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Chief Executive's Foreword

I would like to wish you all a happy New Year as we begin 2022. Whilst we may face some challenges and uncertainty over the next number of weeks, we have demonstrated our ability throughout this pandemic to adapt and implement change successfully through hard work, innovation and collaboration. I would like us to approach this new year with positivity and together we will continue to deliver high quality services for the citizens we serve.

It is a busy start to the year as we navigate our way through this very important stage in the making of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. The Development Plan sets out the spatial framework to guide future development within the County with a focus on the places we live, the places we work, the places we visit and the places we do business and how we interact and move between these places while protecting our environment. A number of cross cutting themes are evident in the draft plan including climate action, healthy placemaking and sustainable development, social inclusion and high quality design. I look forward to your valued participation in the development plan meetings commencing later this month before we publish a draft plan in February and invite submissions and observations from all interested persons/bodies.

We are all aware of the impacts absenteeism associated with confirmed cases of COVID-19 and close contacts is having at present across all sectors both public and private but I am confident that we have robust measures in place which will allow us continue providing essential services and progressing ambitious projects whilst safeguarding the health and safety of staff

and the citizen. In order to comply with public health requirements staff have been advised to work from home unless their particular work requires attendance in the workplace. We continue to advance our digital workplace transformation programme which has greatly enhanced our capacity to continue with a business as usual approach in so far as possible.

I look forward to the continued support of the Elected Members and staff of Fingal County Council for the year ahead.

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** guidelines. 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.

The Human Resources Department had a large scale recruitment campaign for a number of positions throughout 2021 and this will continue throughout 2022.

Recruitment Programme 2021	
Recruitment Campaigns	106
Applicants to date	3731
Number of Appointments/Promotions	311
Number of Leavers/Retirements	160
Overall Increase in Staffing level	39
Number of Current Job Offers	52

Training and development of our staff, including statutory Health & Safety training, continues throughout the pandemic. The following training courses are scheduled to take place in January:

Health & Safety

- Tractor Training
- Mini Digger
- Safe Pass
- Manual Handling
- Certificate in Water Treatment
- Telescopic Handler
- Driver CPC
- Road Services Supervisor
- 360, Excavator

Business Skills

- Intro to Excel
- Managing Aggressive Behaviour
- Dignity & Equality at Work
- Intercultural Diversity
- Grade 3 & 4 Development Programme
- Introduction to Payroll

Health & Safety Unit (HSU)

The HSU monitored incidences of staff self-isolations due to covid-19 during December along with answering staff queries on public health measures in place at the time. Safety audits and site safety inspections continued during the month to meet the Unit’s operational plan KPIs. Accident investigations into workplace incidents continued along with VDU and remote VDU assessments. The Unit prepared a safety editorial for publishing in The Raven staff magazine.



Buildings Management

Energy Performance Contracts signed for County Hall & Civic Offices

Fingal County Council has taken another positive step in its efforts to reduce its energy consumption by engaging an energy services company to deliver significant energy efficiency upgrades for the Civic Offices in Blanchardstown and County Hall in Swords.

Lawler Sustainability, which has a multi-disciplinary team of highly qualified Building Services and Green Energy Engineers, has been awarded a €1 million contract to design, install and maintain a suite of energy efficiency measures.

The primary measures for both buildings include the installation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) system and full upgrades of the lighting, boiler, air handling and building management systems.

The contract, which is for nine years, will create total energy savings of 1.3GWhs per annum which represents 37% of total energy consumption at present.

Fingal has already delivered energy reductions of 39%, beating its initial target of reducing energy consumption of 33% in the decade to 2020. This has also seen them manage to achieve ISO50001 Energy Management Certification for its energy management systems. The Council is now tasked, under its Climate Change Action Plan, with reducing its 2009 energy consumption levels by 50% by 2030.

This contract is one of four similar energy performance contracts that Codema, Dublin's Energy Agency, has facilitated on behalf of the Dublin Local Authorities in the past five years.



Customer Services

During 2021, our Customer Care Agents dealt with a total of **186,957** phone calls from the public and have an 85-90% resolution rate as the first point of contact for our customers. This means that the Agents can deal with queries without the need to transfer calls onwards, thereby providing a very high quality service to the public.

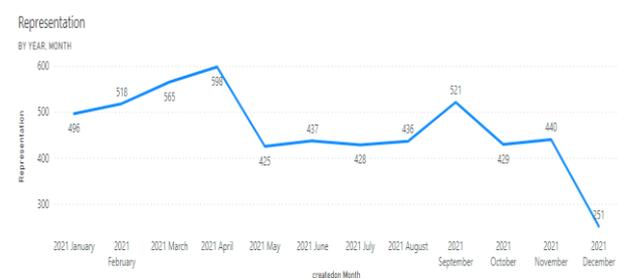
For the period 1st – 24th December 2021, our Customer Care Agents dealt with a total of –

- 11,620 calls
- 1,451 emails

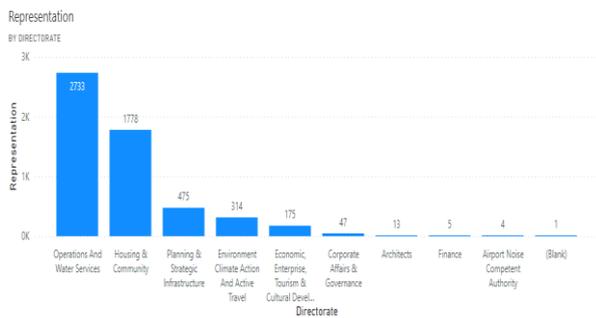
CRM

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 December had a total of 251 Councillor's representations.



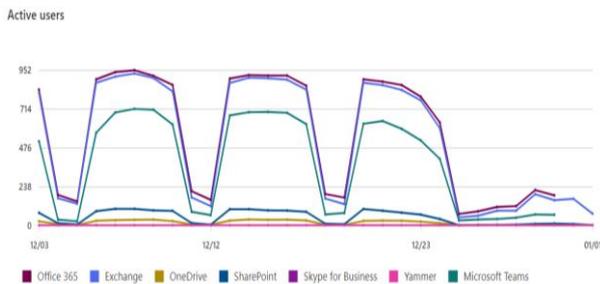
The table below shows the total number of Councillor's representations assigned to each Department in 2021.



Information Technology

Digital Working

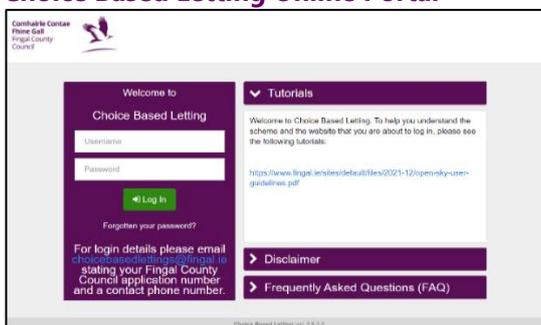
In December staff took part in 7,719 Teams meetings, 24,821 calls took place, and 621,773 emails were received or sent by the Council.



IT Infrastructure & Support

534 support calls were logged by Council staff with the IT Service Desk in the past month and 21 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 99.98% network availability was achieved in the month of December.

Choice Based Letting Online Portal



The Council's new online portal for Choice Based Letting was implemented in December.

Housing applicants can access the system at <https://cbl.fingal.ie> using their unique username and password. To obtain their username and password, applicants should email choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie with their housing reference number and phone number.

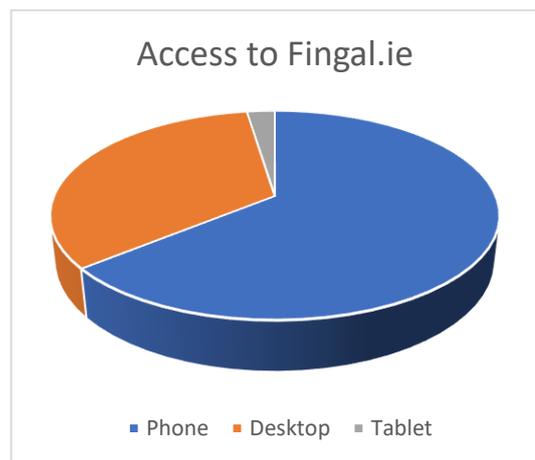
Communications

Website

There were 86,300 visitors to our website, fingal.ie, during December, and 215,300 page views.

2021 saw the website attract 1 million visitors for the first time with 1,230,000 people visiting fingal.ie during the year which generated 3,422,000 page views.

The majority of visitors in 2021, 64%, accessed the website through their phone with 34% accessing it from a desktop and 2% accessing via a tablet device.



The Home Page was the most visited page with Planning Lists, Choice Based Letting and the Search option being the next three most popular pages. The top ten most visited pages also included Contact Us, Jobs, Recycling Centres, Affordable Housing, Council Services and Libraries.

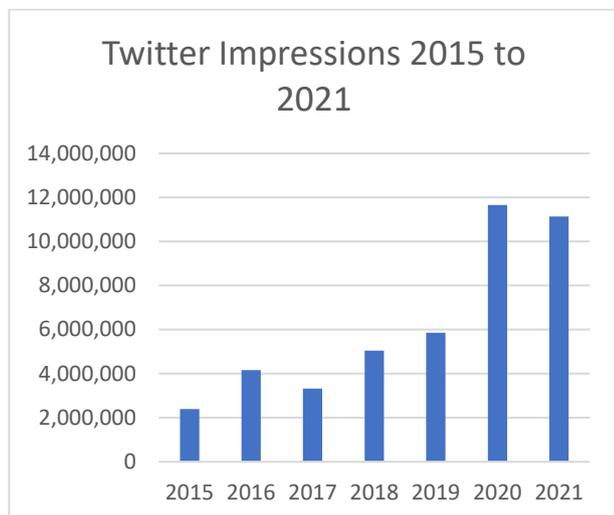
Social Media

Our Twitter account, @fingalcoco, had 736,800 impressions during December and an average engagement rate of 1.2% for 341 tweets.

The best performing tweet, with 22,000 impressions and 259 engagements was a notice about Christmas Tree Collection Points.

During 2021 the number of followers on Twitter grew by 8% to 20,678 and since 2016 there has been a 76% increase in the number following @fingalcoco.

The number of impressions was down 4% on 2020 at 11,134,800 but that still represents a 90% increase on the 2019 figure of 5,854,000.



In December, 313 posts on our Facebook channel reached 1,111,575 people and 2021 saw the number of Facebook followers grow by 18% to 24,819. While the number of people reached over the year on this platform dropped by 9% to 11,349,180, the 2021 figure is still 120% higher than the amount reached in 2019. The number of followers on Facebook increased in 2021 by 18% to 24,819 and has risen by 140% over the past four years.

The Council's Instagram account saw its number of followers rise in 2021 by 45% to 4,642 while LinkedIn followers rose by 33% to 4,993. The You Tube account increased its number of subscribers by 81% to 634.

Projects and Campaigns



During December the Communications Unit was involved in several campaigns and events including the staging of the European Cross County Championships in Abbottstown.

Members of the team also worked with the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department on the official opening of the new Hole In the Wall Road extension; with the Building Facilities Department on the signing of the Energy Performance Contract; and with the Active Travel Unit on the visit by Councillors to view cycling infrastructure in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown. The Unit was also involved in promoting the Shop Local and Light Up Your Bike campaigns as well as the Government's RSVP campaign. The Unit also assisted in promoting the Community Monuments Fund, Conservation Funding and Events and Festivals Funding.

Videos

The Unit recorded and published a Christmas Message from the Mayor and a New Year's Message from the Chief Executive as well as video reports on the opening of the Hole in the Wall Road Extension and the Oversight Meeting of the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor.

Podcast

To date the Inside Fingal podcast series has had 6,061 downloads or internet listens and all podcasts in the series are available at www.fingal.ie/podcast. There was a 5% increase in listeners in the month of December.

Press Releases and Media Queries

We issued 19 press releases and media invitations during December and dealt with 16 media queries. During 2021, 276 press releases, statements and media invitations were issued and 245 media queries and interview requests were dealt with.

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

EVENTS



The Events and Festivals Funding in 2021 had 46 successful applications. The events unit were able to assist with 35 events/ festivals that could not go ahead physically or had a significantly reduced capacity. We enabled some to migrate to the blended, hybrid or virtual models while others could proceed under government guidelines that existed at that time. These event organisers were also encouraged to use the units Covid Officer Role guidance that was developed for that purpose.

Christmas 2021

Fingal illuminated 14 facilities and funded 18 festive projects in the County throughout the Christmas period.



Call For Events in Fingal 2022

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Fingal County Council are calling for all event and festival organisers to let us know the details of your programme of events.

This information will be included in the Council's overall promotion of events and festivals in Fingal. Please email events@fingal.ie

To keep up to date on Events in Fingal follow us on

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The Events Unit are calling on all festival and event organisers to provide details of their planned events for 2022 for inclusion in Fingal's annual Events Calendar 2022.

TOURISM

Fingal Tourism Recovery Campaign

Top stats from November

- Last month Love Fingal Dublin reached **447,432** people on Facebook ads.
- There were **51,611** impressions on Instagram ads on the Dublin Coast and Fields page.
- On Events in Fingal page followers increased by **858** people!

Dublin Coastal Trail.



Dublin Coastal Trail signage is currently being installed in Skerries, Malahide and Howth for launch in early 2022. The objective of the coastal trail is drive awareness of what Dublin's coastal villages offer. It will enable visitors to travel easily and seamlessly from the city centre to visit the coastal villages. The abundance of things to do in each village will be presented in a coherent way so overseas visitors are encouraged to stay longer and enjoy all there is to offer over a longer period of time.

The Dublin Coastal Trail is :

- A branded tourism offering.
- Designed to encourage overseas visitors to explore the Dublin Coastline.
- Visit Locations that offer entertaining 'local' experiences.
- A contrast to the city centre.
- It will become a "must do" experience for overseas visitors to Dublin

Tourism Development Groups

Howth Tourism is developing an action plan for 2022, focussing primarily on promoting and developing saleable experiences and on promoting the sustainable and green message both to local businesses (in their business models) and to visitors.

Balbriggan Tourism is finalising a new visitbalbriggan.ie website for launch in early 2022 and is organising a tourism seminar to connect with more stakeholders and encourage further engagement with Fáilte Ireland.

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 concentrating on creating a new visitor focussed event for 2022 and is meeting with various special interest groups to establish a theme.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

NEW THREE YEAR OPERATOR CONTRACT



Vector Workplace and Facility Management Limited t/a Aramark Workplace Solutions have been appointed the new Operator for Malahide Castle and Gardens, Newbridge House & Farm and the Casino Model Railway Museum.

Their contract commenced on the 30th December 2021 in respect of the Malahide and Newbridge properties and 1st January 2022 in respect of the Casino Model Railway Museum.

UPDATE ON HERITAGE PROPERTIES CONSERVATION WORKS:



Skerries Mills – The redevelopment of the Red Barn at Skerries Mills is out on public display under Part XI with submissions on the planning application to be received by 4th January 2022.

The new branding for Skerries Mills has now been finalised as part of the suite of branding used for Fingal’s heritage properties.

Howth Court House – The CE Scheme has now returned to the mezzanine in the Howth Court House.

User agreements will be prepared in the New Year for community and local interest groups who intend to use the community hall in 2022.

Newbridge House – designers have been appointed to undertake a new ‘horse themed’ interpretation in the Coach House café in what were the old stables. This will be progressed in Q1 2022.

MARKETING/PROMOTION OF HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Malahide Castle - Visitor numbers at Malahide castle were up 35% in December compared to the same period last year.

The success of ‘castle of light’ and the return of the Santa experience accounted for 70% of this growth.

QVC broadcasted live from Malahide Castle in December 2021 to an audience of 100m across the US.

A prominent advertising campaign for Malahide Castle was installed in the terminal 2 US arrivals

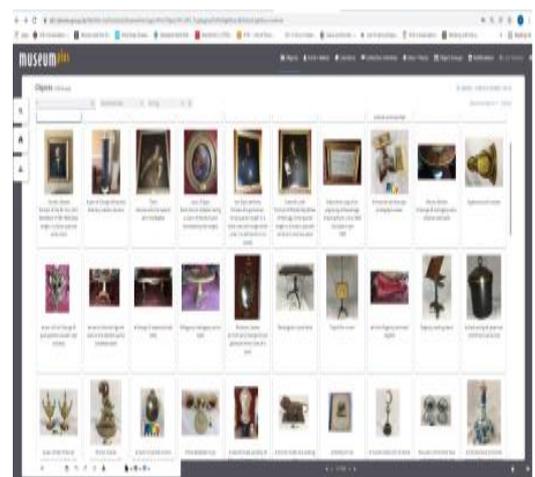
corridor for the Christmas period, covering 15 overhead banners



Newbridge House – Visitor numbers to Newbridge were also up 26% in December compared to the same period last year.

A new personalised Santa experience took place in Newbridge and feedback was very positive.

The New Collection Management system is up and running and work has begun on data input which is likely to take 12 months or more to complete for both Newbridge House and Malahide Castle.



Ardgillan Castle – Following the completion of the painting of the main tour rooms of the castle, the craft shop is now back open and tours are now available once again.



ARTS OFFICE

Artist Support Scheme 2022

The *Artists' Support Scheme* is a strand of funding, under our bursaries awards, which allows professional artists to avail of a grant up to €5,000, towards travel/professional development opportunities, a residency, or towards the

development of work. The objective of the scheme is to support individual professional artists from Fingal to develop their artistic practise.

The award is open to practising artists at all stages in their professional careers working in music, visual art, drama, literature & dance. To be eligible to apply applicants must; have been born, have studied, or currently reside in the Fingal administrative area.



School Play Ground Orchestra



The Arts Office in association with *Draiocht Arts Centre*, and with funding under the *Local Live Performance Programming Scheme 2*, from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, were able to present an incredible schoolyard musical experience for children in Dublin 15 primary schools. Over the course of 12 days and in the run up to the Christmas period, this school project exposed approximately 10,000 individual children and young people, ranging in age from 4 to 18 years, along with their teachers, SNAs, support staff, parents, grandparents, and guardians to a wide range of instruments, sounds, genres, tempos and rhythms, with a 29 piece live orchestra playing in school paly grounds.



Exploring & Thinking Bursary Award 2021/22

Exploring and Thinking is a collaborative framework for early childhood arts in the Dublin region. It came about in 2016 when the four Dublin Local Authorities – Fingal County Council, Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, partnered for the first time to collectively consider early childhood arts provision in the Dublin region.

The four Dublin Local Authorities are delighted to present this opportunity and invite submissions for: Exploring & Thinking Bursary Award 2021/22.

The Bursary Award will support individual professional artists to develop their artistic practice working with and/or producing work for early childhood arts.

It is open to individual professional artists who wish to develop their practice in early childhood arts, artists practicing in all artforms, artists resident in Ireland.

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LIBRARIES

Fun with families from afar - Migrant family literacy project

This project aimed to deliver high quality family literacy sessions to an identified group. A collaborative approach was taken between Fingal Libraries, Fingal Community Department and Integration Office and members of the DCU Write to Read research team including Stephen Brett and Ann Marie Roche. The Write to Read project is a longitudinal research project which aims to work with schools to create powerful literacy environments.

In tandem with the Community Department in Fingal, the Flemington area of Balbriggan was chosen as the location for the initial pilot project. Flemington is designated a high priority area under the actions identified in the Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy and scores highly on the deprivation scale.

Five families were chosen to take part in the pilot and this was based on the expertise of teachers in the local the Educate Together National School. The low numbers of participants were dictated by COVID-19.

Lessons on vocabulary, reading to your child and phonics took place over 5 weeks in the Aster Family Centre and at Balbriggan Library. All participants were given a tour and membership of Fingal Libraries. The participating children and their siblings were entertained each week with a variety of events including wellness, art and storytelling.

Each child received a book bag containing 6 books: What We'll Build, Hugless Dougless, Owl Babies, Aliens Love Underpants, A Squash and a Squeeze and Wishing on a Shell.

The project has now concluded the pilot. There is a substantial waiting list of families who wish to participate and the course will be run again in 2022

Fingal Makerspace at Blanchardstown Library



Before



After

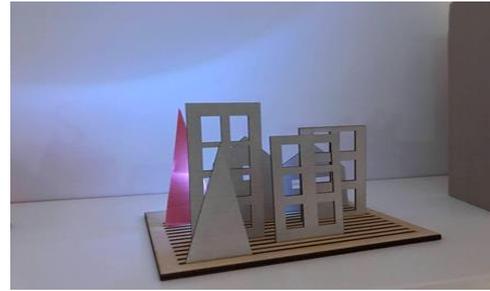
Under the creative and watchful eye of our recently appointed Creator in Residence, Kate Delaney from Make Create Innovate, the Makerspace at Blanchardstown Library is rapidly developing. Materials, equipment and furniture are now in place to support a flexible, adaptable, multi-use creative community space. The full fit out is expected to be completed by February 2022.

The equipment includes a laser cutter, 3D printer, vinyl cutter, vacuum forming machine, laptops / design software, projector, radio mics, camcorder and a paper printer. There are bespoke workbenches, stools for 24 people, storage shelving, desk lamps, black-out roller blinds, secure equipment storage and an equipment trolley.

Delivering a programme of events and activities during the COVID-19 pandemic is challenging but the Makerspace team has managed to hold opening evenings, workshops, training sessions for library staff and a programme of curriculum-linked activities for schools delivered online via class teachers.

The Makerspace team is working with TUD (Technological University Dublin) to co-create the following education programmes for spring 2022:

- Design for Laser Cutter (2 sessions)
- Production Design (6 sessions)
- CAD (Computer Assisted Design) for makers



3D collage



Open evening – 3D printing

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FINGAL IN IT TOGETHER



The Council continues to support business under the Fingal In It Together Charter and ran the Fingal In It Together Christmas campaign during December. The campaign included 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 30th September 2021. The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Department issued in excess of €440,000 in funding to 145 applicants in 2021.

Urbact Playful Towns



The Rush Urbact Local Group (ULG) continued the Let's Play Rush initiative which aims to increase the playfulness of the residents of the town running a series of events on the 18th December 2021.



With funding from the Local Live Performance Programming Scheme from the Department of Tourism, Rush ULG with the assistance of Local Councillors, Rush Community Council and Rush Tidy Towns organised the following events on the 18th December as part of the Let's Play Rush Initiative:

- 2 Dance Classes with East Coast Academy and Craic agus Ceol with Rinceoil at Rush Library
- 2 Drumming Workshops with Ma Samba, 2 Magic Shows with SillyBillys and Inflatable Penalty Shootouts at Kenure Woods
- Outdoor Carol Singing by Rush Musical Society at Rush Community Centre
- Bingo for Senior Citizens at Rush Community Centre
- Christmas Jumper Selfie Competition
- Balloon-modelling and Buskers at various locations in Rush



Town Centre First

The Town Centre First Programme will focus on re-imagining and revitalising rural communities and making town centres more attractive places to live, work, socialise and do business.

Fingal County Council has been allocated €100,000 from the Department of Rural and Community Development to support the development of a Town Centre Masterplan in Lusk.

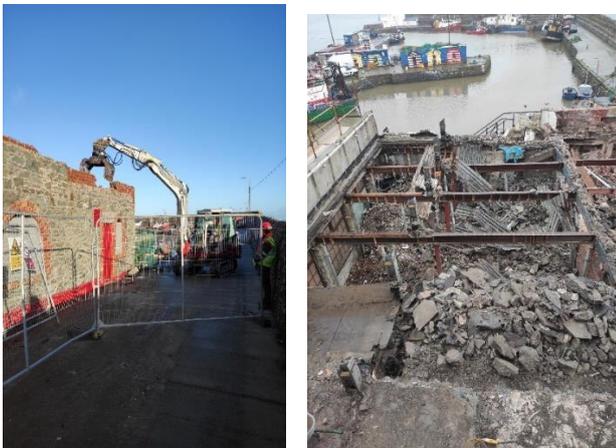
Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy



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 Education, Skills & Employment Pillar met on the 9th December under the newly appointed Chair, Anna Farrell – FET Strategy and Planning Unit, Dublin, Dunlaoghaire Education Training Board and continues to progress pillar actions of the workplan, work will also begin on the Loves Learning Festival 2022 with the sub-group committee scheduled to meet on the 13th January 2022.

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 has now progressed to phase 2 and 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 work, including engagement with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders. Review of the Stage (1) preliminary design and feasibility study took place on 21st December in advance of more detailed design and a further round of consultations in Q1 2022.



DBFL Consulting Engineers, Our Balbriggan Active Travel and Transport Consultants, are progressing preliminary work on the town’s draft transportation and active travel plan. DBFL are working closely with Paul Hogarth Company (Masterplanning Consultants) who are developing in tandem a town Public Realm Plan & Design Guide. Stakeholder consultations on these elements will take place in Q2 2022.



Funding of over €42,000 was approved under the Our Balbriggan Placemaking Fund. 20 applications were received, and 16 projects received funding. This year an emphasis was placed on creativity with projects receiving funding including initiatives to support opportunities for social connection, new activities in public places, to strengthen the community through learning new skills and creating opportunities for healthier lifestyles.



As part of the #Fingalinittogether and #Shoplocal campaign, Our Balbriggan released several videos of local business owners in Balbriggan encouraging everyone to support local businesses and to shop local.



The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána O'Rodaigh presented the winning trophy to the students and teachers from Coláiste Ghlor Na Mara Secondary School who participated in the Schools Hackathon which took place in October, the winning entry was based on the theme - 'Preventing Food Waste'. The school Hackathon is to be developed as an annual programme.

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 have been published by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The first in a series of information seminars on the new guidelines was held in December for members of the Fingal LCDC, the Council's Economic Enterprise and Tourism Strategic Policy Committee and key stakeholders. Further briefing sessions will be held in early 2022 in advance of the new LECP planning and consultation process. The new Fingal LECP will be a 'Whole-of-Council Plan' and will involve extensive consultation and engagement with internal and external stakeholders.



**An Roinn Forbartha
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Department of Rural and
Community Development**

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FUND

Details of the new Community Activities Fund under the Community Enhancement Programme will be launched in early January 2022. 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 running costs and small capital items and facilities improvements. 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 and into February 2022.

SICAP



The SICAP Annual Plan for 2021 has been fully implemented. The €1.24m 2021 SICAP Plan had ambitious KPIs which considered the many challenges arising from delivering services in a Covid 19 environment. A full review of the 2021 Programme will be carried out in early January by the Fingal LCDC in advance of agreeing on the 2022 plan at the end of the month. The 2022 Fingal SICAP Plan has seen a considerable increase in budget to €1.39 million for the coming year, which is to be welcomed.

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.



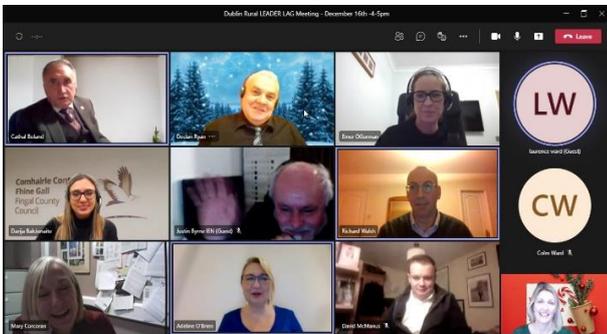
The updated 2021/22 Transitional Funding Arrangements for the LEADER Programme has the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG approved for €1,882,175 to cover both projects funding and administration funding for the period April 2021 – December 2022. Of this amount, €1,411,631 is available for LEADER Project Applications 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.

The Dublin Rural LEADER LAG welcomed Minister Joe O'Brien, Minister of State for Community Development and Charities in the Department of Rural and Community Development to two Fingal based LEADER funded Projects during December. The Minister visited with Taylor's of Lusk and the Ballyboughal Hedgerow Society and heard from them their LEADER support stories.



The Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group had its most recent approvals meeting in December.



During 2021, Dublin Rural LEADER approved 19 Projects with a total value of €766,899.48. Of these, 16 Projects were in Fingal with a total value of €685,658.83.

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.

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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.

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.

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
- ▶ training rooms
- ▶ meeting rooms
- ▶ food production units
- ▶ reception services
- ▶ parking

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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 is also continuing in BASE to further upgrade and expand remote working facilities with the addition of new dedicated space and desks.



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.

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 December 2021 are as follows:

Look for Local – Shop Fingal



The “Look for Local/Shop Fingal” campaign is continuing to encourage consumers to look locally when they are shopping for products, services and experiences this Christmas. This Christmas, Fingal Local Enterprise Office are giving away twelve hampers packed with treats from Fingal producers, one for each day of Christmas! LEO Fingal is urging consumers to “Look for Local” and support local firms

and the local economy by running a competition which involves having consumers promote the “Look for Local” message by recommending a local business of their choice on the LEO’s social media accounts.

Evaluation and Approvals Committee

The December Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting took place on Wednesday the 15th of December. Three applications were approved for a combined value of €76,200. 37 companies were approved funding in 2021, with a combined value of €822,180.

Green for Micro Initiative – Mentoring/Consulting Programme for SMEs



LEO Fingal have approved 11 applicants for the Green for Micro programme, 8 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 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. The next Trading Online Voucher webinar will be hosted by Fingal Local Enterprise Office on the

Thursday 13th January 2022. Since January 2021, 335 applications were approved in the amount of €736,484.50

Fingal Enterprising Women's Network



Fingal Enterprising Women's Network concluded 2021 by hosting a special Christmas event, which took place on Tuesday the 14th of December 2021. The online networking event featured Hotelier, Entrepreneur, Author and Co-Presenter of "At Your Service", John Brennan as a special guest. John discussed "Hope, Ambition and Making It Happen". Fingal Enterprising Women's Network hosted seven networking events throughout 2021 with 1781 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, 106 Business Advice Clinic days were held, offering advice and support to 975 Fingal businesses. In addition, 377 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 3,181 bookings for these programmes have been received. A new training programme due to commence in January 2022 has been created and will include programs and courses such as Social

Media and Digital Marketing for Small Businesses, Instagram for Business and Protecting Intellectual Property.

Start Your Own Business (SYOB)



The SYOB programme continues to be highly popular. The total number of SYOB programmes delivered this year was fourteen, with 268 participants.

Microfinance Ireland 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



Showcase Ireland 2022 has been postponed until the 27th of February - 2nd of March 2022, five weeks later than the dates initially planned as a safety precaution due to Covid 19. The event, which is due to be hosted at the RDS, Dublin will feature eight clients from Fingal who will exhibit their products and creations. The eight Fingal companies that will be attending Showcase 2022 are, 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 - Milk bath, 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 signed up to 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.

is organised annually by the Local Enterprise Office to acknowledge and highlight the achievements of small businesses. This is part of a national competition in which one overall winner from each of the 31 Local Enterprise Office areas will compete for the National awards. The competition is open only to businesses that have received financial support or investment from Fingal Local Enterprise Office.

Student Enterprise Programme



Ireland's largest student enterprise programme has been launched in what is now its 20th year. An initiative of the Local Enterprise Offices to encourage entrepreneurship in secondary schools, the Student Enterprise Programme has seen over 300,000 secondary school students take part nationally since it first began and over 13,250 taking part in Fingal from 2014 up to 2021. Preparations have also commenced for the Fingal Student Enterprise Programme (SEP) Virtual County Fingal will take place in March 2022. 23 Second level Fingal schools are participating in the 2021/22 programme.

Fingal Enterprise Awards 2022



The Local Enterprise Office have begun accepting applications for the 2022 Fingal Enterprise Awards competition. The Fingal Enterprise Awards competition

OPERATIONS & WATER SERVICES

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1. 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

Garristown – New landscaping scheme

Installation of new hard landscaping scheme at the Ashbourne Road Junction to include removal of existing concrete cobble, installation of new resin surfacing, cobble edging and surface lighting to facilitate a future sculpture piece. Works commenced December 2021 with phase one completion expected in January 2022. Phase 2 to be included in 2022 Programme of Works.



Garristown Dec 2021

Glebe Park Balrothery

Installation of new Zip Line into existing playground. Trim Trail piece to be installed in January 2022.



Winter Works

Operations Staff completing vegetation removals during the winter period to assist in areas where anti-social behaviour issues are high and where vegetation is interfering with adjoining structures.





Storm Barra

The Operations Crews were extremely busy dealing with fallen trees blocking rural roads during Storm Barra December 2021



Newbridge Demesne

Five baby Alpacas pay a Christmas visit to Newbridge Farm



Christmas tree at Portrane



Harbour Works Skerries

Earlier this month, Norfolk Marine Engineering, on behalf of Fingal County Council, commenced a Condition Survey of the steel sheet piles and infill materials supporting the outer section of Skerries Pier.

Norfolk Engineering have now submitted a preliminary report in which they are advising that a weight restriction needs to be put in place on the outer section of the Pier until the Condition Survey works are completed. The temporary weight restriction may be left in place if any of the outer section of the Pier requires short-term holding repairs.

Howth/Malahide Area

Operations Crew in Howth Malahide replaced defective footpaths in Seapark Malahide



Road Inlay Balgriffin Burial Ground



Footpaths Public Toilets Howth Summit

The summit toilet paths are now complete. The permanent railings will be installed in January. The sewer connection was made in December for the new public toilets at Howth Train Station and they are now live.

Malahide Demesne

Tree ferns tied up to protect their crowns from frost.



Storm Barra

Howth Malahide Operations Crew Reacting to aftermath of Storm Barra.



Road Resurfacing Works



A section of Inbhir Ide Drive was inlaid by a contractor. Millview Rd was also reinstated after Fingal County Council Operations section installed road gullies and repaired the surface water lines in December.

Road Drainage Works

Works took place at St Margarets Rd, St Margarets Ave, and Church Rd Malahide



A 140m long storm water pipeline and road gullies was installed on St Margaret's Rd, Avenue, and Church Rd Malahide to relieve flooding on St Margaret's Rd and New Street Malahide. The existing road gullies were separated from the foul sewer in the area which will reduce the volume of water entering the foul network during storm events.



Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Dublin 15 Operations crews dealing with the aftermath of Storm Barra



Refurbishment of Benches

11 new benches have recently been installed in the Dublin 15 Operational area. All benches installed were old benches which were refurbished in our own workshop in Coolmine. An area has been created beside the benches to accommodate wheelchair users.



Ward Graveyard

The Operations crew recently carried out works in the Ward Graveyard - cutting vegetation back from the footpaths and pruning of trees.

Before



After

St. Catherine's Park, Lucan

Construction of new wall along the Avenue



Maintenance works on the Cricket Pitch

Tyrellstown Park

Drainage works carried out on Tyrellstown Cricket Pitch



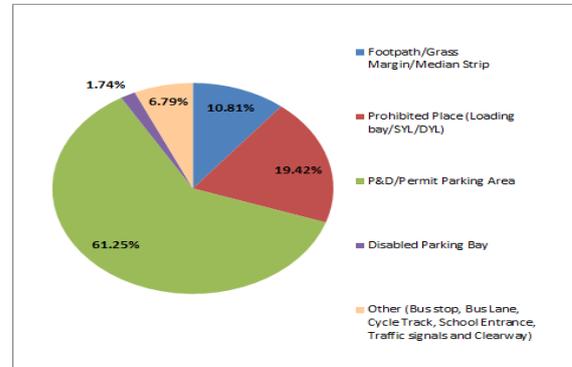
Warrenstown Roundabout - Replanting Works



2. Car Parking Services Parking Enforcement

There was a total of 1,267 parking tickets issued during November 2021.

Breakdown of Parking Offences:

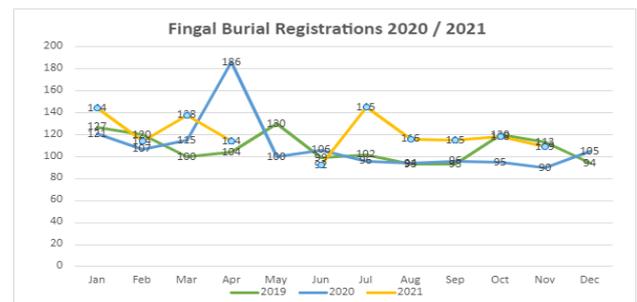


Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	137	10.81%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	246	19.42%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	776	61.25%
Disabled Parking Bay	22	1.74%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	86	6.79%
Total	1267	100%



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

Three new speed readers were installed in the Howth Malahide Area with two pictured below.



Speed reader installed on R106 approaching the Beach car park in Portmarnock



Drumnigh Road -R124



Brackenstown Road, Swords
New VAS speed reader signs installed



Forest Road, Swords

Traffic Calming Ramps installed



Lining Contract Work 2021 (County-wide)



Every ramp on the Lower Road has had the sharp teeth repainted.



SLOW markings have been added either side of the houses on Barnhill crossroads, Laraghcon, Lucan

5. Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit and Plant Hire

There were 96 hires put in place from 1st December 2021 - 20th December 2021, engaging 24 suppliers.

Hires include:

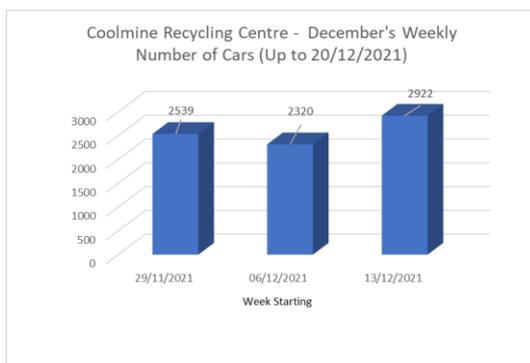
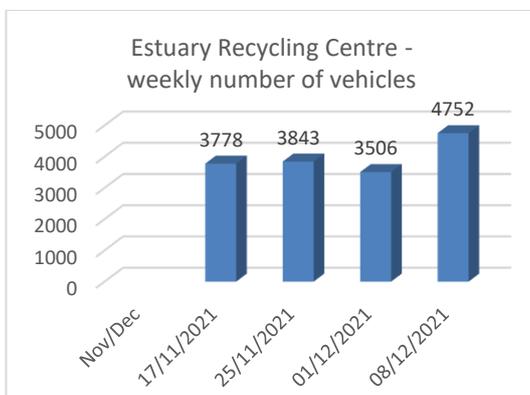
- Woodchipper for Fancourt.

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

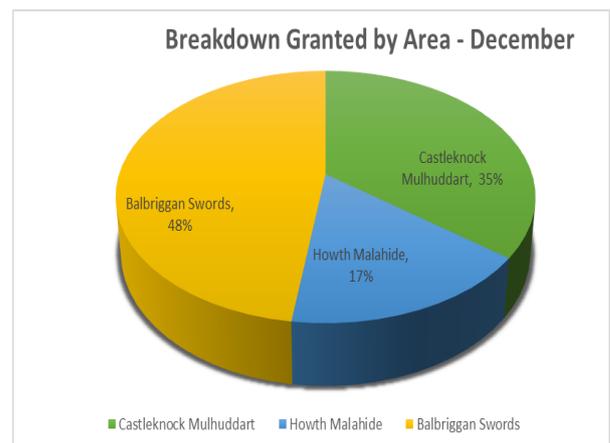
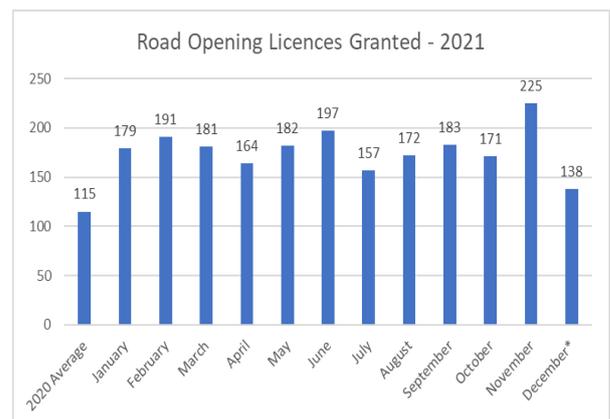


A review on the Recycling Centres at Coolmine and Estuary is currently underway. This review will look at net cost to the Council alongside the current charges.

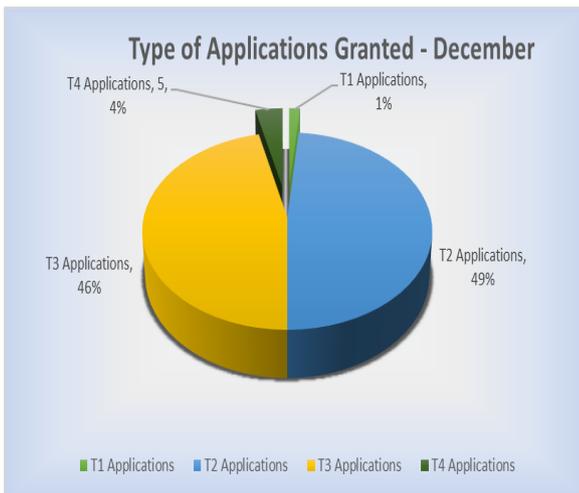
8. Road Opening Licences

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.

138 licences were granted in December 2021 as of 20/12/2021.



CasMul - (49) , Bal Swo - (66) , How Mal - (23)



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, Swords, and Lusk 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 have been completed. A tender is being completed for a detailed design for an upgrade to the Storm water network within and around The Bawn and the Old Bawn. It is hoped that construction works on this new network will take place in 2022. When all these factors taken in to account the view is that the likelihood of flooding events in the future will be greatly reduced.
- CCTV surveys are complete 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 carried out to clean a Stormwater ditch that Inbhir Ide drains to, 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. Patch work is complete, and a screen is to be installed before the end of December. This area is Tidal leading to longer than expected duration for completion.

- Quotes have been received from contractors to jet, drag and CCTV survey the Stormwater network in Chalfont, Malahide to assist road operations with the alleviation of ongoing road flooding. A tender will be posted for responses with works commencing in early January 2022.

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 23rd February 2021.

The paper and accompanying press release are available at 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 with regard to water.

Communication with Irish Water for Elected Representatives

The Local Representative Support Desk

- 1) Make contact at localrepsupport@water.ie or by phone at **0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578**.
- 2) Staff are available Monday – Friday from 9am to 5.30pm to deal with queries from elected representatives about any topic related to Irish Water.
- 3) Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1800 278 278**.
- 4) 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/#>

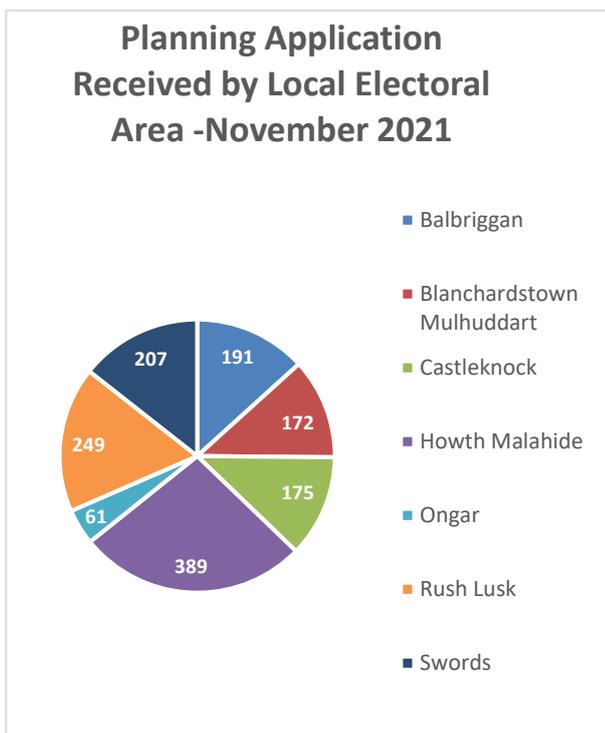
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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Planning Applications

There have been 1,444 planning applications received to the end of November 2021, 90 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 1,354 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

Up to end of November 2021, 9 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications were made to An Bord Pleanála, plus 1 for amendments totalling 5,119 units. 10 decisions were made by the board up to end of November 2021. Of these, 7 were granted, 1 in February, 1 in March, 3 in September and 1 in November (3,325 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 (1,655 units) currently in the formal application process.



Planning Decisions

A total of 1,386 planning decisions have been made to the end of November 2021. There have been 1,187 decisions to grant permission (86%) and 199 refusals of permission (14%). There have been 87 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 754 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 285 commercial/retail grants of permission and 32 grants of permission in respect of housing developments. Of the grants of permission for housing developments, 15 relate to development of 2 - 20, 3 relate to development of 20 – 50, 8 relate to development of 50 -100 and 6 of which relate to development of 100+ housing units.

Building Control Admin

Up to the end of November 2021, there were 142 Disability Access Certificate applications submitted, of these 136 have been granted, 1 was invalidated and 3 are currently on time extension. There were 12 Revised Disability Access Certificate applications submitted, 10 have been granted and 1 is currently on time extension. There were also 17 Dispensation/Relaxation applications submitted, all 17 have been granted.

There were 226 Fire Safety Certificate applications submitted, of these 165 have been granted, 2 were refused, 7 were invalidated and 40 are currently on time extension. There were 33 Revised Fire Safety Certificate applications submitted, 21 were granted and 2 were invalidated and 5 are currently on time extension. There were also 20 Regularisation Certificate applications submitted, 4 were granted, 2 were invalidated and 14 are currently on time extension.

A total of 1,245 building control decisions were processed on applications up until the end of November 2021, this includes decisions that were

made on applications submitted pre 2021 in addition to applications submitted in the first 11 months of this year. This is made up of 451 decisions to grant, 6 refusals, 13 invalids, 3 amendments and 772 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.

Strategic Policy Unit

Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029



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

Motions have been accepted up to 7th January and meetings to discuss same will begin on 18th January 2022. The draft Plan will be issued for public consultation in mid-February 2022.

Sustainable Swords

Work continues the Sustainable Swords project. 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 second stage of consultation took place in October 2021. This follows the 'Your Swords, Your Say' survey which was carried out in May and the briefing session with Elected Members in July.

The submissions and comments received are being considered, with the draft Strategy 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.

Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

Lanesborough Park Development Project



Planning approval has been achieved for Lanesborough Park Development Project. A summary of the Chief Executive report on the Part 8 Public Consultation was presented to members at the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee on the 2nd December followed by the Full Council meeting on the 13th December where the proposal was formally adopted.

The project will deliver an inclusive and multifaceted amenity for the community of Meakstown, providing enhanced local outdoor recreational facilities for children and adults while supporting the development of a sense of identity for the area. The park proposals are the result of achieving consensus with local representatives, community groups and stakeholders, and include the provision of a toddler play area, a sand play area, an adventure playground and a zipline, all of which will contribute to a vibrant and engaging play space for children of a wide age range.

The biodiversity of the surrounding parkland will be further enhanced through tree planting and meadow creation. A trim trail will encourage and facilitate exercise in the community in combination with a widened high-quality perimeter path suitable for active exercise. The Community and Sensory Garden is envisaged as a place that park users will want to explore and one which can be a productive resource for the community. The central avenue will be a place for community events while the viewing terrace will function as a place to watch sports matches and as additional seating.

The Lanesborough Park Development Project will realise the full potential of this valuable neighborhood park and foster a new and improved relationship with the local community.

The Naul Village Park Development Project



Planning approval has been achieved for the Naul Village Park Development Project. A summary of the Chief Executives report on the Part 8 Public Consultation was presented to members at the Balbriggan/Swords/Rush/Lusk Area Committee on the 9th December followed by the Full Council meeting on the 13th December where the proposal was formally adopted. The project will deliver a new village park that promotes sustainability, biodiversity and active travel. It will become a multifunctional community outdoor space which reflects the cultural, historical and natural heritage of the site. Elements within the park include an arrival space, a village green, a playground, a multi-generational recreation and fitness area, a reflection garden to provide a pleasant setting to relax and socialise, as well as car and bicycle parking.

The playground is a major component and design consideration of the village park and draws on Naul’s rich heritage to create an experience that appeals to a child’s imagination and natural creativity. Features of the playground include a castle play area, referencing Naul’s historic Black Castle and a climbing wall and mound, which was inspired by Naul as gaeilge ‘an aill’, meaning cliff. The proposed village park will become an integral feature of Naul, a place which contributes to the unique character of the village and one in which all the community can come together for events, to play, to socialise and to participate in a wide range of recreation for users of all abilities and ages.

Public Play Space Project at Garristown Library



Planning approval has been achieved for a Public Play Space at Garristown Library. A summary of the Chief Executives report on the Part 8 Public Consultation was presented to members at the Balbriggan/Swords/Rush/Lusk Area Committee on the 9th December followed by the full Council meeting on the 13th December where the proposal was formally adopted.

The project will deliver an innovative play space which is sensitive to the cultural heritage of the site. The proposals comprise three distinct and linked areas within the Library garden: an architecturally sensitive upgrade of the area to the front of the library building will create a welcoming Entrance Plaza space; a multifunctional picnic and sculptured lawn space at the library's southern façade will offer outdoor classroom facilities along with a natural play and casual recreation space; a Woodland Themed Play Garden to the east of the site will optimise the play potential of the garden. The Woodland Themed Play Garden will cater for a wide age range with opportunities for adventurous, challenging, and social play within a natural setting.

The Public Play Space Project at Garristown Library will create an inclusive play space for the children of Garristown and provide a space for the whole of the community to enjoy.

Built Environment Division

Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services) Section

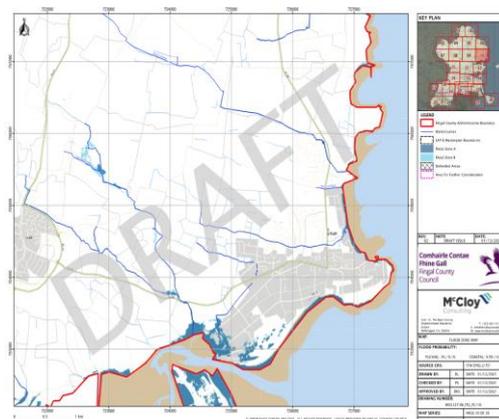
Development Management November 2021

- 91 no. new planning files have been received.
- 16 no. Additional Information files have been received and 2 clarification on Additional Information.
- 5 no. Compliance Submissions have been received, 3 no. have been processed.
- 3 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 November, staff from Planning (Water Services) have engaged in 15 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 continue liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the upcoming County Development Plan. The SFRA DRAFT flood mapping and DRAFT report has been completed. This mapping and report will be updated over the coming months subject to new information (Tolka flood study) and submissions received from councillors/public. The Water Services Planning Dept has prepared objectives to meet the directions of the Councillors and National/European legislation and this is being incorporated into the new Development Plan.



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



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. However, there have been no new CDS applications during October/November.
- Staff continue to complete Irish Water templates for every planning file completed.

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section – 20/12/2021

Building Control

- BCMS –44 CNs were received in November 2021 and there were 47 Completion Certificates processed. Almost all DAC, FSC and Dispensations are now coming through electronically via the BCMS applications module.
- Enforcement – We are investigating a part B compliance issue in an apartment block in Santry now and there was a part K compliance issue dealt with in November 2021.

Taking in Charge

- Rahillion Phase 1 in Donabate and Hampton Green in Balbriggan were Taken in Charge in December 2021. Weavers Wood Clonsilla, foul sewer & watermains in St. Marys, Baldoyle, and a hammerhead extension at Old Golf Links, Malahide are due 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 works on the following estates - Chieftain's Way, Martello, New Haven Bay are currently underway.
- Phase 2 TIC works – Drynam are under construction now. There is also works almost complete 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 were published on the 10th December 2021 on Etenders.ie within a closing date of the 7th January 2022.
- There are currently 33 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 in November and December (so far) are 270 and 170 respectively.



Fire stopping at house in Kinsealy – 16th November 2021



Stud walling and ceiling joists at house in Hyde Court Rush

Transportation Planning

Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network

A Letter of Acceptance has issued to Fox Building and Engineering Ltd. to enter into contract for the main works for this project, with site operations programmed to commence in early 2022. This work will underpin the ongoing development of the Church Fields residential and parkland development and provide significantly improved accessibility to the adjacent school's campus from the wider area. The works are being funded by the National Transport Authority and the Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and will be managed by project engineers from the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

Snugborough Interchange Upgrade



Major bridge construction works were undertaken in December where an arched underpass was installed over the course of two days. Piling works for bridge abutments has been completed this month and retaining walls on adjacent roads are currently being built. Piling works for the central pier will be concluded in January with significant traffic management to be put in place on the N3 from January onwards to facilitate these works.

The Hole in the Wall Road

The brand-new Hole in the Wall Road extension in Fingal was officially opened by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien, TD, and the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Alison Gilliland. See video of the occasion on <https://fb.watch/a1Dir1roRN/>

The €12m project, which was co-funded by Fingal County Council and the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF), commenced construction in February 2020 and will help to significantly enhance the local transportation network as well as address the anticipated housing needs of a quickly changing demographic in Ireland's youngest county.

The new connecting road and upgraded junction, on the border between Fingal and Dublin City, provides a direct link through to Drumnigh Road from Balgriffin and allows better access to Mayne Road which runs to the picturesque coastline at Portmarnock and the Baldoyle to Portmarnock Greenway.

This will also help ease congestion in the area, as more people move to Fingal where new residential developments provide easy access to the city along with a relaxed, modern lifestyle with pristine beaches and large parks nearby.

Completion of the high-quality roadway infrastructure means Fingal is delivering its third LIHAF project under the Rebuilding Ireland programme having already opened the Donabate Distributor Road and Rathbeale Road Upgrade. The objective of the fund is to help provide essential public off-site infrastructure in order to relieve critical infrastructure blockages.

Fingal is undertaking an ambitious housing programme that will ensure it boosts the number of social, affordable and private housing right across the County, including in the coastal area around Baldoye and Portmarnock. The Council recently announced it was investing some €393m towards housing over the next three years, which will see it provide many homes with a mix of different types and sizes suitable for a range of different households, including the elderly and others with specialist housing needs. Alongside this it will also create a range of community and other facilities to form complete and vibrant neighbourhoods.

As part of the Hole in the Wall extension, a new bridge was built over the River Mayne which forms part of the administrative border between Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council. To help boost Active Travel in the area, a new pedestrian and cycle path was also installed beneath the bridge and along the river to connect to pathways provided by others east and west of the bridge.

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh said: "There is much to celebrate about today's opening. We have worked hard to ensure we have not only been able to improve safety, travel times, local access and connectivity for all road users, but importantly that the project helps underpin our ambitions to meet existing and future housing needs in the area.

The official opening of the Hole in the Wall Road which took place on Fri 10th Dec

"Fingal has committed nearly €400m towards progressing plans for more houses over the next three years alone, so it is crucial that we have the right supporting infrastructure like this in place in order for us to be able to deliver housing for those most in need in the community."

Commenting Minister O'Brien said: "I am delighted to be part of this momentous occasion. My Department provided significant funding of €4.7m through the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) for the construction of the road. The aim of LIHAF is to fund the provision of essential infrastructure to enable residentially zoned lands to be developed." "The opening of the brand-new Hole in the Wall Road extension will be of immense benefit to the people of Fingal and will provide for further

residential construction, something we most certainly need here in the youngest and fastest growing County," he concluded.



The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Alison Gilliland said "It is great to see this major infrastructure finally open. It will greatly enhance the connectivity between our two local authorities making this stretch of road much safer. It also opens better opportunities for much needed housing development. Dublin City Council took responsibility for the traffic communications elements of this project and will have a role in monitoring the junctions to ensure smooth traffic flow."

Fingal County Council received around €27 million in LIHAF funding. The money allocated has been used to complete three strategic projects across the County which will help facilitate increased housing availability, including the improvement of crucial road infrastructure in the area. The first project funded under the LIHAF scheme, the Donabate Distributor Road, was completed in early 2020 with the Rathbeale Road Upgrade in Swords also opened in 2020.

HOUSING

Housing

- Supply
- Asset Management
- Support
- Tenancy Services

Church Fields, Dublin 15

The Council commenced the public consultation planning process on 9th December for proposed housing of 300 dwellings, 1 no. crèche facility, 1 no. communal facility, 2 no. retail units, Eastern Linear Park and all associated site development works on a 9.47 ha site at Church Fields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15.

Closing date for submissions is 31st January 2022.

Plans are available for viewing online at <http://consult.fingal.ie>



ALL CONSTRUCTION WORKS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL RELEVANT REGULATIONS AND CODES OF PRACTICE AT THE TIME OF CONSTRUCTION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT REGULATIONS.



Proposed Block A - South Facing Elevation
Scale 1:100 @ A1



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. Applications will be accepted up to the 14th January 2022.

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 34-42 (18-26 Kilhedge Drive)

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

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.

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
Build	360	690	705	758	773	3286
Leasing	44	160	120	30	-	354
Total	404	850	825	788	773	3640

Housing Delivery

Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	units
Under Construction	276
Tender Stage	129
Planning and Design	1,114
Part V	204
Acquisitions	31
TOTAL	1,754

Schemes on Site

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Church Road, Dublin 15 - Cluid Housing	65	On Site	Q4 2018	Q4 2021
College St. Baldoye - Cluid Housing	4	On Site	Q2 2020	Q4 2021
Dun Emer, Lusk	51	On Site	Q2 2021	Q4 2022
Wellview Cul de Sacs, Wellview, D15	20	On site	Q4 2020	Q3 2022
Cappagh, Dublin 11	69	On Site	Q2 2021	Q3 2022
Church Fields Phase 2B, Mulhuddart, 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)
Tucketts Lane, Howth	8	Tender process concluded. Stage 4 application for funding 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
Hayestown, Rush	62	Stage 1 procurement process concluded - 26 th Nov. Assessment process underway.	Q3 2022	Q3 2023
Infill Sites in Dublin 15	2	Detail design in progress.	Q3 2022	Q2 2023
Kilhedge Lane, Lusk - Tuath Housing	31	Part 8 Planning granted at Dec Council meeting.	Q3 2022	Q4 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
Church Fields, D15	1,000	Part 8 being prepared. Part 8 process commenced in Dec 2021 for 300 units.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Mayeston, Dublin 11	100	Feasibility being prepared	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
North Street, Swords	8	Feasibility being prepared	Q2 2023	Q2 2024

Fingal County Council construction scheme at Wellview, Dublin 15





Completed homes at Old Corduff Square, Corduff, Dublin 15



Part V units delivered in Swords



Part V units delivered in Portmarnock



Replacement of Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

The Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan (RIHL) ceases to operate on the 4th January 2022. As a result of the reforms in Housing For All, the loan product will be replaced with the new Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL).

The loan continues the interest rate discounts applied to RIHL in September, but there are two significant differences in the new loan;

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1. In urban local authorities, which include Fingal, the single applicant income maximum is raised to €65,000 per annum.

2. The “fresh start” principle applies to applicants who are separated, divorced or have exited insolvency/bankruptcy, in regard to the definition of first time buyer status. These applicants must still prove no continued liability or interest in a previously owned property.

Completed RIHL applications received prior to 4th January will continue to be processed under RIHL regulations. Thereafter, RIHL will be discontinued, and applicants can apply for the new loan.

The current position in relation to the RIHL is as follows:

Current Loan Book Value	€143,278,000
Loans Drawn Down under RIHL	292
Value of RIHL lending	€62,880,800

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

Rent Payments – Council Tenants

The Rents Team are available to engage with tenants who may have experienced a change in circumstances to their tenancy (e.g. change of income or family composition) or who may have fallen into arrears. Should tenants have any queries regarding their rent charge or arrears they should contact the Council immediately at

email: rents.assessments@fingal.ie or rents.arrears@fingal.ie Further details are available on the Council’s website www.fingal.ie.

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

Works are now complete under the 2021 programme and funding of €1.6m has been received in relation to retrofitting works on 65 properties.

Voids Programme 2021 (Circular 17/21)

Funding of €1.9m has been received in relation to works carried out on 109 Void properties 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 23rd December 2021
In letting process	33
Undergoing re-let repairs	16
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	17
TOTAL	66

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 issue early in the new year.

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	Dublin 15



Some recently painted properties

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

2022 will see online only HAP applications received by Fingal County Council. Since its go live date in October 2021, a tenancy sign up for over 60% of completed applications submitted through the portal took place within a 4 week timeframe.

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team has set up over 3,200 tenancies. The 746 new tenancies set up to date in 2021 is 2nd highest nationally.

Housing Support

The Housing Support Team completed their assessment and returned figures in accordance with Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 within the deadline on December 14th 2021. The Council had contacted certain applicants who have applied for social housing support **after 30th July 2020** to confirm they still require social housing support. Each applicant confirmed their requirement to the Council by completing and returning the Assessment Form.

Contact Details for Tenancy Services Division

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

The Housing Support Team Contact Details	
Phone	01 890 5902 /01 890 5000
Email	Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Website	www.fingal.ie
Tenancy Services Contact Details	
Homeless Services	01 890 5090 homeless@fingal.ie
Estate Management (Maintenance, ASB)	01 890 5588 Estatemanagement@fingal.ie
Lettings	01 890 5380 Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Housing Support	01 890 5902 Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Customer Care Team	01 890 5000 CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie

Choice Based Lettings - Introduction of CBL Portal

Fingal County Council launched a new online portal to facilitate the Choice Based Letting (CBL) scheme. CBL is an approach used for the allocation of designated Social Housing Units. It allows housing applicants to express an interest in being considered for the allocation of designated Social Housing Units.

Housing applicants are now able to use the CBL portal to express their interest in available properties advertised.

Applicants with active applications may now access Choice Based Letting by logging onto <https://cbl.fingal.ie> using their unique username and password. To access their unique username and password applicants must contact choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie with their housing reference number and phone number.

From December 15th until 21st the first dwellings were advertised on the new portal. Housing applicants were invited to express their interest in the new housing development at Ladyswell Road, Mulhuddart. These dwellings will be managed by the Approved Housing Body, Clúid. There was a positive response to both the launch of the CBL portal and the Ladyswell development. The housing team have to-date issued over 550 passwords to housing applicants to access the CBL portal with 195 expressions of interest submitted through the portal for the Ladyswell development.

Available CBL properties will be advertised on a weekly basis from Wednesday to the following Tuesday on <https://cbl.fingal.ie>

Approved Social Housing applicants log in each week to check the dwellings that are available using their username and password. Expression of interest in a property must be made online by the following Tuesday.

Offers of Housing Support

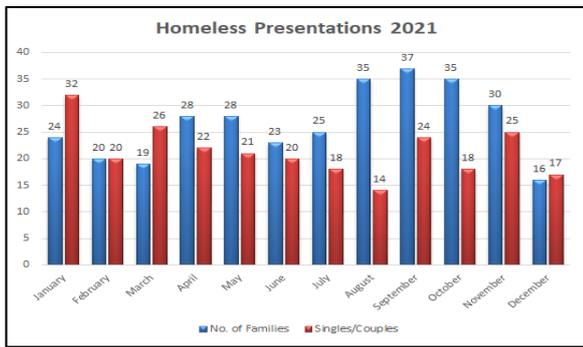
The Housing Allocations Team has continued to provide offers of social housing throughout all levels of COVID-19 restrictions and this is demonstrated in the chart below.



Homeless Services

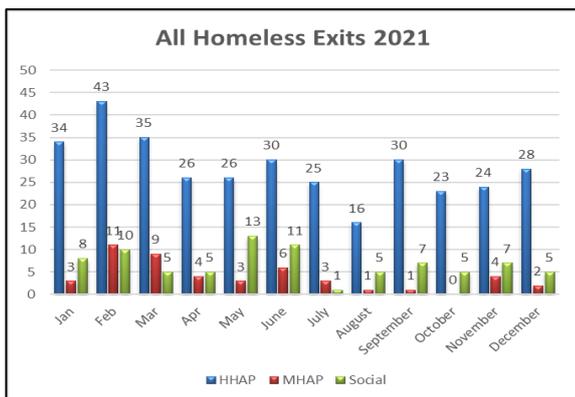
The Council's Homeless Team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support.

In December 2021 there were 33 new homeless presentations, comprising 16 families and 17 singles/couples.



During December 2021, 35 households, comprising 25 families and 10 singles/couples, exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support- including into private rented tenancies under Homeless HAP.

Homeless HAP accounts for 28 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 preparing the Draft Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022-2024.

As part of the consultation process for the development of the new Statutory Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024, the DRHE organised a consultation session with Councillors of the four Dublin Local Authorities which took place via Team/ Zoom at 10am on Friday 10 December, 2021 (An invitation had been circulated to Fingal County 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 for further progression in 2022. Refurbishment work is ongoing on a number of sites 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 to ensure a continued service provision.

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 Social Workers, 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 15,425 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 however when the vulnerabilities, complexities and health related issues associated with a tenancy require tenancy sustainment and welfare 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 may be required to ensure all agencies work collaboratively with a view to achieving best outcomes for our Communities.

Stock Management

Breach of Ten.	31
Miscellaneous	27
Regularisation	9
Downsizing	22

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2021

0 (Jan), 1 (Feb), 1 (Mar), 0 (April), 1 (May), 1 (June),

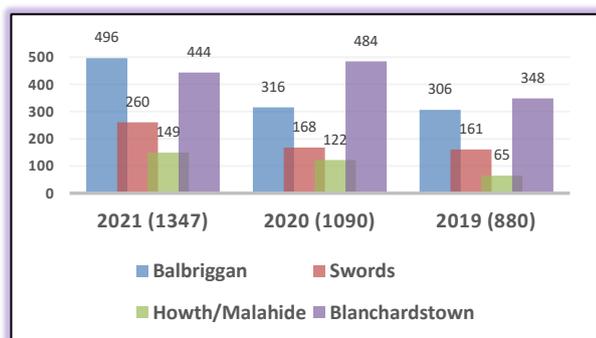
1 (July), 2 (Aug), 0 (Sep), 0 (Oct), 4 (Nov), 2 (Dec)

ASB Caseload Management

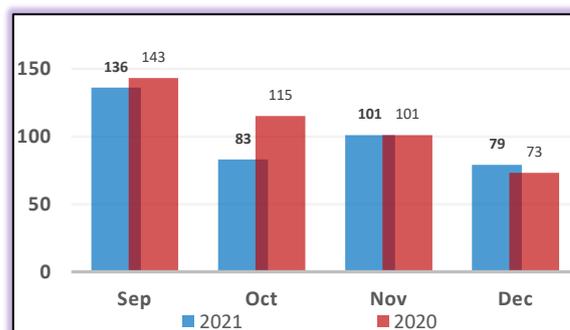
Dec 2021	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	17	22	8
North County	16	3	14
Total	33	25	22

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	47
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	1746
Traveller Specific Inspections 2020	1735
Estate Inspections 2021	1202
Estate Inspections 2020	636
EM/ASB Inspections 2021	3117
EM/ASB Inspections 2020	3610

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Office

Community Development
Migrant Family Literacy Project
Balbriggan Baking Social Group
Men 3.0 Programme

Facilities

Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility
Fingal Community Facilities Network Website News Page

Interagency

Thrive Co-Production Group

Strategic

Connected Hubs – Remote Working Centres
Fingal Managing Volunteers Awards 2021
Fingal Community & Sports Hubs
Fingal Comhairle na nÓg

Integration

Fingal Winter Pride
Fingal Integration Forum – Launch

Age Friendly

Older People – Peer to Peer Teaching

Funding

Disability Participation and Awareness Fund 2021
Grant Approval for Cricket4All: A Multi-ability Intergenerational Initiative
Creative Ability Training Academy – Not So Different Club
Bayside Standing Stones Project

Fingal PPN

Policy Hub

Sports Office

Operation Transformation 2022
Keep Well in Winter Nutrition Webinars

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

'Fun with Families from Afar – Migrant Literacy Project'



On the 10 December several families from Balbriggan participated in 'Fun with Families from Afar Migrant

Literacy Project and completed the pilot based on the 'right to read' campaign with a focus on family literacy and parent child reading interaction.

This 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 was a great success with a waiting list of families who want to get involved in the new year. It is set for further roll out across county in 2022. The literacy content of the project was developed through libraries by facilitators from DCU who are teachers and home liaison officers.

The project identified families through the Educate Together and was open to wider family members outside of the traditional unit. The children participated with entertainment focusing on drawing, reading and fun whilst parents focused on literacy

content of the program. Aster family resource centre were strategically placed to support the families with other needs as they arose.

Fingal Community and Sports Hub -Balbriggan Baking Social Group- Reducing Isolation

On 12 January 2022 Fingal Community and Sports Hub in Flemington Community Centre will be supporting the first Balbriggan Baking Social Group. The multicultural group of men and women have been meeting online over the past year sharing their experiences through baking recipes. The group was formed with the aim to reduce isolation and link safely with other members of the community in Balbriggan who have a common interest.

Fingal County Council Community Office are supporting the group to work on their constitution and formalise over an 8-week period prior to registering on the County Register/PPN. The group hope to support local charities in Balbriggan throughout the year at local events with their baking produce and in turn supporting the development of a stronger volunteering culture built on actions for the common good. They will be meeting for the first-time face to face in Flemington Community Centre in the New Year.

Dad 3.0 -Men's Programme

In January 2022 Fingal County Council Community Office in collaboration with Flemington Community Centre will be supporting Dads, sports coaches and men in Balbriggan in leadership positions with children through the 'Dad 3.0 -Men's Programme'.

Dad 3.0 Men's program is a 6-week course focusing on positive parenting interactions with children. It builds on a very successful community office collaboration: Dad 2.0 Men's program which took place in the spring of 2021. Dad 3.0 Men's programme has built on the successful program with an additional wellness and post covid resilience element. The programme provides advice, support and guidance

for men on parenting, emotional literacy, managing anger, and alternatives to 'reactive parenting' and interactions.

FACILITIES

Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility



Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility secured funding from Leader and Fingal County Council to carry out an extensive refurbishment project on the facility formally known as Martin's Shop. This refurbishment project will provide much needed additional meeting space for community groups and will see the first floor of the building open for public use. The contractor will be on site in mid-January and it is envisaged that the project will reach completion by the beginning of August 2022 ready for opening in Sept 2022. This project is a good example of agency collaboration and maximising local investment in community infrastructure.

Fingal Community Facilities Network Website News Page

After the successful launch of the new Fingal Community Facilities Network Website in November there has been a lot of activity the site's News page. The page is full of news of events and activities for around Fingal involving numerous community centres and their groups. Everything from Christmas Fairs to Fingal Inclusion week as well as updates on Fingal's Keen To Be Green Facilities project can be found on the page. The Website news is being generated and maintained by the Community

Development Office through communication with the Community Facilities Network members.

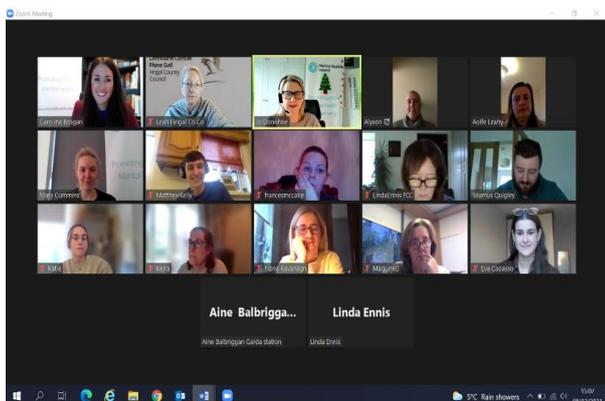
For more information visit <https://fingalcommunityfacilitiesnetwork.ie/news>

INTERAGENCY

Thrive Balbriggan

On 8th December the first Thrive Co-Production meeting of stakeholders came together as a Group. Thrive Balbriggan builds on an international mental health movement which seeks to gather community at a local level to tackle stigma in relation to mental health, promote wellbeing at all levels within the community and create a place where people want to come, live, work and play.

Thrive is heavily supported by the Community Office in association with Mental Health Ireland and led by the community in Balbriggan. The project has been successful in other cities such as London and New York. Mental Ireland now has a base in Fingal Community and Sports Hub in Flemington Community Centre in order to support the Thrive Balbriggan group. A campaign is set for 2022 to bring people together in community action through conversation.



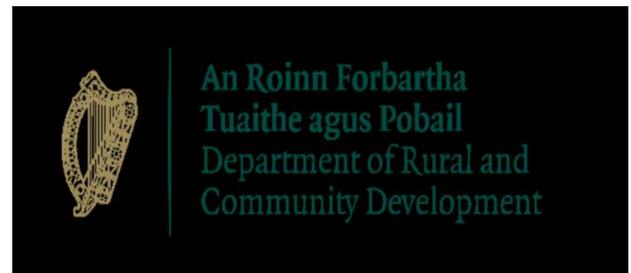
STRATEGIC CONNECTED HUBS – REMOTE WORKING CENTRES

Following a successful application to the Department of Rural and Community Development Connected

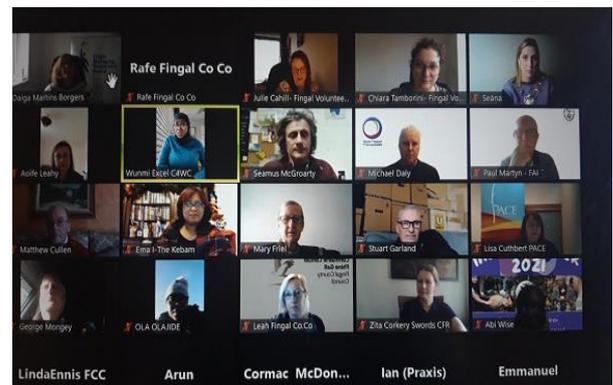
Hubs funding scheme, Fingal County Council has been awarded €40,000 towards the fit out of four remote working facilities to be based in Tyrrellstown, Luttrellstown, Applewood and Fingal Liam Rodgers Community Centres.

The Connected Hubs Call aimed to add additional capacity to the existing remote working infrastructure in Ireland by upgrading existing hubs and Broadband Connection Points (BCPs), while continuing to support COVID-19 measures.

Fit out of the four community-based remote working hubs has begun with the installation of Wall Mounted Screens, Foldaway Tables, Chairs, Desk Dividers, Security keypad locks for meeting room doors, Modular meeting pods, Additional Electrical Costs and Printers all enabling the community to avail of remote working facilities in centres with increased broadband connection points.



Fingal Managing Volunteers Awards 2021



The Community Office supported the Fingal Volunteer Centre's annual Managing Volunteers' Awards last month which were held online again this year due to the pandemic. Five active volunteer groups from around the county were recognised for

their best practice in the management and support of their brilliant volunteers. Two groups were recognised for the very first time, under the programme and the other three were building on supports already in place from previous years.

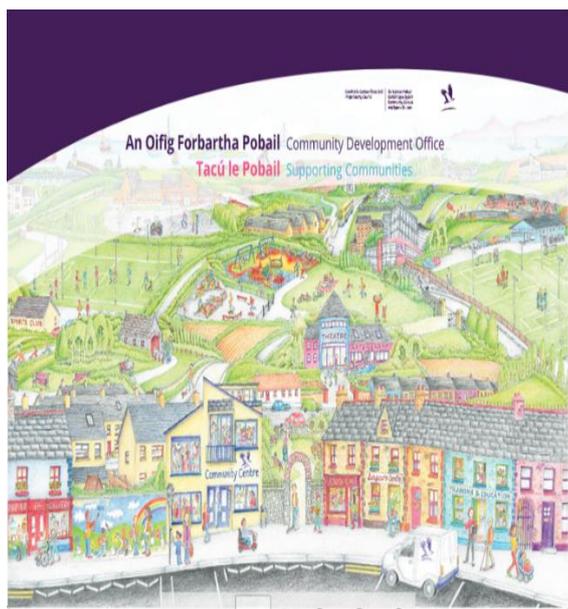
The groups honoured this year were;

- **Swords Community First Responders**
- **Children 4 World Children International**
- **Balbriggan Integration Forum**
- **The Kebam**
- **PACE – Circles of Support and Accountability.**

The event was addressed by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána O'Rodaigh who commended the excellent work done by volunteers in every corner of the county and reiterated her support for the work of the community development office in supporting our community and voluntary groups which play such an important role in the development of Fingal.

A highlights video of the event will be available to view on the FCC website and the Fingal Volunteer Centre website early in the New Year.

Fingal Community & Sports Hubs



Tyrrelstown Community Centre and Mountview Community Youth & Sports Centre have been identified to join Flemington Community Centre as

dedicated **Community Development and Sports Hubs**. Work is ongoing in setting up the spaces which will have consistent branding to identify them as Fingal community hubs. The hubs will be in operation as restrictions allow in the new year.

Hub purpose:

- Foster stronger connections between the council and the community
- Support communities and group development
- Developing synergies that will aim to build relations between the community centre and key stakeholder agencies working in the area
- Provide access to equipment or connections for individuals and groups in the community

Potential Hub users:

- Fingal County Council Community Development Officers and Sports Officers
- Other Fingal County Council Department Staff
- New, re-emerging and established community & voluntary groups
- Not for profit NGOs
- Community Services Specific Initiatives
- Overflow from community centre

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg

On the 13th of December Fingal Comhairle na nÓg held their penultimate meeting of the year. Present were Foroige's Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Public Relations Officer and National Executive Representative. The young people discussed their hopes for the New Year, they were reminded of the topics discussed at their recent AGM and were encouraged to think about the topic they would like to choose for their workplan in 2022 in their meeting taking place on the 29 December. Previous topics have been on male body image, climate change and mental health.

On the 17th of December the members had their Christmas party which was held in Blanchardstown Youth Service at the Foroige Clubhouse. The

members and the coordinator celebrated a very successful year of Comhairle work and watched Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban and played lots of games! The young people enjoyed well deserved pizza and chatted about their eagerness for Christmas.

INTEGRATION

Fingal Winter Pride

Fingal Winter Pride 1 December 2021 – 22 February 2022 is an initiative of Community Development Office, the Integration Officer and support by the Events Office, Libraries Division and Fingal Community Centres. It follows on from our workshops in June of this year, feedback from which was centered around key issues.

The events were organised to support LGBTQ+ community, friends and allies across Fingal and showcase the journey of pride and provide support through the provision of information at what is recognized as a particularly isolating time of year as well as raising awareness across Fingal.

The first event was the raising the Pride Quilt and Progress Flag in County Hall on the 1 December to mark World Aids Day at which the Deputy Mayor Cllr. Daniel Whooley, Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly, Swords Youth Services LGBTQ+ Youth Group, Fingal Staff and Dublin Pride were present.



Fingal Integration Forum – Launch

The Fingal Integration Forum had their launch on Saturday the 11 December 2021 in Mulhuddart Community Centre. Mayor Seána Ó Rodaigh, CE AnnMarie Farrelly, Minister Roderic O’Gorman and Minister Jack Chambers attended the launch which outlined the aims of the Forum; to work towards integration across the county of Fingal.



AGE FRIENDLY

Older People: Peer to Peer Teaching

Ten ACORN tablets which were purchased with support from Age Friendly Fingal and funding from Fingal's Community Resilience "Keeping Well Campaign" are providing older people in Donabate with opportunities to share their knowledge and skills for the benefit of others thus contributing to a sense of self-worth while challenging ageist stereotypes.

Members of Donabate Active Age 4 All have been trained to deliver training on the ACORN tablets which are provided on loan to course participants for the duration of the programme. The group are running four training courses of three-month duration for their members who are unfamiliar with tablets or smart phones. The aim is to build their confidence and facilitate their participation in online activities as well as connecting to family and friends.



FUNDING



An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais,
Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige
Department of Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth

Disability Participation and Awareness Fund 2021

Grant Approval for Cricket4All: A Multi-ability Intergenerational Initiative

The Community Office has been awarded €25,000 for an intergenerational inclusive project for older people and young people with physical and/or cognitive disabilities. This is an **interagency** initiative which will take place in Balbriggan/Skerries with coaching and competitions in table cricket as well as adapted cricket skills and small-sided games provided by Cricket Leinster. The intergenerational element of the project will be overseen by the Community Department.

The project will allow people with different abilities and age to play and compete together in teams thus removing barriers to participation in an increasingly popular sport. The initial phases will take place in Fingal Community Centres and will make visible older people and young people with disabilities in their local community. It will facilitate intergenerational interaction resulting in better understanding and awareness of the challenges faced by both groups and their resilience in overcoming these challenges. Alongside the enjoyment of playing the game and competing, table cricket has been shown to develop teamwork and social skills among players as well as developing/maintaining coordination and cognitive skills. The project will also provide opportunities for participants to receive training to deliver this programme, therefore providing opportunities for them to contribute to their community and ensure the sustainability of the programme. Guidelines on best practice will be developed to allow the initiative to be delivered in different settings throughout the country.

Grant Approval -Creative Ability Training Academy – Not So Different Club

Fingal County Council has also been awarded €80,000 under the Disability Participation and Awareness Fund to support a collaboration with Not So Different to establish a permanent Creative Ability Training Academy in Blanchardstown Library building to provide much needed awareness raising, capacity building to improve education and employment outcomes and to increase participation for people with disabilities in the Fingal local authority area. This project is building on the current collaboration between Fingal County Council and Not So Different to establish Ireland's first Neurodiversity Creative Ability Hub.

As the beneficiaries of the training academy will be local authority staff, service provider staff (Tus, CE, CSP, SICAP, Local Employment); local educators (youth reach, schools, universities, further education colleges); community groups (youth clubs, sports clubs, arts and culture projects, etc.) and industry employers (local employers – small, medium and large multi-national organisations) the reach of this project is multiplied by training support service staff to increase awareness and participation of people with disabilities to realise their full potential and live a good life in community. This initiative will create full time employment and has the potential to be replicated and scaled nationally

Bayside Standing Stones Project

The Bayside Standing Stones Project was launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána O'Rodaigh in December to coincide with the Winter Solstice. The project, funded and supported in it's development by the Community Office, was a partnership between the Bayside Community Association (BCA) and artist Eoin Phelan. The BCA are developing part of Alden Park in Bayside for local amenities in partnership with the Council, having previously developed a boules area for older persons, with support from Sports Development and Operations Departments. BCA has

worked closely with Community Office throughout 2021 and represented Fingal in the Pride of Place Competition in the Urban Neighbourhoods category this year – the finals of which take place next April. BCA have accessed Activities funding, Community Enhancement funding and will apply for arts funding in 2022 for their next project



Fingal Public Participation Network (FPPN)



Fingal PPN Policy Hub.

This policy hub which was launched at the recent plenary in November aims to 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, strategies, guidelines and reports in three areas: Fingal Wide Policies, Regional Policies and National & European Policies which are now all available to explore fingalppn.ie/policy-hub

SPORTS OFFICE

Operation Transformation 2022

The Sports Office is supporting the delivery of an operation transformation walk on January 16th. The event this year will see a leader from Swords take part with the Sports Office supporting her on her journey. The 5km walk will take place in Holywell park at 11am and is open to all. To register or for more information check out <https://bit.ly/OT2022>



Keep Well in Winter Nutrition Webinars

The Sports Office will be running a series of Nutrition Webinars in January 2022 with Laura Kealy from Bridge Nutrition aimed at giving people tips for eating and keeping well in the winter months. The first session will take place on Monday 10th January with an Introduction to Nutrition at 8pm. Registration will open in Monday 3rd January through the Sports Office Social Media Platforms.

Fingal HomeFit Pilates

Jayne from Core Health will be teaching a 6-week online pilates course aimed at beginners, but all are welcome.

Pilates is a non-impact form of exercise that focuses on controlled movements to improve posture, strength and flexibility. You do not need to have any prior experience for these classes which are suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels.

If you are interested in trying a new form of physical activity, then join Jayne from Wednesday January 12th at 6pm.

To register click on the following link <https://bit.ly/HomeFitPilates2022>



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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



Figures 1-4: Finalised works on Grange Road & Warrenhouse/Baldoyle Road

Bicycle Parking Stands



Coolmine Recycling Centre + Cargo Bike Space Castleknock Community Centre



Tyrellstown Playground Carpenterstown Playground & Tennis Court

Towns & Village

Skerries:

A site visit to Skerries was recently organised by the Active Travel team with the local Cllr's to review and examine some of the issues relating to Active Travel and Town & Village enhancements that could be considered. The site visit entailed a cycle around the town to look at the various issues and get the views of the Cllrs, so that they can be captured in a brief that can be prepared by the Team to engage a Consultant

to look at an overall plan for the Town regarding Active Travel modes and public Realm enhancements for the area.



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.

Some meetings have taken place with Councillors regarding some of the requests received to evaluate the issues and examine how best to deliver a solution.

Where there are existing other Projects near the areas highlighted, at design or construction stage we endeavour to include these Connectivity and Permeability improvements within overall schemes.

A number of the requests that have been received, evaluated and are being developed within a brief to go out to consultants in the first quarter of 2022. This will allow the projects to be developed to detailed

design for implementation. Once these are further developed, we will make available to the members.

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

Reserve School Warden Training

A total of 7 new Reserve School Wardens received their operational training in Parslickstown House on Wednesday, 1st of December. Following this day long training course, the new reserves completed 2 days "buddy-up" training with some of our experienced full time school wardens.

The new temporary reserves are spread across the County in the following areas:

- 2 in the Howth/Malahide area
- 1 in the Balbriggan/Swords area
- 4 in the Castleknock/Mulhuddart area



Government Road Safety Strategy – first step to ‘Vision Zero’

Minister of State in the Department of Transport, Hildegard Naughton officially launched Ireland’s fifth Road Safety Strategy 2021 – 2030 on Tuesday 14th December and can be reviewed by clicking this link [Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030](#).

The primary aim of the government’s new road safety strategy is to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on Irish roads by 50% over the next 10 years. This means reducing deaths on Ireland’s roads annually from 144 to 72 or lower and reducing serious injuries from 1,259 to 630 or lower by 2030.

The **Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030** will be delivered in three phases. Phase 1 which runs from 2021 to 2024 is backed by a projected €3.8bn investment and includes 50 high-impact actions and 136 support actions.

The strategy is the first step in achieving the 2020 Programme for Government commitment of bringing Ireland to ‘Vision Zero’. This is to eliminate all road deaths and serious injuries on Irish roads by the year 2050. The **Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030** builds on the progress made during the last road safety strategy which saw Ireland achieve the lowest number of annual road deaths since records began and the second lowest rate of road deaths in the EU in 2019.

We will commence the preparation of Fingal’s Road Safety Strategy early in the New Year.

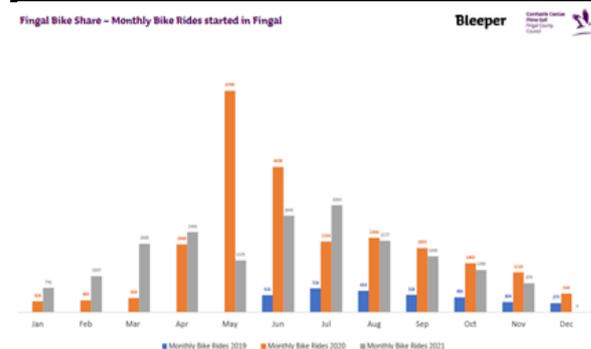
Mobility

Bleper Bikes

The Bleper Bike North County Expansion Pilot will be extended for a further 3 months until March 31st.

November Stats – Bike Share Countywide:

879 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in November
899 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in October
Highest usage recorded on Saturdays with 17.31% followed Fridays and Sundays both with 15.19%
Howth continues to be the most popular location for bike share
Average number of 149 bikes in Fingal – (SLA for 120 bikes) for hire each day of the month



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

All Fingal staff and Elected Members can avail of free bleper bike hire. Contact active.travel@fingal.ie for more information

eCargo Bike Launch

The Active Travel section launched our eCargo Bike Pilot Initiative on Thursday 2nd December in Malahide. Active Travel have purchased a total of 4 bikes as part of this pilot. Two bikes were delivered to The Village Garden Centre in Malahide and Altitude Coffee in Donabate. These state of the art eCargo bikes are intended to replace the use of motor vehicles for local area deliveries.

As part of its commitment to climate action and providing sustainable travel alternatives, Fingal County Council is providing the bikes free of charge to the businesses for 12 months under a Service Level Agreement. The bikes have been branded for each business with their own logos. A further two bikes will be delivered to local businesses in the coming weeks.

This project extends the reach of Active Travel to the business community for the first time and we are delighted to be working with local businesses to encourage sustainable modes of transport. The Active Travel section will monitor and review this pilot over the 12month period to determine its success to include reports on level of usage, frequency of deliveries, cost savings to the business and environmental benefits.



Bike Week Survey

We have commenced planning preparations for Bike Week 2022 which will take place from Saturday 14th May to Sunday 22nd May 2022 totalling 9 days of fun virtual and physical events and activities.

We are seeking feedback from the public on events which took place during Bike Week 2021 and would like to learn more about the kind of events, activities and resources which we should feature in Bike Week 2022. We will use the information gathered in this survey to assist the planning process for 2022 so we can make next year, the best, most inclusive Bike Week yet.

All surveys can be completed using the link below:

<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/bike-week-survey>



DLRCC – Coastal Mobility Route Cycle Trip

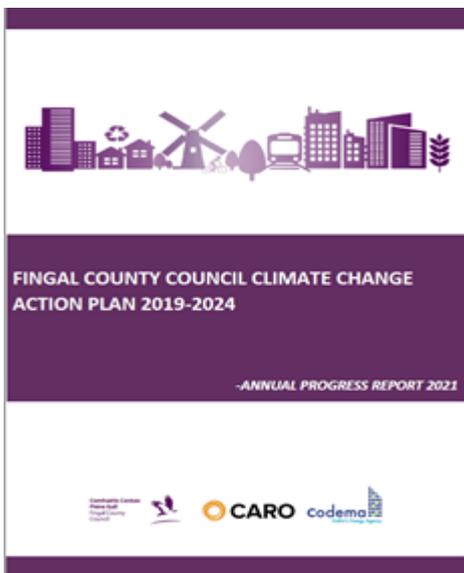
Friday 17th December saw the Fingal Active Travel team and Fingal Councillors heading southside for an exciting research cycle with our counterparts from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown. The DLR Coastal Mobility Route is a stunning coastal walking and cycling route extending from Booterstown to Dun Laoghaire. Installed in Summer 2020 as a response to the urgent need for upgraded Active Travel and leisure infrastructure in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, the route has been transformative for the local area. As part of Active Travel's commitment to delivering world class infrastructure for the Fingal area the team arranged this information sharing session to learn more about how and why this scheme was installed and to better understand the effects it has had on the local community, climate and environment. This was an important opportunity for Councillors to experience a best in class amenity and excursions such as this are key to promoting the benefits of Active Travel to our elected representatives as well as providing an important opportunity for them to question the scheme developers and discuss the potential that we have in Fingal to provide similar schemes.



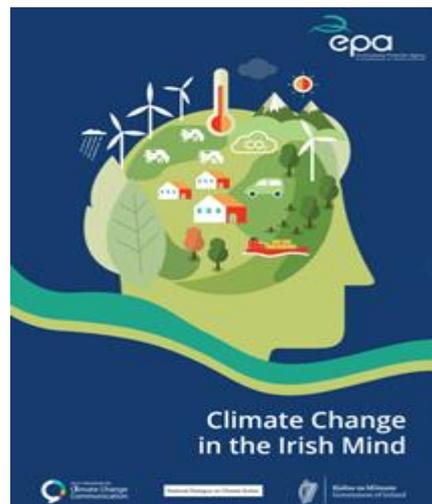
Climate Action

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

The CCAP Second Annual Progress Report was presented to the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee SPC in December 2021 and was well received. The Report outlines progress in summary against all actions and presents an overview of progress against each theme in the Plan. Council energy efficiency targets have been met and the Plan is progressing well. The Report can be viewed at <https://www.fingal.ie/climate-change-action-plan-2019-2024>



'Climate Change in the Irish Mind', a baseline study of the Irish people's beliefs, attitudes, policy preferences and behaviours regarding climate change was undertaken by the EPA and Yale University in summer 2021. The study captured the views of over 4000 Irish people and is the first nationally-representative survey of its kind in Ireland. The report can be viewed at: <https://www.epa.ie/publications/monitoring--assessment/climate-change/climate-change-in-the-irish-mind.php> There was broad agreement that Climate Change is happening, people are aware of the threats, people feel effected, and would like to see change. This was the 1st in a series of surveys which will be undertaken by the EPA and will inform the National Dialogue on Climate Action.



Environmental Awareness

Community Tree Planting was organised for weekends in December. Families and individuals turned out to #plantforfuture. Dale Treadwell of Crann Trees for Ireland facilitated and a total of 355 trees were planted at 11 locations in Dublin 15 and in the Howth Malahide area.



Community Tree Planting December 2021		
Dublin 15		Hazelbury Park
225 Trees		Castlefield woods Park
		Laurel Lodge and Oak Tree Drive
		Auburn Road Castleknock
		Whitestown Park
Howth/ Area	Malahide	Malahide Castle
355 Trees		Paddys Hill Portmarnock
		Woodlands Estate Portmarnock
		Seagrang Park Baldoyle
		Old Sutton Castle

Over 60 online workshops were offered to 145 Fingal primary and secondary schools during December. Classes had lots of options to choose from including Leave No Trace (litter and environment), Fast Fashion (awareness of clothing and textiles and their impact on emissions), Creative Waste & ReUse.

Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Projects:

Swords Tidy Towns completed their mural at Brackenstown transforming the wall into an art-piece.



Rush Tidy Towns Harbour Park marine mural by a local artist is attracting a lot of attention.



Fingal Schools are continuing to participate in the Composting for Schools pilot. They are learning about the value of food waste and composting for climate and carbon storage. The wormery boxes are made by young people at the Oberstown Campus.

Bring Centres

Textile Banks

The total tonnage of textiles collected for recycling in November was 17.72 Tons.

Illegal Textile Banks

A total of six illegal textile banks were recently placed with the Council's bring banks at Harbour Road, Howth and at Liam Rogers Community Centre, Kinsealy.

The yellow textile bank in the above photograph is a legal bank and belongs to a charity.

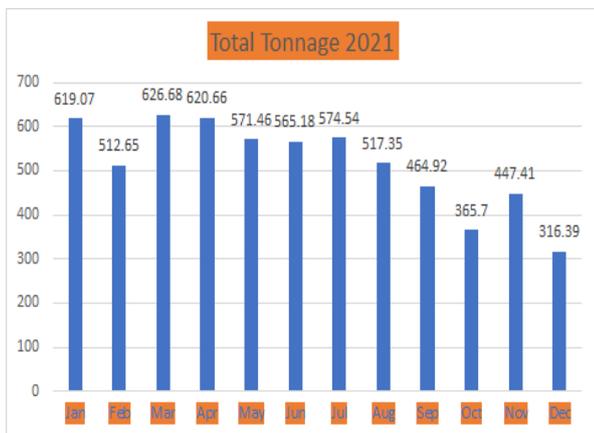
All illegal textile banks except for one textile banks at Liam Rogers Community Centre were removed following contact from the Environment Department. The remaining bank has been removed by Environment.



Harbour Road, Howth is shown in the above photograph

Bottle banks

The amount of glass collected for recycling in December was 316.39 tonnes and is displayed in the year-to-date bar chart below.



Please note the tonnages for December were recorded on 20th December 2021.

Litter Management

A total of 232 planned route inspections were carried out by the Litter Wardens in December 2021.

Details of fines and warning notices for December 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
December	21	9	11	26

There were no fines in December relating to dog fouling.

There were no cases prosecuted through the District Court in December 2021.

Dog Warden & Dog Shelter Service

Dog Warden Service Activities

In December, the Dog Wardens undertook regular patrols throughout Fingal including parks and beaches. They are currently investigating a number of reported incidents.

Licence Checks

The Dog Wardens have completed dog licence checks for three estates in Fingal.

The table below show the number of 10-day notices and fines issued by the Dog Wardens between October and December 2021.

Month	10 Day Notices Issues	Fines
October	6	0
November	27	6
December	1	0

Additional Activities

The Dog Wardens assisted the Waste Enforcement Officers in a two-day waste enforcement operation in December.

Dog Shelter Service

In December a total of nine dogs entered the dog shelter. Five dogs were surrendered and four dogs were strays. No dogs were seized. Of the nine dogs that entered the shelter, no dog was reclaimed, three dogs have gone to rescues, three dogs have been rehomed to members of the public and three dogs currently remain in the shelter.

Tours of the Dog Shelter for Councillors were facilitated in December and all Councillors were invited to attend. Anyone unable to attend may visit the Dog Shelter independently at any time 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.

Air and Noise

The Dublin Air Quality Plan was formally agreed by executive order by the four Dublin local authorities and is available on the Fingal website here

[Air Quality Plan | Fingal County Council](#)

Water Quality Protection

Draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2022-2027 – *Give your views*



WebsiteLink;

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

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.

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 – easy online submission form to put your views forward and read the plan
2. Send comments by email to info@lawaters.ie or 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  code  link <http://tinyurl.com/rbmp2027>

Community Water Development Fund 2022 - reminder

Grants available for communities to deliver water, biodiversity, and climate action initiatives from the Community Water Development Fund 2022 to assist in the protection and management of water quality locally and in the wider catchment. Reminder - date

for receipt of applications is **12 noon on Tuesday, 8 February 2022.**

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

National Environmental Priorities for 2022 Annual Environmental Plan Water Pollution

The National Environmental Priorities for 2022 – 2024 have been announced and are shown below;

- Pressures from Agriculture (slurry/soiled water collection and storage)
- Pressures from Agriculture (slurry and fertilizer spreading)
- Domestic Wastewater treatment units/ septic tanks
- Discharge to water licences & misconnections
- Local Priorities and water quality monitoring

Water Pollution Control in Fingal

Pollution response and investigations

- 92 no. complaints were investigated in 2021
- 68 no. investigated in 2020
- 48 no. Investigated in 2019

Waste Enforcement

A major End of Life Vehicle (ELV) operation was completed during December by Fingal County Council's Waste Enforcement Unit. A total of **80 end of life vehicles** and **65 commercial trucks/trailers** were removed from a site at Barn Lodge, Finglas, Dublin 11 and brought to authorised treatment facilities for recovery and disposal. The vehicles which were abandoned were being illegally dismantled causing environmental pollution. Burning of waste was also taking place on site. A total of **120 tonnes of waste** was removed as part of the operation and brought to a licensed waste facility for disposal. Once cleared the site was secured using security fencing

and earth berms to prevent re-entry. A combination of waste enforcement inspections, drone surveys and Garda patrols will be utilised to prevent further illegal activity at the site.



A multi-agency approach was used involving An Garda Síochána, Customs, Social Protection, the Roads Safety Authority, the Waste Enforcement Regional Leads Authority (WERLA), the National Transfrontier Shipment Office (NTFSO), Fingal Waste Enforcement officers and vehicle assessors.



Tackling unauthorised End of Life Vehicle (ELV) sites is a National Waste Enforcement Priority for 2021. Unauthorised storage and dismantling of ELV's poses a significant risk to the environment. ELV's contain a

range of hazardous materials such as lead acid batteries, catalytic converters and fluids including lubricating oil, coolant, brake fluid which can have a significant impact on the environment if not depolluted and disposed of properly. Fingal's Waste Enforcement Unit continue to focus efforts on illegal ELV yards with 60 sites cleared and closed down within the past 2 years as part of an ongoing ELV Project.



For vehicles found illegally dumped a fixed payment notice is issued to the registered owner or upon summary conviction in the district court a fine of up to €5,000 can apply. It's the owner's legal responsibility to bring their scrap car to an authorised treatment facility (ATF) who can safely dispose of the vehicle and issue a certificate of destruction (CoD). ATF's are permitted facilities authorised to treat and recover end of life vehicles (scrap cars and vans). They have the necessary infrastructure for handling ELV's so that they're dismantled in an environmentally friendly manner with hazardous materials removed.



Owners of old cars can deposit these **Free-of-Charge** at an ATF with two located within Fingal:

1. Gannon's City Recovery & Recycling Services Ltd. Web: www.gannonscityrecovery.ie
2. Industrial, Agri & Engineering Salvage Ltd. (IAES). Web: www.scrapmycar.ie

Further information on End of Life Vehicles is available at ELVES: <https://www.elves.ie/How-to-Recycle> or by contacting Fingal County Council - Environment Section Tel: 01 8905000, Email: environment@fingal.ie.

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Making of Rate

Following determination of the rate by Members at the Annual Budget meeting, the rate will be made by the Chief Executive in the week commencing 24th January following the statutory publication process. Rate bills for 2022 will issue immediately after the rate has been made.

Appendix 1 - Cycle Protected Lanes

Sustainable Transport Measures Grants: 2021 Allocations		
Project Code:	Project Name	Comments
FCC/20/0007	Hartstown/Huntstown Protected Cycle Lane Phase 1	Complete
FCC/20/0007	Hartstown/Huntstown Protected Cycle Lane Phase 2	Phase 2b design works which include junction and roundabout design are now complete and are being reviewed by council engineers, with works expected to begin early in the new year. Safe Routes to School design is complete and under review for front of school treatment at St. Philip the Apostle, the works are expected to be carried out in Q1 of 2022.
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 design brief is finalised. Discussions to take place with NTA prior to issuing design tender.
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	Scope of project under discussion to prepare brief.
FCC/20/0007	St Cronan's Avenue	Application for project funding is with the NTA for final approval. Works programmed to commence on site in early New Year. Contract documents have been sent to the contractor for review/signatures. Draft design drawings have been reviewed and returned to the

		Design Team for amendments and revision. Meetings with Operations and Parks have taken place to discuss design. On receipt of full design drawings meetings will be arranged with Cllr and other stakeholders to go through the full extent of the works in early January. Leaflet drops are being arranged to residence in the area in advance of works commencing on the ground.
FCC/20/0004	Bicycle Parking	Bicycle parking infrastructure works continued in December with over 30 additional bicycle stands installed at Tyrellstown Playground, Carpenterstown Playground & Riverwood Tennis Club, Burrow Beach, Howth Summit Carpark and Howth Summit Inn Pub. Since the appointment of our specialist contractor in September, the Active Travel team have provided an additional 220 secure parking spaces to the public.
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 in relation to a school in each area is being developed so that we can move on to full engagement and Tender stage with these.
FCC/20/0007	Rivervalley/Rathingle Phase 1	Phase 1 complete
FCC/20/0007	Rivervalley/Rathingle Phase 2	Works are now ongoing on Phase 2a. kerb build outs and uncontrolled pedestrian crossings, with raised ramps at entrances to estates. Phase 2b, awaiting updated drawings for junctions and roundabout.

		Safe Routes to School design to be considered for inclusion for front of school treatment at Holy Family NS.
FCC/20/0007	R132 Ministers Road to Blake's Cross	Consultants are finalising the detailed design documents and tender package for the project so that these can be reviewed by FCC Active Travel in January. Engagement is ongoing with the Operations Department regarding the agreement and process for reducing the current speed limit between Corduff National School and Ministers Road from 80km/h to 60km/h.
FCC/20/0007	Baldoyle – Grange Road	Works started on site, 9 th August. Footpath and carriageway works 100% completed. Line marking 100% completed for upgraded cycle lanes. Bollard installation 100% completed. Replacement of cycle friendly gullies 100% completed. Epoxy resin treatment to follow, weather dependent. Internal review of options report for Phase 2 completed and awaiting updated report from designer.
FCC/20/0007	Warrenhouse Road	Carriageway and line marking works 100% completed. Junction buildouts to adjoining estates completed. Bollard and line marking works completed. Epoxy resin works to follow, weather dependant. Design for Baldoyle Road/Dublin Road junction upgrade completed and currently being reviewed internally.
FCC/20/0007	Dublin Road/Howth Road	Howth Road: Carriageway, cycle lane and footpath repair works 100% completed. Line marking 60% completed. Gully replacement 80% completed. Bollard installation and epoxy resin to follow in New Year. Dublin Road: Line marking, bollard installation and epoxy works to follow in Q1'2022.