



Chief Executive's Management Report

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Food Projects

Work is underway on developing a food brand for Fingal on the Fingal Food Story including a webpage and a social media campaign. July will be food month on all of Fingal Tourism's social media platforms where we will be promoting producers, food heroes, restaurants, and unique food experiences.

Fingal Tourism is also engaging with Fáilte Ireland on the Taste the Island Campaign and is receiving supports in developing a Fingal Food Network.

Dublin Bay Prawn Festival 2019

From a Tourism Development point of view the main objective for the event was to attract more Irish visitors with potential repeat visitors. The number of Irish visitors increased from 12% to 39%, the number travelling from North Dublin increased from 15% to 38%. 90% of visitors heard about the event through social media and the rating overall was 91% : good or very good.

Skerries Midsummer Festival

The Festival was held on 21st – 23rd June. FLAG funding was awarded for the event this year and because of the increased budget the event was more widely promoted and the reach much wider than in previous years. This event is primed to become a significant North County Dublin visitor event.

Tourism Development Groups

Howth Tourism is in post Prawn Festival mode but will refocus on the tourism development plan in September. Malahide continue to focus on Food and Fashion, Skerries Tourism is in post event mode and drawing down FLAG funds, Balbriggan Tourism working on co-operating with the 'Our Balbriggan' Initiative and Rural Villages on the Fingal Food Trail.

Events

Flavours of Fingal County Show 2019



Newbridge House and Farm played host to the 2019 Flavours of Fingal County Show which took place on the 29th and 30th June. A collaboration

between Fingal County Council, the Fingal Farmers and Fingal Harriers, the show, which was months in planning which proved to be a spectacular two day event.

Approx. 85,000 were in attendance at the show over the weekend.

Other events supported by Fingal County Council in June included:

- Safer Together Summer Festival, Blanchardstown
- Skerries Annual Rowing Regatta
- Southern Cross Day Festival, Portmarnock
- Vision Cup, Portmarnock
- Skerries Midsummer festival

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Swords Castle



Phase II consolidation works are ongoing with expected completion date mid July 2019.

Consent for the demolition of derelict houses in council ownership in front of Castle has now been granted by the Department.

Malahide Casino



The Exhibition fit out is on-going and is expected to be fully completed by end September.

Negotiation with tendering operators for operation and management of the Casino Model Railway Museum is near completion.

Local Enterprise Office Fingal



Some of the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) highlights from May/June 2019 are as follows:

Funding announced for 53 Fingal businesses
LEO Fingal has announced that in H1 2019, 53 businesses have been approved funding totalling €470,000. In an analysis of the performance of these businesses, it is anticipated that at least 175 new jobs will be created in the next 3 years. In a ceremony to mark the announcement, the approved businesses were presented with a certificate by the Mayor and Chief Executive on 27th June in the Atrium.



LEO Fingal approved €470,000 in grant funding to local building in H1 which will lead to the creation of 175 local jobs.

Summer BBQ for Fingal Enterprising Women
The Fingal Enterprising Women Network Summer BBQ took place in Portmarnock on 13th June, with over 120 female entrepreneurs attending the dynamic networking event that featured guest speaker Lorraine Heskins of Gourmet Food Parlour.



Over 120 female entrepreneurs attended the Annual FEWN Summer BBQ

National Women's Enterprise Day

LEO Fingal is organising this year's Dublin region "NWED" event, to take place in the Crowne Plaza Hotel on 17th October 2019. Up to 300 female entrepreneurs are expected to attend the Fingal event, which will feature a strong line-up of inspirational speakers, panellists, to be hosted by presenter Kathryn Thomas.



Representatives from the LEOs in the Dublin region attended the NWED Launch at Crown Plaza Hotel

Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE)



Fingal Winner will represent Dublin at IBYE National Final: Ciaran Brennan of LiveCosts, D15.

The Fingal final of Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur was held on 2nd May, with three winners emerging to win a share in the €50,000 prize fund: Best Idea winner Graham Brocklebank (Education Technology); Ciaran Brennan (LiveCosts); and Seamus Tighe (Everest Snacks). At the following stage on 12th June, Fingal's LiveCosts emerged as Dublin Regional winner and will go on to compete at the National competition in September in Google HQ.

Start Your Own Business Programme (SYOB)

The tenth Start Your Own Business Course of 2019 commenced on 26th June. This is a ten-week course and all courses to date are fully subscribed with a combined total of 115 participants in attendance.

Business Development Workshops

In May/June, 13 Business Development Workshops were delivered to 125 participants. To date in 2019, 333 people have participated in LEO Fingal Business Development Workshops. The third six-week QQI Cert in Social Media and Digital Marketing training started on 13th May with 12 participants in attendance. A fourth course will start on 1st July.

Preparing for BREXIT

35 businesses attended two training workshops on Customs Export & Import Procedures held on 21st May (Balbriggan) and 24th May (Ballycoolin), designed to help businesses trade with a "Third Country" (Non-EU) in advance of the United Kingdom's exit from the Single Market and Customs Union. One on One Brexit Mentor sessions also continue to support LEO clients in preparedness for Brexit, with 74 clients so far availing of Brexit mentoring.

Business Clinics and Mentoring

Clinics are offered to individuals that wish to start up a new enterprise or expand their existing business. During May/June, 17 clinic days were undertaken, delivering expertise to 120 businesses in Fingal. This brings the cumulative figures for 2019 to date to 56 days clinics and 403 attendees. In addition 51 individual Mentoring assignments have been delivered year to date.

Trading Online Vouchers

The Q2 call for applications for the Trading Online Voucher (grant up to €2,500) yielded the biggest quarterly volume of approvals, with 20 Fingal businesses approved. Funded by DCCA as part of the National Digital Strategy, this scheme supports small businesses to trade online. A pre-application workshop was held in the Riasc Centre, Swords on 17th May with 52 participants. The next seminar for Q3 applications will be held on 6th September.



The Q2 call for applications for the TOV yielded the biggest quarterly volume of approvals, with 20 Fingal businesses approved.

Fingal Student Enterprise Programme 2019

Fingal scooped the overall winner in Junior Category at the National Final of the Student Enterprise programme in Croke Park on 3rd May 2019.



Ava Gilmartin from Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together: First prize in the Junior category.

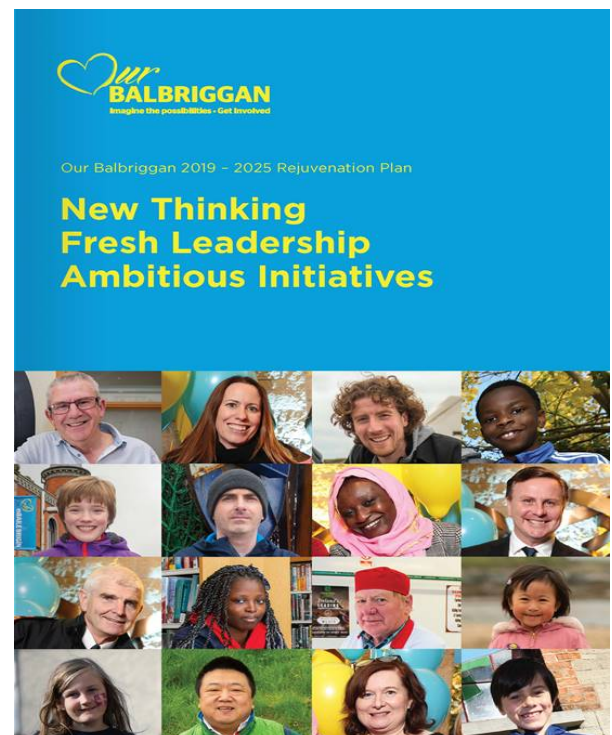
Agile innovation Fund

LEO Fingal hosted a National information event on the Agile (R&D) fund on 20th June at the Carlton Airport Hotel, with Enterprise Ireland. Some 80+ businesses attended. Under this scheme, businesses can apply to LEO Fingal for funding of up to €150,000 towards introducing R&D and innovation into their business.



LEO Fingal hosted a National information event on the Agile (R&D) fund at the Carlton Airport Hotel.

Balbriggan Socio Economic Strategy



The Rejuvenation Plan contains a full set of socio-economic plans and actions, and an accompanying summary document can be downloaded at www.balbriggan.ie

Next steps:

- Leadership Groups
- CE Oversight Group
- Working Groups
- 20 things in 12 months
- Embedding the plan
- Implementation Plans

Local Community Development Committee

The Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) 2019 was launched and publicised during April and May with a closing date of June 14th. Fingal has an initial allocation of €150,000 from the Department of Rural and Community Development to be granted to community groups and associations for capital items in the County. The total value of project applications received is €1.33 million over 132 projects. The evaluation process for received applications will be carried out by the LCDC over the summer period.

Round 2 of the Healthy Ireland Fund came to an end on the 30th June. Round 3 of the Healthy Ireland Fund will run from 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2021 and Fingal LCDC has been allocated €184,000 to implement a programme of work during this 2 year period. This consists of €107,000 in Year 1 and a further €77,000 in Year 2. The Fingal LCDC will be identifying projects that can avail of this funding during July and August.

SICAP

The SICAP mid-year implementation and spending reports for the first 6 months of the year are currently being reviewed by the LCDC and Pobal. Indications are that the programme is performing well and is meeting targets year to date.



LEADER Programme

The Fingal LEADER Programme continues to accelerate the funding of eligible projects in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.



At the most recent Dublin Rural Local Action Group (LAG) Meeting held 26th June, 3 projects were approved for funding with a total value of €200,000. 11 Projects have been approved year to date totalling €295,008, with 8 of these in Fingal and 3 in South Dublin.

Overall, in the LEADER Programme to date, 54 projects have been approved, with 37 of these in Fingal, 3 in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, and 14 in South Dublin.

Total value of overall approved projects to date is € € 1.64 million. The pipeline for new projects to be brought to the LAG in the coming months is strong.

During the month, Fingal County Council continued to deliver the additional financial and administrative oversight responsibilities for the approval and drawdown of LEADER funded projects following the national transfer of the LEADER Article 48 Administrative Checks from Pobal to the Local Authority Sector.

Enterprise Centres

Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres in June 2019 were Drinan 97%, BASE 91% and Beat 88%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 69 businesses and 342 jobs.

drinan **enterprise** centre
FINGAL'S INNOVATION HUB ▶



Town and Village Scheme

The 2019 Town and Village Scheme closed last Friday the 28th of June 2019. Fingal County Council have submitted 10 applications for funding in 2019. The applications are as follows:

- Rush – Undergrounding of utility cables in town centre – €100,000
- Lusk – Undergrounding of utility cables in town centre – €100,000
- Donabate – Undergrounding of utility cables in town centre – €100,000
- Skerries – Undergrounding of utility cables in town centre – €100,000
- Garristown – Floodlit path around GAA pitch and adult outdoor gym, car-parking and access roundabout - €100,000
- Oldtown – local information signage - €20,000

- Balrothery – town park/civic area - €100,000
- Loughshinny – Playground - €100,000
- Naul – improvements to community hall - €100,000
- Ballyboughal – improvements to the entrance to the cemetery - €20,000

The selection of applications was informed by submissions from local community groups as well as conversations with stakeholders. All of these projects will be subject to relevant public procurement and planning if successful. The projects will be implemented by Fingal County Council through the relevant Departments.



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Bleperbike – Fingal bike-sharing scheme, has expanded to include bike hubs at Howth, Malahide, Swords, Castleknock, Ongar and Tyrrellstown



Fingal Surface Dressing Crew in North County Dublin working of the Programme of Works



Hertz initiative, Breme Park Balbriggan in association with Balbriggan Tidy Towns and St Molaga's National School.





Operations are progressing through their 2019 programme of works, Restoration Maintenance, Baldwinstown cross to Adamstown, North Co Dublin



35 Lifeguards have been appointed to patrol the beaches throughout the county.



An Taisce National Spring Clean month took place in April. In addition to this Local Authorities, through their Community Section and Operations Department, supported Dublin Community Clean Up Day on the 27th April by supporting local businesses and community groups with their clean ups. One business who availed of this service was West Pharmaceutical Services in the Dublin Enterprise Zone. The Litter Crew from Coolmine Depot provided assistance to the staff of West Pharmaceutical Services which resulted in a successful clean up of the area and positive feedback to the Council.



The Tree Crew of the Operations Department continue to remove tree stumps in the Dublin 15 area and any necessary re-instatements of grass verges and footpath repairs are also being carried out. To date 360 stumps have been removed.



The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations Department recently carried out a major clean-up of Bay Lane and Cold Winters following a large volume of fly tipping in the areas.



Howth/Malahide Operations Team facilitated the Cricket Ireland International Event on Friday, 3rd June 2019 at the Cricket Grounds in Malahide Demesne. Operations Team ensured the new footpath surrounding the grounds was complete for this event.



Pieta House *“Darkness into Light”* international event was held on Saturday, 11th May from 3.00 am in Malahide Demense. Operations Team supported and assisted this event with over 5,000 participants.



New text service for accessible Car Parking Space launched:

Fingal County Council has introduced an innovative, new text service in Malahide to raise awareness in the county of the importance of respecting accessible car parking spaces.

Operations Department launched the service supported by the Mayor of Fingal, Local Councillors, Malahide Retail Forum and Malahide Chamber of Commerce in attendance at The Green.

Disabled parking bays are provided for members of the public who require them due to restrictive disabilities and should never be misused. A valid disabled parking badge must be displayed clearly at all times when parking in a disabled bay.

The text service will be operated by Fingal Parking Services on behalf of Fingal County Council and allows citizens to report misuse of parking in disabled bays. Each disabled bay will have signage containing a unique number eg: BAY 1 / BAY 2 etc. to identify the location of each bay and a contact number. Members of the public can text this number to report misuse of the car parking space and this will be sent straight to the enforcement team. Further rollout of this text service will be completed in Malahide and countywide on a phased basis.



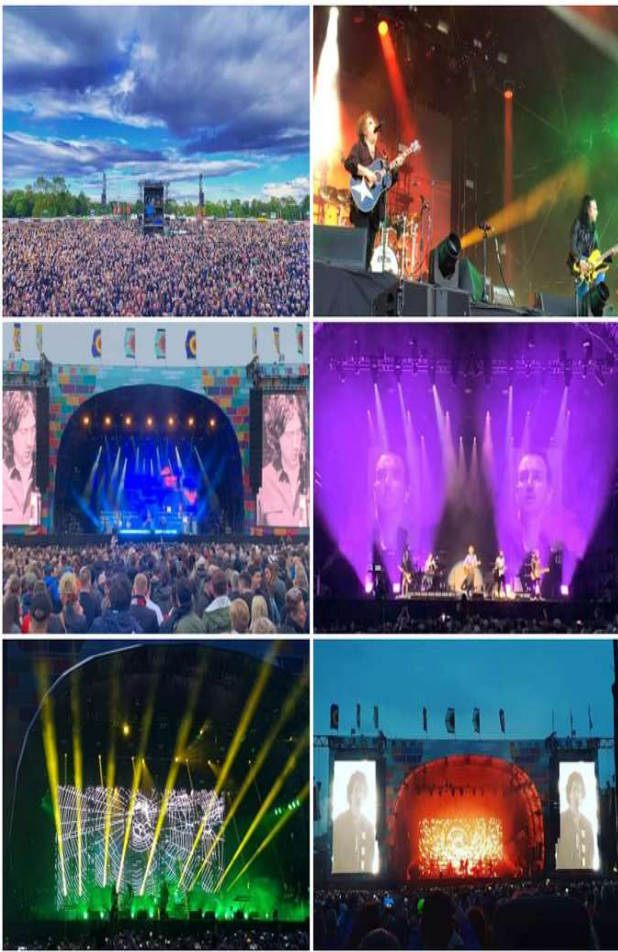
Operations Department with the support of Events Department facilitated and assisted the management to seven concerts in Malahide Demesne in June. Over 160,000 local, national and international patrons attended the concerts which were enjoyed by all with limited disruption to residents. The collaborative work by all stakeholders ensured the well organised concerts offered great opportunity to experience for community and social interaction.



Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

Fleet Management

- Fingal County Council purchased 4 winter gritting trucks to replace older vehicles as part of 2019 fleet replacement programme.
- 2 fully electric utility vehicles were purchased for Ardgillan Demesne and Balgriffin Cemetery.



Hires put in Place

There were **52** hires put in place from 1st June – 30th June, engaging **11** suppliers.

Included in these were:

- Portaloo for the ' Blessings of the graves' & Bike week.
- Crane hire for repairs at Ballyboughal WWTP.
- Jetvac recycler for Off Road annual maintenance.
- Road Sweeper for the maintenance of areas surrounding Malahide Castle.

Flavours of Fingal:

- Cash & ticket office
- Mobile Welfare unit
- Generators & light electricians
- Portaloo



Street Lighting

Works Programme: In May 2019 improved lighting is installed on a pedestrian route to the rear of Curran Park which is used by school children attending local schools in Castlelands Balbriggan.

Column Replacement: 26 no. street lighting columns are replaced in May/June in The Dunes in Portmarnock.



Curran Park pedway, Balbriggan The Dunes, Portmarnock

LED Upgrade Programme: In May/June the LED Upgrade Program saw 700 LED Upgrade works carried out in the following locations:-

- Beechpark Lawn, Castleknock Gate, Castleknock Green, Cherry Avenue/Drive/Lawn/Park, Deerpark Avenue/Close/Drive/Lawn/Road, Dunsandle Court/Grove, Hadleigh Court/Green/Park, Homeleigh, Parkview, Pecks Lane, Phoenix Avenue/Court/Drive/Gardens/Place, Stockton Court/Drive/Green/Grove/Lawn/Park, The Pines...Castleknock
- Beechwood Close/Downs, Cherryfield Close/Court/Lawn/Park/View/Walk, Hazelwood Avenue/Court/Crescent/Green, Lohunda Close/Court/Crescent/Dale/Downs/Drive/Green/Grove, Meadow Copse/Dale/Downs/Drive/Way...Clonsilla
- Dromheath Avenue/Crescent/Drive/Grove/Park, Huntstown Avenue/Close/Court/Drive/Glen/Green/

Grove/Park/Road/Wood, Mulhuddart
Wood, Parslickstown
Avenue/Close/Court/Drive/Gardens/Green
/View, Wellview
Avenue/Crescent/Green/Grove/Park...
Mulhuddart

Traffic

Speed Limit Review

The Speed Limit Review for Fingal County is ongoing at present. As part of this review further 30 km/h Slow Zones will be provided throughout the county to help make our housing estates safer for all.

Traffic Management Schemes

2019 Traffic Signal Contract – The contract for the Traffic Signals has been awarded to Traffic Solutions for the installation of 8 pedestrian / zebra crossings at various locations throughout Fingal.

2019 Traffic Signals Upgrades – Upgrade works are ongoing at various sites around Fingal with Baldoyle Main Street / Willie Nolan Rd at the Church completed in June.

2019 VAS Signage Contract – Documents for the 2019 VAS Signage are currently out to tender, are to be returned by mid-July and award by end of July, commencing work in August.



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2019 Footpath Contract – The 2019 contract is currently underway and is being carried out by the direct labour crew. As part of this contract 2 new bus stops were installed on the Ongar Distributor Road for Dublin Bus. Other projects include the realignment of footpaths and lining for a mini roundabout at the junction of the Feltrim Road and Kettles Lane and the improvement of a crossing from Station Road Portmarnock to the Drumnigh Road.

2019 Ramps Contract – Contract documents are being developed at present.

Roads & Cycling Investment Programme:

Fingal County Council plans to carry out a multi-million euro investment in regional roads across Fingal, which will include the provision of extensive cycling infrastructure as part of the upgrade works.

An extensive examination of the regional road network was carried out across the County, and has prompted a two-phase approach to improving the network for all road users, including pedestrians and cyclists.

Work is set to begin shortly on the first project under this programme on carriageway works and lining for cycle facilities from Blake's Cross to Minister's Road on the R132 in Lusk.

A further upgrade from Hedgestown to the Applegreen Service Station, which will also improve the cycling network, has also been identified under phase one and will commence later this year.

Other projects identified in phase one include investment in carriageway works and lining for cycle facilities on the R135 North Road, as well as the provision of structural upgrade drainage works on the R127 Blake's Cross to Lusk Road and upgrading the carriageway and off-road cycle tracks on the Ballycoolin Road.

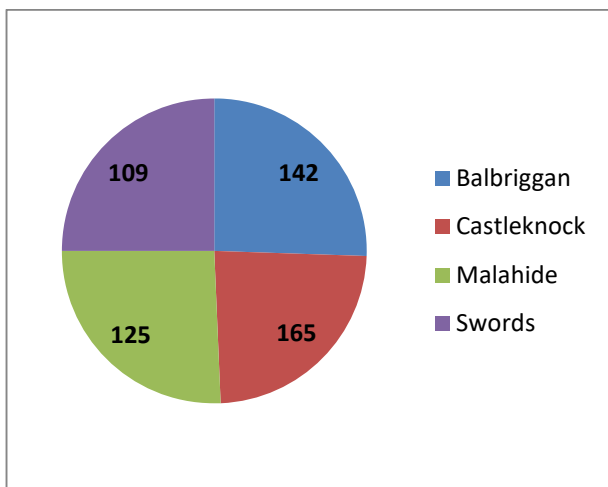
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PLANNING ACTIVITY

Planning Applications

There have been 541 planning applications received to the end of May 2019, 45 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 496 valid applications. The volume of applications received by area is illustrated below:



Planning Decisions

A total of 494 planning decisions have been made to the end of May 2019. There have been 408 decisions to grant permission (83%) and 86 refusals of permission (17%). There have been 33 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 225 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 106 commercial/retail grants of permission and 28 grants of permission in respect of housing developments 1 of which related to development of 100+ - 7 of which

related to development of 50 - 100 housing units and 8 of which related to development of 2-20 housing units.

Building Control

There have been 81 Disability Access Certificates submitted to the end of May 2019, of these 57 have been granted and 5 are currently on time extension. There have been 121 Fire Safety Certificates submitted to the end of May 2019, of these 54 have been granted, 3 were invalidated and 40 are currently on time extension.

Park Road, Rush

A civil works contractor has been procured to undertake site investigation works on site in early July, following which the tender for the main construction works will issue in Q3 of 2019.

Mayne Road/Hole in the Wall Road junction Upgrade Scheme

Fingal County Council has commenced the tendering process for the Mayne Road/Hole in the Wall Road Junction Upgrade Scheme. Proposed works will include the construction of a section of new road linking the Hole In The Wall Road to the junction of Drumnigh Road (R124) and Mayne Road (R123), including a new bridge over the River Mayne, footpaths, off-road cycle tracks and bus lanes. New flood defence measures are also incorporated. The tendering process will take approximately four months. Once the successful tenderer has been selected, final funding approval from the Department of Housing,

Planning and Local Government will be sought under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) programme. Once approval has been received, construction will commence with an estimated construction period will be 15 months.



Ongar-Barnhill Road

Consultations with Irish Rail/CIE regarding the legal agreement for the construction of the railway bridge are ongoing, whilst the five successful contractors that will be successfully short-listed for the main tender will be confirmed within the next two weeks, in advance of the main works tender process in Q3 this year.

Lusk-Rush Cycle Route Feasibility Study

The scheme consultant has recently provided the draft Route Options Report. This will now be reviewed by Fingal County Council departments, following which the report findings will be presented to the area members in Autumn of this year.

Broadmeadow Way

The planning application and compulsory purchase order for the Broadmeadow Way was lodged with An Bord Pleanála in June. This new walking and cycling greenway route of approximately 6km in length will run between Malahide Demesne and Newbridge Demesne and will provide an iconic amenity and commuter route for Fingal residents and visitors.

Sustainable Swords Project

The Council received formal approval of funding from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to undertake projects to analyse and determine the most effective method for implementing the Sustainable Swords Strategy for the regeneration and improvement of Swords Main Street and town centre. Within 2019 this will include public consultation, drafting a placemaking strategy for the project area, and identifying future projects. This stage of the project will involve significant public consultation which will include briefing to the elected members.

Drumanagh Community Archaeology Project – Season II

Season II of *Digging Drumanagh* community excavation took place in May/June 2019. Participants from the locality and wider Fingal excavated an investigative trench on the promontory fort between Rush and Loughshinny. Local interest was high with frequent visitors and community interaction, including classes from a local school. Post-excavation is ongoing but highly significant artefacts and features were uncovered, that will contribute greatly to our understanding of the Iron Age. The results of the excavation will be shared publically following specialist analysis. Participants also had the opportunity to meet the Board of the Heritage Council who visited post-excavation processing in Swords Castle and were

impressed by this exciting project. Inter-departmental collaboration is an essential part of setting up such an event and the Community Archaeologist would like to convey her thanks to the Operations Department, and the Technical section of Planning & Infrastructure for their assistance.



HOUSING AND COMMUNITY (H&C)

Housing Pillars I-V	Community Sports Arts Libraries
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Social Strategy 2020/Rebuilding Ireland

The Council delivered 4,842 homes since the start of the Housing Strategy 2020/Rebuilding Ireland. The units were delivered over the various delivery mechanisms and do not include units approved for delivery.

During 2018 there were 1,953 social homes delivered and the expenditure in relation to the housing delivery programme was in the order of €100m.

Social Housing Delivery Targets 2019

By letter dated 12th March, 2019 the Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government outlined the 2019 social housing delivery targets set for each local authority. The overall total to be delivered by Fingal County Council during 2019 has been set at 2,184 housing units which is an increase of 20% on targets set for 2018. The letter from the Minister and details of the targets set have been circulated to Councillors.

Pillar 1: Address Homelessness

Fingal County Council is currently in contact with circa **635** families who are in homeless circumstances or at risk of homelessness.

181 families have had their homeless circumstances alleviated in 2019 to 24th June (including **136** Homeless HAP tenancies), with final figures for June to be verified by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) by mid July. In addition further tenancy arrangements will conclude shortly through the various forms of social housing support.

Tenancy Support is provided through supports such as SLI (Support to Live Independently) and varying other supports to ensure new tenancies are sustained. Homeless Prevention advice continues to be offered through the Council's Homeless Team in partnership with Threshold Clinics and the Threshold Freephone service.

Housing Assistance Payment

910 Homeless HAP tenancies have been put in place in Fingal since the Dublin Region HAP Pilot scheme came into effect in 2015 with further tenancies in the process of being finalised

A total of **1686** tenancies are now in place under Mainstream HAP, **356** of which came into effect in 2019 to date, with further tenancy arrangements in the process of being finalised.

Pillar 2: Accelerate Social Housing

Construction Programme

The current position with the construction programme is set out below.

	No. Schemes	No. Units
Delivered to Date	10	200
Active Social Housing Projects:		
Contractor on Site/Appointed	7	182
Tender Stage	4	60
Pre-Planning Approval	11	525
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME	32	961

Masterplan/Land Management Plan sites are not included in the above figures.

The Council are in the process of bringing forward initial phases of both the lands at Cappagh and Church Fields. The Area committee were briefed on these housing proposals recently.

Acquisitions Programme

Delivered to Date: 43 properties closed in 2019

Pending Sales Closing: 76

Part V.

Activity in this area has increased with the upturn in construction and early on-site delivery of units is the approach in Part V negotiations with developers.

Reporting on Part V agreements is provided quarterly to the Area Committees.

A total of 244 Part V housing units have been delivered over the life of the strategy to date.

Approved Housing Bodies

The Approved Housing Bodies continue to play an important role in the delivery of social housing in Fingal and the Council continues to work closely with AHB's operating in the County.

The Council facilitates Approved Housing Bodies in the management of funding applications under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) and Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme (CALF) funding schemes.

Social Housing Needs Assessment 2019

The Social Housing Needs Assessment 2019 is in progress.

The Summary Return to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government will be

submitted by 22nd July 2019, in accordance with statutory guidelines.

Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024 which went on public display for the period 1st April to 31st May 2019 will be presented to the Council on 8th July.

Pillar 3: Build More Homes

Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements

The Affordable Dwelling Purchase Scheme is a national initiative that will see affordable homes built on state owned land in co-operation with local authorities.

In order to underpin progress in the area of affordable housing, the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government commenced Part 5 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009 on 18th June 2018, the effect of which was to put in place new legislative provisions for affordable dwelling purchase arrangements.

In accordance with this legislation, Fingal County Council adopted a Scheme of Priority at the County Council meeting held on 13th May 2019.

Church Fields, Dublin 15

The Land Management Plan for the Church Field lands has been developed and provides for the optimal layout and future sustainable development of the lands and provided for a mixed tenure residential development with associated community facilities. Approaches to housing delivery on the strategic land bank at Church Fields, Dublin 15 are being examined, with the Project Talamh Programme Office conducting economic and financial modelling and analysis. An initial phase of the housing development of Church Fields was approved recently. The next phase of development will be brought forward for

approval shortly. Funding has been approved under the Serviced Sites Fund to enable delivery of key road and green infrastructure to facilitate the development of the site.

Land Development Agency

The recently established Land Development Agency (LDA) has identified two land banks located in Fingal which it proposes to focus on immediately to unlock their potential to yield over 1,000 homes between both sites. The sites are;

Castlelands in Balbriggan

Hackettstown in Skerries

These sites are in the Land Aggregation Scheme and currently in the ownership of the Housing Agency. The Council is working with the LDA and the Housing Agency to bring these two sites forward for development. Both sites require infrastructure investment to deliver the potential housing envisaged.

Other Development opportunities

The Housing Department are available to meet with developers who are building across the county with a view to exploring opportunities to bring forward proposals to increase the supply of social housing.

Pillar 4: Improve the Rental Sector

The total number of Leased properties is 841 made up from the Rental Accommodation scheme, Long Term Lease scheme and Repair and Lease scheme.

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan (RIH:L)

RIHL was launched on 1st February 2018 and, for those eligible, offers a choice between three different loan products, all with low interest rates. To date 125 persons have bought their new home

as a result of the scheme. Demand for the scheme remains high and buyers are finding a larger property market with more options than this time two years ago.

Further details and application forms available on www.rebuildingirelandhomeloan.ie
Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Data

Number of applications received to date
- 723

Number of applications approved to date
- 328

Number of applications declined to date
- 266

The value of the loans approved so far
- €73,011,381.00

Fingal applications in context of region (4 Dublin LAs) - 40%

Number of loans drawn down - 125

Value of loans drawn down - €27,867,699.00

Vacant Homes Strategy

Repair and Leasing Scheme & Buy and Renew

The Repair To Leasing Scheme (RLS) and the Buy and Renew (B&R) schemes target vacant private properties in the County. Both schemes provide initiatives for the owners in order for the Council to secure the properties use. Properties that are long-term vacant, derelict are of interest to the Council. Staff of the Vacant Homes Unit are available to discuss the range of options available and continue to target properties suitable for inclusion in these schemes.

Following a number of newspaper and radio features outlining the work of the Vacant Homes Unit and advising of reporting mechanisms available, the number of reported vacant homes

has steadily increased. Further publicity is planned for the coming months.

The CPO process in respect of 4 long term vacant houses is ongoing, with 2 of these units expected to be formally acquired by Fingal County Council in July. Work has commenced to identify further units suitable for the CPO process.

In 2019 Fingal County Council has reached agreements to purchase 4 properties under the Buy and Renew Scheme. Under the Repair To Lease scheme, 9 lease agreements have been entered into with homeowners. There is 1 contract pending and 2 applications under review.

Private Rented Inspections

In February 2018, all local authorities were issued with targets for the Inspection of Private Rented Properties by the DHPLG in conjunction with its Strategy for the Private Rental Sector – a key component of Rebuilding Ireland. The aim is to increase the national average inspection rate from 6% to 25% of registered rental properties by 2021. The targets are based on the percentage of tenancies registered with the RTB, which within the Fingal County Council administrative area amounts to 20,635.

The annual targets are as follows:

2018 (10%)	2019 (15%)	2020 (20%)	2021 (25%)
2,072	3,155	4,207	5,259

During 2018 2,102 first inspections and 888 second inspections have been completed. Inspections for 2019 are ongoing.

Pillar 5: Utilise Existing Housing

Voids

There were 65 casual voids within social housing stock at the end of June 2019. Of these dwellings, 25 are complete and are being offered for letting. Work is underway to 13 dwellings and the balance is with the County Architect for the procurement of pre-let repairs.

Planned Programmes

The Cyclical Maintenance Programme (Scheme Painting) 2019 is underway in the North County at present. Completed estates to date include Jugback/Glasmore Park, Swords; Ministers Park/Hands Lane, Lusk; Longstone Park/ Seaview Park, Portrane. The Programme will move to Dublin 15 estates in late summer/early autumn.

Boiler upgrades are continuing based on the Council's commitments under its Climate Change Action Plan.

Photos from active social housing construction schemes

Castlelands – 24 houses





Rolestown - 26 Houses

Pinewood Community Refurbishment - 2 houses



Church Road, Mulhuddart - 22 houses



Community Culture & Sports Division

Community Development Office:

Balbriggan Taste of Nations

There was a fantastic turn out at this year's Balbriggan Taste of Nations, which took place as part of the Balbriggan Summerfest on the June Bank Holiday weekend. Taste of Nations is an ongoing activity carried out by the Balbriggan Integration Forum, an organisation that relies on the tireless support of local volunteers and which carries out extremely important integration work in the town of Balbriggan.

The Balbriggan Taste of Nations is the flagship integration event in Fingal. It is vital in building links across communities and cultures in Balbriggan. This year, a training element on food safety and preparation was incorporated into the programme for the organisers of the event. This year also saw a memorable intercultural dance element with Bollywood dancing provided by Joan Pires and her dancers.

Fingal County Council and the Community Development Office is committed to assisting the development of integration and Taste of Nations is now a regular feature of the Summerfest in Balbriggan.



Balbriggan Integration Forum

A training session was organised for the Balbriggan Integration Forum (BIF) on Good Governance and Finance. The training took place on the 22nd May and was attended by eight members of the board. Balbriggan Integration Forum is a Company Limited by Guarantee and has responsibilities to comply with the CRO and Revenue. The company was only established in 2017 and the training which was provided was very well received and delivered in an accessible way. The trainer will act as a mentor to the group which comprises of volunteers who give their time to oversee the running of the Integration Forum.



Comhairle na nÓg participated in a CYPSE Consultation in the Council Chamber on the 1st of May 2019. This Children and Young People's Services Committee Consultation was another opportunity for the voice of young people to be heard at a national level.



Fáilte Isteach Tyrrelstown

Fáilte Isteach Tyrrelstown tutors and students visited Trim castle, along with members of the Mountview Men's group and the newly established Laurel Lodge Men's group as part of Fáilte Tyrrelstown outreach work, supported by the Department of Justice Integration Funding Scheme. Fáilte Isteach Tyrrelstown will resume in September after the summer break.



Garden Party at Áras an Uachtaráin



Fáilte Isteach Tyrrelstown members attended a Garden Party at Áras An Uachtaráin to celebrate volunteers with groups supporting refugees, asylum Seekers and migrant integration.

Whitestown Estate Management "Our Family Roots" Project Launch



Whitestown Estate Management (WEM), supported by the FCC Community, Housing and Operations Departments recently launched the permanent plaque for the Community "Our family roots" Project in the estate. In February, 10 trees were planted in the estate to represent deceased members of the Community. This project will represent FCC in the IPB Pride of Place Competition 2019, alongside the Hide Project in Rogerstown and the Flemington area of Balbriggan.

Wellview Parslickstown Residents Association Planting in June 2019

Images below of the great efforts carried out by the residents of Wellview, Parslickstown in Mulhuddart, Dublin 15. Community Development Office and Safer Blanchardstown supported this group to carry out a general clean up and plant flower boxes in June.



IPB Pride of Place Competition 2019

Last week judging of the Annual IPB Pride of Place competition in Fingal took place. The judges, Mr Eddie Sheehy and Mr John Brigg visited Whitestown Estate, the Hide project in Rogerstown, and the Flemington area of Balbriggan which represented Fingal in the Housing estates, Creative Place and Urban neighbourhood categories respectively. The three Fingal entries will now compete with other projects across the island of Ireland, with the finals taking place in Kilkenny in November. FCC Community Development Office is responsible for the organisation of Pride of Place in Fingal.



Fingal Africa Day

Fingal County Council Community Office, in partnership with the Fingal PPN and Irish Aid supported eight events with over 1,000 people attended across Fingal to mark International Africa Day. Representatives from Fingal-based Africa groups launched the event with Ciaran Cannon, the Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade with special responsibility for the Diaspora and International Development in Iveagh House recently. Events took place in Mulhuddart, Blakestown, Balbriggan, Huntstown and Baldoyle which were attended by diplomats from 9 African Embassies based in Ireland. All events were a celebration of African culture and free for all to attend.



Minister Ciaran Cannon at the launch of Africa Day



Forget me Nots, Balbriggan



IBGO Union Dublin, Blanchardstown



Irish Vikings Basketball, Balbriggan

Fingal Summer Project Programme

Fingal Summer Project Programme has kicked off with 44 Summer Projects taking place across the County over the summer months. A €62,000 funding programme aimed at community and volunteer groups that provide recreational and educational services to young people during the summer across Fingal has been awarded in 2019. A wide variety of child-focused activities are catered for across communities with varying socio-economic needs. All projects are being led by volunteers or supported by Foróige. It is anticipated that over 2,000 young people will participate.



Community Facilities Network

The Community Facilities Network took part in 2 day Facilities Management Training in May. 24 participants from various community facilities took part covering a practical overview of Facilities Management including professional standards, procurement and contract management, risk management, compliance and business continuity, sustainability etc.



Committee Skills Training

Over 40 individuals, representing 25 community organisations based in Dublin 15 took part in FCC Community Office delivered training on Committee Skills and the Community Activities funding scheme during May and June.



Induction and Training for PPN Representatives

Fingal Public Participation Network recently held an induction and training day for 25 representatives. The PPN Representatives explored and discussed the structures and roles of the PPN and Fingal County Council. The PPN Representatives will work across the 5 Linkage Groups of the PPN in advocating on behalf of the community.



PPN Representatives for Housing, Planning and Transport

Over 200 community activists attend PPN Annual General Plenary Meeting

Fingal Public Participation Network held its most recent Plenary Meeting and Community Supports Showcase on 8th May. Over 200 community activists were in attendance where information was available on grants, the Rural LEADER programme, the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme, Volunteering, Board Governance and much more. The business of the Plenary included the nominations of 2 new community representatives to the Secretariat (the board) of the PPN, the nomination of 14 new community representatives being ratified to go forward as representatives on the Fingal County Council Strategic Policy Committees and the adoption of a new constitution for the PPN. Comhairle na nÓg, Fingal Ethnic Network, Fingal Environment Network and Fingal Community Facilities Network presented on the work of their networks and 9 community representatives retired from their PPN roles.



Age Friendly

The 2019 Age Friendly Information Seminar was held on Thursday 23rd May 2019 in the Emmaus Retreat Centre in Swords. Over one hundred older people from across the county attended a very successful day of consultation, information and entertainment as part of this annual event.

Creative Ireland

Cruinniú na nÓg a national celebration of creativity for children and young people took place on Saturday 15th June 2019. It was celebrated throughout Fingal with events taking place in 9 libraries, a Family Event in Draoícht along with music workshops for early year. A flagship event attended by 2500 people took place in Swords Castle based around STEM (Science, Technology, Education and Maths).



Sports Office:

TY Fitness & Football Programme Graduation - In May 24 students graduated from the TY Fitness & Football programme, which ran from Sept 2018 – May 2019. The course sees the best young footballers from around the county selected to attend this football focused course, where students receive top quality coaching while completing their coaching badges, apply their coaching skills in local primary schools and attain their level 4 Fitness



Marathonkids 2019 - Planning has started for the Marathonkids Programme, which sees 6th class students run a marathon over 8 weeks in school and learn about the benefits of sport through a specially designed workbook. The programme will start in September and expressions of interest have been sent to all schools in the county. David Gillick (Former Olympian & European 400m Indoor Champion) is the programme's

ambassador and has confirmed his attendance at some Fingal schools next term to inspire students and encourage them to keep running!



Orienteering - Ardgillan Castle was the venue for our Schools' Orienteering event which saw 450 students from 7 Balbriggan primary schools attend. This event is a culmination of the schools programme which brings an orienteering coach into schools to work with both students and teachers to improve their skills in outdoor adventure which is a part of the school PE curriculum. This was a collaboration with our Operations Dept to install a permanent Orienteering course in the park, which can be used by schools/individuals.



Rugby - A mini-rugby initiative starts in Holywell Park in June and will run throughout the summer in association with Leinster Rugby and Malahide RFC to bring an established club into the area rather than trying to set up a brand new club. This initiative is a follow on to the schools rugby tag rugby project currently being rolled out by Fingal's Rugby Development Officer.

Parkrun - In collaboration with our Operations Dept and Parkrun Ireland we have developed a Junior Parkrun in Malahide Park, which will take place every Sunday for kids 4-12yrs. This will be the 4th Junior Parkrun in the County with the first event planned for Sunday June 30th.

Football - A new FAI Development Officer Jamie Wilson started work recently and will be overseeing football development in Swords, Tyrrelstown and Mulhuddart.

Older Adults - The 'Go For Life' league took place over four Mondays in May in Corduff Sports Centre – a team of 12 was selected to represent Fingal at the Go for Life National Games Event on the 8th of June in DCU. The aim of the Go for Life Games is to involve older people in recreational sport.



Vision Cup - The Vision Cup took place in June in Portmarnock Hotel & Golf Links. 24 of the world's best visually impaired golfers faced off in a Ryder Cup Style Tournament that saw The Rest of World Team defeat the North American Team. The Sports Office & Events Team provided support to the tournament and it was a massive success.



Arts Office:
Sing me to the Sea – a multisensory artistic experience for children with complex needs.



Sing me to the Sea is an immersive artistic experience for children and young people with complex needs that takes place in hydro pools. Created by Irish based theatre director Anna Newell, in collaboration with Scotland-based composer David Goodall, it was performed at St. Michael's House Special School Baldoyle over five consecutive days in order to reach every child in the school. Three artists took the children and their adult companions on a magical journey of exquisite harmony singing and gentle water play with the sessions designed so that they could respond to each individual child. Each child had an adult guest (their parent or special needs assistant) in the water to share the experience with them. *Sing me to the Sea* is both a piece of art and a piece of advocacy for the right of all children to experience the arts in a way that connects, engages and delights; and for this very particular audience, artwork that embraces and celebrates the sensory dialogue that they have with the world around them.

Cruinniú na nÓg – Dublin Local Authority Partnership



Fingal Arts Office collaborated with colleagues in the Dublin Local Authorities to offer professional musicians an opportunity to develop their skills and understanding of music for children aged 0 – 5 years of age. The project formed part of each local authority's *Cruinniú na nÓg* plans. Following a Public Call for expressions of interest, 20 musicians were invited to participate in Continued Professional Development workshops delivered by specialists Julie Tiernan and Thomas Johnston. Each CPD workshop offered a follow up

opportunity to observe, and in some instances assist, an early years music specialists working in context with early years children on June 15th for *Cruinniú na nÓg* in Draiocht, The National Concert Hall, Fernhill House, and libraries.

Pride of Place Awards – Creative Place Category - The Hide Project, Rogerstown Park, Lusk

The Hide Project has been entered in to this year's Pride of Place Awards under the Creative Place Category for Lusk. The arts office will host the judges and introduce the range of community engagement delivered with this project locally and have invited several groups to our judging session including, Birdwatch Ireland, Men's Shed, Lusk, Eve Plantmarket, The Political Animal, public and artists.



Public Art- Infrastructure Public Art Programme 2017 – 2021 – Buildings and Public Spaces



Two Oak Trees, a new sculpture by Aosdana member Corban Walker, has been installed at the recently launched housing development in Hamilton Park, Dublin 15. The Public Art feature fulfils the planning requirement to private developers to commission work in Fingal, the arts office manage the commissions from our public art panel to ensure quality art for Fingal. The work is inspired by the prominent two oak trees, retained on the site and the work comprises of 10 bronze cubes, which can be used as seats to appreciate the landscape.

Howth artist Sorca O'Farrell awarded the 2019 Fingal County Council Graphic Studio Award

The FCC fine art print residency at Graphic Studio Dublin was awarded to Sorca O'Farrell earlier this year. This residency offers an emerging or established artist the opportunity to make a fine art print with the master printer Robert Russell at Graphic Studio Dublin. Sorca a landscape artist from Howth completed her residency over May/June. Her current work is a direct and emotional response to the landscape close to where she lives in Howth, a place with many memories. During her time at Graphic Studio Sorca created a limited edition of prints, the artists proof will enter the Fingal County Council Arts Collection. On completion of the residency Sorca said that *'I have two prints that I am very happy with (and I have already sold a few from each edition), I have learnt LOADS of new techniques, and I have a much deeper understanding of the unbelievable patience, resilience and professionalism of Master Printer Niamh Flanagan. I am in awe of her and her colleagues at the Graphic Studio. There is a lovely supportive team atmosphere in the building.'*



2019 Mentoring Programme for Fingal Writers
Fingal Arts Office have partnered with Words Ireland to deliver a Mentoring Programme for Fingal Writers. This is a national programme open to 'emerging/early career Fingal writers'. The programme is for poets, literary prose writers and creative non-fiction writers.

The mentoring consists of four meetings with an experienced writer over a period of up to eight

months. The mentor will read the writers work in advance of each meeting, and feedback and advice at each meeting. They also provide information and advice on professional and publishing matters.

Applications are open until 31 July, for further details please log onto: <http://wordsireland.ie/national-mentoring-programme-2019/>

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2019 Fingal Graduate Award in partnership with MART

Fingal County Council Arts Office and MART are delighted to announce a Graduate Award to the support and professional development of recent graduates.

As part of an ongoing commitment to professional artists Fingal County Council's Arts Office are offering a one-year Graduate Studio Award at MART with inclusion in the Award show in March 2020.

This residency will be offered to one graduate, the opportunity is part of a series of initiatives by Fingal Arts to promote and support the professional practice of emerging artists. It will provide an ideal environment for the development of creative projects, development of a graduates practice and an opportunity to network with other artists.

The closing date for applications is 4pm Friday 26 Jul 2019

Irish Aphasia Theatre Free Workshops 7 June-26 July



Fingal County Council is delighted to support this arts and health initiative which promotes positive living through engagement with theatre, the workshops are suitable for adults or senior citizens or those affected with Aphasia who are interested in exploring new ways to communicate and participate. Following a very successful pilot project with participants affected with Aphasia, Fingal County Council is supporting the initiative into 2019 and are offering free Aphasia Theatre workshops with Grainne and Collaborators free to anyone who is interested in Blanchardstown library. The Project was featured on RTE's Drive time Radio Show.

LIBRARIES

Libraries celebrate the Council's 25th Anniversary
Fingal Libraries will mark the Council's 25th Anniversary with a summertime blog and competitions. During the months of July and August, you can look forward to a special weekly BLOG which will feature informative and insightful stories exploring Fingal's library service – past, present and future - library events, fun projects, competitions and prizes for all the family. Ever wondered:

- What volumes an 1800s library might have stocked?
- What might authors such as James Joyce and W.B. Yeats have borrowed from their local libraries?
- The chores of an early 1900s Librarian?
- Why 'Carnegie Free Library' may be on a plaque over your library door?
- The digital age and how it will shape libraries of the future?



Skerries Library

Competitions taking place throughout July and August:

0 – 6 years: Colouring competition

7–11years: 'What your local Fingal Library means to you' drawing competition

12 – 17 years: 'What your local Fingal library means to you' blurb competition

18 upwards: 'What your local Fingal library means to you' composition competition

Just call to the desk of your local library branch for competition entry colouring pages and a short list of prompts and ideas to help you with your drawing and writing entries. Please check with local library staff, display areas and library social media for up-to-date information.



Baldoye Library



Summer 2019 in Fingal Libraries

Pick up a copy of our event and activity guide for the summer months at your local library branch or download it from the website at www.fingal.ie/libraries. From robotics, coding and lego workshops to book clinics, author visits and magic shows, all our 10 branches will be

buzzing with activity this summer. With your library card, you can download e-books and e-audio books, digital magazines, newspapers, graphic novels and comics and learn languages and new skills with our online learning resources. You can also access, free of charge, 15 million songs and 40,000 music videos using Freegal, our new music streaming service.

wearable technology and creating 2d mural designs.



Cruinniú at the Castle – A Day of Youthful Creativity

Ireland is the first, and only, country in the world to have a national day of free creativity for children and young people under 18. Cruinniú na nÓg was celebrated on 15th June by the Libraries' Department at Swords Castle and at each of our 10 branches.

3,000 participants enjoyed storytimes, circus performers, robots, lego workshops, art sessions and much more. Swords Castle also hosted a showcase of creativity from children in the Dublin 15 area who worked with the company Make, Create, Innovate on different creative projects, including building musical instruments, designing and building a mini-speaker, motion motors and

Cruinniú at Howth Library



Cruinniú at Swords Library

Mobile Library helps out the Garda Band!



Fingal Co. Libraries @fingallibraries · 21h

As well as promoting our wonderful #books, #events, and #facilities, the Mobile Library crew also provided another crucial service in #Meakstown at the weekend, coming to the aid of the Garda Band. Using our power for their speakers, they delivered a brilliant performance! 😊



The Mobile Libraries are out and about this summer and as pictured above, were a welcome addition at the Meakstown Family Day on 22nd June. They were also at Balbriggan Summerfest, the Safer Together Family Fun Day at Blanchardstown and at Flavours of Fingal.

On 10th August, the Mobiles crew will be at the Donabate Portrane Summer festival with Reuben the Entertainer.

Summer Stars Reading Programme

Fingal's Summer Stars Reading Programme will run across all our branch libraries until the end of August. The Summer Stars Reading Programme provides the whole family with an opportunity to explore the full range of events and facilities which are available in their local library, such as story time sessions, children's activities, access to talking books and games, computers and Internet access, and of course children's books for all ages. All children are invited to register for the Programme with rewards and incentives along the way and a grand finale event for all participants.



Launch of Summer Stars at Garristown Library

77% increase in attendance at Healthy Ireland at Your Library events



Attendance at events in phase 2 of Fingal's Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme, which ran from September 2018 to March 2019, saw an increase of 77% on phase 1. Attendees at events numbered 1,020 in phase 2 of the programme in comparison to 577 in phase 1. Events that were particularly popular were the talks by Olympian and European champion runner Catherina McKiernan and by Dr. Kevina Cardiff on maintaining a health gut. Also popular were information sessions on dementia by the Alzheimer Society of Ireland, CPR training and the Irish Heart Foundation's blood pressure checks.

Europe Direct Centre at Blanchardstown Library

Barry O'Carroll from Europe Direct, Blanchardstown Library was part of a delegation from the Irish Europe Direct Information Centres' network to take part in a series of cross border meetings in Romania. The Irish delegation was joined by their counterparts from Estonia and Lithuania. This trip included visits to the European Commission Representation in Bucharest and to Europe Direct Information Centres in Bucharest, Golesti and Petesti. The meetings were an opportunity to share ideas for initiatives and events and to see how Europe Direct centres work in Romania.

The Europe Direct Centre at Blanchardstown Library will host four "Introduction to robotics" workshops in July and August. These 'RoboJAM' sessions will take place over three days and are suitable for 10 to 16 year olds. The participants will build and code their robots and can take them home afterwards.

Work Matters w events

Business advice clinics will be held on the 4th and 18th of July at Blanchardstown Library. These one to one mentoring sessions, run in conjunction with the Fingal LEO, allow new entrepreneurs to receive advice and guidance when setting up a new business.

Other summer events in Libraries:

- ✓ The next movie night at Baldoyle Library features a screening of the classic film 'Casablanca' on Monday 15th July.
- ✓ A children's joke writing workshop will take place on Tuesday 16th July from 10.30am – 12.30pm for 8-12 year olds at Rush Library.
- ✓ Unsure of where to start with e-services? Bring your tablet or phone to Skerries Library on 31st July between 2.00-4.00pm and staff there will help you with your queries.
- ✓ A creative writing workshop for children aged 8-12yrs will be held at Balbriggan Library on Thursday 25th July. 'The Red Balloon' workshop helps children to write and illustrate their own stories.
- ✓ On 13th August a children's Minecraft workshop will take place at Malahide Library from 10.30am to 12pm.
- ✓ Donabate Library will hold a Sock-Puppet workshop for 8-12 year olds on 16th July.

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ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Awareness

Environmental & Climate Awareness staff had a presence at Flavours of Fingal on both days, and raised awareness of Fingal's Climate Change Action Plan and the actions we are undertaking – including the Biodiversity Awareness Project working closely with the Parks section who had a beehive and part of the Gold winning Bloom Garden. Attendees were encouraged to calculate their carbon footprints through the use of the EPA Carbon Calculator Interactive tool. Stakeholders in attendance included Master Composters, EPA Stop Food Waste Programme, SEAI Energy Awareness, and VOICE Ireland Recycling Ambassadors.



The Fingal Biodiversity Awareness Project is well underway. Leaflets and booklets from the National Biodiversity Data Centre are available to Fingal residents/ businesses and community members. Those being targeted are community groups, Tidy Towns, residents groups, garden centres, Adopt a Patch & Greener Community groups, faith centres, landscaping companies, PPN, men's sheds, community gardens and more – as part of the 'All-Ireland Pollinator Plan'. We have developed social media to get the word out about bees and what they need to thrive. We are using the bus shelters throughout the summer for spreading the word and as a call to action. Everyone can assist in this plan.

1. Spray less

2. Mow less

3. Plant more



**PROTECT
THE BEE**

The Greener Communities 2019 Competition has categories listed on the Fingal website. This year the competition will focus on biodiversity and sustainability in the community. The closing date for entries is Monday August 5th.

Circular Economy

1. **The EPA call for “Innovation for a Circular Economy” fund closed on Friday 28th June.** This annual funding programme aims to develop innovative practical solutions for business to promote the circular economy, maximise resource efficiency and reduce waste with focus on plastics, construction and demolition waste, food waste and resources and raw materials.

2. **Connecting the dots in a circular economy: a new ISO technical committee just formed.**

While standards and initiatives abound for components of the circular economy, such as recycling, there is no current agreed global vision on how an organization can complete the circle. A new ISO technical committee for the circular economy has just been formed to do just that, made up of experts from over 65 different countries, including the USA. Further details at [ISO/TC 323](#)

Bathing Water Quality 2019

The Bathing Season commenced on 1st June 2019 and four rounds of scheduled samples have been taken with all sample results achieved to date at excellent or good quality standard. Two Prior Warnings were issued on 4th and 23rd June respectively for our Blue Flag beach at Portmarnock and the Velvet Strand in light of expected heavy rainfall. In both cases this warning was lifted within three or four days when analysis showed that the water quality was excellent.

Information on the results of water quality sampling undertaken at Fingal beaches is available to view during the bathing season at www.beaches.ie and is posted on noticeboards at the beaches.

Litter Management

A total of 67 litter fines were issued in June. 17 were issued in the Balbriggan/Swords Electoral Area, 17 issued in the Howth/Malahide EA and 33 in the Castleknock/Mulhuddart EA.

9 Warning Notices were also issued in June. In addition to this there were also 15 prosecutions taken in June.

Waste Management Services

Historic and Legacy Landfills

A framework for the engagement of Consultants to provide integrated environmental and engineering services has been set up. An initial contract under this framework was awarded to Atkins Ireland to undertake an environmental risk assessment of the Brook's End Legacy Landfill which lies to the north of North Rush Beach. A component of this contract is an assessment of the condition of the retaining wall on its seaward side, which has been subject to tidal erosion.



Brooks End Landfill

Climate Change

FCC Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 was approved by Council in May 2019. The plan is being updated to include CE recommendations and Members amendments. It will then be translated into Irish and should be published in mid-July.

The All of Government Climate Action Plan 2019 was published on 17th June. The Climate Action Team is currently assessing the actions in this plan against the FCC plan.

Anti-Dumping Initiative 2019

5 applications totalling €59k were made by Environment & Operations under the Anti - Dumping Initiative 2019. These applications were across the 4 headings of Prevention, Abatement, Education and Enforcement. All 5 applications were granted and implementation work is ongoing.

Air Quality

The Environmental Protection Agency are expected to issue a report on Air Quality in Dublin on July 9th. Staff from the Council attended a briefing session by the EPA on the Report.

Aircraft Noise Competent Authority

The Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019 was signed into law on May 22 by the President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins. Part 1 of the Act has been commenced which allows Fingal to proceed with the formal establishment of the Authority. The remaining sections of the Act, are not yet commenced. Work is underway by Fingal to set up the Authority, with some staff already in place and specialist consultants appointed.

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Water and Drainage Services continue to be provided as agreed in the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water.

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FINGAL NEWS

English and Irish editions of Fingal News has now been published in both hard and soft copy. Additional copies were printed and distributed at Flavours of Fingal.

FINGAL VILLAGE

Fingal Village was staged at Flavours of Fingal again this year featuring three sections – Fingal 25 year exhibition, Council Promotion Zone and The Bloom Garden. Departments and Sections involved included Libraries, Tourism, Community, Environment, Arts, Irish Language, LEO, IT (Fingal Voices) and Parks (Bloom Garden).



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Bloom Garden

TRAINING FOR NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

Initial training for new Members in relation to the submission of business through the Meetings Management System, submission of representations through the Members Reps System and general Corporate business took place on Thursday, 13th of June in the Council Chamber.

A further meeting took place on Tuesday, 18th of June in the Council Chamber where new Councillors had the opportunity to meet the Executive Management Team. Each Director of Services gave an overview of the operations of their area of responsibility and they responded to questions raised by the Members.



DRAFT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE SCHEME

The Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme is before the Council at today's, 8th July 2019, meeting for consideration. It sets out the names of the six Strategic Policy Committees and the remit of each. If agreed by the Council it is proposed to place the Draft scheme on public display for a period of a month. The Draft Scheme together with any submissions received will be brought before the September Council meeting for the approval of Members. If approved, nominations of representatives will then be sought from the various pillars and sectors, as set out in the scheme, and when received the Council will approve the new members of the Strategic Policy Committees at the next available Council meeting.

Aircraft Noise Competent Authority

The Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019 was signed into law on May 22 by the President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins. Part 1 of the Act has been commenced which allows Fingal to proceed with the formal establishment of the Authority. The remaining sections of the Act, are not yet commenced. Work is underway by Fingal to set up the Authority, with some staff already in place and specialist consultants appointed.



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Fingal Digital Strategy

Fingal County Council is preparing a Digital Strategy for Fingal, which will describe how technology can help improve the way we live, work and do business in Fingal. A Digital Strategy Issues Paper and Survey has been published on the Council's [consultation portal](#), councillors and members of the public are invited to take part and have their say in the development of a Digital Strategy for Fingal.

The Digital Strategy will focus on six main themes:

- **Digital Economy** – Making Fingal the best place to start and grow your business
- **Digital Skills** – Promoting digital skills services across the County
- **Digital Services** – Building better public services for all
- **Community & Culture** – “Community-first” approach to digital
- **Infrastructure & Data** – Building world-class digital infrastructure for Fingal
- **Transition to Digital** – Planning for the future

Digital Strategy Consultation Workshops

The Digital Fingal Team have been hosting a series of Digital Strategy workshops with Councillors, community, education and enterprise

stakeholders. The team were also at Flavours of Fingal asking attendees to take part in the Digital Strategy survey.



Digital Strategy Issues Paper

The Issues Paper will be available until 12th July 2019 through the Council's consultation portal - <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/fingal-digital-strategy>

Digital Strategy Survey

The Survey will be available until 12th July 2019 through the Council's consultation portal - <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-digital-strategy-survey>

Members of the public can make submissions in one of the following ways:

- online at <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/fingal-digital-strategy> or <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-digital-strategy-survey>
- by email to digitalfingal@fingal.ie
- by post to Digital Strategy Manager, Information Technology Department, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co Dublin. K67 X8Y2

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Appendix 1

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION at 30th JUNE 2019

		EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
		Expenditure	Adopted Full	% Budget	Income	Adopted Full	% Budget	
		€	Year Budget	Spent to	€	year Budget	Raised	€
			€	date		€		
A	Housing & Building	28,490,493	55,374,400	51%	26,311,100	54,644,700	48%	2,179,393
B	Road Transport & Safety	11,440,713	22,753,599	50%	3,279,932	6,606,600	50%	8,160,781
C	Water Services	9,120,327	14,421,200	63%	8,903,730	17,344,100	51%	216,597
D	Development Management	6,702,825	14,559,300	46%	2,421,467	4,103,300	59%	4,281,357
E	Environmental Services	19,465,575	40,451,101	48%	2,288,508	4,615,000	50%	17,177,067
F	Recreation & Amenity	16,896,929	33,719,101	50%	1,118,429	1,672,800	67%	15,778,501
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	368,108	908,500	41%	135,972	251,100	54%	232,135
H	Miscellaneous Services	5,495,955	9,985,800	55%	5,974,676	11,191,300	53%	-478,722
J	Central Management Charge	20,278,734	45,132,499	45%	1,413,061	2,814,500	50%	18,865,673
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG				3,762,350	7,524,700	50%	-3,762,350
RA	Rates				63,268,700	126,537,400	50%	-63,268,700
		118,259,658	237,305,500	50%	118,877,925	237,305,500	50%	-618,268

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/06/2019

	Balance at 01/01/2019 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/06/2019 €
A Housing & Building	-39,053,881	60,879,476	-36,492,018	-14,666,423
B Road Transport & Safety	14,040,730	19,641,923	-5,727,650	27,955,003
C Water Services	-11,583,404	498,086	-243,277	-11,328,595
D Development Management	-79,698,688	6,102,696	-17,198,763	-90,794,755
E Environmental Services	-12,148,504	1,887,061	-3,068,891	-13,330,334
F Recreation & Amenity	-7,038,810	8,340,204	-8,372,569	-7,071,175
H Miscellaneous Services	-42,598,226	12,618,907	-1,539,622	-31,518,941
Total	-178,080,783	109,968,351	-72,642,790	-140,755,222

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/06/2019

	Balance at 01/01/2019 €	Balance at 30/06/2019	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	6,197,537	66,221,810	61,991,861	4,229,949
LOANS	1,310,476	1,266,724	395,289	871,436
RENTS	4,246,486	4,674,845	2,784,838	1,890,007

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments