



# Chief Executive's Management Report

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## **Chief Executive's Foreword**

The LAMA All Ireland Community & Council Awards will have four shortlisted nominations from Fingal in this, the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the awards. Over the years, Fingal initiatives have been celebrated at this prestigious ceremony which highlights the collaboration between local communities and councils. Showcasing what can be achieved through these partnerships is a great source of pride for all involved and I wish to congratulate everyone who worked on the Fingal entries and shortlisted nominations. This year's award ceremony will not only mark the anniversary of the inaugural awards in 2006 but also will acknowledge 40 years of the LAMA Executive, and a century of the main sponsor, IPB Insurance. The calibre of entries to the awards each year reflects our commitment to investment across areas such as infrastructure, climate action, community and place building and wellbeing for the people of the county. Collaboration is a key asset in realising our core objectives and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our stakeholders for their valuable input, experience and work on projects and initiatives across Fingal. The shortlisted entries for this year's awards are extremely deserving and represent the diversity of initiatives that the council is involved with. I wish everyone the very best of luck at the awards ceremony on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Best Irish Festival - The Fingal Write Time Literary Festival**  
**Best Inclusive Community Wellbeing - Water Sport Ability Camp**  
**Community Wellbeing Initiative - Talking Heads Project**  
**Excellence in Sustainable Major Infrastructure Delivery - Church Fields Mixed Tenure Housing Development**

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, the third Fingal Age Friendly Strategy (2026-2030) was launched by Mayor of Fingal Cllr Tom O'Leary at County Hall. I was pleased to attend the event with the Chair of Fingal's Age Friendly Alliance, Senan Turnbull and Fingal's Age Friendly Ambassador, Terry Prone along with a host of guests and Fingal's wonderful Staff Choir. We all know that Fingal boasts a vibrant, diverse and young population, but 21% of Fingal residents are now over 55 years old and this demographic shift is continuing. As an inclusive county, it is important to ensure people of all ages feel included, valued and consulted – particularly our ageing members of society. The Age Friendly Alliance developed the Strategy following a period of extensive engagement with older people, stakeholders, and sectoral partners. The four themes of the strategy are: Health and Wellbeing, Mobility and Accessibility, Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods and Information and Participation. These themes are of importance and relevance to us all but were examined especially for citizens who are older and who seek to age with dignity and purpose in their communities. In the strategy, challenges which have been identified through the consultation process are met with a coordinated, multi-agency Action Plan. This body of work represents our unwavering commitment to the Age Friendly Programme and will be an important reference and source of information and knowledge for everyone. I would like to express my thanks to everyone who facilitated the production of the strategy and would encourage you all to read it here:

[fingal-age-friendly-strategy-2026-2030.pdf](http://fingal-age-friendly-strategy-2026-2030.pdf)

Baldoyle is the latest community which will benefit from an exceptional amenity right in the heart of the locality with the opening of Racecourse Community Centre.

The visually spectacular circular design gives just a hint of the assets which lie inside the front door - A central sports hall featuring three courts sits adjacent to four multi-purpose community rooms and externally accessible sports rooms which will be well utilised by local and visiting sports teams. Sustainability and accessibility are at the core of the design and functionality of the building which boasts ample bike parking, electric vehicle charging points, accessible parking, a rain garden and a green roof. The €10m project was fully funded by Fingal County Council's Community Development, Parks and Green Infrastructure Departments. An Integrated Design Team was led by Henchion Reuter Architects and included Roughan O'Donovan Engineers, Matt O'Mahoney Associates, Walsh Associates Quantity Surveyors and Dermot Foley Landscape Architects. Construction was carried out by Vision Contracting. The project team here in Fingal, the Racecourse Community Centre Committee, sports clubs and the local Baldoyle community were very pleased to see the project come to fruition following many years of planning and design. The centre, conveniently located in Racecourse Park, will form an integral part of the fabric of the community of Baldoyle and will be an invaluable asset for locals and visitors alike.

There was further good news for Active Travel in the county this month as Fingal County Council was awarded €33.1m for projects as part of €360 million in Government funding for Active Travel and Greenways across Ireland in 2026. Key projects to receive funding in Fingal include the Broadmeadow Estuary Cycle & Pedestrian Bridge (Malahide–Donabate), which has been allocated €12.2 million and the Auburn Avenue to 12th Lock Walking & Cycling Route, which will receive €2.9 million. A further €3 million will progress the Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Road (Swords to Malahide) Scheme. The New Street Malahide Improvement Scheme has been allocated €1 million and €100,000 will support the S2M Extension (Sutton to Malahide). An additional €9.6m has been allocated to other priority commuter projects including the R132 Junction Upgrades (Design Stage), the countywide Bus Stop Enhancement Programme, and Bus Priority / Traffic Management Improvements. This major investment will be hugely beneficial for the identified 49 walking, cycling and public realm projects, other priority commuter projects and additional Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programmes. Six Fingal schools have been included in the recently announced Round 4 of the SRTS programme: Coolmine Community School (Dublin 15), Gaelscoil Ros Eo (Rush), Scoil Moibhi (Skerries), Scoil Oilibhéir (Dublin 15), St. Andrew's NS (Malahide) and St. Joseph's Secondary School (Rush). This funding will help shape Fingal's active future by ensuring the provision of infrastructure and initiatives which will make it safer and easier to embrace active travel solutions in our day to day lives. I look forward to bringing you further updates on these initiatives in the coming months.

Best wishes,

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

## PEOPLE, CORPORATE AND DIGITAL SERVICES

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### Recruitment

Recruitment Programme 2026	
Total Recruitment Campaigns	14
Interviews Held to date	43
New Starters	21
Promotions	4
Number of Current Job Offers	55

### Learning & Development Update

Learning & Development	Year to date
Number of courses	20
Number of Attendees	220
Number of Training Days	237

In February, Mental Health Workshops for all grades, Personal Effectiveness, Retirement Training and Delivery of standard Health & Safety training will continue to include Driver CPC, Polesaw, First Aid, Chainsaw, Manual Handling and many more.

### Wellbeing Update

The wellbeing team focused on supporting a positive start to the year by promoting available wellbeing resources and encouraging engagement with staff wellbeing activities. Awareness of support options were reinforced with continued engagement across the organisation. Further wellbeing activities will continue over the coming months.

## 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.

### Local Government Act 2001 as amended

The Mayor has received the prescribed notification from the Chief Executive for the purposes of Section 147(2) of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended.

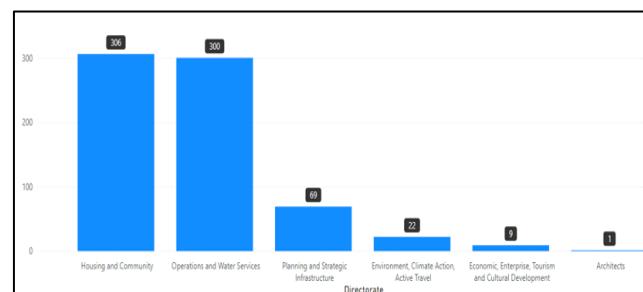
### Customer Services

#### Customer Care Unit Statistics – January 2026

Month	Total Calls CCU	Total Emails CCU
January 2026	11,406	1,319

### 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 January was 707. See below breakdown by each department.



## **Communications**

### **Digital Statistics**

The [fingal.ie](http://fingal.ie) website had 153,790 visitors during January, an increase of 27,329 from the previous period. The number of page views increased by 81,248 to 336,657. The average time spent on the website dropped to 1 min 55 secs.

The most popular page during January was the Affordable Housing page. Our Planning Applications page also had over 26,353 page views.

The Facebook account rose to 45,061 followers (+1.2%) while the number of views increased by 18.5% to 2,326,242 from the previous month. There were 7,857 (+11.6%) interactions. The most popular post was Driving through floodwater isn't worth the risk.

Instagram rose to 17,329 followers. Total views down by 19.2% to 606,357, with a reach of 37,348 (-62.9%). There were 4,482 (-27.1%) interactions. The most read post was the Driving through floodwater isn't worth the risk.

The number of followers on X fell again, down by 269 to 23,056; there was an engagement rate of 4.1% from 50,527 impressions. We limit posts **on X** to emergency information.

The WhatsApp channel now has 3,600 followers while the numbers currently following our other corporate channels are Threads (1,652), TikTok (1,183) and Bluesky (500).

For our YouTube Channel the number of subscribers rose by 30 to 1,969 in January. Total views were 7,934. We now have 850 videos, our most popular video during January was Upgraded Portmarnock Rail Bridge delivers vital active travel link. We continue to webcast the monthly Council Meeting which is proving popular on YouTube.

### **Irish Language**

A Gaeltacht Scholarship Scheme for 2<sup>nd</sup> level students was launched offering 15 partial scholarships to be awarded in February.

Staff Irish language training continues with the Certificate in Professional Irish and evening Gaelchultur courses.

Compliance with, and education regarding, the requirements of Irish Language legislation continue including reporting on our compliance with the bilingual Advertising requirements.

Seachtain na Gaeilge takes place from 1-17 March, and a programme of events is being prepared, including a County Hall Celebration on March 11<sup>th</sup>, details can be found on

<https://www.fingal.ie/seachtain-na-gaeilge-2026>

### **Press Releases**

There were **23** press releases issued during January covering topics such as the opening of the Portmarnock Railway Bridge, the inaugural meeting of the Fingal North and Fingal West LCSPs, the awarding of 33.1 million euro to Active Travel Projects in Fingal, the openings of the new Donabate Library and Skerries Carnegie Library, and the changing of the organisational structure of the Council.

Media Coverage included an RTE1 special report on the plans for Dunsink. This featured on the SixOne News and Morning Ireland. There was also national interest from the Irish Independent and the Irish Times in the Sutton planning case and in the Skerries Active Travel Plan, with articles featured on both.



**Director of Planning and Development, Roisín Burke speaking to RTE News.**

### **Media Queries**

Media queries lodged with the Communications section during the month of January included questions on the Derelict Sites Act, Fingal's use of X as a social media platform, vacant houses in Swords, hidden disability parking spots, Part V developments, and the rezoning of land at Dunsink.

## **Digital Services**

### **Digitisation of Housing Loans and Housing Allocations**

The work to digitise paper files within the Housing Directorate continues. The Housing Loans files were completed in August 2025, with a total of 83,000 documents digitised. Work is currently underway in Housing Allocations and is due to be completed by February 2026, with 69,650 of their paper files digitized to date. This work has complemented the digitalization of the Housing Allocations process facilitated by the new Housing system.

### **Digitisation of Planning Historic Files**

The project to digitise the Historic Planning Files has been completed which converted decades of legacy material into fully searchable, accessible PDF documents. The project included the digitisation of 63,000 pre-1998 microfiche-based planning applications dating back to 1963; 73,000 files from the legacy Alchemy system; and 10,000 paper planning files from 1998–2002.

These files are all now securely stored in SharePoint for improved access and long-term preservation. This project has replaced outdated technologies and processes, provides enhanced search efficiency, and safeguards vital historic planning files for both staff and the public.

### **Digital Programmes / Smart Balbriggan / CE Innovation Fund**

Digital Services attended the TY Expo at the Helix in October where students had the opportunity to try out our “Makey Makey” science kits, and the Virtual Reality headsets with the 3D models of Swords Culture House and Balbriggan Quay Street and Harbour. Blanchardstown Community Training College were the winners of a “Makey Makey” science kit valued at €1,000 which was presented to the school by Mayor Tom O’Leary.



*Presentation of “Makey Makey” kit to Blanchardstown CTC*

“How It’s Made: Unmasking AI” is a curated art exhibition which took place in Balbriggan during Science Week in November. There were exhibits in The Warehouse, The Lark and The Window. The exhibition was funded by Research Ireland with support from Fingal County Council and in partnership with Smart Balbriggan, the CONNECT Centre and the SCÉAL Arts Collective. We are planning for some of the exhibits to travel to other locations in Fingal in 2026.



*Launch of “How It’s Made: Unmasking AI”*



*Exhibit from “How It’s Made: Unmasking AI”*

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## TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

### Inaugural Fingal Golf and Accommodation Forum(s)



The inaugural Fingal Golf Forum and Fingal Accommodation Forum meetings were held in January. Both were well attended and regular meetings will now take place going forward.

There is an opportunity to position golf as a flagship tourism experience—driving visitor spend, extending the season, and strengthening Fingal's profile. In relation to accommodation, it is an opportunity not just to benefit from increased visitor numbers, but to help shape a stronger, more sustainable and more profitable destination together.

### **Destination Brand Launch**

Fingal's tourism destination brand will be officially launched at an event in The Grand Hotel Malahide on **Monday 23rd February 2026**. The event will be an opportunity to outline the Council's plans to the tourism and food sector, and explain the destination tourism website and social media rollout within a comprehensive, marketing, PR and advertising plan.

### **TradFest 2026**



Over 30 concerts took place across Fingal as part of TradFest 2026 that ran from 21-25 January 2026. TradFest is developing strong roots in Fingal as a celebration of Irish music and culture along with the Dublin region.

All the Fingal venues reported strong turnout, and audiences were delighted with the variety of concerts in wonderful settings such as Swords Castle and the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre as well as free gigs in locations such as Joe May's pub in Skerries and a sold-out banjo masterclass in the Abbey Tavern in Howth.

## **EVENTS**

### **New Years Eve**

A spectacular display of fireworks took place with a 7pm start with amazing viewing from Howth Pier. As part of the post event review a full assessment of this event will be conducted and completed by March 26.



### **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 closed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December. 136 applications were received with 99 meeting the criteria for festival and events funding. The balance of applications was referred to Sports, Community or the Art sections.



## **HERITAGE PROPERTIES**

### **Ardgillan Castle**



To coincide with St. Brigid's Day festivities, Ardgillan Castle held MnáFest, a celebration of female creativity over the Bank Holiday weekend from Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February. The festival was well attended and covered a wide range of activities including yoga, portrait drawing, bag making, bellydancing and St. Brigid's Cross making.

### **Swords Castle**

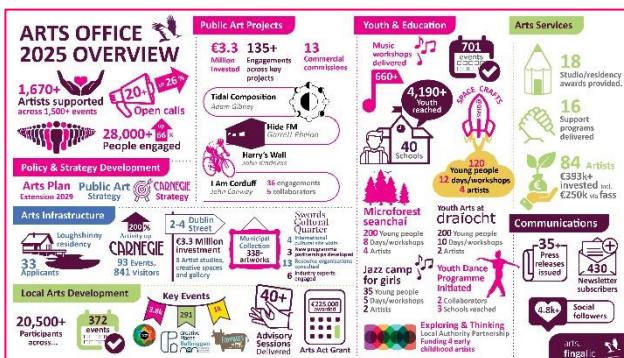


A new operator arrangement has been established for Swords Castle and Carnegie Library to provide facilities management services and to support events in both venues. The contract duration is for six months renewable to one year.

Works have started on public realm improvements in the vicinity of the Castle as part of the SCQ development. The castle will remain open to the public insofar as possible given that the works will include the main access path.

## CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Fingal Arts Office have compiled an infographic to highlight key aspects of the Arts Service and measure the impact of Arts Development across Fingal in 2025 including a 26% increase in open calls since 2025, 1,500+ events, supporting 1,670+ artists, and a 66% increase in overall engagement.



## Professional Arts Development

### Fingal Artists' Support Scheme



On Tuesday 13th January Fingal Arts Office announced the 2026 edition of the Fingal Artists Support Scheme.

This funding stream offers professional artists the opportunity to apply for up to €5,000 to support travel and professional development opportunities, a residency, or towards the development of work.

To support artists with the application, Fingal Arts Office are offering three drop-in clinics in Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, and Swords.

The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 27th February 2026 at 4:00pm.

## Local Arts Development

### Artist Workspace Scheme



On 19<sup>th</sup> December, The Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan TD, announced that **Fingal County Council was awarded an arts capital grant awards of €300k** to support the delivery of 8 Artist Studios as part of 2-4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan development.

The Artist Workspaces Scheme is a €6m capital investment scheme for Local Authorities to enable them to provide additional capacity and availability of artist workspaces in their regions.

### The Carnegie

During January, the development of the programming for SCQ progressed through a partnership with Create, the national development agency for collaborative arts, to research and develop a framework for a pilot collaborative arts project in Swords.

This work focuses on establishing a practical framework and commissioning plan to support artists working collaboratively with local communities, strengthening the Arts Office's engagement with both artists and residents.

Create's national leadership in community-based arts practice will ensure the framework is informed by best practice and robust, community-centred methodologies, while aligning with Create's new strategic plan. The proposed Producer-in-Residence, working in collaboration with Create, will support professional delivery, stakeholder engagement and meaningful community impact as programming at Swords Cultural Quarter continues to develop.

### **Public Art**



### **Public Art at New Street Malahide**

Fingal Arts Office are working closely with colleagues and the development of the New Street Public Realm, Malahide. We are working with Fingal artist Laura Skehan who will propose a suitable work which will integrate into the design and animate aspects of Malahide's rich cultural & architectural heritage.

### **Creative Places Balbriggan**

After 3 months of consultation with the Balbriggan community, Creative Places Balbriggan has delivered a report with recommendations for the project over the next 2 years.



The report was carried out by Paula Phelan of Traverso Ltd. and involved both qualitative and quantitative surveying of four main stakeholder groups: Community groups, older people, young people and artists.

The research involved needs analysis from each group during workshops and focussed around the 3 main pillars of Creative Places Balbriggan strategy which are Creative Youth, Creative Industry and Climate Action.

The report reveals a rich and diverse picture of creativity in Balbriggan, highlighting shared priorities, distinct needs and opportunities for future development through Creative Places Balbriggan.

### **Draíocht**

Our January 2026 performance programme began with Coolmine Panto's production of 'Cinderella'. Their 17 sell shows (including a sensory friendly performance) sold out and was very much enjoyed by all who went to see it.

We are delighted to continue to work with TradFest in 2026. Both the Freddie White and the Altan performances have sold out with long waiting lists. Our first Exhibition of 2026 is an Exhibition of works by recent graduates (past 4 years) and/or early career artists who are from and/or live in Fingal. This is an Open call Exhibition with applicants submitting to us by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. 47 applications were received across all disciplines. 26 artists have been selected to exhibit with us.

The selection panel included Fingal's County Arts Officer, Sarah O'Neill and Fingal artists, Rich Gilligan and Bassam Al Sabah. All artists selected to exhibit, will be paid a fee.

This Exhibition will be over both the Ground and First Floor Galleries and will open on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2026.

Our March/April programme has been signed off and is with our printers. Our spaces/facilities remain in high demand with many requests for the use/hire of same. 2026 is booked out with Spring 2027 heavily booked at this point. Commercial producers are now seeking dates in 2028.

Our artist Residency and Mentorship initiatives have begun. Em O'Ceallaigh (3-year Mentorship Residency) will engage with our Children/Youth Arts and Collaborative practices programmes. The 'Other Kitchens' Residency with Lou Lewis and Veronica Coburn will begin with meeting women from Dublin 15 to talk about their experience/knowledge of the mis use of certain medications by middle aged and older women.

Our children/youth arts programme will offer the full range of work for children and young people aged 0 to 18 years. This includes the cornerstone programmes of D15 Youth Theatre, Create Dance for children/young people with intellectual disabilities and our annual Toddler TakeOver Event. Like other programme areas, the demand for the children/youth arts workshops and projects outweighs our capacity.

We continue to liaise with Fingal's Accessibility Officer on several issues that have arisen recently in relation to queries from people who use wheelchairs. We have been informed that Draíocht is subject to part M of the 2022 Building regulations. This requires us to have 6 wheelchair user spaces (12 seats) plus seats for their companions available for sale for every performance. This has brought us some challenges in relation to the accommodation of live bands for certain shows (e.g. Coolmine Panto and Coolmine Musical Society, schools shows) and we are working our way through that issue.

Full details are available on [www.draiocht.ie](http://www.draiocht.ie)

## **The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre**

2026 sees a new term of music and art classes, with a packed programme for Tradfest rounding off the month.

### **Music**

A **new term of music classes** kicked off on January 19 with 58 students learning the fiddle, uilleann pipes, guitar, fiddle and tin whistle, and our first **Céilí Beag** of the year began with a full house of 28 parents and toddlers on January 16. The theme was an Arctic Playground.

For our week of **Tradfest** events, we kick off with the **Pop Up Gaeltacht** on January 22, with 20 lovers of the Irish language, which will be followed by a sold out **Singing Session Tradfest Special** with Sean Nós singer **Inni-K** (45 in person and 32 online). We are hugely excited to welcome the renowned artist **Peggy Seeger** on Friday, January 23 (sold out - 90 attendees), where she will discuss her incredible life in music.

On Saturday January 24, Tommy Hayes and Anthony Hughes bring their documentary, **The Garden where the Praties Grow**, to the Centre, which celebrates the story of the potato through music, song and dance.

The weekend will culminate in a family day on Sunday, with the **Black Raven Pipe Band**, parading through the village of Naul followed by a **Family Ceili** in the Pipers Garden, followed by our first **Slow Session** of the year, with Paudie O'Connor.

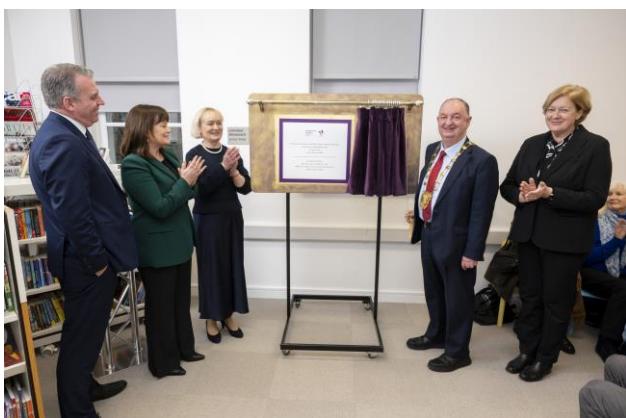


## Visual Arts

Finally, a new term of oil painting classes with Dave West began on January 12 (15 participants), and our exhibition of paintings by **Kate Walsh** continues until January 30. This captivating exhibition showcases Walsh's latest works, bold, expressive paintings that explore memory, identity, and the Irish landscape through a contemporary lens.

## Libraries

### Opening of Donabate Library at Ballisk House



The new Donabate Library at Ballisk House was officially opened by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Tom O'Leary, on Thursday 22nd January.

One of the most exciting features of the new library is the introduction of the My Open Library service which is due to commence in the near future. With opening hours extended from 8am to 10pm, 365 days a year, this service gives library members the freedom to use the space beyond normal staffed hours including Sundays. The opening of Donabate Library in Ballisk House, at a total cost of €2.4 million, marks the completion of phase one of a two-phase project. Planning for phase two — an extension to the building and the enhancement of its facilities will begin in early 2026.

## Ireland Reads Day

Throughout February and particularly on Ireland Reads Day, Saturday, 28th February, people of all ages across Ireland are encouraged to get lost in a good book.

Fingal Libraries are once again taking part in this national reading promotion initiative, with events taking place at Rush, Balbriggan, Blanchardstown and Skerries Libraries

## Skills for Life

Skills for Life is a national public library initiative aimed at helping adults build everyday skills. As part of Fingal Libraries Skills for Life programme, Howth, Rush, and Swords Libraries will offer courses to help older adults gain more confidence in using their smartphones. There will also be cybersecurity workshops in Baldoyle and Donabate Libraries. Páraic Kerrigan will explore the potential and pitfalls of Artificial Intelligence in talks in Malahide and Swords Libraries. Freelance journalist Aoife Barry will explore how the media affects our daily lives in talks in Skerries and Balbriggan Libraries.

## Skerries Library Events Programme

Following an extensive redevelopment, Skerries Library was officially reopened by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Tom O'Leary on 29th January. A programme of classes, workshops and talks for all ages has been scheduled throughout the spring. The programme includes author visits, classes in creative writing and art, sensory-friendly and story time sessions, chair yoga classes, history talks and much more.

## Schools Programme

Fingal Libraries programme of events for schools begins in February with a series of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) workshops for Engineers Week. In March, libraries will host more STEM workshops for Irish Astronomy Week. Transition year students in Baldoyle will take part in an ethical fashion workshop exploring the clothing supply chain. This workshop takes place ahead of Baldoyle Library's first clothes swap shop event to promote sustainability on 21st February.

## Green-Schools Global Goals Book Club

The Green-Schools Global Goals Book Club is a collection of children's books chosen to help students explore global citizenship, sustainability, and the world around them through story. Schools across Fingal can borrow the collection from their local library.

## **Write Time Festival Nominated for LAMA Award**

The Write Time, Fingal Libraries festival of writing and creativity, has been nominated for Best Irish Festival at the LAMA All-Ireland Community and Council Awards.

## **History and Heritage Talks**

Fingal Libraries Spring programme includes talks on Newbridge House and Luttrellstown Castle. To mark the reopening of Skerries Library, the Skerries Historical Society will give a presentation on the building of the Carnegie library which opened in 1911. There will also be a talk at Malahide Library on the centenary of the La Mancha murders of 1926.

Other topics explored in the programme include Irish merchant ships and shipowners, and the 1926 census. At Blanchardstown Library Dr. Aoife Bhreatnach will talk about her podcast Censored which explores the censorship culture of twentieth-century Ireland. Fingal Local Studies and Archives will host genealogy workshops.

## **Creative Fingal**

CAMHS Creative Art Therapy Workshops A three-week series of creative art therapy workshops is taking place in Swords Library. The sessions are designed for young people attending Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

The ongoing Silver Lining virtual music appreciation sessions with the Forget Me Nots and This Is Me choirs provide a connection between choirs north and south of the border. This two-year project culminates on 21st February, with a Gala Performance at The Great Hall, Stormont Government Buildings, Belfast.

## **Economic Development**

### **Fingal Skills Strategy Update – January 2026**



- The Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation group met on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of January reviewing 2025 activities and planning for 2026.
- Planning is underway with stakeholders and construction subgroup members to host a Modern Methods of Construction Briefing scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> February in Baldoyle Training Centre.
- A Transport & Logistics Briefing event was discussed with the T&L subgroup with a view to holding an event during Logistics & Supply Chain Skills Week in May.



## **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: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026.
- Focus: To build awareness of the wide variety of careers and job opportunities in specific industry sectors.



Further details are available here:  
[Student Skills Competition 2025 | Fingal County Council](https://www.fingal.ie/en/Student_Skills_Competition_2025_Fingal_County_Council)

## Interreg SKYLA Project – Update – January 2026



The Interreg SKYLA Project will enter the monitoring and follow-up phase in March 2026. Indicators will be reported on quarterly.

## URBACT-EcoCore – Update – January 2026

### The EcoCore Project

Green Transition in Small Cities along Transport Corridors

Work is underway with project partners to highlight key local actions for display at the URBACT Cities Festival in March 2026.

## Sustainable Fingal - Update – February 2026



Sustainability stakeholder engagement sessions were held in November and December 2025 with the internal Fingal County Council team, Business Stakeholders, Community Groups and the Councillors.

## Circular Cities - Update – January 2026



- Feasibility study from EcoCore Hackathon in progress on a Circular Hub and Digital Platform for the Balbriggan area.

- Information on circular initiatives across Fingal is being compiled for the CCD Report with a submission deadline of end of March 2026.

## LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT



### Fingal LCDC

- Next LCDC Meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- Healthy Ireland & LECP: Ongoing implementation and review.

### SICAP Update

- SICAP Budget 2026: €1,616,781
- New Arrivals: € 375,372
- SICAP 2026 KPI targets have been agreed.

### LEADER Programme Update

- LAG Meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025
- 6 projects approved - €127,889.62
- Applications currently open for Leader Funding: For rural individuals, businesses & community groups
- Next LAG Meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025



## Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2026

- **Funding Available:** €268,827 allocated to Fingal.
- **Deadline:** 27 February 2026, 5pm (via submit.com).
- Capital Projects only.



The screenshot shows a YouTube video player for a 'Local Enhancement Programme webinar'. The video has 1,100 views and was uploaded on 15th January 2026. The description includes sections on 'Statutory Consents', 'Insurance', and 'Match-funding'. Logos for the Department of Rural and Community Development, the Department of Health, and Fingal County Council are visible at the bottom.

- Fingal County Council held an Information and Q&A Webinar on 15th January 2026 which is available at <https://www.fingal.ie/local-enhancement-programme-lep-2026>



## Exwell Medical

- Healthy Fingal ExWell Programme running in both Blakestown and Mulhuddart for 2026.
- Focuses on community-based clinical exercise programmes.
- GP Referral only for people living with chronic illness.
- Funded by Healthy Ireland Sláintecare fund



## Healthy Steps - Walking programme

- 4 GP Referral walk locations in Balbriggan, Donabate, Millennium Park and Mulhuddart.
- Developed By Healthy Fingal and Active Travel and supported by the HSE
- Walks to take place over 48 weeks
- Looking to develop a further 2 new locations during summer 2026



## Taking Heads - Let's Talk About Suicide

- A Healthy Fingal, HSE & CYPSC partnership in suicide prevention.
- Barbers complete free online Let's Talk About Suicide training.
- Promo video featuring PJ Gallagher seen over 17,000 times and nominated for a LAMA award
- Roll out to barbershops around Fingal in 2026



## **TOWN REGENERATION OFFICE**

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

The Balbriggan Leadership Group are scheduled to meet next on March 11<sup>th</sup> where members will receive updates on the Urban Regeneration Development funded Public Infrastructure Projects and progress reports from its four Pillar Chairs.



The Council appointed contractor John Craddock Ltd on the redevelopment of the Quay Street, Harbour & Environs area in Q2 2024. Work is continuing to progress well across all key elements, with the majority of the work scheduled to be substantially completed in Spring 2026.

Phase 5 works are underway with the heritage restoration of the RNLI Boathouse building continuing.

The restoration works are due for completion in Q1 2026. The new public toilets, harbour pavilion buildings and kiosks are progressing and are due for completion by March 2026.

Works on 2 new pedestrian bridges have been completed, and extensive bedded planting in the Plaza area completed. Site testing investigations are complete. on the site of Balbriggan's old gas works, which is part of the new Harbour Square development. Ongoing monitoring at the site will continue until February 2026.

Following the November Swords/Balbriggan ACM a Section 38 Non-Statutory Public Consultation for the Quay Street & Environs Traffic Management Scheme was published on Consult.ie, closing date for submissions was 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025, with four submissions received. A report will be brought back to the February Balbriggan Area Committee Meeting. The intention is to implement a series of traffic control measures in Georges Hill, Mill Street, Quay Street, Harbour Road and Seapoint Lane in the first half of 2026.



The procurement process to appoint a contractor for the redevelopment of 2-4 Dublin Street is ongoing. The property and adjoining commercial unit are set to be transformed into a new Creative Hub with 8 workspaces at 2 Dublin Street and an ancillary connected space at 4 Dublin Street which will support STEAM education, digital learning, training and enterprise activities. Substantial completion is expected in 2027.



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. 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 with 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 Q3 2026 with construction commencing in early 2027 for completion of the project in late 2027.



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

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



**Lár Bailte ar dTús**  
Town Centre First

#### **Town Centre First – Lusk**

The first meeting of the Lusk Town Team in 2026 took place on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, to discuss implementation strategies for projects contained within the Lusk for Life Town Centre First Plan during 2026.

The Lusk Town team recently received funding of €195,075, awarded by the Department of Community and Rural Development and the Gaeltacht for key projects identified from their TCF Lusk for Life plan. Existing projects funded by the DRCDG are now coming towards completion following public consultation.



## **Town Centre First – Balrothery**

The Balrothery Town Team were awarded funding of €49,500 from the Department of Community and Rural Development and the Gaeltacht to complete a feasibility study for one of the key projects contained within their Plan - the creation of a modern, vibrant outdoor area to host local events. The Balrothery Town Team is due to hold its first meeting of 2026 in early February.



## **Town Centre First – Ballyboughal**

The Town Team have been approved for funding of €218,700 from the Department of Community and Rural Development and the Gaeltacht for the delivery of key public realm enhancement projects for the village.



## **Town Centre First – Donabate**

The Donabate Town Team held its first meeting of 2026 on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January. This meeting focused on prioritising projects for the year ahead which are contained within the Donabate Town Centre First Health Check.



## **Town Centre First – Rush**

A new Town Team for Rush was established in late 2025 following a capacity building process involving local residents and business owners. The first meeting of 2026 took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January,

Simultaneously, during 2025, a new Town Centre First Plan for Rush was devised and this plan will be officially launched in the coming months.

The Rush Town Team have also recently received funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development to complete a feasibility study for the revitalisation of Key areas within Rush Town Centre.



## **Town Team Chairperson's Forum**

Due to the expansion of Fingal's network of Town Teams in recent months, a Town Team Chairperson's forum was recently established. This forum provides an opportunity for Chairs to share information, learn from each other's experiences, and to receive guidance from the Town Regeneration Office. The Town Team Chairperson's forum meeting for quarter one, 2026, took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January.

## **Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2023 -Floraville Park, Skerries Enhancement**

Work is ongoing on the Phase 4 development of Floraville Park in Skerries, which received €55,800 in funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht as part of the Town and Village Renewal scheme in 2023. This project is due to be completed by the end of March 2026. The work being undertaken in this phase includes the installation of precast concrete sculptures, the installation of a steel display element, as well as host of other measures which will invaluabley enhance Floraville Park as a public amenity for all residents and visitors to Skerries.



## **Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2023- Rush Community Centre Enhancement**

Upgrade works to Rush Community Centre, for which funding was provided by the Department of Community and Rural Development and the Gaeltacht under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme in 2023 to the value of €64,350, have recently been completed. These works included painting, complete refurbishment of the existing bathroom facilities and the construction of a Pergola. The enhancement of the community centre represents important public investment in local facilities for the people of Rush.



## **Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2025**

The Town Regeneration Office is delighted to support Fingals Towns and Villages having secured €1,035,450 in funding for all five applications submitted to the TVRS scheme operated by the Department of Rural and Community Development & The Gaeltacht which was announced in December 2025

The successful applications include:

### **St. Margaret's - Community Hall Enhancement**

Funding of €500,000 has been approved to complete the repair, refurbishment and extension of the existing Community Hall in St Margaret's to include mechanical and electrical upgrades, fire safety and site clearing.

### **Ballyboughal - Public Realm Enhancement**

Funding of €218,700 has been approved.

### **Lusk - Public Realm Enhancement**

Funding of €195,075 has been approved.

### **Rush – Feasibility Study for Public Realm Enhancement**

Funding of €50,000 has been approved.

### **Balrothery – Feasibility Study for Public Realm Enhancement**

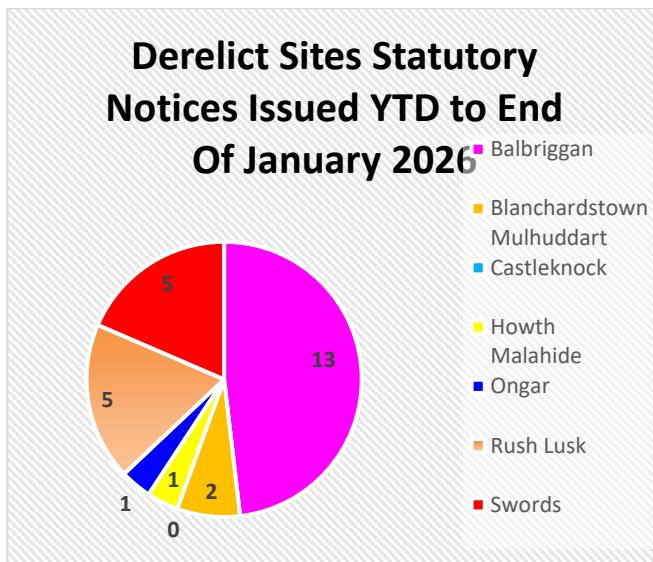
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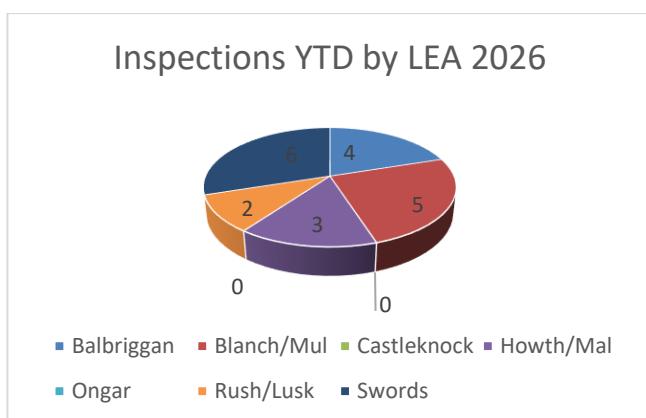
## Derelict Sites

27 no. Statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict sites for the month of January 2026. This included notices issued demanding payment of levies on Derelict sites located within Fingal to a total of €620,697 for the year 2026.

2 no. properties have been removed from the Derelict Sites Register since the start of the year following compliance with Section 11 Notices. This brings the current number of properties on the Derelict Sites Register to 27.



There have been a total of 20 inspections carried out year to date in 2026 on existing files and new referrals from members of the public and through the activity of the Derelict Sites team.



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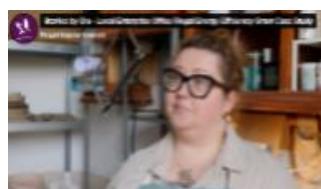
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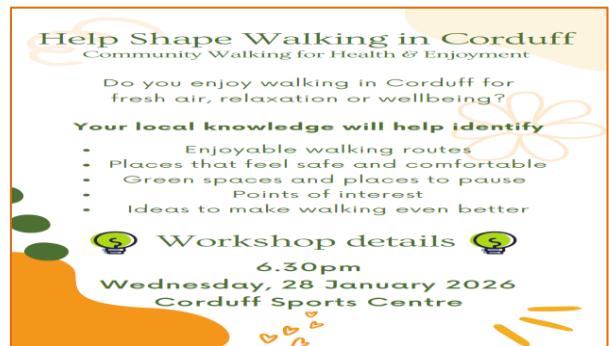
This month the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/Initiatives including:

### Balbriggan Youth Forum Stakeholders Meeting



The Our Balbriggan Community Pillar Group is establishing a youth forum, informed by 2024 research. Led by Foróige, young people will shape the forum, which will feature at the BELIEVE Expo in Flemington CC this April.

## Supporting cross departmental collaborative effort to develop new Corduff Walking Routes

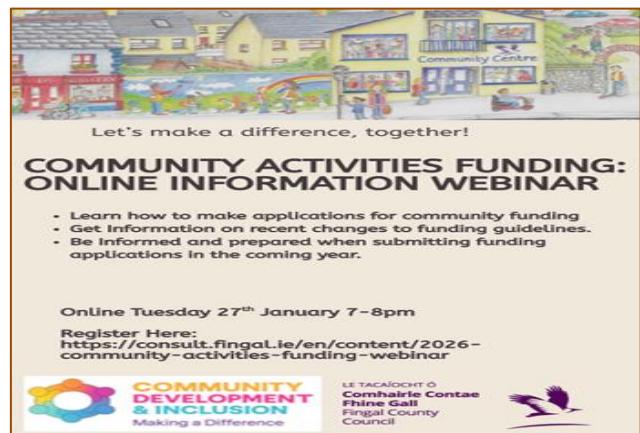


The Community Development & Inclusion Division is leading a new initiative to co-create safe, accessible and community-led walking routes in Corduff and surrounding areas. Building on the Corduff Place Standards Tool, the project aims to promote wellbeing, active lifestyles and stronger community connections.

A multi-agency steering committee met in January to progress the project, with partners including FCC teams, HSE, Age Friendly Fingal, Active Cities, Foróige, local councillors and community groups.

A community walking survey and a series of general and youth-focused workshops will gather local insights to identify preferred routes, inform walking maps and shape a shared vision for a safer, more walkable Corduff.

### Information Webinar on Community Activity Funding Applications and Criteria for Funding



An online information webinar was held on 27 January to support Fingal community groups with funding applications and outline recent guideline changes. Over 150 participants registered to attend.

### Community Development capacity training in Lusk



A bespoke community development and capacity-building course is being led by the Community Development & Inclusion Division in Lusk, supporting the establishment of the Lusk Community Forum under the Lusk Town Team Plan. The training will be tailored to over 22 local volunteer groups.

### Rivermeade Estate



The re-launch of the reconfigured Rivermeade Residents Association was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January in the Mary Queen of Ireland Primary School. 30 residents participated, with conversations centred on local action including the coordination of a Place Standards process that will take place during Q2 of this year.

### Support for International Women's Day calendar of events



The International Women's Day Bursary 2026 has launched to support Fingal County Council's International Women's Day celebrations on 8 March. This year's theme, "Give to Gain," highlights the positive impact of empowering women.

The Community Development & Inclusion Office is offering up to €300 for small, community-led events that celebrate women, promote skills, social engagement, community development and women's empowerment. Applicants must show how they encourage women's participation and support local women. Applications close on 30 January.



## Community Facilities Management Support

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

## Official opening of Racecourse Community Centre, Baldoyle



The Racecourse Community Centre in Baldoyle was officially opened on 17 January by the Fingal Mayor and Chief Executive. The €10 million, state-of-the-art facility, funded by Fingal County Council, has been designed with sustainability, accessibility and inclusivity at its core. The centre has been warmly welcomed by the community and is expected to support increased participation and the development of new local groups.

## Racecourse Community Centre LOGO project



First year students from Pobal Scoil Neásáin Baldoyle, and artist Jennifer Harrington worked together to design and create a Logo for the new Racecourse Community Centre. Exploring themes such as community and place they incorporated both the park and coastal elements into the final creation which will be used on all print and social media going forward.

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## Community Centre Support – Blakestown CC



With Fingal County Council support, Blakestown Community Resource Centre completed a full car park resurfacing and re-marking. Funding was provided by the Community Division and Economic Development Office, with technical oversight from the Council's Architects Department.

## Interagency

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

## Fingal Comhairle na nÓg (FCNN)



FCNN is the recognised youth voice for Fingal and continues to work on their project which addresses antisocial behaviour and safety in communities. Foróige Youth Service has been successful in their tender for the contract to oversee the development and operation of FCNN.

## Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN)

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



Fingal PPN attended the National PPN Staff in-person meeting in Laois in December with colleagues from all 31 PPNs. Membership now stands at 930 groups, with the first Linkage meeting scheduled for February. The Secretariat met on 22 January to set the 2025-2026 workplan.

## RESPOND Family Homeless Services



The Community Development Team recently supported RESPOND in delivering its Family Homeless Services Christmas Wonderland event in Northwood, Santry. The event was very well attended by families availing of homeless services, and it proved to be an enjoyable day for all involved.

## 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.

### Launch of Fingal's Age-Friendly Strategy



Fingal's third Age Friendly Strategy 2026-2030 was launched on 16 January by Mayor Cllr. Tom O'Leary. Developed by the Age Friendly Alliance, the Strategy is informed by extensive engagement with older people and partners and sets out a multi-agency action plan to support an inclusive, age-friendly Fingal. Age Friendly Ambassador Terry Prone welcomed the Strategy at the launch.

## Korale Interreg Europe – Tackling loneliness

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**KORALE**

Fingal County Council has joined a consortium of six European countries in the Interreg Europe-funded KORALE project, which focuses on preventing and addressing loneliness through improved public policy and shared best practice. The launch of Fingal's third Age Friendly Strategy is a key milestone of the project.

## Funding

Community Activities funding supports community and voluntary initiatives. In January 2026, five Activity Grants totaling €14,482 were recommended for approval at Area Committee Meetings.

BRLS		2 x Grants	€5,482
BMCO		2 x Grants	€6,000
HOWTH/MAL		1 x Grant	€3,000

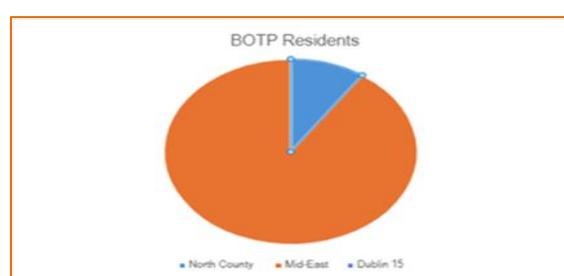
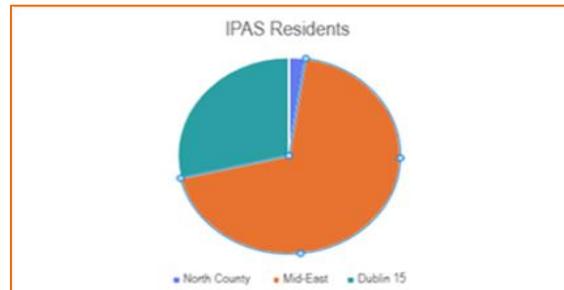
## Integration Office

The Fingal Integration Office promotes social inclusion by supporting those facing barriers, fostering intercultural understanding, and strengthening community connections through key integration strategies and supports.

### Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) provides clinic support to International Protection applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection to help them live independently. Integration clinics continue to be delivered across North County, Mid-East and Dublin 15, with accommodation data provided by the LGMA and UCTAT (Ukrainian Crisis Temporary Accommodation Team).

Geographical Area	BOTP Residents	IPAS Residents
North County	48	56
Mid-East	317	1510
Dublin 15	0	522
<b>Total</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>2088</b>



## Integration

### Schools of Sanctuary Ireland

The Integration Office collaborated with Schools of Sanctuary Ireland on a visit to Bremore Educate Together Secondary School to engage with staff and students, observe inclusion practices, and support the school's assessment as a Champion School of Sanctuary.

### IPAS Christmas Event

In December 2025, the Integration Office supported Crosscare in co-hosting a Christmas family event for children and their families at a large-scale IPAS Family Accommodation centre in the mid-east area. This event was filled with family fun events including games and a special visit from Santa.



## **Launch of the Intercultural Calendar 2026**

In December 2025, the Chief Executive launched the first Fingal Intercultural Calendar for 2026, developed by the Integration Office. The calendar highlights key cultural and religious observances and is available in libraries, civic spaces, and on the Fingal County Council website.



## **CIF (Community Integration Forum)**

The Community Integration Forum (CIF) is a multi-agency forum coordinating statutory and voluntary supports for diverse communities in Fingal. Originally focused on Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection, its remit has expanded to include International Protection applicants, refugees, programme refugees and those with permission to remain.

The CIF will hold its first meeting of 2026 on 10 February, introducing partner agency presentations as a new element of its structure.

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### Area Business Totals for DECEMBER 2025

Area	Public CRM's	Rep CRM's	Area Questions	Area Motions	Headed Items
Balbriggan/Swords	429	81	46	15	0
Castleknock/ Mulhuddart	236	89	15	6	2
Howth/Malahide	125	29	11	6	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>

### Works Programme

### Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area

At the BRLS Area Committee Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 the Programme of Works 2026 was approved by Councillors. This Programme of Works outlines the works to be completed in the areas across Roads, Traffic, Parks, and Public Lighting sections.

SECTION	2025 BUDGET	2026 BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Roads Reconstruction / Restoration / Overlay	€2,067,200	€2,067,200	Budget retained
Roads Special Works Programme	€420,000	€488,000	+€68,000
Traffic Management Works	€480,000	€543,750	+€63,750
Parks and Open Spaces	€496,800	€558,425	+€61,625
Public Lighting	€135,750	€154,875	+€19,125
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>€3,599,750</b>	<b>€3,812,250</b>	<b>+€212,500</b>

### **Balbriggan/Swords Area**

#### **Christmas Tree Recycling**

4898 Christmas trees were chipped as part of the recycling service provided by Fingal County Council after the festive period. This was across 10 collection points in the Balbriggan, Rush Lusk and Swords areas.



### **Swords**

A new inclusive roundabout was installed at Rathingle Park playground to replace the older roundabout unit. New soft surfacing was also installed around the new unit.



A New pedestrian corral was installed at the Swords Manor section of the Ward River Valley Park.



This is part of boundary improvement works which aims to remove entry points which can allow ease of access for unauthorised vehicles in the park, while still maintaining accessibility for all park users.



Briar clearance at Castleview Heath, Swords:



Laneway tidy up in Ormon Estate, Swords:



## Donabate

Two existing planters were fully replanted on Donabate Main Street in collaboration with Donabate tidy towns.



Before and after of tidy up in Beverton, Donabate:



Path clearance in The Priory, Donabate:

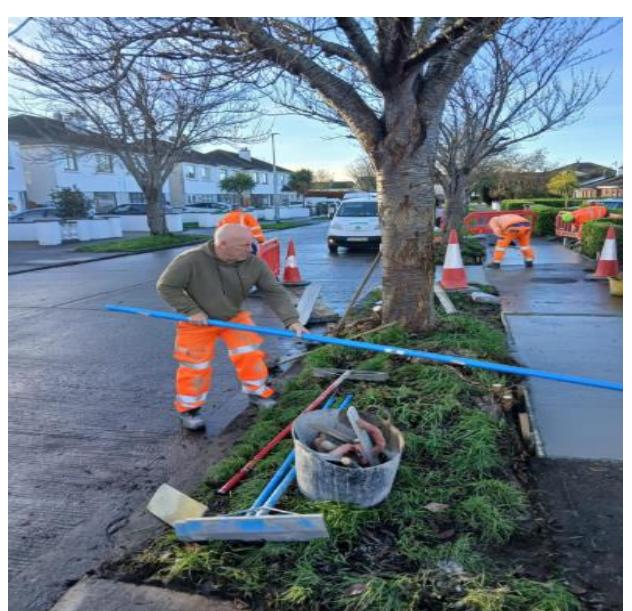


Before and after of tidy up in The Links,  
Donabate:



### Balbriggan

Footpath repair works carried out by the direct labour crews at Bath Road, Balbriggan.



## Howth/ Malahide Area



Dismantling Christmas tree display at Sutton cross.



Planting up beds at Sutton Cross post-Christmas display.

## Christmas tree - wood chipping

Post Christmas service of recycling domestic Christmas trees by wood chipping them was busy through the 7 collection points in the Howth/Malahide area. A total of 2,851 trees were chipped.



Sutton strand chipping.



## Ros beg Landscaping & Ironworks



Landscaping works were carried out here clearing of overgrown shrubs and brambles to alleviate antisocial gatherings and litter. Iron railings and gate installed also. The area is now more manageable for the residents to maintain themselves.

## Howth Harbour Front

Olympic gardens - Tidy up and landscaping work carried out. The large beds here had become overgrown and too tall - obstructing the views of Howth harbour and Irelands eye.



Clear views of Irelands eye.



## Howth Looped Pathway

The cutting of the vegetation either side of the path is ongoing as the busy walking season begins soon. We have a short window between growth and bird nesting season to cut along the paths.



## Playgrounds – Upgrades, Repair & Maintenance

### Myrtle playground, Baldoyle



More inclusive/sensory play units included.



Myrtle playground revamp has been completed including new entrance/exit gates either side of the playground.

### Sutton Strand – Fitness units



The fitness units along Sutton strand had worn and rusted over time, each unit needed to be replaced. We have included wheelchair accessible units in the mix.

### **Malahide Demesne, Walled Garden.**

Final stages of the Glass house upgrade works.  
Dutch house



Peach house.



Alpine house.



Baldoyle



New Band Stand in Baldoyle village, Roof put in place to complete the installation.



New signage installed beside wooden art carving, Baldoyle village green.  
New Benches



Additional benches and picnic tables installed throughout the area, including 'Binse comhrá' bench along the seafront. A 'Binse Comhrá' sign welcomes and promotes Irish conversation while sitting here.

Sutton, Portmarnock,

Seabury received new benches.



New picnic bench and plinth, The estuary, Seabury, Malahide.

### **Malahide Village Green**

A number of trees needed to be removed from the village green, they were leaning and prone to breaking.



A selection of new trees has been planted to replace the damaged ones.

### **Roads / Footpaths - Howth/Malahide**

#### **Program of Works**

#### **Seapark**

Works on drainage and road resurfacing as part of the works programme.



### The Moorings

Road resurfacing and finishing of iron works.



### Baldoyle, Meadowbrook Park

Road resurfacing.



### Carrickhill Court

New drainage and road resurfacing.



### Harbour Road

Resurfacing of the road, along with re-marking, as part of the programme of works.



## Árd Na Mara

New concrete footpaths.



## Chapel Road, Kinsealy

New cycle lane and footpath which will connect to the existing infrastructure. Contractor is working on new walls and has completed new kerbs.



## Dunbo Hill

The Howth Malahide Crew are currently working on a new drainage system.



## Cleansing, Beaches and Toilets



Deep cleaning of Malahide village toilets commenced.



Balscadden eco toilets treatment for rodents complete.



New flooring Robs Wall toilets.



New plots development Balgriffin burial grounds.

## Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area



River Road re instatement.



Works were carried out on River Road on areas where tree roots were lifting and cracking tar on road.

## Millennium Playground Redevelopment Progress.



Millennium Playground re-development is continuing. Due to be completed end of January.

## Park View Re-Instatement

### Reinstatement of footpath apron on Park View D15



### Blanchardstown Village



Installation- manhole cover in Blanchardstown Village

### Allendale Glen



Installation of new footpath at Allendale Glen.

### Newtown Cottage



Clean-up of footpath at Newtown cottage.

### New borders - Cherry Lawn and Fortlawn



New borders planted in Cherry lawn, and Fortlawn D15.

80 perennials and one tonne of bark in Cherry Lawn.

40 perennials and one tonne of bark in Fortlawn.

### Christmas Tree wood chipping Millennium Park, Hartstown Park and St Catherine's Park.



Millennium Park - 3,265

Hartstown Park- 110

St Catherine's Park- 179

To date, 3,554 trees have been wood chipped.

### Warren Estate Carpenterstown



Pruning works has been carried out in Warren Estate in Carpenterstown as part of the Coolmine Operations Winter Works Program 2025/2026

There are 70+ lime trees being pruned in this estate, consisting of Crown raisin, trimming back lateral branches, formative pruning.

### Castlecurragh

Hedge cutting, weed strimming and a general cleanup along footpaths in Castlecurragh took place on 17th January 2026. Approximately 900M was cut back along the railings.



### St Catherine's Park footpath

Footpath repairs were carried out in St Catherine's Park at Pavilion one carpark, comprising 100 square meters of footpath.



### Ongar Dog Run

Whips planting was installed along Dog run at Ongar.

Approx. 2000 whips were planted along 250M of Fencing around the area.



Whip planting Ongar Dog Run.

## **Car Parking Services**

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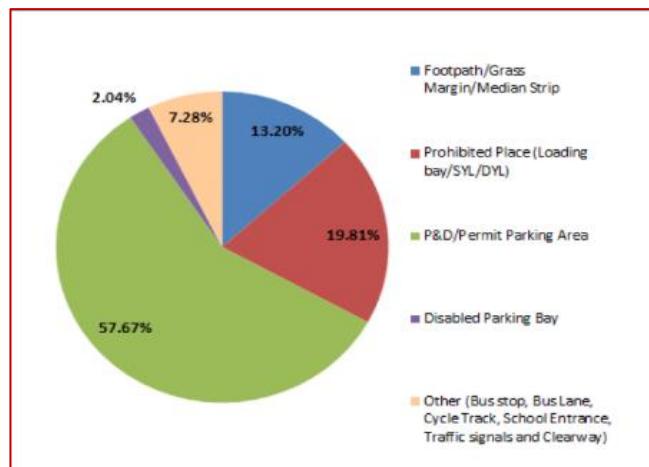
There were a total of 1030 parking tickets issued during December 2025.

Main Ticketing Locations:

Top 10 Locations

Location	Main Ticket Locations December 2025
North Street - Swords	117
Main Street - Swords	78
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	64
Dublin Street - Balbriggan	34
South Strand Skerries	31
Strand Street - Skerries	30
Old Street - Malahide	29
Chapel Street Balbriggan	28
New Street - Malahide	27
Church Road - Malahide	26

Breakdown of Parking Offences:



## **Parking Control Bye-Laws 2026**

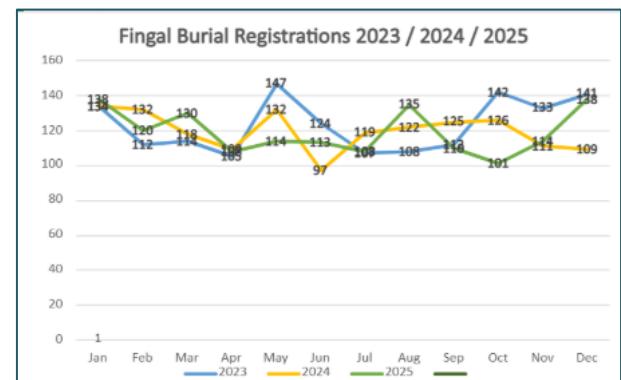
A report on the public consultation regarding the Draft Parking Control Bye-Laws was presented to the Corporate Policy Group on 7 January 2026. The Corporate Policy Group recommended that the Draft Parking Control Bye-Laws be submitted to the Full Council for adoption.

The Draft Parking Control Bye-Laws were subsequently presented to the Full Council on 12 January 2026, at which meeting the Parking Control Bye-Laws 2026 were adopted.

The Bye-Laws will come into effect on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Works are now commencing to update parking meters and back-office software, and to prepare car parks for the introduction of pay parking. These works will include new lining, signage, and meter installation where required.

## **Burial Ground Services**

There were 138 Interments in December 2025 in Fingal Cemeteries.



## **Traffic Operations County-Wide**

Balbriggan/Swords Area



R108 Ballyboughal - Traffic calming ramp replacement, new "SLOW" road markings and W 130 Road Hump warning sign.



Skerries - Installation of new uncontrolled pedestrian crossing to improve pedestrian walkability to Realt na Mara National School, Skerries.

### Castleknock/Mulhuddart

#### Road Lining



Double yellow lines installed at the entrance of Burnell Park.



Yellow Box repainted at the junction of Carpenterstown and Collegewood.

#### Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)



VAS installed on the R149 after St Catherines Park.



VAS installed travelling northbound on the R149

### Howth Malahide Works



Double Yellow Lines for Burrow Court - Portmarnock

New Traffic signals now Operating at the Back Road/Malahide road Junction – Developer lead with input from Transport Planning and Operations



### Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

97 Plant Hires were put in place from 20/11/2025 to 17/12/2025 engaging 24 suppliers.

### Public Lighting

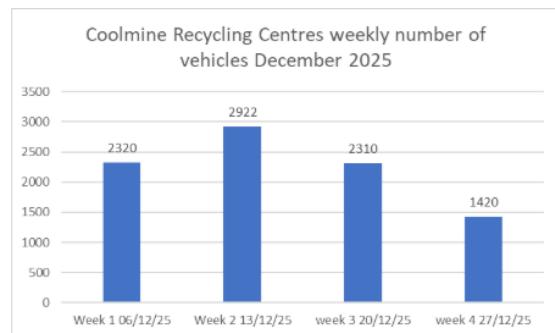
#### 2026 POW Works

Orders are being placed for all public lighting materials required for the 2026 Public Lighting Programme of Works.

Works on the public lighting column replacement programme are ongoing.

Public Lighting Column Replacements ongoing:  
Woodvale Estate, Clonsilla

### Recycling Centres Update

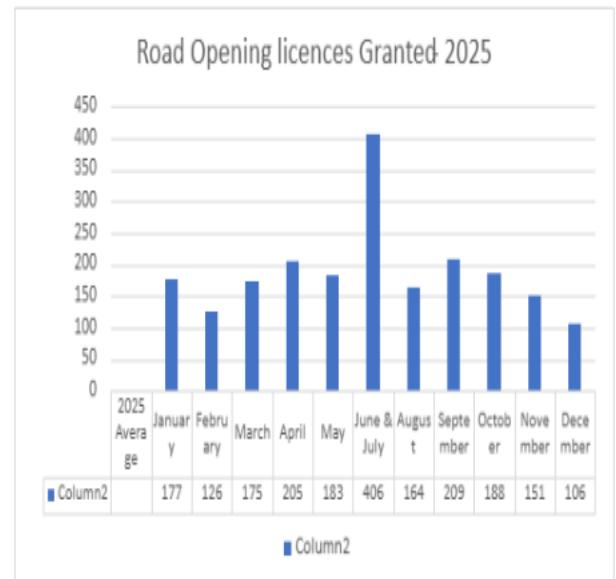


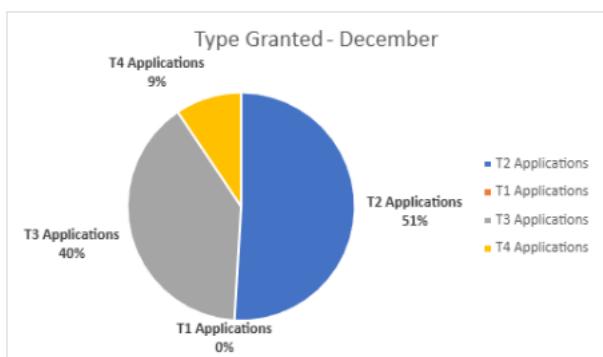
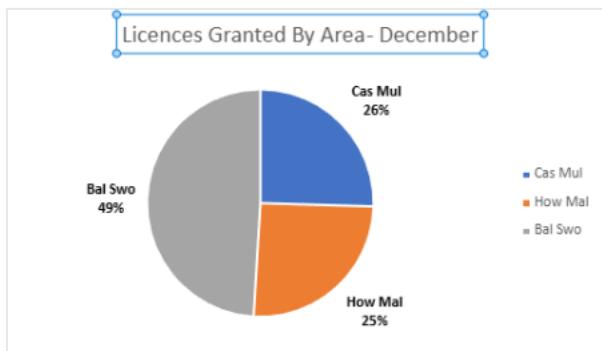
### Licenses

#### 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.

106 Licences were granted in the month of December, 49% 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**

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

- **Howth Malahide Area**

There are four existing bus stops approved for bus enhancements. These are in Malahide at James's Terrace and Church Road. The other location is in Howth on Thormanby Road adjacent to the Howth Summit. The locations have been approved by the NTA. There was a successful tender ran which was evaluated and the successful Contractor is currently being appointed. Works are to start very shortly on site.

- **Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area**

There are two bus stops approved for enhancements on the R127 Skerries Road in Balbriggan. The upgrade includes the installation of new seating, and these works will be undertaken by direct labour. Works were scheduled to commence in December; however, due to delays in the delivery of seats, the start date has been deferred to January, with completion now anticipated in early February.

- **Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area**

Five bus stop enhancement projects received grant approval by the NTA in the Castleknock/Mulhuddart area. Tenders were issued, received and reviewed and a tender report was issued to the NTA for approval. Three of these projects received approval to be uploaded onto the NTA PRS System for formal approval. These are located on the Ratoath Road (L3080) and two on the R122 close to the National Reception Centre, Balseskin, Dubber. These have been uploaded to the NTA PRS System. Formal approval was received from the NTA on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Works will commence in January/February 2026.

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

Fingal County Council have completed the grass pitch allocation process for the 2025/2026 playing season. In total the Council has received a total of 74 applications throughout the administrative area. All 74 clubs have paid in full.

We are currently running on close to full capacity for grass pitches throughout the county.

Applications and pitch maps can be found on the Fingal County Council website / grass pitch Applications.

### **Casual Trading License**

Fingal County Council has a total of 44 valid Casual Trading Licences for the 2025/2026 trading season covering trading of hot food, tea and coffee, icecream and flowers. All 44 traders are fully licenced for the 2025/26 trading season. We are currently processing 2 additional applications.

The Operations Department is in regular communication with our traders and area inspections continue to be carried out to ensure compliance and assist in delivery of quality service. Once the 2 additional applications are processed, we will have a total of 46 Casual Traders operating in the Fingal administrative area, the highest number to date. The process for issuing license's for the 2026/27 season will commence in the coming weeks.



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

Fingal County Council has extended the Mobile Sauna Pilot Scheme to operate from the 1st of October 2025 to the 31st of March 2026 under the off-peak seasonal license.

We now have a total of 3 mobile sauna trading units operating at different locations throughout the county.

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

### **Street Furniture Licences**

A total of 13 valid Street Furniture Licences have been issued for 2026 to date. We are currently processing an additional 12 applications, once we receive the required documentation from the relevant businesses their licences will then be issued. Inspections have commenced for 2026 also.

### **Harbours**

The Operations Department continue to engage with Ayesa Consultants regarding the ongoing required capital works and maintenance dredging at Fingal's harbours in Balbriggan, Rush, Skerries and Loughshinny.



### **Surface Water**

#### **Stormwater Capital Programme 2026-2028**

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects in the 2026-2028 Stormwater Capital Programme.

The 3-year programme includes 15 projects estimated at €2.4 million. Below is a brief update in relation to the status of some of the projects.

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

Design and construction of a Stormwater culvert replacement on Howth Main Street (Work Package A) and the separation of a combined sewer on Tucketts Lane, Howth (Work Package B). Works on the new surface water line on Tucketts Lane commenced on January 19th, 2026, by FCC Direct Labour (DL) crews under a 6-week road closure.

The preliminary design for Work Package A is complete, with the preferred option to lay a new 1200mm SW pipe on Main Street and Harbour Road to replace the existing defective sections of culvert. Further GPR surveys and site investigations will be progressed shortly in order to inform the detailed design.



Tucketts Lane

### Lusk Network Remedial Works:

A works schedule has been developed to carry out additional pipeline repairs between Post Office Road and Chapel Road to complete Phase 3 of the above project. The site works are scheduled to start in March 2026.

### Howth Stormwater Network Repairs

Network improvements were identified for the Church Street, Dunbo Hill and R105 areas of Howth. Works commenced on site in November under a road closure, and completed before Christmas

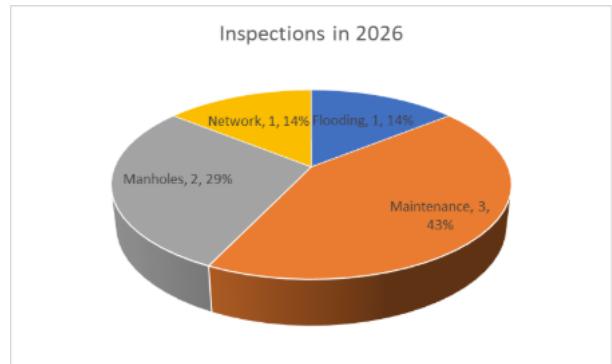
A Request for tender was published for full road reinstatement and works will commence soon.



Church Street.

### Storm Water Maintenance

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



### Storm Water Connections:

1 Stormwater Connection Application has been processed in 2026.

### Networks

#### Swords

Survey works in the Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Road, 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 appointed to start works in February 2026. Minor advanced interventions by a Direct labour crew are ongoing.



Rivervalley.

## **Santry**

### Northwood Avenue

Several defects were identified from a survey on the Stormwater line that runs along the R132.

This survey report has been separated out into works packages. A tender process is underway to procure specialised Contractors to carry out repair works.



Grove Road.

## **Dublin 15**

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



## **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 on 100m of pipeline from January 2026. Non-specialised works by DL will follow in Q1/2026

## **Howth**

CCTV survey along Seaview Terrace identified capacity issues with the lines. Repairs on approx. 30m of this network are now complete.

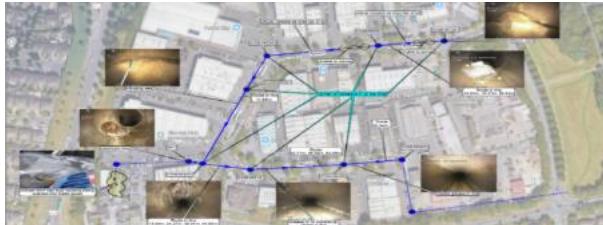


Seaview Terrace, Howth.

## **Surface Water Pollution**

### **Dublin 15**

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



Coolmine Industrial Estate.



Survey in Coolmine.

### Airside Motor Park

Following reports of flooding at Airside Motor Park, investigations determined that a flow control device had become blocked by the presence of general waste and oil in the line. A clean-up and containment programme was conducted to stop this material from polluting downstream watercourses. In total, around 120m<sup>3</sup> of oil and waste material was removed from the network. Investigations are ongoing by the FCC Environment Department to locate the source with assistance from the Stormwater Unit.



### Ironworks

Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement is ongoing countywide. Manhole cover and frame replacements were carried out in the D15 area.

**Underground Stormwater storage Assets**  
Continuing Identification and recording of underground storm water management assets county wide.

### Pre-emptive Maintenance Jetting programme

Work has recently begun on a countywide preventative maintenance programme. A specialist Contractor has been procured to carry out maintenance and preemptive jetting on several networks. These networks have been identified as suffering from slow flows and tend to fill with silt and debris. Jetting works were carried out along Yellow Walls Road and in the Mourne View estate in Skerries.

### **Outfall Upgrades/Maintenance**

Following reports of damage to a stormwater screen along Dublin Road in Baldoyle, a Contractor has been appointed to remove the existing end of life screen and replace it with a new unit. Works are now complete, and the screen has been replaced.



### **Outfall Cleaning & Maintenance**

Ongoing weekly maintenance continues on the major Coastal Outfalls in Skerries, Howth & Sutton. Inland Outfall cleaning was also carried out in December ahead of Storm Bram.



Ward Rivervalley park Repairs



### **Fingal Beaches**

The Operations Department have submitted applications to An Taisce for the Blue Flag Award 2026 for Velvet Strand (Portmarnock), Balcarrick Beach (Donabate) and North Beach (Rush). Successful applicants will be notified in May 2026.



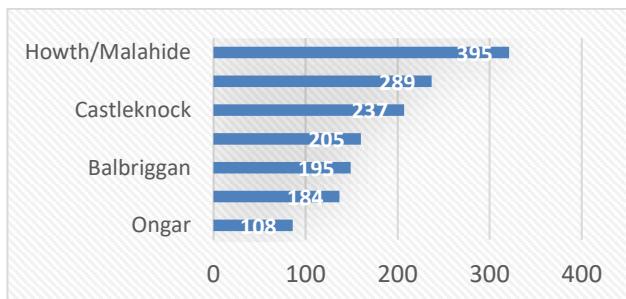
## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT

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### Planning Applications

Between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, a total of 1,641 planning applications were received, including 1,266 electronic applications via the national portal. Of these, 365 applications were deemed invalid, resulting in 1,276 valid applications. The accompanying bar chart illustrates the distribution of applications across various areas.



During the same period, 18 Large-scale Residential Development applications were submitted to the Local Authority, with 13 granted decisions issued on LRD applications.

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

### Planning Decisions

Between 1<sup>st</sup> December and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, a total of 1,491 planning decisions were issued. The figures include 1,087 decisions to grant permission and 291 refusals of permission.

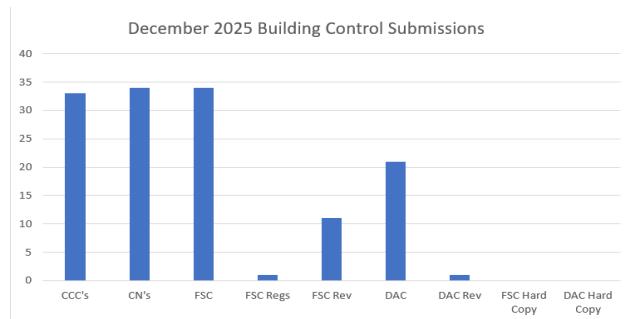
### Building Control Admin

In December 2025, there were 136 building control submissions made via BCMS.

This was made up of 34 Commencement notices, 33 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 46 Fire Safety related Certificates and 23 Disability Access related Certificates.

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

The Building Control Admin team processed 156 decisions in December 2025 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 79 decisions to grant, 76 extensions of time and 1 refusal.



### 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 Old Schoolhouse Masterplan was agreed in November 2025 and is currently being finalised for publication. 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. Consultation on the final RZLT map for 2026 will run from 31<sup>st</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> April while consultation for the draft map for 2027 will run from 1<sup>st</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> April.

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

A report on housing growth requirements was presented to the Members at the December council meeting. Variation No. 1 to the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 proposes to vary the Development Plan to give effect to the NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2025), introduced in accordance with Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). This is on public display from 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025 to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (inclusive). Following the public display period, the Chief Executive shall prepare a report on any submissions or observations received which will be submitted to the Elected Members for their consideration.

## Variation No. 2 Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029

Variation No. 2 to the Development Plan proposes to vary the Plan by way of adopting a formal land use zoning objective for the subject lands known as Áras Mhuire Field, Barberstown Lane South, Barnhill, County Dublin, on Sheet 13, Blanchardstown South from Unzoned lands to 'OS' Open Space. This is on public display from 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025 to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (inclusive). Following the public display period, the Chief Executive will prepare a report on any submissions or observations received which will be submitted to the Elected Members for their consideration

## Built Environment Division



## Building Control

- 15 building control inspections were carried out in January 2026 so far, covering 20 Buildings.
- There was 0 no. Section 11 request for further information issued during the month of January 2026.

## Taking in Charge

3 estates were taken in charge in December 2025 meeting

- Footpath outside the Clonross development in Dublin 15.
- St. Marnock Bay Portmarnock.
- Kinsealy woods Kinsealy.

Two roads were brought into maintenance in December

- Castlemills link Road in Balbriggan.
- Donabate Distributor Road phase 1 in Donabate.

It had been proposed take the road adjoining Dublin Airport "Forrest Little and Barberstown Road" in charge in January 2026 but this has been delayed until March 2026 at the request of the DAA.

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

O'Connor Sutton Cronin have been appointed as Consultants for managing Taking in Charge works where we have taken the bond. The first contract is for Chapelwood, Chapelton, Alderwood and Redwood in Dublin 15. The consultants are almost complete snagging, and works will be tendered shortly.

### Dangerous Structures

- There were no dangerous structures reported in December 2025.
- A total of 107 dangerous structures remain active in our database.

### Pictures



Checking blockwork at foundation level on a site in Rush



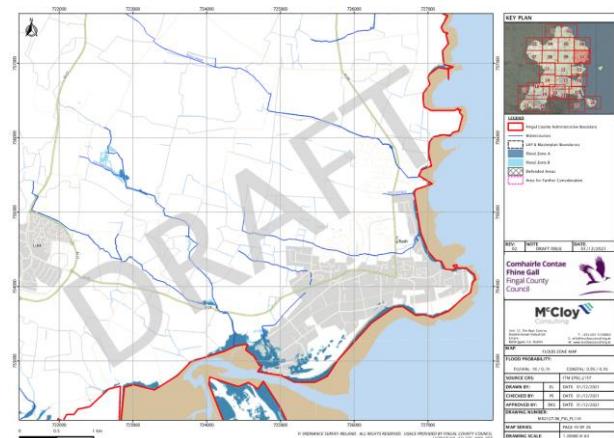
Witnessing a drainage airtightness test in Rush.

### Development Management

- WSFP continue to work on new LRD applications, planning files, additional information files, clarification of additional information files and compliances.
- WSFP continue to support pre-planning consultations with developers to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of flood risk management and sustainable drainage systems on site.

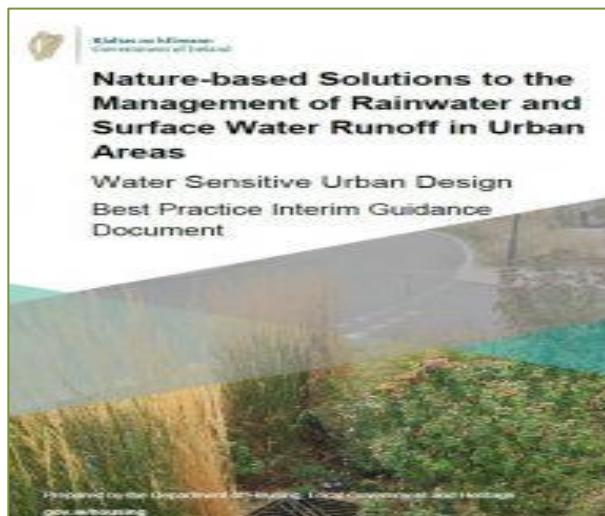
### Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

- FCC WSFP staff completed liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the County Development Plan. The SFRA flood mapping & report has been completed.
- The Water Services Planning Dept responded to motions received from the councillors under the motion headings of green infrastructure, flooding, Irish Water & re-zoning.
- WSFP are currently working on Variations 1 and 2 to the SFRA for the County Development Plan.

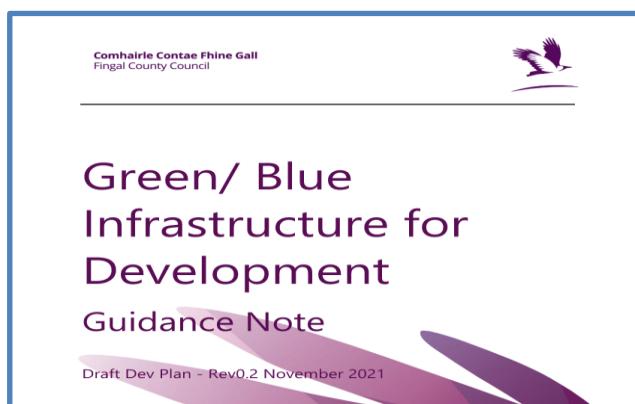


- A new document "Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas - Water Sensitive Urban Design - Best Practice Interim Guidance Document" has been issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

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



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



## Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments



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

## Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP)

The procurement process is complete for the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans for *Northwood, Kilbarack and Baldoyle*. Completed SWMP's for Northwood, Kilbarrack and Baldoyle were submitted to FCC and approved in January 2025.

McCloys Consulting Engineers prepared a SFRA and SDS for Dubber with a submission received in October 2025 and final documents received in December 2025.

JBA Consultant Engineers have been appointed to complete a CDP Variation SFRA for an area in Barnhill with completion due in December 2025. A purchase order has been raised, and a project kick off meeting took place. Completion is on track for December 2025.

McCloys Consultant Engineers have been appointed to complete a CDP Variation SFRA for several areas in Fingal with completion due in December 2025. A purchase order has been raised, and a project kick off meeting took place. Completion is forecast for December 2025.

### **Domestic SuDS Guide**

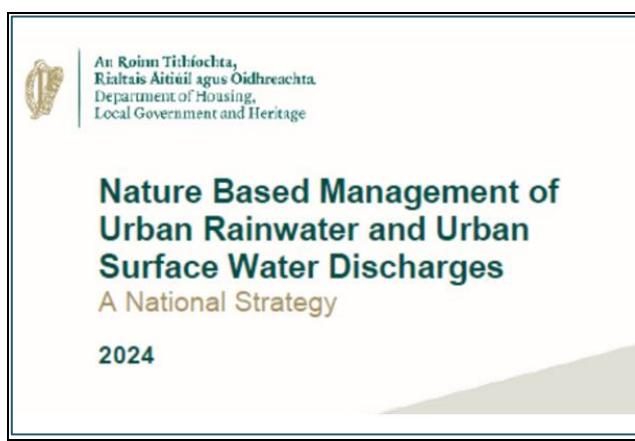
McCloys Consulting Engineers were appointed to produce a Domestic SuDS Guide for FCC. This was completed in Q3 2024, the guide is available on Fingal's website along with a short presentation video.

### **Green Blue Roofs Guidance Document**

McCloys Consulting Engineers have been appointed to produce a Green Blue Roofs Guidance Document for FCC. This was awarded in Q3 2024 and was completed in Q3 2025. A short promotional video is expected in Q4 2025.

### **National Guidance**

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



### **Irish Water**

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

## **Transportation Planning**

### **PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade**

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

### **PSI 002 Ongar Barnhill Road**

Bam Civil Ltd. have constructed most of the new road and active travel facilities between Ongar and the R149. The road surfacing, road marking and footpaths are being completed at the new junction on the R149 along with the boundary works on Barberstown Lane South. Some of the connections for new water infrastructure have been made by Uisce Eireann near the R149 and other connection works will continue over the coming weeks. ESB Networks have completed most of its new infrastructure which has provided power for public lighting and traffic signals. New traffic signals are now in operation at the new junction on the R149. The overall scheme is expected to be substantially completed in Q1 2026. The opening of Ongar Barnhill Road is expected to be in Mid-February 2026. Updates for the scheme will be posted on [www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill](http://www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill)



## **PSI-039 – R132 Connectivity Project**



Before Project



After Project



Before Project

After Project

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

## **PSI 063 – Pedestrian & Cycling Scheme at Granard Bridge Castleknock Road**

The first contract as part of a Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area, is to undertake phases 2 to 4 for a new Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock Road which will cross the Dublin Maynooth railway and Royal Canal, parallel to the existing road bridges over the canal and railway, with access for pedestrians and cyclists only. This will form an integral part of the walking and cycling route for Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park which is a proposed route in the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. This will also improve pedestrian and cycle safely at Granard Bridge and further promote the use of more sustainable travel patterns, in line with Government Policy and the cycle network plan for the greater Dublin area.

## **Meetings and Reports**

Monthly meetings are being held to progress the project and discuss key points, such as route options and possible constraints to be overcome. In addition, an ecological inspection in the Castleknock area was carried out last year 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.

## **Project summary**

The tender submissions have been evaluated, and the outcome letters are currently being drafted. The outcome letters will then be issued as part of Stage 2 of the tender process for the Phase 5 construction stage of the R132 Connectivity Project.

## **Meetings and Workshops**

Ongoing meeting of various projects in the Swords area and discussions, as well as knowledge sharing on it projects timelines and phasing plus also gathering feedback on these projects to assist in managing the mitigation measures is ongoing. In addition, communication meetings with First responders, private bus and public bus transport operators are also being held regularly and will continue in 2026.

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 discussions with NTA and TII/Metrolink which are being held monthly and is continuing through 2026.

## **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. Snagging is almost complete.

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

A non-statutory public consultation meeting took place in October 2025. Prior to this, a briefing meeting was held with the Councillors of the Dublin 15 area to present the project and facilitate an open discussion.

The design team prepared a non-statutory public consultation report in December 2025, which was reviewed by the team.

The non-statutory public consultation report will be presented to the BMCO Councillors at a briefing which is organised for the 29th of January 2026.

### Project Programme

The Project Design Team initiated the project programme with Phase 2 Concept Development and Option Selection, which has now been completed.

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 will tie in south of the railway on Castleknock Road.



**Granard Bridge Site location**



**Granard Bridge Street View**

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

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

### PSI – 004 Royal Canal Urban Greenway

The project team from the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department is continuing to finalise the preliminary design in consultation with all the key stakeholders, the National Transport Authority, Irish Rail and Waterways Ireland along the route of the greenway to ensure a coordinated, high quality final design is achieved at interfaces between existing facilities and the proposed scheme.

In November 2024 Fingal County Council requested consent from Waterways Ireland and Irish Rail to make a planning application for the Royal Canal Urban Greenway on their Lands to An Coimisiún Pleanála. Fingal County Council received consent from Irish Rail in July 2025 to proceed with making an application on their Lands to An Coimisiún Pleanála. Waterways Ireland informed Fingal County Council in September 2025 that they will issue a letter of support for Fingal County Council to make an application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for the project on their lands.

Alterations to the preliminary design from Hansfields to KCC Boundary on widths was agreed following further discussion with Waterways Ireland in September.

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

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

Current Landowner checks and land referencing are being maintained and kept up to date for the project. Following completion of the preliminary design, all the required documents which includes the Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be prepared prior to making the planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been reviewed by internal departments, feedback is currently being incorporated into the final report prior to undergoing a legal review in advance of a formal application to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

### **PSI – 065 Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project**

Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project will provide for improved accessibility for all road users, in particular pedestrian users as there were no pedestrian footpaths along the eastern end of Seamount Road on the approach to the new development's entrance. The route also forms one of the local health walks (Sli Na Slainte), the coastal walk between Malahide and Portmarnock.

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

The preliminary design has been received and reviewed. A presentation for a Non-Statutory Public Consultation is being prepared and dates for the consultation are being organised.

The consultation will be held in Malahide Public Library. The Council continues to liaise with the Key Stakeholders. Discussions are progressing well.



### **S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme –**

The preliminary design drawings have largely been completed. The Phase 3, Preliminary Design Phase, gateway documents have been completed and have been submitted to the NTA for review and approval.

Detailed preliminary design drawings for pavements, utilities, drainage, traffic junction layouts, Landscape Plans, Public Lighting pole locations and lining drawings have been received and are under review. The project will liaise with utility providers to discuss any required diversion works.

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 Promenade, 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.

Documents are being prepared for a planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála. This includes preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, Natura Impact Statement and Compulsory Purchase Order documentation. Initial draft chapters for the EIAR and NIS have been received and are under review. CPO documentation is currently being prepared.

Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses and stakeholders is ongoing. The project team has begun to contact affected landowners to discuss the compulsory purchase order process and the scheme and land acquisition requirements. A number of meetings with individual landowners have taken place and further meetings will be scheduled as requested. Remaining affected landowners will be contacted in the coming weeks.

Updated drawings will be supplied to landowners during these discussions, which outline the land requirements and show the scheme design at their property.

Meetings have been held with Uisce Éireann 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 for CPO.



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

### Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm

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



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

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

Enabling Works to facilitate site clearance and archaeological investigations will be progressed in advance of the Main Works Contract. An application for ministerial consent for the works has been approved to National Monuments Service. A method statement for the archaeological investigations has been agreed, and the enabling works contract has been signed and is due to begin on site.

Procurement for the main works contract will follow.

In advance of works, consultation has begun with councillors, Fingal Chamber of commerce, the NTA and bus providers to agree and communicate traffic restrictions, access and bus diversions for North Street during the Main Works Contract.

### **Swords Main Street Transformation**

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



**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. The transport model to analyse any traffic management interventions proposed as part of Swords Main Street Transformation has been developed. 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 has been drafted by the design team which analysis the findings from recently completed parking surveys. Preliminary options for the proposed layout for Main Street are being progressed, and the options selection report is being drafted.

### **PSI-041 Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes**

The Kinsealy Walking and Cycling scheme aims to provide 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 in 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-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 Q2 of 2027.



Proposed SWDR Extension to Metrolink Route

### **PSI-009 Fingal Coastal Way**

The Fingal Coastal Way is a proposed coastal greenway linking Donabate with Balbriggan via the coastal towns of Rush, Loughshinny and Skerries. The scheme is being developed in conjunction with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and forms part of TII's proposed National Cycle Network (NCN). The scheme is a long-standing objective of Fingal County Council and is reflected in the current development plan, which outlines numerous policies and objectives to plan and develop a route that integrates a coastal pedestrian and cycle route with sensitive natural and built heritage sites whilst achieving a balance between conservation of such sites and public uses such as leisure, recreation and tourism.

This scheme is also identified within the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan and furthermore aligns with the objectives of the "Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways" published by the Department of Transport.

Upon completion of the Emerging Preferred Route, non-statutory public consultations and further consultations with landowners and other stakeholders, the proposed overall strategy for the scheme has been updated along with a revised Emerging Preferred Route. These revisions reflect the need to balance landowner and stakeholder concerns with the overall progression of the scheme and to take account of interactions with various other proposed projects being developed by Fingal County Council. In summary the proposed changes include the Fingal Coastal Way to be progressed in multiple stages with multiple planning applications:

- The routes through the towns of Donabate, Rush and Skerries will be delivered as part of overall town wide active travel network plans separately.
- The Fingal Coastal Way routes between these towns will be delivered by the Planning and Infrastructure department in three separate planning applications:
  - Section 1: Skerries to Balbriggan
  - Section 2: Donabate to Rush
  - Section 3: Rush to Skerries

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

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

RPS Consulting Engineers 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.

#### **Broadmeadow Way Greenway**

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

A stage 1 Tender assessment has been completed in advance of a 2-stage tender process to establish a framework for works contractors for the various landward works contracts. The landward elements of the Broadmeadow Way in Donabate i.e. from Newbridge Demesne, through Kilcrea lands to the east side of Corballis railway underpass will be delivered through this framework.

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

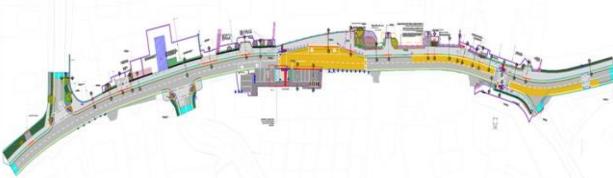
- Construction of the Broadmeadow Estuary Bridge took place in 2024. Works are complete.
- The tender for the construction of the greenway along the Northern Causeway is being finalised. It is expected that construction of the Northern Causeway will not be completed until 2027
- Construction of the greenway along the Southern Causeways will commence during the summer months of 2026.
- Construction of the Donabate landward works and the Malahide landward works will take place during 2026 and 2027.
- Due to the seasonal constraints of working within the estuary, along with the technical challenges of building on the Northern Causeway, it is expected that the opening of the Broadmeadow Way will be in 2027.



New estuary bridge and ramps looking northwards towards Donabate

#### **PSI-026 Portrane Road, Donabate**

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



The Council is currently in the process of tendering for a works contractor for the project. Tenders are due to be submitted by the end of January with tender review, assessment and appointment to follow in February. The successful tenderer is likely to mobilise to site in March with construction works expected to start in April 2026.

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

The Donabate Pedestrian Bridge was officially opened to the public on 10th October 2025. Final account has been settled with the contractor.

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

The Donabate Transport Projects comprise several projects with the objective of improving transport infrastructure and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula.

The projects include:

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

A few 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 for the second phase of the Donabate Distributor Road went on public display at the Donabate-Portrane Community Centre and was available to view online on the Fingal County Council consultation portal. A public information evening was held in the Shoreline Hotel in Donabate on Wednesday 22nd October 2025 to allow members of the public to meet with the project team and ask any questions. This round of public consultation concluded on Friday 7th November 2025. The project team are currently assessing the feedback received from the public during the consultation period. Preliminary design for Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road is expected to commence in Q1 2026.

The emerging preferred option for Blakes Cross is expected to be determined in Q1 2026.

Tender submissions have been evaluated 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-071 Golf Links Road Upgrade**

Fingal County Council has appointed Egis Engineering Ireland Ltd., to assist the Council in developing proposals for upgrading Golf Links Road in Portmarnock. Proposals will include facilities for people walking and cycling along Golf Links Road and will also include measures to improve the junction with Strand Road at one end of the road as well as the beach car park at the other end of the road. Topographical surveys and Wintering Birds surveys will be completed over the first three months of 2026.

### **PSI-019 N3 M50 to Clonee**

Aecom/ Roughan O'Donovan are appointed to assess bus priority measures on the N3 between the M50 and Clonee. This scheme is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland. They are also examining active travel links across the N3. The focus is between the Mulhuddart interchange and Clonee as the NTA bus connects project has already a scheme in development from Junction 3 into the city. Route options are being considered and when an emerging route option has been developed, a public engagement will be carried out. This is likely to be in Q2 2026.

### **PSI-068 Portmarnock Railway Overbridge Pedestrian & Cycle Improvement Works**

Previously fenced off and unused, the railway overbridge located between Drumnigh Manor and Sky Lark Development in Portmarnock has been transformed into a high-quality, two-way footpath and cycleway. The completed link facilitates 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 improvement works involved vegetation stripping, bridge parapet works, fencing works, bollard and kerb installation, surfacing to the bridge deck and footpath works.

An additional lighting column was also installed on the eastern side. Construction commenced on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and works were completed in four weeks. An official opening was held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and was marked with a ribbon cutting by Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Tom O'Leary, Minister for Transport and Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment, Darragh O'Brien TD, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, AnnMarie Farrelly and Director of Infrastructure and Transport at Fingal County Council, Matthew McAleese. The project was funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA) and complements initiatives such as the cycling bus to St. Marnock's NS, making school journeys safer and greener.



### **Parks and GI Division**

#### **Ballymastone Recreational Hub**

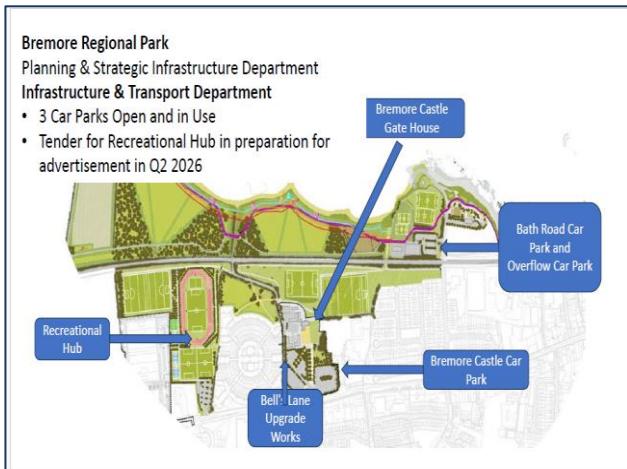
Ballymastone Recreational Hub Phases 1, 2 and 3  
Infrastructure & Transport Department

Phase 1 complete.

Contract awarded for Phases 2 & 3 with works commencing in the coming weeks



## Bremore Regional Park



## Ward River Regional Park



## Skerries Town Park



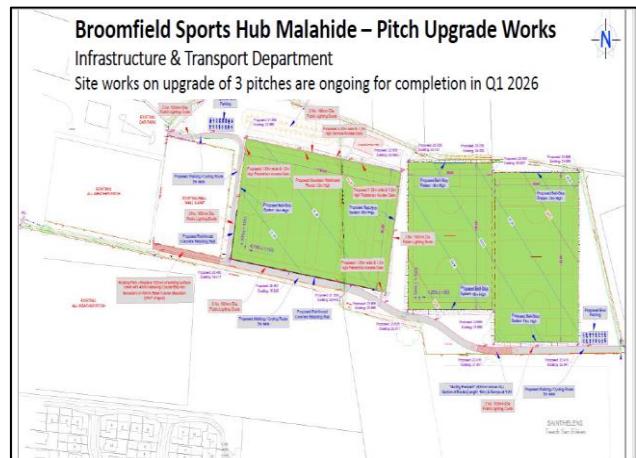
## Naul Village Park



## Rathmore Recreational Hub Lusk



## Broomfield Sports Hub Malahide



## Racecourse Park Baldoyle

Racecourse Park Baldoyle  
Development Project - Infrastructure & Transport Department

- New Car Park Complete.
- Further works on the development of the park will be procured in Q1 2026



## Laurel Lodge Playground – Castleknock

Laurel Lodge Playground  
Castleknock  
Infrastructure & Transport Department

- Playground Completed and Opened January 2026



## Meakstown Community Garden – Lanesborough Park

Meakstown Community Garden – Lanesborough Park  
Infrastructure & Transport Department  
Community Garden now complete and in use by the local community.  
Adjoining toddler playground nearing completion



## Hartstown Park Playground D15

Hartstown Park Playground D15  
Infrastructure & Transport Department  
Part 8 Approval Completed  
Procurement of works in early 2026



Comhairle Contae  
Fhine Gall  
Fingal County  
Council

## Corduff Park



Corduff Park Improvements including New Playground and Sports Facilities

Infrastructure & Transport Department

- Works ongoing for completion Q3 2026

## Hazelbury Park Playground D15

Hazelbury Park Playground D15  
Infrastructure & Transport Department  
Part 8 Approval Completed  
Procurement of works in Q1 2026



## Portrane Play Space



## Portrane Coastal Defence Works



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### Affordable Home Purchase Scheme & Cost Rental

A link to the Affordable Housing landing page can be found [here](#).

Affordable & Cost Rental Developments in progress.

Affordable Development	Status	Sale Agreed
Baile na Móna, Swords	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	77/151 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	64/110 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields Cost Rental apartments	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	22/80 apartments occupied
Balmoston (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	21/73 Homes Sale Agreed
Folkstown Park, Balbriggan	Application Portal to open 11 <sup>th</sup> February	19 Homes
Priory Fields, Hacketstown-Skerries	Application Portal Launch 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	36 Homes

### Church Fields Cost Rental update



The occupation of the Cost Rental apartments is continuing at pace with 60% of the apartments occupied to date.

Application screening for the remaining available apartments is ongoing. Applicants will be contacted directly by Occu Living if successful in the lottery process.

### Folkstown Park, Balbriggan



The Affordable Housing team, in partnership with Glenveagh Homes, are delighted to bring 19 new build Affordable 2 & 3 bedroom homes to Fingal's housing market. The Application Portal will go live on **11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 12 p.m.** All information, including minimum prices, house specifications, site and location maps are now available to view on <https://www.fingal.ie/folkstown-park-balbriggan>

### Priory Fields, Hacketstown.



The Affordable Housing team, in partnership with the Land Development Agency (LDA) are excited to bring 36 new Affordable Homes to the market in Skerries. **Priory fields, Hacketstown** is the first Affordable Development in Skerries and full details, including application portal opening date prices, house types and specs, site maps will be available very soon on [www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing](http://www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing). In the meantime log on to view eligibility criteria, and required documentation to get yourself purchase ready

## Social Housing Delivery

### Part V, Social Turnkey & CALF Programme

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

### 3 Part V homes delivered in Clonrath Hill, Lusk, Co. Dublin



### 20 homes delivered in partnership with Oaklee Housing at Birchwood, Santry.

## Construction Programme

Summary of delivery of social unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	532
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	110
Planning and Design	179
Part V	1,021
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,842</b>

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

## Completed Construction Schemes

### Church Fields 3A, Dublin 15

Work on Phase 3A at Churchfields has been completed, this phase saw the delivery of 40 new social homes as part of a mixed tenure scheme of 300 new homes comprising of 40 social, 180 affordable and 80 cost rental new homes. Construction was carried out by Gem Construction on behalf of Fingal County Council.



## Construction Schemes on Site

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

Construction work is continuing on Phase 1 of Balmoston. This is a mixed tenure development, which is being constructed by Glenveagh on behalf of Fingal County Council. This phase will deliver 87 social and 86 affordable new homes. The first **44** new social homes have been delivered.



### **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. The first **11** new social homes have been delivered.



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

Works are progressing on Phase 3B of Church Fields, a mixed tenure scheme which will see the delivery of a further 217 homes in Church Fields, comprising of 121 houses and 96 apartments. Construction is being carried out by Gem Construction on behalf of Fingal County Council.

The first **3** new social homes have been delivered.



### **Seatown Way, Swords**

Works for the delivery of 36 new, 2 bedroomed 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.



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

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



## **Holywell, Swords**

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



## **Mourne View, Skerries**

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



## **Remount Court, Lusk**

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



## **North Court, Swords**

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



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

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



### **Asset Management**

#### **Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme**

Pre works feasibility checks for 2026 Energy Retrofit Programme are underway.

Fingal County Council are awaiting our confirmed allocation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

However national funding for EERP has been increased by the Dept and we hope to exceed our completions for 2025 bringing properties to a B2 BER rating. Properties are currently being identified and checked for eligibility.

#### **Planned Maintenance Programme 2026**

External painting, joinery repairs, boiler replacements, and smoke and heat detector upgrades are being planned for 2026.

#### **Voids**

##### **Casual Voids 26th January 2026**

<b>In lettings</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Re-let works</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Unavailable</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>

##### **New to Stock 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

<b>New to stock</b>	<b>125</b>
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#### **Vacant Homes**

The vacant homes officer and team continue engagement with property owners to return vacant homes to use. This team also works in conjunction with the derelict sites section.

#### **Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs):**

The Vacant Homes Section is actively identifying and investigating vacant properties within the Fingal area and is committed to pursuing CPOs where applicable. Potential Vacant Homes can be reported at [Vacanthomes.ie](http://Vacanthomes.ie)

## Private Dwelling Grants

### **Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant**

Grants are available up to €50k for vacant properties and €70k if derelict. We have received **260** applications since the scheme commenced in 2022.



#### **Croí Cónaithe Applications 2026**

<b>Received</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Approved</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Paid</b>	<b>9</b>

- Properties can now be rented privately under the expanded scheme.
- A further expansion of this scheme in 2026 will support include a Vacant Above the Shop Grant and an Expert Advice Grant.
- More information sessions will be provided to the public in 2026 advertising the scheme.

#### ***Recently refurbished home VPRG***



## Housing Adapations Grants for People with a Disability

These grants for private homes include mobility aid grants and older persons grants. These grants support people with disabilities and older people to stay in their homes more independently and comfortably.

#### **Adaptation grants update January 2026**

<b>Received to date</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Paid to date</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Open applications</b>	<b>423</b>

## 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 **27 new HAP tenancies** in 2026 to date with approximately 4529 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](mailto:hap@fingal.ie). The HAP Amendments Portal is also available as a secure platform for tenants and landlords to submit requests to update the circumstances of their HAP tenancies

## Rents

Following the introduction in 2024 of new debt management processes and procedures, **rent arrears reduced by €1.7m from 01/01/2025 - 31/12/2025**. New processes initiated include bi-annual statements and letters to all tenants and quarterly statements and letters to tenants in arrears.

The rents collection rate at 31/12/2025 shows an increase of €3m on the same period in 2024.

The Rents team continue to engage with tenants who experience challenges paying their rent. The team issued **156** Tenancy Warnings and **109** Demand letters during 2025.

## Private Rented Inspections

The inspections team were tasked with inspecting 25% of the registered tenancies 21,000 which is approximately 5,250 tenancies.

The 2025 Annual return has been submitted to the DHLGH with 6,448 Inspections carried out. This is subject to final signoff by the Department.

The 2026 target will be sent by the DHLGH in the first quarter of 2026 and will inform the Inspections program for the year.

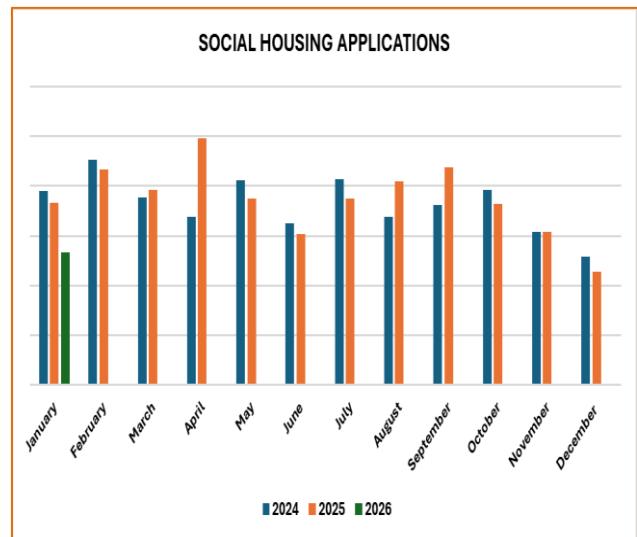
## Housing Tenancy Services Report

### **Housing Support**

In accordance with Circular 24/2025 as released on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025, the Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) was returned to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025. The 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](mailto: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**

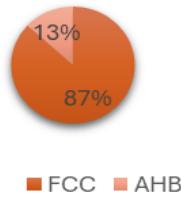


### **Housing Support Appeals**

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

## Lettings

### Total Allocations 38



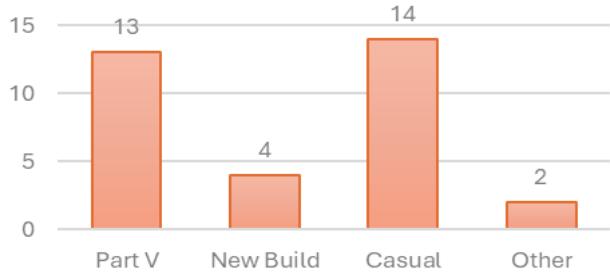
The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2026.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.

#### Monthly allocations



#### January



**5 of the 38 allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing Bodies.** The other 33 properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.

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

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 January.**



Internal image of advertised property in Cardy Rock Avenue, Balbriggan

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan-20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Cardy Rock Avenue, Balbriggan	2	Apt	1443	253
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan- 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Avondale Park, Mulhuddart	2	House	1661	353
			<b>Total</b>	<b>3104</b>	<b>606</b>

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

## Homeless Services.

### **Homeless Exits 2026**

During January 2026, 33 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	To HUBS	Total
EA	4	7	1	12
Homeless Prevention	10	11	0	21
Total	14	18	1	33

There was a total of 21 homeless prevention cases and 12 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

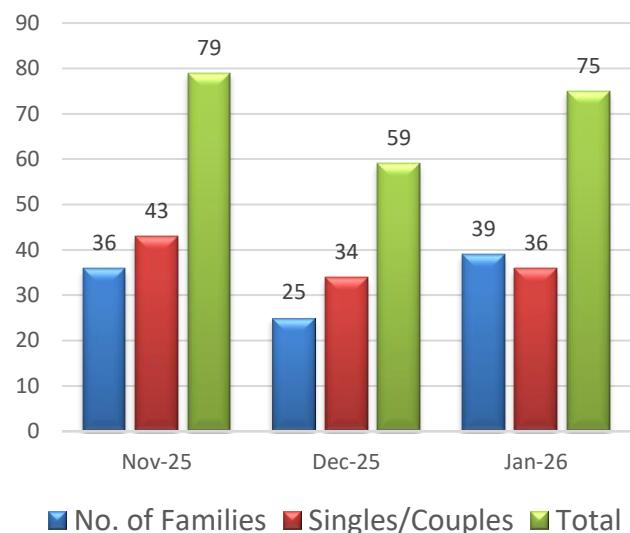
11 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases and 7 exited emergency accommodation.

14 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 10 homeless preventions, 3 who exited emergency accommodation and one exit from Direct Provision.

### **Homeless Assessments**

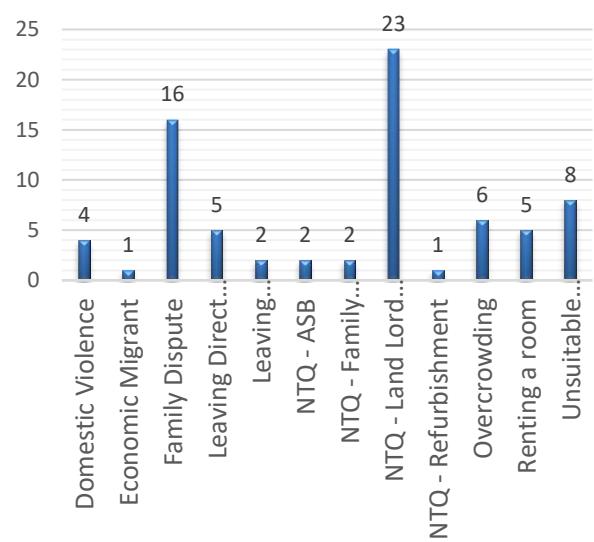
Fingal's Homeless Team continues to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continue to be carried out. In January 2026, there were an approx. 75 full homeless assessments completed - comprising 39 families and 36 singles/couples.

### **Homeless Assessments 2026**



During January 2026, of the 75 Homeless Assessments carried out, 37% of cases resulted from Notice to Termination (NOT) having been served, 21% cases resulted from family/relationship breakdown and 8% were from Overcrowding. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from Renting a room (7%) and were from leaving direct provision (7%). The remaining 20% comprise various reasons outlined in the next chart.

### **Reasons for Homelessness**



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

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

### **Rough Sleepers**

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

A weekly Rough Sleepers Coordination Group monitors the reports of rough sleepers. The reports come from various outlets, including the DRHE Outreach Team, Elected Representatives, the FCC Operations Department, and the public. There have been 17 reported rough sleeping cases in January 2026. 40 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation and we continue to work with 7 others to provide a suitable solution.

There are 11 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (2 females, and 9 males) in the Fingal Area, only one of whom is a Fingal client. 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.

## **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](http://www.threshold.ie) which contains more information and advice on the validity of your notice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The key contact details are:

#### **Fingal County Council Housing Department**

Monday to Thursday, 9 am to 5.00 pm,

Friday 9 am to 4.30 pm:

Tel. **01 890 5000** or [homeless@fingal.ie](mailto:homeless@fingal.ie)

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

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

**Freephone:** 1800 707 707

#### **Traveller Accommodation Programme**

The Council 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 services, 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 first meeting of 2026 of the LTACC is scheduled for Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 in the Blanchardstown Offices.

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

### **Caravan Loan Scheme**

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

#### ***Recent delivery of caravans and Mobiles at various sites***



### **Annual Traveller Census**

The Annual Traveller Census has been successfully completed, encompassing all Group Housing and Halting Sites. The data collected will enable effective planning and development, to ensure the needs of Traveller Families in the Fingal area are thoroughly represented and considered in all accommodation strategies.

### **Dumping on sites**

Illegal dumping on halting sites remains an ongoing issue.

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

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



***Dumping at St Philomena's Park***



***Dumping at St Mary's***



**Dumping at Morgan Place**

### **Fire Safety**

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

The Estate Management section in conjunction with Dublin Fire Brigade organized a successful Fire Safety Training Day which took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> December in Dublin 15. A further session for the D15 area is scheduled for Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026, with the Estate Management section committed to promoting and supporting the training.



**Poster advertising Fire Safety 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. Unfortunately, we have had an incident in one of our Dublin 15 Halting Sites where residents broke into the powerhouse, causing significant damage to the door and lock.



**Damage to Powerhouse door - Dublin 15**

### **Electricity Supply**

It has been reported that at a number of sites, electricity supplies have altered or tampered with causing interruption to power supply and other service issues. All residents are routinely advised of the dangers of interference with electricity and are advised to make contact with the Estate Management Maintenance team to report power issues in the first instance to allow for inspection and repair by registered contractors.

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

Overseeing and managing the Waste Water Treatment Systems of Council stock remains a priority of the Estate Management, Maintenance Section, with a new Wastewater Contract finalised in July.

## Housing Response Maintenance

2026	
Maintenance Requests Received	<b>1,323</b>
Tenancy Alerts Issued	<b>3</b>
Interviews Held	<b>6</b>
Unauthorised Works Recorded	<b>1</b>
Permission For Work Requests	<b>10</b>



Extensive deep clean at Fingal property

## 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 conducts impartial and thorough investigations on all reports of anti-social behaviour and implements appropriate preventative measures when necessary. 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.

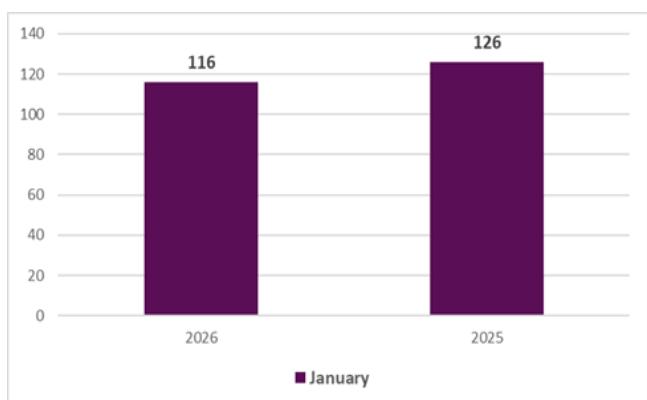
The ASB Unit is currently preparing an updated Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy.

## ASB Caseload Management

Complaints Jan 2020	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
<b>Balbriggan</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Rush / Lusk</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Swords</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Howth/ Malahide</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Ongar</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Castleknock</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>30</b>

## Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2026 to date	13
Interviews Held 2025	91
<b>Tenancy Alerts 2026 to date</b>	<b>5</b>
Tenancy Alerts 2025	32
<b>Tenancy Warnings 2026 to date</b>	<b>0</b>
Tenancy Warnings 2025	10



The above graph reflects a comparison of complaints received in January 2026 compared to January 2025.

## Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds

January (5), One abandonment notice was also served and two tenancies were terminated.

## Inspectorate 2026

<b>Housing Inspectors Report</b>	
<b>Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2025</b>	<b>1682</b>
<b>Housing Inspections 2025</b>	<b>10447</b>
<b>2026</b>	
<b>Traveller Specific Site Inspections to date</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Housing Inspections</b>	
January	682
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July /Aug	
September	
October	
November	
December	
<b>Total Inspections</b>	

# ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION, ACTIVE TRAVEL AND SPORTS DEPARTMENT

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## Active Travel

### BLRS Area:

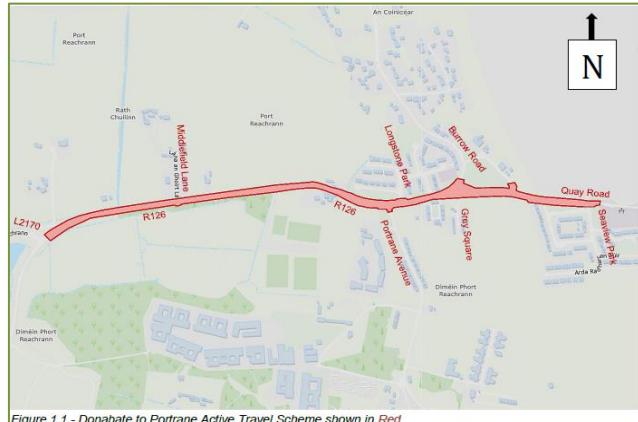
#### **Seatown Road Swords:**

John Cradock Ltd. have been appointed as the works contractor for these works. Works are anticipated to commence on site in late January 2026 and are expected to take close to 12 months to complete. Updates will be provided weekly through Councillor updates.



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

An additional survey has been completed to inform and finalise the options report. Once completed and gateway approvals are received from the NTA, the project will proceed to the preliminary design phase. Further details will be presented to Councillors at ACM in due course.



#### **Junction of the R132 and Flemington Lane Balbriggan:**

Works are ongoing on this project, with the heavy civils and groundworks close to completion. The contractor is scheduled to commence works associated with signalising the junction in late January 2026. On completion of these works, the resurfacing work on the junction will commence.

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

#### **Baldoyle Circle Active Travel Project**

The scheme is being considered in the context of recent funding allocations from the NTA. Following these considerations, a design team may be appointed with a view to setting up public consultation at the earliest stage to inform the Concept Development and Option Selection.

#### **Feltrim Active Travel Project**

The Active Travel Unit has begun liaising with the FCC Property Services Unit regarding land acquisition along the route. Preliminary design phase deliverables are being prepared by the design team this coming month, including road safety audits, road user audits, and environmental screening reports.

#### **BMCO Area:**

#### **Snugborough Road - NAC to Ongar**

Preliminary design is ongoing. An NTA workshop was held in December 2025. Following this it was agreed that construction will take place over 3 phases at particular links and junctions.

## Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

Preliminary design is ongoing. A non-statutory public consultation is being prepared which will take place in Q2 2026.

## Auburn Avenue Walking & Cycling Scheme

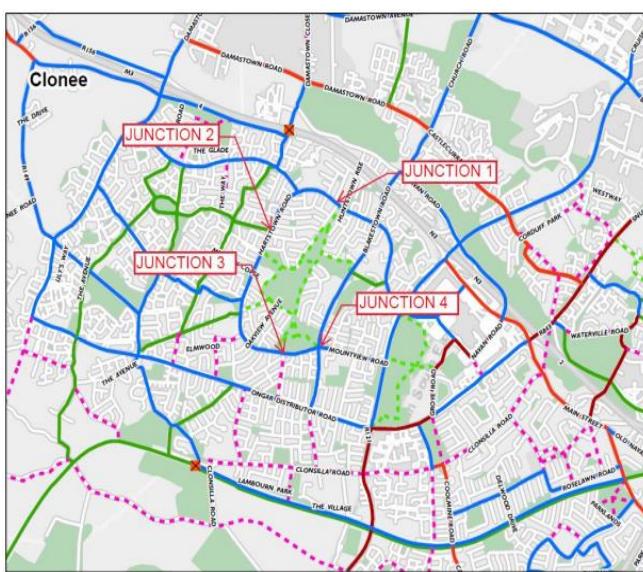
A tender competition to procure a contractor to carry out the works commenced in August 2025. Tenders are being evaluated by the Project Team.

It is anticipated the works will commence on site in Q1 2026.



## Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

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. Detailed design has now commenced.



## Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh

The feasibility study has started, and traffic and drone surveys have taken place. 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, Malahide

Stage 1 of the Construction Tender, the Suitability Assessment Questionnaire is currently published, with a closing date of February 9, 2026. Following this, contractors will be shortlisted for progression to Stage 2 of the tender. Preparation is also underway to secure a design team for the Construction and Handover Stages of the project. We have also liaised with stakeholders on the street this month regarding the upcoming construction.

The detailed design is currently in the process of being finalised along with the Stage 2 construction tender documents.

## Balrothery Active Travel Project

The Plan will be published on the Fingal website in the coming month.

Meanwhile, work is continuing to progress on the first Active Travel Project arising from the plan, which is in the Options Development and Options Selection Phase.

## Skerries Active Travel Plan.

The non-statutory public consultation period closed on the 19th January. Final compilation and moderation of all submissions is underway. The final number of submissions is expected to be around 600.

All feedback received from the consultation will be analysed and considered in the final plan, which will be complete in a number of weeks.

### **Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop:**

Detail Design ongoing. Consultation with the local stakeholders will be facilitated in advance of the construction phases in 2026.

Tenders are being prepared for ground investigation works in Red Island Parkland and carparks, planned for February.

### **Connectivity/Permeability**

We are continuing to receive various requests for permeability and connectivity improvements from various stakeholders across the county. These requests are being evaluated through a multi-criteria analysis with a view to prepare a package of minor works for construction.

### **Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road:**

Snag items along the route have been reviewed and are scheduled to be addressed by the appropriate contractor in Q1 2026. An official opening is planned for early March.



### **Donabate Permeability - Phase 1**

Works have been substantially completed in 2025, with some minor snagging works outstanding. These will be completed early in 2026.

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

The final element of the detailed design is being completed, and construction tender documents are being prepared in the coming month.

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

The extent of the scheme and various other constraints are under consideration at present by Fingal County Council.

### **Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure**

The contractor is scheduled to install bicycle parking at a number of locations across the Dublin 15 area in Q1 2026.

### **Data Collection:**

The Active Travel unit carries out data collection on all our infrastructure and initiatives to inform and evaluate our team's programme.

Nomad sensors are collecting data at a number of locations which provide usage, split for transport mode. Details on same are being evaluated and will be presented to members in the context of future works.

### **Road Safety:**

#### **Safe Routes to School Round 2**

We are currently reviewing the section 38 Non-Statutory Public Consultation Reports. Once the Section 38 reports are finalised, the detailed design phase will commence immediately.

#### **Safe Routes to School Round 3**

Almost all delivery plans have been received from An Taisce and the tender for a design consultant should be live in February.

#### **Fingal Road Safety Working Together group**

The Fingal Road Safety Working Together group is now well established and meets on a quarterly basis. The meetings aim to give an opportunity for all stakeholders to coordinate on road safety within Fingal.

#### **Fingal Road Safety Action Plan 2025 to 2027**

Fingal Road Safety Action Plan 2025 to 2027 has now been fully drafted and reviewed and was brought to SPC in December and the Area Committee meetings in January. Next us the full council early in February for noting ahead of publication.

## Mobility & Behavioural Change

### Learn2Cycle with a Disability

Learn2Cycle with a Disability is back for 2026, with a full list of courses for 2026 available on our [website](#)

### Learn2Cycle ages 6-12

Learn2Cycle ages 6-12 is back for 2026, with current courses available on our [website](#)

### Balance Bike Buddies

Our Balance Bike Courses start back again in February. We have courses taking place in Millennium Park and Holywell Park on the Learn 2 Cycle Tracks. Details for booking can be found on <https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/mobility/learn2cycle>



### Kinto Join – Sustainable Transport App

There are currently 25 members across both communities. There is a staff Webinar at 12pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February to help staff navigate the app and answer any questions they may have

As the communities build, we will be able to see our monthly CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub> and KM travelled savings across the two buildings.

### Healthy Steps Walking Groups

Working in partnership with our colleagues in Healthy Fingal, the Healthy Steps Walking Groups have recommenced for 2026,

Current walks:

- Millennium Park Thursdays at 12pm
- Balbriggan Fridays at 11am
- Donabate Fridays at 10.30am

## The Castleknock Ramblers Walking Group

The Castleknock Ramblers Group meet every Tuesday morning at the Castleknock Gate in the Phoenix Park. They walk for approx. 45min – 60mins per week.

February Walk Dates

- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February



### Fingal Second Spin Pilot

The pilot project aims to replace teenagers stolen bikes with upcycled ones. This will give Teenagers an opportunity to continue cycling.

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>

### Cycling Without Age

We are going to relaunch the Baldoyle Trishaw in February 2026 and we will hold volunteer training courses on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January. The Training will focus on preparing volunteers to take passengers out on the Trishaw

**Date: 31<sup>st</sup> January**

**Time: 9:45am – 11:15am**

**Location: Baldoyle Community Centre, Racecourse Park**

**Register: [Cycling Without Age - Baldoyle Volunteer Pilot Expression of Interest](#)**

### Skerries Community Car

In January the Community Car completed 169 trips (including some round trips).

To book the service or to sign up as a volunteer simply call Flexibus on 046 9074830 or email [flexibus@locallinklmf.ie](mailto:flexibus@locallinklmf.ie)

Month	Trip Numbers
January	169



## EVPZ

The EVPZ vehicles completed 44 journeys in January 2026, covering over 3,000km. For more information on the EVPZ eHubs project, you can check out <https://esb.ie/what-we-do/esb-ehubs>



Month	Trips	KM Travelled
January	44	3,168km

## Bike Share Schemes

We completed over 20,000 bike share journeys in Fingal in 2025.



## Bike Share Monthly Stats

Month	Moby	Bleepper
Dec 25	1112	480

Our new Explore Fingal advertising campaign was launched in early December 2025 and we are continuing the theme in 2026 with popular tourist attractions. This will complement the Fingal Pass which gives residents their first 30mins of use for each trip free

## CLIMATE ACTION

### 4<sup>th</sup> Year TUD Geospatial Science SDG Project

The Climate Action Team received a presentation from 4<sup>th</sup> year TUD Geospatial Science students. Students were tasked with reviewing data available on the Fingal Climate Action Story Map and developing a new way to display the Councils work on the Sustainable Development Goals.

## Balbriggan Decarbonisation Zone

Planning work is progressing the development of the methodology and scope of works for the preparation of the Balbriggan DZ Implementation Plan. Work will commence in early 2026.



## E2-CUTIES

## E2CUTIES

Work is progressing on the project deliverables for this project: Local Pilot Plan template and the development of the step-based roadmap with integrated toolboxes for empowering LECs

## Fingal Sustainable Energy Communities

Fingal County Council's Climate Action Team meet with the county mentors for the SEC monthly.

## **LASNTG Climate Action Training**

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



## **Our Balbriggan- Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec the Climate Team presented to the Our Balbriggan Leadership and Pillar Members Plenary Session on the development of the Decarbonisation Zone Plan for Balbriggan. The Climate Team continue to support the implementation of the Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar Action Plan.



### **CARO**

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

## **Community Climate Action Fingal Grant**

76 applications totalling over €3.4million were received from community groups, clubs and organisations within Fingal for Phase 2 of the Community Climate Action Programme. Fingal have been allocated €1.127m for climate projects under Phase 2. We are in the process of evaluating all applications to ensure eligibility and suitability. A portfolio of successful applicants will be prepared and returned to the Department mid-February for final approval.

Project applications are wide-ranging, such as upgrading building insulation, doors and windows, heating, fitting solar panels/heat pumps, composting food waste, new recycling bins, planting trees and increasing biodiversity. Groups are seeking to reduce carbon emissions within their communities across the county.

Applicants from Round 1 grant continue to deliver climate measures in the community setting. These include new drinking water stations at Rush Sailing Club and Rush Athletic Club and new windows for Blakestown-Mountview Youth Initiative which will lead to significant energy savings, a warmer building, and lower emissions.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Environmental Awareness:**

Green-Schools Global Goals Book Club at Fingal Libraries

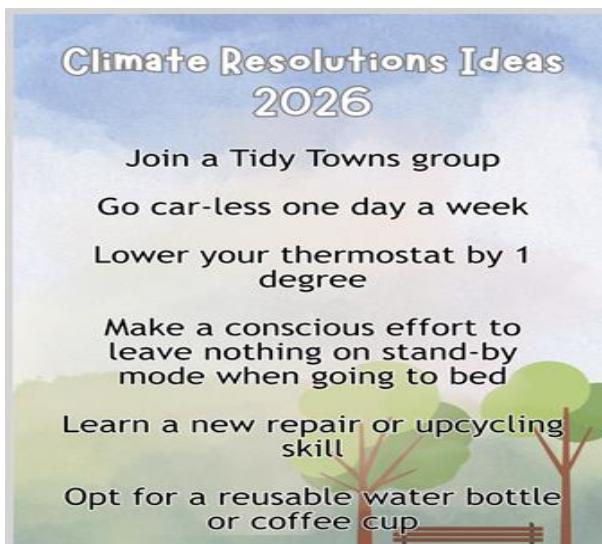


Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Tom O'Leary officially launched the Green-Schools Global Goals Book Club at the newly opened Donabate Library, marking a major step in promoting sustainability and global citizenship among young learners. Students from Gael Scoil Na Mara were invited to celebrate the launch of this exciting initiative. The Green-Schools Global Goals Book Club is a growing collection of children's books designed to help students explore global citizenship, sustainability, and the world around them through story. Each title is linked to one of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and supported by child-friendly worksheets and activities that build empathy, critical thinking, and real-world understanding.

Launched across Fingal's ten libraries, the initiative led the Environmental Awareness Officer and supported by the Libraries Department means schools throughout the county can borrow the full book club collection directly from their local library. Each book includes a QR code linking to the Green-Schools website, where teachers and students will find carefully created resources and activities aligned with the Global Goals.

#### Environmental Awareness and Climate Action Newsletter

A January edition of the newsletter was circulated to schools, community groups and elected representatives. This issue showcased recent highlights from the Environmental Awareness and Climate Action team and encouraged readers to adopt climate-focused New Year's resolutions, including getting involved in local community clean-up groups.



#### Green-Schools Visits

While full assessment season for Green-Schools Flag renewals begins in February, an early visit took place to the HSE Eve Estuary Centre Hub as part of their application for the Energy Flag. The dedication and enthusiasm of the Centre's Green Committee were particularly noteworthy and we wish them all the best with their ongoing efforts.

#### Replay Instruments Project

The Replay Instruments Project successfully rehomed a mandolin and a banjo this month. The initiative continues to promote the circular economy by giving pre-loved musical instruments a new life within the community.

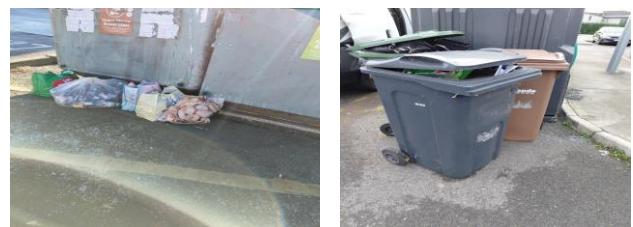
#### Social Media Campaign

January's social media campaign focused on promoting the free workplace waste toolkit and resources available through My Waste supporting businesses in improving waste management.



#### Litter Management

In January, the Litter Wardens investigated large amounts of littering and dumping throughout the county following on from the Christmas period. The bring banks in the Fingal area are inspected daily. Any evidence that is found is dealt with under the Litter Pollution Act.



- The litter wardens 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.
- The litter management section reports 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.
- The litter wardens 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.
- They Investigate and report abandoned cars
- They engage with business owners regarding their responsibilities in keeping outside their premises clean and free of litter.



#### Litter Fines & Warning Notices – January 2026

Month	No of Fines issued	No of Warning Notices issued
January	20	8

There were 13 cases before the district court in January 2026.



#### Litter Management Cases for January 2026

Cases for January 2026	Number
Dog Fouling signage request	1
Black spot inspection	704
Bring Bank inspections	455
General Litter issue	1
Muck on road	3
Report of dumping 1-20 bags	19
Report of litter issue	21
<b>Total cases</b>	<b>1204</b>

- The Litter Management Section have commenced preparation for an ongoing Litter Awareness Campaign to continue over the 3-year period of the Litter Management Plan and will look at addressing ongoing issues such as illegal dumping/fly-tipping, dog fouling, unauthorised signage, cigarette butts/disposable vapes, muck on the road etc. The Campaign will focus on increasing litter awareness through the various platforms to include the Councils Social Media Platforms, Bus Shelters, Libraries, Community Centres, schools and any other viable sources.



## Abandoned Vehicles

In 2025, a total of 425 reports of alleged abandoned vehicles were received by the Environment Department.

From 1<sup>st</sup> January to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 there have been 37 reports/complaints received for investigation. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

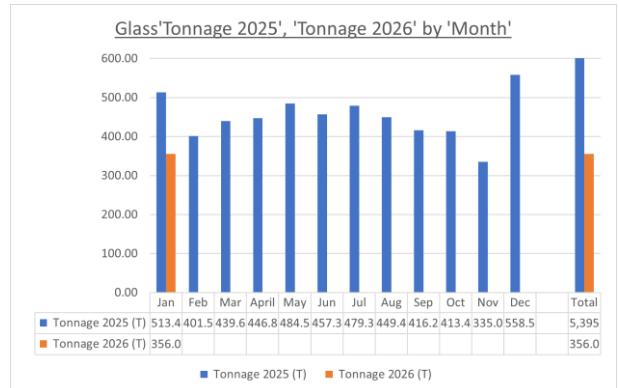
The Litter Wardens carry out an initial inspection of all reported abandoned and burnt-out vehicles. To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should be emailed to [environment@fingal.ie](mailto:environment@fingal.ie)

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

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

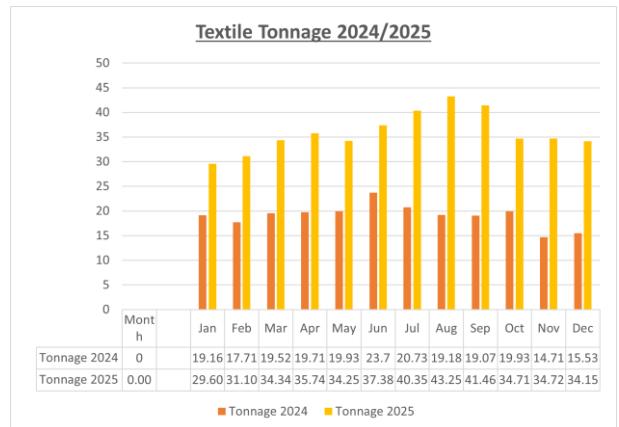
	Abandoned Vehicles Lifted		Burnt out Vehicles Lifted	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
January	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	1	
March	2		2	
April	3		0	
May	2		0	
June	0		1	
July	0		0	
August	0		0	
September	3		0	
October	5		0	
November	2		0	
December	6			
	23		4	

## Bring Banks & Bottle Banks



Glass volumes collected to date in January 2026 are **355 (T)**. This compares with a collection figure of 513 (T) for all of January 2025.

## Textiles Banks



Textiles collected in **December 2025** were **34 (T)**. This compares with a collection figure of 16 (T) in December 2024.

## 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](mailto:controlofdogs@fingal.ie) within the 10 days provided on the notice.

Failure to do so may result in a fine being issued for failing to produce a dog licence when requested to do so by a dog warden and keeping a dog without a valid licence. Over the summer months the dog wardens will increase their patrols on the beaches and in the parks.

There were 50 x 10 Day Notices and 8 Fines issued by the dog wardens to the up to the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2026.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
January	50	10	8	3	€1,750	€550
February		82		5		€2,244
March		87		15		€1,121
April		85		11		€1,770
May		99		15		€4,443
June		81		12		€1700
July		82		12		€1221.50
August		224		29		€2200
September		104		25		€3750
October		192		38		€3700
November		141		20		€4610
December		81		72		€2,640
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1268</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>€1,750</b>	<b>€29,949.50</b>

The Control of Dogs Section received 23 complaints relating to dog incidents from 1<sup>st</sup> of January to 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2026.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1 <sup>st</sup> of Jan 2026 to the 21 <sup>st</sup> of Jan 2026
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	1
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	
Env - Dog on Person Attack	3
Env - Dog warden assistance, garda request	
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	8
Env - Surrendered Dog	
Issue with Dog	3
Dog Warden Incident	
Env - Stray Dog	8
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>23</b>

### Dog Licences

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 to 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 in comparison with the same months in 2025. 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	
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
January	676	952	42	66	€19,400	€28,280
February		846		56		€24,760
March		855		61		€25,640
April		839		46		€23,220
May		937		64		€27,700
June		795		47		€22,480
July		807		52		€23,420
August		898		71		€27,900
September		762		46		€21,680
October		722		51		€21,580
November		831		57		€24,600
December		358		29		€11,220
<b>Total for year</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>9,602</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>€19,400</b>	<b>€282,480</b>

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### 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 January there were 14 dogs in the shelter. Up to 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, 9 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders. Of these 14 dogs 4 were reclaimed, 3 were rehomed to Rescue and 2 were rehomed to members of the public.

As of 22<sup>nd</sup> of January there were 14 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 Jan 2025	17	Dogs in Shelter at start of Jan 2026	14
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	11	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	9
Surrendered by owners	0	Surrendered by owners	0
Reclaimed	2	Reclaimed	4
Rehomed to Rescue	5	Rehomed to Rescue	3
Rehomed to Public	5	Rehomed to Public	2
PTS	1	PTS	0
<b>Dogs in Shelter at the end of January 2025</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Dogs in shelter at 22nd of Jan 2026</b>	<b>14</b>

**OMAR**  
Bull Lurcher



2½ years old  
Microchipped  
Cautious nature

**About Omar**  
Omar is a big softie and a staff favourite who had a difficult start to life. He needs patience and an experienced handler to help build his trust and confidence. He would thrive in a calm, child-free home as the only dog. 

Get in touch to arrange a meet with Omar  
087 391 4008  
Dublin County Dog Shelter  
@DublinCountyDogShelter

**ATHENA**  
Belgian Malinois / Shepherd type



2 years old  
Fully vaccinated  
Spayed

**About Athena**  
Athena is a bright, affectionate and loyal girl best suited as the only dog. She loves learning and already knows a few tricks! She enjoys 2 walks a day and never says no to a cuddle or hug. 

Get in touch to arrange a meet with Athena  
087 391 4008  
Dublin County Dog Shelter  
@DublinCountyDogShelter

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

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

**Facebook:** [Dublin County Dog Shelter](#)

**Instagram:** [dublincountydogshelter](#)

## Horses

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 & Regulations

### **Environmental Inspection Plan 2026**

The Environmental Inspection Plan (RMCEI Plan) 2026 is currently being finalised and will be submitted to the EPA in February. The overall objective of the plan is to identify and prioritise enforcement activities under key areas such as Litter Management, Water Pollution, Waste Enforcement & Regulation and Air & Noise Pollution to ensure that Fingal County Council complies with its obligations under all environmental legislation. The legislation underpinning the Inspection Plan is designed to protect the environment and minimize the risk of pollution from a variety of different activities. The Inspection Plan takes account of a range of National Enforcement Priorities as well as several Local Environmental Priorities for 2026. The Department of Environment, Climate, Energy and the Environment (DCEE) have confirmed the following high-level enforcement priorities for 2026:

### Waste Priorities 2026

- **Tackling Significant Illegal Waste Activity**
- **Construction and Demolition Materials**
- **Household Waste**
- **Commercial Waste**
- **Plastics and Producer Responsibility Initiatives.**

### Water Priorities 2026

- **Pressures from Agriculture (slurry soiled water collection and storage)**
- **Pressures from Agriculture (slurry and fertiliser spreading)**
- **Local Water Quality – pressures including Septic Tanks and private water supplies**
- **Discharge Licences and Misconnections**

### Air & Noise Priorities 2026

- **Solid Fuel**
- **Air Quality Monitoring and Data Use**
- **Environmental Noise Directive**
- **Local Air & Noise Investigations**

## **Governance Processes 2026**

- **Planning for Environmental Inspections and Compliance**
- **Recording & Reporting of Environmental Inspections, Compliance and Enforcement Data.**

The Environmental Inspection Plan is an important element of the Environment Division Operational Plan 2026, under the objective "to protect and enhance the natural environment of Fingal through effective education, awareness, monitoring and enforcement of national and local legislation and policy". The Plan will be reviewed periodically throughout the year to take account of any legislative or policy changes that arise.

During 2025 a total of **1,735 waste related inspections** were undertaken across 83 different work areas. A total of **1,682 work days** were allocated involving 9 waste enforcement officers to ensure that each waste priority was addressed and all targets achieved as set out within the Environmental Inspection Plan 2025.

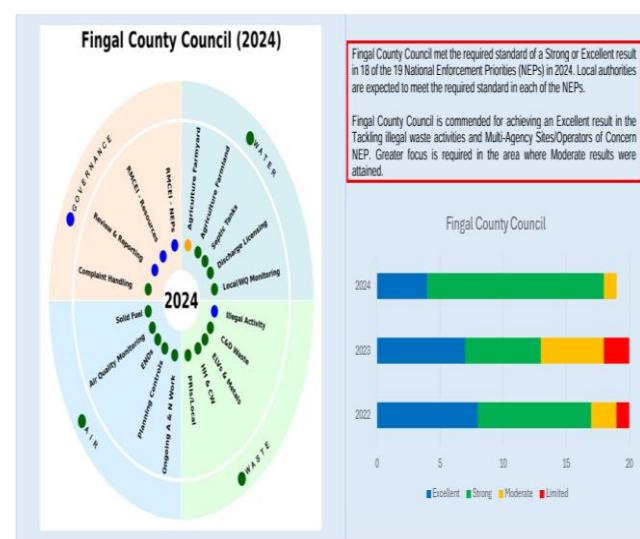


## **RMCEI Data Return/End of Year Progress Report**

A detailed summary of all inspections completed in 2026 (RMCEI Data Return) will also be submitted to the EPA in February in conjunction with a National Enforcement Priorities (NEP) Report to tell the story behind the inspection statistics and to demonstrate the proactive and collaborative approach taken by Fingal County Council to address the national priorities.



The Environmental Inspection Plan 2026, the NEP Report 2025 and the EPA Data Return 2025 will then be assessed by the EPA to provide a performance score in each of the key areas of Waste Enforcement, Water Pollution, Air & Noise Pollution and Governance. Fingal County Council performed well in 2024 scoring **"Strong" to "Excellent"** across all 4 National Priorities, a result which was commended by the EPA to continue to tackle illegal activities and to protect the environment.



## **Waste Complaints**

In January, 20 complaints were recorded, 11 were investigated and 20 fully closed including cases from previous months. These related to Fly tipping, unauthorised C&D sites, household waste storage/burning, and waste bye-laws. The table below shows the breakdown of the types of complaints investigated.

Types of Complaints	Jan-26
Fly/ Tipping/Illegal Dumping	5
Unauthorised C&D sites	2
Unauthorised ELV sites	0
Unauthorised Tyre Dumps	0
Unauthorised Waste Collectors	0
Unauthorised Waste Activities	0
WFP Sites (Permit Expired)	0
Extractive industries	0
HH Waste - Backyard Storage/Burning	3
Waste Presentation Bye-Laws	1
Article 27	0
Non-routine inspections	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>

To report a waste related complaint; please contact the Environment Section at Email: [environment@fingal.ie](mailto:environment@fingal.ie) or Tel: 01 8905000.



### Waste Presentation Bye-Laws Project

To date, 3,661 households have been assessed as part of the Waste Presentation Bye-Laws project involving letter correspondence and door to door inspections. The results are as follows:

	<u>Review of 4,035 Households Assessed under Waste Bye Laws</u>	<u>%</u>
1	<b>Waste Collection Service in Place (Authorised Collector)</b>	<b>30</b>
2	<b>Communal Waste Collection Service (Management Company)</b>	<b>14</b>
3	<b>Bin Sharing</b>	<b>11</b>
4	<b>Using Recycling Centre(s)</b>	<b>7.5</b>
5	<b>Vacant/Derelict</b>	<b>13</b>
6	<b>No Response to Letters/Door to Door Inspections</b>	<b>15.5</b>
7	<b>Remaining Door to Door Inspections (Feb 2026)</b>	<b>9</b>

A number of categories have now been created for follow up investigation due to a range of non-compliant and insufficient responses:

- **136 households** provided an account number with an authorised waste collector however no active account at that address.
- **93 households** stated they were using recycling centres in Fingal for all household waste streams, however these facilities do not accept mixed non-recyclables (black bin) or food waste (brown bin).
- **89 households** declared they have a bin sharing agreement in place however no proof was provided (signed bin sharing agreement).
- **616 households** did not respond to the first 2 letters or the door-to-door inspections.

The planned actions are to write to the first 3 categories and request further information, where this is not provided a land registry search will be carried out and Fixed Payment Notice (FPN) issued. For the last category, land registry searches will be undertaken to determine the owners, and FPNs will be issued for non-compliance with the Waste Bye-Laws.



Once the initial 4,035 households have been closed out, it is intended to tackle the remaining 7,000 households currently on the Reverse Register (households who potentially don't have a waste collection service in place). This work will involve letter correspondence and door to door inspections and will be undertaken during 2026.

During 2025 approx. 400 days were spent by waste enforcement officers working on the Waste Bye-Laws Project. For 2026, it is anticipated that approx. 550 days will be required to deal with the remaining 7,000 households to ensure waste is being properly segregated and disposed of correctly in accordance with the Waste Bye-Laws.



A similar project will be required in terms of commercial waste and compliance with the Waste Bye-Laws (3 bin system in place, segregation of waste, presentation and management of bins) however for 2026 the key focus will be on household waste compliance.

#### Water Quality

A total of **9 water pollution** complaints were received and investigated in January resulting in the serving of 9 S12 water pollution notices where works are required to resolve the water pollution issue.

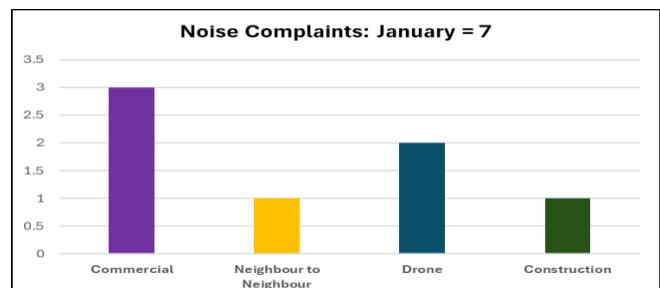
There was also **1 Section 4** licence audit carried out on a Section 4 licensee.

There was also **1 Advisory notice** served on a homeowner who failed the National Inspection Plan inspection and will be required to carry out necessary upgrade works on the septic tank system.

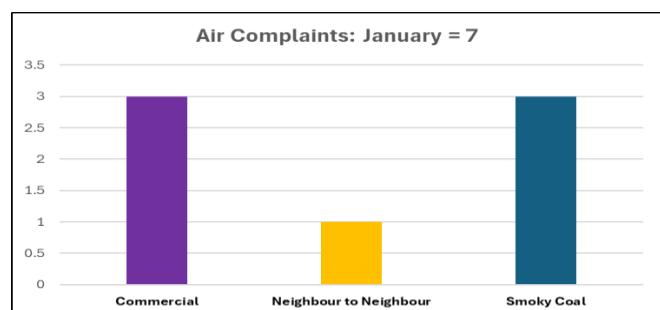
In terms of the National Agriculture Inspection Plan the target of **74 farm inspections** for 2025 has been achieved. **5** of the 74 farms inspected in 2025 were cross reported to the Department due to serious non-compliances. For 2026 the EPA has assigned Fingal with a target inspection number of **74 farms** and inspections of the 2026 targeted farms has already commenced.

#### Air & Noise Complaints

A total of **7 noise complaints** were received and investigated during January. Complaints were received regarding neighbour-to-neighbour noise, construction site noise, drone noise and noise associated with commercial activities.



A total of **7 air complaints** were received and investigated during January 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.

## 2025 Air and Noise Complaints Review

In 2025, the Air and Noise Section received a total of 374 complaints (122 air complaints and 252 noise complaints).

This was almost double the number of complaints for 2024, when a total of 191 complaints were received (53 air complaints and 138 noise complaints).

The overall rate of increase in air and noise complaints received for 2025 was 95% when compared to 2024 figures.

<b>Air &amp; Noise - Complaints Received 2024 &amp; 2025</b>		
<b>Complaint Type</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Air	53	122
Noise	138	252
<b>Total</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>374</b>

## 2025 Air and Noise Planning Review

In 2025, the Air and Noise Section reviewed 180 Planning Applications referred by the Planning Department. This was a significant increase from 2024, when 103 Planning Applications were reviewed.

In 2025, the Air and Noise Section reviewed 101 Planning Compliance Submissions referred by the Planning Department. This was an increase on 2024, when 75 Planning Compliance Submissions were reviewed.

Overall, there was an increase of over 50% in Planning Application and Compliance referrals to the Air and Noise Section for 2025 when compared to 2024 figures.

<b>Air &amp; Noise - Planning Referrals 2024 &amp; 2025</b>		
<b>Referral Type</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Planning Applications	103	180
Planning Compliance	75	101
<b>Total</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>281</b>

## Solid Fuel Regulations – Retailer Inspections



The team intends on continuing solid fuels work into Q1 2026. Three inspections were completed in January 2026, with follow-up letters issued to retailers outlining the non-compliances identified. Information sheets were included to remind retailers of their responsibilities under the Solid Fuel Regulations. In 2026, we plan to engage with major solid fuel producers to communicate the non-compliances observed during our inspections, particularly regarding product registration and labelling to support and enable improved compliance going forward. Additionally, we have engaged with another local authority to inform them of an unregistered producer operating in their functional area that was found to be supplying a commercial solid fuel operation in Fingal.

## Solvent Regulations (Dry Cleaner) Inspections

There are currently **6 dry cleaners** registered in Fingal under the solvent regulations. Ongoing work around updating the register and monitoring for new businesses potentially carrying out dry cleaning will be carried out in 2026.

## Deco Paints Regulations (Vehicle Refinisher) Inspections

As of January 2026, there are **19 premises** registered under the Deco Paint Regulations. Following our Q4 2025 inspections, we are continuing to work closely with vehicle refinishers as they progress through the registration process and move toward full compliance. We will also continue to monitor for any new refinishing businesses that may emerge, and we will review our outstanding list to determine whether the Regulations apply to additional premises in 2026.

## **SPORTS OFFICE**

### **Couch to Parkrun starts in Fingal**

More than 116 enthusiastic aspiring Parkrunners have kicked off the new year by taking part in a six-week “Coach to Parkrun” walk and run fitness programme delivered by the Fingal Sports Office.

The initiative started on January 10th across five Fingal regional parks: Ardgillan Demesne, Newbridge House, Broadmeadows Park, Malahide Park, and Hartstown Park. The programme offers participants instructor-led training designed to improve fitness and build confidence. The programme was open to people of all fitness abilities, and the goal is to help them prepare for their local weekly Parkrun which takes place in the host regional parks. Through their six-week guided sessions participants will gradually progress toward completing a 5km Parkrun by the end of the course.



### **School Swimming**

90 students have started the Fingal School Swimming programme in January. This is the start of a new initiative designed to provide swimming opportunities for primary school students in Fingal. Students will attend swimming lessons every week with the goal of improving their confidence and competency in swimming.



## **Fingal Sports Awards**

The Fingal Sports Awards 2026, hosted by the Fingal County Council Sports Office, took place on Monday, 26th January 2026. The ceremony was held at the Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport, to honour the outstanding contributions of local sports clubs and volunteers.

The 2026 awards featured three primary club categories and a dedicated volunteer recognition program with over 80 club recipients across all sports in Fingal.

Sutton Lawn Tennis scooped the Club of the Year Award, Balrothery Tennis Club picked up best Green Club of the Year for their efforts in environmental sustainability and climate-conscious actions with Howth Yacht Club winning the most Inclusive Club of the Year.



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### Architectural Conservation Funding 2025

The Conservation Office operated three grant schemes to assist owners with the cost of works to repair and conserve their protected structures/buildings in Architectural Conservation Areas (ACA's) in Fingal. A total of €290,566 was awarded for 55 projects.

#### 1. Stitch in Time Grant (Architectural Heritage Fund)

#### 2. Built Heritage Investment Scheme

#### 3. Historic Structures Fund

### 'Stitch in Time' Grant (Architectural Heritage Fund) 2025

The council awarded grants totalling €47,721 to 38 applicants. Grants ranged from €500-€2,500. This grant scheme is a valuable fund, as many of the small works would not qualify for funding through the BHIS or HSF scheme.

This scheme supports a 'Stitch in Time' ethos, where the early repair and maintenance of historic buildings will prevent more substantial works being required in the future. The scheme also allows for restoration of features if enough evidence exists of the original detail and design. Applicants may also be awarded grant funding for condition reports and surveys by conservation professionals.



SIT Project - Repair to the twisted bobbin ridge and spraying bluestone treatment on a thatched house roof, Fingal 2025

### Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2025

This scheme is funded by the *Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage*. It is operated by the Conservation Office, Fingal County Council. Owners of protected structures and structures within Architectural Conservation areas are obliged to care for their historic properties. The grants are a valuable help to them in this regard.

The BHIS grant scheme underwent notable changes in 2025. There was a much earlier funding announcement and application deadline for the year's scheme. There was also an increase in the maximum level of funding that may be awarded, up from 50% of the total cost of works to 80%. The amount of funding available to individual projects rose from a maximum of €15,000 to €50,000.

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme for 2025 was launched on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024. The launch date was three months earlier than previous years to afford applicants more time to prepare and plan for works in the coming year. The deadline for applications was 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

A national fund of €8.1million was divided among the various city and county councils, and included €1.25million ring-fenced funding for the conservation and repair of historic thatched buildings (HTB).

In November 2025, Fingal County Council was allocated an original €142,069 to operate the scheme. Additional funding of €29,544 was offered to Fingal County Council in January 2025, bringing the total BHIS funding to **€171,613** with an additional **€11,217** towards ring-fenced thatch projects.

The BHIS scheme was advertised on the Council's website and successful applications were prioritised based on:

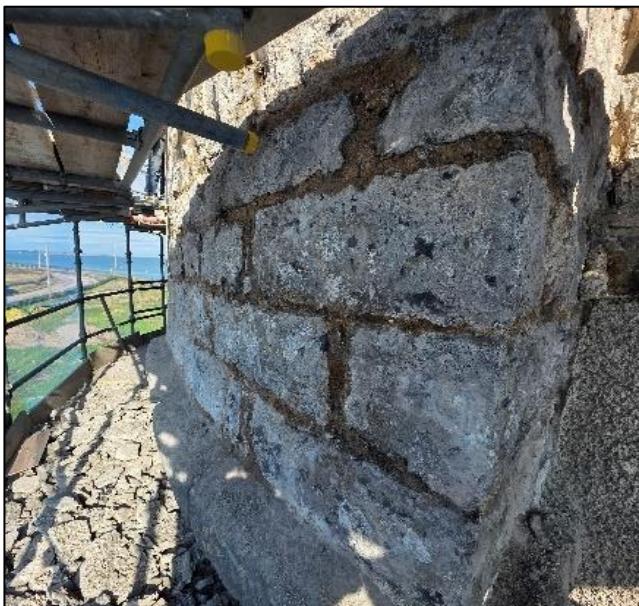
1. Significance of the structure,
2. Effectiveness of works,
3. Employment benefits presented by the projects.

The Conservation Office awarded funding to 13 BHIS projects. In addition, 3 historic thatched buildings were also awarded funding.

A wide range of building types throughout Fingal benefited, including churches, farm outbuildings, large cast-iron gates, a Martello Tower, and private homes and large country houses. The BHIS grant is a welcome source of help and support to building owners.



*BHIS – Repair of decorative cast-iron gates, Donabate*



*BHIS – Essential repair of masonry on Martello Tower, Portmarnock*



*BHIS – Conservation and protection works to the Harry Clarke window at St. MacCullin's church, Lusk*

#### **Historic Structures Fund (HSF)**

Like the BHIS, this scheme is funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, but operated by Fingal County Council. The structure of this scheme was also amended in 2025. The HSF was reduced to one stream instead of two, with grants ranging from €50,000-€200,000. Each local authority was limited to proposing a maximum of 3 privately owned properties and 3 publicly owned properties for consideration. The Department HLGH made the final decision on project funding from the total number received nationally. In 2025 Fingal County Council submitted 3 privately and 3 publicly owned projects. One of the six was successful and was awarded funding of €66,020.



*HSF - Repaired Window Tracery – St Columbas Church, Swords*

## Architectural Conservation Funding 2026

The three conservation grant schemes are operating again in 2026. Information and application forms for each of the grant schemes are available on the Council's website as is the norm.

**BHIS Scheme** - The closing date for the BHIS grant scheme for 2026 was 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025. The applications have been assessed and sent to the *Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage* for consideration. It is expected that official approval of the grant allocations will be received in late January 2026.

**HSF Scheme** - The closing date for the HSF grant scheme for 2026 was 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026. The applications were assessed by each local authority and a maximum 3 privately and 3 publicly owned projects sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage by 06 February 2026 for consideration. A decision on successful projects should issue in Q1 2026.

**Stitch in Time Grant Scheme (SIT)** - We are currently accepting applications to the Stitch in Time grant scheme. There is no closing date for applications to this scheme. We continue to accept applications throughout the year until the annual funding is spent.

Some changes are being made to the Stitch in Time Scheme in 2026. The budget has been significantly increased from €50,000 in 2025 to €90,000 in the current year. With this increased budget, we will make changes to help with the efficiency of the scheme and align it with the council's climate action goals. The Conservation Office will 'go paperless' with the SIT grant scheme. This will result in cost savings, increased efficiency, enhanced security, space saving, and most importantly, environmental benefits.

To foster closer collaboration with Fingal's Climate Action Office, the Conservation Office is including 'Climate Resilience of Historic Buildings' as a criterion in assessing and awarding SIT grants.

Such works will help protect historic structures from extreme weather, climate change and improve their environmental performance. We expect these changes will improve Fingal County Council's Stitch in Time grant scheme and continue to positively support residents and communities in Fingal.

The success and potential of the Stitch in Time scheme have been recognised not only in Fingal but by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and, by other local authorities. Several authorities have established their own Stitch in Time Schemes based on the Fingal model.

## Conservation Clinics & Information Events 2025

In 2025, the Conservation Office organised and participated in several events to reach out to owners of Protected Structures or historic buildings in Architectural Conservation Areas (ACA's) to provide advice and guidance on repairing their homes.

### Conservation Clinics

A Conservation Clinic was held in Balbriggan during June to provide free conservation advice to building owners. They were offered a free 45min consultation with a conservation architect or historic building surveyor. The clinics targeted owners of buildings in Balbriggan Architectural Conservation Area or protected structures in the vicinity. The initiative was funded by the National Built Heritage Service. In December 2025 a second Conservation Clinic was organised in Swords using the Conservation Office's own budget and was open to owners of historic property across the whole county. Owners of 15 historic properties availed of the free conservation advice over the two clinics. Several owners have gone on to apply for conservation grants in 2026 to carry out repairs to their buildings.



Conservation Professionals who participated in the Conservation Clinic, along with Fingal's Architectural Conservation Officer

### **Funding Information Sessions During 2025**

Fingal's Vacant Homes Team and Conservation Office collaborated on two Information Evenings in 2025. The sessions aimed to provide members of the public with information on grants available through the Council for the repair and refurbishment of older or historic properties. In April 2025 a session was held in Balbriggan, and another was organised in Malahide in September 2025. Both were well attended and again lead to direct engagement between the Conservation Office and owners of historic buildings.



*Conservation Office Presentation at Funding Information Session*

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### Rates

2026 Bills issued to ratepayers in the week ending 30<sup>th</sup> of January.

Preliminary Commercial Rates collection to the end of January 2026 is 2.74%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€4.84m
Rates collected %	2.74%

### Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of November is €86.3m.

Development Levy Income YTD Nov 2025	
Levies Received	€86.3 m
Levies Collected as a % of 2024	121%

### Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of December was €87.68m which is c. **101.7%** of outturn.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€87.68m
Percentage of Outturn.	101.7%

### Financial Reports

As the year end process for completion of the AFS is underway the monthly financial reporting of the Revenue/Capital accounts will be included as normal, from the period ending February 28.

### Procurement

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

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	5	
Value €m	1.73m	
<b>Procurements ongoing at end of January</b>		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	12	(i)
Value €m	39.9m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	35	(ii)
Value €m	60.5m	
No. of procurements at approved	15	(iii)
Value €m	10m	

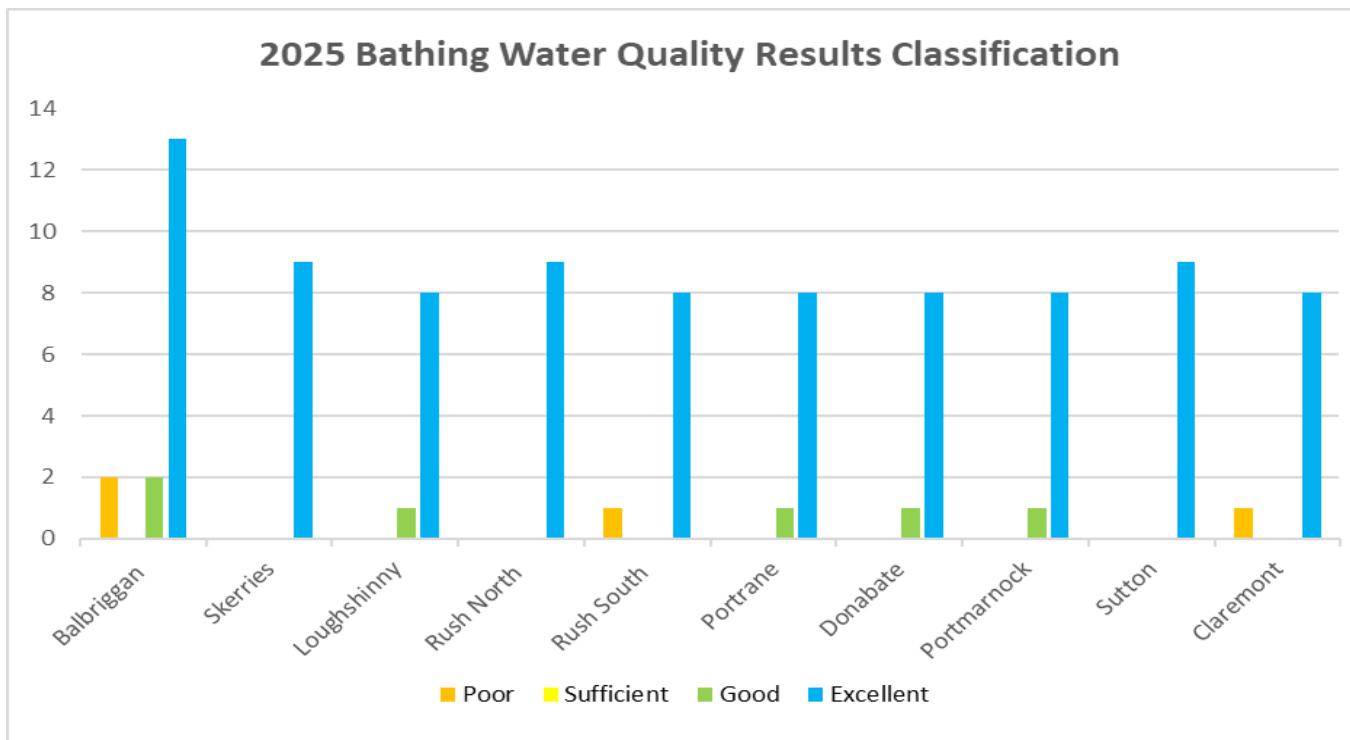
### Notes:

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

**Appendix 1**  
**Number of Contracts Awarded to the end of January 2026**

Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Legal Address	Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Contract Duration (months)	Contract Award Date
Manager/Site Operator for daily operations and the facilitation of planned events at Swords Castle and The Carnegie Building	Invictus Event Management and Consultancy Ltd	3 Parc Glas, Rathcormac, Co Cork	€170,000	30/01/2026	30/07/2026	6	26/01/2026
Amenity woodland planting on public lands at Nevitt, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Forestry Services Ltd	Unit 3 Cillin Hill Agri Business Park, Dublin Road , Kilkenny	€52,988	02/02/2026	01/02/2027	12	27/01/2026
Maintenance and Development of the Logix Business Intelligence Platform	Nathean Technologies Ltd	Unit 9a Plato Business Park, Damastown Road, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15	€55,800	22/01/2026	31/12/2026	12	01/01/2026
Enabling works related to public realm works at Swords Cultural Quarter	Duggan Brothers (Contractors) Ltd	Templemore, Co. Tipperary	€572,150	19/02/2026	07/05/2027	15	13/01/2026
Property Manager Parnell Estate, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 (FCC/434/24.F refers)	Occu Living Ltd	6th Floor Embassy House, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	€880,000	12/01/2026	31/12/2030	48	12/01/2026

**Appendix 2**  
**2025 Bathing Water Quality Results in Status Form**



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Date:	Balbriggan	Skerries	Rush South	Rush North	Donabate	Portrane	Portmarnock	Loughshinny	Burrow	Claremont
09/09/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
08/09/2025	Excellent									
02/09/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
25/08/2025	Excellent									
18/08/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
11/08/2025	Excellent									
05/08/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent
28/07/2025	Excellent									
**28/07/2025	Excellent		Excellent							Excellent
21/07/2025	Poor	Excellent	Poor	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Poor
14/07/2025	Excellent									
07/07/2025	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
30/06/2025	Excellent									
23/06/2025	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
16/06/2025	Excellent									
09/06/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
03/06/2025	Poor									
26&27/05/2022 5*	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent

**Appendix 3**  
**Active Travel Investment Grants: 2025 Allocations**

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2026 Allocations		
<u>Fingal County Council</u>		
Project Code	Project Name	2026 Allocation
FCC/12/0001	Broadmeadow Estuary Cycle & Pedestrian Bridge	€ 12,200,000
FCC/13/0001	S2M Extension Sutton to Malahide	€ 100,000
FCC/14/0001	Royal Canal Cycle Route (12th Lock-KCC) (CN2) inc. Deep Sinking Coolmine	€ 100,000
FCC/18/0001	Harry Reynolds Road Cycleway in Balbriggan	€ 120,000
FCC/20/0001	Donabate Ped and Cycle Bridge	€ 63,000
FCC/21/0001	National Aquatic Centre (NAC) to Ongar Village	€ 20,000
FCC/21/0004	Donabate Hearse Rd/Main St/Portrane Rd (Link 1 & Link 2)	€ 40,000
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre	€ 50,000
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth Phase 2 (Dublin Road to Dublin Street)	€ 10,000
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock, Auburn Ave.	€ 2,900,000
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd Swords	€ 20,000
FCC/22/0007	Balbriggan road mill street and Drogheda st	€ 20,000
FCC/22/0011	Skerries - Harbour Road	€ 20,000
FCC/22/0012	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Road (Swords to Malahide)	€ 3,000,000
FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan - Coney Hill From Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages	€ 500,000
FCC/22/0016	New Street Malahide Improvement Scheme	€ 1,000,000
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan	€ 20,000
FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review	€ 20,000
FCC/22/0026	Staff Costs Active Travel Team	€ 1,200,000
FCC/22/0027	Swords Cycle Network - Sustainable Swords	€ 20,000

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FCC/22/0028	Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh	€ 20,000
FCC/23/0003	SRTS (R1) - Ladyswell National School	€ 10,000
FCC/23/0004	SRTS (R1) - Scoil Ghrainne CNS	€ 10,000
FCC/23/0005	SRTS (R1) - Scoil Choilm CNS	€ 17,000
FCC/24/0001	Feltrim Road cycle infrastructure	€ 20,000
FCC/24/0006	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue Active Travel Routes	€ 20,000
FCC/25/0002	SRTS (R2) - Scoil Bhride Buachaillí	€ 200,000
FCC/25/0003	SRTS (R2) - Scoil Bhride Cailini	€ 200,000
FCC/25/0004	SRTS (R2) - St Colmcille's Girls National School	€ 400,000
FCC/25/0006	SRTS (R2) - St Helen's Senior National School	€ 400,000
FCC/25/0007	SRTS (R2) - Holy Family Junior National School	€ 400,000
FCC/25/0008	SRTS (R2) - St Nicola's of Myra National School	€ 30,000
FCC/25/0009	SRTS (R3) - Scoil Mhuire Junior National School	€ 30,000
FCC/25/0010	SRTS (R3) - Scoil Thomáis	€ 30,000
FCC/25/0011	SRTS (R3) - Donabate Portrane Educate Together National School	€ 30,000
FCC/25/0012	SRTS (R3) - Holywell Educate Together National School	€ 30,000
FCC/25/0013	SRTS (R3) - Malahide/Portmarnock Educate Together National School	€ 30,000
FCC/25/0014	SRTS (R3) - Broadmeadow Community National School	€ 30,000
FCC/25/0015	Newtown Bridge Balheary Road Swords	€ 30,000
FCC/25/0019	Fingal Community Bike Library	€ 50,000
FCC/25/0026	Pedestrian and Cycling Scheme at Granard Bridge Castleknock Road	€ 20,000

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<u>Fingal County Council</u>		
Project Code	Project Name	2026 Allocation
FCC/25/0027	Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Scheme	€ 20,000
FCC/26/X00XX	Castleknock Rd - Auburn Ave to gates of Phoenix Park	€ 20,000
FCC/26/XXXX	Rush to Lusk Pedestrian and Cycle route	€ 20,000
FCC/26/XXXX	SRTS (R4) - Coolmine Community School	€ 1,500
FCC/26/XXXX	SRTS (R4) - Gaelscoil Ros Eo, Rush	€ 1,500
FCC/26/X00XX	SRTS (R4) - Scoil Oilibhéir, Blanchardstown	€ 1,500
FCC/26/XXXX	SRTS (R4) - St. Andrew's NS, Malahide	€ 1,500
FCC/26/XXXX	SRTS (R4) - St. Joseph's Secondary School, Rush	€ 2,000
FCC/26/XXXX	SRTS (R4 HSRR) - Scoil Moibhi	€ 2,000
<b>Total:</b>		<b>€ 23,500,000</b>
 <b>Allocations Through Other NTA Funding Streams</b>		
FCC/25/0024	Bus Stop Enhancement Programme	€ 500,000
FCC/22/0029	R132 Junction Upgrade Design	€ 8,118,000
FCC/26/XXXX	Bus Priority/Traffic Management Improvements	€ 1,000,000
<b>Subtotal:</b>		<b>€ 9,618,000</b>

**Appendix 4**  
**Summary of Environmental Complaints and Inspections**

		2023	2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	2025
<b>Complaints investigated</b>	Waste (incl litter)	1,036	2,287	267	327	347	268	1,209
	Water and Wastewater	101	75	21	18	18	13	70
	Air & Odour	37	54	23	18	51	30	122
	Noise	99	146	47	102	67	36	252
	<b>TOTAL COMPLAINTS</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>2,562</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>1,653</b>
<b>Inspections</b>	Routine Waste Inspections	1124	572	27	131	2783	1100	4,041
	Non-Routine Waste Inspections	416	463	134	213	295	297	939
	Litter Patrols & investigations	3232	6398	2124	3088	2870	3908	11,990
	Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	720	930	358	320	384	349	1,411
	Non-Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	133	136	25	13	12	22	72
	Routine Air & Noise Inspections	61	122	8	10	6	63	87
	Non-Routine Air & Noise Inspections	134	200	70	123	119	66	378
	Planning Inspections	416	630	241	203	188	105	737
	<b>TOTAL INSPECTIONS</b>	<b>6,236</b>	<b>9,451</b>	<b>2,987</b>	<b>4,101</b>	<b>6657</b>	<b>5,910</b>	<b>19,655</b>

**Appendix 5**  
**Housing Delivery Construction Programme**  
**Schemes on Site**

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Phase 1, Donabate <a 6°07'58.1"w"="" href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/53°29'21.2" n="">53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W</a>	87 Social 86 Cost Rental 86 Affordable	On-Site.	Q3 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate <a 6°08'27.5"w"="" href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/53°29'02.6" n="">53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W</a>	63 Social 112 Affordable	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock / Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B <a -="" 6°23'39.0"w="" google="" href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/53°24'44.7" maps"="" n="">53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps</a>	107 Social 110 Affordable	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Seatown Way, Swords <a 6°13'04.7"w="" google="" href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/53°27'35.4" maps"="" n="">53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps</a>	36 Social 36 x 2 Bed	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Baile na Móna Phase 1, Swords <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXhnL2J9">https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXhnL2J9</a>	123 Social 151 Affordable	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/53.580404,-6.122225">53.580404, -6.122225</a>	14 Social 11 x 2-Bed 2 x 3-Bed 1 x 4-Bed	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Q2 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Remount Court, Rathmore, Lusk <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/53.521142,-6.161451">53.521142, -6.161451</a>	18 Social 2 x 1 bed 12 x 2 bed 4 x 3 bed	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Q3 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Holywell, Swords <a 6°12'42.8"w"="" href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/53°26'48.1" n="">53°26'48.1"N 6°12'42.8"W</a>	57 Social 20 x 1- bed 29 x 2-bed 8 x 3-bed	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Q3 2026

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Eldery	North Court, Swords <a href="https://www.google.com/maps?ll=53.27386,6.13067">53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps</a>	13 Social 6 x 1 Bed 7 x 2 Bed	On-Site.	Q2 2025	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Phase 2, Donabate <a href="https://www.google.com/maps?ll=53.29212,6.07581">53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W</a>	72 Social 75 Affordable	On-Site.	Q3 2025	Phased delivery.

**Appendix 5 - continued**  
**Schemes with Planning Approval and at Tender stage**

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est.)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social – Elderly	Garristown <a href="https://www.google.com/maps?ll=53.34037,6.22421">53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps</a>	6 Social 3 x 2-bed 3 x 1-bed	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Woodside, Swords. <a href="https://www.google.com/maps?ll=53.453901,-6.210574">53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps</a>	34	Planning granted.	Q3 2026	Q2 2028
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. <a href="https://www.google.com/maps?ll=53.532278,-6.102176">53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps</a>	32	Planning granted.	Q3 2026	Q2 2028
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social – Elderly TBC	Blakestown Cross, Mulhuddart <a href="https://www.google.com/maps?ll=53.399869,-6.401776">53.399869, -6.401776 Google Maps</a>	30 Social 16 x 1 Bed 14 x 2 Bed	Consultants to be appointed.	Q3 2026	Q4 2027
Howth/Malahide	FCC	TBC	Tucketts Lane <a href="https://www.google.com/maps?ll=53.385248,-6.066128">53.385248, -6.066128 Google Maps</a>	8 Social 4 x 1 bed 4 x 2 bed	On-hold	TBC	TBC

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**Schemes at the Pre-Planning Stage**

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est)
Blanchardstown	FCC	Social	Fortlawn, Blanchardstown <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/xuML7oPaySiPZmf46">https://maps.app.goo.gl/xuML7oPaySiPZmf46</a>	21	Part 8 process commenced.	TBC	TBC
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/zfhguqQj7vYYRJB99">https://maps.app.goo.gl/zfhguqQj7vYYRJB99</a>	4	Pre-planning.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Social	Mayeston, Dublin 11 <a -="" 6°17'02.1"w="" google="" href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/53°24'28.4" maps"="" n="">53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps</a>	74	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush- Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QS_BHQHp8">https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QS_BHQHp8</a>	80	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC

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

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**CALF Delivery in partnership with Fingal County Council**

<b>Area Committee</b>	<b>AHB</b>	<b>Funding Stream</b>	<b>Scheme Name</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>	<b>Projected Substantial Completion*</b>
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	Whitehaven, Santry, D9	47 47	Q3 2025 Delivered Q1 2026
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Oaklee	CALF	Harmans Rest, Donabate	44	Q3 2026
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Niven Oaks, Santry D9	170	2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk Swords	Oaklee	CALF	Birch Wood, Santry, D9	20	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	2026
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	Luttrellstown Gate, Clonsilla, D15	151	2027

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

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**Affordable & Cost Rental Delivery**

<b>Development</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Affordable Homes</b>
Balleally Rise	Closed	20 Homes Sold
Kilmartin Grove	Closed	36 Homes Sold
North County Homes	Closed	16 Homes Sold
Balmoston (Phase 1)	Closed	86 Homes Sold
Wilkinsons Brook	All Sale Agreed	57 Homes Sold
Aster Park, Rush	All Sale Agreed	96 Homes Sold
Church Fields (Phase 1)	All Sale Agreed	177 Homes Sold
Ballisk Park, Donabate	111 Sale Agreed	111/112 Homes Sale Agreed
Baile na Móna, Swords	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	68/151 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	43/110 Homes Sale Agreed
Clonrath Hill	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	5/6 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields Cost Rental	Assessments of application are Ongoing	80 Homes
Balmoston (Phase 2)	Application Portal Closed - Wednesday 26th of November 2025	20/73 Homes Sale Agreed
Priory Fields, Hacketstown	Application Portal Launch January 2026	36 Homes