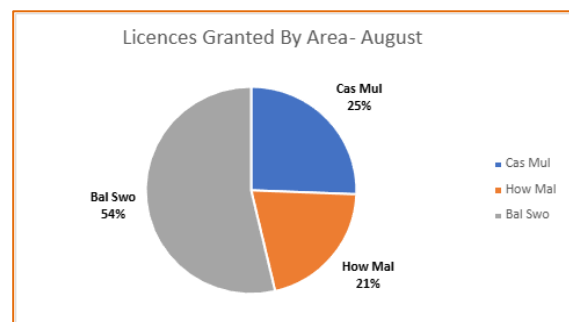
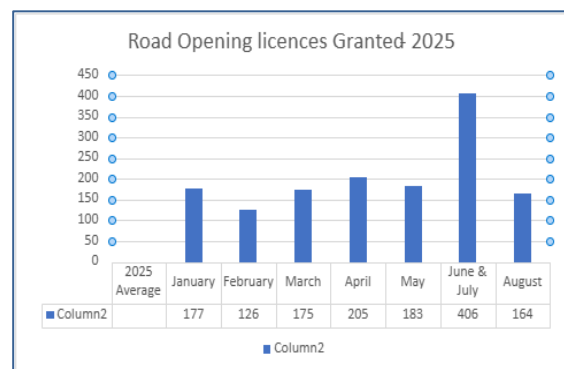


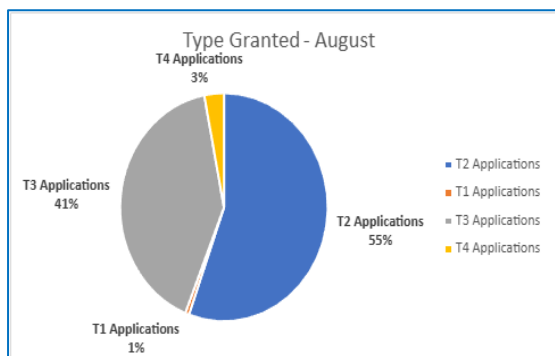
Licenses

- 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.

164 Licences were granted in the months of August, **44% of which were granted by way of automation.** Clerk of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by Utilities.





Bus Enhancement Scheme

Fingal have been allocated €500,000 for the NTA Bus Stop Enhancement Programme in 2025. This has been allocated between the 4 operational areas - €125,000 to Howth/Malahide, €125,000 to Dublin 15, €125,000 to Swords and €125,000 to Balbriggan. Following a meeting with the NTA in May 2025 a list of proposed works at 20 locations were prepared for each area and this list has been forwarded to the NTA for approval.

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

Grass Pitch Applications 2025/26

Fingal County Council are currently processing grass pitch applications for the 2025/2026 playing season. To date FCC has received a total of 72 applications with further applications expected over the next couple of weeks from schools.

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

Casual Trading Licence

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 1 additional application. 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 44 Casual Traders operating in the Fingal Administrative area, the highest number to date.



Pilot Scheme Beach Mobile Saunas

Fingal County Council now has a total of 5 Mobile Sauna trading units operating at five different locations throughout the county. Seasonal licences have been issued under the Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021.

Street Furniture Licences

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.



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 4th 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 (*some of which are the size of a small car*) which increases the risk of a sudden collapse of the pier.



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.

An application has been lodged with the Council's Planning Department to declare maintenance dredging to be exempt from normal Planning Approval. 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.



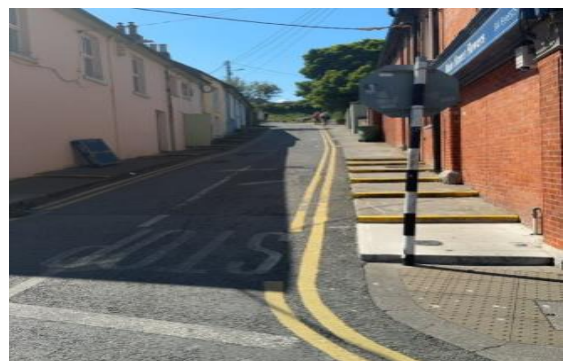
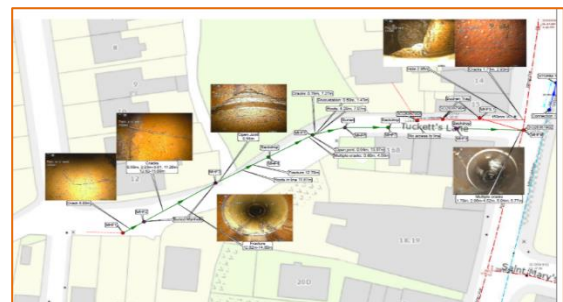
Surface Water

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 25-29th August allowing confirmation of utilities and a design to lay a new pipe is being finalised. A review of CCTV survey records on WPA is underway to determine if any further surveys are required on the culvert on Main street before finalizing the areas that require replacement.



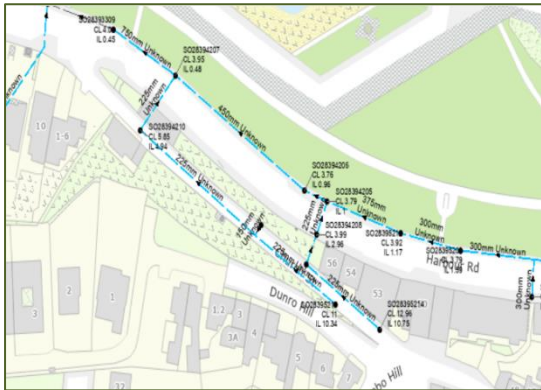
Tuckett's Lane

Lusk Network Remedial Works:

A works schedule is currently being developed to carry out additional pipeline repairs between Post Office Road and Chapel Road to complete Phase 3 of the above project.

Church Road, Howth Stormwater Network Repairs

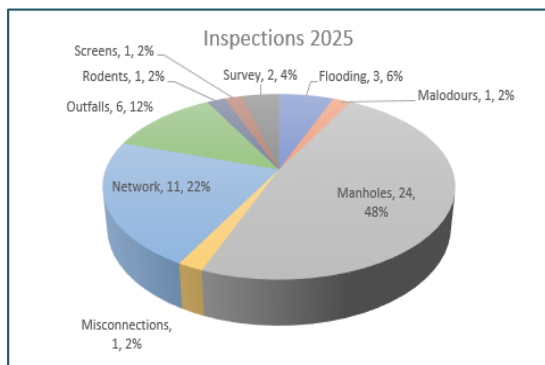
Following investigation works network improvements were identified for the Church Street, Dunbo Hill and R105 areas of Howth. Following optioneering, an in-house design is being developed. Current projections are that investigative works will commence on site in October.



Church Street.

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.

Networks

Swords

Survey works in the Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Rd, Cherry Garth and Rivervalley Lawns estates were completed in July. The completed reports were broken down into a number of work packages. A contractor will be procured for the specialised lining works with the remaining works being completed by Direct Labour.



Rivervalley.

Malahide/Portmarnock

Chalfont Estate invasive repair work was completed in late May. 25 UV CIPP Liners were installed by a specialized contractor in late August. The Project is now complete.



Chalfont.

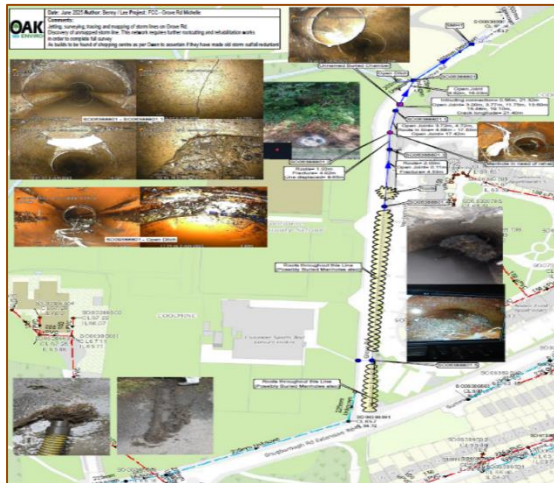
Dublin 15

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.



Mount Symon.

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 Road.

Howth

CCTV survey along Seaview Terrace have identified capacity issues with the lines. This is due to downsizing of pipes as the network passes through the estate. Some manholes have been covered over and others inaccessible. Feasibility is currently being considered to excavate the existing line a renew it with a more appropriately sized pipe.



Seaview Terrace, Howth.

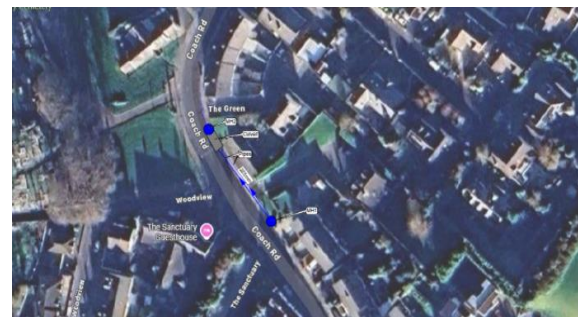
Baldoyle

Following a request for a connection to the network in Abbey Park during suitability investigations a large buildup of silt was discovered within the lines in the estate and a number of other defects. Jetting and CCTV camera work is ongoing.



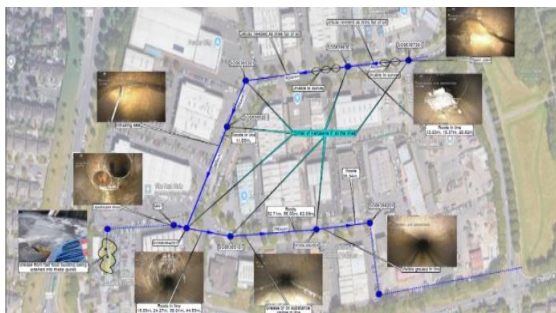
Abbey Park Balrothery

Following reports of surcharging water in the footway on Coach Rd a CCTV survey was carried out, and it has been determined that the pipeline has collapsed and is full of debris. This will require the pipe to be excavated and replaced.



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 die 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 along Main St. Howth and in the Chalfont estate in Malahide.

Underground Stormwater storage Assets

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

Beaches

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

	Rescue	Rescue Craft	1st Aid	Lost Child	Advice 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

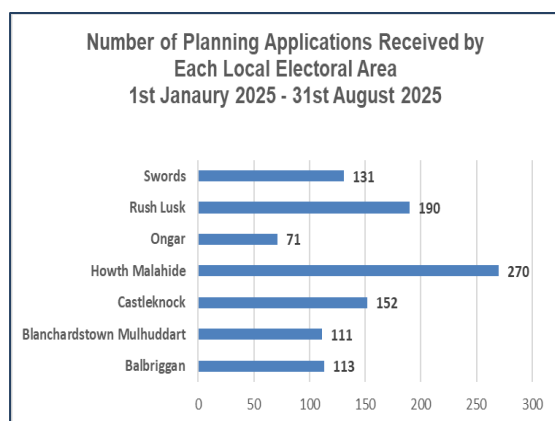
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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Planning Applications

Between 1st January and 31st August 2025, a total of 1,038 planning applications were received, including 865 electronic applications via the LGMA's national portal. Of these, 242 applications were deemed invalid, resulting in 796 valid applications. The accompanying bar chart illustrates the distribution of applications across the various Local Electoral Areas.



During the same period, 7 Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications were submitted to the Local Authority, with 6 decisions issued on LRD applications. Additionally, An Coimisiún Pleanála has not issued any decisions on Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications during this period.

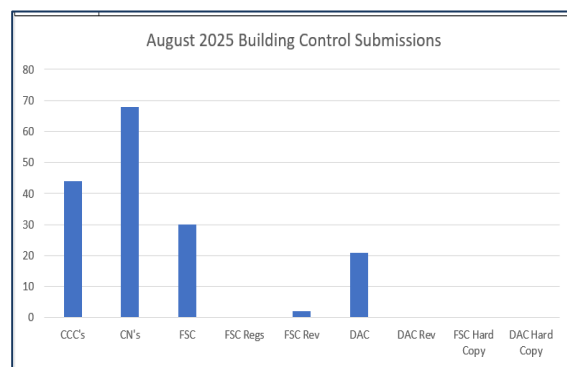
Planning Decisions

Between 1st January and 31st August 2025, a total of 935 planning decisions were issued. This includes 753 decisions to grant permission and 182 refusals of permission.

Building Control Admin

In August 2025, there were 166 building control submissions made via BCMS. This was made up of 68 Commencement notices, 44 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 32 Fire Safety related Certificates, 21 Disability Access related Certificates and 1 dispensation. 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 154 decisions in August 2025 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 54 decisions to grant and 100 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

The first round of Plans emanating from the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 continue to be progressed. The Clonsilla Framework Plan was adopted by the Elected Members at the sitting of Fingal Co. Co. on the 12th of May 2025 and the Draft Old School House Masterplan is due to go to the full Council for agreement on 15th October. Further preparatory background analysis is being undertaken in relation to several other plans/studies, including advancement through the procurement process.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

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

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

Built Environment Division



Building Control

- 35 building control inspections were carried out in September 2025, covering 94 Buildings.

Taking in Charge.

- There were 5 developments taken in charge in September 2025. These developments are
 1. Hansfield phase 2 in Ongar Dublin 15.
 2. Dunsoughly in Finglas
 3. Footpath in front of Balroy Hall on the Carpenterstown Road
 4. Avondale Park in Mulhuddart
 5. Avondale Court in Mulhuddart

There are also 4 developments taken into maintenance. These developments were

1. Wellview Terrace in Mulhuddart,
2. Avondale Place in Mulhuddart,
3. Minnow housing estate in Mulhuddart

There are 3 estates up for taken in charge in October 2025

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

And one estate up for taking in charge in November 2025

- Greys lane Howth
- There are 48 developments with formal Taking in Charge requests, and an additional 327 developments recorded in our system.
- We have a 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 September 2025.
- A total of 105 dangerous structures remains active in our database.

Pictures



Checking Firestopping around windows and doors in a timber frame house in Dublin 15

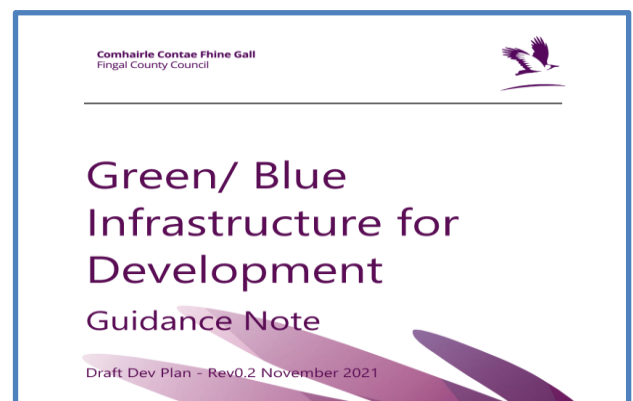
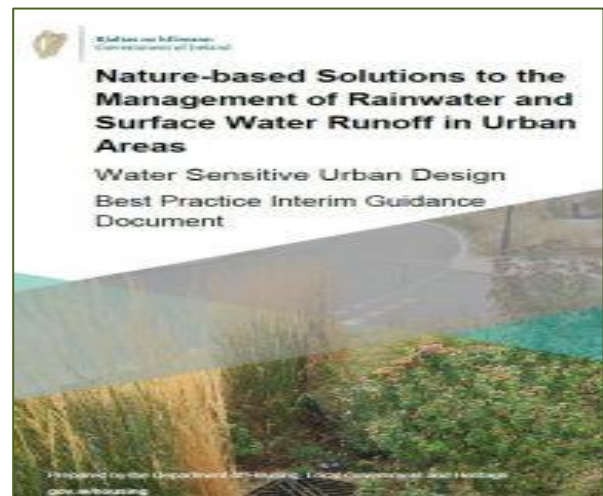


Checking foundations and drainage in duplex units in Skerries

- A new document “Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas - Water Sensitive Urban Design - Best Practice Interim Guidance Document” has been issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

It is intended as a high-level best practice interim guidance document for all those whose work impacts on the urban environment, for urban planners and all built environment professionals involved in the planning process such as engineers, architects and landscape architects and shows how to move towards a more systematic and sustainable approach to urban planning and design that seeks to mimic the natural water balance of rural

- 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. areas through “water sensitive urban design”.



Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments

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

Domestic SuDS Guide

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.

Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

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

PSI 002 Ongar Barnhill Road

Bam Civil Ltd. constructed most of the new bridge over the railway line during 2024. Road surfacing, signage, road marking and water infrastructure is being completed.

The ESB are installing cabling and associated equipment to enable power for the public lighting and traffic signals. It is intended that traffic will be diverted onto some of the new Barberstown Lane South in the coming weeks. There will be temporary traffic management on the R149 in Q3 Q4 at the junction with Barberstown Lane South while the new junction is being formed. In late August two new toucan crossings were commissioned at the Barnwell roundabout. Also, the link from the roundabout to the Barnwell Road was completed which includes a new two-way cycle track and new signalised junction. The overall scheme is expected to be completed in Q4 2025. Updates for the scheme will be posted on www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill



Project summary

The Tender Pack is currently finalized, along with the contract procurement documents. The NTA gateway approval has been granted, and we are now moving on to stage 2 of the procurement process.

Meetings and Workshops

Following workshop meeting of various projects in the Swords area and discussions, as well as knowledge sharing on its 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.

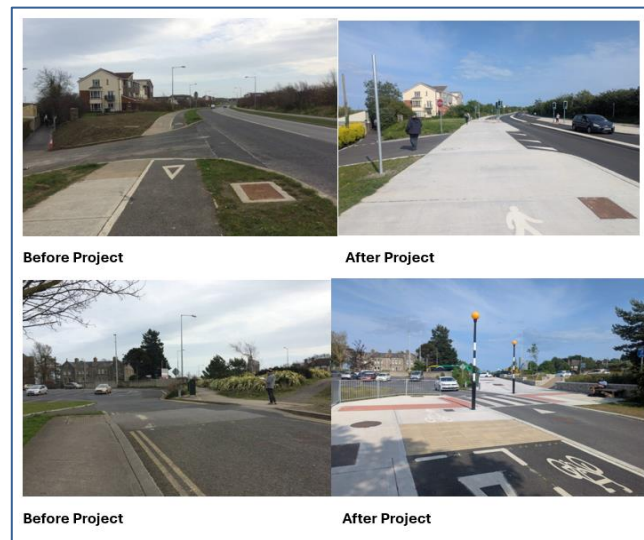
PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

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 official opening ceremony was held on the 28th of March 2025 with the Mayor of Fingal and the Minister for Climate, Environment and Energy and the Minister for Transport attending. The contractor is continuing to with 85% of snags completed.

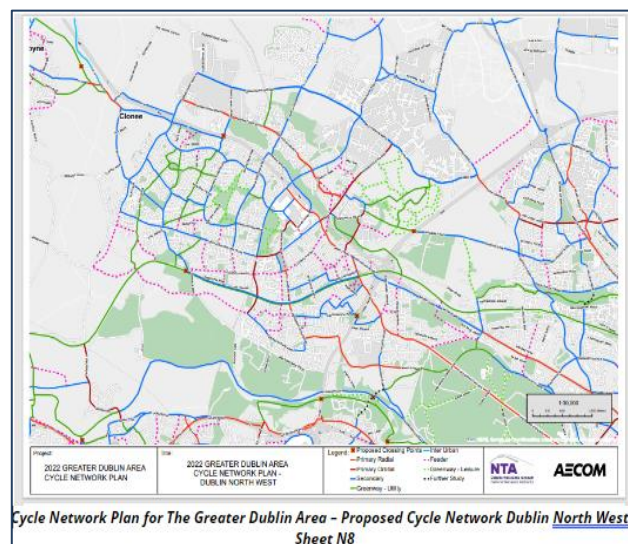
The permanent commemorative plaque is ready for installation. The supplier must confirm the installation date which is likely to be next week.

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



Consultancy Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects

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



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

PSI 063 – Pedestrian & Cycling Scheme at Granard Bridge

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

Meetings and Reports

Monthly meetings between Fingal County Council and RPS are being held to progress the project and discuss key points, such as route options and possible constraints to be overcome. In addition, an ecological inspection in the Castleknock area to gather valuable data and a better understanding of the local ecosystem ensuring that any future developments or environmental strategies are informed by the best available ecological information. Meetings with Irish Rail / Dart+ West team are being held monthly to discuss both projects and align them.

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

A non-statutory public consultation meeting will take place later in October. Prior to this, a briefing meeting will be 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 be 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



Granard Bridge Aerial Photo

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

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

PSI -036 Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route

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

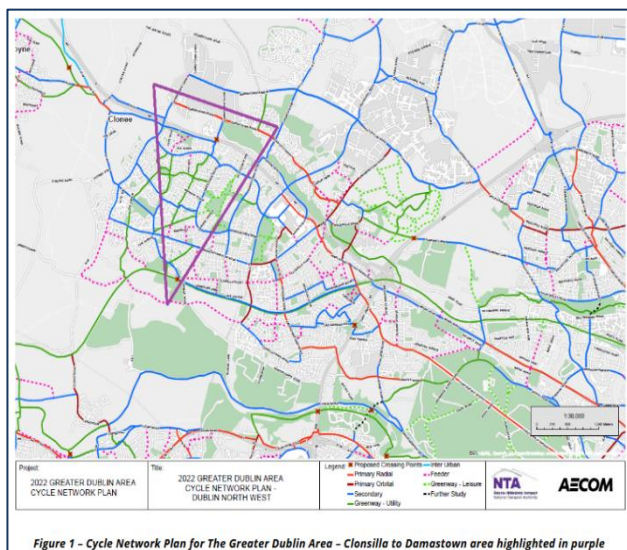


Figure 1 – Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area – Clonsilla to Damastown area highlighted in purple

PSI – 004 Royal Canal Urban Greenway

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 Bord Pleanála/An Coimisiún Pleanála. Fingal County Council received consent from Irish Rail in July 2025 to proceed with making an application their Lands to An Bord Pleanála/An Coimisiún Pleanála.

The project is currently at preliminary design stage and the project team are in constant engagement with Waterways Ireland and this has now been agreed and some design changes made following request by Waterways Ireland in the specific section areas between the Kildare border and Collins Bridge interfaces between the existing facilities and the proposed scheme. 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 Bord Pleanála/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 Topographical Survey has been completed, and a traffic survey has just been procured. 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. On completion of the preliminary design, the project team will contact landowners to discuss the compulsory purchase order process and the scheme and acquisition requirements. 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.

Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm Enhancements



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

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has procured a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy team for the detailed design and construction supervision of the public realm at Swords Cultural Quarter. Consultants are now progressing with the detailed design phase for the Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm. Discussions are ongoing with the National Monument Services and an application for Ministerial Consent will be made for the public realm works as the design progresses. The tender pack and contract 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.

The tree survey, traffic surveys, parking surveys and topographical and GPR surveys have all been completed.

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 analyses 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 later.



Artist visual of the greenway from Kinsealy to Portmarnock



Artist visual of the proposed upgrades to Station Road

PSI-009 Fingal Coastal Way

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

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

PSI-023 Swords Western Distributor Road Extension

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

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



Proposed SWDR Extension to Metrolink Route

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

Progress on the detailed design phases of the other elements of this project is continuing. 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 and this will be issued during 2025. It is expected that construction of the Northern Causeway will not be completed until 2027
- Construction of the greenway along the Southern Causeways will commence during the summer months of 2026.
- Construction of the Donabate landward works and the Malahide landward works will take place during 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 Cailíni).

The project also involves works to provide safe pedestrian crossings and appropriate traffic calming facilities. Third-party lands are required to widen the path, and in this regard the Council is using a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) to acquire the necessary lands. Notices to Treat 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 October.

PSI-027 Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

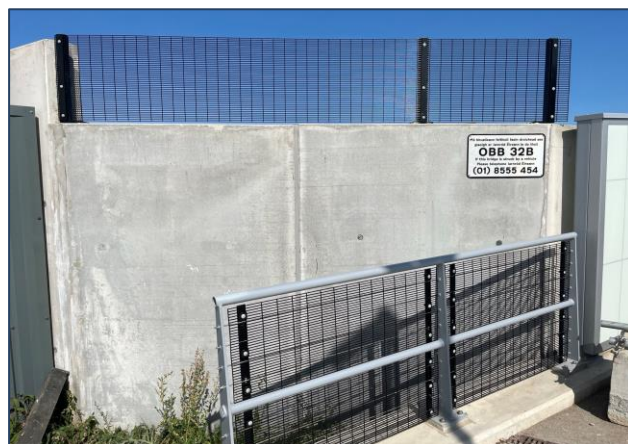
All FCC construction works and snags on the Donabate Pedestrian Bridge have now been completed. Two items outside the Council's direct control remain to be addressed by third parties before the bridge can be opened to the public.

Irish Rail and the Commission for Railway Regulation need to formally approve the bridge to operate above the railway, and the ESB need to provide power to the adjacent development site to facilitate safe and publicly lit access to the bridge.

It is expected that these items will be closed out in the coming weeks and the bridge will then be officially opened to the public in October.



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



Completion of snagging works and bridge ID plates on the west public facing side (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.

Several 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 and details of the scheme are due to go on public display in October, with preliminary design expected to follow on in 2026. The emerging preferred option for Blakes Cross is expected to be determined in Q4 2025.

Tender documents have issued 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/ Roughtan O'Donovan are appointed to assess bus priority measures on the N3 between the M50 and Clonee. This scheme is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland. They are also examining active travel links across the N3. The focus is between the Mulhuddard interchange and Clonee as the NTA bus connects project has already a scheme in development from Junction 3 into the city. Route options are being considered and when an emerging route option has been developed, a public engagement will be carried out. This is likely to be in 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 re-surfacing the existing bridge deck with an SMA surface and this will become a shared two-way footpath/cycleway.

The project team is advancing to procuring a contractor for the works which are specialised due to the proximity to the railway line.

It is a requirement of Irish Rail that 4 weeks' notice is given from appointment of the contractor to commencement of the works. Works are expected to take up to 3 weeks.



PSI-024 Kellystown Road

The delivery of the Kellystown Road is an objective of the development plan. Preliminary design is being carried out for a planning application for the road which will link from the Diswellstown Road to the new Barberstown Lane South. It is intended that this scheme will be advanced to planning stage in late 2025. At the western end planning permission (Dart West Railway Order) has been granted for a new bridge over the Royal Canal and railway at Barberstown level crossing which will tie into the Kellystown Road. Some of the eastern part of this road is being delivered through planning consents which fall in the Kellystown Local Area Plan. The design includes active travel for the extent of the project.

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

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

AIB, What's next with your Mortgage? Event- 18th September 2025, Clayton Hotel



The Affordable Housing team attended an AIB-hosted event for individuals recently approved or in the process of securing mortgages. The team presented affordable housing options available in Fingal and outlined the application process.

Guest speakers included representatives from the First Home Scheme, Glenveagh, and Evara, who shared details on current developments and supports. The event was well-attended and provided valuable information to prospective homeowners.

Affordable Housing Schemes Update

Scheme	Status	Affordable Homes
Balleally Rise	Closed	20 Homes Sold
Kilmartin Grove	Closed	36 Homes sold
North County Homes	Closed	16 Homes sold
Balmoston Ph 1	All Sale Agreed	86 Homes sold
Wilkinson's Brook	All Sale Agreed	57 Homes sold
Aster Park, Rush	Assessment of applications ongoing	93 of 96 Homes sale agreed
Churchfields 3A	Assessment of applications ongoing	176 of 180 Homes sale agreed
Ballisk Park, Donabate	Assessment of applications ongoing	90 of 112 homes sale agreed
Baile na Mona, Mooretown, Swords	Assessments are ongoing	32 of 151 homes sale agreed
Church Fields 3B	Assessments are on going	14 of 110 homes sale agreed
Clonrath Hill	Application Portal Opened 1 st October	6 homes
Balmoston Phase 2	Application Portal launch Wednesday 5 th of November 2025	73 homes

Clonrath Hill



The Clonrath Hill application Portal went live on **Wednesday 1st of October at 12 p.m.**

The assessment of applications commenced as soon as the Portal closed. A large volume of applications was received by the team and are currently being assessed, **strictly** in time and date of submission to the application portal. All queries on applications are made through the portal only.

Balmoston (Phase 2) Affordable Development



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 5th 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 www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

First time buyer Event, Clayton Hotel, 6th November



The event, hosted by Mortgage Navigators, will feature experts discussing Affordable Housing in Fingal, new bills, the First Home Scheme, vacant homes grants, and legal advice for potential homeowners.

Booking is essential as spaces are limited.

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DO5pozKDIrY/>

FCC's first Cost Rental scheme

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

What is Cost Rental?

Cost Rental housing is designed to provide affordable rental homes for people who are above the social housing income limits but still struggle to afford market rents. Rent is based on the cost of building, managing, and maintaining the homes – not market rates.

Who Can Apply?

To be eligible for Cost Rental housing, applicants must:

- Be aged **18 years or over**
- Have a **net household income of €66,000 or less per annum**
- Not be in receipt of **social housing supports** (including HAP or RAS)
- Not own or have a legal interest in a property
- Be able to afford the rent and comply with the terms of the tenancy

Full details, including how to apply, will be available soon at: www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

Social Housing Delivery

Part V, Social Turnkey & CALF Programme

Delivery of new homes has remained strong over the course of Quarter 3 under the various delivery mechanisms. The first Part V Affordable agreement has progressed, and the homes launched on 1st October with more to deliver via this mechanism throughout the County.

Part V home delivered in Millers Glen, Swords, Co. Dublin.



Construction Programme

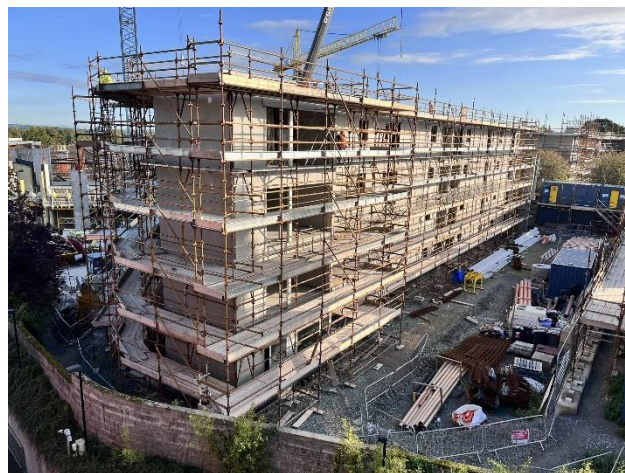
Summary of delivery of social unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	571
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	110
Planning and Design	179
Part V	1,075
TOTAL	1,935

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.



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.



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.



Mooretown, Swords

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 274 new homes at "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 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.



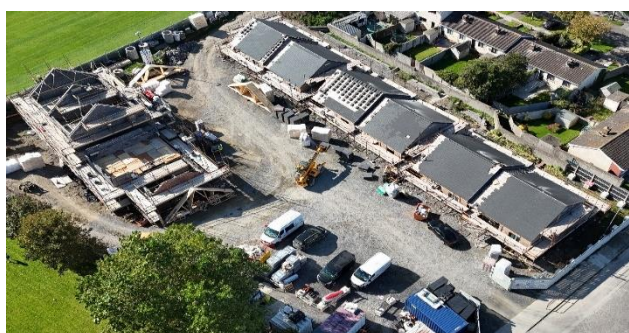
North Street, Swords

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



Mourne View, Skerries

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



Balmoston Phase 2, Ballymastone, Donabate

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



Remount Court, Lusk

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

Asset Management Section

Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme

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

Energy Efficiency Retrofit 25 th Aug 2025	
Completed	Areas
69	D15, Swords
Onsite	Areas
45	D15, Swords, Balbriggan
Upcoming	Areas
12	D15, Balbriggan
Tender Prep	Areas
3	D15, Balbriggan, Swords

Planned Maintenance Programme 2025

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

Planned Maintenance Programme 25 Aug 2025	
Painting completions	501
Boiler Replacements	170
Heat / Smoke Detector Replacement	179

Voids

Casual Voids 26 th Sept 2025	
In the lettings process	15
In relet works	58
Void Unavailable	10
Total	83

New to stock as of 26 th Sept 2025	
New to stock properties	91

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 **228 new HAP tenancies** in 2025 to date with approximately 4442 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 hap@fingal.ie.

Fingal County Council was delighted to be recognised for innovation in the area of customer services and digital innovation at this year's Ireland eGovernment Awards 2025. This year Fingal County Council was recognised in the Local Government Award category for its Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Tenancy Update Portal. The HAP Amendments Portal is a secure platform that makes it easier for tenants and landlords to submit requests to update the circumstances of their HAP tenancies



Pictured at the eGov Ireland awards are L-R: Jack Chambers, Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation, Helen O'Donnell, Housing Department FCC, and Paul Carroll, Director of Housing and Community Development, FCC.

Rents

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 bi-annual statements and letters to all tenants and quarterly statements and letters to tenants in arrears.

The Rents team will continue to engage with tenants who experience challenges paying their rent.

The Rents Team have issued **123** Tenancy Warnings year to date. Six Orders for Possession have been obtained following court hearings in 2025.

The Rents **collection rate in September 2025 shows an increase of €2.2m** 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. Currently 4,924 inspections have been conducted in 2025, with 4274 of them qualifying towards the Dwellings target. There were 574 inspections carried out in September.

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

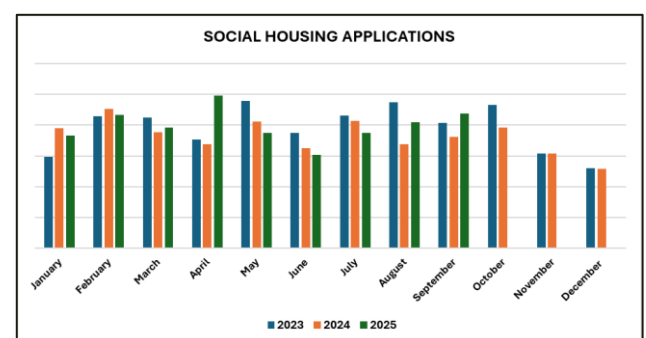
Housing Support

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 will be advised to complete the assessment where possible online. Reminder letters will issue to applicants who have yet to complete their assessment. 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.

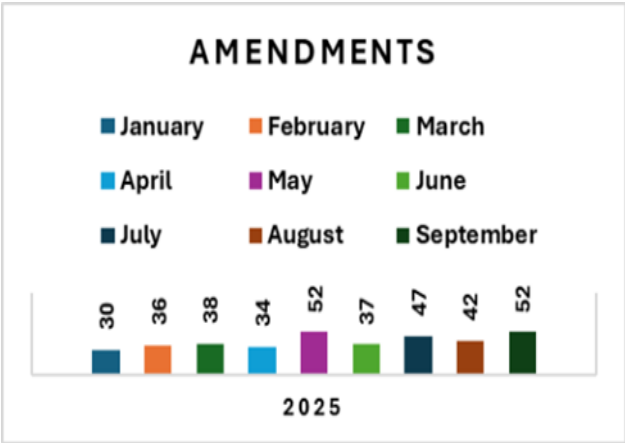
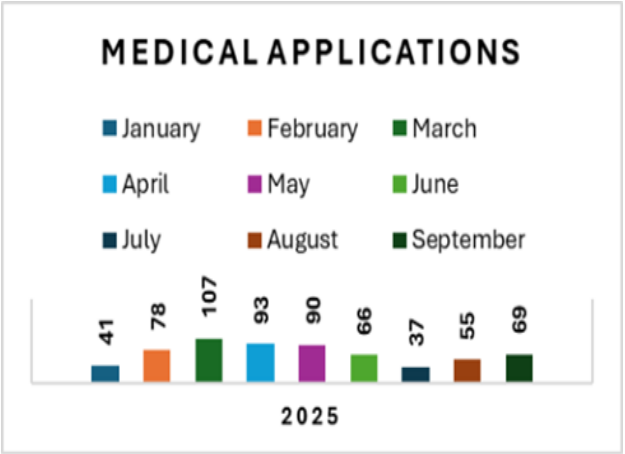
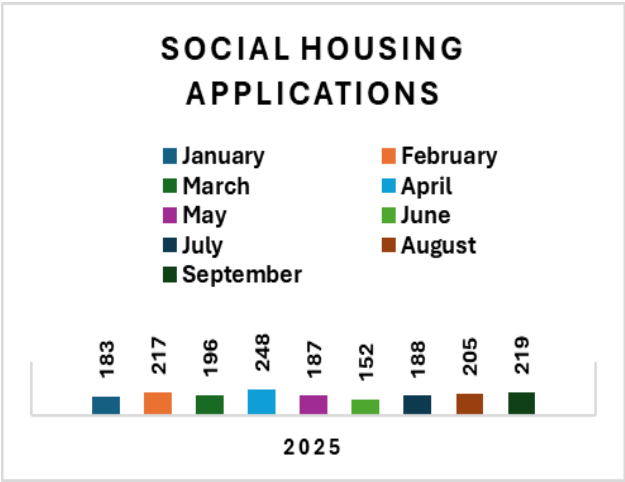
2025 Housing List Position are available on the Choice Based Lettings Portal. This is a static list position and will be issued and updated on CBL yearly. Further information can be sought via, choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie

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

Year on year comparison by month



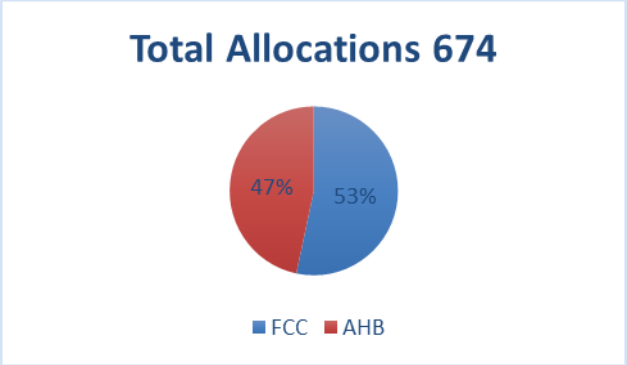
Applications received



Housing Support Appeals

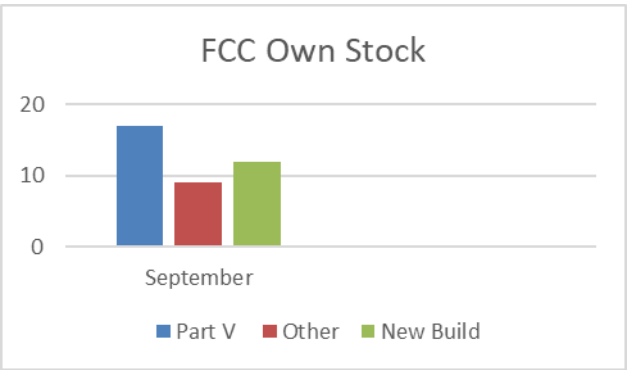
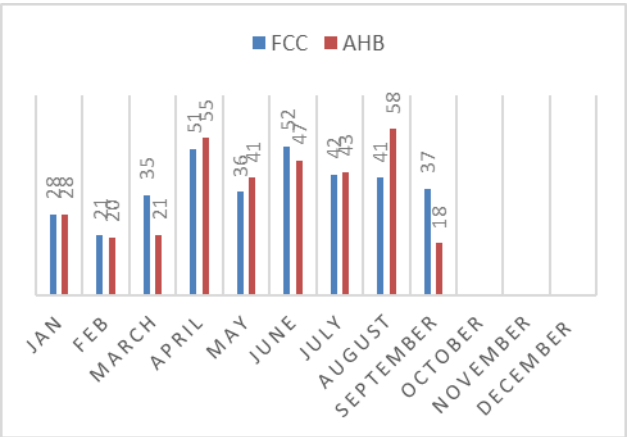
Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

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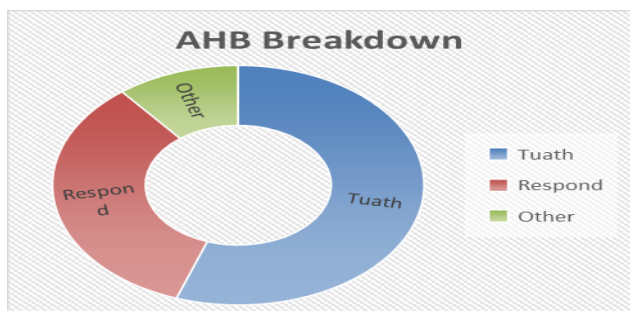


The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2025.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.



331 of the **674** allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies. The other **343** 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 September.



Internal image of advertised property in Sheephill Park.

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
03/09/2025	Pipers Court, Hansfield	2	Apt	1447	312
10/09/2025	Sheephill Park, Blanchardstown	3	House	1100	145
10/09/2025	Canal View Terrace, Hansfield	1	Apt	1448	271
17/09/2025	Ringfort Avenue Balrothery	2	House	1414	275
			Total	5,409	1003

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 September 2025, 48 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including privately rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme.

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

Type of Exit	HHAP Tenancy	Allocation of Tenancy	Total
EA	6	9	15
Homeless Prevention	15	18	33
Total	21	27	48

There was a total of 33 homeless prevention cases and 15 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

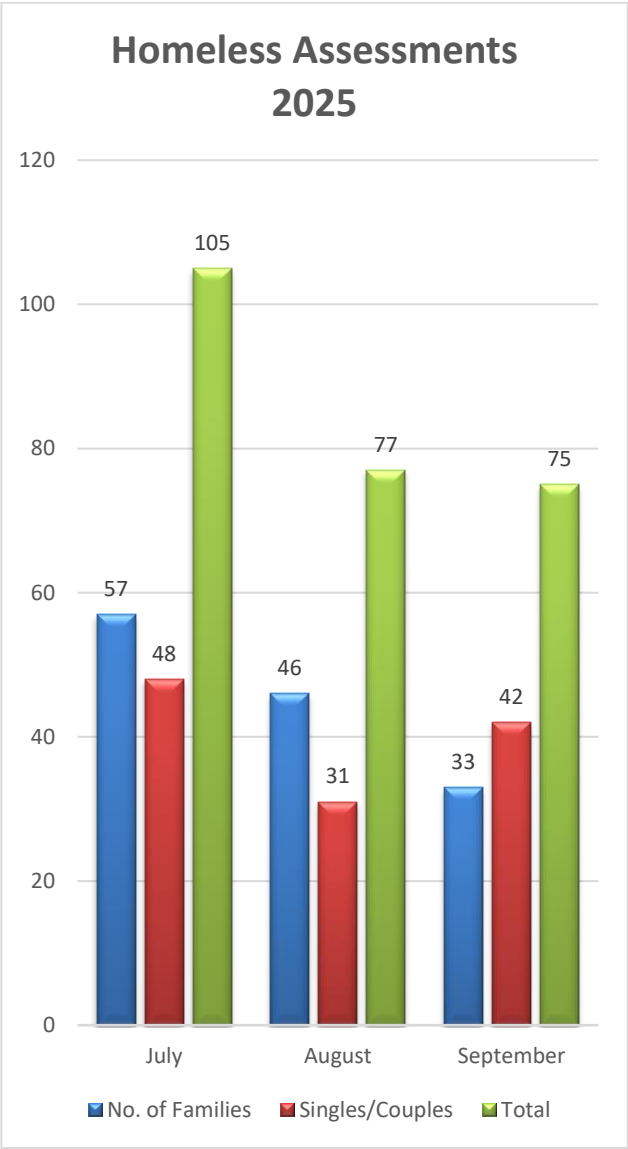
18 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 9 exited emergency accommodation.

21 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 15 homeless preventions and 5 who exited emergency accommodation and 1 from Direct Provision.

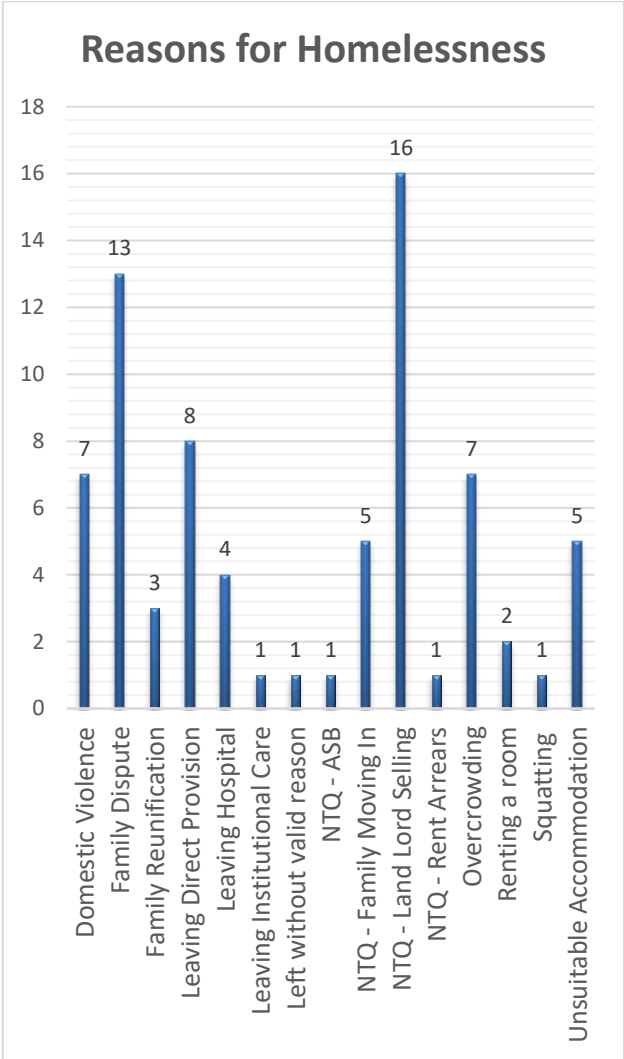
Homeless Assessments

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

In September 2025, there were a total of 75 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 33 families and 42 singles/couples.



During September 2025, of the 75 Homeless Assessments carried out, 31% of cases resulted from Notice to Termination (NOT) having been served, 17% cases resulted from family/relationship breakdown and 11% were from leaving direct provision. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from Renting a room (3%) and Overcrowding (9%). The remaining 29% 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 113 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 6 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (2 couples, and 2 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. The teams are very familiar with the locations of people sleeping rough across the Dublin Region and persistently work with individuals to support them into emergency accommodation. This process can take time and multiple contacts, as some people do not want to engage but the teams persevere with every person working to achieve a successful outcome.

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

National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan

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

The HSE Mental Health Housing Coordinator from Parkgate Hall liaises with the Homeless Services Team on a monthly basis.

Currently 18 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, 5 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 refused a property and we are currently reviewing the options for him.

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 www.threshold.ie which contains more information and advice on the validity of your notice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The key contact details are:

Fingal County Council Housing Department

Monday to Thursday, 9 am to 5.00 pm,

Friday 9 am to 4.30 pm:

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

Email: NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie

Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:

Freephone: 1800 707 707

Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Council remains committed to fulfilling its responsibilities under 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

The remaining dates for the LTACC Meetings for 2025 have now been confirmed with the members of the Committee.

In the coming months, members of the LTACC will participate in Traveller cultural awareness training to support them in fulfilling their committee responsibilities.

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.



New tarmac laid in Saint Brigid's Lawn, Porterstown

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 caravans to Haremount and NCT sites



Dumping on sites

Illegal dumping on halting sites remains an ongoing issue.

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

Letters 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 In Ardla

Fire Safety

Fire safety remains a top priority for the protection of all tenants on our Halting Sites and Group Housing Schemes. The annual service and maintenance of portable fire equipment on Fingal County Council Traveller Accommodation Sites has been completed, with additional fire safety equipment installed at several halting sites. Furthermore, a fire safety audit of caravans has been carried out, accompanied by a leaflet distribution to all halting sites.

The Estate Management Section is working closely with Dublin Fire Brigade to organize Fire Safety Training Days for both North Dublin and the Dublin 15 area. LTACC Members have been informed of these planned sessions taken place in October 2025 and have committed to promoting and supporting the training.

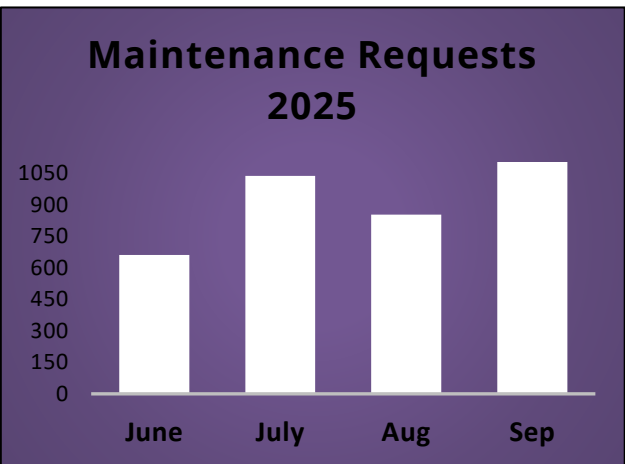
In addition, new notices have been placed on all powerhouse doors to advise that there is no entry permitted to the powerhouse by unauthorised persons.



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 Maintenance



To date, Estate Management has received 9,539 maintenance requests, conducted 42 interviews with Fingal tenants and issued 43 Tenancy Alerts for breaches of the Tenancy Agreement.

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.

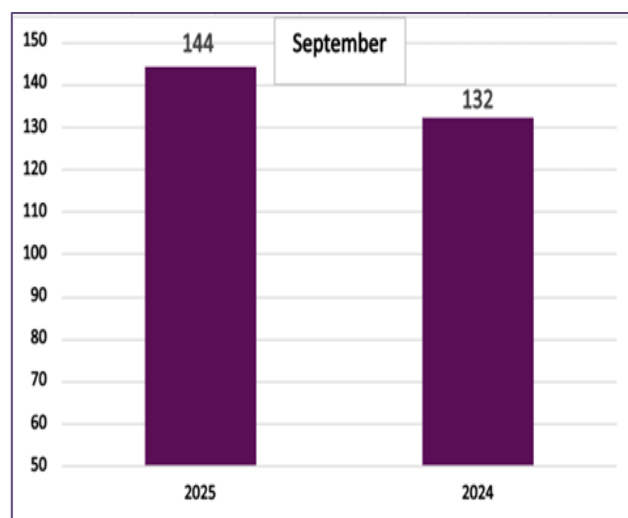
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints Sept 2025	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	32	12	4	16
Rush / Lusk	15	3	6	6
Swords	34	13	15	6
Howth/Malahide	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 June 2025

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2025	1182
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

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

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

www.gov.ie/ukraine

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

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

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

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

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

OfferAHome\Pledge Accommodation

The monthly recognition payment (ARP) of **€800** per month for vacant properties and **€800** per month to host a Ukraine person in your home was recently reduced to **€600** in accordance with the new Government policy.

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

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

Vacant Homes

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

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



CPO property Wellview above, Dublin 15

This represents the fourth private owned long term vacant property in Wellview estate that has been dealt with by the Vacant Homes Team. In addition to the above property, 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 and provide homes with increasing enquiries, applications, and grant approvals regarding the scheme.

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

This scheme was launched in July 2022. On the 1st May 2023, the scheme was further extended with the eligibility criteria allowing for properties built pre-2008 to qualify and grants increasing to €50k (vacant) and €70k (vacant and derelict). The expansion of the scheme allows for properties to be rented on the private rented market whereas previously the property had to be the applicant's principal private residence.

234 applications have been received since launch of the scheme. **57** 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.

An information event was held on the 23rd September 2025 at the Grand Hotel, Malahide. The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) were also present at this event to advise on how SEAI grants can be used in conjunction with the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant.



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

Recently received VPRG application





Recently approved VPRG application



Works complete Property - Before and after



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Funding

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. The Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/initiatives including;

Fingal Volunteer Centre Expo - Our Balbriggan Office

Fingal Volunteer Centre will host its annual expo in the Our Balbriggan Offices on Saturday 18th October, from 1 – 3pm. The Event will offer an opportunity for people to come and explore ways they can volunteer in their community. The event will host many organisations who currently use the services of the Volunteer Centre to help facilitate connecting volunteers. This is part of ongoing work to raise the awareness of volunteering in Balbriggan in line with the objective 3.2 as set out in the Community Pillar of the Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan 2025-2030. The Community Department works collaboratively with the Volunteer Centre and support the vital work they do in connecting groups and organisations with those who wish to volunteer in the county.



Fingal Rural Community Forum 3rd Quarter Meeting

The Fingal Rural Community Forum meeting for quarter three was hosted by Man O' War GAA Club in September. The Meeting was addressed by Christine Baker, Heritage Officer with FCC who delivered a presentation on Fingal Heritage projects and funding opportunities available to the nine communities across northwest Fingal who are represented on the forum. Updates on Sustainable Communities Funding, the Fingal Community Safety Committee, proposed changes to the Activities Funding Scheme, concerns around transport difficulties in north fingal and proposed Eirgrid works were the main topics of the meeting. The next forum meeting will be held in the Naul in November and will be addressed by the newly appointed Community Safety Officer with FCC and Senior Community Gardaí from the Balbriggan district.



Donabate Community Expo

The Community of Donabate came out in strength to attend the recent Community Expo held in DPCC, with the support of the FCC Community Development Office. New and emerging groups rubbed shoulders with established groups across the spectrum of sporting, advocacy, cultural and community development, alongside agencies and other organisations active in the town. Entertainment was provided by the Peninsula Voices Community Choir and the Plonkers musical group, who are part of Donabate Men's Shed. The Expo was attended by members of the recently formed Donabate Town team and provided an opportunity for residents new to Donabate to find out about the many clubs and group available to them, centred around Donabate & Portrane Community Centre.



Community Development

Community Collaboration in Corduff Builds Momentum Ahead of Place Standard Research Launch

On September 3rd, three local groups – Corduff Community Group, Corduff FC, and St. Patrick's Community Orchard Garden Project – came together in Corduff for a collaborative meeting facilitated by the Community Department.

This gathering marked a step in strengthening local partnerships, with the Place Standard Tool acting as the key driver behind the collaboration. Developed by Fingal's Community Department, the tool has been instrumental in bringing residents, services, and agencies together to have meaningful conversations about what makes Corduff thrive—and where improvements are needed.

The meeting focused on how each group, having received funding through the Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Fund, could work together to maximise impact. Discussions included ideas for joint clean-ups, creative mural projects, and biodiversity enhancements, all aimed at improving the local environment and strengthening community ties. This collaboration is expected to continue in the coming months, with further meetings and joint initiatives planned—including the launch of the Corduff Place Standard research, which will share key insights gathered from local residents and guide future community-led development in the area.



Neighbourhood Network – Churchfields Mulhuddart

Neighbourhood Network (NN), in partnership with the Community Development Office, is supporting community building in Churchfields, Mulhuddart. The project focuses on engaging residents in Avondale Place, Minnow, Wellview infill sites, and Churchfields and since May, NN has reached 260 households through door knocking and flyer drops. A successful "Coffee Social" in Avondale Place helped gather baseline data on residents' sense of connectedness, with local centres Parslickstown House and Mulhuddart Community Centre also present to share information on local supports. They've joined a local resident WhatsApp group and are currently forming a more focused organising group.

NN attends quarterly Prioritising Mulhuddart meetings, shares updates on progress and seeks collaboration and networking opportunities.

Community leaders are emerging in each estate, with one resident already being referred to the Community Office to explore the establishment of a local Girl Guides group.

What's Next

- Leadership Workshop: Open to all residents, highlighting the value of community leadership and resident associations.
- Local Newsletter: Sharing updates from groups, services, and centres.
- Community Service Directory: Created by residents to guide newcomers.
- New Groups: Interest expressed locally in forming a Gardening Group and Christmas Carol Group.

NN continues to build strong referral networks and foster local leadership. Just four months in, the project is gaining momentum with much more to come in the remaining 14 months.



Community Facilities Management Support

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

Community Centres Open Day

Across the weekend of 5th-7th September, the Community Facilities Engagement Team coordinated with our network of Community Centres to hold a county wide Open Day in your local community centre. Over 25 centres opened their doors to the public to showcase the various activities, initiatives and programmes which take place in the centres. People were met at the door with a smile and were welcomed in for a chat and a cup of tea. Centres also tied in with local stakeholder groups to provide local information. The Open Days were well attended across the county, and this will be the first of what becomes an annual event.



Fingal Community Facilities Network Meeting

The FCFN hosted their 3rd Quarter Network meeting where the main session was a presentation on HR issues, delivered by Garret Folan of The HR company. The Community Facilities Engagement Team sent a questionnaire to all facilities to scope out their main HR issues, and the session was tailored by The HR Company to address these issues. The community development team also launched the third strand of Keen To Be Green, energy efficiency, where we will work with the centres and the network to provide advice and guidance on measures and funding to address energy usage in their centres.

Interagency

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

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg

The Comhairle na nÓg members continue to work on their annual project, which is on the topic School Stress and Education and recently met with Ruth Graham, a Graphic Harvester. Ruth will be creating designs that reflect their annual project, which the group will use across their social media. Additionally, the young people are creating a video about their project. The members are also busy planning for their Annual Youth Conference which will be taking place on the 14th of October 2025 in Blanchardstown.

Fingal Public Participation Network



The Secretariat and the staff of Fingal PPN were delighted to invite the Mayor of Fingal to launch their interim strategic plan 2025 - 2026 on 17th September. This plan focusses on capacity building of Secretariat, staff and representatives to ensure the voices of community groups from across all pillars are represented at decision-making level in the county.

This work builds upon the information roadshows which took place in all three LEAs, which highlighted the need for a 'back to basics' approach in educating the public on the role of the PPN and how they can get involved. We welcomed two new Secretariat members in August, adding new energy and skills to the committee.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified candidates to join the local community partnerships and look forward to working towards a robust community safety 3-year plan for Fingal.

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.

Age Friendly Ireland Awards: Judges visit to Shortlisted Project



Bowden Court, Swords was one of three housing projects shortlisted for Age Friendly Ireland's Housing Award.

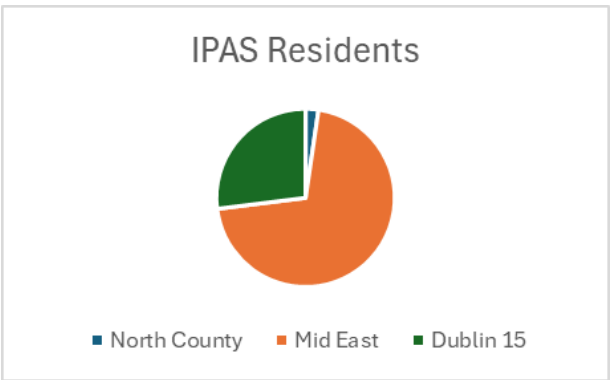
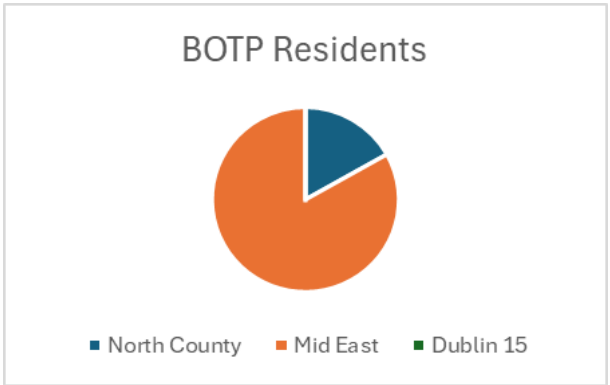
The judges were presented with an overview of the project from Architects, Housing and Age Friendly Fingal staff. This presentation highlighted the collaborative approach taken in Fingal to designing and delivering age-friendly housing, demonstrating how such partnerships can significantly support older people in remaining in their own homes for as long as possible.

The judges also visited the Bowden Court site, where they met with residents who shared their personal experiences. Residents spoke about the positive impact of living in universally designed homes, located close to essential amenities and services, on their ability to maintain independence. One resident described how downsizing from a nearby four-bedroom house, which had become unmanageable, into a more accessible apartment had greatly improved her quality of life. The new home provided a more manageable living space, a second bedroom for visiting grandchildren, and the opportunity to stay connected with her community, long-time neighbours and local social groups.

Integration Office
Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The role of the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is to provide ongoing integration supports to International Protection (IP) applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) to enable them to live independently in the community. The LAIT continued to host integration clinics across the three geographical areas of North County, Mid-East and Dublin 15 in IPAS Accommodation centres and BOTP centres. The latest accommodation statistics as of the 31st of August 2025 have been provided by the LGMA (Local Government Management Agency) and UCTAT (Ukrainian Crisis Temporary Accommodation Team).

Geographical Area	BOTP Residents	IPAS Residents
North County	59	53
Mid-East	291	1599
Dublin 15	0	610
Total	350	2262



The **Council’s Community Integration Forum** continues to meet regularly to co-ordinate the response of the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community and other new arrivals with the most recent meetings held on the the 6th August 2025 and on the 7th October 2025 with the final meeting of the year to be held on the 2nd December 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

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

Information Open Day for IPAS Residents

The Local Authority Integration Team participated in an information open day held at the National Reception Centre in the Dublin 15 area organised by AkiDwA. The event aimed to equip newly arrived International Protection Applicants with clear, relevant, and timely information about local services supports, and opportunities across Fingal. The LAIT team was on hand to offer guidance, share information, and signpost residents to available supports both within Fingal and at a national level.



Fingal Integration Connections Expo

On the 18th of September Fingal County Council's Integration Office successfully hosted its third Fingal Connections Expo in a large-scale International Protection Accommodation Centre in the Mid-East of the county. On this occasion the event was attended by the Mayor, Cllr. Tom O'Leary and several representatives from the LGMA.

The Fingal Connections Expo was specifically targeted to respond to the needs and interests of the residents at the IPAS Accommodation centre with a particular focus on women and families creating connections to foster stronger community ties. The event brought together 32 exhibitors representing 19 agencies and welcomed 168 residents, including 103 women.

Our office introduced a new feature to the expo experience called 'Fingal Talks'. We select agencies to deliver bespoke information to cohorts and on this occasion, we hosted 'Fingal Talks' from the Irish Refugee Council, Work Equal, and Eurospeak, who showcased the work of the EU-funded 'Women Up' programme. Throughout the morning the talks were attended by 50 women.

This new element created a platform for meaningful conversations with residents parallel to the expo around inclusion and empowerment. It was especially impactful for women residing at the centre, offering insights into supports and opportunities to thrive both personally and professionally.



BAPS Ireland Island of Heroes Children’s Fun Day

BAPS Ireland’s Bal-Balika and Kishore-Kishori group recently hosted the ‘Island of Heroes’ children’s event, supported by the Integration Office. This inclusive event welcomed children and their families from across the community, offering a vibrant day filled with learning, fun, and inspiration. Over 200 children of all ages participated alongside their families, contributing to a lively and uplifting atmosphere. The celebration highlighted culture, music and dance, featuring a variety of engaging and educational activities designed to foster connection, inclusivity and community spirit.



Celebrating Ukraine’s Independence Day

On Tuesday the 26th of August, with support from the Fingal Integration Office, the Ukrainian Volunteers of Ireland group hosted a vibrant Family Day in celebration of Ukraine’s Independence Day in the mid-east of the county.

The event was a tribute to the unity and resilience of the Ukraine community, bringing families together for a day filled with laughter, culture, and connection. Children enjoyed a variety of fun activities including face painting, games and arts and crafts. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, creating a memorable experience for all who attended.



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.

€54,238.47 (see table below) of funding approval recommendations were presented to the Area Committee Meetings in October 2025 and are before the full Council for approval on 13th October 2025 bringing the total amount approved in 2025 to €279,432.52.

2025 OCTOBER GRANTS		
AREA	NO OF GRANTS	AMOUNT APPROVED
BRLS	9	€ 16,850.50
BMCO	14	€ 31,827.97
H/M	4	€ 5,560.00
TOTAL	27	€ 54,238.47

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.

A grant amount in the sum of €29,680.00 for Rush Dramatic Society was presented by way of recommendation to the BRLS Area Committee Meeting on 9th October 2025 and is before the full Council for approval on 13th October 2025, bringing the total amount of Remedial Works Applications Funding approved in 2025 to €190,708.00.

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION, ACTIVE TRAVEL AND SPORTS DEPARTMENT

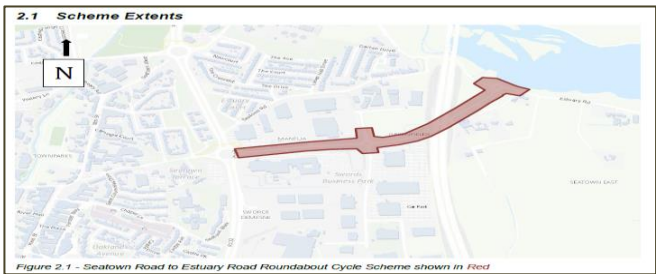
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BLRS Area:

Seatown Road Swords:

A tender competition to procure a contractor to carry out the works has been advertised. Tenders closed on the 26th September and are currently being evaluated by the Project Team. It is anticipated that the works will commence on site later in Q4 2025.



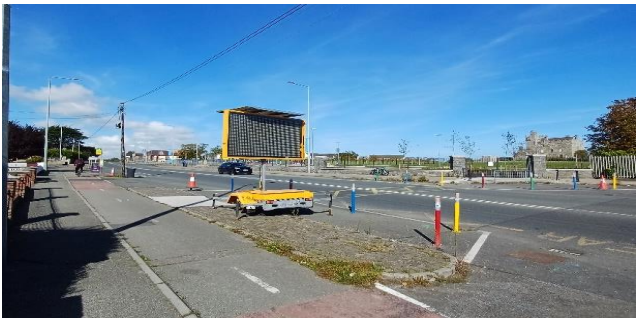
Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:

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



Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:

This project has progressed well during the summer. The initial project looked at the options from Bremore in a northerly direction to the Delvin Bridge on the county boundary with Meath. The NTA was not in support of the scheme developing further at this stage, but did support the development of the Flemington Lane junction with the R132 and the upgrade of the walking and cycling facilities back to Balbriggan town. The project has been renamed Junction of the R132 and Flemington Lane Balbriggan. The design has been completed, and the procurement of a Contractor has also been completed for these works to progress. The Contractor has mobilised and commenced works on site at Flemington Lane Junction, Balbriggan. These works will be ongoing over the coming eight 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 brief has been drafted to appoint a multi-disciplinary 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. Once the brief and timelines have been agreed, the tender documents will be finalised and published.

Feltrim Road Active Travel Project

The options development and options selection phase of the project has now been completed. The design team are currently commencing the preliminary design phase of the project, where the emerging preferred option will be developed further.

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. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

The preliminary design phase is ongoing. Initial discussions have taken place with local landowners with site meetings held. Further site investigations have taken place at pinch points along the R147 with drawings updated accordingly in agreement with the NTA following a workshop. A stage 1 road safety audit is underway, and draft environmental & appropriate screening reports have been issued to FCC for discussion.

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 are currently being evaluated by the Project Team.

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 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 design team are also beginning the process of considering the form that the construction tender documents will take, in conjunction with the Active Travel Unit.



Balrothery Active Travel Plan

A draft plan has been prepared and is currently the subject of the statutory environmental screening processes. Once these screening processes have been determined, the final plan will be published, and the design team will then identify an initial project from the plan.

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 is 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.

Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop:

The Part 8 Planning Process commenced in early March and concluded with the Part 8 presentation to the full council meeting on 9th June 2025. The proposal was approved at this meeting. The project now moves to the detailed design phase, with the conduct of underground surveys underway. A Ground Penetrating Radar Survey and other relevant surveys were conducted as part of this process. FCC has continued engaging with the ESB on the required works to underground services on Harbour Road. Consultation with the local stakeholders will be facilitated in advance of the construction phase in 2026.

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. The pedestrian guardrail has been completed. 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.

The tender process for the works has been completed, and a contractor has been appointed. Works will commence in the coming weeks and are expected to take approximately three to four weeks to complete. Active Travel will be liaising with Operations and residents to ensure the implementation of this scheme.



Seapark Hill Active Travel Project

The geometric alignment has been agreed and the development of the landscaping design is progressing on programme. The design team is currently nearing the end of the detailed design phase and the design team are beginning to collate the deliverables required to close off this phase of the project.

Broomfield to Paddy's Hill

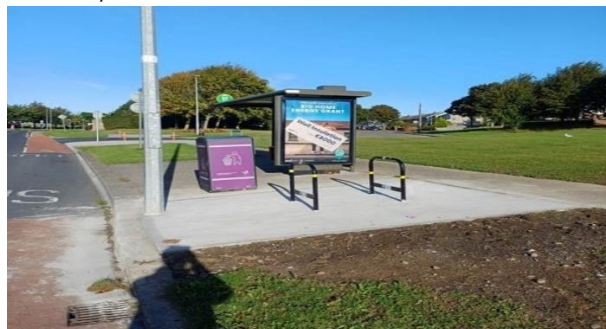
The brief has been drafted to appoint a multi-disciplinary design team to bring this project from the Options Development Stage through to completion. The extent of the scheme and various other constraints are under consideration at present by the Active Travel Unit.



Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

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

River Valley Road (Bus Stop No. 3708), Hilltown, Swords, Co. Dublin



Holywell Gardens, Swords, Co. Dublin



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 design for Round 2 of the Safe Routes to School project has been completed by the appointed designer and is currently under review by Fingal County Council. A detailed cost estimate has also been prepared and submitted to the National Transport Authority (NTA) to ensure alignment with budgetary constraints and safety standards.

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

The programme is currently in the early engagement phase, during which An Taisce is working closely with each of the selected schools to develop their outline delivery plans. This collaborative approach ensures that the needs and context of each school community are considered in shaping safer, more accessible routes for students.

School Wardens:

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

European Mobility Week:

The Road Safety Office 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 continue on a Saturday morning from 11:30am to 1pm until the 25th October. The Courses have been extremely popular and beneficial for all the participants who are honing their cycling skills and preparing for more independent cycling.



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 Applewood.

Our next lessons are running in:

- Luttrellstown Community Centre Starts Monday 29/09/2025
- Rivervalley Community Centre, starts 18/10/2025
- 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 <https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/mobility/learn2cycle>

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



Balance Bike Buddies - Millennium Park

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

- Holywell Learn2Cycle track Swords, Starts Saturday 23 September 11.30am and 12.15pm courses
- Brackenstown Learn2Cycle track Swords, starts Sat 6 September, 2.30pm and 3.15pm courses

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



European Mobility Week – Thornleigh School Street Trial

As part of European Mobility Week 2025 The Road Safety Unit ran a weeklong school street trial at Thornleigh ETNS in Swords.

The trial saw the road close to all traffic from 8am to 8:30am and 12:30pm to 2:15pm each day.

The week was a huge success with parents and students benefiting from taking back the front of school from traffic and creating a safer and more environmentally friendly commute to school.

Watch the video from the week here - https://youtu.be/HhVUFtAA8qY?si=O1TDhJZ_bikcYlo



European Mobility Week – Balisk One Way System Trial

The second scheme we trialled during European Mobility Week was a one-way system around the school campuses at Balisk Common in Donabate, which included Gael Scoil na Mara, Donabate Community College and Donabate Portrane ETNS as well as the Community Centre.

The diversion saw all traffic being required to enter the campus via Beaverstown Road and exit via Portrane Road with a drop off location in Donabate Portrane Community Centre.

The week was very successful and showed what is possible when road space is reallocated to people walking and cycling.



Phoenix Park Bike Disco 2025

The Active Travel unit's annual Bike Disco event will take place at 7.45pm on Friday 10 October in the Phoenix Park. This event is a collaboration between Fingal Active Travel unit in collaboration with the OPW and Dublin City Council, and iBike Dublin. This is a hugely enjoyable family friendly event, which has been very well attended in previous years.

Further information and registration details can be seen here <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/bike-disco-tickets-1720592461369>



Skerries EcoFest

The Active Travel Team participated in Skerries EcoFest on Sunday, 29 September, sharing information on our current initiatives and the courses available to the community.

The event was well attended and provided a great platform for direct community engagement. It allowed us to connect with families and community groups in Skerries, raise awareness of the supports Fingal offers, and gather feedback from residents on how active travel can be further encouraged locally.



The Fingal Second Spin Project

Fingal County Council's Active Travel Unit are implementing a pilot scheme that will see them team up with the Rediscovery Centre in Ballymun and 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>

Adult Cycling Lessons – Baldoyle

Our Adult Cycling Lessons are continuing on a Thursday evening in Baldoyle from Racecourse Park. The course takes place over 6 weeks and focuses on building skill, confidence and ability to cycle on all types of cycling infrastructure.

If you are interested in taking part in future cycling courses, please email active.travel@fingal.ie

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 e-bike – see example images below.

Staff must collect the bike from the Blanchardstown Civic Offices, and return the bike to the same location at the end of the trial.

For more information, please email

Emma.court@fingal.ie



Staff Pooled Bikes

Staff pooled bikes are available in County Hall, Swords through the Bleeper Bike App. To sign up for shared eBikes

- Email Building Facilities for Bike Bunker access
- Download the Bleeper App
- Register with your FCC email
- Search 'My Private Scheme'
- Enter Scheme name: 'Fingal Staff Bikes'
- Await the confirmation from Bleeper The bikes are available from the middle Bike Bunker in Swords, and we plan to have the two bikes available in the Civic Offices, Blanchardstown in January 2025.

For more information, please email

active.travel@fingal.ie



Girls Influencer Cycling Campaign

Fingal Active Travel have collaborated with Dublin City Council Active Travel, to hire 3 influencers to create videos encouraging teenage girls and women to cycle in Dublin. The videos feature the female influencers using the active travel network of cycle lanes in Fingal and Dublin city.

Fingal eBike Connect Scheme

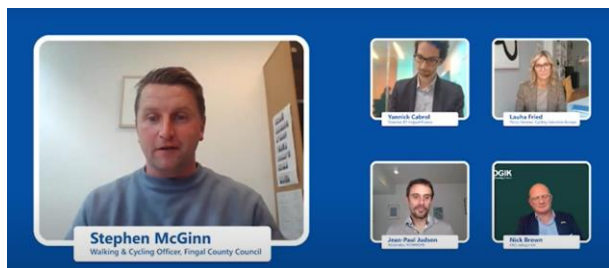
The eBike Connect Scheme for the Donabate/Portrane area, is currently seeking expressions of interest for round 3. This scheme gives residents the opportunity to apply for a subsidised eBike for a 3-month period. The purpose of the scheme is to show people the benefits of eBikes in relation to commuting 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 customercare@bleeperactive.com and they will take you through the process



EIT Urban Mobility – Mobility Talks

Our Walking & Cycling Officer, Stephen McGinn recently took part in an online discussion on an upcoming report from EY on the return on investment for Bike Sharing Scheme. The full talk can be viewed on the Mobility Talks YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGNYJmAkQ2I>



Dublin 15 Bike Library

Following the success of the Ongar Bike Library Pilot project, we are extending the bike library to cover the entire Dublin 15 area. A large number of expressions of interest have been received and we hope to see the first wave of bikes being deployed in the next two weeks. 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 three-month trial on an eBike, eCargo Bike or an eLongtail bike and aims to show them the benefits and versatility of eBikes as a primary mode of transport.

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:

1. Reduce car journeys to Balbriggan Train Station
2. 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 Stephen.mcgin@fingal.ie



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.

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

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:

Cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie with your name, preferred location, preferred date and time.

Online:

<https://forms.office.com/e/n9aTJLu7jd> Fill out the booking form 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. Over the summer, the number of bookings continues to grow and we are delighted to see it go from strength to strength.

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



EVPZ

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



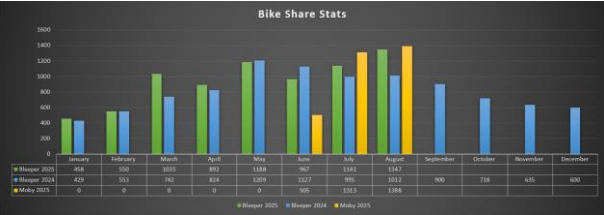
Month	Trips	KM Travelled
May	38	568km
June	92	2486km
July	42	2626km
August	67	3219km
September	61	2289km
October		
November		
December		
Total 2025		

Moby Bikes in Fingal

Due to factors outside their control, there is no eBike journey data for August available. We will circulate the data once it becomes available



Bike Share Schemes



1,388 Moby eBike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in August
Distance travelled by eBike = 4,597km
Average Trip Time: 3.31km
Thursday recorded the highest usage
Average Trip Distance: 17mins
Estimated emissions avoided in Fingal this month: 600kg

Bleeper Bike

The Bleeper Bike Scheme had another strong month in August. There has been a steady increase in Bleeper usage in Swords over the past few months, which we're very pleased to see. We removed the Bleeper Bike service from Dublin 15 in April due to vandalism, and this has greatly affected trip numbers in the West of the county in May, but we restarted our service in Castleknock Village, 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

769 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in July
There were an additional 578 Journeys that took place outside of Fingal using the Fingal Pass
992 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in April
Sundays (18.2%) and Saturdays (18.6%) recorded the highest usage
Howth, Baldoyle, and Malahide were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided in Fingal this month:202kg of CO2 (Plus an additional 51kg from external Fingal Pass trips)

CLIMATE ACTION

Warmer Homes Balbriggan

The Climate Action Team supported Balbriggan Sustainable Energy Community to deliver a Warmer Homes information event.

Staff updates

The Climate Action Team delivered a presentation on the progress of the Fingal Climate Action Plan to staff in Blanchardstown office Climate Stories.



Climate Stories

The Climate Action Team launched a new Climate Action Story Map, an interactive digital tool that showcases the diverse and impactful steps the Council is taking to address climate change. The tool was launched in July and can be viewed here: [Climate Action in Fingal](#)

The tool was developed to increase transparency and public engagement, the story map highlights key climate actions from departments across the organisation, from sustainable transport and energy efficiency to green infrastructure and education.

In addition to place-based learning, this tool can be used to highlight initiatives that might not always be obvious to the public such as small-scale infrastructure or internal projects. By showcasing projects like these, the map can help the public better understand their purpose and role in climate resilience. By continuously updating the map, Fingal aims to raise the awareness of these often-overlooked elements.



Fingal Sustainable Energy Communities

The Climate Action Team met with the Fingal SEC mentors to explore ways of supporting the growth and development of SECs in Fingal. A SEC networking Day for all Sustainable Energy Communities in Fingal is planned for Oct 9th in Malahide Castle.

E2CUTIES

Stakeholder meeting was attended in Utrecht. The purpose of this meeting was to develop community of practice among the Sustainable Energy Communities and to commence work on the next deliverables.

Updates on the E2CUTIES project and can be viewed here:

<https://www.fingal.ie/e2-cuties>

The project's goal is to improve energy efficiency in urban areas by empowering local energy communities to adopt integrated, energy-efficient solutions and fostering stronger collaboration between these communities and local authorities.

LASNTG Climate Action Training

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

Training topic: Forestry Programme 2023-2025

Our Balbriggan-Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar.

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

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.

Community Climate Action Fingal

Round 2 of the Community Climate Action Program has been announced. The grant is launching end October and closing before Christmas. The Community Climate Action Officer is engaging with community groups, organisations and sports clubs in Fingal to prepare them for the Application Phase. These include Scout Dens, Housing and Disability charities, Sports Clubs (GAA, football, tennis, golf, cricket), community owned Community Centres. Meanwhile projects continue to be completed from Round 1.

Bayside Community Centre purchased new recycling bins and a gazebo for bike repair events, they also got part of the roof insulated. Balbriggan FC got new doors and LEDs. Ashleigh House rehabilitation centre installed a bike shelter to encourage active travel.



Climate Action Awareness: Fingal Reusable Cup Project

The pilot Fingal Reusable Cup Project (FRCP) continues in both Rush and Malahide with all participating businesses stocked with reusable cups for members of the public to 'tap and borrow'.

Business Packs containing promotional materials and training guides were delivered to all businesses in July. We are currently working on the FRCP webpage and continue to engage with businesses to agree ideas to increase uptake from the public.

#SmallCupBigChange



ENVIRONMENT Environmental Awareness:

Environmental Literacy Workshops

With the return to school, a suite of workshops have been offered to all schools in Fingal to promote environmental literacy. These workshops aim to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to understand and address environmental challenges. By fostering awareness of natural systems and the impact of human actions, students are empowered to make informed decisions and take responsible actions.

The initiative encourages critical thinking, problem-solving, and stewardship, preparing young people to contribute to a sustainable future and advocate for environmental justice and conservation.



Green-Schools Programme

The Environmental Awareness Officer attended regional and secondary school seminars for schools participating in the Green-Schools programme. These seminars served to outline the supports available to schools engaging in the programme and to introduce the EAO to new Green-Schools Coordinators.

Fast Fashion Awareness

The “Let’s Fix Fashion” programme and the “Relove Fashion” competition were promoted across all Fingal secondary schools to raise awareness about the environmental impact of fast fashion in Ireland. Workshops supporting participation in the Relove Fashion competition are also available to schools who wish to engage.

Clothes Swap Kit

To support sustainable fashion practices, schools and community groups were encouraged to book a free Clothes Swap Kit. This initiative was promoted during Second-Hand September to facilitate local clothes swap events, however, it is possible to book a kit at any time.



Community Leaf Mould Composting Project

Community groups and residents' associations have been invited to participate in the Community Leaf Mould Composting Project. Building on the success of previous years, the initiative is expanding to include new communities and support groups, helping turn a waste stream into a valuable resource in the fight against climate change.



Replay Instruments Project

A range of musical instruments—including accordions, keyboards, guitars, trumpets, flutes, and fiddles—were donated to community music groups in Rush, Athy, and to Coolmine Community School. This is possible thanks to generous donations of preloved instruments from the public to the recycling centres at Coolmine and the Estuary, Swords.



Shore to Sea Initiative

The Environmental Awareness Officer visited Donabate Portrane ETNS to discuss the harmful effects of littering, particularly cigarette butts, which can travel through gulleys and end up in the sea. To raise awareness, gulleys on the school grounds were stencilled with a message to create awareness that 'The Shore Starts Here'.

Dog Fouling Awareness Campaign

Students and parents of St. Sylvester's Junior National School launched a local campaign to address dog fouling along their walk-and-scoot routes to school. A poster competition was held, and winning designs were used as signage in the local area.

The campaign was celebrated with support from Mayor Cllr. Tom O'Leary and Cllr. Joan Hopkins. Dog fouling bags and dispensers were distributed by the Environmental Awareness Officer to further support the initiative on the morning of the launch.



Tenant Induction Presentations

The Environmental Awareness Officer presented at two tenant inductions, offering guidance on best practices for domestic waste management. Kitchen caddies were distributed to support food waste segregation.

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 quantify the litter present, inspecting and counting litter present, thus identifying black spots, to enable Fingal County Council tackle litter more effectively.
- Attended tenant induction course outlining their responsibilities regarding litter.
- Litter warden to call to business in industrial estate regarding securing and removing of bonfire materials (pallets, tyres etc).



Litter Fines & Warning Notices – September 2025

Month	Fines	Warning Notice
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

There were three cases before the district court in September, all cases were successfully prosecuted, and costs awarded.

Litter Management Cases for September 2025

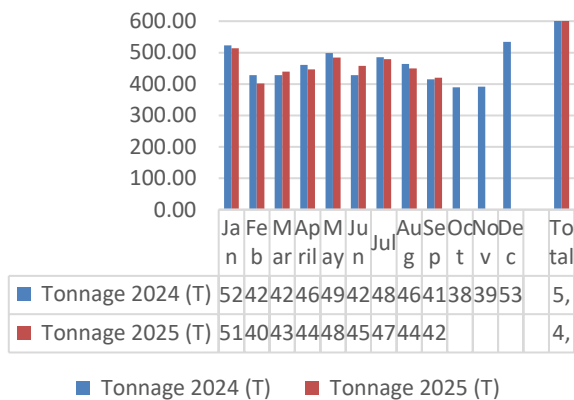
Cases September 2025	Amount
Muck on road	1
Inspection of bring banks	316
Inspection of dumping black spots	612
Unauthorised signage	1
Request for Dog fouling signs	3
Report of dumping from a car	2
Report of dumping 1 – 20 bags	17
Surveys	42

Bring Banks

Bottle Banks

Glass volumes collected in **September 2025** were **420 (T)**. This compares with a collection figure of 415 (T) in September 2024.

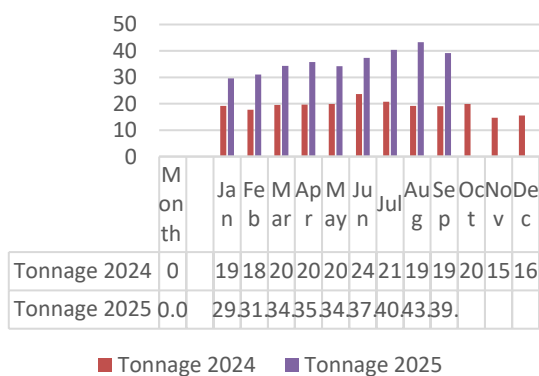
Glass'Tonnage 2024', 'Tonnage 2025' by 'Month'



Textiles Banks

Textile volumes collected in **September** were **39 (T)**. This compares with a collection figure of 19 (T) in 2024.

Textile Tonnage 2024/2025



Abandoned Vehicle

From 1st January – 30th September 2025, 324 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles have been received by the Environment Department. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department. The Litter Wardens carry out an initial inspection of all reported abandoned and burnt-out vehicles.

To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should be emailed to environment@fingal.ie

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

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

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

A new system is currently being introduced whereby notices will be placed on reported abandoned vehicles with no licence plates/foreign registrations. This notice will give the owners 4 weeks to remove the vehicle from the location. Failure to remove the vehicle in this period will result in the vehicle being removed to an authorised treatment facility for disposal.

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 increased their patrols on the beaches and in the parks.

There were 94 x 10 Day Notices and 12 Fines issued by the dog wardens for the period 21st June 2025 to 30th of July and 224 x 10 Day Notices and 29 fines issued from 1st to 23rd August 2025.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	217	10	20	3	€1,997.50	€550
February	297	82	38	5	€2,135	€2,244
March	234	87	40	15	€2,525	€1,121
April	277	85	35	11	€2,073	€1,770
May	408	99	38	15	€2,420	€4,443
June	247	81	58	12	€2,180	€1,700
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		13		€2,321	
November	104		19		€2,185	
December	0		5		€1,700	
TOTAL	1872	854	429	127	€30,606.20	€18,999.50

The dog wardens took part in a successful Day of Action with Balbriggan Gardai on Sunday 31st of August whereby they, along with garda members patrolled locations which are frequented by dog walkers or have had reported issues with offences under the Control of Dogs Act, in the District. The areas covered were Skerries South beach and Strand Street, Balbriggan Harbour, Main Street and both beaches, Rush North & South beaches, Ardgillan Park and Castle Mills. Public engagement was very high and many members of the public were curious as to the legislation and enforcement.

Advices was given to dog walkers regarding their obligations under the Control of Dogs Act and local bye-laws along with over €1500 in fines being issued on the day.



The Animal Welfare Section created 51 Dynamics cases in relation to dogs from 1st of September 2025 – 30th September 2025. The Animal Welfare team also successfully dealt with 1130 emails in the period in relation to Control of Dogs.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1 st of September 2025 to 30 th September 2025
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	9
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	5
Env - Dog on Person Attack	6
Env - Dog warden assistance, garda request	2
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	12
Env - Surrendered Dog	0
Issue with Dog	5
Dog Signage Requests	2
Env- Stray Dog	10
Grand Total	51

Dog Licences

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

Month	Annual Licences Purchased		Lifetime Licences Purchased		Income from Licences	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	1078	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		65		€25,180	€
November	654		46		€19,520	€
December	310		20		€9000	€
Total for year	10,292	7,651	742	507	€309,720	€224,000



Dog Shelter Service

Dublin County Dog Shelter holds “Meet and Greet” visits for anyone looking to rehome a dog. Visits can be arranged by calling the shelter and arranging an appointment. These visits can be arranged from Monday – Friday from 11am to 1pm and from 2pm to 3.30pm. The shelter is also open on Saturday from 11am – 1pm. The shelter is closed to the public on Sundays. The dog shelter holds stray dogs picked up by the dog warden and dogs who have been surrendered by their owners either to the dog wardens or directly to the shelter. At the beginning of September 2025 there were 8 dogs in the shelter. Up to 30th September 2025, 12 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 0 were surrendered by members of the public. Of these 20 dogs 2 were reclaimed, 3 were rehomed to Rescue and 5 were rehomed to members of the public.

As of 30th of September 2025 there were 10 dogs remaining in the shelter. The shelter has a **Facebook page [Dublin County Dog Shelter](#) and Instagram Account [@dublincountydogshelter](#)** which they actively update with strays and dogs wishing to be rehomed.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of September 2024	18	Dogs in Shelter at start of September 2025	8
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	15	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	12
Surrendered by owners	2	Surrendered by owners	0
Reclaimed	2	Reclaimed	2
Rehomed to Rescue	6	Rehomed to Rescue	3
Rehomed to Public	5	Rehomed to Public	5
PTS	0	PTS	0
Dogs in Shelter at the end of September 2024	22	Dogs in shelter at 30 th of September 2025	10



Contact the shelter on **0873914008**, WhatsApp or Facebook to make an appointment to see the dogs available for rehoming. Fingal County Council has shared this information on our own Facebook & Instagram pages.

Facebook: Dublin County Dog Shelter
Instagram: dublincountydogshelter



Meet Honey, who came into the shelter as a stray but never reclaimed. Shy at first and has major potential for training as just under a year old. Recommended that Honey be an only dog and an owner with experience of the breed would be an advantage to both Honey and the owner.

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

Horses

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

During September, a total of 3 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.



Waste Enforcement & Regulation

CCTV Schemes

In an effort to combat illegal dumping at a number of key blackspot areas and to target unauthorised waste collectors a total of 4 CCTV schemes were approved by the FCC CCTV Oversight Board during August and September. Two of the CCTV schemes (1 covert and 1 overt system) have already been installed and monitoring has commenced while the remaining two schemes are currently underway and will be operational by mid October.



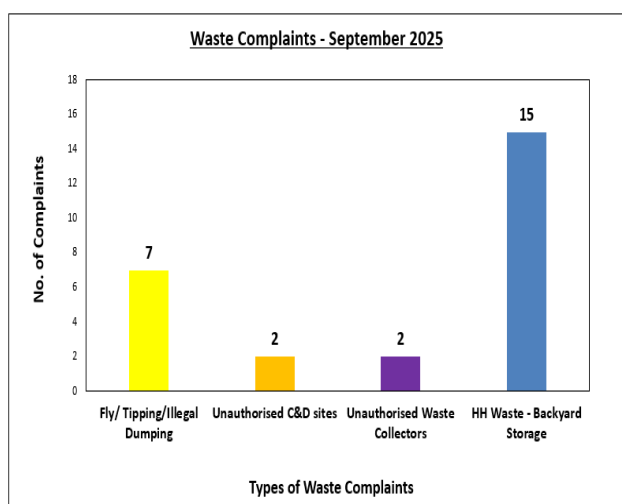
Data protection impact assessments were prepared by the Waste Enforcement Section for each CCTV scheme and a secure Cloud based CCTV system has been set up to store and manage CCTV footage and incident reports.

Litter fines will be issued in the first instance where a vehicle registration is captured and evidence of illegal dumping is obtained. For more serious dumping incidents a legal file will be prepared for prosecution in the District Court under the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended. For covert CCTV the cameras can only be installed and used for a short period of time (3 – 6 months) after which time the camera must be taken down. Overt cameras (Dunsink Lane) can be used for longer periods of time to help tackle persistent and serious dumping incidents.

Waste Complaints

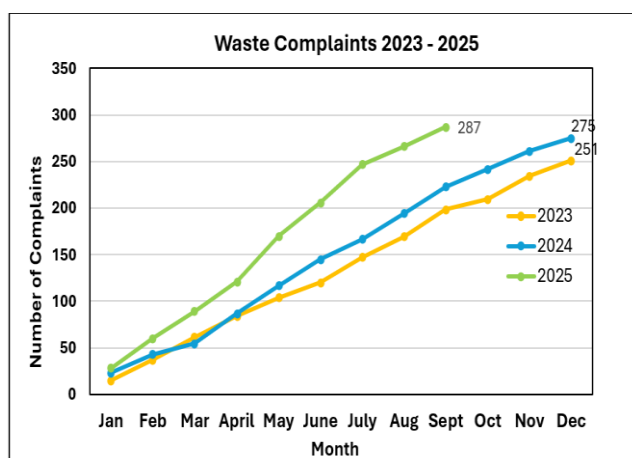
During September, a total of 46 waste complaints were received and investigated and 14 were resolved. These included:

Complaints regarding household and backyard storage. Burning of waste, an unauthorised C&D site, an unauthorised waste collector, and fly tipping/dumping, and non-routine complaints. A breakdown of these complaints is shown in the following graph.



On average it takes 1.2 days to fully investigate and close out a waste related complaint.

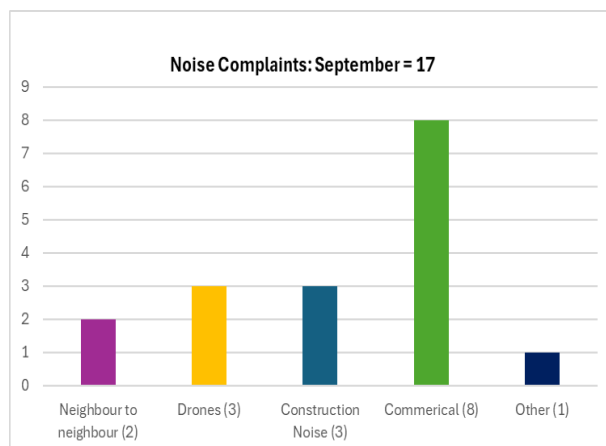
275 complaints were received last year requiring significant resources under the annual environmental inspection plan (RMCEI Plan).



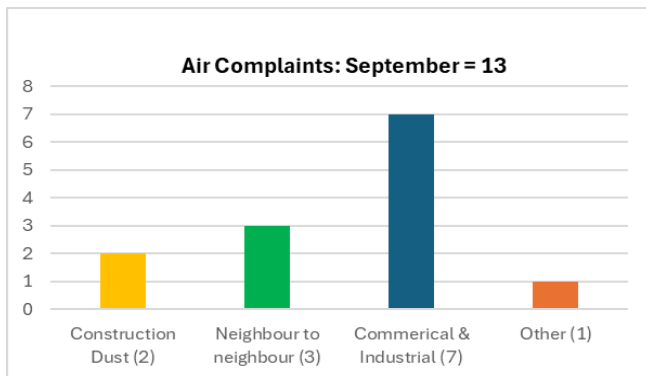
Air and Noise

Air & Noise Complaints

A total of 17 no. noise complaints were received and investigated during September. Complaints were received regarding neighbour-to-neighbour noise, drone delivery noise, construction site noise and noise associated with commercial activities.



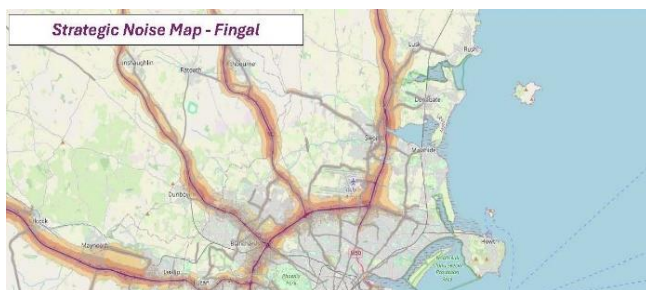
A total of 13 no. air complaints were received and investigated during September and these included complaints regarding construction dust, neighbour-to-neighbour air pollution issues and complaints about emissions from commercial and industrial units.



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 16 no. Planning applications referred by the Planning Department during September. Applications are assessed against the latest Strategic Noise Maps for Fingal to ensure that any proposed developments, particularly residential developments, will not be adversely affected by road, rail, industrial or aircraft noise.



The Air and Noise Section also attends pre-planning meetings to advise applicants on noise related matters.

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



Water Quality Protection

Storm Water Misconnection Mill Road, Blanchardstown

The Water Pollution team in collaboration with the Stormwater Inspectors have identified and eliminated a significant stormwater pollution source emanating from the Coolmine Industrial Estate. Unfortunately, there is still an intermittent pollution source been discharged to the network from an unknown location. Sampling and visits to units in the area are still on-going. The Water Pollution and Stormwater Team are also closely monitoring water quality from the stormwater outfall to try and trace the intermittent discharge as it occurs.

SPORTS OFFICE

Fingal Pitch & Putt Competitions

As part of the ten-year anniversary celebration of the Fingal and East Meath League Championship a new "Ryder Cup" competition took place on Sunday 31 of August at Ring Commons Pitch & Putt Club. Fresh from their victory in the Fingal and East Meath League the players from Rathfeigh paired up with players from opposing clubs to form new partnerships for the day's competition. The Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Tom O'Leary was in attendance to present the Fingal & East Meath perpetual trophy to Rathfeigh P &P, the club's third year in a row to take home the cup, and the new "Ryder Cup" funded by the Fingal Sports Office

Teams from Bellewstown, Laytown, Ringcommons, Ballyboughal, Rathfeigh, had taken part in the League competition, played across five evenings during July and August. The League Competition was established in 2015 by the Fingal Sports Office and Ballyboughal Pitch & Putt club to promote the game of Pitch & Putt in Fingal and it then became a cross-county initiative as the competition grew. Fingal Sports Office agreed to mark the celebration of the ten-year anniversary by supporting the new additional competition. This unique competition had a strong female representation



Marathonkids 2025

The Marathonkids Ireland 2025 programme was officially launched on 15th September at Morton Stadium, Santry, with over 8,000 primary school students from 150 schools set to take part across Fingal County Council, Dublin City Council, Louth County Council, and Gaeltacht regions. 3,500 students from over 30 schools across Fingal County are participating in this year's programme.

The 8-week initiative encourages 5th and 6th class pupils to build healthy lifestyle habits through running, exercise, and wellbeing education. It will culminate in a celebratory final mile at Morton Stadium in early November.



Malahide Sports Festival

The Fingal Sports Festival took place on Sunday, August 24th, 2025, from 12 PM to 5 PM at Malahide Castle & Gardens, offering a free, family-friendly day filled with sports and activities. Organised by the Fingal Sports Office in collaboration with various national sporting bodies, the festival invited visitors of all ages to try out a wide range of sports through interactive sessions and demonstrations. In addition to the sporting activities, the event featured inclusive family attractions such as tug-of-war, inflatable games, a toddler play area, and a picnic zone for relaxing between activities. With strong community participation and something for everyone, the festival was a lively celebration of sport and togetherness.



Staff Run Club

August saw the first session of the Pilot of Staff Run Club, The 8-week Pilot programme is running in Blanchardstown, a partnership between the Sport Office and the Wellbeing team. There are 30 staff signed up to take part, a mixture of people who currently run and people who are new to running. An experienced coach is leading the sessions



Boccia Blitz

After a break for June and July, our monthly inter-service Boccia Blitz returned in August. The Blitz invites adult disability day services across Fingal to come together and take part in some social and competitive Boccia.



Sport Ability Day 2025

On Saturday, 6th September, the very first Dublin-based Sports Ability Day took place at the National Sports Campus in Blanchardstown.

The event was organized by the five Dublin Local Authorities — Fingal, Dublin City, South Dublin, and Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown — along with Wicklow LSP staff and the Active Cities Coordinators.

Over 40 National Governing Bodies (NGBs) were involved, showcasing their sports and providing opportunities for people with disabilities to engage and participate.

The day was a tremendous success, with close to 1,000 people taking part in the event.



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Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of September 2025 is running at 88%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€148.3m
Rates collected %	88%

Development Levy Income

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

Development Levy Income YTD Aug 2025	
Levies Receipted	€23.6 m
Levies Collected as a % of 2024	142%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of September was €64.7m which is c. **102.9%** of budget YTD.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€64.66m
Percentage of Budget YTD.	102.9%

Procurement

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

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	200	
Value €m	55.2m	
Procurements ongoing at end of September		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	7	(i)
Value €m	3.9m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	46	(ii)
Value €m	65.6	
No. of procurements at approved	18	(iii)
Value €m	10.6m	

Notes:

(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of September.

(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the September.

(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of September.

Appendix 1
Revenue Account – Income & Expenditure

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	88,302,098	123,749,800	71%	87,527,388	126,862,200	69%	774,710
Road Transport & Safety	26,748,473	36,814,800	73%	8,094,304	9,063,700	89%	18,654,169
Water Services	7,887,880	13,233,400	60%	11,498,142	15,070,000	76%	-3,610,262
Development Management	19,097,149	25,261,800	76%	8,764,290	10,206,000	86%	10,332,859
Environmental Services	37,795,736	48,948,700	77%	8,224,755	8,761,100	94%	29,570,980
Recreation & Amenity	46,026,974	59,101,400	78%	3,154,767	4,375,600	72%	42,872,207
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,429,785	1,575,200	91%	381,806	422,700	90%	1,047,979
Miscellaneous Services	14,585,305	21,053,000	69%	21,327,516	29,588,900	72%	-6,742,211
Central Management Charge	45,807,260	59,137,800	77%	2,990,737	4,073,900	73%	42,816,523
Local Property Tax / GPG				9,525,225	12,700,300	75%	-9,525,225
Rates				125,813,625	167,751,500	75%	-125,813,625
	287,680,660	388,875,900	74%	287,302,555	388,875,900	74%	378,105

Appendix 1 - continued
Capital Account - Income & Expenditure

CAPITAL ACCOUNT						
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/09/2025						
		Balance at 01/01/2025 €		Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/09/2025 €
A	Housing & Building	-9,686,875		223,986,966	-186,069,034	28,231,057
B	Road Transport & Safety	9,980,266		25,584,010	-17,579,458	17,984,818
C	Water Services	-10,327,807		1,769,931	-1,451,057	-10,008,933
D	Development Management	-175,344,430		39,395,714	-24,054,187	-160,002,903
E	Environmental Services	-15,418,209		2,514,187	-787,605	-13,691,627
F	Recreation & Amenity	-11,766,355		32,801,309	-15,226,160	5,808,794
H	Miscellaneous Services	-42,102,959		10,276,512	-11,054,652	-42,881,099
	Total	-254,666,369		336,328,629	-256,222,153	-174,559,893

Appendix 1 – continued
Summary of Corporate Debtors

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/09/25				
	Balance at 01/01/2025	Balance at 30/09/25	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
RATES	687,390	19,562,518	19,072,141	490,377
LOANS	2,130,037	1,863,979	175,534	1,688,445
RENTS	10,032,929	8,806,782	3,007,981	5,798,801

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
Resurfacing of Red Arches Road Cycle Lane	Tarstone Road Maintenance Ltd	Easton House, Carranstown, Duleek , Meath	€58,000	06/10/2025	24/10/2025	1	29/09/2025
Concrete footpath construction in a series of batches from 3 - 6 square meters at Ard Na Mara Malahide Co Dublin	Clar Con Construction Ltd	Cnon-Glas, Jordanstown, Lusk, Co Dublin	€39,670	22/09/2025	17/10/2025	1	11/09/2025
Project and Portfolio Management System (3 years)	NextGen PPM Ltd	Calle Angel Burna, Spain	€50,000	01/09/2025	31/08/2028	36	01/09/2025
The provision of building surveying and Inspection services in connection with social housing.	ABL Surveyors	26/27 Upper Pembroke St, Dublin 2	€104,350	26/09/2025	28/02/2026	6	01/09/2025
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	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	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	01/10/2025	30/09/2028	36	10/09/2025
Consultant Engineering Services for Estates to be brought to Taking in Charge Standard for three estates Chapelwood, Redwood, and Alderwood, Hollystown, Dublin 15	O'Connor Sutton Cronin Associates	9 Prussia Street, Dublin 7	€87,500				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	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	Roughan & O'Donovon	Arena House, Arena Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18	€60,000	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	08/09/2025	09/03/2026	6	05/09/2025
Delivery of New Public Artwork for Harry Reynolds Road	John Kindness	London	€42,750	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	€268,006	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	€29,700	01/09/2025	28/02/2026	6	01/09/2025
Traffic Calming Ramps Contract 2025	MCM Surfacing Limited	Castlelumney, Dunleer, Co.Louth	€204,356	22/09/2025	09/03/2026	7	21/08/2025
Inspections of Playgrounds/ Skate parks /Fitness Equipment and Multi Use Games Areas in Fingal County Council	Play Services Ireland Ltd	705 Lisburn Enterprise Centre, Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 2BP	€383,150	08/09/2025	08/09/2027	24	05/09/2025
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
Resurfacing of Clonsilla Road Dublin 15	Siac Bituminous Products Ltd	Monastery Road, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin	€131,135	20/09/2025	20/11/2025	2	11/09/2025

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	10/09/2025	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	10/09/2025	10/09/2027	24	08/09/2025
Fixed Voice services (Interim Contract)	Eir Ltd	City West, Saggart, Co. Dublin	€90,000	01/09/2025	31/08/2026	12	25/08/2025
The Refurbishment of Existing All Weather Pitch Facility at Ward River Valley Park, Swords, Co. Dublin	JN Cummins & Co ta Premier Pitches	Mayfield, Cashel, Co. Tipperary	€123,123	01/09/2025	01/10/2025	1	20/08/2025
Slipform Kerb and Bituminous Cycleway, Concrete footpath and ancillary works - Chapel Rd Kinsealy Co Dublin.	Formac Construction Ltd	60 Upper Main Street, Rush, Co. Dublin	€185,105	04/09/2025	03/10/2025	1	25/08/2025
Countywide Bicycle Parking Infrastructure for Fingal County Council	KT Civil Ltd	Corrydonnellan, Rathowen , Mullingar, Co Westmeath	€68,925	22/07/2025	30/12/2025	5	22/07/2025
Technical Advisory Fire Safety & Disability Access Consultancy Services for Work Stages (ii)(c) to (v) for Design & Construction of 32nr units and associated works at Park Road, Kenure, Rush, Co. Dublin	Eamon O'Boyle & Assoc	51 Cullenswood Rd, Ranelagh, Dublin, D06 X7P1	€56,050	11/07/2025	10/01/2029	42	11/07/2025

Technical Advisory Fire Safety & Disability Access Consultancy Services for Work Stages (ii)(c) to (v) for Design & Construction of 34nr units and associated works at Woodside, Swords, Co. Dublin	Eamon O'Boyle & Assoc	51 Cullenswood Rd, Ranelagh, Dublin, D06 X7P1	€56,050	11/07/2025	10/01/2029	42	11/07/2025
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 at Corduff Park	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo	€36,960	20/08/2025	19/09/2026	13	20/08/2025
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 2025-2026	Salt Sales Co.	Fort Road, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland	€142,100	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	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	€93,038	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	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	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	06/08/2025	12/10/2027	26	06/08/2025
Supply of playground equipment for Millenium park playground refurbishment for Fingal County Council	Spraai Linn Ltd	Ballygarran House, Kilmuckridge, Co. Wexford	€49,950	01/09/2025	01/12/2025	3	19/08/2025
Newbridge Demesne - Walled garden boundary wall remedial works	Francis Haughey Building Contruction Ireland Ltd	21/23 St. Patricks Street, Keady, Co. Armagh BT60 3TQ	€118,889	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	01/06/2025	31/05/2026	12	01/06/2025
NEC RDBA Service (Sept 2025 -2027)	Nec Software Solutions	1st Floor, Imex Centre, 575 - 599 Maxted Road, Hemel,	€130,731	15/08/2025	01/01/2028	40 months	15/08/2025

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Flavours Event Management & Production	Invictus Event Management & Consultancy Ltd	3 Parc Glas, Rathcormac, Cork, P61 WV48	€506,568	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	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, Breaaffy Road, Castle Bar, Co. Mayo	€30,896	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	21/05/2025	01/11/2027	30	21/05/2025
Purchase of 1 No. Jeep	Henry Ford & Sons	Boreenmamma Road, Balintemple, Cork	€33,225	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	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	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	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	24/08/2025	01/09/2025	1 week	01/07/2025
Concrete footpath construction in a series 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	04/08/2025	04/09/2025	1	16/06/2025
CCTV replacement works in Millenium park	SKS Communications Ltd	2 Robinhood Industrial Estate, Longmile Road, Dublin22	€112,030	01/08/2025	28/02/2026	7 Months	25/07/2025

Concrete footpath construction in a series of batches from 3 - 6 square meters in various locations in Bayside Co. Dublin	Pavement & Road Surfacing Ltd	Westwinds, Windmill Hill, Rathcoole, D24 VY90	€37,825	21/07/2025	08/08/2025	3 Weeks	21/07/2025
MUGA Upgrade for St. Catherine's Park, Rush	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo	€115,590	18/07/2025	05/08/2025	3 Weeks	16/07/2025
Design and installation of a toddler playground at Meakstown, Community Centre, Dublin 11	Play & Leisure Services Ltd	31 Carrowdore Road, Greyabbey, Northern Ireland, BT22 2LU	€88,106	04/08/2025	04/02/2027	18	17/07/2025
Full drainage system installed to full size pitch at Hazelbury Park	O'Brien Landscaping	Unit B10 Swords Enterprise Park, Co. Dublin K67 E920	€112,216	18/08/2025	17/11/2025	3	10/07/2025
Concrete footpath construction in a series of batches from 3 - 20 square meters at Pace Road, Littlepace, Ongar Dublin 15	John Browne Construction Ltd	Kelly Rahill & Co. 16 Town Hall Street, Co. Cavan	€34,650	23/07/2025	23/10/2025	3	16/06/2025
Managed Print Services Contract	Datapac	Robinhood House, Robinhood Road, Dublin 22	€70,000	26/08/2025	25/08/2026	12	11/07/2025
Provision of support, maintenance and training for the existing 3D Models for Public Consultation	RealSim Ltd	Unit 204, Business Innovation Center, Upper Newcastle Road, University of Galway	€37,500	06/06/2025	06/06/2027	24	04/06/2025
Engineering Consultancy Services for Swords Western Distributor Road	Barry Transportation	Classon House, Dundrum Business Park, Dundrum Road, Dublin 14	€395,109	04/06/2025	02/07/2027	24	04/06/2025
Traffic Management for Hedge and Grass cutting on R132	Swords Auto	Lawless's Yard, North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin	€42,935	17/02/2025	06/03/2025	1	06/02/2025
Repositioning of Seabees at Burrow, Portrane, Co. Dublin	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	Ring Commons, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	€77,886	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	01/08/2025	31/07/2026	12	08/07/2025
Engineering Design Services for Rathmore Park Recreational Hub, Lusk	Design ID Consulting Ltd	23LR Workspace, 23 Lisburn Road, Hillsborough, B. Ireland, BT26 6AA	€80,655	09/06/2025	09/12/2026	18	30/04/2025
Development pipeline analysis to inform preparation of Development Contribution Scheme 2026-2028	EY, Ernst & Young Business Advisory Services	Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, D02 YA40	€65,000	01/06/2025	30/07/2025	2 Months	05/06/2025

Road Surfacing Inlay, Ballymadun, Co. Dublin	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€105,231	21/07/2025	28/07/2025	1 Week	21/05/2025
Road Surfacing Inlay and ancillary works, Fancourt Road, Co. Dublin	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park Ballycoolin Road Dublin 11	€159,110	21/07/2025	28/07/2025	1 Week	30/05/2025
Flavours Transport Services	Marathon Training & Events t/a Marathon Safety Solutions.	Suite 40, Block 5, Northwood Court, Santry, D9	€98,880	26/05/2025	07/07/2025	1.5	26/05/2025
Hire Of (i) 1 No. 85 Hp Plus, Four Wheel Drive Tractor, With Double Axel Trailer & Removable Sides, With Driver/Operative, (ii) 1 No. 180° Backhoe Excavator With Driver/Operative (iii) 1 No. Teleporter/Loading Shovel (12t - Rubber Tyred) With Driver/Operative (iv) 1. No John Deer Gater	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	Grougha, Ring Commons, Balbriggan, Co.Dublin	€80,660	14/04/2025	15/09/2025	5	30/06/2025
Provision of Security Services including Uniformed on - site Security Presences on - site, response to alarm activation & Keyholding	Manguard Plus Limited	W7F Ladytown Business Park, Ladytown, Naas, Co. Kildare	€313,054	17/05/2025	17/11/2025	6	25/06/2025
The redevelopment of grass pitches and associated ancillary infrastructure at Broomfield Recreational Hub, Malahide	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	13A Fernhill Road, Annaclone, Banbridge, Co. Down BT32 5AF	€1,238,655	29/07/2025	19/10/2026	16	23/06/2025
Road inlay & Ancillary works, Jug Back Lane, Swords 2025	John McQuillan Contracts Limited	Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 2SA	€104,316	23/06/2025	25/08/2025	9 Weeks	19/06/2025
Road inlay & Ancillary works, Brackenstown Road, Swords	Siac Bituminous Products Limited	Monastery Road, Clondalkin C. Dublin	€72,692	23/06/2025	25/08/2025	9 Weeks	19/06/2025
Requirement for the purchase of 1 Electric van	Gowan Auto Ltd	Unit 2007, Orchard Ave, Citywest Business Camp, Dublin 24	€30,618	17/06/2025	16/06/2026	12	17/06/2025
Renewal of the subscription for 3x Chorus Pro Uniclass Create Architecture Licences	NBS by Hubexo	The Old Post Office, St Nicholas Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE11 RH	£72750.00	01/09/2025	31/08/2030	60	19/06/2025

Provision of Staff wellbeing promotional merchandise.	Richardson Promotional Goods Ltd	Unit 16 Balbriggan Business Park, Dublin. K32 XY70	€25,925	26/05/2025	26/05/2026	12	26/05/2025
Mgt Services for programme of events at Swords Castle and Carnegie Library	Invictus Event Management & Consultancy Ltd	3 Parc Glas, Rathcormac, Cork, P61 WV48	€60,000	15/02/2025	21/05/2025	3	26/05/2025
Provision of 3 x Safety Liaison Safety Officers for Grove Road CCU Desk	NOC Consultancy	Teach Na Fuinseoige, Coolronan, Ballivor, Co. Meath	€70,000	01/04/2025	30/06/2025	3	01/04/2025
Concrete footpath construction at Portersgate Residential Estate Clonsilla Dublin 15.	Citius Limited	Club Road, Ballymount, Dublin 22, D22 C2D0	€41,440	01/07/2025	01/01/2026	6	10/06/2025
Concrete footpath construction in a series of batches from 5 - 20 square meters at Park Drive/Avenue/Green & Crescent Residential Estate Castleknock Dublin 15	John Browne Construction Ltd	Kelly Rahill & Co. 16 Town Hall Street, Co. Cavan	€35,510	20/06/2025	20/10/2025	4	10/06/2025
Flavours of Fingal County Show 2025 Hire of Generators, Tower Lights, Electricians and Teleporter	GH Energy Rentals Ltd	Unit 103 Bishopwoods Lane, Bishopwoods, The Ward, D11P2VR	€118,183	02/07/2025	09/07/2025	6 Days	12/06/2025
Purchase of 1 Ford Ranger Double Cab Jeep	Henry Ford & Sons	Elm Court, Boreenmanna Road, Balintemple, Cork, T12 HHW2	€40,439	30/05/2025	24/09/2025	4	30/05/2025
Tolka valley entrance and accessibility improvements for Fingal County Council	KT Civil Ltd	Corrydonlon, Rathowen, Co. Westmeath	€96,761	14/06/2025	15/07/2025	3 Weeks	06/06/2025
Roadmarkings for the Howth/Malahide area	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	Mespil House, Sussex Road, Dublin 4	€56,124	09/06/2025	31/12/2025	7	03/06/2025
Provision of Public Relations/Communications (PR) Services (MMP066F)	Gibney Communications Ltd	Newmount House, 22-24 Lower Mount Street, Dublin 2	€200,000	19/08/1900	04/06/2026	12	04/06/2025
Supply and install of new calisthenic/outdoor exercise equipment to Millenium Park, D15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo	€58,790	01/07/2025	31/12/2025	6	27/05/2025

sCFT LEAN Business Programme	Jigsaw VAE Ltd t/a Jigsaw Better Business	2 Ballymore Road, Loughnavalley, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	€355,500	08/05/2025	07/05/2027	24	08/05/2025
Deliver, Set Up & Monitor of Radio Frequency for 30 Working Days Licence Period of Radio Station & Production Days	Broadcast Technical Services	Unit 20 Bluebell Business Park, Old Naas Road, Dublin 12	€25,800	22/03/2025	22/04/2025	1	21/02/2025
Road inlay and ancillary works, Estuary Rd., Malahide	D.M. Morris Limited	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	€83,586	26/05/2025	12/06/2025	3 Weeks	16/05/2025
Postal Collection Services	Print Post Ltd	Unit 4 Broomhill Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€180,000	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	12	28/04/2025
Concrete footpath construction in a series of batches from 3 - 6 square meters at Red Arches Baldoyle Co Dublin.	Joe Duke & Company Ltd	Unit G9 Riverview Business Park, Nangor Road	€42,548	21/05/2025	06/06/2025	2 Weeks	13/05/2025
Consultancy Engineering Services for Feasibility Study for Dredging of Loughshinny Harbour for Fingal County Council	Ayesa (Formerly t/a Byrne Looby & Partners Ltd	H5 Oak Road, Centrepont Business Park, Dublin12, D12 VW27	€249,605	03/06/2025	02/06/2029	48	19/05/2025
Resurfacing of Pecks Lane Castleknock Dublin 15	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 13	€59,715	01/06/2025	01/12/2025	6	21/05/2025

Appendix 3 – NTA Active Travel Allocations 2025

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2025 Allocations		
Project Code	Project Name	2025 Allocation
<u>Fingal County Council</u>		
FCC/12/0001	Broadmeadow Estuary Cycle & Pedestrian Bridge	€ 6,500,000
FCC/13/0001	S2M Extension Sutton to Malahide	€ 460,000
FCC/14/0001	Royal Canal Cycle Route (12th Lock-KCC) (CN2) inc. Deep Sinking Coolmine	€ 400,000
FCC/18/0001	Harry Reynolds Road Cycleway in Balbriggan	€ 3,000,000
FCC/20/0001	Donabate Ped and Cycle Bridge	€ 1,000,000
FCC/21/0001	National Aquatic Centre (NAC) to Ongar Village	€ 130,000
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth Phase 2 (Dublin Road to Dublin Street)	€ 120,000
FCC/21/0004	Donabate Hearse Rd/Main St/Portrane Rd (Link 1 & Link 2)	€ 185,000
FCC/21/0005	Damastown to Clonsilla Cycle Route	€ 150,000
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre	€ 185,000
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock, Auburn Ave.	€ 1,820,000
FCC/22/0004	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D15	€ 135,000
FCC/22/0005	St Cronins Road	€ 25,000
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd Swords	€ 50,000
FCC/22/0007	Balbriggan road mill street and Drogheda st	€ 60,000
FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County	€ 250,000
FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Road to Blakes Cross and Kilhedge Lane	€ 300,000
FCC/22/0011	Skerries - Harbour Road	€ 140,000

Appendix 3 - Continued

Project Code	Project Name	2025 Allocation
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 Bremeppre 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 Bhríde Buachaillí	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - Scoil Bhríde Cailíní	€ 200,000

Appendix 3 - Continued

Project Code	Project Name	2025 Allocation
Fingal County Council		
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - St Colmcille's Girls National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - Holy Family Junior National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - St Helen's Senior National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	Castleknoock Rd - Auburn Ave to gates of Pheonix Park	€ 60,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - St Nichola's of Myra National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Scoil Mhuire Junior National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Scoil Thomáis	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Donabate Portrane Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Holywell Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Malahide/Portmarnock Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Broadmeadow Community National School	€ 10,000
Total:		€ 20,000,000
Allocations Through Other NTA Funding Streams		
FCC/24/xxxx	Bus Stop Enhancement Programme	€ 500,000
FCC/22/0029	R132 Junction Upgrade Design	€ 5,800,000
FCC/24/0005	Waterville Junction upgrade	€ 385,000
FCC/25/00XX	Sustainable Traffic Management Measures	€ 1,000,000
Subtotal:		€7,685,000

Appendix 4
Summary of Environmental Complaints, Inspections and Enforcement Actions

Complaints / Inspections	Description	2023	2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025
Complaints investigated	Waste (incl litter)	1,036	2,287	267	327
	Water and Wastewater	101	75	21	18
	Air & Odour	37	54	23	18
	Noise	99	146	47	102
	TOTAL COMPLAINTS	1,273	2,562	358	465
Inspections	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
	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 5
Housing Delivery Construction Programme
Schemes on Site

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush 53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	10 Social 51 Affordable	On-Site	Q2 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Phase 1, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	87 Social 86 Cost Rental 86 Affordable	On-Site	Q3 2023	Phased delivery
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock / Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3A 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google	40 Social 80 Cost Rental 180 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social	Seatown Road, Swords 53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps	36 Social 36 x 2 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2024	Q3 2026
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock / Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	107 Social 110 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	63 Social 112 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	13 Social 6 x 1 Bed 7 x 2 Bed	Enabling works complete.	Q2 2025	Q 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Holywell, Swords 53°26'48.1"N 6°12'42.8"W	57 Social 20 x 1- bed 29 x 2-bed 8 x 3-bed	On-Site	Q4 2024	Q3 2026

Schemes on Site (Continued)

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries 53.580404, -6.122225	14 Social 11x 2-Bed 3 x 3-Bed 1 x 4-Bed	On-Site	Q4 2024	Q1 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Remount Court, Rathmore, Lusk 53.521142, -6.161451	18 Social 2 x 1 bed 12 x 2 bed 4 x 3 bed	On-Site	Q4 2024	Q2 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Baile na Móna Phase 1, Swords https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2j9	123 Social 151 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Phase 2, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	72 Social 75 Affordable	On-Site	Q3 2024	Phased delivery

Appendix 5 - Continued
Schemes with Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est.)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social – Elderly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	6 Social 3 x 2-bed 3 x 1-bed	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Woodside, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	34	Planning granted.	Q1 2026	Q4 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	32	Planning granted.	Q1 2026	Q4 2027
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social – Elderly TBC	Blakestown Cross, Mulhuddart 53.399869, -6.401776 Google Maps	30 Social 16 x 1 Bed 14 x 2 Bed	Consultants to be appointed.	Q1 2026	Q4 2027
Howth/Malahide	FCC	TBC	Tuckets Lane 53.385248, -6.066128 Google Maps	8 Social 4 x 1 bed 4 x 2 bed	On-hold	TBC	TBC

Appendix 5- Continued
Schemes at the Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est)
Blanchardstown	FCC	Social	Fortlaw, Blanchardstown https://maps.app.goo.gl/xuML7oPaySiPZmf46	21	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide https://maps.app.goo.gl/zfhguqQj7vYYRJB99	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	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHQHp8	80	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.

Appendix 5- Continued
CALF Delivery in partnership with Fingal County Council

Area Committee	AHB	Funding Stream	Scheme Name	No. of Units	Projected Substantial Completion*
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

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