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# **Chief Executive's Management Report**

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# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT – DECEMBER 2021

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## **Chief Executive's Foreword**

As we approach the end of 2021 it is a good opportunity to look back and review all that has been achieved this year under challenging circumstances. Whilst we didn't get the respite from Covid 19 that we would have hoped for at this point in time we can still look back and be proud of what has been accomplished through the dedication and commitment of the Elected Members and staff alike.

We have delivered quality services to the people of Fingal across all our departments and new projects, initiatives and services were rolled out. We all acknowledged early on in the pandemic how fortunate we are in Fingal to have such wonderful amenities in our county and these have been a great source of respite during these testing times. Our teams in the operations department provided additional cleaning, litter bins and litter picking, additional staff resources were applied to key areas including the beaches, parks and open spaces and new public benches were installed. There was an increase in street furniture licensing to support business and enhanced outdoor dining in all areas. There was significant investment in public conveniences and new EcoToilets and Changing Places units were installed in a number of key locations and there were extended opening hours to the end of October. 2022 will see a Refurbishment Programme for existing Public Conveniences in Howth, Skerries, Rush, Portrane and Donabate. There is provision for an additional spend in Regional Parks, Open Spaces & Beaches of €1.2m which will greatly enhance these amenities for all.

Important work was done this year with much cross departmental collaboration to ensure that many of our ambitious capital projects will see activity on the ground and reach key milestones in 2022. Next year will see us planning for Greenways, expending a significant annual budget not to mention our capital programme, Active Travel projects, Biodiversity, Digital Innovation, Integration and the provision of quality homes and infrastructure in Fingal and I think this clearly demonstrates the ambition we have and the desire to consistently enhance the lives of our citizens and stay aligned to our mission of being a

vibrant, outward looking, well run Council that shows leadership and embraces diversity and opportunity.

The Development Plan review is going to be a busy time for both the Elected Members and staff first thing in the New Year. Work is ongoing to ensure arrangements are in place to facilitate the development plan meetings in January whilst being in a position to comply with the public health guidance in place at the time.

On behalf of myself and the Executive Management Team I would like to thank the Elected Members for their support and commitment this year and I also wish to thank each and everyone of our indoor and outdoor staff who adapted so well in an ever changing environment and responded with such positivity to all that was asked of them.

I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Stay Safe.

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

## HR, CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE

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### Major Emergency Management



The Major Emergency Management structures in place within the Council continue to be effective and serve us well as we continuously review and respond to advice issued by Government and ensure compliance with public health measures.

Fingal County Council’s Executive Management Team and senior management continue to meet regularly to ensure continuity of services and put measures in place to align with public health advice.

#### Human Resources

The Human Resource Department continues to plan for and respond to the challenges brought by Covid19 in line with the Government’s **COVID-19 Reframing the Challenge, Continuing Our Recovery and Reconnecting**. Staff continue to be kept up to date on relevant Government directives and are provided with useful information through text alerts and a dedicated staff information webpage.

Training and development of our staff, including statutory Health & Safety training, continues throughout the pandemic ensuring that critical services are not adversely affected.

The HR Department is currently engaging in large scale recruitment campaigns for a range of roles.

Recruitment Programme 2021 – end of November 2021	
<b>Recruitment Campaigns Completed / Pending</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Applicants to date</b>	<b>3230</b>
<b>Interviews Held to date</b>	<b>1802</b>
<b>Number of Appointments</b>	<b>282</b>
<b>Number of New Starters</b>	<b>193</b>
<b>Number of Leavers / Retirements</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Number of Current Job Offers to Candidates</b>	<b>87</b>

#### Health & Safety Unit (HSU)

A safety award entry submission prepared by the HSU on behalf of FCC for the National Irish Safety Organization/Northern Ireland Safety Group’s ‘Occupational Safety Awards 2021’ has secured two awards for Fingal County Council – a Higher Distinction Award and an Exceptional High Achiever Award. The staff quiz draw as part of the recent European safety week promoting safety and health in the workplace was held with prizes delivered to six successful staff entrants. The HSU is currently utilizing the staff messages communication platform to deliver public health messages on ventilation, meetings and layering up to protect from Covid-19. Site safety inspections, audits and accident investigation are in continuation.



## Building Facilities

The Energy Team completed the last surveillance assessment for ISO50001:2018 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021. The audit found that Fingal's energy management system is meeting the needs of the organisation with continual improvement and conforms to the requirements of ISO 50001:2018. No Non-Conformities were found.

The audit covered Energy Planning, Objectives and Targets, Internal Audits and Evaluation of performance. Site operational visits took place with the Significant Energy users' public lighting and fleet.

In November 2022 the energy team will start the re-certification process for ISO 50001:2018 for a further 3 year cycle.



## Customer Services

During the month of November a total of 1,539 people called to the offices to conduct business in person. As of Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, our offices are open to the public on an appointment only basis. This will be kept under review in line with public health guidance.

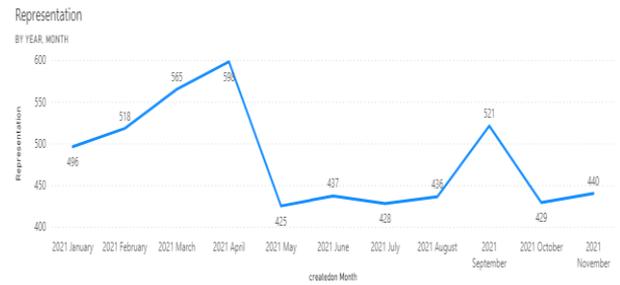
The Council's Customer Care agents also manage business with the public on the phones and by email as the first point of contact –

Phone Calls 15,297  
Emails 817

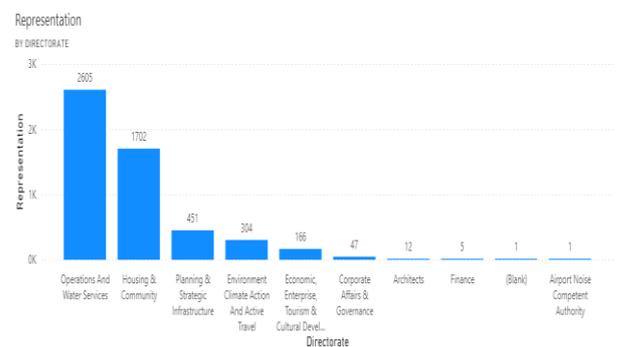
## CRM

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to Councillors representations and complaints submitted by the public.

The month of November had a total of 440 Councillor's representations.



The table below shows the number of Councillor's representations assigned to each Department for the year to date.



## Information Technology

### Digital Working

In November staff took part in 9,384 Teams meetings, 33,466 Calls took place, and 872,610 emails were received or sent by the Council.



## IT Infrastructure & Support

749 support calls were logged by Council staff with the IT Service Desk in the past month and 19 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 99.99% network availability was achieved in the month of November.

## Document Management System

The implementation of the FinDocs Document Management system is continuing on schedule. Operations went live in November bringing to nine the number of Departments who are now up and running on the new system. Work is in progress with Environment who are due to go live in January. There are now 707 staff working with the system.

## Security Upgrades

The IT Department carried out a security software replacement on 1,071 Council laptops and PCs over a twelve-week period from September to November.

## Smart Balbriggan Schools Hackathon



A group of students from Coláiste Ghlór na Mara were winners at Balbriggan's 'Hackathon' for their innovative proposal to tackle food waste through the development of a website to educate people about it.

Alisha Ní Riain, Ruaidhrí Ó Baoill, Cathal Mac Aoidh and Síofra Nic Mánaís took part in a Transition Year challenge run by Smart Balbriggan - an initiative of Fingal County Council - for secondary schools in the town.

Over the first week of October, a series of workshops were delivered to the students in collaboration with the Academy of the Near Future and What the Hack - organisations which engage the public in seeking solutions to challenges they face.

Participants were mentored to create innovative solutions to answer the question "How can we build a stronger, cohesive and more vibrant community?"

Ardgillan Community School, Bremore Educate Together Secondary School and Coláiste Ghlór na Mara were among the schools which took part, involving nearly 100 students.

Through workshops, the students learned about how new technology and innovation can improve our community and developed their own creative ideas to tackle local issues.

Finally, the students 'pitched' their ideas to a panel of judges with a prize for the best concept.

The team from Coláiste Ghlór na Mara came up with a solution which aimed to tackle food waste with the development of a platform to educate people about food waste and meal preparation - prompting them to make changes to their food consumption habits.

## Communications

### Podcast

Episode 15 of the Inside Fingal Podcast which will be published later this week will feature an interview with County Arts Officer Rory O'Byrne. The interview will cover the establishment of the Arts Office and reflect on the work that it has done over the past 27 years to develop the Arts across the county.

To date the Inside Fingal podcast series has had 5,775 downloads or internet listens and all podcasts in the series are available at [www.fingal.ie/podcast](http://www.fingal.ie/podcast).

### Website

There were 114,200 visitors to our website, [fingal.ie](http://fingal.ie), during November which is the second highest monthly total achieved in 2021 and was 800 more than in October. The average number of visitors per month is 103,973. There were a total of 290,300 page views with the average page views per month being 291,518. So far this year there have been 1.14million visitors to the website and 3.2million page views.

The Choice Based Letting Scheme accounted for the most views in November ahead of Planning Application with the Business Directory, Jobs, and COVID-19 information pages also performing well.

## Social Media

Our Social Media Channels have all increased their number of followers since the start of the year and are closing in on major follower milestones

- Facebook 402 short of 25,000
- Instagram 518 short of 5,000
- LinkedIn 110 short of 5,000
- Twitter passed 20,000 in 2021
- You Tube passed 500 in 2021



Our Twitter account, @fingalcoco, had 535,000 impressions during November and an average engagement rate of 1.2% for 307 tweets.

The best performing tweet, with 13,900 impressions and 385 engagements was a notice that Council crews would be out salting the usual routes.

Our 266 Facebook posts during November had a reach of 856,454.

## Projects and Campaigns

During the month of November the Communication Unit worked with departments and sections across the Council to promote their projects and campaigns.

The Unit assisted the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority with the promoting the publication of their Draft Regulatory Decision and commencement of a 14-week public consultation process.

The Unit also assisted the Human Resources Department in promoting the Council to job-seekers at Jobs Expo in the RDS.

A campaign was also developed by the Communication Unit to support the work of the Council's Integration Officer. The "We Are Fingal" campaign ran across social media channels as well as roadside billboards, digital displays in shopping centres and on bus shelters across the county. The Unit was also involved in the promotion of Fingal Inclusion Week.



## **Videos**

For Innovation Week, the Communications Unit, in conjunction with the Digital Strategy Unit, produced a series of videos highlight examples of innovative projects carried out by the Council. These ranged from the use of handmade mud and straw bricks in the conservation of Rolestown Mills to the Fingal Instruments Project which is a waste prevention initiative.

## **Press Releases and Media Queries**

We issued 26 press releases and media invitations during November and dealt with 13 media queries.

# ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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## TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

### EVENTS

#### THE ENCHANTED FOREST



This event ran for 24 days in the month of November and finished with the Enchanted Cycle event organised in partnership with Active Travel. There were some significant challenges to the event and a post event review is currently being completed that will be presented to the EETCD SPC. Overall attendance numbers averaged at 800 per night

#### FESTIVALS AND EVENTS FUNDING SCHEME 2022

**EVENTS & Festivals 2022**

Fingal County Council's Events Unit is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for financial assistance for Festivals and Events taking place in 2022.

Applications will be accepted for existing and/or new events or festivals which animate public spaces in creative and innovative ways and which are focused on developing measurable tourism impacts in the County.

**All applications should include a Covid compliance plan in adherence with current government guidelines.**

For more information and an application form, please email [events@fingal.ie](mailto:events@fingal.ie) or visit [www.fingal.ie/festivalandevents2022](http://www.fingal.ie/festivalandevents2022)

This scheme has been reviewed for 2022 with additional elements being added such as (i) Delivery and Programming of Small Scale and New Festivals, (ii) Events Delivery and Programming of Medium and Large-Scale Festivals & Events and Festival and (iii) Events that promote Economic Development/ Diversity and Sustainability.

This scheme is being presented to the Council at its December meeting.

#### CHRISTMAS MARKETS, ILLUMINATIONS & OVERALL FESTIVE CHEER



The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department has supported 15 market days, 11 illuminations of buildings and awarded funding/ supports to 15 Festive projects in Fingal.

### TOURISM

#### FINGAL TOURISM RECOVERY CAMPAIGN

Last month on Love Fingal Dublin we reached **447,432** people on Facebook ads. We also had **51,611** impressions on our Instagram ads on the Dublin Coast and Fields page.

## FINGAL FOOD TOURISM NETWORK

Work with food producers, restauranteurs and other stakeholders on establishing a Fingal Seafood Trail is continuing. The trail will have 3 main elements: food experiences, dining and scenic locations. Fáilte Ireland will incorporate this new trail into their Dublin Coastal Trail campaign.

## TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Skerries Tourism about to launch the Winter in Skerries illumination, dovetailing with Fáilte Ireland's Winter in Dublin campaign. This event is being supported by Dublin Rural LEADER.

Howth Tourism is surveying local businesses for input into priority tourism actions for 2022. A Howth app is being developed in lieu of paper.

Balbriggan Tourism is focused on developing a closer relationship with Fáilte Ireland and completing the new visitbalbriggan.ie website for launch in early 2022.

Howth, Skerries and Malahide's engagement in Fáilte Ireland's Dublin Coastal Trail trade activation work is ongoing in preparation for its launch in early 2022.

Dublin 15 tourism is in the process of establishing a dedicated events calendar for 2022 and is working with stakeholders on developing a new visitor focussed event for 2022

## HERITAGE PROPERTIES



## UPDATE ON HERITAGE PROPERTIES CONSERVATION WORKS:

**Malahide Castle** – The Great Hall conservation works have commenced and are scheduled for completion in Q1 2022.

**Ardgillan Castle** – the painting of the public areas of the Castle is complete. Further minor works to enhance the overall look of the public rooms have been identified.

Consultants have been appointed to undertake the Ardgillan Conservation Management Plan and work is to commence shortly.

## MARKETING/PROMOTION OF HERITAGE PROPERTIES



**Malahide Castle** - Visitor numbers are up by 10:6% on the same period last year and there are signs of small numbers of International tourists returning. Wonderlight's at Malahide Castle is underway and is proving very popular. Due to demand, extra dates have been added and it is now extended into January. The Santa Experience at the Castle is also underway.



**Newbridge House** - Visitor numbers up 34% on the same period last year.

A new walkthrough aviary is currently under construction on the Farm. Final preparation for Santa experience at Newbridge which commences on 11<sup>th</sup> December

**Malahide Casino** -Various marketing initiatives have been activated including paid advertising on social media, Christmas gift vouchers and mailshots to local men's sheds.

**Ardgillan Castle** – As the painting of the four rooms at Ardgillan is now complete, the craft shop will now re-open and tours will re-commence.

The Ardgillan Christmas Fair and the Ardgillan Ladies Day, which were both indoor events, have both been postponed in line with Covid 19 public health advice.

### CREATIVE FINGAL PROGRAMME 2021

2021 has proved to be yet another difficult year for the citizens of Fingal however despite the challenges, the Fingal Creative Ireland Programme 2021 has been a resounding success.

A budget of €343,000 has been allocated to 42 different creative projects/initiatives across the 3 separate funding streams of Creative, Cruinniú na nÓg and the Decade of Centenaries Commemoration programme.

In 2022 the Creative and Cultural team will continue to provide support and engage our citizens in creative initiatives that will enhance their lives and contribute greatly to their wellbeing.  
<https://www.fingal.ie/creative-ireland>

### ARTS OFFICE

The Arts Office are working with a group of young people known as 'Not So Different' and their coordinator Deirdre Lynch, to create a bespoke workshop plan, in response to the creative interests & career interests of the group. Each member is in further education and neurodivergent – their interests include media production, animation, theatre and writing.

#### Five Week Programme:

1. This Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>: Fabian Erlinghauser animator with Cartoon Saloon
2. Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Eimear Morrissey, Theatre practitioner and actor
3. Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, Kilian Waters of Arcade Film
4. Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Sarah Maria Griffin – a Writer, Poet in early 30s who publishes her own and other poet's work in zines
5. Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Dec FeliSpeaks Spoken Word & Poetry

Each session will include:

- An informal introduction and presentation on the work/art practice/industry.
- Hands on exercise/work.
- shop, practical learning.
- Q&A, wrap up.

### ARTS GRANTS TO LOCAL GROUPS IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

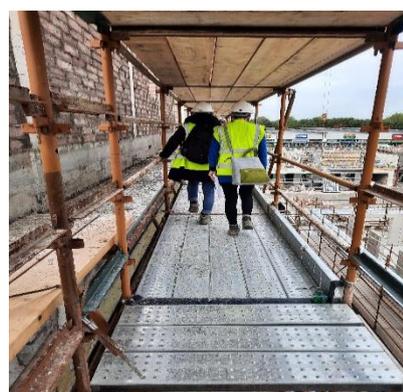


- Donabate & Portrane Dramatic Society
- Malahide & Portmarnock ETTS
- Pennywish Recordings, Swords.
- Lusk Heritage Group
- Bleeding Pig Festival

### PUBLIC ART – PLANNING COMPLIANCE



Following a successful competition featuring 3 artists from Fingal County Council's Buildings and Public Places Panel, Cosgrave Developments has commissioned a new permanent work for the Blackwood Square development in Santry.



The work titled "the gathering" is comprised of selected stone from every province in Ireland and will form an attractive visual feature for the new housing estate. The Artist has begun working with the team to realise the project for April 2022. This is one of many permanent commissioned works currently underway across sites in Fingal. We are working with Rohan, IPUT, TU Blanchardstown, TOT and Gannon Homes on suitable works for their developments.

## LIBRARIES

### Acquisitions from Howth Castle

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh visited Local Studies and Archives on 10<sup>th</sup> November to view acquisitions from the collections of Howth Castle. Following the sale of the Castle and estate in 2018, the contents of the Castle and its library were auctioned in September 2021.

The items acquired by Local Studies and Archives include **The Earl of Howth Estate Atlas**, a manuscript atlas produced in 1863, which contains over 20 hand coloured maps, with details of every field in the estate and the names of the tenants. The **Howth Castle Rent Book** dates from 1766–1780 and contains 140 pages of hand-written entries of tenants, the rents they paid and any amounts owed. Also obtained was an **Illuminated Address**, illustrated by the illuminator J. Hopkins and sent on behalf of the tenants in North County Dublin to the Earl of Howth on the death of his father in 1874. It is signed by nine of the tenants. These three items alone are extremely important as sources for local and family history in North County Dublin.

Other items acquired at the library auction were **Almanacs** from 1765, 1775 and 1776 along with an 1840 edition of **The Antiquities of Ireland** by Francis Grose.

At the Howth Castle contents auction Fingal Local Studies and Archives also acquired a **George Petrie** pencil and water colour drawing "Howth Castle" dated 1819, a watercolour "Ireland's Eye" by **Frederick Lawless** dated 1879, a **Francis Grose** original watercolour "St. Mary's Abbey, Howth" along with 6 original hand-coloured **James Malton's** Views of Dublin and several photographs of Howth Castle. These items will greatly add to the knowledge and understanding of the history of the Howth Castle

Estate and Howth itself. The items are available to view by appointment at Local Studies and Archives, 46 North St., Swords: <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/local-studies-library>



### Battle of the Book launched in Donabate

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh launched the Battle of the Book at St Patrick's Boys NS Donabate on 22nd November.

The Battle of the Book is a Fingal Libraries reading Programme designed to encourage children to read, gain confidence and to discuss a common book. It provides a shared experience of reading which will encourage reading for life.

This year the featured books are "The Legend of Gobán" and "The Legend of Joseph Daw" by local Fingal author Gerard Ronan. These books are one of a series of four designed to introduce a younger audience to the rich store of folklore, history, and wildlife that is to be found on the Portrane Peninsula. The schools involved this year are St. Patricks Boys NS, Donabate, Scoil Phádraic Cailíni, Donabate, St. Catherine's National School, Rush, Rush National School and Hedgestown National School, Lusk.

The children will participate in different activities organised by Fingal Libraries surrounding the themes presented in the book. The programme will culminate in a "Battle" to be held in 2022 with prizes awarded to the winning school.



## First 5 Little Library

One of Fingal's mobile library vans provided the backdrop to the launch of the second phase of the First 5 Little Library initiative by Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O'Gorman, T.D., on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

The First 5 Little Libraries book bags contain books chosen by librarians and materials developed to support storytelling and reading with children. The project supports Early Learning and Care (ELC) and School-Age Childcare (SAC) services to further develop little libraries in their settings with quality book titles in English and Irish. The reading materials are made available to approximately 200,000 children around the country. ELC and SAC services in Fingal are currently being invited to collect a First 5 Little Library book bag from their local library.



## New Mobile Library Stops

A new mobile library stop which began in September 2021 in Balrothery village is proving to be very popular. Figures for the first two months, show 442 visits and an average of almost 50 people per visit. Arrangements are in place for a mobile library van to visit Baleskin Reception Centre in the coming weeks.

## Fingal Makerspace at Blanchardstown Library

The Fingal Makerspace is a community creative and education space focused on maker-centred learning amongst our diverse population in Fingal County and surrounding areas. Over the past 10 weeks the Fingal Makerspace team has developed a series of activities and workshops designed to engage young people such as: Design and Make a Tunnel Book, Paper Circuits, Design a LightBox, BlingBling LED - Stay Safe in the Dark, Build a Stereo Speaker, Introduction to 3D Printing, and Introduction to the Laser Cutter. There are Makerspace activities scheduled to take place before Christmas including indoor and outdoor workshops, open nights,

STEAM School (blended learning programme with local secondary schools), in addition to Fingal library staff tours and training on Makerspace activities.

## Europe Direct at Blanchardstown Library

The topic of this year's online Europe Direct Soapbox regional competition was: *'Lies, damned lies and statistics - Establishing the truth is impossible in today's world of misinformation, disinformation and propaganda.* April Bracken was the worthy winner and she receives the prize of an ipad and the opportunity to compete in the National Final on 9<sup>th</sup> December. The regional Soapbox competition is organised by the Europe Direct Information Centre based at Blanchardstown Library.

## Christmas events

Join German storyteller Simone Schuemmfeder for a heart-warming and cosy winter tale. Hear of frosty winters with thick snow and a little girl's journey to find the perfect star for her Christmas tree. A treat for the whole family. Snuggle up and enjoy this event at

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7V\\_xDe52WI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7V_xDe52WI)

Also artist Kim Jenkinson will present a Christmas Zoom Craft Session for Adults and a Christmas Crafts recorded video for kids. Further details available at <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/fingal-library-events>

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### DUBLIN BELFAST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR



On the 23<sup>rd</sup> November the Oversight Board of the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor met and elected Cllr. Pete Byrne from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council as Chair of the DBEC Oversight Board, with Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, elected as Deputy Chair.



The eight local authorities involved in the development of the Corridor are:

- Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council
- Belfast City Council
- Dublin City Council
- Fingal County Council
- Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
- Louth County Council
- Meath County Council
- Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

The DBEC Oversight Board will work collaboratively to develop a regional proposition for economic growth with the assistance of KPMG to deliver a development plan to identify priority areas of cooperation between the local authorities. DBEC members will examine how the local government network can collaborate to deliver jobs and sustainable growth and engage with the private sector to stimulate economic development along the corridor.

Further information on the Corridor is available at [www.dbec.info](http://www.dbec.info) and the development of the Corridor can be followed on Twitter @DBECIreland and LinkedIn.

## FINGAL IN IT TOGETHER



The Council continues to support business under the Fingal In It Together Charter and has commenced the Fingal In It Together Christmas campaign. The campaign includes road signage, Christmas lighting of public buildings, on-street Christmas music at selected locations, free parking on Saturdays in 5 towns, Christmas markets at various locations in the

county, outdoor, print and online advertising, an online Christmas competition and an updated Shop Local Brochure for 2021.



## Outdoor Dining Scheme



The Outdoor Dining Scheme funded by Fáilte Ireland with the purpose of assisting the hospitality and tourism sector to increase their outdoor dining capacity closed on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Department has issued to date c. €435,135 in funding to 143 applicants.

## Fingal Skills Strategy



The Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group has met four times since its establishment in April 2021. Sub-groups for Transport & Logistics and the Construction Sectors have been established to examine the requirements of these sectors. A Fingal Skills webpage is in development to signpost skills and training opportunities.

## Sustainable Fingal



The Council announced Welgro Produce in Rush as the winner of the **Sustainable Fingal** competition. The 3 acre cucumber farm delivers locally grown produce to retailers around the country and is one of the few commercial cucumber producers in Ireland. Welgro Produce will receive a sustainability assessment and action plan from Balbriggan based Patel Tonra Ltd. Environmental Solutions who will advise Welgro on how to introduce more sustainable practices to their business and help the business become a more sustainable producer.

## Urbact Playful Towns

The Rush Urbact Local Group (ULG) launched Let's Play Rush on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021 with 4 events aimed to increase the playfulness of the residents of the town.



With funding from Creative Ireland, Rush Library hosted 2 outdoor lego-building sessions for kids from 4 – 12 year with the town's pirate heritage as the theme. The event was organised with the help of Rush Community Council and Rush Tidy Towns and was led by Bricks4Kidz.



Rush Community Centre helped the town's senior citizens discover their creativity with painting sessions delivered by artist John Carpenter.



Rush ULG is drafting an Urbact Transfer Plan to capture best practice lessons from lead partner Cork City Council and prepare a playful action plan for implementation in the town.

## Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the Leadership Group and its five pillars, who meet regularly, to progress work across a range of economic and social measures including: Growing the Local Economy, Public Realm & Infrastructure, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Integration, Health & Well Being and Community Safety.

The Safe Balbriggan Pillar met on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November and continues to progress pillar actions of the workplan, having established 2 sub-groups to advance various actions. The Education, Skills and Training Pillar are scheduled to meet on December 9<sup>th</sup> and work will begin on the Loves Learning Festival 2022.



Minister Darragh O'Brien visited Balbriggan on the 12<sup>th</sup> November to inspect the URDF funded projects in the town. Minister O'Brien and local Councillors visited sites at Bridge Street, Quay Street and the Harbour and were briefed on the progress of the projects.



Following the completion of the acquisition of 14 Bridge Street the Council has secured the building and completed minor improvement works to the front of the property.



The acquisition of 2-4 Dublin Street completed in November 2021. An Integrated Design Team has been appointed and design work will commence in January 2022. The vision for this listed building is to develop it into creative arts/studio spaces with an adjoining a state-of-the-art digital learning, innovation and maker space which will strengthen the public, civic and creative heart of the town.

The demolition of the former O'Shea's Night Club building (Harbour) continues with ongoing archaeology monitoring of the site. The demolition of the building is due to complete in January 2022.



Paul Keogh Architects, the appointed Integrated Design Team (IDT) for the re-imagined Quay Street & Harbour Area, continue to progress design work on this project, including engagement with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders.

DBFL Consulting Engineers, Our Balbriggan Active Travel and Transport Consultants, are progressing preliminary work on the town's transportation and active travel plans and are liaising closely with ad relevant stakeholders, including The Paul Hogarth Company (Masterplanning Consultants) and Paul Keogh Architects, IDT for Quay Street & Harbour Area.



With funding from Science Foundation Ireland SUBSET completed the mural "Our Climate Future" at Vauxhall Lane. Another mural was also completed at Church Street – Seapoint Underpass.



Our Balbriggan established a Placemaking & Social Innovation Fund as an action under its Year 1 “20 things in 12 months” Plan. A call for applications under the Placemaking fund issued in October 2021. 20 applications were received and are currently being assessed with notifications due to issue shortly.



The re-developed Our Balbriggan website, Balbriggan.ie launched in October with updated information on the public realm improvement projects. Our Balbriggan also celebrated the 3 year anniversary of our Facebook/Twitter/Instagram Account.



Balbriggan’s Urbact Local Group (ULG) continues to meet regularly and is progressing a series of Small Scale actions. A combined two partner city transnational meeting took place between the 29<sup>th</sup> November and 3<sup>rd</sup> December in Grosseto and Kocевje with each partner city presenting their progress on their Action Plans for local economic development

Following a successful application in November 2020 to participate in the EU Programme “Europe for Citizens – It’s our time, it’s time for Europe”, the kick-off meeting hosted by Mislata took place between the November 25<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Balbriggan is partnering with eight other European large towns with the project focus on youth and diversity. Partners will be involved in debating the future of Europe, challenging Euroscepticism, promoting solidarity, fostering intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding and combating the stigmatisation of migrants and minority groups.

**Local & Rural Development**

**LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

The Fingal LCDC continues to oversee and administer the key areas of LEADER and SICAP and the various Local Development and Community Development funding programmes under its remit. The LCDC also manages the Healthy Ireland Initiative, the Community Resilience Fund and the Keepwell Campaign, and the many projects up and running under those funding streams.



**FINGAL LOCAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2022-27**

The Guidelines for preparing new LECPs were published by the Department of Rural and Community Development during November. A series of information seminars on the new guidelines are to be held shortly in advance of the new LECP planning and consultation process in 2022. The new Fingal LECP will be a ‘Whole-of=Council Plan’ and will involve extensive consultation and engagement with internal and external stakeholders.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FUND**

Details of the new Community Activities Fund under the Community Enhancement Programme were received during November. Fingal LCDC has been allocated €301,042 to distribute to qualifying community and voluntary groups. The Community Activities Fund will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas

- With their non-pay running costs for example utility bills (electricity costs, refuse charges, heating charges) or other non-pay operating

costs for example rental/lease costs, insurance bills.

- Groups will also be able to use the funding to carry out necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities, purchase equipment such as tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment etc.

This funding is about giving a helping hand to communities, local groups and clubs. This new fund is being administered by the Fingal LCDC and will be open for applications in January.



**An Roinn Forbartha  
Tuaithe agus Pobail**  
Department of Rural and  
Community Development

## SICAP

The SICAP Annual Plan for 2021 continues to be implemented. The €1.24m 2021 SICAP Plan has ambitious KPIs which consider the many challenges arising from delivering services in a Covid 19 environment. The mid-year review of the 2021 annual implementation plan is complete and a positive delivery of the programme for 2021 is expected.

The annual engagement meeting with Pobal was held during November. The Fingal SICAP Programme received very positive feedback and it was recognised by Pobal that the programme is progressing well. Confirmation of the 2022 Fingal SICAP budget is awaited from the Department of Rural and Community Development.

The current SICAP Programme has also been extended for a further year to include 2023.



## LEADER PROGRAMME

The Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group and the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme continues to deliver funding and support to eligible projects in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.



The updated 2021/22 Transitional Funding Arrangements for the LEADER Programme has the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG approved for €1,882,175 to cover both projects funding and administration funding for the period April 2021 – December 2022. Of this amount, €1,411,631 is available for LEADER Project Applications under the categories of Rural Enterprise, Social Inclusion and Rural Environment. Historically, Fingal Projects comprise 65-70% of the total LEADER Projects approved, roughly corresponding to Fingal's share of the Dublin Rural LEADER Geographical Area.

The LEADER Programme reverted on the 1st April to EU Transition Rules for the period 2021-22 with a new Dublin Rural LEADER Local Development Strategy to be prepared and put in place for 2023 onwards. Under the Transitional Arrangements the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG and LEADER Programme will continue to be funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the same eligibility and LEADER implementation rules as before. LEADER continues to approve and fund new projects as usual. During November, the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group, which oversees the LEADER Programme in Dublin, approved €230,748.76 in funding for 5 new projects in Rural Dublin. This brings the total number of projects approved during the LEADER Transition Programme to 15 since it began on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, with a total value of €543,984.52.

The approved projects are in the areas of Economic Development, Rural Environment and Social Inclusion.

The projects approved for funding were:

Balbriggan Meals on Wheels which is approved for €24,063.75 for an outdoor dining area which will be of enormous help to facilitate the provision of meals to their clients in a safe outdoor setting.

Donabate Portrane Community Centre CLG which is approved for €24,354.00 for a Feasibility Study to capture the needs of existing groups that use the facilities to assist and guide them in expanding in line with community needs.

St Maur's GAA Club Rush which is approved for €89,154.58 to install rainwater harvesting and irrigation in St Maur's GAA Club premises and for use on the pitches. The Project will reduce the demand on the public water supply and reduce the volume of water going into the public drainage system.



Ballyboughal Boxing Club CLG which is approved for €47,051.43 to upgrade the Ballyboughal Boxing Club Premises.

Skerries Tourism CLG which is approved for €46,125.00 for a Winter in Skerries Event from December 1st, 2021, to January 1st, 2022. It is intended that several locations across Skerries will be transformed with colourful projections and lighting displays to cheer locals and, more importantly, visitors alike in what have been a challenging 18 months. It is hoped that Skerries winter lights will become an important part of the local Christmas tradition with the primary ambition of increasing footfall and economic activity.



The next meeting of the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) will take place in December. Going forward there is currently over €3 million in the new LEADER projects pipeline of which over €1 million is for Rural Enterprise.

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.

**Ár dTodhchaí**  
**Tuaithe**  
**Our Rural**  
**Future**



### ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Fingal's Enterprise Centres continue to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie. ConnectedHubs.ie is a one-stop-shop for remote working hubs throughout Ireland. Launched in May 2021, it is designed to simplify and standardise the process of sourcing and booking spaces, desks, offices and events in hubs for a day, a week, a month, a year or longer. ConnectedHubs.ie is operated by The National Hub Network, a Government of Ireland initiative that provides a vehicle for individual hubs to come together under a shared identity to maximise the economic opportunity of remote working. The National Hub Network has the support of Government, remote working advocacy groups and industry representatives. In this way, ConnectedHubs.ie also encompasses a range of key features that deliver significant benefits to member hubs, hub clients, employers, local communities and the wider economy.



All three Enterprise Centres have space available to businesses who wish to avail of remote working options and facilities. Bespoke options or generic office fit-out options can be considered.

The renovation works in the Beat Centre are now complete. Funding for these renovations has been provided by the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme. The newly fitted out space allows Beat to expand its offering in the areas of remote working hub space and flexible start-up workspace.



Work has also re-commenced in BASE to further upgrade and expand remote working facilities with the addition of new dedicated space and desks.



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Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of November were Drinan 84%, BASE 88% and Beat 88%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 62 businesses and 320 direct jobs.

**Fingal's Enterprise Centres**  
Supporting Enterprise Development, Innovation and Remote Working

Our centres offer a variety of:

- ▶ remote working space
- ▶ office / light industrial / warehouse / workshop space
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- ▶ meeting rooms
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- ▶ parking

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## LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE FINGAL



LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for November 2021 are as follows:

### Look for Local – Shop Fingal



A new campaign was launched in November 2021, seeking to encourage consumers to look local when they are shopping for products, services and experiences this Christmas. The Look for Local & Shop Fingal campaign, supported by Enterprise Ireland and Fingal County Council, aims to raise awareness of the benefit of spending in your local area during the shopping period leading up to Christmas. It features a widespread promotional campaign through multiple media, featuring small Fingal producers and suppliers. The campaign is backed up by a National Look for Local initiative.

## Evaluation and Approvals Committee

In November 2021, LEO Fingal approved four applications for funding totalling €51,250, bringing the total approved year to date to 34 businesses, with a combined value of €745,980.

The final assessment of grant applications in 2021 will take place on Wednesday 15th December.

## Green for Micro Initiative – Mentoring/Consulting Programme for SMEs



LEO Fingal have approved 11 applicants for the Green for Micro programme, 6 of whom have successfully completed the Programme thus far. The Green for Micro is an initiative from the Local Enterprise Office to help prepare small businesses for the low carbon, more resource efficient economy of the future. This programme is available to businesses with up to ten employees.

## Trading Online Voucher (TOV) Scheme



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the TOV scheme supports small businesses to enhance their online offering by providing a grant of up to €2,500 for ecommerce and digital marketing activities. A final Trading Online Voucher webinar was hosted by Fingal Local Enterprise Office on the 5th of November and attended by over 120 clients and the TOV Webinars will begin again in January 2022. Since January 2021, 318 applications were approved in the amount of €702,878.50.

## Fingal Enterprising Women's Network



Fingal Enterprising Women's Network will conclude 2021 by hosting a special Christmas event, which will take place on Tuesday the 14th of December 2021. The online networking event will feature Hotelier, Entrepreneur, Author and Co-Presenter of "At Your Service", John Brennan who will be discussing "Hope, Ambition and Making It Happen". Fingal Enterprising Women's Network hosted six networking events throughout the year with 1,585 female entrepreneurs attending the online networking events.

## Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring

Business Advice Clinics and mentoring continue to be offered online. Since January 2021, 99 Business Advice Clinic days were held, offering advice and support to 912 Fingal businesses. In addition, 356 entrepreneurs received one to one mentoring.

## Management Development & Training

LEO Fingal provides a series of management development initiatives and workshops to assist the growth of small businesses. In 2021 to date, some 3,150 bookings for these programmes have been received. Programmes currently on offer include: Instagram for Aces; Consumer and Market Research; Canva Workshop; TicToc for Business; Completing Your Tax Returns.

## Start Your Own Business (SYOB)



The SYOB programme continues to be highly popular. The final Start Your Own Business course for 2021 commenced on the 30th of November, which brings to fourteen the total number delivered year to date, with 268 participants.

## Microfinance Ireland COVID-19 Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with “soft” loans of up to €25,000. LEO Fingal is actively promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. Seventeen applications have been processed, assessed and submitted to MFI to date this year.

## Showcase 2022



Subject to Covid restrictions, Showcase Ireland 2022 is planned to take place from 23rd – 26th January 2022 at the RDS, Dublin. Showcase is the country’s largest international trade show for the craft & design sector. Following a competitive process, eight Fingal producers were selected to exhibit at Showcase: Pamela and Suzanne Hughes - Love the Mug, Gillian Halpin - Jane Darcy, Aisling Howley - Little Paper Mill, Lorna Venton - Berry Be Beauty, Sarah Rossney - Sarah Rossney Art, Julie Peelo - Julie Peelo Accessories, Sandra Hickey - Milkbath, Yvonne Kelly - Yvonne Kelly Art.

## Disability Programme - Self Employment for People with Disabilities

LEO Fingal is one of five LEOs that have joined forces with TU Dublin to deliver the new 12-week online pilot programme called “Self-Employment for People with Disabilities”. Three Fingal participants have been selected for the pilot.

An excellent package of supports has been developed for the participants to help them to develop and evaluate the viability of their business idea including Mentoring from Fingal LEO Mentor Panel.

## Student Enterprise Programme



The Fingal Student Enterprise Programme 2021/22 is underway, with 23 schools participating. The virtual county final is scheduled for Tuesday 22nd March 2022.

## Local Enterprise Week 2022



Work is currently underway for Local Enterprise Week 2022 which will occur from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 and will feature a packed series of events to help businesses and start-ups to access supports, training and networking.

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Fingal/>

# OPERATIONS & WATER SERVICES

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## Works Programmes

### 2021 Programme of Works

The delivery of the 2021 Programme of Works continues into Q4. The following are examples of works completed in various areas across the County since the Programme was approved by Members.

### Balbriggan / Swords Area - Parks Programme of Works

#### St Pauls Crescent Balbriggan – New landscaping scheme

Installation of Corten steel edging and introduction of planting medium for new Pollinator Planting Scheme. Before and after photos to follow.



#### Chapel Green – Lusk

Restoration of existing Bandstand with replacement connecting concrete paths and decorative natural stone cobble edging.



Before Works



After Works

### Orlynn Park Tennis Courts



Replacement Perimeter Fencing

## Ward River Valley

Continuing Path Improvement Works at Swords Manor entrance. Extensive path installation works have commenced at the Ward River Valley connecting new and old existing paths. Areas for planting have been created and are being used by local voluntary groups such as Swords Tidy Towns and Swords Woodland Association.



## Ardgillan Demesne Works



## Playground Toilet Refurbishment



The final part of the overall Playground Toilet Refurbishment Contract was completed in Ardgillan Demesne during November 2021. The before and after images speak for themselves. The unit contains 5 direct entry unisex fully wheelchair accessible toilets with an additional fully serviced 'Changing Places' special needs bathroom which remains locked but accessed with the Irish Wheelchair Association universal access key. Similar toilets are also in situ in Millennium Park Blanchardstown, Santry Demesne and Newbridge Demesne.

## Pollinator Bulb & Perennial Wildflower Planting Scheme

Newly planted and spectacular display expected Spring Summer 2022.



## Ongoing Glasshouse Restoration



This project is starting to generate great interest from the public as the works become more visible. Planning & Strategic Infrastructure leading on this project facilitated on site by Operations Department Staff and the team at Ardgillan Demesne.

## Howth/Malahide Area

### The Little Green, Malahide Access upgrade

Work has begun at the little Green located on Malahide seafront. The boundary wall will be repaired, having all the missing stones replaced. The muddy central access point will be upgraded to provide a ramped entrance and a new stepped entrance will be provided at the southern end. Damage to the grass under the seats is to be further prevented by the addition of areas of hard standing.



### Howth Looped Walks Signage

All the Howth Looped walks signage boards have now been updated to show the locations of the recently installed public toilets on the Howth Peninsula and on Barrow Beach.



## Green Flag Awards Ceremony

Due to Covid restrictions this year's Green Flag Awards Ceremony was again filmed and on line. Filming for the Green Flag awards carried out in Malahide Demesne. Awards have since been announced to all the winners, including Malahide Demesne.



## Bench Delivery



After unusually long lead in times, the first order of benches for the roll out of improved seating provision across Howth Malahide has recently been delivered. More are on order and will be delivered in 2022.

## Portmarnock Integrated Seating

The integrated seating has been completed at Portmarnock Beach Front providing seating for the equivalent of up to 20 individual benches along the sea front. Stone stops along the run of seating will provide a place to put a coffee and act as a support for less able users sitting down or getting back up again.



**Malahide Demesne**



**Staff planting Snowdrops under the ancient Oak West Lawn, Talbot Botanic Gardens**

**St Fintan's Burial Ground Tree Removal**



**Landscaping Balgriffin Burial Ground**



**Tree ferns tied up to protect their crowns from frost in Malahide Demesne.**

**Graffiti removal Malahide toilets**



**Propagation and growing on of herbaceous plants in the glasshouse for spring planting in the Talbot Botanical Gardens**

## Wonder lights Event in the Talbot Botanical Gardens

On Wednesday 17th November the Wonder Lights Event opened in the Talbot Botanical Gardens Malahide Demesne with 3,000 visitors per evening enjoying the light display.



Phoenix timber carving lit up

The ancient oak trunk telling the history of the Talbots

## Planting of the African Collection of Plants Western side Malahide Castle.

The main planting frame of the African collection of plants was completed during late October early November. The Operations staff will be adding more plants to this important collection in future years as plants become available.



New African collection Western side Malahide Castle.

## Sarracenia Collection at Malahide Demesne



Sarracenia, commonly known as pitcher plants, are carnivorous plants mainly from North America. They bear flowers that grow singly on tall leafless stalks and most have long tubular 'pitchers. Inside these pitchers is a well of digestive fluid that breaks down prey, which is then absorbed by the plant. Sarracenia's are perennial plants that should be grown in full sun and watered from beneath, by keeping the plant pot in a tray of water. Rainwater is best as pitcher plants dislike hard, lime-rich water.

The Operations team in Talbot Botanical Gardens have built up a collection of over 61 different Sarracenia's. This collection includes all Sarracenia's bar four which have received the RHS AGM. This is the only collection in the world at present that houses this number of Sarracenia's that hold RHS AGM in the one collection.

**Road Resurfacing Works**



**R149 Confey Road & Lucan Road**

**Thormanby Road, Howth Overlay**



**R124 Bloomfield Blackwood Lane Overlay**



**Ashfield, Dublin 15**

**Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area  
Road Resurfacing Works**



**Bay Lane, Hollystown**



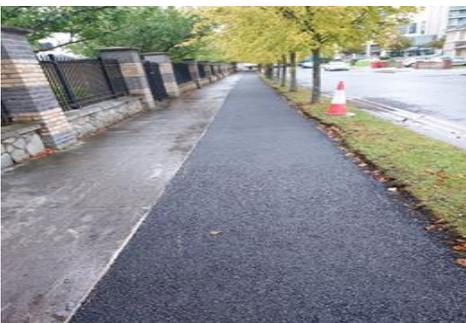
**Carpenterstown Park East Road, Dublin 15**



**Clonsilla Road, Dublin 15 (1 lane road resurfacing and line marking renewal)**



**Hansfield Road, Dublin 15  
Footpath Improvement Works**



**Lanesborough Road Dublin 11– Cycle Lane**

**St Patricks Park, Dublin 15**



**Glenville Way, Dublin 15**



**Castlewood/ Beechwood, Dublin 15**



**Springlawn, Dublin 15**



**Castleknock Downs, Dublin 15**

### **Tractor Run**

The Dublin 15 Operations Team was recently contacted by a mother of a young boy named Daniel who has special needs and faces a lot of challenges in life. Daniel's Birthday was approaching on the 21<sup>st</sup> October and his Mam told the team he is tractor mad and asked if it was possible for Operations to arrange a tractor drive by their house the day of his Birthday to wish him Happy Birthday.

The Operations Crew based in Coolmine Depot were more than happy to oblige and on the day of Daniel's Birthday gave him a day to remember. The team came together and organised a tractor run to pass

Daniel's home and later presented Daniel with his own toy tractor.



**Thank you from Daniel's Mam to the Operation's Crew**

*"Thank you so much for the amazing tractor run yourself and your colleagues put on for Daniel. He is absolutely delighted with meeting you all. The effort you guys went to was above and beyond anything we could have imagined. You guys put on an absolutely amazing show. The very kind gifts for Daniel. He has brought the tractor everywhere with him since yesterday even if he's just going upstairs. The jigsaw is a work in progress on the kitchen table. This is definitely a birthday to remember thanks to the Fingal County Council crew. Thank you from the bottom of my heart all your efforts mean so much to us all"*

**Millennium Park Market**

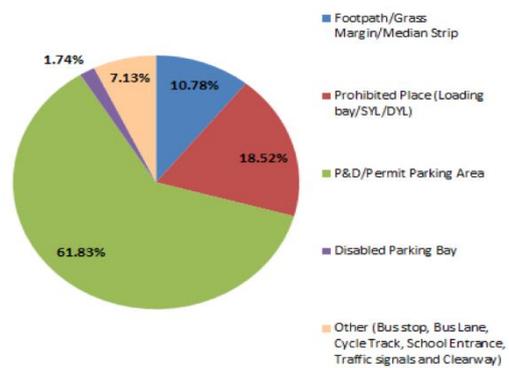
The Operations Department was delighted to welcome a Christmas Themed Market on a pilot basis to tie in with the Enchanted Forest in Millennium Park this month. The Market proved to be a big success which received positive feedback from the members of the public.



**2.Car Parking Services  
Parking Enforcement**

There was a total of 1,150 parking tickets issued during October 2021.

Breakdown of Parking Offences:

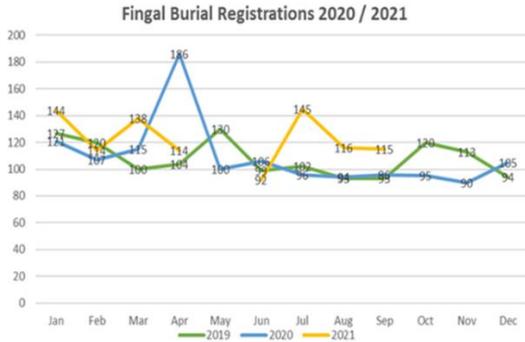


Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	124	10.78%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	213	18.52%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	711	61.83%
Disabled Parking Bay	20	1.74%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	82	7.13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1150</b>	<b>100%</b>



### 3. Burial Ground Services

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal's Burial Ground Service.

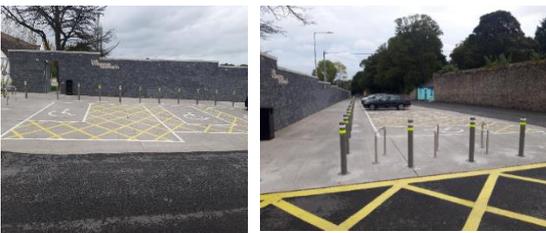


### 4. Traffic Operations County-wide Traffic Calming



Traffic calming ramps installed- permanent shark's teeth to be added at Swords, Brackenstown Road

### Lining Contract Work 2021 (County-wide)



Completion of car parking lining at Balgriffin Cemetery



A Yield sign with associated line marking added in St Mochtas Estate



Double yellow lines extended on Stationcourt Way, improving sightlines

### New Signs



1.5 metre supplementary signs have been added to the Cycle warning signs on Lower Road. Additional speed limit repeater signs have been installed on the R121, between Luttrellstown Castle and Fort Lucan

## 5. Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit and Plant Hire

There were 112 hires put in place from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021– 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021, engaging 24 suppliers.

Hires include:

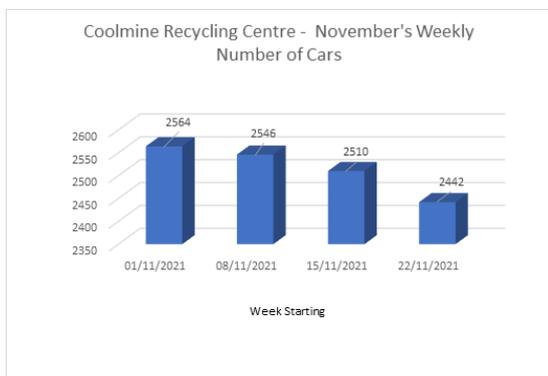
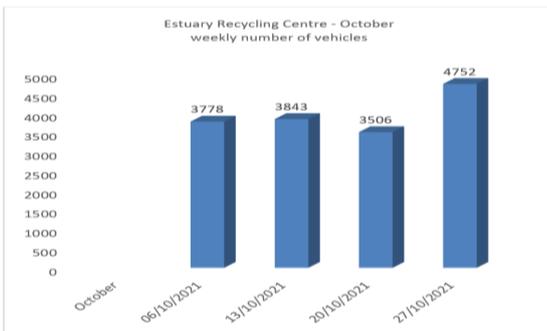
- Market in Bremeore Castle, Balbriggan
- Enchanted Forest, Millennium Park, Blanchardstown

## 6. Street Lighting LED Programme

417 LED Upgrade works carried out in the following locations: -

- Dun Emer, Lusk
- Portmarnock
- Dublin Road, Lusk
- Malahide Road (part two)
- Malahide Road
- 132 Fingallians roundabout

## 7. Recycling Centre's Update

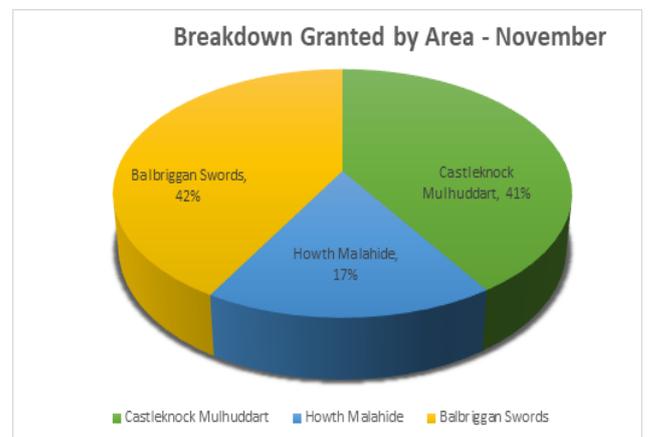
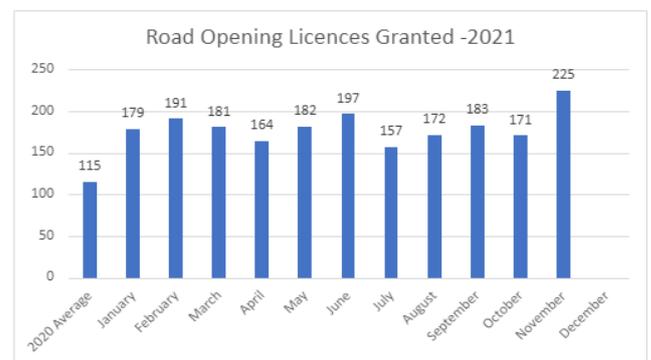


A review on the Recycling Centres at Coolmine and Estuary is currently underway. This review will look at net cost to the Council alongside the current charges.

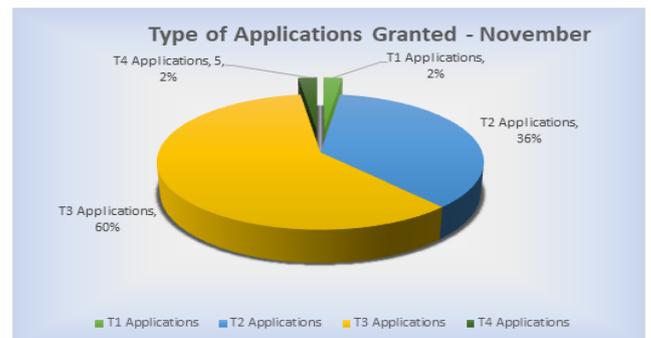
## 8. Road Opening Licences

The Licensing unit continues to process and manage the licensing system for the County, applications are allocated by area for examination and conditioning which includes reviews of the existing carriageway, footpaths, cycleways, and grass verges. Applicants submit temporary traffic management plans for review to ensure all works are carried out safely within the public domain. Road Opening licences are a cross functional process for the department and is essential for the asset management of Fingal County Council Road network.

225 licences were granted in November 2021



CasMul - (92) , Bal Swo - (94) , How Mal - (32)



**T1 Application:** The T1 is not a licence. It is notification of intent to perform works of high impact due to extent or complexity.

**T2 Applications:** An application to carry out works of moderate impact due to the location, extent, amount, or duration of the work.

**T3 Applications:** An application to carry out works of low impact due to the location, extent, amount, or duration of the work. A T3 licence requires a short application period and does not require a works programme notification.

**T4 Applications:** A notification of emergency works (as defined under legislation). Notification must occur at the time or as soon as possible after commencement and works must be carried out during a limited time period. **Ongoing Projects**

There are currently a number of significant road opening licence projects on going including under the supervision of the Operations Engineering Team.

## **9. Water Services**

Water production and distribution, wastewater collection, treatment & disposal continue to be provided as agreed in the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water.

The Council continue to have responsibility for the Storm Water Network

### **Storm Water (surface water) Network – Operations**

Operation and maintenance of the stormwater network is ongoing, in line with Covid-19 restrictions.

Works summary:

- Phase 1 (Advance works) to install a section of new stormwater (surface water) network in Ballyboughal is completed, in conjunction with FCC's Housing Department. Phase 2 will comprise of the installation of 35m of 450mm diameter pipe. These works are currently on hold pending the agreement of wayleaves. Agreement has been reached with one landowner negotiations are ongoing with the adjoining landowner.
- The Storm water manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing – Covers and

frames were replaced at various locations in Ballyboughal, Malahide, and Castleknock areas.

- Works to Jet, drag and to carry out a CCTV survey along the Old Bawn and The Bawn in Malahide on the Storm water networks are ongoing. A feasibility project has been undertaken to ascertain if improvements can be made to the network to reduce the likelihood of flooding events in the future.
- CCTV surveys are ongoing in the St Benedict's estate in Malahide and La Verna in Baldoyle to ascertain the location of misconnections to the Stormwater network from the foul system.
- Other maintenance and minor works programmes are ongoing. Works to CCTV, drag and clean the Storm Water network in Inbhir Ide, Texas Lane and Yellow Walls road in Malahide are nearing completion. FCC are awaiting the removal of a gas service by Gas Networks once removed this programme will be complete. Works were recently carried out to clean a Stormwater ditch that Inbhir Ide drains to help alleviate and future flooding events.
- Works are ongoing at No: 18 Dublin Rd, Bayside to fit a Tideflex flap on an overflow culvert to resolve a rodent issue and stop material being washed up the from the coast. These works will also include a full CCTV and some patch work will be carried out.
- A Contractor is being procured to jet, drag and CCTV survey the Stormwater network in Chalfont, Malahide to assist road operations with the alleviation of ongoing road flooding.

### **Storm Water (surface water) Network – Projects**

A number of Storm water projects are currently being progressed:

- Burrow Beach Surface Water Outfall Pipeline Repair  
Scope: This project is to replace the damaged anchor system for the pipeline  
Status: Design stage

- Beaverstown Storm Water Pumping Station Upgrade  
Scope: Review options for the existing pumping station  
  
Status: Project planning / scoping
- Howth Surface Water Culvert Replacement  
Scope: Prepare a design to replace the existing surface water culvert  
  
Status: Procurement

### **Irish Water – Towards a National Publicly-Owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility**

The Government’s Policy Paper on Water Sector Transformation, entitled *Irish Water – Towards a National, Publicly-Owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility* was published on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.

The paper and accompanying press release are available at [www.gov.ie/housing](http://www.gov.ie/housing). All new publications appear on the homepage under the Publications heading.

The paper sets out the Government’s approach to water sector transformation including addressing Irish Water as the Single Public Utility.

The Council will continue to work to implement Government policy in regard to water.

### **Communication with Irish Water for Elected Representatives**

The Local Representative Support Desk

- 1) Make contact at [localrepsupport@water.ie](mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie) or by phone at **0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578**. Staff are available Monday – Friday from 9am to 5.30pm to deal with queries from elected representatives about any topic related to Irish Water.
- 2) Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1800 278 278 / 1850 278 278**.
- 3) Irish Water Planned Works - Irish Water Regional Communications team provide regular updates concerning upcoming projects in the area and planned works which may cause disruption to customers. Regularly updates on the website at <https://www.water.ie/water-supply/supply-and-service-update/#>

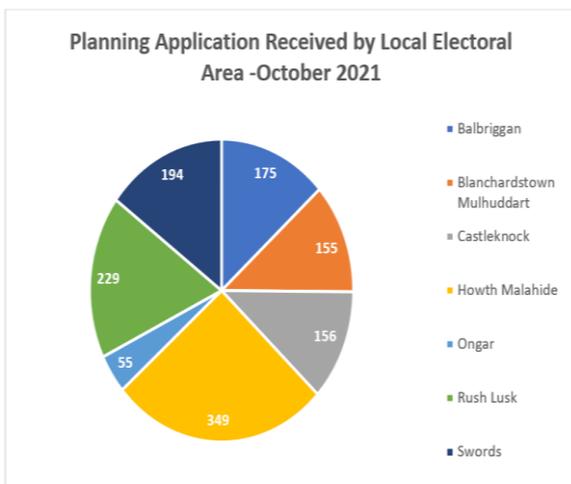
# PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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## Planning Applications

There have been 1,313 planning applications received to the end of October 2021, 80 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 1,233 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

Up to end of October 2021, 9 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications were made to An Bord Pleanála, plus 1 for amendments totalling 5,119 units. 9 decisions were made by the board up to end of September 2021. Of these, 6 were granted, 1 in February, 1 in March, 3 in September (2,104 units). 1 was one granted in July for amendments. 3 applications were Refused, 1 in March, 1 in June and 1 in July. There is a total of 3 SHD's (2,876 units) currently in the formal application process.



## Planning Decisions

A total of 1,264 planning decisions have been made to the end of October 2021. There have 1,089 decisions to grant permission (86%) and 175 refusals of permission (14%). There have been 73 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction,

696 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 265 commercial/retail grants of permission and 29 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 15 relate to development of 2 - 20, 2 relate to development of 20 – 50, 7 relate to 50 -100 and 5 of which relate to development of 100+ housing units.

## Building Control Admin

Up to the end of October 2021, there were 132 Disability Access Certificate applications submitted, of these 124 have been granted, 1 was invalidated and 2 are currently on time extension. There were 9 Revised Disability Access Certificate applications submitted, 8 have been granted.

There were also 17 Dispensation/Relaxation applications submitted, all 17 have been granted.

There were 209 Fire Safety Certificate applications submitted, of these 152 have been granted, 2 were refused, 7 were invalidated and 29 are currently on time extension. There were 28 Revised Fire Safety Certificate applications submitted, 19 were granted and 2 were invalidated.

There were 19 Regularisation Certificate applications submitted, 2 were granted, 2 were invalidated and 14 are currently on time extension.

A total of 1,113 building control decisions were processed up until the end of October 2021, this includes decisions that were made on applications submitted pre 2021 in addition to applications submitted in the first 10 months of this year. This is made up of 399 decisions to grant, 4 refusals, 13 invalids, 3 amendments and 694 extensions of time.

Building Control Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation /Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the new BCMS applications module and in hard copy directly into the office.

### Planning Enforcement/Derelict Sites

260 Warning Letters and 26 Enforcement Notices issued by the end of October 2021 with further warning letters and enforcement notices to issue before year end. On-going referral of enforcement files for legal action. 13 enforcement files referred to the Law Department in 2021 to initiate legal action bringing to 21 the number of cases currently with the Law Department or at varying stages in the court system.

The Derelict Sites Section have issued correspondence to site owners/occupiers of 19 sites around issues of dereliction in 2021 with on-going engagement arising from this.

Statutory Notices have been issued under the Derelict Sites Act with respect to 2 sites in 2021 with both sites placed on the Derelict Sites Register.

### Strategic Policy Unit

#### Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029



The Chief Executive's Draft Plan was issued to the Elected Members on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, along with the sheets, appendices and environmental information.

Motions will be accepted on the same until 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022. 5 support sessions have been organised to discuss any queries arising.

Date	Time	Support Session via MS Teams OR Drop In Support
08/12/2021 (Wednesday)	2.30 to 4.30 pm	Support Session to be held via MS Teams
10/12/2021 (Friday)	10.00-1.00 pm	'Live' follow up support in Chamber (prior notice required to attend).
15/12/2021 (Wednesday)	3.00 – 5.00 p.m.	Support Session to be held via MS Teams
17/12/2021 (Friday)	10.00 to 1.00 p.m.	'Live' follow up support in Blanchardstown (prior notice required to attend)
21/12/2021 (Tuesday)	10 to 1.00 p.m.	'Live' follow up support in Chamber (prior notice required to attend)

### Sustainable Swords

The next stage of public consultation for the Sustainable Swords project was launched on 28<sup>th</sup> September. This follows the 'Your Swords, Your Say' survey which was carried out in May and the briefing session with Elected Members in July.

The ambition of Sustainable Swords is to create a multi-faceted approach to the planning, design and management of the town, in order to achieve better quality places as the physical setting for life in Swords. Sustainable Swords plans to consolidate and strengthen the historic town centre of Swords. The project will also set specific objectives for the town centre with the goal of increasing the resilience of the local economy and fostering an enhanced, accessible, inclusive, child friendly and healthy urban environment. A vibrant town for all.

An online webinar took place on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and heard from the project team and members of the public took the opportunity to ask questions about the project. Submission were invited until 4<sup>th</sup> November and these are now being considered. The draft Strategy is expected to issue early next year.



## **Vacant Site Register**

There are currently 11 sites on the Vacant Sites Register (VSR). These include 3 residential sites and 8 regeneration sites.

Invoices for the VSR levy have been issued with regard to VS/0016, VS/0117 and VS/0018 for 2019. The total amount being invoiced for the above sites is €1,344,000. These sites will also be liable for the vacant site levy for 2020 for same amount. A demand for payment for the VSR levy has been issued for VS/0124 (Weavers Row, Clonsilla, Dublin 15) for €129,500 and for VS/0119 (Lands at Howth Road, Co. Dublin) for €2,310,000.

The demand for payment for VS/0124 was appealed to An Bord Pleanála (ABP). ABP confirmed the demand for payment on the 15/09/2021. FCC is awaiting a decision from ABP on VS/0119.

A market valuation has been received (13/04/2021) for VS/0129. The site was valued at €450,000.

2 sites were placed on the VSR on the 29/09/2021. These include VS/0128 and VS/0130. Valuations are currently being sought for these sites.

## **Heritage Office**

The Heritage Office was delighted to support Castleknock Tidy Town's Virtual Heritage Tour which was recently launched by Fingal's Mayor Cllr. Seána Ó Rodaigh. Featuring contributions from well-known local personalities including Bernard Brogan, Senior Dublin GAA footballer; Dr. Noëlle Healy, Senior Dublin GAA ladies footballer and Sarah Hawkshaw, Irish Olympian, the video focuses on the historic village of Castleknock from the 'hurry up bell' and Harry Clarke window of St Brigid's church to the Myo's pub, the site of a former blacksmiths. To view go to <https://www.castleknocktidytowns.com/heritage>



The eight Fingal projects funded by the Community Monuments Fund 2021 and administered by the Heritage Office were successfully completed. These included works at Castleknock Castle, Kilsallaghan Graveyard; Burial site in Ward River Valley; Surveys of St Columba's Towers, Swords, Malahide Demesne Church, Lanistown Castle, St Catherine's and St Marnock churches, Rush Tower House and an archaeology audit of the Donabate-Portrane Peninsula. Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien was briefed on the Fingal projects ahead when he visited Lanistown Castle, Newbridge Demesne ahead of the launch of the Community Monuments Fund 2022 which is open for submissions from the public to the Heritage Office until 15 February 2022. For details see <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/d21e3-community-monuments-fund-2022-call-for-projects/>



## **Parks & Green Infrastructure Division**

### **Forest of Fingal - A Tree Strategy for Fingal**

Forest of Fingal, A Tree Strategy for Fingal was approved at the November Council meeting. This ambitious new strategy aims to use every opportunity to continually develop a thriving, diverse and sustainable tree population in Fingal, in line with the County's sustainable urban development. The aims and objectives provide clear guidance to enhance the delivery of significant improvements to tree cover in Fingal for the future. The approach to urban tree management has evolved significantly in recent years and the new tree strategy takes account of these changes and innovation. The Council is aware of the value of our trees and the Strategy is proof of the Council's continued commitment to one of the most important natural assets in the County.

The Strategy applies to all trees, woodlands and hedgerows managed by the Council, as well as seeking to ensure due consideration is given to trees in the planning and development process.

As environmental awareness improves, more and more of us are conscious of the importance of our trees. This was made very evident with the considerable number of quality stakeholder submissions received as part of an active public consultation campaign earlier in the year. It is anticipated that the official launch and publication of the Strategy will take place early next year.



Woodland at Ward Rivervalley Park, Swords

## **Built Environment Division**

### **Building Control/Taking in Charge Section – 29/11/2021**

#### **Building Control**

- BCMS –134 CNs for 344 units were received in September and October 2021 and 525 Completion Certificates were processed. Building Control Site inspection rate for September and October is at 0.77% and 5.88% respectively of new buildings. Almost all DAC, FSC and Dispensations are now coming through electronically via the BCMS applications module.
- Enforcement – There has been Part K, Part B and part M non-compliance issues for which we are awaiting responses.

#### **Taking in Charge**

- There are two estates, Rahillion in Swords and Hampton Green in Balbriggan proposed to be Taken in Charge in December and there is foul sewer & watermains in St. Marys, Baldoyle and also a hammerhead at Old Golf Links, Malahide to be Taken in Charge in January 2022.
- We have 46 developments with formal TIC requests and a further 306 developments on our system, of which 62 are likely to remain private.
- Phase 1 TIC Fingal contractor works on the following estates - Chieftain's way, Martello, New Haven Bay are currently underway.
- Phase 2 TIC Fingal contractor works – Drynam, are under construction at the moment.
- There is also works ongoing in Thornleigh Swords by a completion contractor on behalf of the bondsman.
- The contract documents for engagement of Consulting Engineers to manage the Ongar remediation works necessary to bring the estates in Ongar up to Taking in Charge standard will be going up on Etenders.ie within the next week.
- There are currently 26 developers set up on our External Taking in Charge Sharepoint Site to upload Taking in Charge documentation.

- A yearly review of the Taking in Charge Policy and Specifications is underway and meetings between Building Control and other Sections responsible for producing the Policy and Specifications have been carried out with the intention to release an update to the Policy and specifications in January 2022.

### Dangerous Structures

- We currently have 49 active dangerous structures. There were 2 new notifications in September and 2 new notifications in October.

### References

- The number of reference requests received in October and November (so far) are 270 and 205 respectively.

### Coastal Erosion

- This December, the Seabees on Portrane Beach are to be re-positioned for optimum effect coming into the Winter and Spring months.



Apartment blocks under construction at Hansfield – November 2021



Dry rising main to service apartment block at Hansfield. – November 2021

## **Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services) Section**

### Development Management October 2021

- 94 no. new planning files have been received.
- 17 no. Additional Information files have been received and 1 clarification on Additional Information.
- 3 no. Compliance Submissions have been received, 3 no. have been processed.
- 4 no. SHD applications have been received, 2 no. has been assessed.
- 2 no. Part 8/Part XI applications has been received, 4 no. has been processed.
- Pre-planning consultations – During October, staff from Planning (Water Services) have engaged in 19 no. pre-planning discussions with developers to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of flood risk management and sustainable drainage systems on site;

### Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

- FCC staff are currently managing the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans.  
The Water Services Planning Dept are preparing objectives to meet the directions of the Councillors and National/European legislation.
- Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – The Fingal SuDS guidance document (Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development) is being reviewed to include changes in technical standards with the intention of having the new guidance implemented in 2022.



Fingal SuDS Guidance

## Irish Water

- Staff continue to liaise with Irish Water regarding existing constraints within the water/wastewater networks and identifying solutions to resolve.
- Connection and Developer Services – staff continue to provide a planning review of water/wastewater connection applications on behalf of Irish Water with 5 no. applications processed requiring Water Services planning during August with an average turnaround of 5 working days.

## Transportation Planning

### Hole in the Wall Road Upgrade

Works in November included completion of the new cycleways and footpaths and surfacing and lining of the road pavement. Remaining tasks include electricity connections for the traffic lights at the Mayne Road/ Drumnigh Road junction and fibre optic installation. Following the completion of these tasks, this project will be substantially complete and the new road can be opened to traffic for all road users which we are aiming for in early December. A road safety audit will then be carried out on the road. This FCC and LIHAF-funded project will serve to underpin the ongoing residential development in the area and significantly enhance road safety on the local transportation network.



**Looking south east**



**Looking eastwards with junction reconfigured at Balgriffin Park in foreground**



**Bridge over River Mayne with linear pathway connecting to adjacent development lands**

### Donabate Pedestrian Bridge

*Córas Iompair Éireann* issued a draft legal agreement to Fingal County Council at end November which is currently being reviewed by FCC appointed solicitors. Liaison with Developers east and west of the proposed bridge is ongoing. The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure project team are liaising with the FCC Property Section on the transfer of lands for the proposed bridge landing areas and the necessary agreements required to ensure access to the bridge for construction, long term maintenance and for the general public. The procurement process for a main contractor was issued to the market in May and a panel of shortlisted tenderers was formed. Construction on this NTA-funded project is expected to commence in 2022. Tender documents for the

appointment of an engineering consultant to undertake site supervision duties during the construction stage are currently being finalised.



### **Snugborough Interchange Upgrade Project**

Main 9C sewer diversion works were completed in November, a significant milestone in the project with the opening up of extensive areas for the construction of the main structures. Piling works for the main structures is now significantly progressed (Photo Attached). Foundations of walls are ongoing with the picture above showing the completion of the earthworks to the southwest. Works will continue to be progressed off the main carriageways until January 2022. The website [www.snugboroughinterchange.ie](http://www.snugboroughinterchange.ie) containing information on the project is now live and will continue to be updated with information relating to the project over its life term.



### **Harry Reynolds Road**

Works are advancing to prepare for pre-construction site clearance works through the coming Winter and Spring to allow for commencement of the main project works in Q2 2022. It is expected that tree planting and tree felling works will commence in January 2022.

## HOUSING

### Housing

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### Expression of Interest: Advance Purchase Arrangement for Residential Development Through Turnkey Agreements

Home builders and housing developers in Fingal are being asked to consider offering unbuilt houses or apartments with planning permission, to local authorities under an advance purchase turnkey arrangement.

Fingal County Council is seeking to enter into advance purchase arrangements to secure turnkey homes in areas where the need, in particular, for social and affordable housing, is most acute. This call is targeted at advance purchase opportunities for a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 150 dwellings in any one scheme.

It is anticipated that, depending on circumstances and proposals, Fingal County Council enter into an

advance purchase agreement for an approved number of homes, with payment on completion. The advance purchase agreement also provides for the direct sale of homes by the developer to an eligible purchaser nominated by the local authority. Joint venture arrangements that include an Approved Housing Body (AHB) will also be considered.

Further details on the scheme is available at <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/call-proposals>

### Construction of Affordable Homes in Lusk

Construction of the 39 affordable and 12 social homes continues at Dun Emer in Lusk alongside the upgrade works to the road infrastructure which is funded by the Affordable Housing Fund (formerly the SSF ) Current photos from the construction work on the site at Dun Emer, Lusk.



Floor slab & blockwork to units 43-51 (27-35 Killhedge Drive)



Rising walls and under slab drainage to units 17-25 (1-9 Kilhedge Drive)

### Hayestown Site, Rush

The Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage Darragh O'Brien recently visited the site at Hayestown, Rush and a presentation of the scheme was made by officials.



- Deliver a total of 62 dwellings
- Mixed tenure
- Planning approved
- The Council recently commenced Stage 1 (Expressions of Interest) of a two stage Procurement process for the appointment of a contractor.

### MIXED TENURE SITES

The Council is currently at pre-planning design stage on schemes that will deliver mixed tenure housing via affordable purchase, cost rental and social housing.

### Church Fields, Dublin 15



- Deliver approximately 1,000 mixed tenure dwellings;
- Part 8 planning process has commenced for initial 300 homes and relevant area of the linear park
- Construction of the new link road to commence on site shortly

## Housing for All - a New Housing Plan for Ireland

is the government’s housing plan to 2030. It is a multi-annual, multi-billion euro plan which will improve Ireland’s housing system and deliver more homes of all types for people with different housing needs.

The policy has four pathways to achieving housing for all:

- supporting home ownership and increasing affordability
- eradicating homelessness, increasing social housing delivery and supporting social inclusion
- increasing new housing supply
- addressing vacancy and efficient use of existing stock

The social housing delivery targets for Fingal covering the years 2022 – 2026 are listed in the table below;

Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
<b>Build</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>3286</b>
<b>Leasing</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>354</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>3640</b>

## Housing Delivery

### Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	units
Under Construction	276
Tender Stage	97
Planning and Design	1,138
Part V	204
Acquisitions	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,746</b>

#### Schemes on Site

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Church Road, Dublin 15 - <a href="#">Cluid</a>	65	On Site	Q4 2018	Q4 2021
Housing				
College St. <a href="#">Baldoye</a> - <a href="#">Cluid</a> Housing	4	On Site	Q2 2020	Q4 2021
Dun Emer, Lusk	51	On Site	Q2 2021	Q4 2022
<a href="#">Wellview</a> Cui de Sacs, <a href="#">Wellview</a> , D15	20	On site	Q4 2020	Q3 2022
Cappagh, Dublin 11	69	On Site	Q2 2021	Q3 2022
Church Fields Phase 2B, <a href="#">Mulhuddart</a> , D15	67	On Site	Q4 2021	Q4 2022

#### Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
<a href="#">Tucketts Lane</a> , <a href="#">Howth</a>	8	Tender process concluded. Stage 4 application for funding to be submitted to DHLGH.	Q2 2022	Q3 2023
Outlands, Swords	11	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q1 2022.	Q2 2022	Q2 2023
Church Road, Lusk	5	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q2 2023
Former Leonards Garage, Lusk	10	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q2 2023
<a href="#">Hayestown</a> , <a href="#">Rush</a>	62	Stage 1 procurement process concluded - 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov. Assessment process underway.	Q3 2022	Q3 2023
Infill Site adjacent to 169 <a href="#">Clonsilla</a> Road, D15	1	Detail design in progress.	Q3 2022	Q3 2023

Schemes at Pre-Planning Stage				
Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Garristown – North and East Housing Association	6	Stage 2 approval received from DHLGH. Part 8 being prepared.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Kilhedge Lane, Lusk - Tuath Housing	31	Stage 2 approval received from DHLGH. Part 8 public consultation process concluded 30th Nov.	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Church Fields, D15	1,000	Part 8 being prepared. Commence Part 8 process in Dec 2021 for 300 units.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Mayeston, Dublin 11	100	Feasibility being prepared	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Infill site at Sheepsmoor, Dublin 15	1	Public Consultation period over. Part 8 process to finalise	Q2 2022	Q1 2023

**Photos of completed homes at Ladyswell Crescent in Mulhuddart Dublin 15.**



**Photos from the Fingal County Council construction scheme at Cappagh, Dublin 11**



**Photo from Part V units delivered in Garristown**



**Photo from the Fingal County Council construction scheme at Wellview, Dublin 15**



**Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan**

Current Loan Book Value	€143,277,986
Loans Drawn Down under RIHL	288
Value of RIHL lending	€62,041,599

Mortgage holders experiencing difficulties making repayments should contact the Council immediately on [loans@fingal.ie](mailto:loans@fingal.ie) and the Council will endeavour to find an individual solution with each borrower.

## Rent Payments – Council Tenants

Annual Rent Statements issued to all Council tenants week ending 26<sup>th</sup> November. Should tenants have any queries regarding their rent charge they should contact the Council immediately at email; [rents.assessments@fingal.ie](mailto:rents.assessments@fingal.ie) Further details are available on the Council's website [www.fingal.ie](http://www.fingal.ie).

## Housing Asset Management Report

### Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme (Housing Circular 8/21)



The 2021 Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme is the first of a ten year programme which is expected to grow to meet the Programme for Government retrofit commitment. This revision will require local authorities to move to a 'deeper retrofit' programme, thus building on what has been completed in previous years. The revised programme provides for significant upscaling in the level of funding available and focuses on ensuring that the fabric of the home is upgraded and an energy efficient heating system is provided.

The approved allocation for Fingal County Council is €1,759,475 with a target of 65 properties to be retrofitted to a B2/Cost Optimal standard. Works are now complete under the 2021 programme.

## Voids Programme 2021 (Circular 17/21)

The 2021 Voids Programme supports the refurbishment of circa 3,000 vacant properties nationally. Two refurbishment options are being funded this year which afford greater flexibility to local authorities, thereby facilitating maximum impact on the level of vacancy. The Standard Refurbishment programme provides for a maximum funding of €11,000 per property and Non-Standard provides for an average of €50,000 per property. The emphasis under the 2021 Voids Programme is on minimum refurbishment works to comply with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019 to ensure quick turnaround and letting.

Funding approval to the value of €1.9m has been granted on the submission for 110 properties with the understanding that work will be completed and the property either tenanted or a tenancy offered and accepted in 2021.

## Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

The number of casual voids within social housing stock which are currently in the re-let process set out below:-

Voids for Re-letting	at 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
In letting process	37
Undergoing re-let repairs	11
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70</b>

## 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 tenants. The Council releases batches of work to dedicated Contractors throughout the course of the year. To date, the Council has provided Contractors with 20 of 20 batches totaling 5131 properties and servicing is progressing well.

## Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

The programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to council housing stock which currently operates on a 6/7 year cycle.

The remaining dwellings are nearing completion as part of this current programme (listed below: Batch F & G). A new programme will be issued shortly.

Batch F	
Dromheath	Dublin 15
Castlecurragh Heath/Vale	Dublin 15
St Patricks Park	Donabate
Shamrock Park	Oldtown
Windmill Estate	Skerries
Toberburr Avenue	St Margarets
The Bawn Grove/ The Hill	Malahide
Kirkfield Cottages	Clonsilla
Lambeecher Estate	Balbriggan
Batch G	
Ladyswell Road	Dublin 15
Parslickstown Estate	Dublin 15
Castlegrange Estate	Swords
Wellview Estate	Dublin 15
Cardy Rock Estate	Balbriggan
Barnewall Avenue/Crescent	Donabate
Church Road	Dublin 15
Rockabill	Skerries
Bealing Avenue/Grove	Dubin 15



Some recently painted properties

## Housing Tenancy Services Report

### Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

The new HAP online portal is well underway and over 60 tenants have submitted applications since it was introduced. The HAP team also continue to work through the remaining paper applications.

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team has set up over 3,100 tenancies. The 714 new tenancies set up to date in 2021 is 2<sup>nd</sup> highest nationally.

### Housing Support

The Housing Support Team are continuing to prepare a Social Housing Assessment Summary in accordance with Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009.

The Council has contacted certain applicants who have applied for social housing support **after 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020** to confirm they still require social housing support. Each applicant must confirm their requirement to the Council by completing and

returning the Assessment Form. The assessment is due to be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

Social Housing Assessment Packs issued by post in early October, which included a copy of the Assessment Form to be completed along with a pre-paid return envelope.

A Reminder Letter has also issued by post, and the Housing Support Team have ensured follow up with phone contact with those who have returned their assessment form to date.

Further details, including a copy of the Assessment Form requiring completion, is available on a dedicated page on Fingal’s Website, and the Housing Support Team will continue to ensure that every effort is made to connect with our applicants over the duration of the assessment to ensure their records are updated.

<https://www.fingal.ie/news/notification-social-housing-assessment-2021>



### **Contact Details for Tenancy Services Division**

Set out below are the Housing Support Team Contact details and the Tenancy Services Division details-

<b>The Housing Support Team Contact Details</b>	
Phone	01 890 5902 /01 890 5000
Email	<a href="mailto:Housing.allocations@fingal.ie"><b>Housing.allocations@fingal.ie</b></a>
Website	<a href="http://www.fingal.ie"><b>www.fingal.ie</b></a>
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### **Choice Based Lettings**

Choice Based Letting (CBL) is an approach used for allocating dwellings which allows housing applicants to express an interest in being considered for the allocation of designated Social Housing Units. Access to the Choice Based Letting (CBL) system is via the Council [website](https://www.fingal.ie/choicebasedlettingscheme) at <https://www.fingal.ie/choicebasedlettingscheme>

Fingal County Council continue to offer dwellings through CBL. Information on new CBL dwellings are made available on our website on a selection of developments and individual units which have been designated for allocation using this approach.

Applicants have been encouraged to follow Fingal County Council on social media to stay informed of new dwellings available through CBL.

### **OpenSky**

Fingal County Council are engaged with OpenSky in implementing the online-based CBL system. This system has been successfully delivered to other Councils in Ireland. The system enables a range of self-service functionalities for four specific types of user i.e. the housing applicant, the housing administrator, Local Councillors and the housing staff. The CBL system will be easily accessible to approved social housing applicants via a web-enabled portal that will protect and secure personal data of applicants. The system is due to go live in December with secure log in details being made available to all applicants.

Access will also be facilitated to Councillors to review availability of CBL properties. A short information session will be scheduled for Councillors as soon as possible.

The facility for applicants to express interest in a property online has worked well to date and the provision of the OpenSky system is expected to optimise the social housing allocation process and

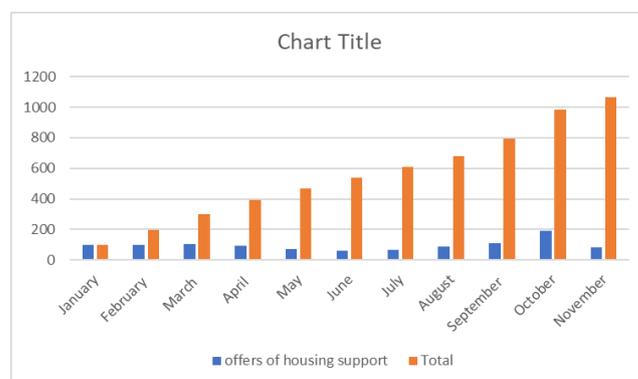
positively enhance the overall experience of the housing applicant with the added outcome of reduced refusal rates of housing allocations.

### **Right -Sizing Initiative – Ladyswell, Clann Housing**

In mid-November, letters were sent to Council tenants aged over 55 who are currently living in the Dublin 15 area to inform them of the opportunity to consider right-sizing their home to a more age friendly accommodation with Clann, an Approved Housing Body. Clann is a dedicated age-friendly Approved Housing Body committed to providing quality housing and services that enable people to remain residing within their community as they age. The recent construction of three apartment buildings providing 22 apartments in Ladyswell for Clann has been identified as an ideal opportunity for Council tenants to consider right-size. To date, there has been a positive response to this initiative.

### **Offers of Housing Support**

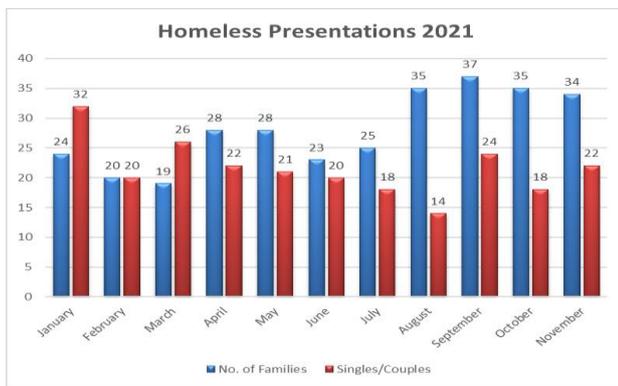
The Housing Allocations Team has continued to provide offers of social housing throughout all levels of **COVID-19 restrictions** and this is demonstrated in the chart below.



## Homeless Services

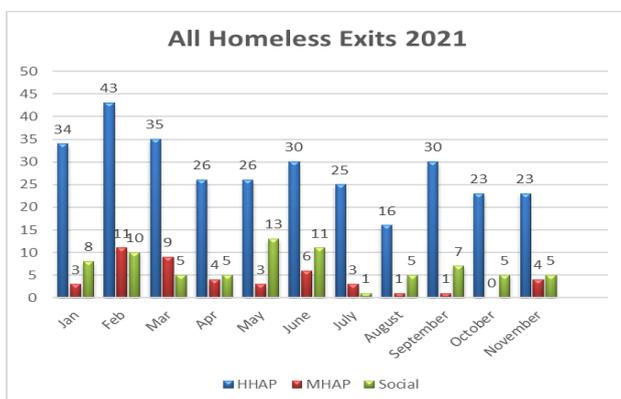
The Council's Homeless Team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued over the phone through all levels of Public Health Restrictions.

In November 2021 there were 56 new homeless presentations, comprising 34 families and 22 singles/couples.



During November 2021, 32 households, comprising 23 families and 9 singles/couples, exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support- including into private rented tenancies under Homeless HAP.

Homeless HAP accounts for 23 of these tenancies.



## Cold Weather Strategy 2021/ 2022

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive ( DRHE) has activated its Cold Weather Strategy 2021/ 2022 which runs from November 2021 to the end of March 2022. This is in order to meet a likely increase in demand for homeless services and to have the appropriate contingency plan in place for cold weather conditions. Should there be a cold weather or any emergency event, the DRHE will co-ordinate the response to homelessness on behalf of the four Dublin Local Authorities. Whilst services continue to operate throughout the year to support people experiencing homelessness, during the winter period, services are increased and enhanced to mitigate against the health risks that the bad weather poses.

## Draft Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

The DRHE is currently reviewing the Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2019 -2021. As part of the consultation process for the development of the new Statutory Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024, the DRHE has planned a consultation session with Councillors of the four Dublin Local Authorities to take place via Team/ Zoom at 10am on Friday 10 December, 2021. An invitation has been circulated to all Councillors in this regard.

## Traveller Specific Supports

### Covid-19 Continued Support

Measures have continued within Fingal to ensure that Traveller families receive as much assistance as possible during these unprecedented times, and

particularly having regard to relevant and current public health guidelines and restrictions levels.

Daily site visits by Housing Inspectors are continuing with due care to maintain public health guidelines while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued supports available.

Senior Officials are engaged on an ongoing basis with the HSE pertaining to Covid Public Health Guidelines.

### **Traveller Accommodation**

A programme of works in relation to the refurbishment and upgrading of existing accommodation on specific sites is currently in development with the County Architect. Ongoing site works is continuing on a number of sites in order to maintain and progress Traveller Specific Accommodation in accordance with the provision of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024.

General site maintenance has continued on all Traveller Specific Sites throughout all levels of Covid restrictions.

The construction of a new Group Housing Scheme at Stockhole Lane/ Baskin Green has concluded and new tenants recently attended tenant induction training in advance of signing their Tenancy Agreements and occupying their new homes.



### **Housing Welfare Service**

The Social Workers attached to the Housing Department are available to support vulnerable tenancies and to work with housing applicants who have medical/welfare needs.

The Estate Management Section continues to work with the most vulnerable and complex of our Tenants in collaboration with our Housing Welfare, Tenancy Sustainment Officers and external statutory agencies to protect and assist the most vulnerable of our tenancies.

## Maintenance Requests



During all levels of Covid restrictions essential maintenance works such as electrical, water and heating were maintained, and 14,342 maintenance requests have been received year to-date.

## Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

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.

## Estate Management

The Estate Management Section engage with several internal Departments during the course of our daily duties, however a recent working collaboration with our colleagues in the Community Department emanated in a very successful Community Engagement Day at Racecourse Commons in Lusk on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of November. The event was well received by the Community of Lusk, the residents of Racecourse Commons, Elected Representatives and Lusk Community Gardaí who were in attendance, resulting in a fun day for our residents and built community relationships.



## Stock Management

Breach of Ten.	32
Miscellaneous	28
Regularisation	9
Downsizing	22

## Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2021

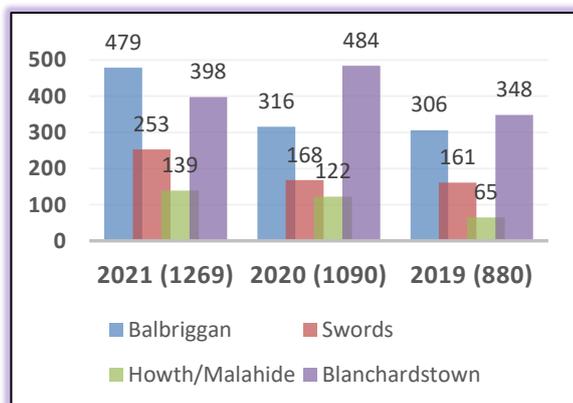
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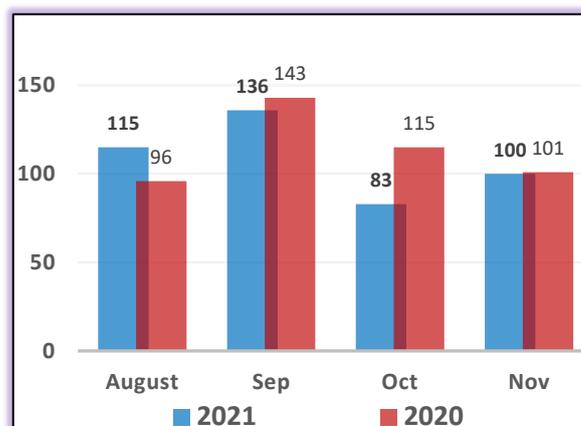
Aug 2021	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	20	2	3
North County	45	9	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>

All ASB complaints received are followed up and investigated by a designated team within with ASB Unit and allegations of breaches of Tenancy are pursued accordingly. All complaints are received in confidence.

## Area Breakdown 2019-2021



## Monthly Breakdown of Complaints Received 2020-21



## Anti-Social Interventions

Interviews Held 2021	45
Interviews Held 2020	108
Tenancy Alerts 2021	31
Tenancy Alerts 2020	35
Tenancy Warnings 2021	2
Tenancy Warnings 2020	4

## Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Inspections 2021	1596
Traveller Specific Inspections 2020	1735
Estate Inspections 2021	1134
Estate Inspections 2020	636
EM/ASB Inspections 2021	2958
EM/ASB Inspections 2020	3610

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Racecourse Commons Community Engagement Pilot in Lusk  
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Fingal Inclusion Week  
PPN Policy Hub

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PE Teacher Training Day  
Fit for all  
Fingal HomeFit Yoga  
Mens walk and talk  
Sports funding

### Age Friendly

Activities for Older People: Taster Sessions  
Corduff Senior Café: Information Sessions Pilot

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

### Swords Men's Shed/Swords First Responders defib demo for inclusion week



Swords Men's Sheds teamed up with the Swords first responders' group as part of social inclusion week. The first responders were on hand to demonstrate how best to use a defibrillator and to deliver hands-on CPR training to the men's shed group. The demo took place in both the chapel and grounds of Swords Castle. This event was organized by the community office and will be replicated across men's sheds groups in north and east Fingal in 2022.

### Baldoyle Mens Shed AGM



This month the Baldoyle men's shed held its AGM in Baldoyle Forum. A new committee has taken up office and the group will liaise with the FCC community office and Baldoyle Forum on an exciting inter-generational project in development for 2022. They are delighted to be able to resume activities following the Covid 19 restrictions imposed this year.

**BOLD Women Housing round table with Minister Darragh O’ Brien -**



The BOLD women organisation, Swords hosted an inter-active online round-table with Housing Minister Darragh O’Brien, as part of Fingal inclusion week. The Minister outlined the recently launched Housing for All plan and took questions from the group as to how the Government Plan impacts on and caters for the needs of the growing migrant community in Fingal. The round table was attended by the FCC Community Office, Fingal integration forum and many members and friends of BOLD women's group

**Skerries Sailing Club – Fingal Inclusion Week**



On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021 Skerries Sailing club hosted an open afternoon to show case club activities. The club had several very success inclusion events including a summer camp during 2021. A wheelchair friendly boat, kindly loaned for the event by Dun Laoghaire Sailing Club, was on display. The club intends to purchase similar boats and pave the way to making the club more accessible and inclusive for people with all abilities to enjoy the wonderful coastline of Skerries and its environs.

**Flemington Community Centre - Fingal Inclusion Week.**



On the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 an outside coffee and cake morning took place at Flemington Community Centre to celebrate Fingal Inclusion Week.

The Fingal Community Office brought local agencies such as Balbriggan Integration Forum- Balbriggan Youth Forum, Aster Family Resource Centre, Empower, Foroige, “Outcomers” Services, Mental Health Ireland, Flemington Community Centre together in the community centre to highlight the services and activities available for the people of Balbriggan, to share knowledge, build networks and future collaborations on projects, and to discuss Fingal Community and Sports Hub.

The Community Hub is a dedicated space to encourage and support the development of our local groups and services and to develop and increase awareness of activities in our Community Center's.

The Community Hub will provide free meeting space for new and re-emerging Community groups, support group development through training and funding opportunities and develop relationships between stakeholder's, community services and agencies. This showcase is the first of 6 showcases associated with the Community and Sports Hub in Flemington Community Centre.

**Racecourse Commons Community Engagement Pilot in Lusk**



The Community Office, in partnership with Estate management/Housing department delivered an innovative community engagement programme with the residents of Racecourse Commons and Green in Lusk. The Community Development Office, in partnership the local residents the North Fingal Community Development Team, the Sports Officer and the Integration Office developed and delivered a programme of community/sports outputs, this culminated in a family day/consultation day for the whole estate. Local business partners from Lusk, as well as local elected members took part in the community day, which

included children's activities such as MaSamba drumming workshop and a local magic show. There were refreshments for all on the day and an opportunity to meet with representatives of sporting, community and cultural organisations based in Lusk. Foroige, the local youth service also provided a graffiti workshop on the day, the results of which will be displayed within the estate for the next few weeks. A door-to-door consultation took place within the estate on the day, and the follow up will see the Community Office work with local residents to facilitate the development of a resident's association/community group from within the estate to advocate for the needs of residents.

**Urbact Playful Paradigm -Rush**



Rush is following Corks City's lead to becoming a playful Town. On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021 a day of playful events was organised in collaboration with Rush Tidy Towns. The event was for both young and old with morning and afternoon workshops in two locations in the town. Two children's Lego workshops took place in Rush Library, and two painting workshops in Rush Community Centre. These events mark the first of many more playful initiatives in development for the people of Rush.

### **Fun with Families from Afar – Migrant Literacy Project**



On the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, the Migrant Family Literacy Project 'Fun with Families from Afar' began its first session of a 5 week 'right to read' family literacy programme.

This is a collaborative pilot programme between Fingal Libraries, the Community Office, Aster Family Resource Centre and The Educate Together Primary School in Flemington Balbriggan and Fingal Integration Officer and is set for further roll out across the county in 2022. The literacy content of the project was developed through libraries by facilitators from DCU (Dublin City University) who are teachers and home liaison officers.

In Balbriggan the Migrant Literacy Project has families participating whose children have been identified through the Educate Together and is open to wider family members outside of the traditional

unit. The children participate with entertainment focusing on drawing, reading and fun whilst parents can connect with each other and exchange experiences and ideas.

### **Creating spaces for Inter-Cultural Dialogue**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of October The Fingal Community Office in partnership with Fingal Children and Young People's Services Committee brought the Chief Executive, Anne-Marie Farrelly and agencies such as Fingal County Council, The Childrens Rights Alliance, Tulsa, The Ombudsman for Children, The Irish Primary Principals Network and The National Association of Principal, the Ombudsman for Children, The Irish Primary Principals Network and The National Association of Principals and Deputies and together on a discussion panel for the webinar called '*Creating Spaces for Intercultural Dialogue*'.

The webinar brought black, mixed race, Traveller and Roma youth together to share their experience of racism. The energy displayed by all involved lead to a very successful and worthwhile event.

### **UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty - Balbriggans Call to Action**



On the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2021 Mayor O Rodaigh gave the opening address to mark the UN international day for the eradication of poverty. Aster Family Resource Centre in Balbriggan in collaboration with Balbriggan Educate Together and support of Fingal Community Office joined in solidarity to raise awareness on "Child Poverty in our Community." This event was in collaboration with the 6<sup>th</sup> class

students of The Balbriggan Educate Together National School and was a huge awareness campaign success.

The UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is a worldwide event that marks the significant gathering of 100,000 people in Paris to honour the victims of extreme poverty, violence and hunger. This gathering declared that poverty is a human rights violation and called for international effort to address it. Every year people come together to show solidarity with those who suffer under the violation of poverty throughout the world.

### **Building our Community Coping with Change**

On October 28th, 2021, the project *'Building our Community Coping with Change'* doubled its LGBTQ+ group participants who were welcomed into Flemington Community Centre, Balbriggan.

The project began on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September and is a 24-week programme encompassing resilience training, reading materials and room space while the group will identify and train potential group leaders. It encourages community participation through engagement, accessibility, and training. LGBTQ+ Community makes up approximately 10% of our community. Those who have been isolated during covid remain a priority and a support group in Flemington Community Centre is underway. Isolation can be a key theme for members of the LGBTQ+ community leading to social exclusion and community isolation. This project offers support to the group/individuals to identify group culture, individual resilience, and participation in civic life in Balbriggan. This programme for LGBTQ+ resilience training, group development and materials is in line with government directives, the Fingal Integration Strategy, and the work of the Community Development Office.

### **Fingal Community Facilities Network Website Launch**



Fingal Community Facilities Network have launched their new website, showcasing a wide range of information on 31 community facilities. This project is supported and funded by Fingal County Council's Community Development Office. The website features a page on each community facility and includes information on activities taking place in the facility, location, photos, and spaces available for hire. It is hoped that the website will be used as a resource by communities around Fingal and will provide weekly updates and information on activities and events happening across Fingal.

Each facility featured is a member of the Fingal Community Facilities Network which was set up by the Community Development Office in 2017. The main role of the Facilities Network is to provide a forum for discussion, training, and collaborations.

As well as the facility information pages, the new website also features pages for resources for community groups as well as news and events pages for all that's happening in Fingal County Council supported Community Centres.

[www.fingalcommunityfacilitiesnetwork.ie](http://www.fingalcommunityfacilitiesnetwork.ie)

## Parslickstown House Refurbishment completed



Refurbishments to Parslickstown House Community Centre in Dublin 15 have been completed including the new Annex Hall. Funding was received from the Department of Tourism Culture Arts Gaeltacht Sport and media under the sports capital program of €113,000. Matching funding of €50,000 was also awarded from the Community Development Office to reconfigure, insulate and make the hall accessible for the whole community. This will be a fully accessible multipurpose space available for community enjoyment, comprising of a large dance studio, accessible toilets, and two small meeting rooms. A number of youth, sport, dance, fitness, education and training groups will be encouraged to use the facility. This space will also complement the existing facilities in the area.

## Fingal Comhairle na nÓg

On the 11th of November the Fingal Comhairle na nÓg held their online AGM. Over 17 schools participated. Cllr Daniel Whooley, Deputy Mayor of Fingal opened the meeting with a warming speech. The event was also attended by a number of Councillor's from across the county. Leigh Kenny, Therapist and Pieta House Regional Manager for the greater Dublin area spoke with the young people and guests about suicide

awareness and services available, finishing with a short Q&A session. During the AGM there were a number of breakout rooms where young people chose topics to discuss as a group and participated in games. This year's topics were: Climate Action ; How the pandemic affected Mental Health; Improve School Curriculum to educate students on racism, sexism and Misogyny, LGBTIQ+. The young people engaged extremely well and had a lot to say on these topics.

## Dublin 15 Social Inclusion Week



## Mountview Social Inclusion Showcase:

Fingal Community and Sports Hub in partnership with Mountview Youth and Community Centre invited organisations such as Safer Blanchardstown, Practical Language school, Empower, Fingal Volunteer centre, Cultúr Migrant Centre, and the Kurdish Nergez art group provided Information, showcasing and highlighting opportunities, supports and service in the Dublin 15 area that support social inclusion. This event was well attended and provided excellent opportunity for services to network and develop links and partnerships.

## Tyrrellstown Migrant Service Showcase



The Fingal Community and Sports HUB, Tyrrelstown, hosted an afternoon showcasing Migrant Support services such as Business in the Community; EPIC project, SARI (Sport against Racism) Empower; Healthy Ireland and the Blanchardstown Garda division. The event, held during Fingal Inclusion Week, also provided a great opportunity for services to network and inform each other of their work.

### Corduff Resource Centre



Corduff Resource Centre have been arranging a series of coffee mornings with guest speakers for the public to attend. Pictured below, members of the public enjoying informative chats with Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator for Fingal County Council, Danielle Monahan.

### She Leads, We Lead Fingal Women Bringing Change



She Leads, We lead Fingal Womens Community Leadership Programme commenced on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November. 12 women were selected to join and

build their leadership skills through a hands-on 7-week programme. The programme is taking place in Mountview Community Youth and Sports Centre every Monday evening. The first night was led by the Ayodele Yusuf and Geraldine Rooney and participants worked on defining 'problems', identifying who to work with and how to identify effective solutions collectively & collaboratively.

### Conversations for Life – Mulhuddart

The image shows two posters for language classes. The left poster is for 'Free English Classes' and lists morning and evening sessions at Mullhuddart and Mountview Family Community Centres. The right poster is for 'Learn ENGLISH!' and lists sessions in Arabic, Polish, and Ukrainian at Mullhuddart and Mountview Family Community Centres. Both posters provide contact information for Stephen Snee.

One of our integrational education programme is our Conversations for Life programme which is coordinated by the Practical Language School. Classes have been running for a number of weeks in Mulhuddart Community Centre with 7-10 people attending.

### FINGAL INTEGRATION OFFICE



Fingal County Council Community Office, the Integration Officer and Fingal PPN (Public Participation Network) collaborated on Fingal Inclusion Week 2021. Events over the seven days 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> November highlighted the amazing work carried out by Groups and Organisation across

Fingal. Fingal Inclusion Week seeks to raise awareness of the barriers experienced by citizens leading to social exclusion. The week aims to assist in combatting issues, promoting understanding and action to improve the lives of our citizens. This year over 70 groups participated with a wide variety of events and workshops. The Mayor Seána O’Rodaigh and the Fingal Inclusion Team have created a video message and collage to say Thank you to all participants which will be shared on social media and the Fingal County Councils website.

This is the third year of the project which really highlighted the positive work that communities, agencies and other organisations are involved in to reduce social exclusion and poverty in Fingal.



**EU Direct Partnership with Fingal Integration Officer and Fingal Comhairle na nÓg**



**EU Direct Blanchardstown Library partnered with the Fingal Integration Officer and**

Fingal Comhairle a nÓg to work on a consultation project which would feedback to The Conference for the Future of Europe. The topic for Fingal Comhairle na nÓg was Education and Youth. The Mayor Seána O’Rodaigh welcomed Comhairle to the Council Chamber in County Hall on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November to begin the consultation and commended the young people on their commitment to ensuring the voice of the young people was heard across the county. This scheme has been reviewed for 2022 with additional elements being added such as (i) Delivery and Programming of Small Scale and New Festivals, (ii) Events Delivery and Programming of Medium and Large-Scale Festivals & Events and Festival and (iii) Events that promote Economic Development/ Diversity and Sustainability.

**EU Direct Partnership with Fingal Integration Officer and Fingal Integration Forum**



EU Direct Blanchardstown Library partnered with the Fingal Integration Officer and Fingal Integration Forum to work on a consultation project which would feedback to The Conference for the Future of Europe. The topic for Fingal Integration Forum was Migration. The Mayor Seána O’Rodaigh welcomed Forum members to an online facilitated consultation session on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and spoke about the importance of hearing the migrant voice at local, national and international levels. The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department has supported 15 market days, 11 illuminations of buildings and awarded funding/ supports to 15 Festive projects in Fingal.

## Fingal Ethnic Network Showcase



Fingal Ethnic Network held an open evening on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to showcase their network to the residents of Fingal. The Fingal Integration Officer attended and gave an overview of the Integration Officers role, the Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy followed by a question and answers session. The Ethnic Network membership was on hand to give an overview of roles and of their workplan including their Service Level Agreement with Fingal County Council's Community Development Office.

## STRATEGIC UNIT

### Fingal PPN Plenary

Fingal PPN hosted their Plenary on 10<sup>th</sup> November online with over 70 groups in attendance. Members voted to accept a number of constitutional changes to bring Fingal PPN into compliance with the DRCD PPN Handbook. This Plenary session also the launch of Fingal Inclusion Week.

### PPN Policy Hub



Fingal PPN are delighted to launch the PPN Policy Hub at their recent Plenary session. This policy hub is an invaluable resource which will support and guide linkage groups and their reps in building their capacity in how they engage with their relevant committees and assist in impacting the decision-making processes in Fingal.

The Policy Hub comprises of policies in three areas:

- Fingal Wide Policies
- Regional Policies
- National & European Policies

While this Policy Hub supports the linkage groups and their reps, it will undoubtedly be a central resource for all PPN members to access policies that impact all members of our community across Fingal. You will find the policy hub here: <https://fingalppn.ie/policy-hub>

### PPN Linkage Group Meetings



The final round of linkage group meetings took place in October and November 2021. Linkage Groups are an opportunity for community organisations from across Fingal to meet together in networks, to highlight issues or concerns and organise collective advocacy campaigns. Any community organisation who is a member of the PPN can participate. For more information on upcoming Linkage Group meetings for 2022 please see [www.fingalppn.ie](http://www.fingalppn.ie).

## **SPORTS OFFICE**

### **Women in Sport Coaching Masterclass**

This practical element of the Women in Sport Masterclass Series was part of the overall plan to develop and encourage greater female involvement in coaching positions in sport. This event was delivered by Dublin Ladies Football Manager Mick Bohan. The 2-hour workshop took place in Tyrrelstown AWP with 68 coaches in attendance from all over Fingal (50% from D15). Mick spent time coaching the newly formed Tyrrelstown GAA Girls u10 team and worked with coaches on the principles of coaching children. We are looking at developing similar practical sessions in other sports in 2022.

### **PE Teacher Training Day**

The Fingal Secondary School PE Teacher Training Day was held at the National Indoor Athletics Arena and seen 25 PE teachers attended from schools across Fingal and South Dublin. The event was supported by our co-funded NGB's (cricket & Tennis) and non-co-funded (badminton & Volleyball) who provided a practical & theory-based approach to learning. The practical element of the workshops was a great success and both teachers and NGB's welcomed the engagement and it has presented further coaching development opportunities to support the work done by teachers in schools. We are looking at developing this as an annual event with an option for primary school teachers also.

### **Fit for All**

The Daughters of Charity Adult Day services are participating in Fingal's Outdoor Inclusive Exercise Programme. The Day Services in the Blanchardstown area meet every Thursday in Millennium Park to walk/run the park route as well learning from our tutor how to use the outdoor gym equipment. It is hoped this will develop into a regular indoor gym programme in 2022.



### **Fingal HomeFit Yoga**

The Sports Office is facilitating a 6-week online yoga course aimed at beginners that concludes up on December 8th. The 1hr class guides participants through the session and introduces them to the benefits of yoga through breath work, yoga postures and relaxation. Each week looks at incorporating different postures and techniques helping participants to feel more at ease in their body and mind.

### **Men's Walk & Talk**

We are in the process of launching Men's Walk and Talk Groups in Balrothery, Dublin 15 and Tyrrelstown to accompany the very successful pilot programme taking place in Lusk. The group is led by local volunteer walk leaders and the group meets once a week for 30min/5km walk where they can talk about anything and everything. This free initiative encourages men who wouldn't normally be targeted on Sports Programmes to get more physically active.

## Sports Funding

Although the equipment and youth sports funding has closed for Sports Clubs, we have committed to funding over 105 clubs (9 applications to be approved at full council meeting in December) approximately €130,000 in 2021.

## AGE FRIENDLY

### Activities for Older People: Taster Sessions



While community centres and facilities open, many older people are reluctant to re-engage with their group and community centre. To support volunteers and community centres in their efforts to encourage older people to re-engage and re-establish their groups, taster sessions of suitable activities for older people were organised during Fingal Inclusion Week.

With support from the Community Office, Donabate

Active Age held a demonstration of activities available in the club for members to try. The Community Development Office invited volunteers, coordinators and older people from groups based in Fingal Community Facilities in Dublin 15 to participate in the taster sessions. The activities focused on wellness and included different levels of physical activities such as 'Sit and Get Fit' and 'Stronger for Longer' as well as 'Mindfulness'.

Flexibus provided the transport for participants from Dublin 15 to Donabate. The event provided an opportunity for groups in Dublin 15 to experience new activities, meet with potential tutors

and share their own experiences of activities which worked well for them.

### Corduff Senior Café: Information Sessions Pilot



Every Friday morning throughout November, Corduff Community Centre held a coffee morning for older people which provided a space for older people to meet and obtain information from invited guests. The local Community Garda attended the first week and was available to discuss safety issues with individuals.



Fingal Active Travel provided transport on the trishaws in week two. Fingal's Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator attended the centre in week three, providing information on services.

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## Active Travel

### Strategic Planning

The Active Travel team has engaged consultants to prepare an Active Travel Strategy. We are currently engaging with the Strategic Planning unit in this regard and to provide input to the draft County Development Plan in the context of the strong promotion of Active Travel.

The Active Travel unit is engaged with our colleagues in other departments on other important strategic projects such as Our Balbriggan and Sustainable Swords projects.

### Cycle Protected Lanes

See Appendix 2 for an update on the Sustainable Transport Measures Grants: 2021 Allocations



**Baldoyle – Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme: Bollard installation on upgraded cycle lanes on Grange Road & Warrenhouse Road**



**Bicycle Stands – Rush Sport Hub (left) & Skerries Playground (right)**



**Bicycle Stands balbriggan – Bandstand Playground & Skatepark**

## Towns & Villages

### Connectivity/Permeability

We are continuing to receive various requests for Permeability and Connectivity improvements from various stakeholders across the county. These requests are being recorded in detail for evaluation and if appropriate identification of a means of delivery on the ground.

A number of meetings has taken place with Councillors with regard to some of the requests received to evaluate the issues and examine how best to deliver a solution.

Where there are existing other Projects in close proximity to the areas highlighted, at design or construction stage we endeavour to include these Connectivity and Permeability improvements within overall schemes. Some of the current projects that are included are as follows.

- St Cronan's Junior & Senior school Safer Routes to school and Brackenstown Road Cycle lane and resurfacing included within the scope of works under St Cronan's Avenue project.
- Safer Routes to School treatment at St Philip the Apostle included under the scope of works for the Hartstown/Huntstown Protected Cycle Lanes Phase 2 project.
- Safer Routes to school for Holy Family NS is currently being considered for inclusion under the Rivervalley / Rathingle Phase 2 protected cycle lanes works.
- Similarly we are looking to include permeability connectivity and SRTS measures under our Towns & Villages scope where feasible.

Greenway connectivity support teams have been convened to review, design and deliver active travel infrastructure that will enhance accessibility between the proposed strategic greenways and residential,

educational, amenity and commercial zones. These support projects have been set up for Fingal Coastal Way, Broadmeadow Way/Sutton to Malahide Greenway and Royal Canal Greenway. This will help to optimise the use of the proposed greenway by both leisure and commuter users.

### Road Safety

#### 'Light up your Bike' Road Safety Campaign

The four Dublin Local Authorities, An Garda Síochána, the Road Safety Authority, and the Dublin Cycling Campaign teamed up to launch the 'Light Up Your Bike' campaign on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at the Mansion House. Now that the clocks have gone back, road users may be faced with darker commutes and those that cycle are reminded that the use of bike lights is a legal requirement when cycling during lighting up periods.

The use of bike lights helps increase cyclists' visibility to other road users and reduce the risk of serious accidents on our roads.



### World Remembrance Day

Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> November marked the 26<sup>th</sup> annual World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. Fingal County Council lit our County Hall and Civic Office buildings in Amber lighting in memoriam along with Councils across Ireland, as we remembered those who have tragically lost their lives in road traffic accidents. We also asked people to shine a light in their homes and businesses on the evening of Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>.

This year marks the start of the new Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030. The objectives of World Day of Remembrance 2021 are to provide a platform for road traffic victims and their families to:

- remember all people killed and seriously injured on the roads;
- acknowledge the crucial work of the emergency services;
- draw attention to the generally trivial legal response to culpable road deaths and injuries
- advocate for better support for road traffic victims and victim families;
- promote evidence-based actions to prevent and eventually stop further road traffic deaths and injuries

WDoR 2021 puts the spotlight on the reduction of traffic speeds – Low speeds, which have the potential to prevent many deaths and serious injuries, in particular those of pedestrians and all other vulnerable road users – children, elderly and the disabled.



### Road Safety Authority and An Garda Síochána Christmas and New Year Road Safety Appeal

The Road Safety Authority (RSA) and An Garda Síochána have called on drivers to act responsibly and to not be tempted to drink and drive this Christmas and New Year period. This year’s Christmas and New Year road safety appeal focuses on the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol and the devastating loss of life and serious injuries it can cause.

- o **83 fatalities and 709 serious injuries in Christmas / New Year period over last five years**
- o **Morning after highlighted as one in four drivers admit to driving over the limit the morning after drinking**
- o **Drivers reminded that all drink driving offences carry a disqualification**
- o **Almost 4,500 drivers arrested for drink driving to date in 2021**

Fingal County Council’s Road Safety Section fully supports this appeal and we will publicise this on all our Social Media platforms in the build up to Christmas.



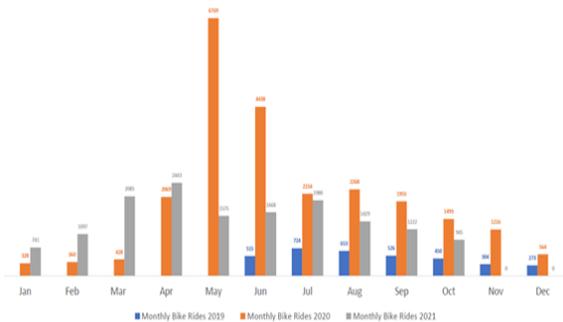
### Mobility

#### Blepper Bike

#### October Stats:

Existing Bike Share Scheme	North County Expansion
945 bike journeys started in Fingal down from 1222 in September	341 bike journeys started in North Fingal pilot zone down from 477 in September
1016 bike journeys ended in Fingal	343 bike journeys ended within this zone
Highest usage recorded on Saturdays with 21.23% followed by Sundays with 17.96%	Balbriggan is the most popular location with 137 bike journeys

Ongar Distributor Road was the most popular location	Skerries 2 <sup>nd</sup> most popular location with 118 bike journeys
Average number of 79 bikes available for hire daily	Vandalism is an ongoing problem particularly in the Balbriggan area



We will continue to promote usage of Bleeper through our social media platforms.

All Fingal staff and Elected Members can avail of free bleeper bike hire up to 4 hours daily.

To register, please email [active.travel@fingal.ie](mailto:active.travel@fingal.ie) where we will guide you through the process.

### The Enchanted Cycle in Millennium Park

The Enchanted Cycle at Millennium Park on Saturday evening 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021 was a huge success with a great turn out of festively decorated cycling enthusiasts of all ages. A great example of collaboration across departments, between Fingal Events unit and the Active Travel unit.

The DJ really knew how to get the crowd going, playing some fantastic motivational tunes and there was an incredible display of lights and a fantastic atmosphere. The cyclists started off from the carpark at Millennium Park and took in the beautifully illuminated forest, progressing to the Hartstown/Hunstown protected cycled lanes and then back to the park for one last lap of the enchanted forest. It was wonderful to hear the positive feedback on the protected cycle lanes and how safe the cyclists

felt on this route, especially the children amongst the group.

There was even a very special visitor who took time out from his busy schedule to wish the children a safe and Merry Christmas and to give them a well-deserved selection box for being on the 'nice' list! Well done to all the boys and girls who cycled the 7km route and big thanks to the Chief Executive, Mayor and local Councillors who came to support the event.





### **Bling your Bike Competition – Bike Week 2021**

St Mochta's National School were one of the lucky winners of the Bike Week 2021 'Bling your Bike' Competition and got to choose from a selection of prizes including bike helmets for the class, gift voucher for a local cycle shop or a portable road/cycle safety course.

The Active Travel team recently cycled up to St. Mochtas School to hand over the prizes. The children were really excited and delighted to receive helmets for their class and are already looking forward to next years Bike Week. Big thank you to their teacher Mr..... and Cllr Shovlin for encouraging the children to adopt sustainable modes of travel into their daily lives by cycling/scooting to school. We cant wait to see what they come up with next year!



### **Fingal E-Cargo Bikes**

In June this year, Expressions of Interest were invited from local Businesses in Fingal to participate in a 12-month Pilot Scheme. A total of 11 Businesses responded. Following on from this, each Business was issued a questionnaire to complete, outlining their location, nature of business, frequency of deliveries, delivery locations and secure storage options for the e-cargo bike. A total of 7 Businesses responded.

Having consideration of the Local Electoral Areas, frequency of deliveries and catchment areas, we are delighted to announce that the following local Businesses have been successful:

**Village Garden Centre, Malahide**

**Jack the Bachelors Steak House and Bar, Rush**

**Altitude Coffee, Donabate**

**Goldfish Design, Dublin 15**

We will commence the launch of this wonderful initiative in December designed to assist businesses to convert to a greener transport solution for their deliveries and to play their part in the Climate Action challenge. Each E-Cargo Bike will be branded with the Businesses logo to help them to promote their business and encourage the public to shop local.



## Cycling without Age

We recently visited Corduff Community Centre to provide their Senior Citizens Group with a demo on the Cycling without Age Triobike. It was a wet and cold morning but both the staff and some of their members enjoyed their little spin around Corduff and are looking forward to seeing the Trishaw in action in St. Catherines Park.



## Cycling Trip to The Netherlands

Recently some of the members of the Active Travel Team together with Senior Management, Cllrs, and members of the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department embarked on an Educational Trip to Netherlands to research some of the Cycling & Walking Infrastructure and Public Realm enhancements that has been introduced there over the years. We left on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and returned late on the Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The trip was busy and it would be fair to say we packed five days into three in order to take in as much as possible

Our trip took us to Amsterdam and onto Utrecht where we based ourselves over the few days and travelled by train to Eindhoven and back to Amsterdam for our flight home to Dublin.

Each day we embarked on a different trail by bike and over the three days over 110km were cycled by the group. We had a number of informative and thought provoking presentations from city officials and active travel experts.

While the Infrastructure, active lifestyle culture and behaviour towards walking and cycling is well ahead of where we are currently at in Ireland, everybody took something from the trip and identified with

some small and large element of change that will help build the blocks of what can be achieved here in Fingal on our Active Travel Journey.

The trip was well received by everybody and has opened our minds and understanding of what can be achieved if we all work together.



**The Group heading off early morning in Utrecht**



**Multi Storey Bike parking which caters for in excess of 1600 bikes.**



**Utrecht answer to Bleeper Bikes, these bikes are supplied by the Rail company at the Train Station in Utrecht.**



**This bridge was erected over a busy interchange to remove pedestrians and Cyclists and provide them with a safe off-road option at a cost of €11million**

## **Climate Action**

The Fingal Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 (CCAP) was launched in Sept 2019, and actions are ongoing.

The CCAP and the One Year Progress Report can be viewed at <https://www.fingal.ie/climate-change-action-plan-2019-2024>

The CCAP Second Annual Progress Report is being drafted at present and will be presented to the Climate Action SPC in December 2021.

**COP 26** 'Conference of the Parties' concluded in early November in Glasgow. This was a Global Climate Action Summit and a follow up to COP 21 in Paris December 2015, where agreement was reached on limiting global temperature increases to "well below 2o DegC" with an aspiration to limit rises to 1.5o C above pre-industrial levels. However, national pledges on emissions – known as nationally determined contributions, or NDCs – have been insufficient to fulfil either goal.

The main outcome of COP26 was the agreement of the Glasgow Climate Pact, which includes the following:

- Agreement that the current NDCs, are inadequate to limit temperature rises to 1.5C, and a roadmap for more frequent revisions of NDC's starting at COP27 next year in Egypt.

Countries agreed to come back next year with new strengthened commitments.

- Commitment to "phase down" coal-fired power generation. Unfortunately, this text was watered down from "phase-out", at the last minute. Nevertheless, agreement on this was important.
- Commitment to significantly increase funding for developing countries hardest hit by the effects of climate change.

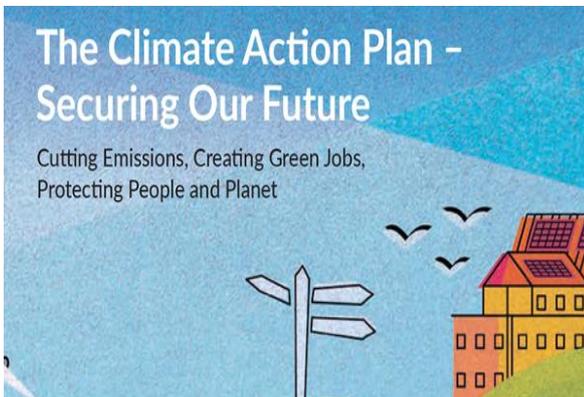
The **Climate Change Action Plan 2021 (CAP 2021)** was published in November 2021 in line with the requirements of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021. This plan sets a roadmap for taking decisive action to halve Irelands emissions by 2030 and reach net zero no later than 2050, in line with the Programme for Government. The Plan sets out emissions reductions targets for each sector of the economy and actions to achieve these. In relation to local authorities, the Plan states:

The Climate Action Regional Offices will continue to play a central role in supporting and coordinating climate action by local authorities including: developing capacity through training; supporting behavioural change initiatives; identifying and sourcing funding opportunities; and measuring and recording performance.

- Each local authority will prepare a Climate Action Plan at least once every five years, containing both mitigation and adaptation measures
- Each local authority will develop a decarbonisation zone within its administrative area that will become the focus for a range of climate mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity measures. This process will include the identification of projects and their associated outcomes that will contribute to achieving our national climate targets.

The CAP 2021 can be viewed or downloaded here:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/6223e-climate-action-plan-2021/>



**Wormeries made at Oberstown Childrens Campus for Fingal Schools**

### Environmental Awareness

Anti Litter Anti Graffiti projects are ongoing and nearing completion in several communities including murals in Swords, Rush, Balbriggan and Corduff Dublin 15 and biodiversity areas in Mountview/Fortlawn Community Youth and Youth Community Sports Hub and Castlefield Park Clonsilla.

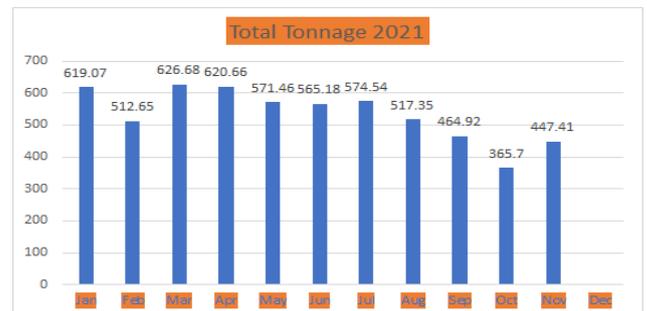
Teachers from 17 Fingal schools received online training for composting and had a site visit to assess opportunities for composting at the school. Several leaf mould cages were set up to compost leaves. Oberstown Childrens Campus young people are making the wormeries and pallet bins for the project. This is all part of the funded Composting for Schools Pilot in the Dublin area.

In support of ReUse month, repaired bicycles and instruments were gifted to a number of schools including a full drumkit to New Cross College, 10 guitars and 5 keyboards to Lusk Community College & Lusk Senior National School.

Environment Department in cooperation with Operations and ERP Recycling held an Electricals drop-off day at Skerries Mills on Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. The event was very well attended and two full truck loads of electricals were collected.

### Bring Centres

The amount of glass collected for recycling in November 2021 was 447 tonnes and is displayed in the year-to-date bar chart below.



### Bring Bank Expansion

The Environment Department continues to work to expand the network of Glass and Textiles recycling facilities throughout Fingal.

A Bring Centre shall shortly be installed at the community centre at the Red Arches in Baldoyle.

### Textile Recycling

A new contract for the collection and recycling of textiles in Fingal commenced on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The contract will focus on confirmation of textiles end destinations, tonnages collected, and percentage waste collected. The contract has also provision for expansion of the textile bring network as required.

A total of 20.07 tonnes of textiles was collected and recycled in October 2021 from our 29 Textile Banks locations throughout Fingal County Council. Textile tonnages for November shall be available by mid-December.

The total tonnage for textiles collected and recycled between January and October was 206.37 Tonnes.



The images above detail the clothes pods used by our contractor.

### Litter Management

A total of 272 planned route inspections were carried out by the Litter Wardens in November 2021.

Details of fines and warning notices for November 2021 are shown in the table below.

Month	Fines issued 2020	Warnings Issued 2020	Fines Issued 2021	Warnings Issued 2021
January	83	39	3	16
February	103	12	33	23
March	32	16	36	35
April	0	1	66	27
May	0	3	71	116
June	35	1	45	35
July	99	18	75	21
August	49	7	36	23
September	34	7	28	28
October	3	7	47	41
November	34	11	22	39

There were no fines in November relating to dog fouling.

In the District Court in November 13 cases were successfully prosecuted with 10 prosecutions not going into court as the fines were paid in advance of the court date.

### Dog Warden & Dog Shelter Service

In November a total of seven dogs entered the dog shelter. Four dogs were seized and three were surrendered. Of the seven dogs that entered the shelter, two dogs have been reclaimed, two dogs have gone to rescues, two dogs have been rehomed to members of the public and one dog currently remains in the shelter.

Tours of the dog shelter have been arranged for the mornings of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021. All Councillors are invited to attend. Alternatively, Councilors may visit the Dog Shelter independently during the dog's shelter opening hours which are as follows: -

Monday to Friday 9:00 to 17:00, Saturday 9:00 to 15:00 & Sunday 9:00 to 13:00.

### Fines issued under the Control of Dogs Act

Month	Fines Issued
Jan	3
Feb	6
Mar	5
Apr	5
May	1
Jun	0
Jul	3
Aug	0
Sept	0
Oct	0
Nov	1

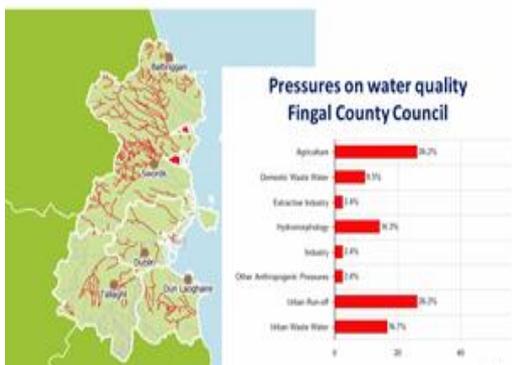
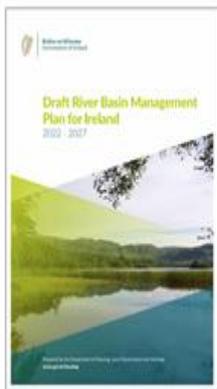
## Horse Welfare Programme

The final Equine ID clinic for Dunsink landfill outreach programme for 2021 has now taken place. The outreach programme has entered a phase of monitoring and welfare inspections.

The Regional Horse Welfare Group continues to meet. The meeting scheduled for November 2021 has been postponed.

## Water Quality Protection

### Public Consultation - Draft River Basin Management Plan 2022-2027



Website

<https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/2bda0-public-consultation-on-the-draft-river-basin-management-plan-for-ireland-2022-2027/>

Link:

This Plan is required for the implementation of our obligations under the *EU Water Framework Directive*. The Plan is for all of Ireland and it's the third planning cycle of the plan and aims to protect and restore to

good water quality in our rivers, lakes, estuaries, groundwater and coastal waters by 2027. **Appendix 2** sets out the proposed programme of measures of which there are 111 in the Plan. They aim to tackle the impacts on water quality from human activities.

**Public participation** is key to giving a voice to communities and water users in the production of this Plan - which is hoped will be finalised in 2022. Our first public consultation meeting in Fingal took place online on Wednesday 24th November, 2021 and additional dates will be scheduled in 2022 (dates will be posted to our website; <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/river-and-lake-water-quality-monitoring>).

To make a submission to the plan before the consultation closes on **Thursday 31st March, 2022** you can:-

1. Visit the *Virtual Consultation Room* at [www.lawaters.ie](http://www.lawaters.ie) – find easy online submission form to put forward your views and read quick summary of the plan
2. Send comments by email to [info@lawaters.ie](mailto:info@lawaters.ie) or [rbmp@housing.gov.ie](mailto:rbmp@housing.gov.ie)
3. Post comments to *RBMP Consultation, Water Advisory Unit, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Custom House, Dublin 1, D01 W6X0*
4. Use QR code link <http://tinyurl.com/rbmp2027>

Fingal County Council staff are currently involved in intensive training on how to undertake and apply scientific learnings to Local Catchment assessments (LCA's). This next step in the characterisation process aims to identify the *right measure in the right place* to improve water quality status. We continue to act on reports of pollution to waters - photos and exact locations can assist in us tackling the source of problems in a mobile environment – email us at [environment@fingal.ie](mailto:environment@fingal.ie)

## **Community Water Development Fund 2022 – applications now open**

Grants available for communities to deliver water, biodiversity, and climate action initiatives from the Community Water Development Fund 2022 (€380,000 available for 2022) to assist in the protection and management of water quality locally and in the wider catchment. A Guide for Community Groups working with water, biodiversity and climate is available in the publications section at [www.lawaters.ie](http://www.lawaters.ie)

The Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) administers the Fund on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is open to all not-for-profit community and voluntary groups to apply; Rural Networks; Urban Networks; Environmental Non-Government Organisations, Clubs, Associations or other appropriate bodies located in the Republic of Ireland ONLY.

You can complete the grant application form online at [www.lawaters.ie](http://www.lawaters.ie). Closing date for receipt of applications is **12 noon on Tuesday, 8 February 2022**.

Grants awarded will range from €500 to €25,000. For support with your application contact your local Community Water Officer (Thomas Carolan by emailing [tcarolan@lawaters.ie](mailto:tcarolan@lawaters.ie)).

**To make an application visit** <https://consult.watersandcommunities.ie/en/content/community-water-development-fund-grant-application-form-2022>

## **EU Public Consultation on the review of the Bathing Water Directive – Have your say**



Reminder that this consultation closes on **20<sup>th</sup> January, 2022** – view link; <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better->

[regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12658-Bathing-water-quality-review-of-EU-rules\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12658-Bathing-water-quality-review-of-EU-rules_en)

## **Waste Enforcement**

The Department of the Environment, Climate Action and Communications has issued the National Waste Enforcement Priorities for the period 2022 – 2024. At a recent meeting of the National Waste Enforcement Steering Committee it was agreed that going forward, the national priorities should be set for a three year period, subject to annual review.

The 2021 priorities remain broadly relevant therefore, the following high-level priorities have been agreed for the 2022 to 2024 time period:

- **Tackling significant illegal waste activity**
- **Construction and Demolition Activity**
- **End-of Life Vehicles (ELV) Directive & the Waste Metal Industry**
- **Waste Collection- Household & Commercial**
- **Producer Responsibility Initiatives and additional local priorities**

These high-level priority areas have associated annual (2022) and multi-annual (2022-2024) deliverables. It is the intention to maintain the multi-annual programme constant for three years subject to review on an annual basis by the National Waste Enforcement Steering Committee.

The Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities will provide further guidance on the implementation of the National Waste Enforcement Priorities for 2022 and the enforcement network co-ordination team in the EPA will ensure that activity and outcome measures relating to the national waste priorities are incorporated into performance assessment and the RMCEI system.



## **RMCEI Inspection Plan 2021**

The RMCEI inspection plan for 2021 is nearing completion with inspections undertaken in key areas such as:

- Packaging/Significant Major Producers/Self Compliers
- WEEE/Batteries/Mercury
- Hazardous Waste/Garages
- Tyres/Imported Vehicles
- Waste Facility Permits/Waste Collection Permits
- Authorised Treatment Facilities
- Unauthorised Scrap Yards
- C & D Skip Operators of Concern
- Man in the Van/Illegal Waste Collectors
- Waste Complaints/Back Yard Storage/ Burning of Waste
- Waste Presentation Bye-Laws
- Construction & Demolition waste/Article 27 Notifications
- End of Life Vehicle Project
- Metal Theft and Metal Traceability Project

A total of 932 inspections have been completed to date across the 5 key priority waste areas:

### **1/ Tackling significant illegal waste activity,**

### **2/ Construction and Demolition Activity**

### **3/ End-of Life Vehicles (ELV) Directive & the Waste Metal Industry**

### **4/ Waste Collection- Household & Commercial**

### **5/ Multi-Agency Sites of Interest.**



Two significant projects were also undertaken during 2021 which have had a direct effect on reducing and eliminating illegal activities both within Fingal and throughout the country:

A/ End of Life Vehicle Project - 400 work days (2 waste enforcement officers).

B/ Metal Theft and Metal Traceability Project - 200 work days.

Several legal files have been prepared for each project to ensure that enforcement actions are complied with, illegal activities stopped, and sites are cleaned up preventing environmental pollution. Efforts will continue into 2022 to ensure that these illegal activities don't return and that the individuals involved are prosecuted for breaches of the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended.



## FINANCE

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### Financial Reports

Refer to Appendix 1 for the following reports:

- Revenue Account Income & expenditure to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2021
- Capital Account Income & Expenditure to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2021
- Summary of Corporate Debtors to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

## APPENDIX 1

### REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30th NOVEMBER 2021

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME		NET	
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	64,402,952	71,062,100	91%	67,528,078	74,321,200	91%	-3,125,126
Road Transport & Safety	24,935,177	24,972,900	100%	7,776,773	7,500,800	104%	17,158,404
Water Services	16,877,638	13,792,400	122%	15,052,315	17,168,500	88%	1,825,323
Development Management	15,152,143	13,785,400	110%	6,972,448	4,496,500	155%	8,179,695
Environmental Services	39,479,299	42,814,100	92%	6,468,291	6,089,700	106%	33,011,009
Recreation & Amenity	33,373,190	36,628,900	91%	1,979,977	1,921,900	103%	31,393,214
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	692,192	1,127,300	61%	240,922	225,100	107%	451,270
Miscellaneous Services	95,616,427	35,878,200	267%	79,562,413	14,325,100	555%	16,054,014
Central Management Charge	37,855,266	46,313,300	82%	2,932,602	3,187,700	92%	34,922,663
Local Property Tax / GPG				6,878,667	7,504,000	92%	-6,878,667
Rates				137,164,592	149,634,100	92%	-137,164,592
	<b>328,384,285</b>	<b>286,374,600</b>	<b>115%</b>	<b>332,557,076</b>	<b>286,374,600</b>	<b>116%</b>	<b>-4,172,791</b>

## CAPITAL ACCOUNT

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/11/2021

		Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/11/2021 €
A	Housing & Building	-33,151,165	46,331,329	-37,510,439	-24,330,275
B	Road Transport & Safety	17,501,293	26,342,283	-4,234,028	39,609,548
C	Water Services	-12,552,750	1,262,010	-895,053	-12,185,793
D	Development Management	-101,477,199	11,622,570	-36,095,785	-125,950,414
E	Environmental Services	-14,681,189	2,021,256	-7,449,243	-20,109,176
F	Recreation & Amenity	-12,299,513	13,411,524	-1,404,812	-292,801
H	Miscellaneous Services	-79,809,475	3,825,351	-28,380,672	-104,364,796
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-236,469,998</b>	<b>104,816,322</b>	<b>-115,970,032</b>	<b>-247,623,708</b>

### SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/11/21

	Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Balance at 30/11/21 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	-14,751,274	7,367,395	3,659,393	3,708,002
LOANS	1,701,915	1,913,237	1,618,092	295,145
RENTS	7,082,917	8,437,422	4,060,466	4,376,956

*Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments*

## Appendix 2 - Cycle Protected Lanes

<b>Sustainable Transport Measures Grants: 2021 Allocations</b>		
<b>Project Code:</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
FCC/20/0007	Hartstown/Hunstown Protected Cycle Lane Phase 1	Complete
FCC/20/0007	Hartstown/Hunstown Protected Cycle Lane Phase 2	<p>Works complete for Phase 2a.</p> <p>Phase 2b design works which include junction and roundabout design are now 90% complete with works expected to begin early in the new year.</p> <p>Safe Routes to School design underway for front of school treatment at St. Philip the Apostle, enabling works were carried out over the Halloween school break with the remainder of the works expected to be carried out in Q1 of 2022.</p>
FCC/21/0010	Bus Gate @ Littlepace (NTA)	This project is to be progressed by the NTA.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar	Draft brief is finalised, and an internal review is ongoing.
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown SC	Scope of project under discussion to prepare brief and engage consultants on concept development

TBC	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane (Section1 Auburn Ave to Navan Rd)	Scope of project under discussion to prepare brief
TBC	Luttrelstown to Ballycoolin Rd (Junction Review)	Scope of project under discussion to prepare brief
FCC/20/0007	St Cronan's Avenue	Application for project funding is with the NTA for review and approval. Works expected to commence on site in January 2022. Appointment documents are currently being drafted for Contractor and legal requirements in relation to client's responsibility for project health & safety.
FCC/20/0004	Bicycle Parking	An additional 82 secure bike locking stands were installed across Fingal between September and November 2021. These new stands have the capacity to lock 164 bicycles. Our contractor was busy during November working in Balbriggan Skate Park and Bandstand playground and Howth along the Main Street and surrounding carpark at Balscadden.  The Active Travel team are now finalising the next works package for Blanchardstown, Carpenterstown and Castleknock with works expected to commence in December 2021.
FCC/20/0006	Safe to Schools Programme - infrastructure	Options report on the 11 schools identified through NTA & An Taisce is being developed at present and engagement with the schools is ongoing. Detailed design is being worked on in relation to a school in each area is being developed so that we can move onto full engagement and Tender stage with these.
FCC/20/0007	Rivervalley/Rathingle Phase 1	Phase 1 complete

FCC/20/0007	Rivervalley/Rathingle Phase 2	<p>Works are now ongoing on Phase 2a. kerb build outs and uncontrolled pedestrian crossings, with raised ramps at entrances to estates.</p> <p>Phase 2b, awaiting updated drawings for junctions and roundabout.</p> <p>Safe Routes to School design to be considered for inclusion for front of school treatment at Holy Family NS.</p>
FCC/20/0007	R132 Ministers Road to Blake's Cross	<p>Currently waiting on a decision for reducing an 800m section of speed limit between Corduff National School and Ministers Road. Consultants drafting the detailed design and tender package which is programmed to be complete in December or early January 2022.</p>

FCC/20/0007	Baldoyle Grange Road	<p>Works started on site, 9<sup>th</sup> August. Footpath and carriageway works 100 % completed. Line marking 90% completed for upgraded cycle lanes. Bollard installation 90 % completed and due to be closed out in the next 2 weeks. Replacement of cycle friendly gullies 100% completed. Epoxy resin treatment to follow, weather dependent.</p> <p>Draft design options report for Phase 2 (Baldoyle Circle) being reviewed internally.</p>
FCC/20/0007	Warrenhouse Road	<p>Junction buildouts completed. Old line marking burned off and replaced with upgraded cycle lane line marking. Existing gullies replaced with new cycle friendly gullies. Central islands 100% removed to allocate more space towards cycle lanes. Bollard installation 90% completed. Remainder of bollard and line marking to be closed out in next two weeks.</p> <p>Epoxy resin 75% completed and remainder is dependent on weather conditions.</p>

FCC/20/0007	Howth Road & Dublin Road	<p>Footpath repair works 90% completed and projected to be finished next week. Junction works 60 % completed and projected to be closed out next week.</p> <p>Road pavement and cycle lane repair works ongoing until 30<sup>th</sup> November. Line marking works and bollard installation to commence post carriageway and cycle lane repair works and is weather dependant. Gully replacement works 50% completed.</p> <p>Epoxy resin application paused until more favourable weather conditions allow installation.</p>
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