



Chief Executive's Management Report

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Chief Executive's Foreword

Spring has arrived and with the highly anticipated promise of milder weather comes also some annual events that attract huge interest here in Fingal including Seachtain na Gaeilge and of course the fantastic St. Patrick's Day celebrations both guaranteed to provide fun and entertainment for people of all ages.

Seachtain na Gaeilge will be celebrated from March 1st – 17th and there are a number of Council events taking place in County Hall Swords, in partnership with the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre, in Local Libraries and Ardgillan Demesne as well as many other events being organised by Irish language groups throughout the County. Irish is a language that thrives through use and isn't just for those well versed in the language – it is for everyone to use and whether you are recalling the Irish of your schooldays or learning for the first time, this is the perfect time to become immersed in the culture through speaking the language. The popularity of our Gaeltacht Scholarship Scheme is testament to the enthusiasm and grá for the Irish language as young people across Fingal prepare to spend time in Gaeltacht areas to improve their knowledge. This year, there were 500 applications to the scheme which provides financial assistance for 15 successful applicants who are attending Irish college in the summer months. To mention just a couple of events taking place over this fortnight - Seachtain na Gaeilge's annual celebration with Ceol, Craic and Gaeilge will take place in the Atrium, County Hall on Wednesday, March 11th from 7 to 9pm and is brought to you with support from The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre. Talented musicians Éamonn de Barra, Paudie O'Connor, and Aoife Ní Chaoimh will be performing on the night and everyone is welcome to come along and experience this celebration of music and culture. Always a popular event, the Pop-Up Gaeltacht comes to the Séamus Ennis Arts Centre on March 19th starting at 5.30pm followed by their regular bilingual singing session. To discover all the fantastic events which will be held over Seachtain na Gaeilge, you can go to <https://www.fingal.ie/seachtain-na-gaeilge-2026> for full details.

Staying with the theme of pride in our language and culture, St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated with eight parades across Fingal showcasing the best in music, dance and family friendly fun!

Our annual celebration of our patron saint has attracted many thousands of excited spectators over the years and this year will be no exception as local groups, sports clubs and performers don their colours and wave their flags proudly on the day. Parades will take place in Swords, Blanchardstown, Balbriggan, Malahide, Rush, Lusk, Skerries and Donabate and all the start times, routes and details are available here:

<https://www.fingal.ie/events/st-patricks-day-parades> a new *Best Dressed Group* prize for entrants to the Blanchardstown, Balbriggan, Swords and Malahide parades is sure to encourage groups to think creatively this year as there is a chance of winning €1,000 for first place, €500 for second and third place. In the run up to the big day, our local libraries, community spaces and art centres are hosting an exciting lineup of St. Patrick's week activities. You'll find arts and crafts workshops, Ceol le Chéile, quizzes, and more, Find out more: <https://www.fingal.ie/libraries-events>

Director of Operations, Mary T. Daly, will attend her final council meeting as member of the Executive Management Team this month as she retires from Fingal County Council on March 20th. Over her 40+ years career in the local authority sector, Mary has amassed extensive knowledge and has guided and mentored her colleagues across a variety of roles in Louth, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and Fingal County Councils. Her expertise and experience were particularly put to the test as she steered the Operations & Water Services teams through the Covid era and has overseen many projects and infrastructure milestones during her time. I wish to congratulate Mary T on her many accomplishments and thank her for her many years of diligent public service. I know you will join me in wishing Mary T. a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Promotions	9
Number of Current Job Offers	73

Learning & Development Update

Learning & Development	Year to date
Number of courses	65
Number of Attendees	595
Number of Training Days	566

Throughout March, courses will be delivered in the areas of mandatory Disciplinary Training for all staff, Health & Safety – Teleporter, Signing Lighting Guarding – Driver CPC and many more.

Wellbeing Update

The Fingal Staff Choir is relaunching the first week of March 2026 in both Blanchardstown and Swords. Employee Financial Wellness Masterclasses around the subjects of 'Goal Setting & Budgeting' and 'Managing Mortgages' took place on 11th of February and 11th of March respectively. Mental Health First Aid training took place on 24th and 25th of February.

Mental Health Workshops for all staff also took place from 23rd – 25th of February. CE Innovation initiative for 2026 will be beginning in March/April, which will include the Fingal run club in Blanch/Swords, Yoga, Boxercise, Circuit training etc which will continue throughout 2026.

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

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

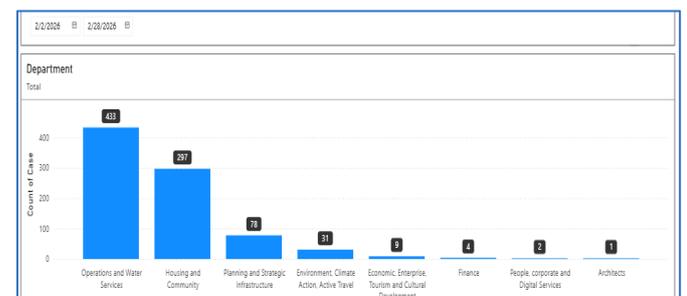
Customer Services

Customer Care Unit Statistics – January 2026

Month	Total Calls CCU	Total Emails CCU
February 2026	10,246	900

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 February was 855. See below breakdown by each department.



Communications

Digital Statistics

The fingal.ie website had 186,069 visitors during February, an increase of 32,279 from the previous period. The number of page views increased by 49,834 to 386,491. The average time spent on the website increased to 6m 13s.

One of the most popular pages during February was the jobs page. Our Planning Applications page also had over 24,042 page views.

The Facebook account rose to 46,385 followers (+2.5%) while the number of views increased by 56.6% to 3,586,742 from the previous month. There were 10,583 (+31.3%) interactions. The most popular post was flooding and road condition updates.

Instagram rose to 18,403 followers. Total views went up by 80.4% to 1,046,679, with a reach of 109,606 (+215.5%). There were 11,599 (+151.8%) interactions. The most read post was on flooding and road condition updates.

The number of followers on X fell again, down 13 to 23,043. We have stopped posting to X.

The WhatsApp channel now has 3,819 (+4.89%) followers while the numbers currently following our other corporate channels are Threads (1,700), TikTok (1,190) and Bluesky (532).

LinkedIn followers are at 13,195, an increase of 197 new followers in the last 30 days.

For our YouTube Channel the number of subscribers rose by 23 to 1,994 in February. Total views were 6,694. We now have 854 videos, our most popular videos during February were the Affordable Housing Scheme - Online Application Tutorial and Official opening of the Ongar Barnhill Road. We continue to webcast the monthly Council Meeting which is proving popular on YouTube.

Irish Language

Our Gaeltacht Scholarship Scheme was hugely popular again this year with over 500 applications, the draw took place and the 15 successful applicants from schools across the county from Blanchardstown to Balbriggan and Swords to Sutton have been informed. Seachtain na Gaeilge continues until March 17th
See: www.fingal.ie/Seachtain-na-Gaeilge-2026

Press Releases

There were 13 press releases issued during February covering topics such as the beginning of works on Seatown to Estuary Road Active Travel Scheme, funding for erosion works at Portrane, €800k granted under Festival and Events Funding, launch of Explore Fingal brand, the opening of the Ongar-Barnhill Rd, and the launch of Seachtain na Gaeilge 2026.

Key coverage included the Irish Times and Irish Independent covering a court case involving the demolition of timber cabins (FCC v Gaynor). The Irish Independent also did a feature on playground vandalism on back of an FOI. RTE covered the stalling of plans for a new cargo village at Dublin Airport and the proposed removal of the passenger cap. Local newspapers picked up the likes of the launch of the Explore Fingal brand, the warning about Hemlock Water Dropwort in Malahide, and the decision by councillors to stop the Council's use of X.



Media Queries

Media queries during February included questions on playground vandalism, evictions of HAP and RAS tenants, pothole damage payouts, flooding in North Dublin, and Fingal County Council's social media policy.

Digital Services

Windows 11 Project

The Windows 11 Project has been successfully completed across all council devices. This work included the upgrade of all laptops and desktops, to the latest supported Microsoft operating system, ensuring improved security, performance, and long-term support. A total of 1,178 devices were upgraded or replaced. This project was delivered in line with national cybersecurity guidance and prepares the organisation for future digital initiatives.



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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Destination Brand Launch



The new destination tourism brand, Explore Fingal, was officially launched on Monday 23rd February 2026 at a gala event in the Grand Hotel, Malahide.

Local media personality Simon Delaney was MC. The launch unveiled a new brand identity, dedicated website, and social media platforms, marking a significant milestone in the implementation of the Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024–2029.

The event was officially launched by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr Tom O’Leary, and he informed the 200 attendees representing all areas of tourism in the Fingal area that “The launch of Explore Fingal, the new destination tourism brand, is a significant step in consolidating and highlighting the tourism offering within Fingal.”



The launch of the new destination brand was a great opportunity to demonstrate the Council’s commitment to delivering on its tourism and economic development ambitions, underpinned by sustainability and the parallel implementation of the Fingal Food & Drink Policy 2024–2029.

The new destination website, www.ExploreFingal.ie is now live.

Progression of the Advisory Group and Four Strategic Groups

Following the inaugural Strategic Group meetings in 2025, the first quarterly meetings of 2026 were successfully convened in January, marking continued delivery of the Fingal Tourism, Food & Drink Framework. The four Strategic Groups are now fully operational and meeting on an agreed annual cycle. The Advisory Group convened for its second meeting on 23rd February 2026, where members were presented with progress updates on the Framework and received reports from each Strategic Group Chair outlining key action areas and priorities. It continues to provide strategic oversight, facilitate collaboration, monitor progress, and offer expert guidance, with a clear focus on delivering achievable actions within the lifetime of the Framework while maintaining a longer-term strategic lens to inform future opportunities and investment decisions.



EVENTS

St Patrick's Events

2026 will see more events over the St Patrick's Festival. Donabate will add to the parade experience and host a village festival. Overall 8 towns and villages will host community parades.



events in fingal.ie FESTIVAL & EVENTS FUNDING SCHEME 2026



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 22nd 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.

Festival and Events Funding - January to March

The Story of the Fingal 5th Battalion Festival Roadshow

Feasibility Study & Business Plan for Bealtaine Photography Competition and Positive Ageing Week Neighbourhood Festival

All Shucked Up – Howth, Oyster & Music Festival

The Fingal International Festival of Voices

Donabate St Patrick's Festival

Rush St Patrick's Day Parade

Lusk St Patrick's Day Festival

Skerries St Patrick's Day Parade

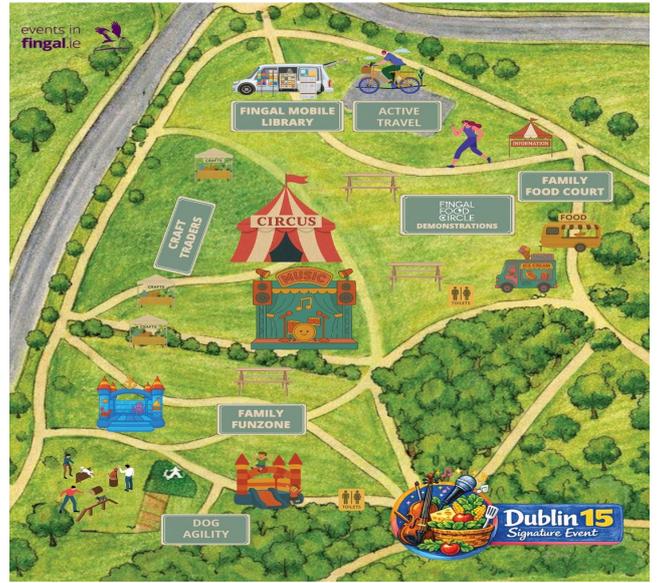
Total Funding: €54,000

Major Events in Fingal 2026

Month	Event	Location
FEB	Mon 2nd - St. Brigid's Day	Across Fingal
Fri 27th - Sun 1st All Shucked Up Health Oyster & Music Festival	Hoath	
MAR	Tuesday 17th - St. Patrick's Day	Across Fingal
APR	Sat 2nd - Sun 3rd - Connect Festival	Blanchardstown
Fri 15th - Sat 16th - Baldoyle Bay Biosphere Fest	Baldoyle	
Fri 23rd - Sun 25th - Fella Bino - Eadar Hoath	Hoath	
Sat 28th - Sun 29th - Hoath Maritime Festival	Hoath	
Sat 3rd - Sun 5th - Irish ICA Masters	Hoath Yacht Club	
Fri 29th - Sun 1st - Skerries Midsummer Festival	Skerries	
Fri 29th - Sun 1st - Balbriggan Summerfest	Balbriggan	
MAY	Saturday 6th - Safer Blanchardstown Summer Festival	Blanchardstown
Sat 15th & Sun 14th - Castleknock Village Fest	Castleknock	
Wed 19th - Tue 20th - Malahide Castle Concerts	Malahide Castle	
Saturday 20th - Baldoyle Summer Festival	Baldoyle	
Saturday 20th - Lusk Summer Festival	Lusk	
JULY	Fri 10th - Sun 5th - Skerries 100	Skerries
Saturday 4th - All Ireland Piping Festival	St. Catherine's Park	
Sat 4th & Sun 5th - Flavours of Fingal Reimagined	Newbridge House	
Sunday 12th - Fingal 10k	Swords	
Thurs 24th - Sat 26th - Swords Summer Concerts	Swords Castle	

Month	Event	Location
AUG	Fri 31st - Mon 3th - Rush Harbour Festival	Rush
Fri 7th - Sun 9th - Hoath Roots & Blues Festival	Hoath	
Fri 14th - Sun 16th - Garrison Festival	Garrison	
Sat 22nd - Sun 23rd - Blanchardstown Summerfest	Millicers Park	
Fri 28th - Sun 30th - Harvest Time Festival	Skerries Mills	
SEP	Saturday 25th Oct - Dublin Marathon	Castleknock
Saturday 31st Oct - Fingal Feeds of Fire	Across Fingal	
OCT	Sunday 1st - Día de los Muertos	Swords Castle
Tues 17th & Wed 18th - Marathon Kids	Blanchardstown	
Thursday 26th - Blanchardstown Tree Lighting	Blanchardstown Main Street	
Friday 27th - Swords Christmas Tree Lighting	Swords Castle	
Fri 27th Nov - Sun 6th Dec - Swords Castle Christmas Fair	Swords Castle	
NOV	Thursday 3rd - Balbriggan Lighting Up	Georges Square, Balbriggan
Thursday 31st - NFE Fireworks (Phoenix) T&A		

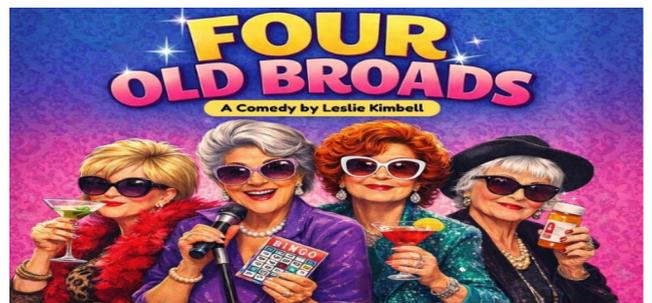
Log onto eventsinfingal.ie for OVER 100+ GREAT EVENTS taking place in Fingal in 2026



HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Ardgillan Castle

The Drawing Room at Ardgillan Castle is the venue for a comedy show called 'Four Old Broads' by Balbriggan Dramatic Society from 17th to 21st March. This is a fundraiser for Balbriggan Alzheimer's Society, who should be contacted directly for reservations.



Skerries Mills

ECCD with the assistance of the Architects Department are undertaking a thorough assessment of the damage caused to the four-sail windmill at Skerries Mills. The sail arms were badly damaged during Storm Bram. This work is being done with a view to engaging a specialist contractor shortly. It is our intention that the much-loved landmark of the Skerries landscape is substantively restored to its former glory during 2026.

Flavours of Fingal Re-imagined

2026 will see a re imagined Flavours of Fingal significant savings have been made to the programming ethos of the county show. A full presentation will go to the members in April.



Dublin 15's signature event

Saturday 2nd & 23rd July will see the inaugural D15 signature event, details to follow and a briefing to Area Committee.

Malahide Castle

On the 18th March the Visitor Centre at Malahide will host a showcase for the Fingal Food Circle as part of a pre-conference reception for 200 EU CAP practitioners. The attendees will be from 27 countries and are all agricultural advisors who are attending a two-day briefing in the Grand Hotel.

ECCD has worked with Fingal LEADER and other Irish partners to ensure that local attractions, amenities and restaurants are promoted. This is to encourage the idea that the delegates can return to the area to enjoy an exceptional tourism offering, especially excellent sustainable food offering and local experiences.



Malahide Castle has also won the Public Sector Magazine award for National Tourism Impact in 2025. The award is peer-based, and was secured this year due to the excellent ongoing conservation work being undertaken in the Castle, and the integration of this into the guided tour experience.

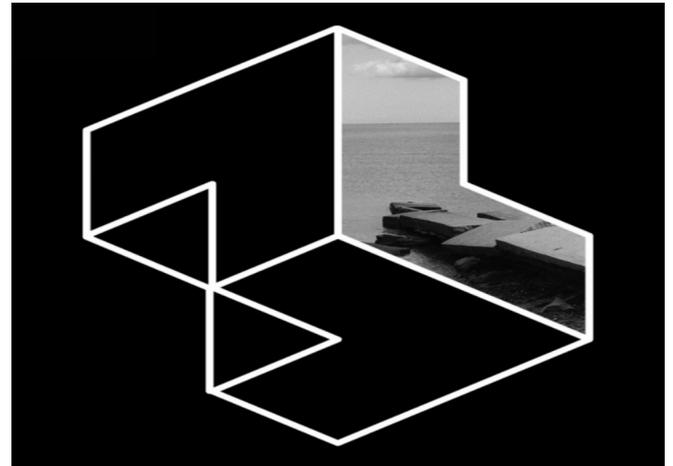


In a similar vein Malahide Castle has won the 2025 award for excellence by CIE Tours. CIE used guest feedback from a survey of over 30,000 visitors to hundreds of sites in Ireland. Malahide emerged with a satisfaction rating of 92%, and this result is best in class for visitor attractions. It is a testament to the quality of the experience in the Castle and Gardens tours.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional Arts Development

Arts Services Evaluation



Fingal Arts Office is currently undertaking an ongoing evaluation of the Fingal Artists' Support Scheme and the Awards & Residency Programme, as part of our commitment to strengthening and developing our supports for artists across the county.

As part of this process, both successful and unsuccessful applicants are invited to complete a short survey. This feedback is essential in helping us to better understand artists' needs, experiences, and the impact of our funding and development programmes.

The evaluation will inform how these schemes can continue to evolve, ensuring they remain relevant, accessible, and responsive to the changing professional and creative landscape.

The deadline is Friday 6th March 2026 and the surveys can be found here: [Fingal Arts Office Evaluation of Fingal Artists' Support Scheme and the Awards & Residency Programme for previous applicants | Fingal County Council](#)

Local Arts Development

Arts Act Grant Scheme 2026



This year marked the first time that the Arts Act Grant Scheme was publicly announced as open for applications. In tandem with this, a new Revenue Strand was introduced by invitation only in this pilot year, expanding the scope of the scheme and the range of applicants eligible to apply.

As a result of these changes, the scheme attracted 60% new applicants in this funding round. Overall, this represented a 140% increase in applicants compared to 2025. This public announcement indicated a significantly increased awareness of the scheme and broadened extent of support sought to €730,714.

A total of 84 applications were received and assessed. Having examined the applications, the panel has recommended 38 awards, amounting to a total sum of **€225,000**.

Events, festivals and projects supported under this scheme aim to deliver quality arts experiences to participants and audiences, to increase opportunities for participation and engagement in the arts and to contribute to the development of the arts in the county.

Find the full list of applicants approved at the 9th February Council meeting here: [Fingal Arts Act Grant Scheme 2026 | Fingal County Council](#)

The Carnegie

In February, the SCQ Artist Development Programme continued to progress strongly, with active discussions underway with new partners to expand our residency strand at the Carnegie. This includes plans for a Theatre Maker in Residence in partnership with the Irish Theatre Institute, a Composer and Choral Commission in collaboration with the Contemporary Music Centre, and the appointment of a second Musician in Residence with Music Network. All residencies will be based in the Carnegie, supporting the development of artistic work across disciplines in preparation for the opening of Culture House in 2027.

We also convened our second Close Enquiry, bringing together experts from across the arts sector; insights from this session are now informing the development of SCQ's cultural strategy.

Public Art

Draíocht

Local groups programmed over the Jan to Feb period included Coolmine Panto, Coolmine Therapeutic Community and the Sacred Heart of Jesus National School. Our children's performance programme included 'Other Worlds' by Jess Rowell. This show is for young people with a range of needs. We also had Branar's 'Story of A Day'. We brought Pal Curleys' installation piece 'Elephant in the Room' into schools for a two-week period. As we continue to provide access points to work for children, fees paid to companies/artists will never be covered by box office income taken. We have worked with Access Cinema to ensure that all our English language films are captioned to provide greater access to the hard of hearing/deaf community. This works in tandem with our newly installed loop system.

The March/April brochure is printed/distributed. The May/June brochure deadline is fast approaching. Both include our programme mix of local, arts and commercial work. Our schedule is almost booked out for the remainder of the year, with less than 5 dates available. All weekends are booked. Jan to March 2027 is heavily booked. We will be sending out available dates to our D15 schools of dance and drama for the May/June period shortly. The list of local schools interested in having their end of terms shows here is ever growing. Coolmine Community School, Hartstown Community College and Scoil Bride Buachallí are all booked in between the end of Feb and April 2027. Each school is taking a full week and need access to both spaces given their cast sizes. Sinead Kampff, a Dublin 15 artist, was in the Studio artist from early Jan to mid-February 2026. Selena Quilligan is in the space until the end of April. Selena is a Fingal based artist.

The Exhibition called 'Spring 26' will open on 4th March and will run until May 2nd, 2026. The Mayor of Fingal will officially open the Exhibition. 26 artists who live/are from Fingal are included in same. Lucy Hill's Exhibition for children will open on June 4th. This is Cruinniú Na nOg, the national day celebrating children's creativity, so it is a fitting day to open this particular show. Our Children/Youth Arts programme has included film screenings for secondary schools, Gallery explore tours, Youth Theatre workshops, Create Dance workshops and Family days. Our artist support programme continues. There is huge demand regarding any available dates we have either in the rehearsal room or in the studio space. Space for development/rehearsal has been allocated in each month of 2026.

Full details are available on www.draiocht.ie

The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

Film

Our cinema event this month was Irish comedy/Drama '**Four Mothers**'. This was screened on 12th February and had 54 attendees.

Kids Workshops & Events

On 13th February we held our February **Céilí Beag** session which was sold out with 15 attendees. The theme for February was 'Cupid's Colourful Play Quest' and featured music by Eamonn Galldubh. At the end of the month we will also be screening a French children's film 'Savages' as part of our IFI schools film screenings aimed at junior cert French students.

Music

Dynamic folk orchestra, '**No Crows**' from co. Sligo, played to a sell-out crowd with 92 attendees on the 14th February. **Seisiún Óige** - A Slow Session for Young Musicians went ahead in the afternoon on Sunday 15th February and was booked out with 50 attendees however, Our **Traditional Irish Music Slow Session with Paudie O'Connor** (20 attendees in person and 20 attendees online via Zoom) unfortunately did not go ahead as scheduled on the 15th February due to a power outage in Naul village.



Coming up This Month

Still to come this month we will be hosting our monthly **Pop-Up Gaeltacht** on 19th February followed by our regular monthly **Singing Session** which will feature special guest singer **Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh**. Our Singing Session will take place both in person and online via zoom as well as being live streamed via Facebook and YouTube. On 20th February we will host **The Pure Drop** Featuring: Caoimhín Ó Fearghail, Seán Ó Fearghail, Brendan Clancy, and Donnchadh Gough.

The Pure Drop is a monthly showcase of traditional Irish music delivered in its purest form live on stage in our intimate theatre. TSEAC will host Welsh folk band 'ALAW' on 28th February. The trio are renowned for their fresh and exciting take on traditional folk music

Visual Arts

On Monday 23rd February we will be hanging our new exhibition by Dublin artist Cormac Dennis. "Sanctuary" is a compelling collection of over 25 new works exploring the intersection of the natural world and spiritual growth. The exhibition will run in our Easter Snow Gallery from 23rd February – 31st March 2026.

Libraries

2025 Stats

Libraries in Fingal were as busy as ever in 2025 recording 976,616 visits. 1.4m items were issued which includes physical books and digital items such as e newspapers, e audio books and e books.

International Women's Day

Dr. Mary McAuliffe will give a talk on the fascinating life of Irish revolutionary and feminist Dr. Kathleen Lynn in Balbriggan Library for International Women's Day. Award-winning author Róisín O'Donnell will be in conversation with Olivia Fitzsimons in Blanchardstown Library.

Fingal Libraries World Book Tour

To celebrate World Book Day Ireland, five children's authors will visit libraries and schools across Fingal between 2nd-6th March. The annual Fingal Libraries World Book Tour gives primary school children an opportunity to meet favourite authors.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Libraries programme for Seachtain na Gaeilge includes an Irish language magic show, family-friendly 'pop-up Gaeltachts', Irish language story time, family yoga, a bilingual poetry evening, and a comedy show for secondary school students in the Draíocht Centre, Blanchardstown.

An Leabharlann Fháilteach



Donabate Library is delighted to present An Leabharlann Fháilteach – a new initiative to promote the Irish language through libraries. This initiative will feature family-friendly bilingual events and an expanded collection of Irish language books.

The Toy Library

Blanchardstown Library, Skerries Library and Balbriggan Library will host Toy Library 'swap & play' events where families can swap toys, play, and learn about circular living.

Creative Fingal: Wavin' Words

Wavin' Words will take place in the Chapel of Swords Castle on Saturday, 14th March. This spoken word and music event continues to attract strong engagement from young performers and audiences.

Creative Fingal: Helium Arts Workshops

Helium Arts workshops supporting children with lifelong health conditions are taking place in Blanchardstown Library. Facilitated by professional artists with medical support, these workshops give children a safe social space outside hospital settings in which to be creative.

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy Update – February 2026



- The Economic Development Team in collaboration with the Transport & Logistics Sub-group held a successful Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) briefing event in Baldoyle Training centre on the 4th of February. Over 60 people attended from various sectors within the construction industry. The event highlighted the importance of MMC in the delivery of new homes and infrastructure and shone light on the training opportunities available to employers.

Interreg Skyla Project – Update – February 2026



- The Interreg SKYLA Project will enter the monitoring and follow-up phase in March 2026.
- A pilot school engagement took place in January communicating labour market intelligence to students.

Sustainable Fingal - Update – February 2026



- The Draft Sustainability Strategy will be presented to the SPC in March and Full Council in April.

Circular Cities - Update – February 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: 13th May 2026
- Healthy Ireland & LECP: Ongoing implementation and review.

SICAP Update

- End of year financial and monitoring report
- Pobal and was approved by LCDC on 25th February 2026.

LEADER Programme Update

- Next LAG Meeting: 25th March 2026
- Applications currently open for Leader Funding: For rural individuals, businesses & community groups



Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2026

- Funding Available: €268,827 allocated to Fingal for Capital Projects only. Closed on 27 February 2026.
- Evaluation Meeting on 12th March 2026.



Walking Football

- Healthy Fingal is working with Total Football Solutions and local sports clubs to deliver a Walking Football Programme in Fingal which will be rolled out in Q2 & Q3 in 4 areas: Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, Lusk and Malahide/Portmarnock.



TOWN REGENERATION OFFICE

Our Balbriggan 2025 – 2030 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy

The Balbriggan Leadership Group are scheduled to meet next on March 11th where members will receive updates on the Urban Regeneration Development funded Public Infrastructure Projects and progress reports from its four Pillar Chairs; Economic Development, Education, Skills & Training, Community Development & Sustainability, Climate Action & Biodiversity.



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 in its final stages. 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.

Following the February Swords/Balbriggan ACM, the Section 38 Quay Street & Environs Traffic Management Scheme was agreed and traffic control measures works in Georges Hill, Mill Street, Quay Street, Harbour Road and Seapoint Lane are to proceed in Q2 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 – Q2 2026 and include a Half MUGA, and other outdoor enhancements including seating.



Town Centre First – Lusk

Following their recent award of funding in the amount €195,075 from the Department of Community and Rural Development and the Gaeltacht, the Lusk Town Team continue to work on key projects identified from the Town Centre First 'Lusk for Life' plan.



Town Centre First – Balrothery

The Balrothery Town Team held their first meeting of the year on 26 February to discuss their award of funding in the amount of €49,500 from the Department of Community and Rural Development and the Gaeltacht.

These funds have been awarded 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.



Town Centre First – Ballyboughal

Following a Town Team meeting on 03 February, preparations are ongoing regarding plans to utilise the approved funding of €218,700 which the Ballyboughal Town Team received 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 continues to make good progress in prioritising projects contained with the Donabate Town Centre First Health Check for implementation during 2026. Plans for the Donabate St. Patrick's Day parade are also at an advanced stage.



Town Centre First – Rush

The town team in Rush hosted an open public information event in late February to obtain feedback from local residents and businesses regarding opportunities for funding of €50,000 from the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to the Rush Community.



Upgrade works to Rush Community Centre from funding 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 now 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 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 are:

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. This project will be led by the Community Development Office and supported by the Town Regeneration Office.

Ballyboughal - Public Realm Enhancement

Funding of €218,700 has been approved. This project will be led by the Ballyboughal Town Team and supported by the Town Regeneration Office.

Lusk - Public Realm Enhancement

Funding of €195,075 has been approved. This project will be led by the Lusk Town Team and supported by the Town Regeneration Office.

Rush - Feasibility Study for Public Realm Enhancement

Funding of €50,000 has been approved. This project will be led by the Rush Town Team and supported by the Town Regeneration Office.

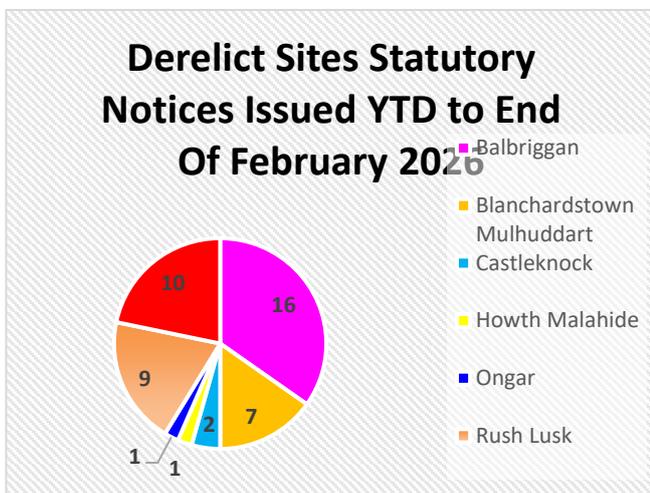
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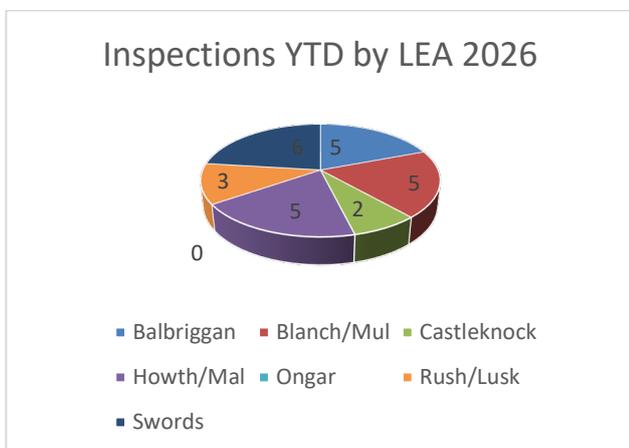
Derelict Sites

46 no. Statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict sites for the month of February 2026.

2 no. properties have been removed from the Derelict Sites Register since the start of the year following compliance with Section 11 Notices. A further 2 no. properties have been added to the Derelict Sites Register this year which brings the current number of properties on the Derelict Sites Register to 29.



There have been a total of 26 no. 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.



Local Enterprise Office



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

Local Enterprise Week 2026



Local Enterprise Week launched on 30th January, and takes place 2nd to 6th March 2026. It features a packed schedule of events for start-ups and small businesses focusing on management training, networking, mentoring and much more.

Fingal Enterprise Awards 2026

The Fingal Enterprise Awards competition is organised annually by the Local Enterprise Office to acknowledge the achievements of small businesses. This is part of a national competition in which one overall winner from each of the 31 Local Enterprise Office areas will compete for the National awards. Five applicants have been short-listed and will compete, with one winner to be announced during Local Enterprise Week, who will go on to represent Fingal at the National Enterprise Awards final in the Mansion House on Thursday, 18th June 2026.

The five finalists are:

Climate Matters Ltd, Cera Slevin (Skerries)
Donna Reilly Wellness Ltd, Donna Reilly (Balgriffin)
Mantra Strategy Ltd, Lisa Nicole Dunne (Malahide)
Now Juice Ltd, Marti Nulty (Ballyboughal)
Snugz Play Ltd, Fiona Synnott (Malahide)

Fingal Business Supports Briefing



The February monthly online *Business Supports Briefing*, attracted 169 registrants to learn about supports for their business.

The next briefing will take place online during Local Enterprise Week on March 6th and will continue to run monthly throughout the year.

Food Sectoral Supports



Through the LEO's Dublin Food Chain initiative, a trade delegation of food producers was organised by LEO Fingal to the IFEX Expo in Lisburn on 24 - 26 February 2026. Ten food producers exhibited at the export-oriented trade show, three of whom were LEO Fingal Clients. This initiative is part of the enhanced strategic focus of the LEO on enabling internationalisation and innovation.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) approved €160,000 across 8 business grant applications in February 2026. The next EVAC meeting will convene on 1st April 2026.

Management Development



Recruitment is underway in Fingal for the next Leadership for Business Acceleration programme commencing on March 12th. The programme provides learning and mentorship helping businesses to grow, increase employment and move into international markets. The programme is a joint initiative between LEO Fingal and LEO Dublin City with this iteration accepting participants on a pilot basis from DLR & SDCC LEO's.

Sustainability Supports



LEO Fingal provides expertise and incentives to enable small businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and become more sustainable. The Green for Business programme was delivered to 41 Fingal based businesses in 2025 allowing many of these businesses to apply for the Energy Efficiency Grant with funding of up to €10,000 and 75% of eligible costs, to enable small businesses to acquire energy efficient equipment and processes.

20 applicants were approved for funding under this scheme in 2025. 5 applicants have been approved so far in 2026.

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring



LEO Fingal provides one to one business support services through Business Advice Clinics and a Mentoring programme, both online and in person. In 2025, 665 clients availed of a Business Advice Clinic and 371 signed up for mentoring, with consistently high demand for this service among Fingal businesses. So far this year 190 clients have signed up to the mentor and business advice clinic service.

Business Loan scheme

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland (MFI), up to €50,000 per approved applicant.

In 2025, 40 MFI loan applications were processed, supported by an expert mentor who guides applicants through the process to maximise their prospect of approval. 2026 looks set to be another busy year for MFI with strong interest already been show among LEO Clients.

Training and Events

Training attendance remains strong throughout Q1 in LEO Fingal. To end of February 2026, there have been 31 events with 568 registered, including 3 Start Your Own Business Courses with 36 attending, a Food Starter Course with 13 attending and 1 Business Supports Briefing with 169 people expressing interest in the LEO Business Supports offered.

Internationalisation and Export Development

The new *Market Explorer Grant* is available to small enterprises in the manufacturing and international trading sectors (with up to 50 employees). The amount of the grant is 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum of €10,000. LEO Fingal approved seven applications in 2025 in the amount of €49,010, with several businesses currently working on applications early in 2026.

Digital & Innovation Supports



The *Grow Digital Voucher* and *Digital for Business* schemes offer SMEs grant and capability supports to embrace digital technology. In 2026 so far 6 clients availed of the programmes.

The next information webinar about Digitalisation supports takes place on 4th March 2026.

Productivity & Competitiveness Supports



Lean For Business is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness.

In 2026 to date two clients have been approved under this Programme.

Online regular workshops to promote and enable businesses to participate in the programme are ongoing.



Community Development

Community Development involves local people working collectively to address social, economic, environmental, and cultural challenges. Actions range from small local initiatives to wider community-level programmes.

Building community capacity and participation requires sustained collaboration between communities and the agencies that support them.

The Community Development & Inclusion Division delivers work across community support, social inclusion, equality, intercultural engagement, and empowerment.

This month the Community Development Office worked with community groups and partners to support the following projects/initiatives:

Youth Voice Workshops Held in Corduff to Help Shape New Community Walking Routes



The Division advanced its cross-departmental initiative to co-create safe, accessible, community-led walking routes in Corduff. On 23 February 2026, Youth Voice Workshops were held with local youth groups to ensure young people influence design and priorities.

The workshops build on the Corduff Place Standards Tool, enabling young residents to identify barriers and shape meaningful, locally relevant walking routes. A multiagency steering committee—including FCC teams, HSE, Age Friendly Fingal, Active Cities, Foróige, councillors, and community groups—continues to guide project development.

Insights from the workshops and Place Standards research will inform new walking maps and a shared vision for a safer, more walkable Corduff.

Community Partners Unite to Plan International Women's Day 2026 Celebration

A planning meeting on 24 February 2026 brought together partners including Heart and Soul, Clonee Women's Shed, NWCI, Sonas, Hartstown Community Centre, and FCC's Community Office. The session focused on delivering an inclusive, empowering event under the theme **"Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women & Girls."**

Discussions centred on programme design, guest speakers, wellbeing supports, and representation. The meeting set a strong foundation for a collaborative countywide celebration.

Community Activities Funding Workshop

A webinar on 23 February 2026 supported Dublin 15 Community Centres in preparing 2026 Community Activity Funding applications. The session outlined eligibility, expenditure rules, documentation requirements, best practice examples, and assessment processes. Attendees engaged in a detailed Q&A with Community Office staff.

Community Development in Lusk

The inaugural meeting of the Lusk Community Forum brought local groups and businesses together to progress the **Lusk for Life – Town Centre First Plan**, now community-owned. Priority projects were reviewed, new Town Team members elected, and interest captured for six project working groups.

FCC's Community Office introduced upcoming training to strengthen volunteer leadership and communication. With €195,000 allocated for initial actions, the Forum is well positioned to deliver tangible improvements.



Rural Community Forum

The Rural Community Forum met on 12 February in Garristown, with a strong focus on community safety. Presentations were delivered by Muintir na Tíre, An Garda Síochána, Fingal's Community Safety Officer, and Empower.

Practical initiatives emerged, including local Community Safety Days with equipment engraving, introduction of Muintir na Tíre's CAIRDE alert app, and further collaboration on inclusion and isolation supports.



The International Women's Day 2026 Programme of events is now live on Fingal.ie



Over 65 groups received up to €300 each to deliver community-led activities, totalling €18,000. Key events will take place across the county, including collaborations with Aster Family Support, Hartstown Community Centre, and Swords Women's Shed. The full programme is available on Fingal.ie.



Thrive Connect CAFÉ Swords



Following Mental Health Ireland's recruitment campaign, the Thrive Swords Steering Group has reconvened and hosted the first 2026 Connect Café. These cafés offer a welcoming space for residents to share experiences, learn about supports, and engage with Thrive initiatives.

BELIEVE Balbriggan Digital Detox & Expo

The Deputy Mayor launched the Digital Detox initiative on 10 February for Safer Internet Day 2026. The project encourages residents to take intentional breaks from screens and reconnect with BELIEVE values.

The Development & Inclusion Department is supporting the initiative and preparations for the **BELIEVE Balbriggan Expo** on 11 April 2026 at Flemington Community Centre. Over 69 partners—including clubs, voluntary groups, Council departments, Gardaí, emergency services and businesses—have registered.



Community Facilities Management Support

The Building Facilities Unit supports 38 community facilities and manages the Community Development Office's Capital Works programme.

Parslickstown House & Blakestown Community Centre – Community Services Programmes

Both centres successfully secured Pobal Community Services Programme funding. Each will recruit a full-time manager to develop sustainable social enterprise models, extend operating hours, increase footfall, and deliver targeted community programmes.

Parslickstown House & Blakestown Community Centre Community Services Programmes



Interagency

The Community Development Office collaborates with agencies to enhance service delivery across Fingal.

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg (FCNN)



A group meeting took place in the Council Chamber with the Mayor and Chief Executive. FCNN presented its structure and 2026 workplan, followed by a Q&A on issues including online safety, anti-social behaviour, active travel, racism awareness, and local development. The group also consulted on a proposed teen space in Ongar.

Fingal Public Participation Network (FPPN)

FPPN held a joint linkage meeting on 26 February, including all three pillars. A presentation on FPPN roles and supports was delivered. The Secretariat met with FCC Liaison to discuss the MOU, supports, and budget. February's meeting focused on re-registration of members ahead of March 2026.



Age Friendly Fingal



Age Friendly Fingal leads a collaborative, multi-sector approach to improving quality of life for older people in Fingal, both now and into the future.

Age Friendly Alliance

The Alliance met for the first time since the launch of the Age Friendly Strategy 2026–2030. Members discussed progress, reporting processes, and emerging priorities. An annual progress report will issue at year-end.

Funding

To end February, eight Community Activities Funding grants totaling **€22,434** were awarded:

ACM Area	Number of Grants	Amount
BRLS	1	€2,482
BMCO	5	€14,000
HOWTH/MAL	2	€5,952

A further three BRLS grants (€7,992) are progressing to award stage. Applications close **30 June 2026**.

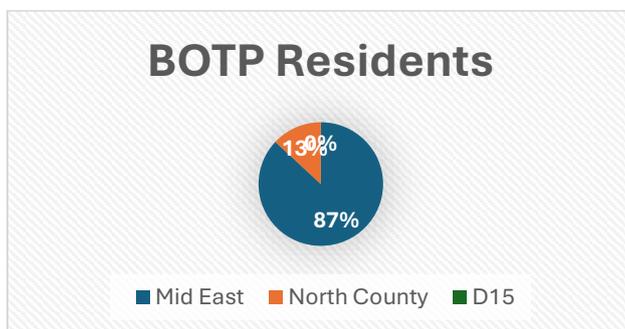
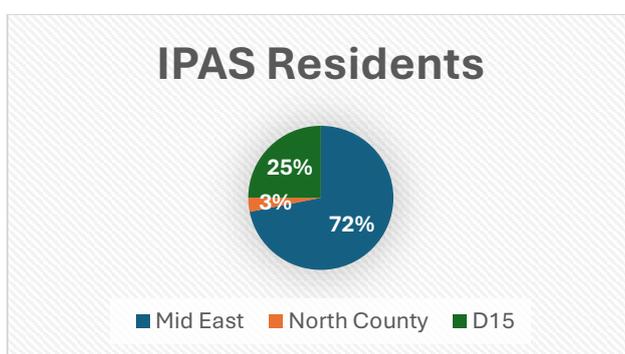
Integration Office

The Integration Office supports social inclusion and intercultural understanding.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

LAIT continues to provide clinics for International Protection applicants, Programme Refugees, and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection.

Geographical Area	BOTP Residents	IPAS Residents
North County	48	66
Mid-East	320	1501
Dublin 15	0	521
Total	368	2088



National Integration Event

Team members attended the national event on 26 February at the Department of Justice. Themes included EU integration policy, community development, partnership working, and wellbeing.

CIF (Community Integration Forum)

CIF held its first 2026 meeting on 10 February, introducing partner presentations. Dublin College delivered an update following its recent rebrand from DDLETB.

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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	798	140	29	8	1
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	383	108	21	7	1
Howth/Malahide	280	30	7	1	1
Total	1461	278	57	16	3

Works Programme

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Newbridge Demesne

Works carried out to fallen Blue Cedar tree in the Arboretum in Newbridge.



Other damage to the Red Barn in Newbridge Demesne as a result of the bad weather.



Shredding of Christmas Trees in Newbridge Demesne.

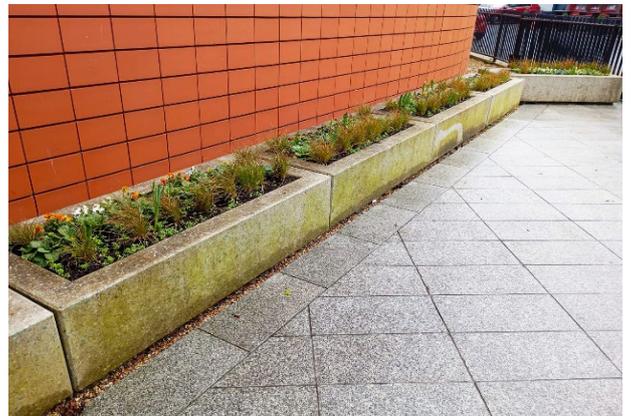


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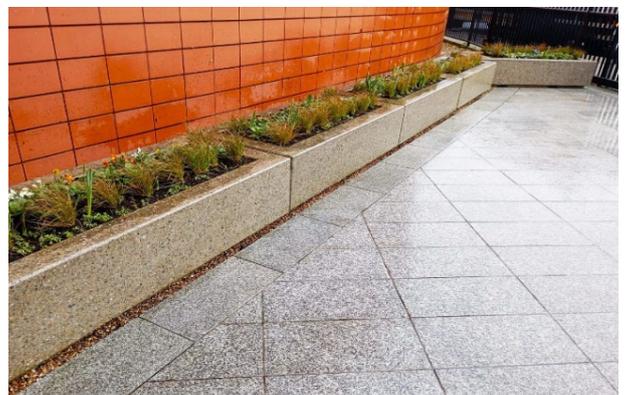
Direct Labour crew replacing damaged cobbled bus stop area with reinforced concrete, Main Street, Swords.



Before and after of cleansing works on planters in the Swords area.



Before and after of clean up on Nevinstown Lane, Swords.



Skerries

Entrance to Ballygossan Estate, Skerries, new curbing and perennial planting.



Extreme Weather

Following on from the continuous severe weather events over the last number of weeks, a large amount of work was carried out to ensure roads remain passable where possible, facilitating diversions and clearing of drains and gullies. The Operations team continues to work on future mitigating measures.

Flooding at Roganstown Golf Club.



Flooding at The Maltings, Skerries.



Flooding at the overflow carpark area at Newbridge Demesne at Cobbles Lane.



The R108 at Roganstown reopened following flooding.



As part of the Council's emergency response to Storm Chandra and other recent severe weather events, the Depot teams were busy ensuring that sand bags were made available for collection at our Watery Lane Depot, Swords and where feasible sand bags were also delivered to locations at high risk of flooding.

Road diversions were put in place to advise citizens of severely flooded roads.



Fingal Crews on site at Brook Lane, keeping the stream clear following flooding.



Tree down on the R128 from Rush to Lusk on 13th February.



Howth/ Malahide Area

Samuel's Reservoir, Howth

Extreme winds and rain brought a pine tree down in Samuel's Reservoir, Howth.

The canopy and trunk were cut into sections and the root base put back in situ to make it a safer area for park users.



Before



After

Malahide Demesne & Woods

Ivy, Brambles, snowberry etc. cleared away from Hogan's Avenue.



The under growth around the trees was cleared & chipped on site to allow for tree inspections as part of our woodland management plan. Planting of trees are planned for here after the inspections.

This work also opened up the area to make it feel safer for walkers - complaints about anti-social behaviour in the area was logged.



A new stone path was laid between the playground and the woods towards the village. This had become very wet, slippery and impassable at times.

Storm Chandra



Large logs washed up onto the Harbour open green space in Howth due to the wave strength and size.





Tree brought down on Friday 13th February blocking the Malahide Road due to wind and rain.



Damage adjacent to St.Doolagh's Church, Malahide Road.



A second tree blocking the Malahide Road also brought down the ESB lines. Howth Malahide staff cleared the tree & debris after the ESB made the area safe.

Howth Pathways

During January and February over twice the amount of rain fell as compared to this time last year - a meeting was organised between Howth Malahide Operations staff, the Biodiversity team and the Howth pathway volunteers to log the damage caused by the ongoing rain and storms.



Resultant constant flow of water on some paths.





The constant flow of water has damaged the foundations of the posts.



As part of the clean-up at the community gardens the gullies were cleared and power hosed.



The excess water has caused damage and some soil subsidence. These recons are a valuable tool for our maintenance schedule for Sport Ireland.



Grace O'Malley Community Gardens



Removal of old raised beds from the Grace O'Malley community gardens.

Robswall, Malahide



Area adjacent to Robswall playground has been cleared of overgrown tired planting and made ready for new plant-scaping.

Roads / Footpaths – Howth/Malahide Howth – Dunbo Hill

The Howth Malahide Crew have progressed on network improvements, while a contractor has started works on new kerbs. Once these are completed, a contractor will undertake a full width road reinstatement.



Portmarnock - Carrick Court

The Contractor working for the Howth Malahide area has completed a new network improvement.



Kinsealy - Chapel Road

The Contractor is nearing completion of the installation of the new footpath and cycle lane, which will connect to the existing one. Contractor is still working on new walls and has completed new kerbs.



Howth – The Summit

Howth/Malahide team have received Capital funding to resurface Howth, Summit carpark. Works went to tender in February, with work to start during late Q1/2026.



Cleansing, Beaches and Toilets



Howth Pier over topping during the latest extreme weather event.



Malahide Portmarnock beaches required extensive cleaning following extreme weather and tidal surges.



Howth Malahide tree clearance during latest storm.



Sandbags defence in place Howth East Pier due to high tides surges.



Balscadden Road Howth - Work to address the minor landslide which occurred due to the extreme weather.



Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area Mick Walsh Park



New hard standing area has been installed at Mick Walsh Park.

Millennium Park



It is expected that works will be completed on the playground by the end of the month, weather permitting.

Tree Removal



A dawn redwood tree, as recorded on Fingal's street tree management system was removed at Park Drive Grove, Castleknock, on 16th February.

Tree works - Bramley Walk



The tree crew cleared undergrowth and dead Ash trees identified as having Ash die back disease in a copse of trees, on the open space in Bramley walk, in Carpenterstown.



Blanchardstown Road South along Millennium Park



Repairs to potholes were undertaken on the Blanchardstown Road South, alongside Millennium Park.

Storm Chandra

Clearing of excess water after storm Chandra and excessive rainfall at various locations in Dublin 15.



Castleknock - Reinstatement of damaged Road Gully.



A damaged road gully was re-instated in Castleknock.

Ongar Village - Reinstalling cycle racks .



Cycle racks in Ongar Village were re-installed after been hit by a car.



St Margaret's Footpath



Overgrown footpaths were cleaned up at St. Margarets by edging and wire brushing to remove moss and overgrowth.

Shackleton Garden Beechpark

Example of flowering bulbs in Shackleton Garden Beechpark, showing beautiful Spring flowers, providing a key source of early food for bees and other pollinators



Snowdrops



Cyclamen

Tree Planting Works

Tree planting works are taking place on open spaces and road margins. We are currently in the tree planting season working on improving tree cover in Dublin 15, which in turn improves conditions for birds and native pollinators



Car Parking Services

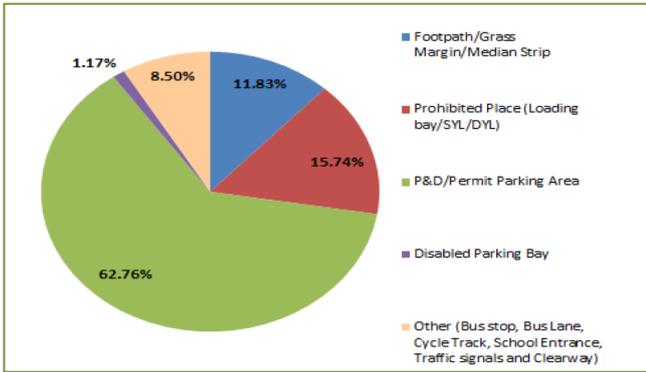
January 2026

There were a total of 1023 parking tickets issued during January 2026.

Top 10 Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations January 2026
North Street - Swords	109
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	87
Main Street - Swords	75
South Strand Skerries	52
The Green - Malahide	43
Chapel Street Balbriggan	37
New Street - Malahide	34
Harbour Road - Skerries	31
Church Road - Malahide	26
Railway Street Balbriggan	25

Breakdown of Parking Offences:

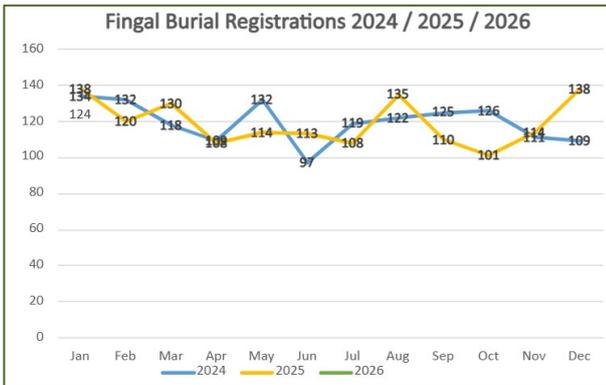


Parking Control Bye-Laws

The new Fingal Parking Control Bye-Laws came into effect on 16th February 2026 following extensive public consultation. Approved by Councillors in January, these Bye-Laws replace the 2020 Parking Control Bye-Laws, and include new on-street and long-stay parking rates, updated resident and commercial permit fees, and new paid parking arrangements at a number of coastal car parks across the county.

Burial Ground Services

There were 124 Interments in January 2026 in Fingal Cemeteries.



Kellystown Burial Ground

This phase of cemetery development works on a greenfield site at Kellystown will provide approximately 650 grave plots, a columbarium wall for the storage of ashes, a landscaped angel garden, a small services facilities building and yard, including all associated site services and landscaping.

The works are expected to take up to 12 months to complete.

Currently the grave plots and paths are well advanced with buildings at early stages of construction.

Traffic Operations County-Wide

Default Speed Limits Update

Updated guidance has been issued by the Department of Transport nationally. This is currently being reviewed and will inform the next steps for the Phase 2 Speed Limit Review for Urban Areas.

Balbriggan/Swords Area

Stephenstown Road, Balbriggan - New "SLOW" road markings.



Six Cross Lane, Rush- New Double Yellow Lines.



Howth/Malahide Area

Programme of Works 2026 has commenced. Junction upgrade works at Seamount and R124-Malahide being progressed on site.



Pedestrian signal upgrade, adjacent to St Sylvester's Church, Malahide.



Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Traffic Calming Scheme - Porterstown Road



Traffic Calming Ramps installed on Porterstown Road.

Road Markings



Double Yellow Lines installed on Damastown Road outside the public car park

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

113 Plant Hires were put in place from 01/01/2026 to 13/02/2026, engaging 21 suppliers.

In news, the Freight Transport Association of Ireland awarded Fingal County Council the Silver Trucksafe Standard Award for 2026. This is in recognition of demonstrating established compliance systems that are consistently implemented and practised within the County Council. Well Done to everyone!



Public Lighting

2026 Programme of Works

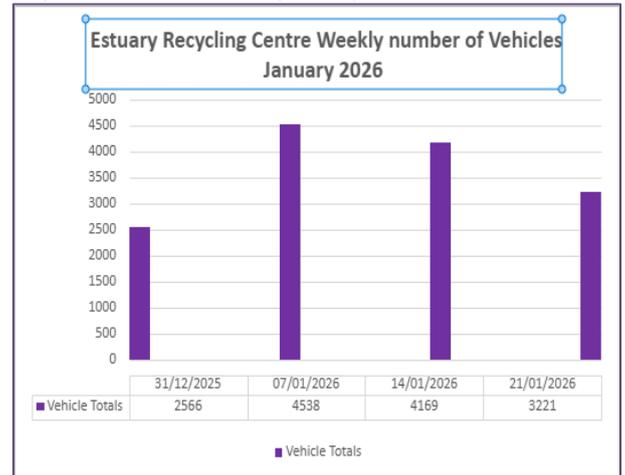
Orders have been placed for all Public Lighting materials required for the 2026 Public Lighting Programme of Works.

Public Lighting Column Replacement and Cable Upgrade Programme

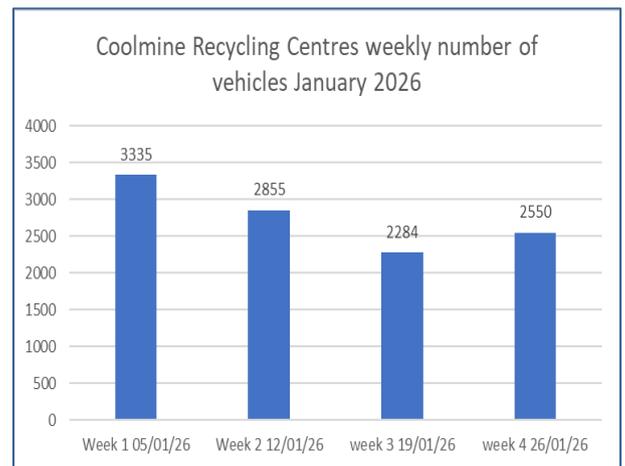
Works on the public lighting column replacement programme are ongoing in the County.

Recycling Centres Update

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



Statistics for Estuary Recycling Centre above



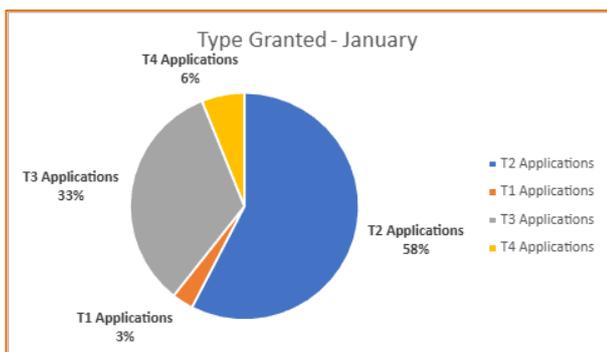
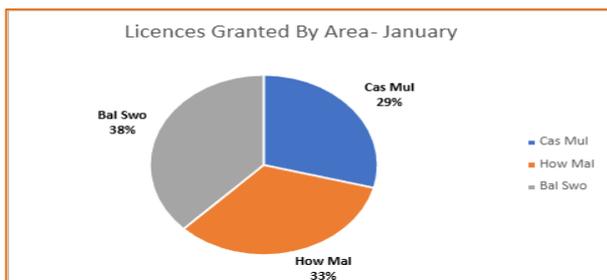
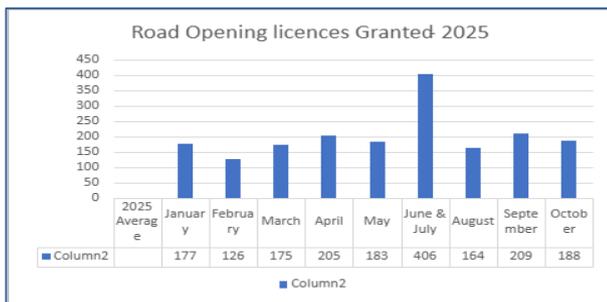
Statistics for Coolmine Recycling Centre above

Licences

➤ 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.

165 Licences were granted in the month of January, **39% of which were granted by way of automation.** Clerks of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by Utilities.

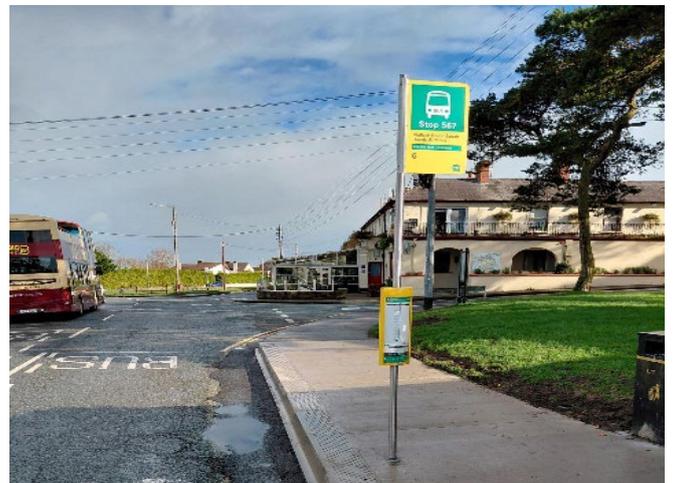


Bus Enhancement Scheme

Works are ongoing in all three Administrative areas on the NTA approved and funded bus stop enhancements at 13 locations.

➤ Howth Malahide Area

Howth: the Contractor has been working on upgrading of stops as part of the bus enhancement scheme.



Howth - Thormanby Road

Malahide: the Contractor is currently working on two bus stops. One has been completed at the front of the Tennis Club on St. James Terrace, on the R106. The other bus stop is currently in progress near St. Andrews School on Church Road.



➤ **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 are due to be completed in late February.

➤ **Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area**

The bus stop enhancement projects which received final NTA Approval to be constructed are as follows: one located on the Ratoath Road (L3080) and two on the R122 close to the National Reception Centre, Baleskin, Dubber. The two on the R122 Baleskin have been completed. The remaining project on the Ratoath Road will commence construction when the weather conditions allow.

Grass Pitch Applications 2025/26

Fingal County Council have completed the grass pitch allocation process for the 2025/2026 playing season. All of the 74 clubs have now paid in full. The process for re-allocation of pitches will begin in May/June of this year.

Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council has a total of 48 valid Casual Trading Licences for the 2025/26 trading season covering trading of hot food, tea and coffee, ice cream and flowers, these licences run until the 28th of February 2026. Fingal County Council is currently in the process of processing renewal applications, once complete any available Casual Trading locations will be advertised on the Fingal County Council website & social media channels with the deadline for new applicants set for the 27th of February at 4pm. For any additional queries re Casual Trading please contact CasualTrading@fingal.ie for further information.

Pilot Scheme Beach Mobile Saunas

3 mobile saunas are still operating in the County under the Mobile Sauna Pilot Scheme running from 01/10/25-31/03/2026 under the off-peak seasonal license. Seasonal licences are issued under the Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021.

Street Furniture Licences

A total of 24 valid Street Furniture Licences have been issued to businesses so far in 2026.

All 24 business have been issued with their Licence, which must be displayed prominently in the front window of their business premises. Any additional applications will be dealt with on an ad hoc basis.

We are currently processing 4 additional applications. Inspections will continue throughout the county to ensure compliance.

Harbours

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

Emergency stabilisation repair works are scheduled for Skerries Harbour commencing Q2 2026 pending the permanent construction of the new Pier.



Surface Water

Stormwater Capital Programme 2026-2028

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress 15 projects valued at €2.4m in the 2026-2028 Stormwater Capital Programme. Below is a brief update in relation to the status of some of the projects.

Howth Stormwater Culvert:

Work Package A: design & construction of a replacement stormwater culvert on Howth Main Street. Preliminary design is complete with the preferred option being a new 1200mm SW pipe on Main Street and Harbour Road to replace the existing defective sections of culvert. The remaining GPR & topographical surveys are currently being tendered to inform detailed design.

Work Package B: Separation of a combined sewer on Tuckett's Lane. Since 19/01/2026, FCC direct labour crews are continuing the installation of a new SW pipe under a temporary road closure.



Tuckett's Lane works

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. Materials procurement will commence in March with site works scheduled for April 2026.

Howth Stormwater Network Improvements.

All installation works are complete for the network improvements identified for the Church Street, Dunbo Hill and R105 areas of Howth. A contractor has been appointed to undertake full width road reinstatement starting late February/early March with a one-week duration (weather conditions permitting).

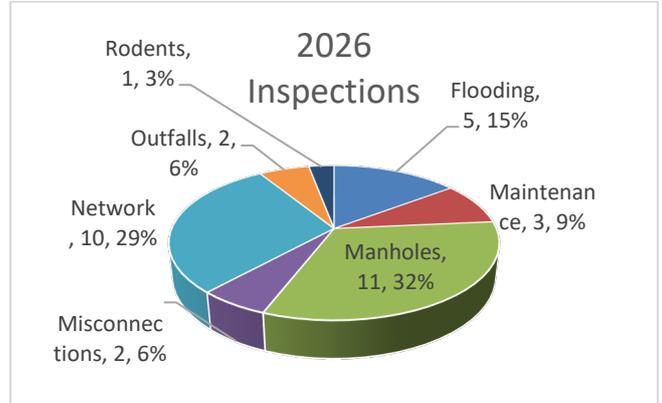
Beaverstown, Donabate.

Following a procurement process, works have commenced on a works package to clean and reprofile a series of ditches that lead to a Stormwater Pump Station to improve storage at the location and allow for access for future maintenance.



Storm Water Maintenance

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



Storm Water Connections:

To date 3 Stormwater Connection Applications have been received for 2026.

Network Improvements

Swords

Locations: Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Road, Cherry Garth and Rivervalley Lawns estates. Survey reports informed a number of work packages. A contractor has been appointed to commence specialised lining and robotic works during Q1 2026.

Location: Pine Grove Swords. Surveys of the network have been analysed to determine what if any interventions are required following complaints of blockages.



Location: Cliffords Lane intersection network. Following reports of road flooding during the recent spell of heavy rain, Stormwater Operations are assisting our colleagues in Road Operations with CCTV and Robotic works on the network.



Santry

Location: Northwood Avenue. A tender process will commence in March 2026 to procure specialised Contractors to carry out repair works identified from surveys of the SW line running along the R132. Works include repairs following discovery of collapses & buried manholes.

Malahide/Portmarnock



Location: Gaybrook Lawns. CCTV surveys were carried out in the Gaybrook estate, Malahide following reports of road flooding and have identified several defects and inaccessible manholes. These will be addressed in March 2026.

Dublin 15

Location: Grove Road area. CCTV surveys identified issues requiring remedial works e.g. raising of buried manholes, jetting, root cutting & installation of 100m pipe liner. Invasive works by direct labour is scheduled to start in April following the completion of specialized works which commenced in January.

Howth

CCTV survey along Seaview Terrace identified capacity issues with the lines. Installation of upsized pipes is now complete with road reinstatement to be effected in March 2026.

Baldoyle

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



Abbey Park.

Surface Water Pollution

Work is ongoing regarding sources of any reported pollution to surface water.

Ironworks

Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement is ongoing countywide. Manhole cover and frame replacements were carried out in Howth, Baldoyle and Damastown.

Outfall Upgrades/Maintenance

Ongoing weekly maintenance continues at the major Coastal Outfalls in Skerries, Howth & Sutton.





Fingal Beaches

The Operations Department is awaiting the May 2026 notification date of successful applications to An Taisce for the Blue Flag Award 2026 for three locations:

- Velvet Strand (Portmarnock),
- Balcarrick Beach (Donabate) and
- North Beach (Rush).

Preventative Maintenance Jetting Programme

The recently commenced Countywide Preventative Maintenance Programme carried out Jetting, Robotic & CCTV works in Woodview Grove, Swords, Skerries and Malahide in February 2026.

Underground Stormwater storage Assets

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

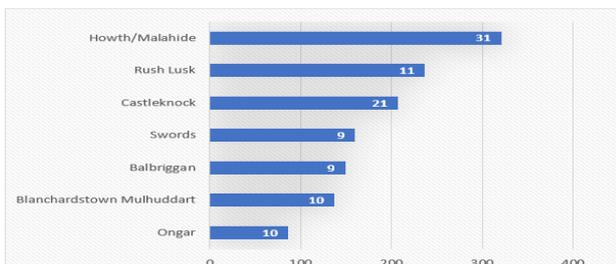


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Planning Applications

Between 1st January and 31st January 2026, a total of 101 planning applications were received, including 94 electronic applications via the national portal. Of these, 17 applications were deemed invalid, resulting in 84 valid applications. The accompanying bar chart illustrates the distribution of applications across various areas.



During the same period, In January no new Large-scale Residential Development applications were submitted to the Local Authority, 3 granted decisions issued on LRD applications.

Additionally, An Coimisiún Pleanála have issued one refusal decision on Strategic Housing Development applications during this period.

Planning Decisions

Between 1st January 2026 to the 31st January 2026, a total of 135 planning decisions were issued. The figures include 78 decisions to grant permission and 24 refusals of permission.

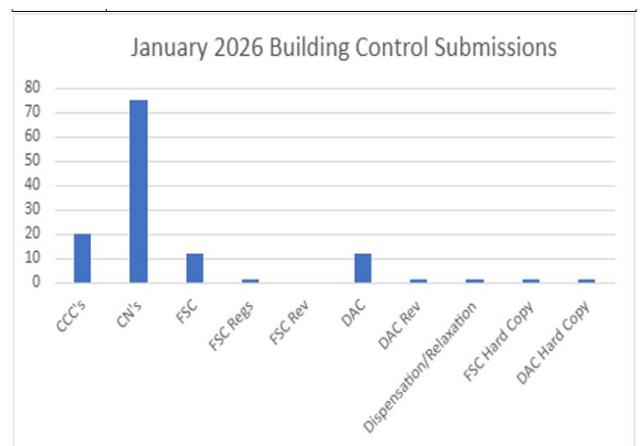
Building Control Admin

In January 2026, there were 124 building control submissions made via BCMS.

This was made up of 75 Commencement notices, 20 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 14 Fire Safety related Certificates, 14 Disability Access related Certificates and 1 Dispensation/Relaxation.

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 171 decisions in January 2026 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 48 decisions to grant, 121 extensions of time, 1 refusal and 1 invalid.



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 which was agreed in November 2025 has been published on the Fingal County Council website.

The Members resolved at the February Council meeting to extend the duration of the Kellystown Local Area Plan until the 20th February 2032, or until the making of a new County Development Plan, whichever occurs sooner. 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 is open until 1st April while consultation for the draft map for 2027 is open until 1st April.

Section 28 Guidelines – NPF Guidelines: Housing Growth Requirements

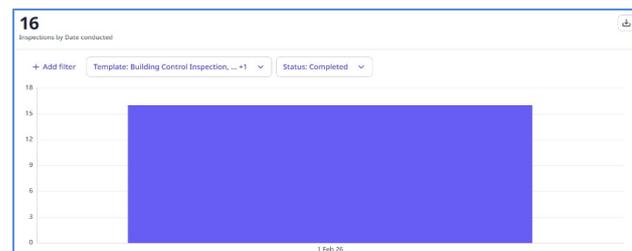
A report on housing growth requirements was presented to the Members at the December council meeting. Variation No. 1 to the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 proposes to vary the Development Plan to give effect to the NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2025), introduced in accordance with Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). This was on public display from 23rd December 2025 to 29th January 2026 (inclusive). The Chief Executive’s report has been issued 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 Unzone lands to ‘OS’ Open Space.

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Built Environment Division



Building Control

- 16 building control inspections were carried out in February 2026 so far, covering 33 Buildings.
- There was 1 Section 11 request for further information issued during the month of February 2026.

Taking in Charge

2 no. roads have advertised for taking into maintenance in April:

- Barnageeragh Cove phase 3
- Semple Woods phase 1

It was proposed to take the road adjoining Dublin Airport “Forrest Little and Barberstown Road” in charge in January 2026 but this has been delayed until further notice at the request of the DAA.

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

Works are ongoing with consultants for managing Taking in Charge works where we have taken the bond. The first contract was for Chapelwood, Chapelton, Alderwood and Redwood in Dublin 15.

The consultants have almost completed snagging, and the works will be tendered shortly.

The second contract for Weston Park, Oldtown Avenue, Dooroge Woods, Palmer Avenue, Ceol Na Mara and The Stableyard is being issued and it is expected to have consultants snagging these estates within the next 2 months.

Dangerous Structures

- There was 1 dangerous structure reported in February 2026.
- A total of 107 dangerous structures remain active in our database.

Pictures



Checking Insulation on a site in Balbriggan



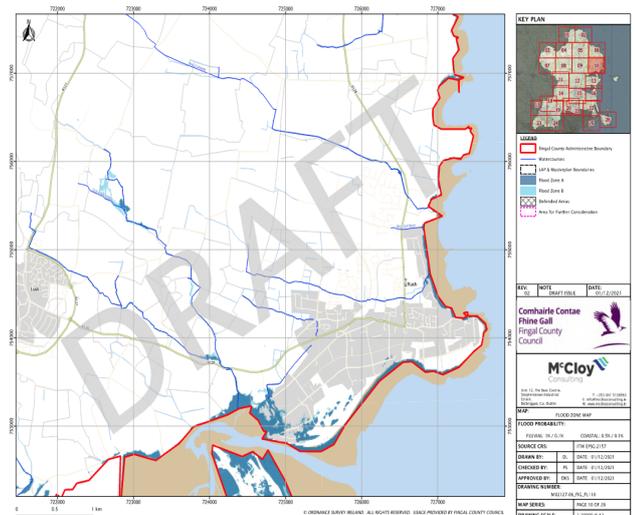
Checking plasterboard moisture content on a site in Malahide

Development Management

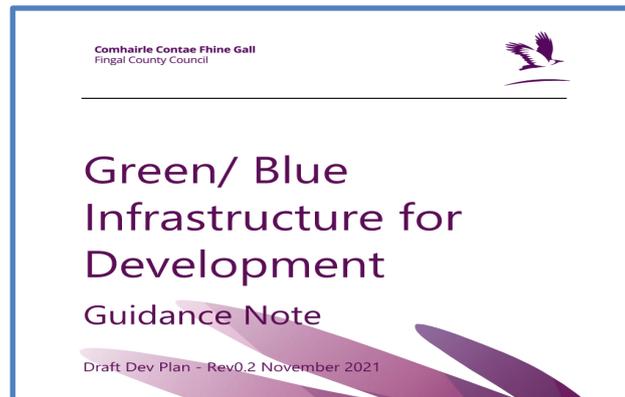
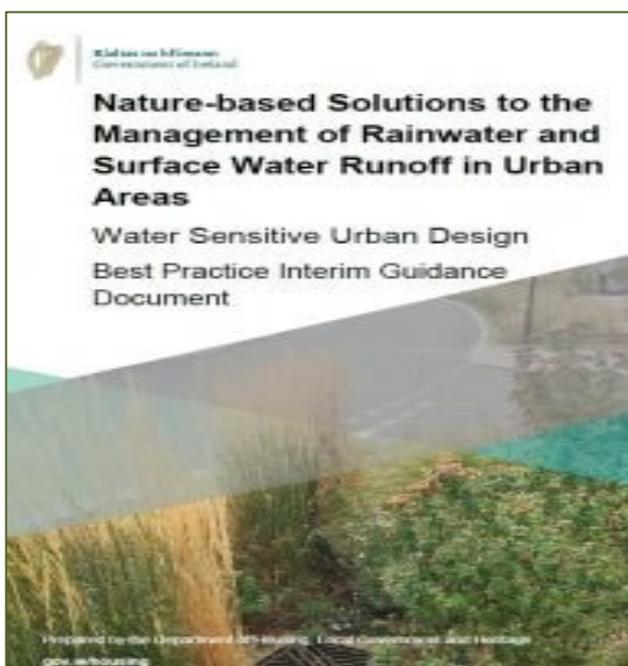
- WSFP continue to work on new LRD applications, planning files, additional information files, clarification of additional information files and compliances.
- WSFP continue to support pre-planning consultations with developers to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure 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 new development plan.



Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments



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

Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP)

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

McCloys Consulting Engineers prepared a SFRA and SDS for Dubber with a submission received in October 2025 and final documents received in December 2025. JBA Consultant Engineers were appointed to complete a CDP Variation SFRA for an area in Barnhill with completion achieved in December 2025. McCloys Consultant Engineers were appointed to complete a CDP Variation SFRA for several areas in Fingal with completion achieved in December 2025. McCloys Consultant Engineers were requested to quote for a CDP Variation SFRA for Dunsink in Fingal with completion targeted for March 2026.

Domestic SuDS Guide

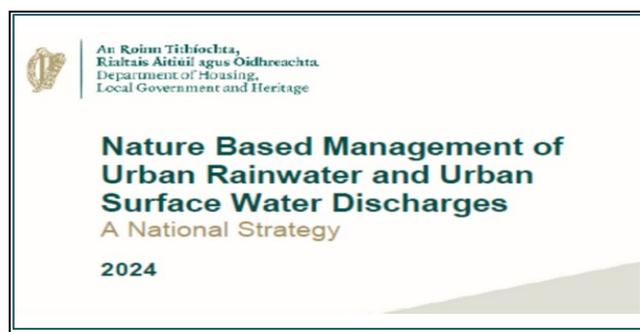
McCloys Consulting Engineers were appointed to produce a Domestic SuDS Guide for FCC. This was completed in Q3 2024, the guide is available on Fingal's website along with a short presentation video.

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.

Heritage Officer



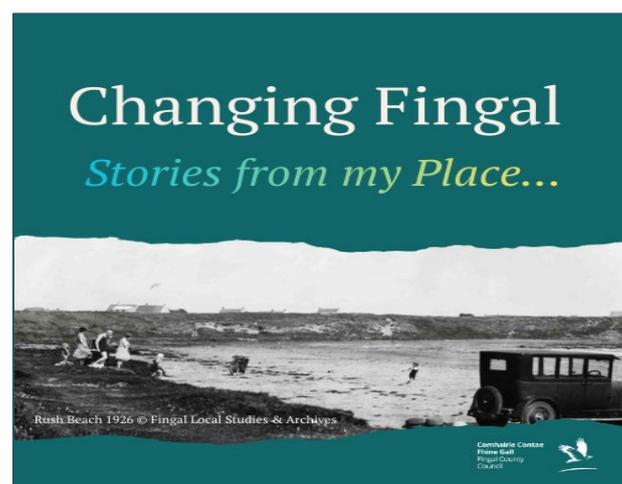
Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland
5 February at 15:52

We are delighted to invite you to our first talk of 2026 on Monday, 9 February at 7.30pm, when Ms Christine Baker, Fingal County Council, will discuss 'Romans & Rumours: Digging Drumanagh, the story so far'. The talk will be held both in-person at 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2 and online via Zoom, link for guests below. Members, as always, received their free invitation via our newsletter.

Dissemination-Digging Drumanagh

The Heritage Officer was invited to give the first Monday talk of 2026 to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland on the Digging Drumanagh project. Another talk was given to Malahide Historical Society to a packed house on 10th February 2026.

Changing Fingal: Stories from my Place



This project is a community-led initiative that will look at different aspects of a street/town/area/industry in relation to the upcoming release of Census 1926.

Participants are supported in research, gathering information and the outcomes which will form part of Heritage Week 2026. The first event was a Sources & Resources workshop held in collaboration with Fingal Local Studies & Archives on 18 February 2026. This focused on what census and genealogy information can be accessed freely and what resources are available in the Fingal Archives in Swords.



Ceangal-Heritage Council Programme



The Heritage Officers from around the country met with Minister for Heritage Christopher O'Sullivan at Heritage Council training in Kilkenny recently. Ceangal is the Local Authority Heritage Programme which includes Heritage Officers, Biodiversity Officers and from 2026 Archivists and Architectural Conservation Officers working in Local Authorities across the country.

Grants

Grant applications were made to the Community Monuments Fund 2026. These included Stream 1 Works at Mulhuddart Church and Howth castle and Stream 2 Survey at Glassmore Abbey.

The Heritage Council's Community Heritage Grant Scheme is now open. An annual grant scheme for community groups and not-for-profit non-governmental organisations to protect, share, and celebrate the heritage, the closing date is 20 March 2026. Details at [Community Heritage Grant Scheme | The Heritage Council](#)

**Our heritage is our story.
Let's keep telling it.**

The Community Heritage Grant Scheme is now open for applications. This scheme is open to community groups and not-for-profit NGOs involved in projects that aim to preserve and enhance Ireland's heritage. Projects that bring our stories to life for this and future generations.

The closing date for applications is March 20th 2026. Find out more at heritagecouncil.ie/funding

An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council

Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

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

PSI 002 Ongar Barnhill Road

Fingal County Council celebrated the official opening of the Ongar Barnhill Road on February 13th, a major strategic investment that unlocks housing potential, boosts sustainable transport and delivers stronger, more efficient connections throughout the area. The event was attended by Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Tom O'Leary, Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation, Jack Chambers TD, and Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, AnnMarie Farrelly.

The completion of this key piece of infrastructure represents a significant advancement for Dublin 15. Appointed in August 2023, BAM began construction shortly afterwards, turning years of planning into delivery and opening the way for sustainable growth in Barnhill.

Over the coming weeks Bam will complete snagging on the scheme.



PSI-039 – R132 Connectivity Project



Project summary

The tender submissions have been evaluated, and the outcome letters have been issued as part of Stage 2 of the tender process for the Phase 5 the construction stage. A pre-award meeting has been held with the successful contractor to discuss the projects in more detail. We are currently waiting for the contractor to submit the requested documentation prior to proceeding with issuing the letter of acceptance.

Meetings and Workshops

Ongoing meeting of various projects in the Swords area and discussions, as well as knowledge sharing on project 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 were held and more meetings will continue in 2026.

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.



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 safety at Granard Bridge and further promote the use of more sustainable travel patterns, in line with Government Policy and the cycle network plan for the greater Dublin area.

Meetings and Reports

Monthly meetings 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.

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.

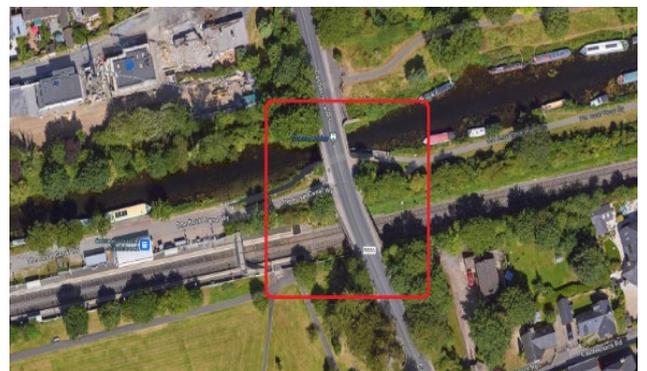
Roselawn Junction was also included in the scheme aiming to improve even more accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists.

Project Programme

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

We are currently moving onto phase 3 - Preliminary Design - prior to phase 4, the Statutory Processes to obtain planning permission 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.



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. Additional localised surveying will occur in the coming weeks.

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 Main Street Transformation

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

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.

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 at a later date.



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 Causeway has been issued. 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.

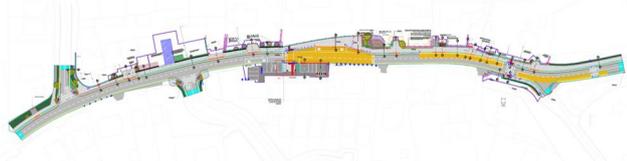
Due to the seasonal constraints of working within the estuary, along with the technical challenges of building on the Northern Causeway, it is expected that the opening of the Broadmeadow Way will be in late 2027 or early 2028.



New estuary bridge and ramps looking northwards towards Donabate

PSI-026 Portrane Road, Donabate

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



The Council held a tender competition in January to appoint a works contractor for the project. Tenders are currently being assessed, and the procurement process is due to be completed shortly. Construction works are expected to commence in April 2026.

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 number of potential options have been identified for both Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road and the Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade.

The emerging preferred route option 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 are currently underway and will be completed by the end of March 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.

Parks and GI Division

Ballysmastone Recreational Hub



Bremore Regional Park



Skerries Town Park



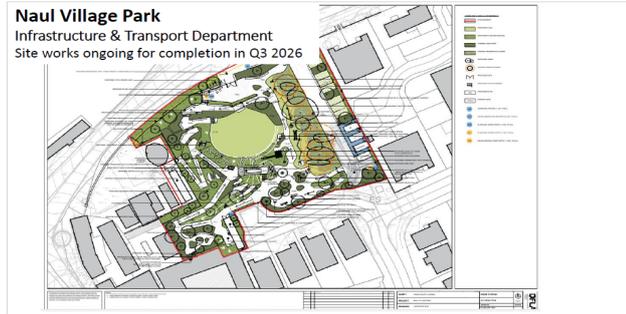
Rathmore Recreational Hub Lusk



Ward River Regional Park



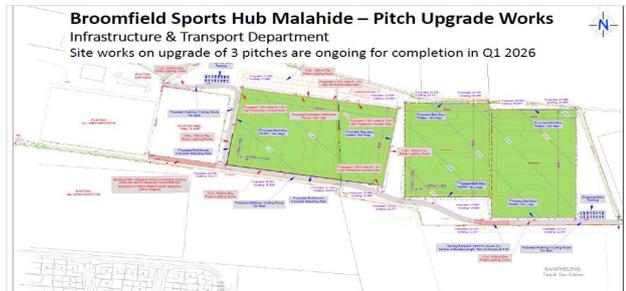
Naul Village Park



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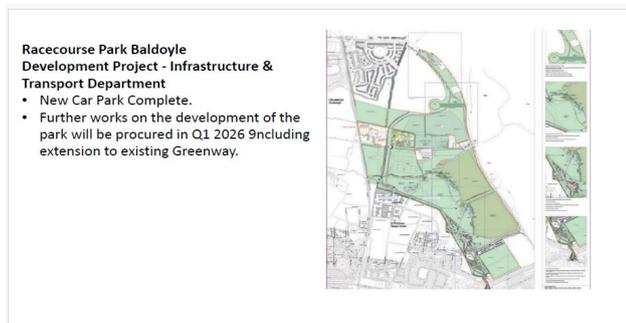
Broomfield Sports Hub Malahide



Laurel Lodge Playground - Castleknock



Racecourse Park Baldoyle



Hartstown Park Playground D15



Meakstown Community Garden - Lanesborough Park



Hazelbury Park Playground D15



Portrane Play Space

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Part 8 Planning Approval Q1 2026



Portrane Coastal Defence Works



Portrane Coastal Defence Works
Infrastructure & Transport Department
Additional Emergency Works planned in the coming weeks
Planning Application in respect of
the Longterm CFERIM Plan has been submitted
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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	90/151 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	81/110 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields Cost Rental apartments	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	68/80 apartments occupied
Balmoston (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	21/73 Homes Sale Agreed
Folkstown Park, Balbriggan	Application portal will close 4 th March	19 Homes
Priory Fields, Hacketstown, Skerries	Application Portal Launch 25 th March 2026	36 Homes



Priory Fields, Hacketstown, Skerries

Fingal County Council, in partnership with the Land Development Agency, are delighted to announce the sale of **36 Affordable homes** for purchase within a 10-minute walk from Skerries train station and a short distance to the town centre.

One-bed apartments and two/three-bed duplexes are included in this first phase of delivery. The overall development will include a crèche, community space, pedestrian and cycle routes and parking.

The application portal for Priory Fields will open on the **25th of March at 12pm and close on the 15th of April at 5pm**

To view pricing for the scheme, eligibility criteria and guidelines on how to apply, go to <https://www.fingal.ie/priory-fields-skerries>

More information also available on <https://lda.ie/projects/hacketstown-skerries-dublin/>

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.

The second Part V affordable agreement has progressed with the homes now launched by the Affordable Team. There is potential for future Part V affordable housing to be provided countywide.

CALF Programme

There are currently 797 homes under construction across the County in partnership with Approved Housing Bodies.

Kilmartin Town Centre, Dublin 15 - 120 Homes under construction in partnership with Tuath Housing through CALF delivery



Niven Oaks, Santry - 170 Homes under construction in partnership with Tuath Housing through CALF delivery.

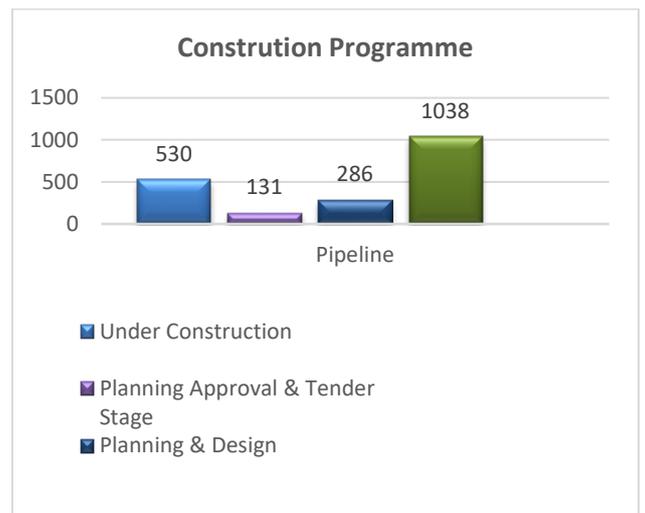


Social Turnkeys

60 homes under construction in Mooretown, Swords delivered via social turnkey.



Construction Programme



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

Planning Consultation

PARTXI/006/25 – Malahide Road

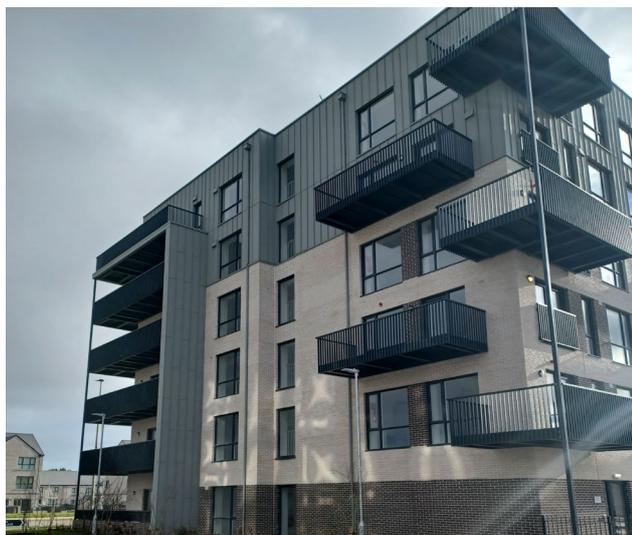
Fingal County Council has initiated the Part XI public consultation for the Proposed demolition of one dwelling and construction of four dwellings and all associated site works at Malahide Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin. Members of the public are invited to submit their submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development through the Fingal County Council Consultation Portal <https://consult.fingal.ie>

The plans and particulars will be on display and available for inspection for a period of four weeks until Friday, 6th March 2026. The deadline for receipt of submissions or observations is 11.59 p.m. on Tuesday, 24th March 2026.

Construction Schemes on Site

Balmoston Phase 1, Ballymastone, Donabate

Construction work is continuing on the mixed tenure development at Balmoston Phase 1, which is being constructed by Glenveagh on behalf of Fingal County Council. The first **44** new social homes have been delivered, comprising of 17 x 2-bed houses, 5 x 2-bed apartments, 14 x 3-bed houses, 6 x 3-bed apartments and 2 x 4-bed houses.



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 first **11** new social homes have been delivered, comprising of 11 x 4-bed houses.



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 **5** new social homes have been delivered, comprising of 5 x 4-bed houses.



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.



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.



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 is a mixed tenure scheme of 123 social and 151 affordable homes. Planning for this development 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 BER assessments for 2026 Energy Retrofit Programme are underway. Fingal County Council are awaiting our confirmed allocation form the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Other 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 have commenced. Windows and doors replacement programme is currently at the procurement stage.

Planned Maintenance February 2026	
Painting Completion	52
Boiler Replacements	20
Heat /Smoke Detector replacement	12

Voids

Casual Voids 24 th February 2026	
In lettings	23
Re-let works	49
Unavailable	4
Total	76

New to Stock 24 th February 2026	
New to stock	117

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

Private Dwelling Grants

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

Grants are available up to €50k for vacant properties and €70k if derelict. FCC has received **266** applications since the scheme commenced in 2022.

Croí Cónaithe Applications 2026	
Received	9
Approved	17
Paid	13

- 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.

Housing Adaption Grants

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

Housing Adaptation grants update February 2026	
Received to date	92
Paid to date	66
Open applications	418

Recently completed bathroom adaptation works



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 **39 new HAP tenancies** in 2026 to date with approximately 4541 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. 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 have continued to reduce during 2026.**

The rents collection rate has shown **an increase of €250k** on the same period in 2025.

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

Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL)

It was announced in February 2026 that the LAHL scheme will be further expanded;

- House price limit to increase from €360,000 to €415,000 for the administrative area of Fingal.
- Income limits for all single applicants to increase from €70,000 to €80,000.

FCC welcomes these changes which are anticipated to come into effect in Q2 2026.

Private Rented Inspections

The Government housing plan, **Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025–2030**, requires each local authority to inspect 25% of all private residential tenancies within its area annually. The Private Rented Inspection return has now been confirmed for 2025 with 5,658 dwellings inspected (109% of the target).

The inspections programme for 2026 has commenced. The target of 5,321 for 2026 has been received from the Department of Housing. Currently, 1,024 inspections have been conducted in 2026, with 1000 of them counting towards the dwellings target.

The team will continue to work this year with the contractor improving and streamlining the process and utilising all avenues to ensure that compliance improves, and the target is reached.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

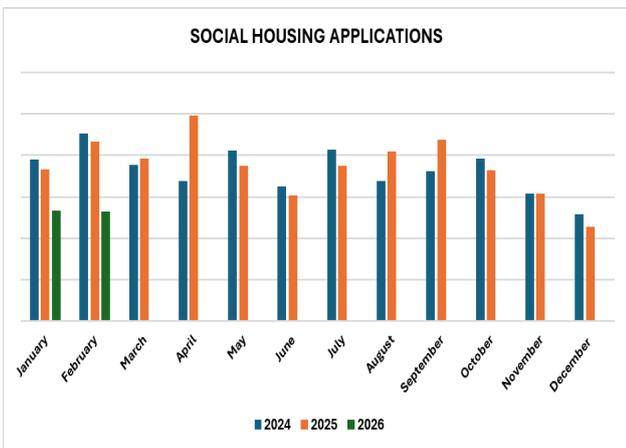
Housing Support

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

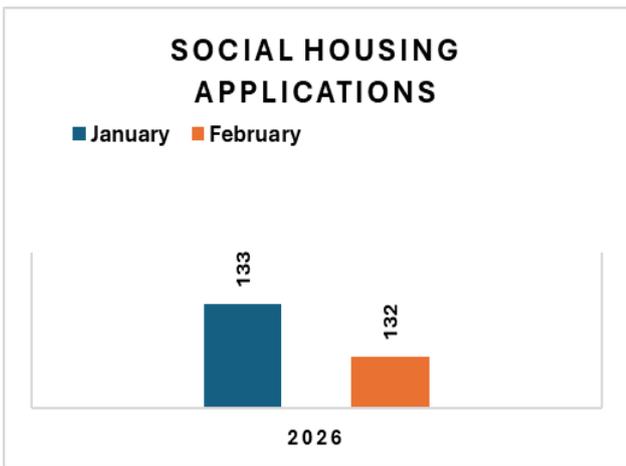
2025 Housing List Position are available on the Choice Based Lettings Portal. This is a static list position and will be issued and updated on CBL yearly. Further information can be sought via, choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie

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

Year on year comparison by month



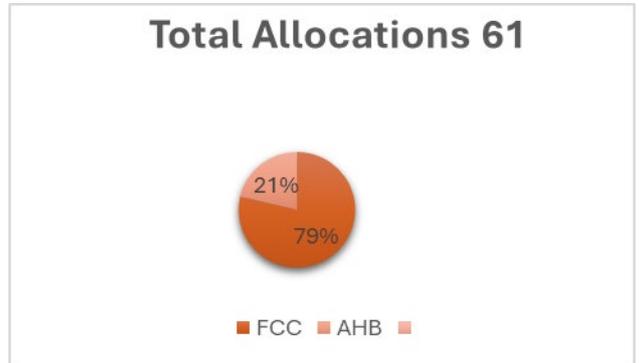
Applications received



Housing Support Appeals

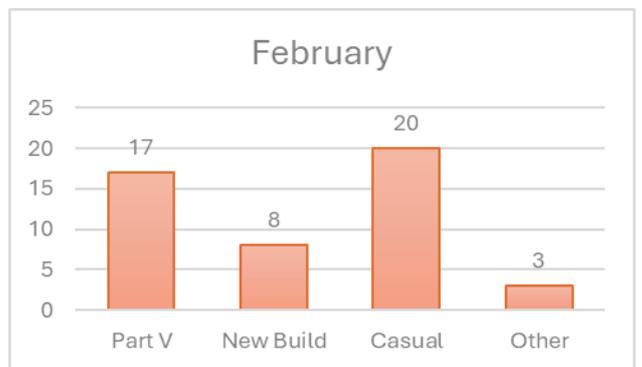
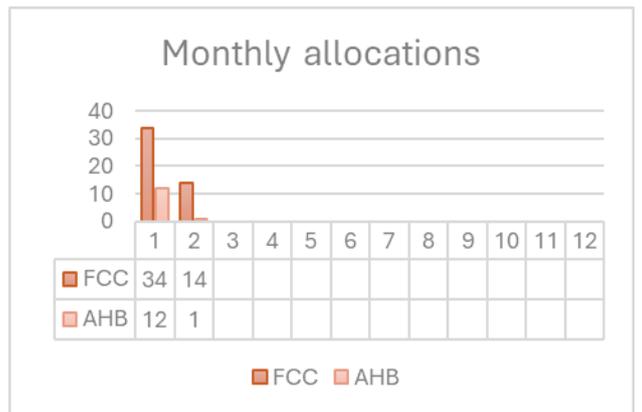
Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

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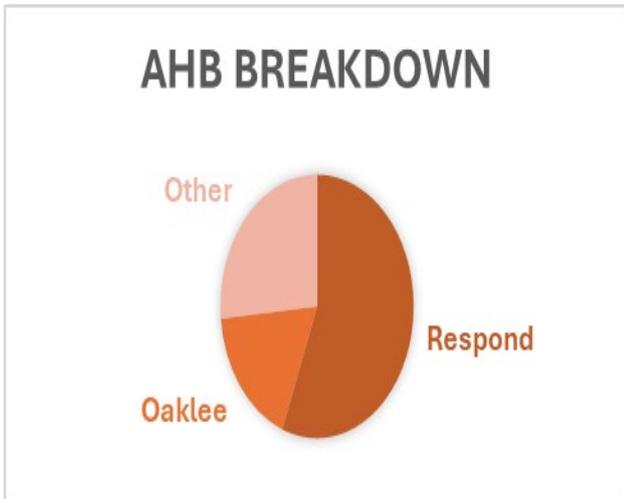


The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2026.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.



13 of the 61 allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing Bodies. The other 48 properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



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

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 February



Internal image of advertised property at Hayestown, Rush, Co Dublin

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
11 th – 17 th February	Fortlawne Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	3	House	1354	184
11 th – 17 th February	Longfield Road, Baldoyle, Dublin 13	1	Apt	1713	336
18 th – 24 th February	Hayestown, Rush, Co Dublin	3	Apt	1541	214
18 th – 24 th February	Kelly's Bay Tide, Skerries, Co Dublin	2	Apt	1310	222
18 th – 24 th February	Balmoston, Donabate, Co Dublin	3	Apt	1554	239
18 th – 24 th February	Balmoston, Donabate, Co Dublin	2	Apt	1623	357
18 th – 24 th February	Hayestown, Rush, Co Dublin	2	Apt	1655	312
18 th – 24 th February	Mayeston Green, Finglas, Dublin 11	2	Apt	1378	241
			Total	12128	2105

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

Homeless Services.

Homeless Exits 2026

During February 2026, 27 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	2	8	0	10
Homeless Prevention	10	7	0	17
Total	12	15	0	27

There was a total of 17 homeless prevention cases and 10 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

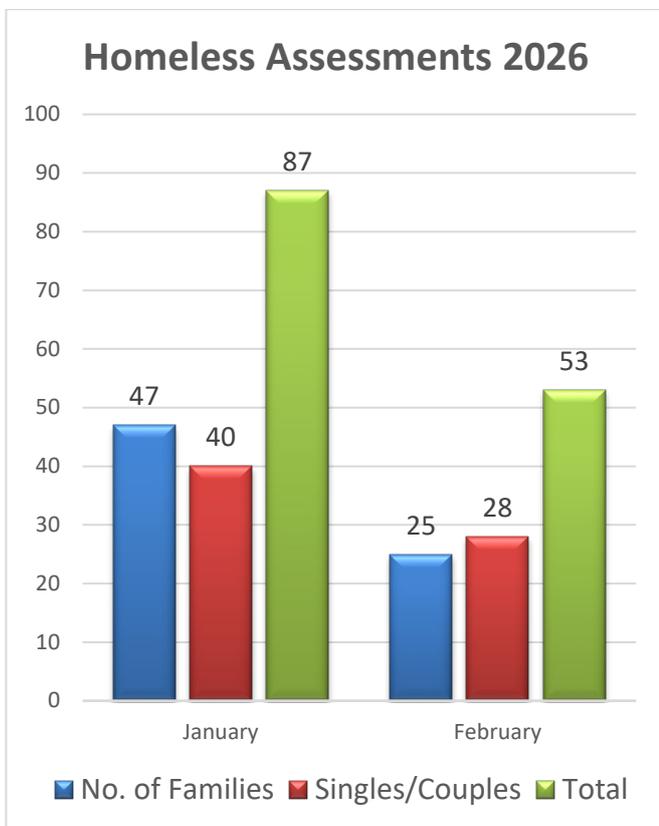
7 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases and 8 exited emergency accommodation.

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

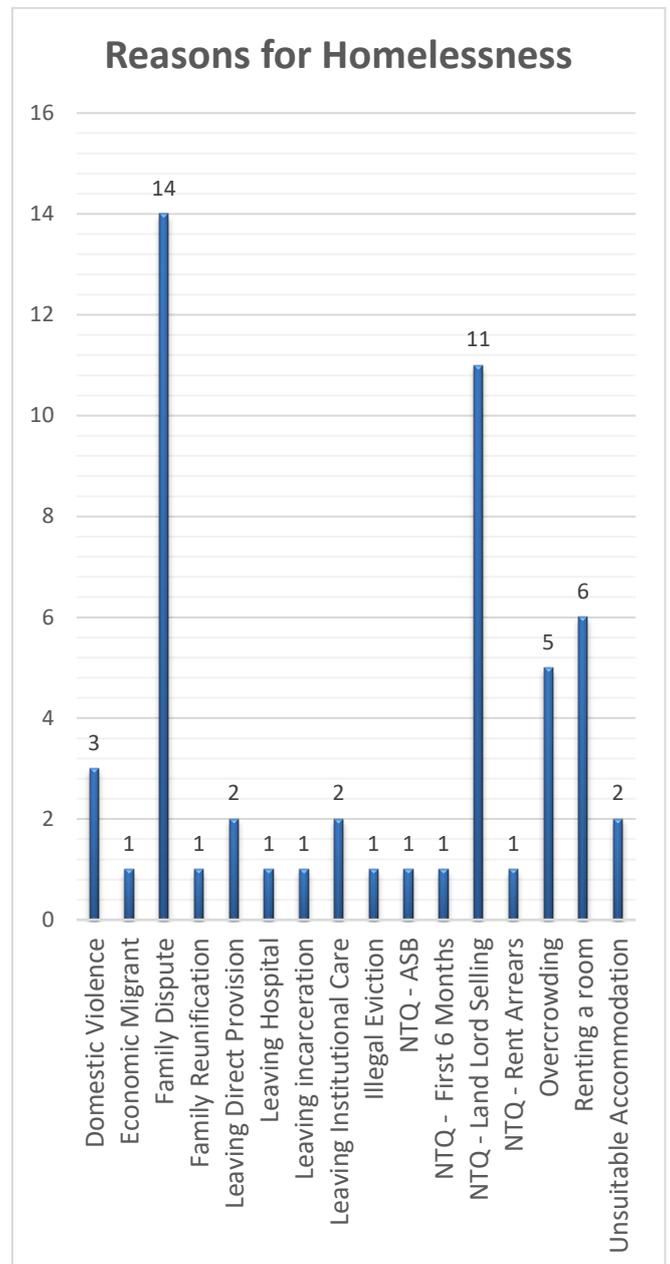
Homeless Assessments

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

In February 2026, there were an approx. 53 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 25 families and 28 singles/couples.



During February 2026, of the 53 Homeless Assessments carried out, 26% of cases resulted from Notice to Termination (NOT) having been served, 26% cases resulted from family/relationship breakdown and 9% were from Overcrowding. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from Renting a room (11%) and were from leaving direct provision (4%). The remaining 23% comprise various reasons outlined in the next chart.



Emergency Accommodation (including Fingal County Council Family Hubs)

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

Rough Sleepers

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

A weekly Rough Sleepers Coordination Group monitors the reports of rough sleepers. The reports come from various outlets, including the DRHE Outreach Team, Elected Representatives, the FCC Operations Department, and the public.

There have been 22 reported rough sleeping cases by February 2026. 3 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation and we continue to work with 5 others vacating the sites to move elsewhere. There are 12 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (2 females, and 10 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.

The teams are very familiar with the locations of people sleeping rough across the Dublin Region and persistently work with individuals to support them into emergency accommodation. This process can take time and multiple contacts, as some people do not want to engage but the teams persevere with every person working to achieve a successful outcome.

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

National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan

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

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

Currently 22 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, 1 is currently under offer and a second has been placed in a Fingal Family Hub.

A second sub-group has been created between Fingal County Council and an Interim Disability Case Manager. The HSE have identified 5 new clients, all of whom have Medical Priority and are currently being reviewed for long term allocations.

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

Homeless Action Plan 2025- 2027

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

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

Fingal County Council is aware that households in the Fingal area who may have received a notice to quit, which is also referred to as a notice of termination, from their landlord may be worried or unsure of what to do. Fingal County Council and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) would like to advise anyone affected of the services that are available to them in these circumstances.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The key contact details are:

Fingal County Council Housing Department

Monday to Thursday, 9 am to 5.00 pm,

Friday 9 am to 4.30 pm:

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

Email: NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie

Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:

Freephone: 1800 707 707

Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Council remains committed to fulfilling its responsibilities under the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025–2029 by providing sustainable, culturally appropriate Traveller-specific accommodation and supports. Council officials continue to actively engage with the Traveller Community, Traveller advocacy groups, and relevant support services, including welfare, child protection, and mental health 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 took place on Tuesday 17th February 2026 in the Blanchardstown Offices. The next scheduled meeting is planned to take place on 18th May 2026.

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 preferential Caravan Loan Scheme is intended to support the provision of Traveller-specific accommodation through local authorities to provide preferential loans to Travellers to purchase their own caravan/mobile home/trailer on halting sites for use as their primary residence.

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

Fingal County Council's allocation under the scheme for 2026 is €240,000.



Delivery of unit to St Philomena's Park

Annual Traveller Census

The Annual Traveller Census has been successfully completed, encompassing all Group Housing and Halting Sites.

The total number of families in the County has increased to 617.

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 Barnlodge

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 2nd December in Dublin 15. A further session for the D15 area took place on 17th February 2026 and was also well attended.

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.

Electricity Supply

It has been reported electricity supplies have altered or tampered with causing interruption to power supply and other service issues at a number of sites.

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.

Housing Response Maintenance

2026	
Maintenance Requests Received	2,442
Tenancy Alerts Issued	9
Interviews Scheduled	14
Unauthorised Works Recorded	3
Permission For Work Requests	25

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. Preparation for the 2026 Works Programme is underway with servicing scheduled to start in the coming weeks.

Anti-Social Behaviour / Inspectorate Unit

The Council conducts impartial and thorough investigations into 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.

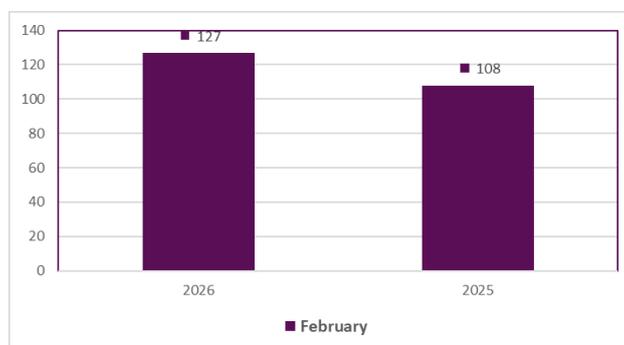
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints Feb 2026	Total	Active	Monitoring	Close d
Balbriggan	37	24	1	12
Rush / Lusk	13	9	4	0
Swords	19	8	7	4
Howth/ Malahide	14	9	5	0
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	28	12	3	13
Ongar	8	2	1	5
Castleknock	8	0	6	2
Total	127	64	27	36

Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2026 to date	31
Interviews Held 2025	91
Tenancy Alerts 2026 to date	16
Tenancy Alerts 2025	32
Tenancy Warnings 2026 to date	0
Tenancy Warnings 2025	10

Comparison of Complaints received February 2026 vs February 2025



Tenancy Management Section

Tenancy Management is responsible for safeguarding the proper use of Council housing stock by investigating suspected tenancy fraud, misuse of properties, and breaches of tenancy agreements.

This includes addressing issues such as illegal subletting, unauthorised occupation, and the abandonment of dwellings.

Surrenders/Abandonments on Estate Management Grounds

January

- 5 tenancy surrenders were received.
- 1 abandonment notice was served.
- 2 tenancies were terminated due to abandonment of the property.

February

- 1 property was surrendered.

Inspectorate 2026

The Council's Housing Inspectorate, including two dedicated Traveller-specific Inspectors. The Housing Inspector role is a key frontline operational function that delivers a wide range of inspectorate services to Council tenants, the wider community, and multiple sections within the Housing Department, including:

- Estate Management
- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
- HAP
- Rents
- Homeless Services
- Allocations
- Lettings
- Long-Term Leasing/RAS
- Vacant Dwellings
- Traveller Specific Accommodation
- Voids Management

Housing Inspectors Report	
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2025	1682
Housing Inspections 2025	10447
2026	
Traveller Specific Site Inspections to date	328
Housing Inspections	
January	682
February	1091
March	
April	
May	
June	
July /Aug	
September	
October	
November	
December	
Total Inspections	

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Seatown Road Swords:

John Cradock Ltd. have commenced works on site. Works have commenced on Phase 1, from the R132 heading eastwards. An alternative pedestrian route has been established on the south side of Seatown Road to facilitate the current ducting and drainage works. Two-way traffic is being maintained during peak traffic.

Junction of the R132 and Flemington Lane Balbriggan:

The contractor has commenced works associated with signalling the junction. On completion of these works, the resurfacing work on the junction will commence. It is programmed to have substantial completion on the works by end of Q1 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 Q2 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.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

The preliminary design phase is ongoing. A non-statutory public consultation is being prepared and will take place in Q2 2026.

New Street, Malahide

With the February 9th 2026 deadline for the Construction Tender Suitability Assessment Questionnaire now passed, the design team has begun reviewing the submissions received from contractors and are currently in the process of shortlisting candidates for progression to Stage 2 of the tender process.

Feltrim Road Active Travel Project

Work on various aspects of the preliminary design are ongoing and progressing well. The consultant has received the road safety audit on the preferred option. The latest drawings are being updated to reflect the outcome of the road safety audit report.

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. Trail pits were excavated recently as part of site investigation works. Consultation with the local stakeholders will be facilitated in advance of the construction phases in 2026. It is anticipated to be on site with phase 1 works to the Red Island Loop and carpark areas by the end of Q2 2026.

Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road:

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



Donabate Permeability - Phase 1

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

Seapark Hill Active Travel Project

The final elements of the detailed design is nearing completion. As part of the closing stages of the detailed design phase, the environmental and appropriate assessment screening report is currently being updated.

Road Safety:

Safe Routes to School Round 2

The detailed design documentation is currently undergoing a final review. Once complete the Construction Tender will be issued via the SupplyGov.ie.

Safe Routes to School Round 3

The SRTS Round 3 schools' outline delivery plan has been received from An Taisce. Work is currently progressing on the design tender documentation. Once this documentation has been completed and approved, the Construction Design Tender will be issued.

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

Balance Bike Buddies

Our Balance Bike Buddies Courses are back in action now for 2026 on the Learn 2 Cycle Tracks in Millennium Park and Holywell Park



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](#)

Sofa to Saddle

Our Sofa to Saddle Courses kicked off during the last week of February in Newbridge House and Millennium Park.

The Newbridge Course takes place on Tuesdays at 10am and the Millennium Park Course is on Thursdays at 10:30am.

There are a small number of places available on the Millennium Park Course



Kinto - Battle of The Buildings

As part of the Marchaton Steps campaign we will be holding a competition on the Kinto Join Sustainable Transport App between County Hall and Civic Offices.

The Community who logs the most sustainable journeys over the Month of March will win a celebratory lunch in their office.

While the focus of Marchaton is a step challenge, the Battle of Buildings challenge will reward all sustainable transport journeys made throughout the month.



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. March Walk Dates

- **Tues 3rd, 10th and 24th March**

Bike Week Funding 2026

We are delighted to have received €16,522 in Funding from the NTA to support our programme of Events for Bike Week 2026 which takes place from Saturday 9th – Sunday 17th May 2026.

Keep an eye on www.fingal.ie/bikeweek for our full list of events and activities

Skerries Community Car

In February 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@localinklmf.ie

Month	Trip Numbers
January	169
February	126

EVPZ

The EVPZ vehicles completed 37 journeys in Feb 2026, 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
February	37	Data not available

Bike Share Schemes

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



Bike Share Monthly Stats 2026

Month	Moby	Bleeper	Total
Jan 26	497	494	991

It is worth noting that usage levels in January were significantly lower due to the extremely heavy rain and volume of weather warnings across the month.

Quiet Streets 2026

Applications will open in March 2026. Councillors will be briefed in advance. Communications and application materials are currently being finalised.

CLIMATE ACTION

Dublin Climate Action Week 2026

Dublin Climate Action Week 2026 was announced. It will take place from 11th May 2026.



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.

E2CUTIES



Work is progressing on the project deliverables for this project: Local Pilot Plan will be prepared in March.

Home Energy Saving Kits

Feedback is now requested from HESK users (survey included on the inside of the kits available in Swords and Blanchardstown).



Library Resources

The Climate Action Team review Climate Action resources avail in all libraries in Fingal and make monthly book recommendations through the Environment and Climate Action Newsletter.



Our Balbriggan- Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar

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

Community Climate Action Fingal Grant

Phase 1 Community Climate Action Fingal is now complete and was delivered ahead of schedule. Over 150 projects were delivered by community groups and organisations across Fingal. Projects were delivered across all 5 Themes and included projects such as solar PV, bike repair stations, biodiversity projects, sewing machines for fashion upcycling and recycling bins. Amongst many others. A total of €1,111,709.54 was spent on community projects over an 18-month period.



Pictured: Kids from Kinsealy EFC in Kettles Park with their reusable water bottles.

The closing date for applications for Phase 2 of the CCAP was 22nd December 2025. A total of 76 applications were received from a variety of community groups/organisations across Fingal. The evaluation process has concluded and recommendations for funding approval have been submitted to DCEE. Successful applicants will be notified in April.

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Awareness:

Green Schools Programme

The Green-Schools programme is an environmental management and education program for schools operating through seven sequential themes starting with the mandatory theme of Litter & Waste. Subsequent themes include Energy, Water, Travel, Biodiversity, Global Citizenship and Marine Environment. Each programme takes 2 years to complete and following completion of the required actions, a green flag is awarded to each successful school under their relevant theme.

The EAO has carried out 5 green school visits in February and will continue to assist and advise participating schools.

Anti-Litter, Anti-Graffiti 2026

The Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Grant is administered annually by Fingal County Council. Each year, community groups across Fingal undertake a variety of initiatives funded through the scheme, contributing to enhanced public spaces and increased community engagement. Activities can include litter clean ups, painting of estate walls, painting murals, introducing areas for biodiversity in places prone to litter and dumping, and awareness campaigns for litter and cigarette butt disposal. The fund is part-sponsored by the Department of Climate, Energy & Environment.

The 2026 ALAG is now open for applications with a closing date of Friday, 17th April 2026.

Applications can be downloaded from our website <https://www.fingal.ie/anti-litter-anti-graffiti-grant-2026>

Litter Management

In February the Litter Wardens continued investigating large amounts of littering and dumping throughout the county. 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.
- They Investigate reports of abandoned cars

Litter Fines & Warning Notices 2026

Month	No of Fines issued	No of Warning Notices issued
January	35	15
February	43	6

There were 6 cases before the district court in February 2026.

Litter Management Requests for February 2026

Type of Requests:	Number
Abandoned Car Sticker	1
Dog Fouling signage request	6
Black spot inspection	605
Bring Bank inspections	403
General Litter issue	2
Muck on road	3
Report of dumping 1-20 bags	35
Report of dumping from a car	2
Unauthorised Signage	3
Report of litter issue	24
Total cases	1,084

The Litter Management Section have commenced 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 Litter Management section is working on producing several posters such as the poster below to increase litter awareness. The posters will be advertised through the Councils Social Media Platforms, at Bus Shelters, in Libraries, Community Centres, schools and any other viable sources. A leaflet outlining the responsibilities of businesses in relation to litter management is currently being designed, we hope to have this ready for distribution in the coming weeks.



Abandoned Vehicles

A total of 58 reports of abandoned cars were received from 1st January to 25th February 2026. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

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

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

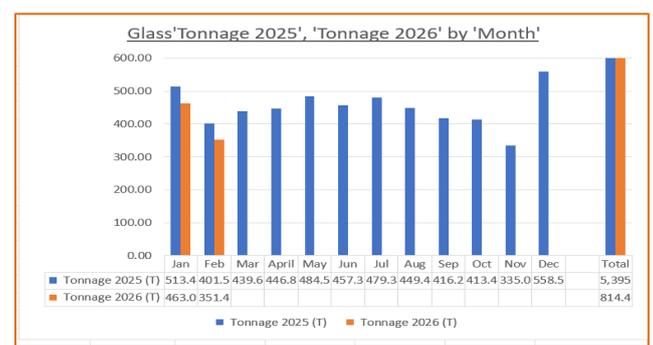
Further information on Abandoned Vehicles can be found on the Fingal County Council website:

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

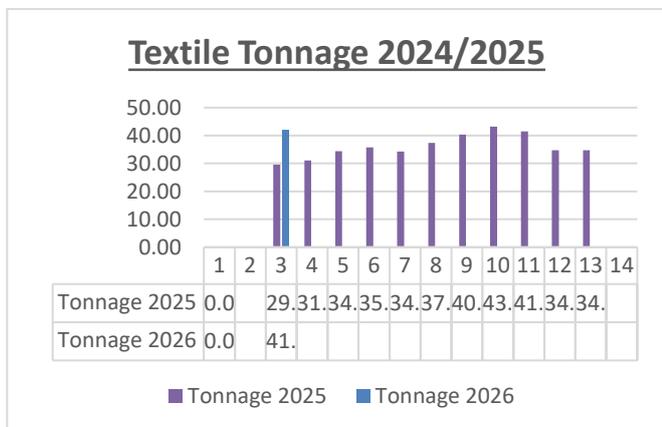
	Abandoned Vehicles Lifted		Burnt out Vehicles Lifted	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
January	0	0	0	0
February	2	0	0	1
March		2		2
April		3		0
May		2		0
June		0		1
July		0		0
August		0		0
September		3		0
October		5		0
November		2		0
December		6		0
	2	23		4

Bring Banks & Bottle Banks

Glass volumes collected to date in February 2026 are **351 (T)**. This compares with a collection figure of 402 (T) for all of February 2025.



Textiles Banks



Textiles collected in **January 2026** were **42 (T)**. This compares with a collection figure of 30 (T) in January 2025.

Animal Welfare

Dog Warden Service

The dog wardens continue to carry out enforcement in relation to breaches of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, Control of Dog Regulations 1998, Parks and Open Spaces byelaws and Beach and Foreshore byelaws. They also educate dog owners on the responsibilities of keeping a dog and remind owners to pick up after their pets when in public places. Dog owners should ensure that they hold a valid licence for their dog and if issued with a 10-day notice by the dog wardens, should present their licence to controlofdogs@fingal.ie within the 10 days provided on the notice. Failure to do so may result in a fine being issued for failing to produce a dog licence when requested to do so by a dog warden and keeping a dog without a valid licence.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
January	50	10	8	3	€1,750	€550
February	76	82	19	5	€2,650	€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
TOTAL	126	1268	27	257	€4,400	€29,949.50

The Control of Dogs Section received 24 complaints relating to dogs from 1st of Feb 2026 to the 25th of Feb 2026.

Service	No. of complaints per service from 1 st of Feb 2026 to the 25 th of Feb 2026
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	4
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	2
Env - Dog on Person Attack	7
Env - Dog warden assistance, garda request	0
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	2
Env - Surrendered Dog	0
Dog Warden Incident	1
Env- Stray Dog	8
Grand Total	24

There were 6 cases before the district court in February 2026.

Dog Licences

Month	Annual Licences Purchased		Lifetime Licences Purchased		Income from Licences	
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
January	853	952	49	66	€23,920	€28,280
February	670	846	37	56	€18,580	€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
Total for year	1523	9602	86	646	€42,500	€282,480

Dog Shelter Service

Dublin County Dog Shelter holds stray dogs which are 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. 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 February 2025	11	Dogs in Shelter at start of February 2026	11
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	10	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	4
Surrendered by owners	3	Surrendered by owners	0
Reclaimed	0	Reclaimed	0
Rehomed to Rescue	3	Rehomed to Rescue	5
Rehomed to Public	3	Rehomed to Public	1
PTS	2	PTS	0
Dogs in Shelter at the end of January 2025	16	Dogs in shelter at 22nd of January 2026	9

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. There are 12 hay feeders being filled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill.

Waste Enforcement & Regulation

Waste Complaints

In February, 29 complaints were received, 24 were investigated and 25 fully closed including cases from previous months. These related to Fly tipping, unauthorised C&D sites, unauthorised waste activities, household waste storage/burning, and waste presentation bye-laws.



The table below shows the breakdown of the types of complaints investigated.

Types of Complaints	Feb-26
Fly/ Tipping/Illegal Dumping	3
Unauthorised C&D sites	2
Unauthorised Waste Activities	1
HH Waste - Backyard Storage/Burning	12
Waste Presentation Bye-Laws	5
Non-routine inspections	1
Total	24

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



The table below shows the number of complaints received to date in 2026 compared to previous years.

Year	Feb
2019	38
2020	48
2021	35
2022	35
2023	37
2024	43
2025	60
2026	54

Construction & Demolition Waste

Planning Applications and Resource Waste Management Plans (RWMP)

One of the National Waste Enforcement Priorities for 2025-2027 is Construction & Demolition (C&D) Waste. The waste enforcement section carries out a variety of inspections in this area, including reviewing planning applications referred to the Waste Enforcement & Regulation Section by the Planning Department in relation to Resource Waste Management Plans (RWMP) that are required for developments over a certain threshold. To date in 2026, the Waste Enforcement & Regulation Section has made submissions to the Planning Department in respect of 7 applications where RWMP's were requested (out of 20 referrals received).



A total of 10 reviews of RWMP's, submitted in compliance to conditions set out in planning permissions, were also undertaken, in conjunction with 5 site inspections at construction sites to ensure that C&D wastes were being managed appropriately.



By-Product Notifications

Soil and Stones from excavations at construction sites are one of the major waste streams generated by construction, and are often managed as a By-Product, as opposed to waste material, whereby they can be re-used at other sites, as long as a number of criteria are fulfilled:

- the material was produced as an integral part of the production process
- further use of the material is certain
- further use is lawful - planning permission, no adverse impacts
- no additional processing is required.

By-product notifications are registered with the EPA and Local Authorities are alerted. The Waste Enforcement & Regulation Section then has a role to play in reviewing these notifications, through desktop assessments and on-site inspections to ensure the By-Product criteria are complied with and no environmental pollution is generated. A total of 21 notifications of by-product soil and stone were made in February - 13 were desktop verified and 5 site inspections were carried out.



Waste Recovery Levy

Inspections under the National C & D Waste Priority also include the collation of waste recovery levy returns, collection of any levies paid, subsequent payment of funds received to the Circular Economy Fund and the auditing of returns made by operators. The objective of the Landfill Levy and Waste Recovery Levy is to encourage higher value waste management practices by moving material management up the waste hierarchy from waste recovery to more recycling and re-use practices, encouraging greater efforts to segregate waste at source. The Q3 and Q4 returns were received in late October 2025 and late January 2026 respectively – and are currently being reviewed to ensure levies due were declared and paid. No waste recovery levies were paid in Q3, 2025 and a total of €340 was paid in respect of Q4, 2025.

AR Validations

Waste collection permit holders collecting C&D waste are also subject to audits and inspections of their annual returns, along with facilities in Fingal operating under Waste Facility Permit/ Certificate of Registration accepting C&D waste. Inspections of these has not yet started - initial inspections will focus on Annual Return Validations, starting in Q2 2026.

End of Waste

The Production of recycled aggregates reaching End of Waste status is also subject to inspections under the C&D Waste National Enforcement Priority – although there are currently no notifications in Fingal falling under the remit of Fingal County Council (recycled aggregates produced at EPA licensed facilities are inspected by the EPA).



WERLA - C & D Waste Seminar

Officers from the Waste Enforcement & Regulation Section attended a seminar in February 2026, organised by the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLA) to share experiences and provide guidance on Construction & Demolition (C & D) materials to Local Authorities. The key topics discussed were:

- The Circular Economy including a discussion on National Decisions in terms of recycled aggregates and soil and stone and the implementation approach.
- Local authority experiences in Best Practice in terms of Construction and Demolition Waste Enforcement Action.
- Update from the National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) on a pilot system for a Centralised Database for Data Returns for the Recovery Levy.
- Case studies and shared experiences from other local authorities regarding Article 27 Notifications.
- Resource Waste Management Plans and achieving key deliverables for C & D waste, keeping circularity at the core of the plan.
- Guidance from WERLA to assist local authorities in fulfilling statutory waste enforcement obligations with a focus on risk-based inspections on C & D sites.
- Article 28 - National end-of-waste criteria for recycled aggregates which enable materials to stop being classified as waste if they meet specific criteria.
- The application of the Landfill Levy at unauthorised sites.

Further info on By-Products and End of Waste criteria C & D waste is available at:

<https://www.epa.ie/our-services/licensing/waste/>

Air Quality & Noise Pollution

Complaints

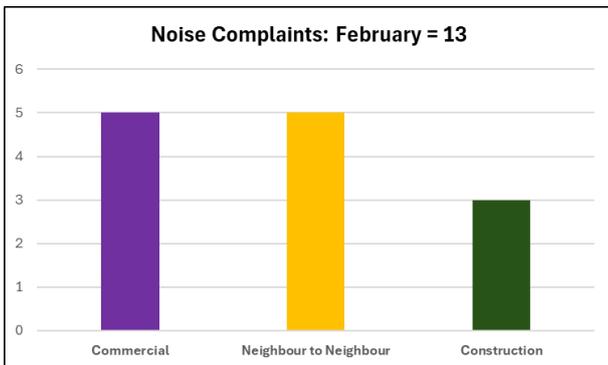
2025 saw a total of **373 complaints** managed by the Air and Noise team, slightly exceeding a projected 370 complaints. 2025 complaints can be categorised as follows.

Air = 122

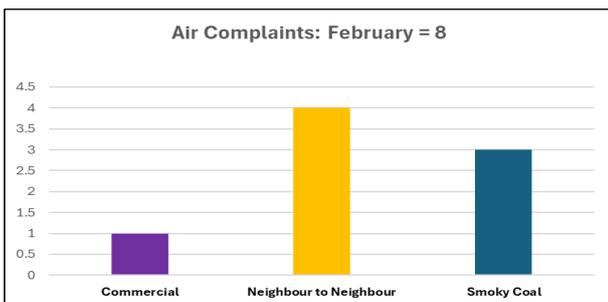
- *Commercial* = 107
- *Neighbour to neighbour* = 69
- *Construction* = 63
- *Drone Noise* = 41
- *Other/Miscellaneous* = 93

Noise = 251

A total of **13 noise complaints** were received and investigated during February. Complaints were received regarding neighbour-to-neighbour noise, construction site noise, and noise associated with commercial activities.



A total of **8 air complaints** were received and investigated during February and these included complaints regarding neighbour-to-neighbour, air pollution issues and complaints about emissions from commercial and industrial units.



Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones)

Staff from the Planning and Environment Departments recently met with members of the D15 Drone Action Group to listen to concerns around drone activity in the Dublin 15 area and potential impacts on sensitive receptors. A number of issues including increased drone activity, noise, privacy and safety were discussed in conjunction with the role of different authorities and groups.

It was noted that the National Working Group on UAS Geographical Zones, led by the Irish Aviation Authority, is currently being established to develop transparent processes and procedures for the designation of UAS Geographical Zones to ensure all stakeholders views are considered.



A National U-Space Steering Group is also being established to identify, develop, and effectively implement U-Space (automated traffic management system) capabilities and technologies in the State. The Steering Group will be led by the Department of Transport, in close collaboration with the Irish Aviation Authority, and comprise relevant industry, local authorities and research stakeholders. The Steering Group will develop a National Plan for the Implementation of U-Space.



An Roinn Iompair Department of Transport

The Irish Aviation Authority has committed to supporting local authorities and planners through training initiatives to acquire the necessary aviation knowledge, allowing them to integrate UAS technologies and services into their policies to the benefit of their communities and we await further information in relation to this from the IAA.

A copy of the UAS National Policy Framework document is available here:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-transport/publications/national-policy-framework-for-unmanned-aircraft-systems/>

Air & Noise Planning Files

The Air and Noise Section have reviewed **9 Planning Applications** referred by the Planning Department during February. Applications are assessed against the latest Strategic Noise Maps for Fingal to ensure that any proposed developments, and particularly residential developments, will not be adversely affected by road, rail, industrial or aircraft noise.



A total of **7 Planning Compliance Submissions** has been reviewed for compliance with air and noise related planning conditions for February. These submissions typically outline the mitigation measures that will be used to minimise the dust and noise impacts during the construction phase of a development.



Solid Fuel Regulations – Retailer Inspections

The team is continuing solid fuel inspections in Q1 2026. Five inspections have been carried out on solid fuel retailers to date, 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. The team is compiling inspection data relating to non-compliances with the intention to raise the issues with solid fuel producers responsible.



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 is underway. With the limited number of relevant businesses in the county, the team is reviewing the scope of inspections. As well as confirming the need for registration compliance amongst those certified may be undertaken.

Deco Paints Regulations (Vehicle Refinisher) Inspections

As of February 2026, there are 20 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 and inspect any new refinishing businesses that may emerge. The team is currently reviewing our outstanding list to determine whether the Regulations apply to additional premises and planning for 2026 inspections.

SPORTS OFFICE

Area-Based Programmes are back

The indoor Spring programmes got underway after the Bank Holiday Weekend in February. Fingal on the Move, Active for Life, Parent & Toddler started an 8-week block of enjoyable, accessible, community-based exercise programmes.

With 30 classes taking place throughout the county, the aim of these programmes is to promote physical activity, social connection, and well-being within the community. There is a high demand for places with many classes over-subscribed showing the high quality of the coaching and the need in the community for these activities.



Sports First Aid

Our first General Sports First Aid Course of 2026 took place in the new Baldoyle Racecourse Community Centre. 10 clubs were represented across 19 participants. The workshop covers all common injuries and illnesses that occur in sports such as cardiac arrest, head injuries, concussion, strains, sprains, and other sports related injuries. Recommendations for stocking and purchase of First Aid kits are also included. A follow-up accredited Cardiac First Responder Course will be offered to these participants for training in treating cardiac arrest and similar injuries, with a focus on proper delivery of CPR and Defibrillators.



Couch to Parkrun continues in Fingal

More than 116 enthusiastic aspiring Parkrunners have kicked off the new year by taking part in a six-week "Couch 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.



Special Olympics Ireland Games

More than 100 athletes, families, coaches, volunteers, and community representatives came together on 10 February at the Carnegie Court Hotel to celebrate and wish well the Fingal athletes who will compete in the Special Olympics Ireland Games this June.

The event celebrated over 50 athletes, coaches, and chaperones from 13 Special Olympics clubs across Fingal, who will represent the region across 10 sports at this year's Games—the first national Special Olympics event since 2018 following the Covid-19 interruption.

The evening featured speeches from the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Tom O'Leary, the Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, AnnMarie Farrelly, and the CEO of Special Olympics Ireland, Karen Coventry, each commending the athletes for their commitment, resilience, and spirit.



Physical Literacy in Libraries

Delivered by the Active Cities Dublin Coordinator in collaboration with Fingal Librarians and Sport Ireland Coaching, the introduction of Physical Literacy sections across four regional libraries directly supports the objectives of Fingal County Council as outlined in the Fingal Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024–2029, particularly Commitment 2 to improve opportunities and choices for everyone to be active.

In line with Strategic Action 13, which emphasises embedding physical literacy and evidence-based approaches into programme design, this initiative promotes the development of motivation, confidence, physical competence, and knowledge that enable lifelong participation in physical activity for people of all ages and abilities.

By delivering accessible resources alongside year-round courses, physical activity programmes, workshops and health promotion days within community library settings, the initiative reduces barriers to participation, supports inclusion of priority groups, and contributes to increased engagement, improved health outcomes, and sustainable behaviour change across Fingal



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Rates

Commercial Rates collection to the end of February 2026 is 23.4%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€41.5 m
Rates collected %	23.4%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of December is €89.3m.

Development Levy Income YTD Dec 2025	
Levies Receipted	€89.3 m
Levies Collected as a % of 2024	126%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of February was €14.85m which is c. 98.4% of budget.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€14.854m
Percentage of budget.	98.4%

Procurement

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

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	25	
Value €m	€7.1m	
Procurements ongoing at end of February		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	13	(i)
Value €m	€126m	
Procurements under evaluation		
No. of procurements under evaluation	40	(ii)
Value €m	€51m	
Procurements at approved		
No. of procurements at approved	17	(iii)
Value €m	€37m	

Notes:

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

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

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

Appendix 1
Revenue Account Income and Expenditure at 28/02/2026

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 28 FEBRUARY 2026							
	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	21,811,219	146,350,700	15%	21,206,361	153,470,900	14%	604,857
Road Transport & Safety	6,202,828	38,862,000	16%	1,599,620	10,906,700	15%	4,603,208
Water Services	1,991,433	9,382,300	21%	1,672,117	10,034,000	17%	319,316
Development Management	3,919,843	27,038,500	14%	1,202,299	10,387,900	12%	2,717,543
Environmental Services	8,775,227	52,919,900	17%	1,517,217	9,825,900	15%	7,258,010
Recreation & Amenity	11,191,562	68,414,200	16%	933,592	6,291,100	15%	10,257,970
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	276,395	1,844,900	15%	44,730	490,200	9%	231,665
Miscellaneous Services	3,417,141	22,106,400	15%	4,830,851	29,603,200	16%	-1,413,710
Central Management Charge	9,547,618	66,434,500	14%	633,919	4,222,000	15%	8,913,699
Local Property Tax / GPG				3,726,026	22,356,100	17%	-3,726,026
Rates				29,294,233	175,765,400	17%	-29,294,233
	67,133,266	433,353,400	15%	66,660,966	433,353,400	15%	472,299

Appendix 1 continued
Capital Account Income and Expenditure at 28/02/2026

CAPITAL ACCOUNT						
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 28/02/2026						
		Balance at 0/01/2026 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €		Balance at 28/02/2026 €
A	Housing & Building	-24,851,032	60,358,954	-36,018,585		-510,663
B	Road Transport & Safety	8,979,870	2,488,319	-251,702		11,216,487
C	Water Services	-11,236,191	534,185	-86,557		-10,788,563
D	Development Management	-205,146,395	1,644,048	-17,025,069		-220,527,416
E	Environmental Services	-13,144,454	1,206,861	-141,667		-12,079,260
F	Recreation & Amenity	-527,872	2,413,627	-1,929,533		-43,778
H	Miscellaneous Services	-43,928,394	485,074	-2,284,262		-45,727,582
	Total	-289,854,468	69,131,069	-57,737,375		-278,460,774

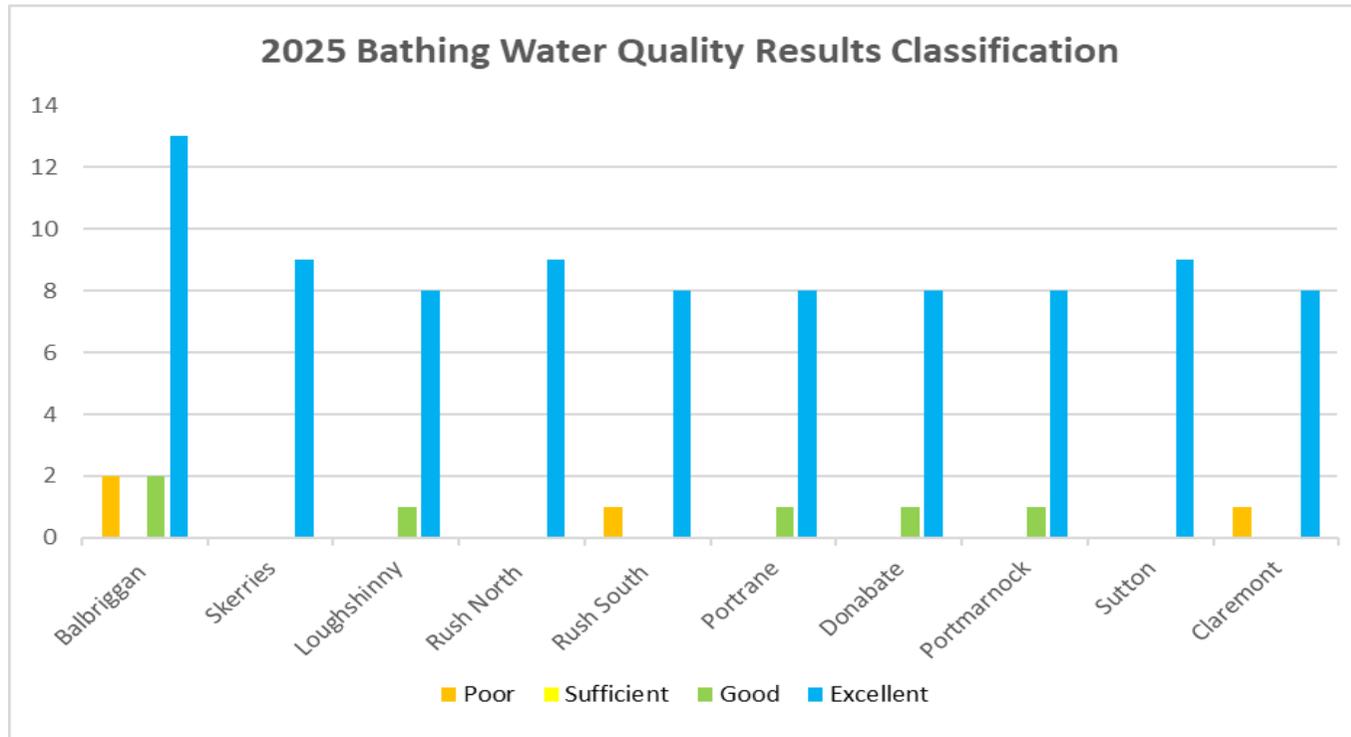
Appendix 2
Number of Contracts Awarded to the end of February 2026

Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Legal Address	Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Contract Duration (months)	Contract Award Date
The provision of Public Lighting Maintenance and New Works Services to Fingal County Council	AI Read Electrical Co. Ltd	1 Lorcan Grove, Santry Dublin 9	€650,000	01/03/2026	31/07/2026	7	25/02/2026
Road Reinstatement post Stormwater Pipeline works - Church Street, Howth, Co Dublin	DM Morris Limited	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray, Co Wicklow	€57,675	23/02/2026	13/03/2026	1	12/02/2026
Legal Advise and Representation regarding Leasing Services	Beauchamps LLP	Riverside Two, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2	€320,000	06/02/2026	05/02/2028	24	06/02/2026
Waste Management Services for Depots (Interim Arrangement to 31/01/2026)	Bord Na Mona	Main Street, Newbridge, Co Kildare	€142,297	01/12/2025	28/02/2026	3	17/11/2026
Sportsturf Consultancy Services for Bremore Recreational Sports Hub, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Alan Lewis Ltd	1A Crowmeole Lane, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, UK	€38,610	18/02/2026	18/08/2028	18	15/01/2026
Screening & Assessment Services for Affordable Housing applications for Fingal County Council	Interform Ltd	6 York Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin	€42,000	05/01/2026	30/06/2026	6	05/01/2026
Purchase of up to 12 No.3.5 ton electric tippers for Park Rangers	Harris Commercial Vehicles Ltd	Naas Road, Dublin 12	€489,540	01/02/2026	31/01/2027	12	01/02/2026
Establish a Multi-Party Framework for the Provision of services for building surveying and inspection services on behalf of Housing Department to cover up to 1,000 properties	ABL Surveyors Ltd	26/27 Pembroke Street Lower, Dublin 2	€526,000	09/02/2026	08/02/2028	24	09/02/2026
Supply, Delivery, Commissioning & Maintenance of Emergency Generators for Fingal County Council	Shanahan Power Ltd	Camas, Newcastle West, Limerick	€85,752	18/02/2026	31/12/2029	47	18/02/2026

Renewal of a number of Digital Services products	NEC Software Solutions UK Ltd	1st Floor IMEX Centre, 579-599 Maxted Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 7DX	€26,775	20/05/2026	19/05/2027	12	13/02/2026
Installation of New Traffic Signals 2026 for Fingal County Council	Traffic Solutions Ltd	Unit 5, Block K , Maynooth Business park, Maynooth, Co Kildare	€742,191	02/03/2026	18/12/2026	10	13/02/2026
Renewal of FCC's Citrix Licensing and Support for 2026	Arkphire Security Ltd	41 O'Casey Avenue, Park West Industrial Park, Dublin 12, D12 X767	€39,800	31/12/2025	31/12/2026	12	02/02/2026
Sportspitch Renovation and Associated Infrastructure Works at Skerries, Co. Dublin	Tony Patterson Sportsgrounds Ltd	Unit 9a Plato Business Park, Damastown Road, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15	€1,290,154	16/03/2026	16/03/2028	24	10/02/2026
Construction of a Sample area for the proposed paving design for the New Street Public Realm Improvement Project in Malahide	Maylim Ltd	103/104 O'Connell St Limerick	€29,306	14/01/2026	13/11/2026	10	07/01/2026
Delivery of Business Skills and Personal Development Training course for Grade 3 & 4 officers	Mark Donovan and Associates	11 Kempton Green, Navan Road, Dublin 7	€33,500	19/01/2026	31/12/2026	12	09/01/2026
Support and maintenance for Fingal County Council's Teams Telephony	Viatel Technology Ltd	Block 2 International Science Centre, National Technology Park, Limerick	€32,350	05/02/2026	31/12/2026	12	01/01/2026
2026 Programme for the Development and Implementation of the Fingal Tourism Strategy 2025-2029 and the Fingal Food & Drink Policy 2025-2029	Brouder Marketing	5A Humbert Street, Tubbercurry , Co Sligo	€619,106	01/01/2026	31/12/2026	12	01/01/2026

Professional Service of OHMS, BI and Logix	Nathean Technologies Ltd	Unit 9a Plato Business Park, Damastown Road, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15	€143,100	03/02/2026	31/12/2026	12	01/01/2026
Support and Maintenance for Fingal County Council's wireless network for 2026	Exigent	Eastgate Business Park, Little Island, Co Cork	€33,300	20/01/2026	31/12/2026	12	01/01/2026
Trad Fest Winter Music & Culture Festival 2026	TASCQ CLG (t/a The Temple Bar Company)	Second Floor, 1-5 Crampton Court, Temple Bar, Dublin 2	€120,000	01/01/2026	31/12/2026	12	22/01/2026
Manager/Site Operator for daily operations and the facilitation of planned events at Swords Castle and The Carnegie Building	Invictus Event Mngement 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 Rd , 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	Occu Living Ltd	6th Floor Embassy House, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	€880,000	12/01/2026	31/12/2030	48	12/01/2026

Appendix 3 2025 Bathing Water Quality Results in Status Form



Appendix 3 2025 Bathing Water Quality Results

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

Appendix 4
Summary of Environmental Complaints and Inspections

		2023	2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	2025
Complaints investigated	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
	TOTAL COMPLAINTS	1,273	2,562	358	465	483	347	1,653
Inspections	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
	TOTAL INSPECTIONS	6,236	9,451	2,987	4,101	6657	5,910	19,655

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 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	87 Social: 2 x 4-Bed 25 x 3-Bed 28 x 2-Bed 32 x 1-Bed 86 Cost Rental 86 Affordable	On-Site.	Q3 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	63 Social: 11 x 4-Bed 6 x 3-Bed 20 x 2-Bed 26 x 1-Bed 112 Affordable	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock / Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	107 Social: 11 x 4-Bed 4 x 3-Bed 56 x 2-Bed 36 x 1-Bed 110 Affordable	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social	Seatown Way, Swords 53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps	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 https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2j9	123 Social: 19 x 4-Bed 31 x 3-Bed 55 x 2-Bed 18 x 1-Bed 151 Affordable	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries 53.580404, -6.122225	14 Social: 11x 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 53.521142, -6.161451	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	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 6°13'06.7"w"="" href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/53°27'38.6" n="">53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	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 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	72 Social: 2 x 4-Bed 21 x 3-Bed 26 x 2-Bed 23 x 1-Bed 73 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 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	6 Social 3 x 2-bed 3 x 1-bed	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Woodside Grove, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	34 social: 9 x 1-bed 20 x 2-bed 5 x 3-bed	Planning granted.	Q3 2026	Q1 2028
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	32 social: 7 x 1-bed 10 x 2-bed 15 x 3-bed	Planning granted.	Q3 2026	Q1 2028
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social – Elderly TBC	Blakestown Cross, Mulhuddart 53.399869, -6.401776 Google Maps	30 social: 16 x 1-Bed 14 x 2-Bed	Consultants to be appointed.	Q3 2026	Q4 2027
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Tucketts Lane 53.385248, -6.066128 Google Maps	8 social: 4 x 1-bed 4 x 2-bed	On-hold	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Fortlawn, Blanchardstown https://maps.app.goo.gl/xuML7oPaySiPZmf46	21 social: 2 x 4-Bed 7 x 3-Bed 6 x 2-Bed 6 x 1-Bed	Planning granted	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)
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide https://maps.app.goo.gl/zfhguqQj7vYYRJB99	4 social: 4 x 2 bed	Pre-planning.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Social	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	74 social:	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Phase 3, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	79 social: 2 x 4-Bed 24 x 3-Bed 27 x 2-Bed 26 x 1-Bed Affordable TBC	Planning consent	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Dublin Road, Swords https://maps.app.goo.gl/j8kZJtRgpNRM Ejks6	12 social 5 x 1-Bed 2 x 2-Bed 2 x 3-Bed	Pre-Planning	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QS BHQHp8	80 Social	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Baile na Móna Phase 2, Swords https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2j9	111 Social Affordable TBC	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

Area Committee	AHB	Funding Stream	Scheme Name	No. of Units	Projected Substantial Completion*
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	The Paddocks, Golf Links Road, Skerries	95 2	Fully Delivered
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	Fully Delivered
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	Hollyfield, Hollystown, Dublin 15	22	Fully Delivered
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	32	Fully Delivered
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Pipers Square, Charlestown, St. Margarets Road, Finglas, D11	211	Fully Delivered
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Pipers Square, Charlestown, St. Margarets Road, Finglas, D11	95	Q3 2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Tyrrelstown Square, Hollywoodrath, Dublin 15	120	Q3 2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Oaklee	CALF	The Lodge, Clonsilla Lodge, Dublin 15	57	2027
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	St. Josephs, Clonsilla Dublin 15	113	2027
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

Development	Status	Affordable Homes
Balleally Rise	Closed	20 Homes Sold
Kilmartin Grove	Closed	36 Homes Sold
North County Homes	Closed	16 Homes Sold
Balmoston (Phase 1)	Closed	86 Homes Sold
Wilkinsons Brook	Closed	57 Homes Sold
Aster Park, Rush	Closed	96 Homes Sold
Church Fields (Phase 1)	Closed	177 Homes Sold
Clonrath Hill	All Sale Agreed	6/6 Homes Sale Agreed
Ballisk Park, Donabate	111 Sale Agreed	111/112 Homes Sale Agreed
Baile na Móna, Swords	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	90/151 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	81/110 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields Cost Rental	Assessments of Applications Ongoing	80 Homes
Balmoston (Phase 2)	Assessments of Applications Ongoing	41/73 Homes Sale Agreed
Folkstown Park, Balbriggan	Application Portal closing 4 th March	19 Homes
Priory Fields, Hacketstown	Application Portal Launch March 2026	36 Homes