



Chief Executive's Management Report

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Fingal Festival of Fire



The Fingal Festival of Fire will take place on 31st October at the following three locations:

- Millennium Park, Blanchardstown
- Town Park, Swords
- The Harbour, Balbriggan

As well as main stage entertainment and fireworks display, the Blanchardstown event will also include a zombie parade this year, supported by the Council's Community Department and Creative Fingal.

The Balbriggan event will be hosted by the Balbriggan Summerfest Committee.

Financial Scheme of Assistance 2020

Fingal County Council's Events Unit is now accepting applications for financial assistance for events and festivals taking place in 2020.

Closing date for completed applications under the scheme is Tuesday, 17th December 2019.

For more information and an application form, please email events@fingal.ie or visit www.fingal.ie

Other Events

Other events supported by Fingal County Council in September/October include:

- Cannonball, Malahide
- East Coast Racing Festival, Killalane, Skerries
- Lambay Challenge, Rush
- Zeminar, National Sports Campus
- Mollie Adrien Commemorations, Oldtown
- Gaelforce Howth Summit 10k run
- Autumn Open International Cross Country Festival, National Sports Campus
- Samhain Halloween Festival, SEAC, Naul
- Dublin Marathon

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Destination Towns

An application was submitted to the Failte Ireland for the Destination Towns fund in September. The application was made for Skerries town to develop a tourist proposition by unifying and extending the proposition that Skerries has to offer. Elements of the application include the development of a cultural and heritage walking trail running through the town, based on Skerries' special connection to St. Patrick and taking in the other significant and plentiful, places of interest in the town. Also included is a proposal to the telling of the Martello Towers' story and their significance to the Fingal Coastline.

Fingal Dublin Chamber Business Excellence Awards

Applications were submitted under Best Marketing Campaign for Fingal Events, and Best Workplace for the CE Schemes in the Tourist Information Offices and Best Community Involvement (Large Organisation) - Fingal County Council Social and Charitable Engagement.

Tourist Numbers

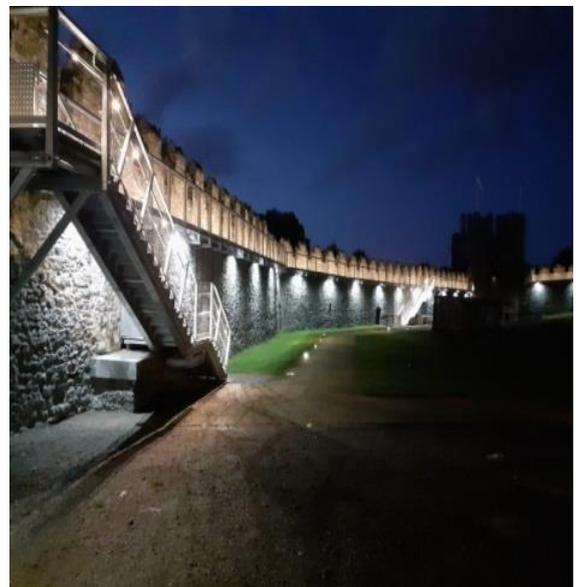
CSO figures for 2019 to date show that tourist activity to Dublin is mostly in line with our own survey findings with North America +9.1%, Mainland Europe +3.2%, Australia and Developing Markets +7.2%. The only variance is Britain which increased by 0.8% to the Dublin market overall however our own figures show a decrease of 0.5% to Fingal destinations.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Swords Castle



Swords Castle has been featured in **weddingsonline**, Ireland's most popular wedding blog, and has been named as one of the top 6 Unique Wedding Ceremony Locations in Ireland.



Phase 2 of the Swords Castle improvement works is nearing completion with all works due to be finished by the end of October. The newly installed ramparts will offer a contemporary and visually exciting addition to the Castle and allow the public to view the Castle grounds and surrounding environs from a new perspective.

Newbridge House

Newbridge House Courtyard Visitor Centre has been shortlisted in the Public Building of the Year Category at the Building and Architect of the Year Awards to take place in the Mansion House on 3rd October.



Local Enterprise Office Fingal



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

Evaluation and Approvals Committee
LEO Fingal has announced that in Q3 2019, 11 local businesses have been approved funding totalling €208,686. To year date, €542,481 in grant funding has been approved to 25 client companies.

LEO Leadership and Business (LAB) Programme



LEO Fingal launched the inaugural LEO LAB Programme. Designed for 12 selected SMEs, within

the Fingal area, it will commence in November 2019, concluding in March 2020.

The programme will include an innovative and valuable suite of supports including a residential leadership retreat and an International University Field Trip to allow participants to experience international best practice in Leadership and Entrepreneurship.

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. Over 300 female entrepreneurs will attend the Fingal event, featuring a strong line-up of inspirational speakers and panellists, to be hosted by presenter Kathryn Thomas.



Preparing for BREXIT

LEO Fingal is currently undertaking a campaign to get Fingal business owner/managers to take a proactive approach to prepare in advance of the United Kingdom's exit from the Single Market and Customs Union on the 31st October 2019.

One-to-One Brexit Mentor sessions continue to support LEO clients in preparedness for Brexit, with 79 clients so far availing of Brexit mentoring. Two training workshops on Customs Export & Import Procedures will be held in October designed to help businesses trade with a "Third Country" (Non-EU).



LEO Fingal is strongly urging clients to prepare for the potential fallout of BREXIT by availing of various mentoring and financial supports.

Fingal Student Enterprise Programme 2019/20



The Fingal Student Enterprise Programme (SEP) 2019/20, was launched on Wednesday 25th September at the Sports Ireland Campus in Blanchardstown. The NSC was announced as the new venue for the SEP final, due to take place in March 2020. Some of last year's winners joined new participating students from schools in the region.

The SEP is Ireland's biggest student competition. Each year over 26,000 secondary students take part in this programme by setting up and running their own student business. 25 Second level schools with over 2,500 students across Fingal will participate in the Fingal SEP 2019/20.

National Ploughing Championships 2019



The 88th National Ploughing Championships was held in County Carlow from September 17th to 19th. Balbriggan-based Berry Be Beauty, which produces natural beauty products and essential oil soy wax candles and diffusers, represented LEO Fingal at the Local Enterprise Village 2019.

Local Enterprise Offices START initiative

As part of the "Making It Happen" campaign, being rolled out by the Local Enterprise Offices at national level, a new START initiative has been rolled out, featuring extensive publicity to encourage would-be entrepreneurs to turn to their LEO for supports.

Trading Online Vouchers

Funded by DCCAE as part of the National Digital Strategy, this scheme supports small businesses to trade online. A pre-application workshop for Q3 applications was held in the Riase Centre on Friday 6th September, with nearly 100 participants. The deadline for applications for the current round is the 4th October.

Start Your Own Business Programme (SYOB)

The twelfth Start Your Own Business Course of 2019 commenced on 11th September. This is a ten-week course and all courses to date are fully subscribed with a combined total of 138 participants in attendance.

Business Development Workshops

In September, 8 Business Development Workshops were delivered to 86 participants. To date in 2019, 499 people have participated in 53 LEO Fingal Business Development Workshops. The fifth six-week QQI Cert in Social Media and Digital Marketing training started on 2nd September with 12 participants in attendance. The final course in 2019 will start on 14th October.

Business Clinics and Mentoring

Clinics are offered to individuals that wish to start up a new enterprise or expand their existing business. During September, 7 clinic days were undertaken, delivering expertise to 43 businesses in Fingal. This brings the cumulative figures for 2019 to date to 71 days clinics and 579 attendees. In addition, 119 individual Mentoring assignments have been delivered year to date.

LEAN for Micro Dublin Programme

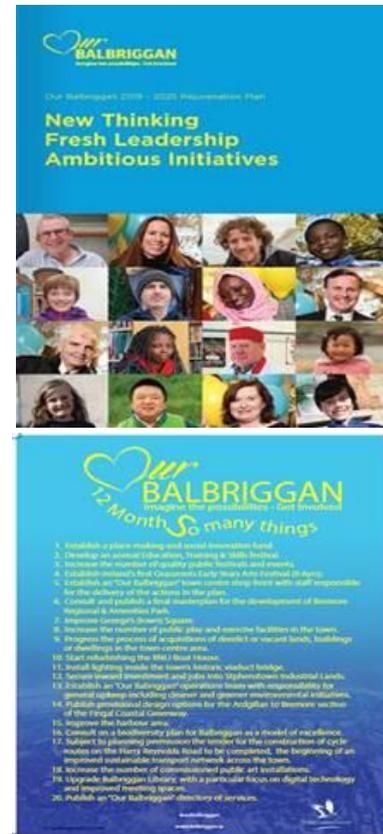
The current LEAN management development programme run by the four LEOs in the Dublin region commenced on Thursday 19th September 2019.

Food Starter

Food Starter business programme is a short two-day programme designed to help those with a food idea, or those at a very early stage of starting up a food business to understand a base knowledge of what is involved in setting up a food business. The current Food Starter Programme commenced on Friday 20th September 2019.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Balbriggan Socio Economic Strategy



Implementation groups have started to meet and progress work across the plans four pillars: Local Economy, Public Realm, Education, Training & Employment & Community Affairs & Integration.

The Balbriggan Leadership group, headed by Professor Brian MacCraith, will meet on October 16th to assess progress on these and the 20 Things in the first 12 Months. The Plan contains a Town Rejuvenation Map, detailing public realm commitments and actions across the three other Pillars. An accompanying summary document can be downloaded at www.balbriggan.ie

Local Community Development Committee

Applications received under the Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) 2019 were evaluated during September. A list of successful projects will be approved by the LCDC at its October Meeting and all applicants will be informed of the LCDC decision further to that meeting. 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.

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 closing date for applications has been extended and Fingal LCDC will be submitting projects that can avail of this funding in October. The Fingal LCDC has also been approved for an additional €60,000, through the Healthy Ireland Fund, over the next two years for Mental Health related Projects, which includes a small grants scheme of €30,000. Applications under this scheme will also be submitted in October.

SICAP

The Mid-Year Review of the 2019 Annual Implementation Plan has been approved by the LCDC and Pobal. The programme for 2019 is performing well and has met targets year to date. The annual on-site visit to Fingal by Pobal has been fixed for 8th October.



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.



Year to date, 13 Projects have been approved for €403,000.

In the programme to date, 56 projects have been approved for €1.75 million. Of these 38 are in Fingal. 4 in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and 14 in South Dublin. The pipeline for new projects to be brought to the LAG in the coming months is strong. Next LAG meeting to be held in October.

Fingal County Council continues to deliver the 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 September 2019 were Drinan 97%, BASE 91% and Beat 88%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 69 businesses and 342 jobs.



The environment to succeed



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

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Fortlawn Estate – Planters

Operations worked with the Housing and Community Department to raise the kerb and enhance the area with Environmentally friendly recycled plastic Planters in Fortlawn Estate.



Snugborough Road – Removal of Knee rail



The removal of the Knee-rails on Snugborough road was undertaken in anticipation of the forthcoming bulb planting season. The remaining grass verges of Snugborough road will be planted with a pollinator friendly bulb mix to compliment and complete the existing bulb planting on the road.

This is in line with Fingal County Council's Pollinator friendly initiatives to cater for and encourage our bio-diversity by providing valuable pollen and nectar to our Pollinators. The implementation of the bulb scheme will also allow us to reduce the frequency of grass cutting and hence further reduce our carbon emissions, before a late cut in August/September.

To date, the public feedback from adjacent bulb planting schemes has been extremely positive and

the enhancement of Snugborough road will no doubt be met with further enthusiasm.

St Mochtas School Footpath

The Operations Department recently completed footpath works here they removed old cobblelock footpath, railings & bollards and replaced with new tarmacadam path & stainless steel bollards.



Street Lighting

Works Programme: In September 2019 new lighting was installed on Doctors Lane in Rush. The works consisted of new ducting, cabling and installation of extra street lighting.

Another street light that accommodates integrated Electric Vehicle charging was installed on Main Street Blanchardstown. Usage will be closely monitored.



Doctors Lane Rush

Main Street Blanchardstown

LED Programme: In September the LED Upgrade Program saw 745 LED Upgrade Works carried out in the following locations:-

Clonsilla: Sheepmoor Estate

Malahide: Grove Lawn, Talbot Estate, The Bawn Grove, The Cove, The Warren

Portmarnock: Alder Court, Ashley Rise, Blackberry Lane/Rise, Blackthorn Close, Bracken Drive, Briar Walk, Dewberry Park, Elnor Court, Heather Gardens/Walk, Hill Court, Kelvin Close, Martello Court, Onward Close/Walk, Purley Park, Radlett Grove, Redfern Avenue, Waterside Crescent, Wendel Avenue, Wheatfield Grove/Road, Woodlands, Woodlands Court
Sutton: Bayside, Binn Eadair View, Dun Carraig, Montini Park, Offington Court/Lawn, Sarto Lawns/Park/Rise, Sutton Lawns

Balbriggan: Hampton Green

Finglas: Charlestown, Lanesborough Estate

Rush: Cois Trá, Ladycove, Linn Bán, Linn Cuin, Old Road Grove, Seafield Court.
South Shore Cove, Woodlands

Traffic

Traffic Management Schemes

2019 Traffic Signal Contract – Work is progressing on the installation of 8 pedestrian / zebra crossings at various locations throughout Fingal. Clonsilla Road, Powerstown Road, The Casino Malahide, Kinsealy Malahide Road Educate Together School are now completed and awaiting ESB connection.

Station Road Ongar and Station Road Burrowfield are 90% complete and Balrothery is 80% complete. The remaining site, Barnageeragh Road, will be progressing in the coming weeks.



Clonsilla Road at St Mochtas School



2019 Traffic Signals Upgrades – Upgrade works are ongoing at various sites around Fingal:
Main Street Howth traffic lights: Work has also commenced recently on the upgrade to the existing dual pedestrian crossing on Main Street adjacent to the Church. The picture below shows the existing traffic lights and tactile paving prior to the upgrade works. The existing halogen lights signal heads and poles will be replaced with more economic LED lights and the signal control box will be moved closer to the crossing.

New Installation at The Casino Malahide/Bridgefield Car Park



Existing lights & tactile paving on Main Street Howth



30km/hr speed sign erected at the entrance to Dal Riada, Portmarnock



2019 Footpath Contract – The 2019 contract is currently underway and is being carried out by the Fingal direct labour crew. As part of this contract 2 new bus stops were installed on the Ongar Distributor Road for increased Bus services to the local community.

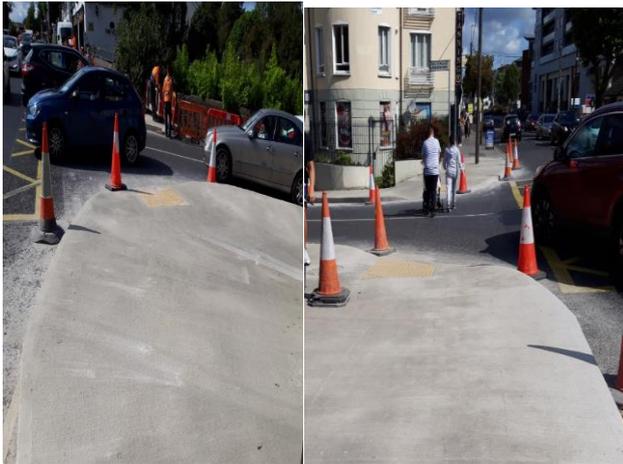
2019 VAS Signage Contract – Traffic Area Engineers met with the appointed contractor and agreed indicative locations for the new solar powered signs. Site surveys follow at each location. Work on the installation of the signage at the initial locations commenced in September and is expected to be completed within a four-month timeframe. There are a total of 26 new sites with 36 new signs to be installed.



Millers Lane/ R128 Junction

The junction of Millers Lane/ R128 is being tightened with smaller radii to aid pedestrian movement and slow down vehicular movements. Tactile pavement has been installed to aid vulnerable road users as part of these works.





Church Road Swords

Footpath works including tactile pavement installation have been carried out at the junction of Church Road and Swords Dublin Road to improve road and pedestrian safety.

Signing and Lining - Additional road markings are programmed to be installed on Castlevue Extension, Swords to facilitate locals exiting their estates during rush hour times.

2019 Ramps Contract –The contract is currently out to tender with a closing date for tender receipt 10/10/19.

2019 Bicycle Counter Tender - Three sites have been proposed with one cycle counter installed at each of the sites. Tenders which were submitted for the project are presently being evaluated.

Speed Limits Project

The Speed Limit Review for Fingal County is nearing completion. This is a comprehensive review of all roads within the county with each roads limit under consideration. 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. In the coming weeks the maps will be forwarded to An Garda Síochána and other stakeholders for consultation and submissions.

Traffic Control Project

Traffic Signals Maintenance Contract: The Traffic Assets information is currently being updated on the Deadsure system with Infrastructure details, Site location maps, Sim Card detail and power consumption being updated. This information will form part of the Traffic Signals Contract.

In addition, all traffic infrastructure is currently being mapped and provided on the GIS system.

Road Safety Section



As part of European Mobility Week 2019 which was held 16th – 22nd September and European Car Free Day, the Road Safety Section held a car free day in Malahide on Sunday 22nd September. New Street was temporarily opened up as a pedestrian and cycling zone. Despite the inclement weather, a large number of people attended throughout the day to enjoy activities on the pedestrianised zone including the beautiful sounds of the string quartet group, Bohemian Strings, face painting, balloon modelling, art displayed by local artists and much more. Free Tea and Coffee were provided by some of the local cafes and businesses to those who walked or cycled and left their car at home subsidised by Fingal County Council.

Positive feedback received indicates that members of the public would like to see their local streets being pedestrianised on a much more regular basis



**Car Free Day, New Street, Malahide 22nd
September 2019**



Reserve School Wardens: - To date, nine of the Reserve School Wardens have been Garda Vetted, four have been trained on-site and can be included on the reserve panel for employment as required. Further 'Buddy Up' training will continue in October.

Bleeper Bike - Bleeper Bike continues to hold Activation Days throughout Fingal to create awareness to passing individuals with regards to the bike share scheme, how it works and by giving individuals a one-day coupon for use on the bikes. The most recent days were held in Sutton, Castleknock and Malahide. An additional location has been added to the Bleeper bike app in Castleknock (entrance to Phoenix Park) which is already proving very popular.

Further bike racks will be installed throughout the month of October in the Dublin 15 area, Swords, Portmarnock, Baldoyle, Sutton and Seabury, Malahide to encourage user growth amongst commuters.

Bleeper bike also attended Car Free Day in Malahide and received a very positive response from members of the public.

Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Rehabilitation of Church Road Bridge, Blanchardstown, Wyanstown Bridge and Wimbletown Bridge

The tender document preparation for the rehabilitation of the Church Road Bridge, Blanchardstown, Wyanstown Bridge and Wimbletown Bridge is currently underway. As a result of this procurement, site works are expected to commence in Q1 2020. The Topographical and Ground Penetrating Radar surveys are scheduled to be carried out in October 2019.

Rehabilitation of Knightstown Bridge, Colecot Bridge, Callaighwee Bridge

The construction work on Knightstown, Colecot, and Callaighwee bridges commenced on 12th July 2019 and all instream works were completed in September. Road closures took place for two weeks starting mid-September and all out of stream works are expected to be completed at the beginning of October 2019. Snagging will follow the completion of the out of stream construction works.



Colecott & Knightstown Bridges during construction

Solar Compactable Bins - Howth

The roll out of Solar Compactable Bins has commenced. 19 were installed in Howth recently with a further 18 to be installed throughout the village. Roll out to other areas in Fingal will follow.

The Solar Street Bins are supplied by PEL Manufacturing who are an Irish company based in Balla, Co. Mayo. The bin is a solar powered compacting litter bin designed to save on the total cost of the litter collection service



Cannonball Run 2019

The Cannonball Run, which is organised by Cannonball Ireland, arrived in Malahide Castle for the second year in a row on Thursday 5th September. There was an electric atmosphere at Malahide Castle as a large crowd gathered to welcome the largest road trip in Europe.



190 Supercars were on display to the public on Thursday evening, and again on Friday Morning before the start of the charity Cannonball Run at 10am.



This year the event was run in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. The event has already raised over €1 million for Irish charities.

Communities in Bloom - Malahide

Communities in Bloom is a Canadian based not for profit organisation that fosters friendly competition between communities to beautify their civic spaces.

Malahide entered the international competition this year which involves winners from different national programs (including Tidy Towns of Ireland) competing with each other based on population size categories. Malahide did exceptionally well in the medium category and received a 5 Blooms – Bronze rating and a special mention for Malahide Castle and the Talbot Botanical Gardens and Butterfly House. It was an excellent result especially considering it was our first time to enter the competition.

Congratulations also to Malahide for their Gold medal award in the Tidy Towns National Competition!

A special thanks to all involved in both Tidy Towns and Communities in Bloom who put in such terrific work throughout the year. We can all be very proud of our achievement.



Balbriggan, Swords, Rush, Lusk



Operations staff completing a large scale clean-up on Portrane Beach.



In response to request from the public sandbags made available at strategic locations throughout the county in anticipation of Storm Lorenzo.



Fingal Tidy Towns Committees achieving fantastic results

- County & Gold Medal Winners – Skerries
- Gold Medal Winners - Malahide
- Silver Medal Winner – Swords
- Bronze Medal Winner – Lusk



Upgrading of Tennis courts in Balrothery nearing completion

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

Hires put in Place

There were **80** hires put in place from 1stSeptember to 30th September, engaging **26** suppliers.

Included in these were:

- 2 VMS signs for Malahide Village Car Free Day
- 3 VMS signs for EUROPEAN DAY WITHOUT A ROAD DEATH

- Generators, Tower Lights and Portaloos for Fingal Fleadh 2019
- Road Sweeper for the Castleknock and Mulhuddart Area.
- Self-Drive Vehicle Mounted Hoist for Castleknock and Mulhuddart Area for the Tree Pruning/Removal
- 18T Rigid Lorry (BOX BODY) for Transport of Filing Cabinets from Law Dept. to Grove Road



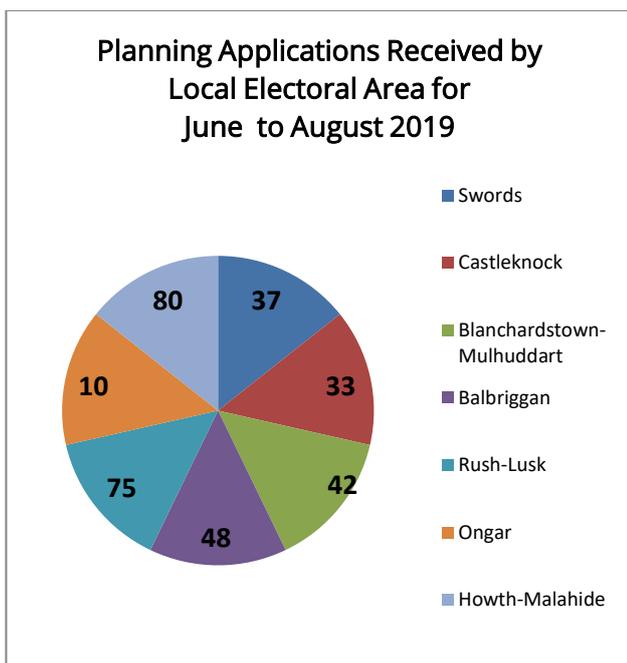
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Planning Applications

There have been 870 planning applications received to the end of August 2019. Eighty three of these applications were invalid, leaving a total of 787 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below. Please note that the data for individual LEA's is only available from June 2019

To date in 2019, one Strategic Housing Development (SHD) application (for 153 units) was made to An Bord Pleanála. The Board refused permission for the SHD on 25th June, 2019. There are currently 14 SHDs in the formal pre-planning process.



Planning Decisions

A total of 802 planning decisions have been made to the end of August 2019. There have been 654 decisions to grant permission (82%) and 148 refusals of permission (18%). There have been 49 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 357 grants of permission for domestic extensions, and 185 commercial/retail grants of permission. There have been 25 grants of permission in respect of housing developments – three of which related to developments of 100 plus unites, eight of which related to developments of 50 - 100 housing units, and 14 of which related to developments of 2-20 housing units.

Building Control

There were 132 Disability Access Certificates submitted to the end of August 2019, of these 120 have been granted, one was deemed not required and five are currently on time extension. There were 189 Fire Safety Certificates submitted to the end of August 2019, of these 127 have been granted, four were invalidated and 40 are currently on time extension.

Draft Dublin Airport Local Area Plan

The public display period for the Draft Airport Local Area Plan and proposed Variation no.1 to the Fingal Development Plan will close on 5.00pm the 15th of October. Please ensure submissions on

these important land use plans have been received before the consultation period closes.

Donabate Distributor Road

Construction of the Donabate Distributor Road is 88% complete. The new bridge over the Dublin Belfast railway line is complete and open to construction traffic. Necessary road tie-ins are complete at the Hearse Road and Balcarrick Road junctions, with the Portrane Road tie-in scheduled for October. The main activity on site currently is between Balcarrick Road and Portrane Road, and road opening is currently programmed for December.



Hearse Road Realignment at bad bend

The lands required for these works have been transferred into Fingal County Council ownership. The Part 8 approval process for the works will formally commence with a view to initiating the public consultation process after the October 2019 Area Committee Meeting. Following the Part 8 process, procurement for a main contractor for the works will commence. It is estimated that construction works will start on site in Q2 2020 with a 4 month construction period envisaged.



Footpath widening/Pedestrian safety improvements on the Portrane Road in the vicinity of St. Patricks National School:

Fingal County Council appointed an engineering consultant in late 2018 to examine upgrade options for the provision of footpath improvements on the Portrane Road, between the entrance to Carrs Mills estate to a point east of St Patricks National School and Scoil Phádraig Cailíní Girls National School. The consultant has examined the feasibility of various design proposals, has proposed a recommended design and undertaken redesign of utilities. The Part 8 approval process for the works will formally commence following the Internal Consultation Process with a view to initiating the public consultation process in Q4 2019 . Following the Part 8 process, land acquisition, contract

documentation and contractor procurement will follow. The overall timescale for design, statutory processes, tendering and construction, subject to the planning process and any required land acquisition process, will be 18-24 months.

Provision of a footpath on north side of Turvey Avenue, east of entrance to Turvey Drive

Fingal County Council appointed an engineering consultant in late 2018 to examine upgrade options for the provision of a footpath along the northern side of Turvey Avenue between Donabate Village and Turvey Drive. The consultant has examined the feasibility of various design proposals, has proposed a recommended design and undertaken redesign of utilities. The Part 8 approval process for the works will formally commence with a view to initiating the public consultation process after the October 2019 Area Committee Meeting. Following the Part 8 process, land acquisition, contract documentation and contractor procurement will follow. Affected landowners were contacted in September 2019. The overall timescale for design, statutory processes, tendering and construction, subject to the planning process and any required land acquisition process, will be 18-24 months.

Building Control/Taking in Charge

Taking in Charge of Legacy Developments: Frameworks of services providers were established late 2018. As a result, bond claims have been prepared and submitted to bond holder for the resolution of 12 sites with a view to progressing the Taking in Charge Statutory process. The council is now preparing for the works contracts.

Taking in Charge: six estates/infrastructure have been TIC so far in 2019.

Building Control: Inspectors undertook more than 20 first time inspections of sites during September 2019, as well as multiple repeat inspections. Inspections are targeted with a risk based approach in accordance with government policy. Recent government circulars with regards to fire safety have been incorporated into our inspections. 'Bringing Back Homes' policy has added another area of focus with regard to the re-use of commercial units without the requirement for planning permission.

Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services)

Flood Risk Assessments and Drainage Strategies to inform Local Area Plans (LAP): FCC staff are currently managing the tendering and preparation of the surface water management plans to inform Dublin Airport LAP, Kellystown LAP, Coolquay LAP, Belcamp LAP, Folkstown LAP, Rolestown LAP and Churchfields/Powerstown and Cappaghfinn urban frameworks.

Pre-planning consultations – during September 2019 staff from Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services) have engaged with more than eleven developers at pre-planning stage to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of sustainable drainage systems on site. Staff are currently engaged at pre-planning stage on more than 20 Strategic Housing Developments.

Draft Fingal Community Archaeology Strategy

The public consultation period for the Draft Fingal Community Archaeology Strategy <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/draft-fingal-community-archaeology-strategy-2019-2023> ended on the 27 September 2019. A report on the submissions is being prepared and a presentation will be made at the November Area Committee Meetings.

The Community Archaeologist showcased Fingal County Council's ground-breaking work at the European Association Archaeologists 25th Meeting in Bern. An invitation to contribute a paper based on the presentation- Creating Communities-A Local Authority Experience -to the Journal of Community Archaeology and Heritage Special Series has been received.



Fingal Fieldnames Project

Phase II of the Fingal Fieldnames Project is ongoing. Volunteers are currently documenting fields within 200 of the total of 493 townlands in Fingal. The Community Archaeologist is working with the IT Department and the County Archivist on how best to present the findings in an interactive way and to create a secure archive into the future.

Official opening of Fingal's new skateparks in Balbriggan and Skerries

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Eoghan O'Brien cut the ribbon at both locations on Friday October 4th to the delight of the community groups and skatepark users who attended the opening. Both skateparks are built to cater for a wide age-range and all levels of experience and the layout allows families and spectators to appreciate and enjoy the activity in the park. Community engagement has been a hallmark and the foundation of the

project. Before tendering for the project, the Parks & Green Infrastructure Division undertook extensive consultation with each Skatepark Committee and local users to determine their requirements. A key aspect of the success of the project is that the design of the skatepark was informed by the users' needs and compliments the character of each location.



HOUSING AND COMMUNITY (H&C)

Housing	Community Sports Arts Libraries
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Housing Supply Report

Fingal County Council is very proactive in the delivery of social housing units and has provided housing solutions for 5,170 families over the lifetime of the Housing Strategy 2020 and Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan through a range of delivery mechanisms including construction, Part V, acquisitions, leasing and Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP).

Delivered via	Target	Delivered
New Build*	408	420
Acquisitions	67	214
Leasing	166	83
HAP	1,085	1,236
TOTAL	1,826	1,953

Delivery Output 2015-2017

The target set for delivery of social housing by Fingal County Council for the three year period 2015 – 2017 was **1,376** homes.

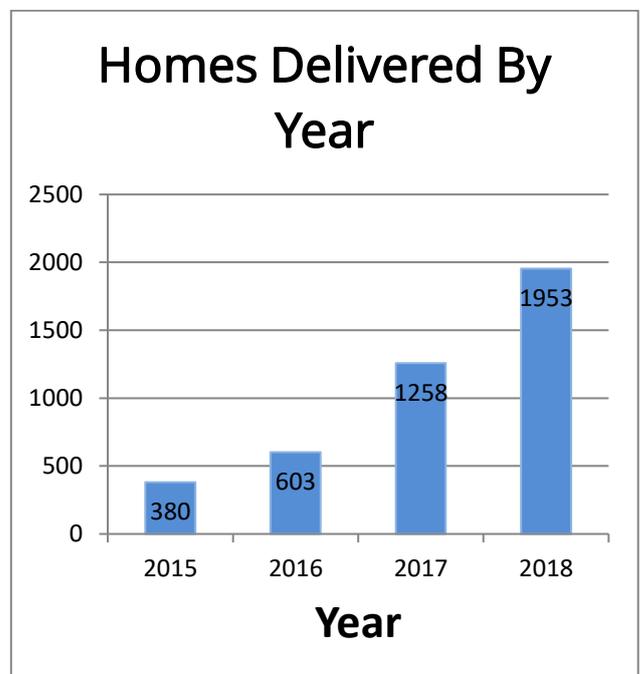
Delivery output for 2015-2017 was **2,241** homes.

Year	Homes Delivered
2015	380
2016	603
2017	1,258
TOTAL	2,241

Delivery Output 2018

A target of delivering **1,826** social housing units during 2018 was set for Fingal and **1,953** units were delivered by year end.

*Construction, Part V, Turnkey Acquisitions



Targets for 2019

The target for delivery during 2019 has been set at **2,184** dwellings which is an increase of 20% on the target set for 2018. This target includes delivery under construction, Part V, acquisitions, leasing, HAP and RAS.

Delivery Mechanism	Target 2018	Target 2019
New Build	408	419
Acquisitions	67	121
Leasing	166	170
Sub Total	641	710
HAP + RAS	1,185	1,474
Overall Total	1,826	2,184

Construction Programme

The Council has an ambitious construction programme underway with 22 sites across the county and 210 homes already delivered. The following table outlines the various stages that construction projects are currently at.

Project	Units	Status
St Cronan's x 2 schemes	15	Completed
Cappaghfinn I	14	Completed
Balrothery - North + East	9	Completed
Wellview, Dublin 15	20	Completed
Racecourse Common	74	Completed
Ballyboughal	8	Completed
Pinewood, Balbriggan	20	Completed
Estuary Road - V de Paul	8	Completed
Castlelands, Balbriggan	24	Completed

Ravenswood, Coldwinters, Peter McVerry Trust	8	Completed
Rivermeade	2	Completed
Pinewood CC, Balbriggan	2	Completed
Avondale, Dublin 15	42	On Site
Church Road, Dublin 15 - FCC	22	On Site
Rolestown Phase 1 (10 delivered Q2 2019)	20	On Site
Rolestown Phase 2	6	On Site
Rathbeale Road, Swords	24	On Site
Church Road, Dublin 15 - Cluid Housing	64	On Site
Tucketts Lane, Howth	8	Tendering Stage
Wellview Cul de Sacs	20	Tendering Stage
College St. Baldoyle - Cluid Housing	4	Tendering Stage
Cappagh, Dublin 11 (ACM on 3rd Oct)	69	Planning Stage
Kilhedge Lane - Tuath (ACM on 14 th Nov)	48	Planning Stage
Outlands, Swords (ACM on 10 th Oct)	11	Planning Stage
Church Fields Phase 1B (ACM on 5 th Dec)	70	Planning Stage
	612	

In addition, there are a number of schemes at pre-planning stage which will be brought forward to the relevant area committees over the coming year

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 consisting of 70 social houses will be brought forward to the Area Committee for approval shortly. Funding has been approved under the Serviced Sites Fund (SSF) to enable delivery of key road and green infrastructure to facilitate the development of the site. Work is underway on the design of the road link between Damastown Road and Wellview Avenue, upgrade of the existing Wellview Avenue and a cycle way adjacent to Church Road. It is proposed to present this to the Area Committee in the coming year. Work is also underway on the design of the green infrastructure as outlined in the Land Management Plan.

Land Development Agency

The Council is working closely with the Land Development Agency (LDA) to bring forward land banks located in Fingal to unlock their potential to deliver mixed tenure housing.

The Council has received funding under the SSF for lands at Hackettstown in Skerries which is in the Land Aggregation Scheme and currently in the ownership of the Housing Agency/LDA. The Council has been working with the LDA and the Housing Agency to bring this site forward for development.

Part V Delivery

Delivery under Part V has increased year on year with the upturn in construction. Early on-site delivery of units is the approach taken by the Council in Part V negotiations with developers. The following table demonstrates the delivery under Part V since 2015;

Year	Part V Delivery
2015	15
2016	12
2017	87
2018	125
TOTAL	235

Approved Housing Bodies

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

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.

Serviced Sites Fund

The Serviced Sites Fund (SSF) provides for enabling infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of affordable homes on local authority and Housing Agency sites. Fingal County Council has received approval in principle for the following projects which will enable the delivery of social, affordable purchase and affordable rental homes at scale on strategically located sites in the county;

Church Fields	€ 11m
Cappagh	€ 3.5m
Dun Emer, Lusk	€ 1.5m
Hackettstown, Skerries	€ 2.2m (LDA site)

Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements

The Council sought Expressions of Interest for the developed design, construction, delivery and sale of affordable residential units on a site in Fingal ownership at Dun Emer, Lusk. This process is being instigated to appoint a Development Partner with a view to progressing enabling infrastructure along with the affordable scheme at the site in Dun Emer.

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, a Scheme of Priority was adopted by the Council at the May meeting and further regulation in respect of the Affordable Dwelling Purchase Scheme is expected later this year.

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

RIHL was launched on 1st February 2018 and, for those meeting the eligibility criteria, it offers a choice of two different loan products with low interest rates. Further details and application forms available on www.rebuildingirelandhomeloan.ie

Number of applications received to date	818
Number of applications approved	392
Value of the loans approved	€87,012,431.00
Number of loans drawn down	150
Value of loans drawn down	€33,279,399.00

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 was 21,034 at end of 2018.

The annual targets are as follows:

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

During 2018 there were 2,102 first inspections and 888 second inspections carried out. Inspections for 2019 are ongoing.

October Photos from social housing construction schemes

Rolestown, Co Dublin - 26 units:



Ladyswell Crescent, Mulhuddart, D15 – 22 units



Pinewood, Balbriggan – 2 units:



Avondale, Mulhuddart, D15 – 42 units

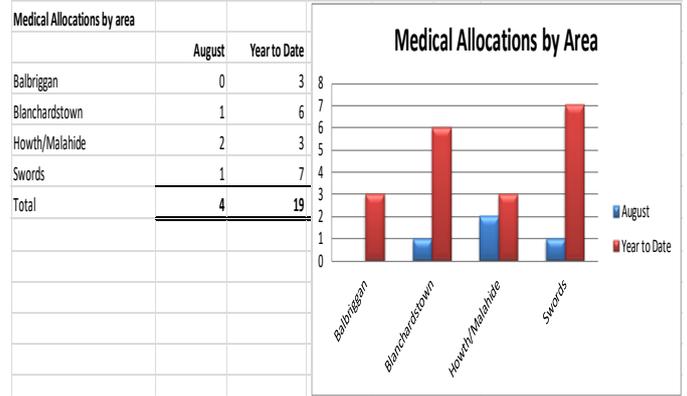


Rivermeade - 2 units:



Offers under Medical Priority

19 of the above 258 allocations went to households who were approved for medical priority.



Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support

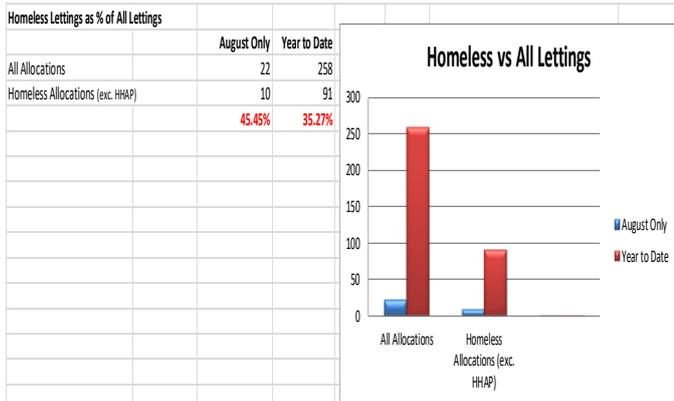
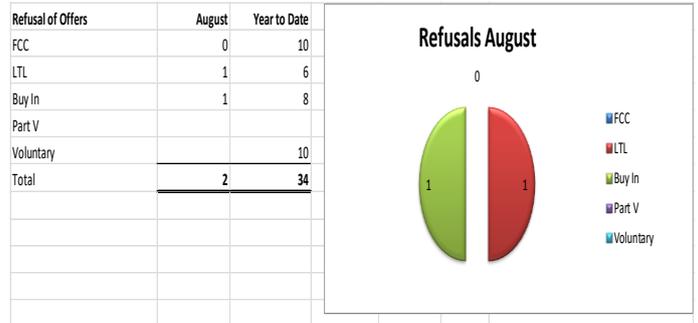
Offers of Housing Support

In 2019 to end August, Fingal County Council allocated 258 properties to applicants on the social housing list. 91 of these properties went to homeless households which represents just over 35% of the allocations.

These figures do not include Homeless HAP tenancies.

Refusals of Offers

To date in 2019, 34 households have refused offers of swellings from Fingal County Council. This includes refusals from 7 families who are residing in commercial emergency accommodation (hotels and B&B's)

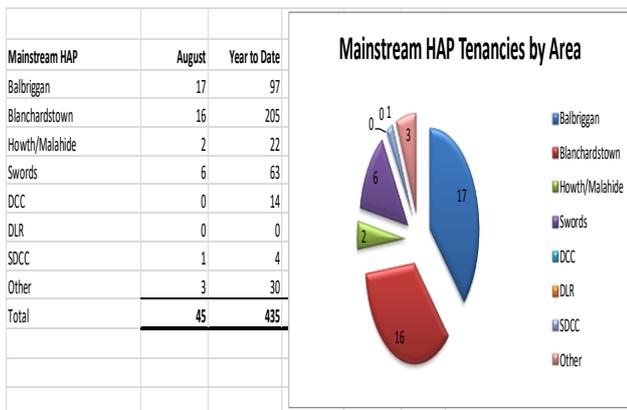


Housing List Position Letters

Housing applicants were advised by letter of their position on the housing list, during week beginning 7th October 2019.

Housing Assistance Payment(HAP)

HAP was introduced in Fingal County Council in 2017. Under the Scheme, tenancies may be approved outside of Fingal, to those who qualify for Housing Support. Since then 1764 tenancies have been registered. In 2019 to date, 435 tenancies have been registered with a further 40 being progressed for September.



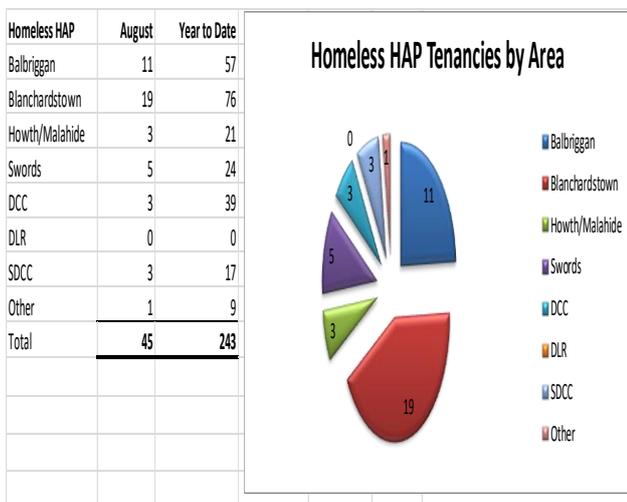
The Councils Homeless Clinic, which is open every morning from 9.30 to 12.30 sees approximately 40 new families experiencing homelessness every month. The Council provides advice and support to these families and advises them of the options available to them. The Council works in conjunction with various agencies such as Focus and Threshold in supporting homeless families.

Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024 was adopted by the Council on the 8th July, 2019. The following is the position in relation to accommodation targets for the current year

Homeless Services

Homeless HAP was introduced in Fingal County Council in 2015. Since then over 900 tenancies have been registered. In 2019 to date 243 tenancies have been registered with a further 35 being processed for September.



Type	Target 2019	In progress	Delivered
Group Housing Refurbishment	4	2	3
Group Housing New	0	0	0
Halting site Refurbishment	30	15	0
TOTAL	34	17	3

Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

The number of casual voids within Social Housing Stock which are currently in the re-let process is as set out in the table below;

Voids	At 30 th September 2019
In letting process	26
Undergoing re-let repairs	27
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	23
TOTAL	76

Planned Maintenance Programmes

Boiler Servicing

The council provides an annual boiler servicing facility, including all maintenance and upgrade works, for a nominal fee of €3 per week to participating tenant.

Area	No of dwellings in 2019 Servicing Programme	No Allocated to Contractor	Serviced in 2019 to end September	% Completion rate
Dublin 15 and South Fringe (Harris Heating)	2419	2238	1610	75%
North and East Fingal (Harris Heating)	2661	2537	1679	69%
Total	5080	4775	3289	72%

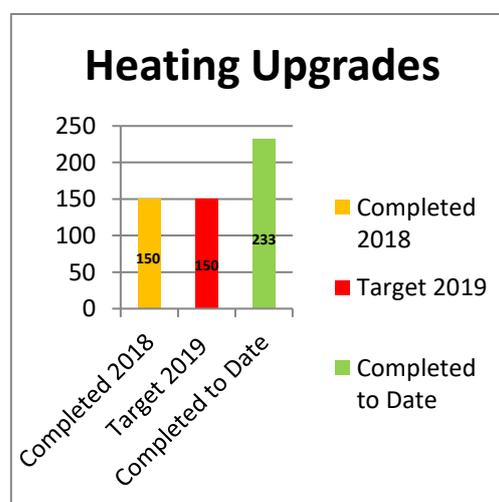
Cyclical Maintenance

This programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to council housing stock. Currently the programme operates on a 6/7 year cycle. The current contract commenced in May 2019 and 315 dwellings have been completed to date out of a target 550 dwellings

Estate	Units Included		Status
Seaview Park, Portrane	13	13	Complete
Longstone Park ,Portrane	20	20	Complete
Ministers Park , Lusk	58	58	Complete
Hands Lane Cottages	7	7	Complete
Glasmore Park	26	26	Complete
Jugback Lane	49	49	Complete
Seamount Grove, Malahide	39	39	Complete
Fortlawne Estate	229	103	In progress
Sheepmoor Estate (part)	109	0	
	550	315	

Heating Upgrades

Boiler upgrades are continuing based on the Council's commitments under its Climate Change Action Plan. These include boiler and systems upgrades (as required) as part of re-let repairs to void properties



Estate Maintenance and Grass Cutting

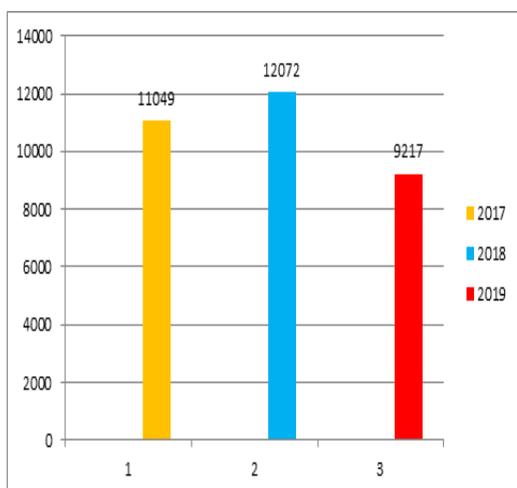
The Housing Maintenance Division provides a grass cutting service for circa 350 elderly or vulnerable tenants, within its housing estates. In addition, grass cutting is provided in small areas of open space, not covered by Operations Department, with the overall objective of improving the visual aspect of the estates.

Laneways provided to the rear of dwellings in the older estates can be a source of dumping and anti-social behaviour and the Housing Maintenance Division works with local residents to find solutions where issues exist. In some cases

Laneway in Fortlawn, Dublin 15- works are underway to incorporate a section of laneway at Fortlawn Avenue into three Council Properties. It is anticipated that the works will be complete in mid-November.

Laneway in Lambeecher, Balbriggan - 4 laneways in Lambeecher to be gated following survey of residents.

Inspections and surveys underway at further laneways in Sheepmoor, Dublin 15 and Pinewood Green, Balbriggan



Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate/Welfare/Stock Management

The ongoing management and sustainment with regard to social tenancies and good estate management falls within the remit of the ASB/Inspectorate Unit. Alleged breaches pertaining to tenancy agreements are investigated and pursued in accordance with Housing legislative guidelines.

There are occasions when the vulnerabilities, complexities and health related issues associated with a tenancy require tenancy sustainment intervention and supports. Ongoing case management and review with a variety of external agencies, including Approved Housing Bodies, An Garda Síochána, Tusla and the HSE is a necessity to ensure all agencies work collaboratively with a view to achieving best outcomes.

Stock Management

40 cases under review – 18 regularisations, 12 breaches – (allegations of illegal occupancy, sub-lets),

4 downsizing, 1 abandonment (repossessed), 5 Miscellaneous

Surrenders 61 YTD – 15 surrenders achieved through Estate Management intervention

Housing Welfare

88 cases under review with Housing Social Workers

Anti-Social Behaviour

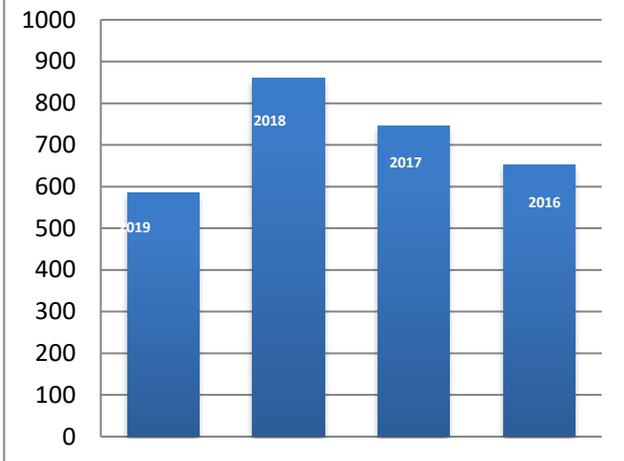
Dublin 15 – 25 cases under current investigation/10 continuous monitoring

North County – 24 cases under current investigation/31 continuous monitoring

Total Complaints Received

2019 (end of August)	585
2018	860
2017	746
2016	654

Total Complaints 2016-2019

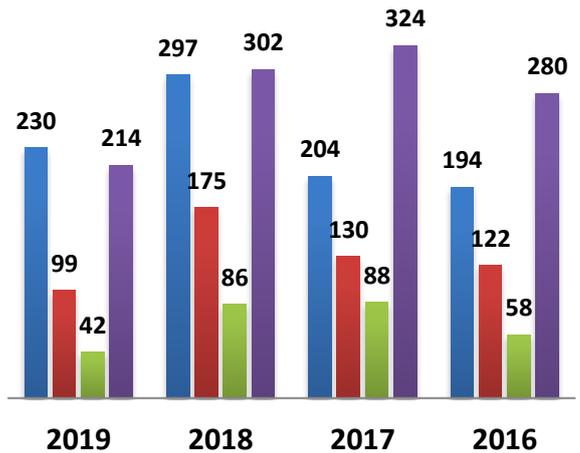


Area Breakdown of Complaints

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Balbriggan	230	297	204	194
Swords	99	175	130	122
Howth/Malahide	42	86	88	58
Blanchardstown	214	302	324	280
Total	585	860	746	654

Area Breakdown of Complaints 2016-19

■ Balbriggan ■ Swords
■ Howth/Malahide ■ Blanchardstown



Anti-Social Interventions (end of August)

Interviews Held	56
Tenancy Alerts	17
Tenancy Warnings	1
Tenant Induction Training	9

Community Culture & Sports Division

Arts Office:

Estuary – An exhibition to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of FCC Municipal Art Collection



To mark the 25th anniversary of Fingal County Council, the Arts Office commissioned an exhibition entitled *Estuary* to highlight the Council's Municipal Art Collection which has been collected since 1994. The exhibition was launched by Mayor Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien on 12th September 2019 to a large crowd at Draíocht Arts Centre, with special guest, poet, writer and lecturer Theo Dorgan. The exhibition continues until 16th November 2019 and there will be a number of supporting events which are outlined below. This exhibition is curated by Fingal artists Una Sealy, RHA, James English, RHA, Joshua Sex and Sanja Todorovic. To accompany the exhibition, a new high quality publication was produced entitled 'Not in Alphabetical Order 2'

Events include:

- **Estuary Tour** took place Friday, 20th September
- **Estuary Tour and Visit to THE HIDE SCULPTURE**, took place 28th September,
- **Where the Tide Meets the Stream, Printmaking Workshop** in association with **Graphic Studio Dublin**, Saturday, 26th October 2019, 2-4pm,
- **CPD for Primary School Teachers**, Tuesday, 29th October 2019, 10am-3pm.
- **Estuary Life, Still-Life Painting Workshop**, Thursday 7th November 2019, 10.30am-1.30pm

Programme of Events for Children & Young People

- **Early Years Arts with Lucy Hill and local crèche services**, October 2019.
- **Family Day**, Saturday, 19th October 2019, 12noon-3pm.
- **Primary Schools, an Appetite for Adventure**, Thursday, 14th November 2019, 10am-11.30 / 12.30-2pm.
- **Post-primary Schools, Drawing in a Digitally Mediated World**, Tuesday, 8th October 2019, 10.30am-12noon / 1-2.30pm.
- **Leaving Certificate Art History Appreciation: Revision Day**, Tuesday, 5th November 2019, 10.30am-1.30pm.

All events are free, for bookings and further information contact Draíocht box office 01 885 2622.

https://www.draiocht.ie/visual_arts





An Urgent Enquiry -SAC-Special Area of Conversation at Portrane Beach

SAC - Special Area of Conversation is a temporary art installation on Portrane Beach as part of *An Urgent Enquiry* artist residency commission, the project is a cross county collaboration, funded through the Arts Council of Ireland's Invitation to Collaboration Award where Fingal, Wexford and Dublin City Council have explored the local and shared biodiversity along the east coast. Fingal selected artists Mary Conroy and Joanna Hopkins to reside in our Resort Residency at Lynders Mobile Home Park. This temporary public artwork and site specific theatre performance represents an amalgamation of ideas and concepts that were processed through the artist's 3 month residency in Fingal. The artwork draws attention to the conservation efforts being carried out in the Fingal area for both humans and wildlife, to highlight the existence, fragility and importance of all the creatures who call the Fingal coastline 'home'.

www.anurgentenquiry.ie



Culture Night 20th September 2019





The Arts Office created a booklet highlighting cultural events and venues that took place in this year's Culture Night. For Culture Night in Swords, the Arts Office invited professional writers from Fingal, through an open call opportunity, to respond to the heritage and culture of Swords, its people and environs. A combination of poets, playwrights and novelists were selected and performed alongside musicians Celtic Breeze and Kinsealy Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann as part of *Sounds Like Swords*, a live literature and music event at Swords Castle.

www.culturenight.ie

'Sounds like Swords' Words and Music inspired by our place. Earlier this year the Arts Office invited expressions of interests from professional writers based in Fingal to participate in Culture Night 2019. The Arts Office also wanted to engage with our local audience here in Swords. Through the commissioning of these original works our aim is to support Fingal writers throughout their professional careers and to offer you the audience an opportunity to see these new works presented in Swords Castle.



Community Development Office:

Launch of Luttrellstown Community Facility

Mayor of Fingal Cllr Eoghan O'Brien will official open Luttrellstown Community Centre on Wednesday, 16th October 2019 at 11.00am.

Fingal Community Facilities Network meeting with Fingal Ethnic Network

The Community Facilities Network received a presentation from the Fingal Ethnic Network to look at developing new synergies. The Ethnic network also presented a survey from 37 of their members around access to community facilities across Fingal. The facilities network have set up a working group to look at the information contained in the survey and will feed back on relevant issues to the ethnic network in the coming weeks.

Fingal Community Facilities Network

The Fingal Community Facilities Network is currently compiling an information booklet entitled – **"Fingal Community Facilities Network - Connecting Communities"** which will contain information on the 31 community facilities across the county supported by Fingal County Council. The booklet will be available in Irish, French and Polish. The booklet will be launched by the mayor of Fingal during inclusion week on the 13th of November 2019 at 11am in Donabate Portrane Community Centre. It is aimed at communities across Fingal to provide information on the range of services and supports available in each of the community facilities.

FEN intercultural day took place on 6th October in Phibblestown Community Centre where the Community Development Office promoted the work of the office.

30 year celebration of Blakestown Community Resource Centre

Blakestown Community Centre is celebrating its 30th birthday. The centre was built in 1989 and provides a wide range of essential services to the local community. The centre will have a

celebration evening during social inclusion week on the 12th of November 2019.

Comhairle na nÓg:

Comhairle na nÓg coordinated a three-day program for its members, 14 members of the Fingal Comhairle na nÓg group took part in a summer programme in Foróige Blanchardstown Youth Service. The aim of the programme was for the Comhairle group to evaluate their Healthy Lifestyles topic which they had been working on since January 2019, learn how to use video equipment with the assistance of a videographer and document the work of Comhairle while taking part in consultations with Jigsaw, Fingal Sports Officers, the Fingal Digital Strategy and engage in team building.

As a result of the programme the members have formed strong links with Jigsaw and the Fingal Sports Office and look forward to developing a program that includes a piece on mental health. As a result of documenting the work of Comhairle through videography, members will be able to present the work of Comhairle na nÓg to the AGM on the 5th of November 2019, to give potential new committee members an insight into what it is like to be part of Fingal Comhairle na nÓg.



The first pilot IHREC Funded Frontline Staff Intercultural Competency and Diversity Awareness Training took place on 17th September 2019. 15 Staff completed this pilot training course with really positive feedback received from them. The staff came from Housing, Community, Libraries and the CCSU. The IHREC Working Group will use the feedback for the next training session which will take place on the 13th November 2019 as part of Social Inclusion Week.



The Community Development Office presented to representatives from 27 local authorities at a recent Immigrant Council of Ireland learning and networking seminar in Athlone. The seminar 'Developing & Implementing Local Migrant Integration Strategies' explored the development and execution of a Migrant Integration Strategy providing first-hand information and advice, learning and challenges from around the country. The Community Development Office presented on their consultation findings and structures which were put in place to progress the Fingal County Council Migrant Integration & Social Cohesion Strategy 2019 - 2024 which will be launched in November.



Launch of the Flemington Community Research Report

The Flemington Community Research Report was launched by Cllr Tony Murphy on September 16th in the Flemington Community Centre. The report is entitled **“Liveability and Flemington: An analysis of the issues of most concern to the community in the hinterland of Flemington Community Centre, Balbriggan.”** The report was commissioned by the Flemington Local Development Group and speakers on the day included Cllr Tony Murphy and the interim Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly.

This report gives a very important insight into issues that are affecting people locally. The key areas in this report were identified by the trainees during the research training. They are: Housing and Accommodation, Training and Education, Employment, Health, Awareness of Local Services, Transport, Money, Neighbourhood Quality, Crime, Safety and Policing, Diversity, and Discrimination.

Overall this research shows that the Flemington area is very diverse and presents specific needs which need to be addressed. Findings show that the vast majority of respondents state that they feel accepted by the people living in the Flemington area however they feel that their needs are not suitably represented in all the public services.



Fingal Men’s Shed Network Meeting

The Fingal Men’s Shed Network Meeting was held and hosted by the Baldoyle Men’s Shed Group in Baldoyle Community Hall on the 5th September. There were over 40 in attendance.



PPNs Annual Report 2018 Launched



Minister Seán Canney TD published the PPNs Annual Report 2018 on 25th September. Fingal PPN continues to perform strongly with a 25% growth in membership in 2018, delivering 63 events throughout the year, supporting a number of

initiatives across the local authority including the Fingal Mayor's Community Volunteer Awards and supporting community submissions on issues such as Bus Connects and the Dublin Airport Local Area Plan.

Minister Canney noted "Outside their normal engagement, PPNs are acting in partnership with local authorities, and collaborated on a host of events and initiatives in 2018. These include; age-friendly initiatives, sports partnerships, community awards, disability awareness, men's sheds, digital strategies and support of women's groups. PPNs are also actively engaged in raising the awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and are influencing local policy aimed at delivering on these goals."

Ongar Community Family Day

Over 1,000 people from the Ongar, Hansfield and Phibblestown areas of Dublin 15 visited the Ongar Community Day on 8th September 2019, supported and part organised by the FCC Community Development Office. The Ongar Development Group, which hosted the annual event in Ongar Community Centre includes representatives from FCC Community Office, Foróige, local schools and community groups together with the Gardaí. Dublin Fire Brigade and Guide Dogs for the Blind were big hits on the day, which was attended by the Deputy Mayor of Fingal Cllr Tom Kitt and six local councillors and TDs. As part of the event a survey on the health needs of the community was conducted by Fingal Comhairle na nÓg and Foróige. The survey found that almost 70% of the 92 respondents felt Ongar was a healthy place to live. Most respondents said the area would benefit from additional GP and medical services including mental health facilities for adults and young people. Planning begins now for Ongar Community Day 2020.



Age Friendly

In accordance with the Fingal Age Friendly Strategy 2018-2023, it is intended to carry out three walkability studies on the following dates; Blanchardstown - 23rd October 2019; Howth - 24th October 2019 and Balbriggan - 6th November 2019.

Sports Division:

Exercise: Energise Multi-Sports day

There was great excitement in National Indoor Arena, Abbottstown during the Exercise: Energise Multi-Sports day on the Tuesday 24th September, when the 2018 Women's World Boxing Champion Kellie Harrington joined the Mayor to offer the participating girls encouragement to continue with their activities in to the future. 300 teenage girls from secondary schools across Fingal took part in the day. The girls were given the opportunity try out various activities such as Zumba Strong, gymnastics, circuit training and Athletics (both Track & Field) under the guidance of accredited coaches from the National Sports Campus



Kelly Harrington



Mayor Cllr Eoghan O'Brien & Íde deBairtiséil

The Exercise:Energy Multi-Sports Day was held during the European Week of Sport and is part of Fingal's Sports Office's initiatives under the Federation of Irish Sport's 20X20 campaign. This programme is aimed mainly at girls aged between 12-15 years, (First or Second Years) who are not currently involved in sport or physical activity, the primary objective of the programme is to help combat the drop off from sport among this age group. The activities mainly take place during lunchtime and after-school. The girls are involved in selecting the activity, this has proven to be successful with over thirty girls participating in each school. The activities range from Judo, Martial Arts, Dance, Futsal, Basketball, Hip-Hop, Zumba and Gym work.



Marathonkids 2019

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 is well under way. The programme started in September with 40 primary school and 3,300 students involved. David Gillick (Former Olympian & European 400m Indoor Champion) is the programme's ambassador and has visited schools in Swords with plans for visits to Balbriggan and Blanchardstown.



David Gillick

Fingal Athletics League

The Fingal Athletics League started week commencing 23rd September 2019 (During the European Week of Sport) with 51 schools and 2,200 Fingal kids signed up to take part. There are two leagues taking place with 3 events at each league in Newbridge Demesne and Porterstown Park, which culminates in the Finals Day in March 2020.

Balbriggan Youth Sports Week

The Balbriggan Youth Sports Week, supported by the Balbriggan Sports Hub, took place during the European Week of Sport from 23rd September to 30th September 2019. Activities included Golf, Basketball, Football, Tennis, Tag Rugby and Cricket. The aim of this initiative was to give teenagers aged 12-17 the opportunity to try a new sport or to get back involved in a sport they may have previously given up. The sessions were delivered by the local sports clubs and over the course of the week almost 50 youths took part in the various activities. This was the first time an initiative like this has taken place in Balbriggan it is planned to expand and grow it next year.

Tyrrelstown & Mulhuddart Sport Hub

We are delighted to announce the Tyrrelstown Mulhuddart Sport HUB is now up and running. Based on the successful Balbriggan Sport HUB model the new sports hub will be based in Tyrrelstown Community Centre. The new sports officer, Gordon Ward will join Ciaran Russell, who set up the Balbriggan Hub to work as a team to develop both projects. Both initiatives are made possible through Dormant Account Funding.

Youth Sports (Small Grants) Scheme

Application forms have been circulated to Sports Clubs in addition to, advertisements in the local press and soft copies of the forms have been forwarded to all Councillors. The **closing date for this funding is 4pm on Friday, 18th October 2019.**

LIBRARIES

Fingal Libraries Autumn/Winter 2019 Brochure



The Fingal Libraries Autumn/Winter 2019 brochure is a comprehensive guide to all our regular services and to upcoming events. Find out about free E-services including Freegal, our music streaming service, look after your health by coming along to a Healthy Ireland at Your Library event, enjoy Children's Book Festival, take part in Science Week or sign up for Europe Direct's Climate Emergency Conference in October or the Soapbox on Climate Change in November. The brochure is available at branch libraries and can be downloaded at www.fingal.ie/libraries

Rush and Malahide Libraries receive Age Friendly Charter

Michael Ring T.D., Minister for Rural and Community Development, officially launched the

National Age Friendly Libraries Recognition Programme on the 1st October and presented 48 participating libraries with their Age Friendly Charter. Two of Fingal's libraries, Rush and Malahide, were presented with Charters. From the start of the year, Fingal Libraries has been working with Age Friendly Ireland to enhance and highlight library services for older people. Developing library services in a more age friendly way contributes to the Public Library Strategy 2018-2022 and embeds libraries more deeply in the communities they serve.



Senior Librarian, Nora Finnegan receives the Age Friendly Charter from Minister Michael Ring.

Fingal Libraries Autism-Friendly scheme approved for over €40,000 funding from the Dormant Accounts Fund.

Fingal Libraries has been awarded funding under the Dormant Accounts Fund, which will allow for the roll-out of Autism Friendly Schemes across the branch network. The allocation of €40,350 will allow for the expansion of the Autism Friendly Libraries project that has been operating at Blanchardstown Library on a pilot basis. Nine libraries across Fingal will implement designated autism-friendly sessions each month, and

regularly schedule 'quiet time' and 'relaxed programming' events which cater to people with autism. The project will involve working closely with both national and local autism groups. Furthermore, the "In Your Shoes" Autism Experience Exhibition by autism advocacy group AsIAm will be hosted in six of our library branches, to encourage people to engage with and to understand living with autism.

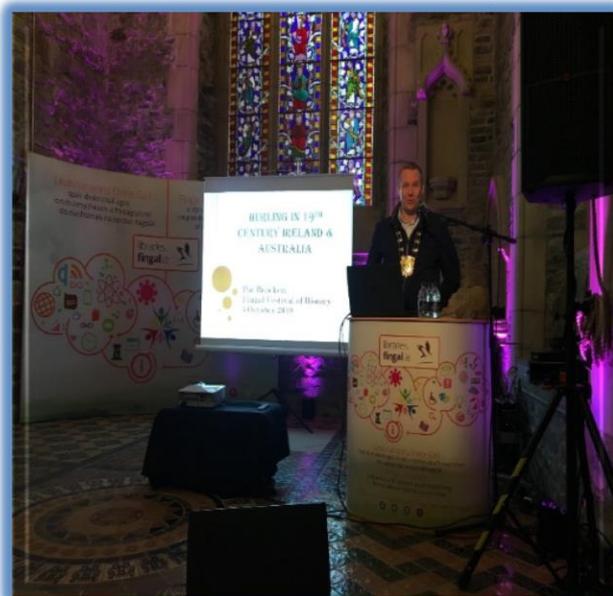
Fingal Libraries at the Ploughing Championships



The Department of Rural and Community Development invited Fingal Libraries to showcase one of its mobile library vans at the Ploughing Championships in Carlow in September. This was the first time that we have been invited to the event and it was part of an initiative to highlight and promote government service to communities. Beautiful blue skies, an enthusiastic audience and our dedicated library staff made the event very successful for Fingal County Council.

Fingal Festival of History

The third annual Fingal Festival of History took place from 30th September until 7th October. This year's programme featured History at the Castle, a day of talks, story-telling and music at Swords Castle Chapel. Joining the Craobh Séan Treacy branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann on 5th October were sheanchaí Anthony Nugent telling tales from Irish mythology and Dr. Pat Bracken talking about hurling in the 19th Century. To celebrate the centenary of the birth of Séamus Ennis, one of the most important figures in Irish traditional music in the 20th century, Ríonach úí Ógáin spoke about the daily life of the folklore collector, while Róisín Elsafty, performed songs and Peter Browne played the uilleann pipes.



The Mayor Of Fingal, Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien opens the History at the Castle event.

Europe Direct Blanchardstown Library Conference

The Europe Direct Centre based at Blanchardstown Library will hold a conference called "Climate Emergency – This Generation's Inheritance" on 22nd October at the Castleknock Hotel. The conference aims to stimulate

conversation and action by demonstrating the gravity of our climate emergency and its current and future consequences. Speakers will include, Peadar King, Documentary Film Maker; David Robbins, Assistant Professor of Journalism, DCU; Diarmuid Torney Assistant Professor, School of Law and Government, DCU; Patricia King, General Secretary, Irish Congress of Trade Unions; and Valery Molay, UN Youth Ambassador. The Conference will be officially opened by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien and will be moderated by Stiofán Nutty, Management and Business Consultant and Broadcaster. To book a place please email barry.ocarroll@fingal.ie

Balbriggan Library and St. Francis Hospice

To mark 30 years of providing specialist palliative care in North County Dublin, St Francis Hospice will hold an exhibition at Balbriggan Library during the month of October. The exhibition will detail the inception of the service and its history to date.



Reuben the Entertainer at Garristown Library

Reuben the Entertainer will present a show on 24th October from 4-5pm for 5-8 year olds. He will perform an interactive reading of his book "Talisman the Unicorn" with the help of children from the audience.

Swords Library and the Alzheimer's bus

As part Healthy Ireland at Your Library, the Alzheimer Society of Ireland's bus was parked outside the Library on Tuesday 8th October from 11am to 2pm to provide information and support to people with dementia and their families.

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ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Awareness



The **Greener Communities Awards** evening was held in Swords Atrium on Thursday October 3rd with 40 awards presented. Award pieces were hand turned by a woodturner in Gorey, Wexford from trees knocked by Storm Ophelia in 2017. Lusk local honey was given to all attendees on the night.

Awards were presented by Mayor Eoghan O'Brien, Chief Executive Annmarie Farrelly, A/Director of Services John Daly, County Architect Fionnuala May, Craig Benton of Stop Food Waste and Roger Warburton of the Rediscovery Centre Ballymun.

Results are listed below.

Overall Winner	Best Town
Whitestown Estate Management	Lusk
Business & Community	Adopt a Patch
Castleknock Tidy Towns	St Lukes NS Tyrrelstown
	Melville Meakstown
	Whitestown Estate Management
	Seabury Tidy Districts Group
Best Village	Baldoyle Forum Clg
Castleknock	Lanesborough Gardens

Coastal	Upcycling Project
Rush Tidy Towns	Seabury Tidy Districts Group
Skerries Tidy Towns	Diana O'Donohoe
	Sustainable Skerries
	Skerries Tidy Towns
	Balbriggan Tidy Towns
Biodiversity	Climate Action
Skerries Tidy Towns	Huntstown Community Centre
Rush Tidy Towns	Rush Tidy Towns
Balbriggan Tidy Towns	St Finians GAA
Broadmeadow Community Garden	Blakestown Drive Community Group
Sustainable Skerries	Skerries Tidy Towns
Whitestown Estate Management	Balbriggan Tidy Towns
Front Garden	Housing Estate
S. Hayden	Lanesborough Gardens
B. & R. Barden	Seabury Tidy Districts Group
E. McSherry	Rockabill Apartments Skerries
A. Falvey	Palmer Court residents Association
V. Byrne	

Communities4Environment **Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti** Competition

Fingal County Council Environment, Climate Change and Water Services Department has launched a competition where communities/residents/estate groups applied for funding for projects addressing litter and graffiti. This is the first year that the ALAG fund is to be used in this way. A total of 42 applications were received from community groups for the €2,000 fund. These ranged from Crèche's to Tidy Towns, Sports Clubs and Residents associations. Awards will be made before end October.

Community Environmental Action Fund (formerly the Local Agenda 21) - Applications are currently being assessed. There was an increase in the number of applications from 38 in 2018 to 60 applications in 2019. Overall fund remains at €40,000 (20K from Department matched by 20K from FCC).

Media: There are ongoing bus shelter and billboard campaigns, social media campaigns and cinema adverts with a focus on **October Re-use Month**, food waste, anti-litter and dumping and increasing biodiversity.

Green Schools Seminars for Litter and Waste, Climate Change, Marine and Global Citizenship, Travel and Biodiversity were held in Swords for teachers/ Green Schools Co-Ordinators in Fingal in September.

Climate Action

The Climate Action team facilitated Climate Action Teacher Training in association with An Taisce Green Schools on the 1st October with 20 teachers present for an engaging and lively discussion around climate change.

The Climate Action team also presented the Climate Change Action Plan to the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance on 23rd September.

A new Climate Action Category was added to the Greener Communities Competition for 2019 – the Awards ceremony held on 3rd October saw 6 winners in this new category reflecting the increasing role communities are playing in our response to climate change.

Fingal County Council has submitted all information regarding the bathing season to the Environmental Protection Agency. Bathing Water Classification for 2020 will be notified in March 2020, through the Agency's Bathing Water Report 2019.

Water Quality Protection

Local Authority staff have commenced Farm Inspections mandated under the EU (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) Regulations 2017.

In tandem with this Teagasc appointed specialist advisors are engaging with farmers in the three Priority Action Areas (PAA) under the Agricultural Sustainability Support and Advisory Programme (ASSAP) in an effort to promote best practice and reduce nutrient losses to waters from land and to improve adjacent water bodies' quality.

Litter Management

A total of 62 litter fines were issued in September. 18 were issued in the Balbriggan/Swords/Rush/Lusk Electoral Area, 13 issued in the Howth/Malahide EA and 18 in the Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar EA.

A total of 24 warning notices were issued in September. 3 in the Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar EA, 2 in the Howth/Malahide E and 19 in the Balbriggan/Swords/Rush/Lusk EA. 28 court prosecutions under the Act instigated in the month.

Waste Enforcement

Quarter 4 will focus on inspections in relation to Producer Responsibility Initiatives such as Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (WEEE), Batteries, End of Life Vehicles (ELV's) for the importation of vehicles, compliance with REPAK

End of Life Tyres (ELT) and mercury waste inspections (dental practices).

Ireland has adopted the National Regulations, S.I. 533 of 2018, relating to the phasing out and safe disposal of mercury and mercury waste. These provide for the enforcement of the EU Mercury Regulations (EU) 2017/852. The Regulations replace and update the previous Mercury Regulations (S.I. No. 27 of 2012, EU Regulation (EC) 1102/2008). Inspections will be carried out on commercial and business premises to ensure compliance with the new regulations in terms of the use of mercury and the safe storage and treatment of mercury waste.

Work continues on unauthorised End of Life Vehicle (ELV) sites with multi agency support available through the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (WERLA) for the East & Midlands region. A list of suspected sites has been finalised with initial inspections due to commence shortly. The unauthorised nature of these sites means there is a high risk of environmental pollution such as surface water and groundwater contamination from these waste activities.

WATER SERVICES

Operations

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

FLAG NE Update

FLAG NE Funds will open up for new funding applications for 2020 on Thursday 2nd January 2020.

In the first instance, please contact our Fingal NE representative, (David.Pryor@fingal.ie) if you need any further information.

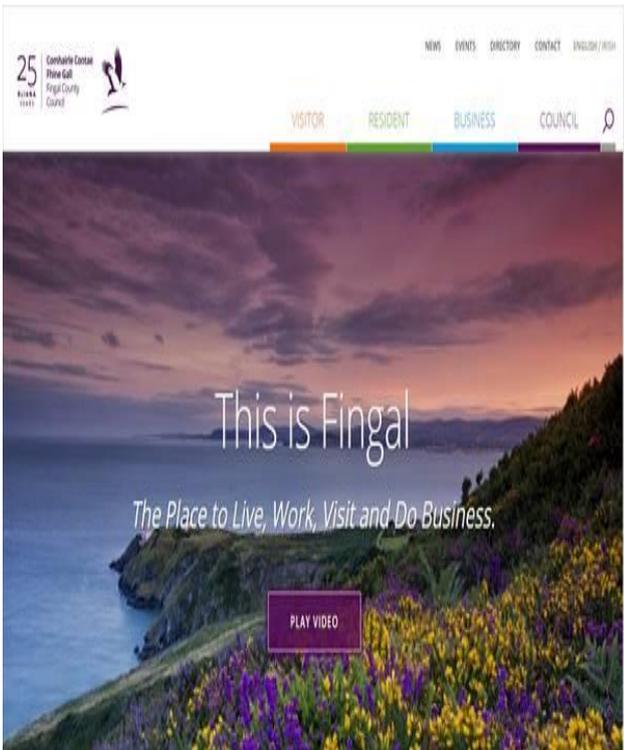
All final FLAG applications must go to the BIM FLAG NE representative, Paul.Downes@bim.ie

CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNANCE (CAG)

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Communications

NEW LOOK WEBSITE LAUNCHED ON 30TH SEPTEMBER



On Monday, September 30th, the Council's website, fingal.ie, was relaunched after a major revamp that has resulted in a new look and a platform that has become much more than just a local authority website.

The new ground-breaking website, which has a strong emphasis on easy navigation, stunning imagery and relevant content, revolves around four main pillars called Council, Resident, Business

and Visitor with secondary pillars covering News and Events.

The Council pillar is a new-look equivalent of the previous Fingal County Council website while the other three pillars are targeted at specific audiences in order to improve their awareness of what the Council does.

This was a joint project between the Council's IT and Communications Units with the site designed by the award winning Creative Digital Media Agency, Emagine, while software development was undertaken by the multi-award winning team at Annertech.

A continuous development approach will be taken to ensure that the new site remains up to date with the latest trends in website development. This will see new features being regularly rolled out as we opt for a fluid rather than a static website.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPLIER ENGAGEMENT EVENT

Supplier Engagement

Sixteen buyers from across various Council Departments plus four staff from the Central Procurement Unit recently participated at the Intertrade Ireland / LGMA Supplier Engagement Event held on 1st October 2019 in Citywest. Areas covered were Corporate Services, Housing, Environment/Public Realm, Transport and Road related services, Community & Libraries, Finance & ICT, Green Initiatives, Procurement & Innovation.

Enhanced supplier engagement is a key objective in the Corporate Procurement Plan.



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Fingal Revaluation

Following on from the presentation by the Valuation Office at the September O&M meeting final valuation certs have been issued to all rate payers in Fingal. Ratepayers may appeal to the Valuation Tribunal if they are dissatisfied with their valuation. Appeals have to be lodged with the Valuation Tribunal by October 14th. The level of appeals will have to be considered with regards to the formation of the 2020 budget and we continue to engage with the CPG in this process.

Financial Reports

Refer to Appendix 1 for the following reports:-

- Revenue Account Income & expenditure to 30th September, 2019
- Capital Account Income & Expenditure to 30th September, 2019
- Summary of Corporate Debtors to 30th September, 2019

Appendix 1

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

		EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
		Expenditure	Adopted Full	% Budget	Income	Adopted Full	% Budget	
		€	Year Budget	Spent to	€	year Budget	Raised	€
			€	date		€		
A	Housing & Building	41,268,696	55,374,400	75%	41,193,698	54,644,700	75%	74,999
B	Road Transport & Safety	17,960,092	22,753,599	79%	5,188,533	6,606,600	79%	12,771,559
C	Water Services	13,983,501	14,421,200	97%	13,045,286	17,344,100	75%	938,215
D	Development Management	9,772,174	14,559,300	67%	3,560,775	4,103,300	87%	6,211,399
E	Environmental Services	29,659,984	40,451,101	73%	3,730,120	4,615,000	81%	25,929,864
F	Recreation & Amenity	24,946,473	33,719,101	74%	1,673,243	1,672,800	100%	23,273,230
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	535,384	908,500	59%	190,507	251,100	76%	344,877
H	Miscellaneous Services	5,694,809	9,985,800	57%	8,671,043	11,191,300	77%	-2,976,234
J	Central Management Charge	29,743,169	45,132,499	66%	2,145,710	2,814,500	76%	27,597,459
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG				5,643,525	7,524,700	75%	-5,643,525
RA	Rates				94,903,050	126,537,400	75%	-94,903,050
		173,564,281	237,305,500	73%	179,945,489	237,305,500	76%	-6,381,208

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

		Balance at 01/01/2019 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/09/2019 €
A	Housing & Building	-39,053,881	97,817,431	-73,654,940	-14,891,390
B	Road Transport & Safety	14,040,730	19,920,993	-7,405,916	26,555,807
C	Water Services	-11,583,404	1,021,590	0	-10,561,814
D	Development Management	-79,698,688	9,774,325	-26,664,008	-96,588,371
E	Environmental Services	-12,148,504	2,199,923	-1,727,797	-11,676,378
F	Recreation & Amenity	-7,038,810	10,900,031	-10,940,177	-7,078,956
H	Miscellaneous Services	-42,598,226	14,039,166	-2,596,418	-31,155,478
	Total	-178,080,783	155,673,458	-122,989,256	-145,396,581

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/09/19				
	Balance at 01/01/2019	Balance at 30/09/19	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
RATES	6,197,540	25,625,978	22,184,456	3,438,522
LOANS	1,310,476	1,311,444	394,542	916,902
RENTS	4,246,486	4,740,313	2,717,483	2,022,830

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

