



Chief Executive's Management Report

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT – MARCH 2022

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Chief Executive's Foreword

It has become really evident in the last number of weeks that we are moving forward from the pandemic and embracing living our lives to the fullest whilst exercising the right amount of caution. We continue to implement good health and safety measures to ensure our workplace environment is safe for staff and citizens who access our buildings. I am delighted with the transition of staff back to the offices and it is wonderful for all of us to meet colleagues and friends in person on a more regular basis.

Following an intense period of development plan meetings we have commenced public consultation on the Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and we are urging the public to review the document which has been published. The public consultation will run until May 12 and we are encouraging public debate among citizens, businesses, community groups and other interested parties. We will endeavor to engage with the public as widely as possible with consultation events taking place aswell as planning officials being available to discuss the draft plan.

Dealing with the growth of Fingal is one of the biggest challenges of the Development Plan. It will put pressure on land, housing, infrastructure and the environment. It also comes as we face other challenges including the lasting impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, Brexit and its associated uncertainty, climate change and the need to ensure social inclusion for all. The plan seeks to put healthy place-making at its heart. A healthy Fingal is about working towards a more sustainable County, where sufficient homes are available for citizens of Fingal and the creation of a more socially integrated and resilient County.

I was delighted to be involved with marking International Women's Day 2022 this week. Our Community and Sports Office hosted a range of initiatives across Fingal to celebrate women's achievements and increase visibility, while calling out gender inequality. As a female chief executive and working closely with a female Mayor this year we have lots of reason to celebrate this day. We have strong female representation in our workforce and with our dedicated female councilors and it is only right that

we pay tribute to the significant role women play in every aspect of our lives.

Déanfaimid ceiliúradh ar an nGaeilge agus an cultúr i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge, a bheidh ar siúl ón 1 go dtí an 17 Márta 2022. Ag leanúint ó 2021, nuair a bhí na himeachtaí go léir ar líne, tá giondar croí orainn filleadh ar roinnt imeachtaí i bpearsan, tráthnóna ceoil ina measc in Áras an Chontae i Sord a chuirfidh leis na himeachtaí iontacha ar líne a d'eagraigh Leabharlanna Phine Gall. Is éard a ndíríonn Seachtain na Gaeilge go priomha air ná grá don teanga a athmhúscailt agus a úsáid na teanga a spreagadh agus déanfaimid seo laistigh den chomhairle agus trí imeachtaí agus cur chun cinn ar ár gcainéil mheán sóisialta éagsúla le gach duine a spreagadh pé Gaeilge atá acu a úsáid – Bain Triail Aisti.

We will be celebrating the Irish Language and culture throughout the Seachtain na Gaeilge festival which runs from March 1-17 2022. Following on from 2021 when all events were online we are delighted to return to some in-person events with an evening of music in County Hall Swords to compliment the fantastic online events organised by Fingal Libraries. The main focus of Seachtain na Gaeilge is to reawaken love for the language and encourage its use and we will be doing this within the council and through events and promotion on our various Social Media channels encouraging everyone to use whatever Irish they have – Bain Triail Aisti.

As Local Enterprise Week draws to a close for another year I would like to commend the team for hosting another really successful schedule of events, reflecting how times have changed where the events were a combination of online and in person. The Local Enterprise Office Fingal plays an essential role in supporting our business community, providing training & management development supports, mentoring, funding supports and networking platforms. It is great to see so many entrepreneurs learning and upskilling to build and grow businesses in Fingal and I encourage businesses to continue to use the services and supports provided by LEO Fingal.

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 with recent alterations in this regard having been implemented.

Human Resources

The Human Resource Department continues to plan for and respond to the challenges brought by Covid19 in line with the new Government's **COVID-19** guidelines and the phased return to the workplace.

The Human Resources Department has a large scale recruitment campaign continuing in 2022.

Recruitment Programme 2022	
Recruitment Campaigns	41
Interviews Held to date	292
Number of Appointments	69*
Number of Leavers/Retirements	31
Number of Job Offers Year to date	201
Number of Offers Declined	49
Number of Current Job Offers	83

*increase of 52 on last month

The following courses are scheduled to take place in March 2022.

Health & Safety

Managing Safely in Construction
Manual Handling Practical
Child Protection
Fire Warden
Teleporter
Safe Pass
Advanced Road Opening & Reinstatement
First Aid
Safety Rep
Evacuation Chair
Mini Digger
Driver CPC
Stump Grinder

Business Skills

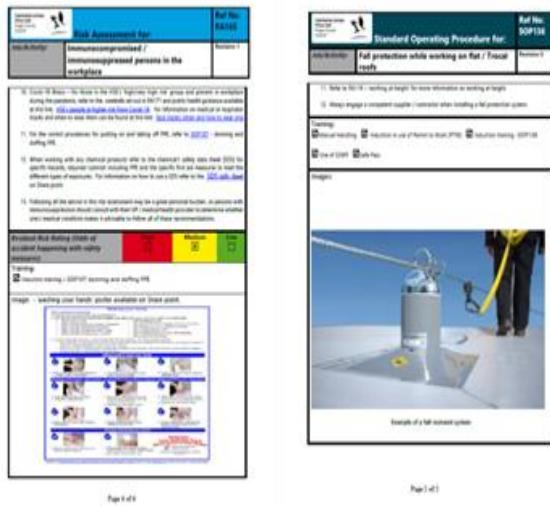
Grade 3 & 4 Development Programme (Ignite)
Excel
Managing Aggressive Behaviour
Intercultural Diversity
Dignity & Equality in the workplace
Personal Effectiveness - Grades 3 & 4

Health & Safety Unit (HSU)

The HSU continues to monitor incidences of staff self-isolations due to covid-19 during the month of February along with answering staff queries on the evolving public health measures in place at the time and amending the relevant risk assessments and SOPs to reflect the changes in Government public health advice. Safety audits, site safety inspections and accident investigations continued.

The Unit reviewed risk assessments and standard operational procedures ranging from the risk assessment of working towards post Covid-19

pandemic and associated SOPs; remote working; immunocompromised persons in the workplace; sharing e-bikes and cars; working near animals and the public; safety when accessing flat roofs; and fixed vertical ladders. HSU staff also supported the Training Section with manual handling for outdoor staff.



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Customer Services

For the month of February the Council's Customer Care Agents dealt with -

14,210 phone calls

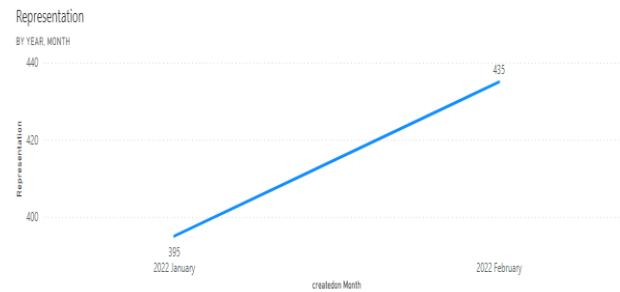
721 emails

1,471 in person visits (from 7th Feb)

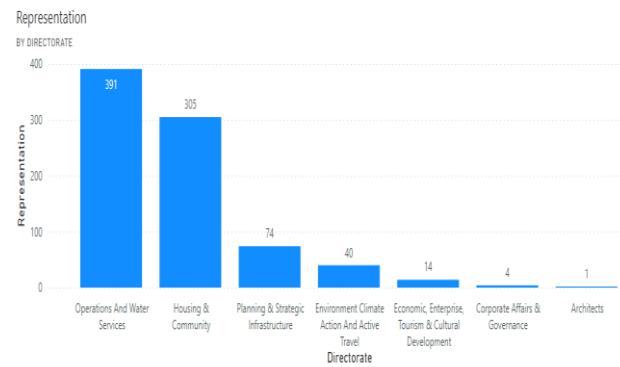
CRM

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 February had a total of 435 Councillor's representations.



The table below shows the total number of Councillor's representations assigned to each Department to date in 2022.



Information Technology

Digital Working

In February staff took part in 9,444 Teams meetings, 34,262 calls took place, and 885,615 emails were received or sent by the Council.

Active users



IT Infrastructure & Support

687 support calls were logged by Council staff with the IT Service Desk in the past month and 20 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 99.99% network availability was achieved in the month of February.

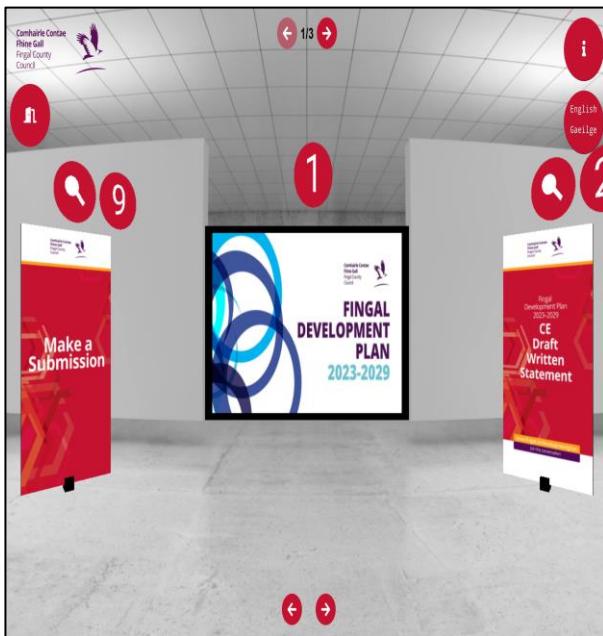
Document Management System

The rollout of the FinDocs Document Management system is continuing. Environment, Climate Action & Active Travel are the latest Department to go live bringing to 767 the number of staff who are now up and running on the new system. Work is in progress with Architects, Human Resources and Law who are due to go live in April.

Development Plan

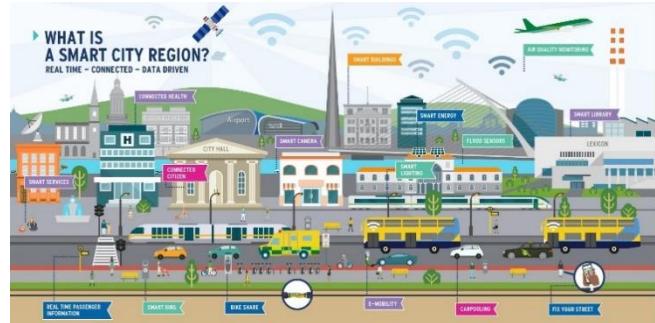
Following the successful conclusion of the Development Plan meetings, the IT Department have worked with the Planning Department on preparing for the public consultation process.

The Draft Development Plan can be accessed via the Virtual Consultation Room at <https://fingaldevelopmentplan.keepersolutions.com>



The Plan has also been published on the Council's Online Consultation Portal at <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/draft-fingal-county-development-plan-2023-2029>

Smart Dublin Annual Report 2021



Founded in 2016, Smart Dublin is an initiative of the four Dublin Local Authorities (DLAs) that brings together industry, academia and citizens, to transform public services and enhance quality of life for citizens. The goal of Smart Dublin is to help future-proof the Dublin region by trialing and scaling innovative technology-based solutions to a wide range of local challenges.

The Smart Dublin Annual Report for 2021 has now been published and is available [here](#).

The report highlights the variety of work across the Smart Dublin programme in 2021. Projects include the Smart Balbriggan Hackathon, the launch of outdoor public Wi-Fi and the Open Data Active Travel Challenge. If you would like to learn more or get in touch, please email the Fingal representative, Aishling Hyland (Aishling.hyland@fingal.ie).

Communications

Website

The fingal.ie website attracted 85,900 visitors during January and recorded 250,400 page views. This represents an increase of 5,500 2 visitors from

February 2021 and an increase of 22,900 page views when 80,400 visitors and 227,500 page views were recorded.

There was also a substantial increase in the amount of time visitors are spending on the site with the average duration rising from 1 minute 36 seconds in February 2021 to 2 minutes 14 seconds last month.

The most visited pages in February after the home page, included planning applications, choice based lettings, recycling, jobs and the development plan.

Social Media

Our Twitter account, @fingalcoco, had 543,200 impressions during February and an average engagement rate of 2.1% from 263 tweets.

	Impressions
Total engagements	116,699
Detail expands	4,725
Media engagements	2,713
Likes	1,265
Retweets	436
Profile clicks	129
Replies	83
Link clicks	57

Fingal County Council @Fingalcoco
Wheelchair accessible toilet destroyed
It is with shock and great disappointment that
we have to inform you that the new
Wheelchair accessible toilet at Strandmill in
Portmarnock was completely destroyed
overnight due to vandalism.
pic.twitter.com/nvODKqjWjE

The best performing tweet, with 116,699 impressions and 4,725 engagements was a post about the destruction of a new wheelchair accessible toilet in Portmarnock.

On Facebook there were 214 posts which generated 6,300 engagements and 585 clicks. The number of followers on Facebook is now 26,954 which is a rise of 309 from January.

The Council's Instagram account saw its number of followers rise by 124 to 4,880 while LinkedIn saw an increase of 141 to 5,338 followers.

The You Tube account increased its number of subscribers to 669. Six videos were published on this platform during the month including one of the new Dublin County Dog Shelter which can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/5okr61xBBxI>



Projects and Campaigns

The Communications Unit provided communications support to the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority for the recent public consultation in relation to the draft proposals for the management of aircraft noise at Dublin Airport. The communications objective was to create awareness of the public consultation and to encourage people to make a submission. The consultation was promoted using a variety of communications methods including briefings, webinars, press releases, social media and advertising. Over 1,300 submissions were received by the end of the 14-week consultation period on February 28.

Press Releases and Media Queries

We issued 16 press releases during February including one urging the public to review the Fingal Draft Development Plan which went out for public consultation on February 24.

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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EVENTS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENTS 2022

Over the course of the Fingal St Patrick's Festival it is expected that in excess of one hundred thousand people will enjoy the various St Patrick's parades and the Remembrance & Recognition Event throughout the county



REMEMBRANCE & RECOGNITION EVENT



Remembrance & Recognition Event planning is well advanced with agency cooperation for communications, traffic, crowd management and sustainability plans.

FINGAL 10K



Fingal County Council are involved in the planning, funding and co-ordination of 6 community parades where it is expected that up to twelve thousand community participants will be involved.

The Mayor invites Councillors and staff to join her and thousands of participants in the Fingal 10k, you can run, walk or crawl this event which starts and finishes in Swords.

MALAHIDE CASTLE CONCERTS



The Statutory process has begun and planning is underway for the seven concerts at Malahide Demesne.

TOURISM

LOCAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Each of the development groups continue to work on their individual projects in their planning for tourism recovery.

FINGAL VISITOR SURVEY 2022

A new visitor survey for 2022 was launched in each of the tourist offices and heritage properties in the Fingal area. Whereas the previous survey 2016 – 2019 focused on quantitative information this survey is more qualitative in nature, gathering visitor sentiment and motivation information.

MARKETING COLLATERAL



A number of new publications are planned for 2022 including a Fingal Seafood Trail and a Rush promotional brochure to add to the suite of Fingal town and village brochures which are distributed through tourist offices, Failte Ireland and through Brochure Bank.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

UPDATE ON HERITAGE PROPERTIES CONSERVATION WORKS:

ARDGILLAN CASTLE



Work has commenced on the Ardgillan Castle and demesne conservation plan. This is due to be completed in Autumn 2022.

Skerries Martello Tower



The tender for the integrated design team for the restoration of Skerries Martello Tower has been published on eTenders. The deadline has now been extended to 22nd March.

GUINNESS BRIDGE



A works tender for the restoration of the bridge is due to issue in April.

LIGHTING UP OF COUNCIL BUILDINGS



Swords Castle was illuminated for a week from 21st February for World Rare Disease Awareness Day that took place on 28th February,

ARTS

Public Art

A New Public Art engagement project launches this month in Balbriggan with local artist Dave West. The commission titled *Wish you Were Here* is being developed with Fingal Arts Offices and Our Balbriggan in partnership with Irish Rail, Balbriggan and is inviting the local community to share what they love about Balbriggan and how they might describe it to a visitor. A bespoke postcard featuring an old image of the famous banks site will be distributed across the town and will invite the public to share their thoughts with the artist who will create his new work for the Banks site using this inspiration. The public can share their thoughts directly with Dave West wishyouwerehere@davewest.ie. A Full list of postcard pick up points is available on www.fingalarts.ie



Platform 31 – 2022

PLATFORM 31

A nationwide artist development bursary scheme by the 31 Local Authority Arts Offices, in collaboration with the Arts Council.

The Association of Local Authority Arts Offices, in collaboration with the Arts Council of Ireland, present PLATFORM 31: a national opportunity for artists to reflect on and investigate how they might significantly develop their practice or make work in a new way, while being connected with and supported by peer practitioners, advisors and mentors.

Tyrone Guthrie Centre and Bealtaine Festival Residency Award 2022

Bealtaine Festival

An Age & Opportunity arts initiative

Fingal County Council, in association with The Tyrone Guthrie Centre and The Bealtaine Festival, is pleased to announce two inaugural month-long, residencies at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, New Bliss, Co. Monaghan during May 2022. These residences aim to celebrate and support older artists at all stages of their careers working in literature and visual arts.

Announcing Recipients of Exploring & Thinking Bursary Award 2022



Fingal Arts is delighted to announce this year's recipients of the Exploring & Thinking Bursary Award. The Bursary Award will support individual professional artists to develop their artistic practice working with and/or producing work for early childhood arts. It was open to individual professional artists who wish to develop their practice in early childhood arts, artists practicing in all artforms, artists resident in Ireland. Congratulations to Lucy Hill, Carmel Balfe, Selma Daniel and Sophie Maltzan. 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. Bursary range: €500 - €5,000.

LIBRARIES

Creative Ireland Clár Eire Ildánach Creative Ireland Programme 2017–2022

A five-year extension to the Creative Ireland project was announced on 18th February and a new Creative Ireland strategy for 2023-2027 is to be undertaken by all local authorities. We also have a new Creative Ireland co-ordinator in Fingal – Lilian Whelan Senior Executive Librarian. Activities planned for the 2022 decade of centenaries celebration award include:

- Funeral of Frank Lawless exhibition and published timeline
- Commission of a piece of music by musician and broadcaster Donal Dineen
- Fingal Festival of History

Two projects, the Fingal memories recipe book and mobile music for residential settings were submitted to the Creativity in Older Age Scheme and we are currently awaiting a decision.

Cruinníú will be on 11th June this year and planning is underway.

The Creative Ireland community call for funding is now open for submissions from community and creative groups in Fingal. The closing date for submissions is 21st March and awards will be in the region of €500 to €3000. Proposals can be submitted by clicking [here](#)

New e-service

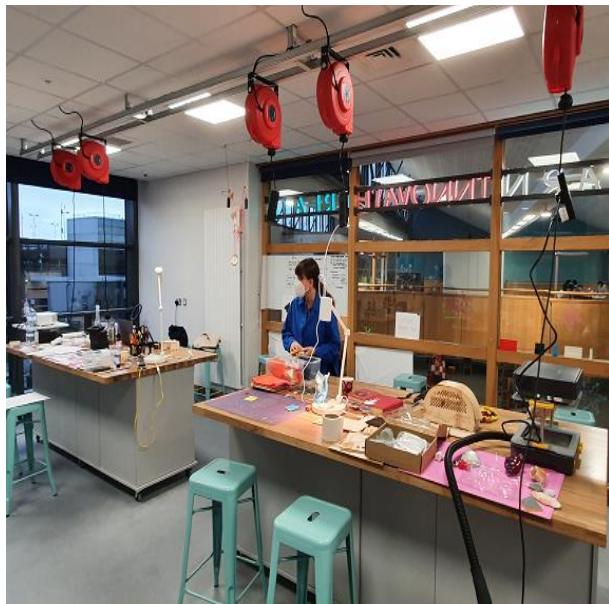
On February 16th, Fingal Libraries launched its newest e-service – LOTE (Languages Other than English). Offering over 1,500 digital picture books in over 50 languages, this is an entertaining, inclusive and educational platform. Each book is accompanied by an English-language translation, which allows for the development of multilanguage reading and listening skills. Whether learning another language or developing English-language skills, LOTE will enhance children's literary and linguistic abilities. It is an ideal resource for parents, schools and teachers.



Events at the Makerspace, Blanchardstown Library

Saturday workshops from 11am to 1pm in electronics (Build Your own Stereo Speaker) and 3D printing for 8 – 16 year olds have started at the Makerspace at Blanchardstown Library.

Adult workshops in 3D printing have been developed and programmed for delivery over the coming weeks.



New Library Management system

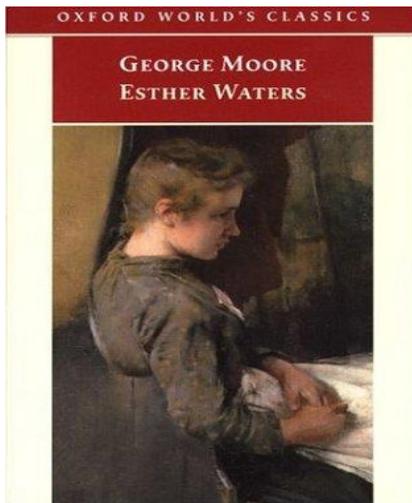
Following a public tender the Spydus Library Management System, provided by Civica UK was selected as the new Library Management System for public libraries in Ireland. The target go live date for the new system is 29th March 2022.

The Art of Reading Book club

Readers, book lovers and book clubs everywhere are invited to join in the Art of Reading monthly Book Club, a collaboration between Libraries Ireland, the Arts Council and the Laureate for Irish Fiction, Colm Tóibín.

Over the course of 2022, the Laureate will meet a different library book club or clubs each month to discuss a novel by an Irish writer, highlighting outstanding writing and celebrating readers and book clubs. Each event will be recorded and available to watch online or to listen to as a podcast.

On Wednesday 2nd March, 2 book clubs that meet at Blanchardstown Library will take part in an Art of Reading Book Club event hosted by Colm Tóibín, who will discuss the novel Esther Waters by George Moore with author and Professor Emeritus, Adrian Frazier.



One Dublin One Book

This year's One Dublin One Book author Nuala O'Connor will be in conversation with author and journalist Edel Coffey. They will discuss Nuala's novel *Nora: A Love Story* of Nora Barnacle and James Joyce (New Island Books). Shortlisted for the An Post Irish Book Awards, *Nora* is an earthy and authentic love letter to Irish literature's greatest muse.

Friday 22nd April, 7.00pm. Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/240055421227>

For more details about the book and the One Dublin One Book reading initiative see www.onedublinonebook.ie

An evening with Eilish O'Carroll

Meet Mrs. Brown's Boys actress Eilish O'Carroll at 8pm on Wednesday 16th March at Blanchardstown Library. Eilish will discuss her acting career, her T.D. mother and some of the other great women who have inspired her.

Booking for this event is through Eventbrite at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/an-evening-with-eilish-o-carroll-tickets-274216698527?aff=ebdssbeac>



Work Matters Programme - Demystifying Market Research for Start-Up Businesses

Thursday 10th March at 6.30pm, facilitated by Brian O'Connor, Production Manager, Mintel Ireland.

Discover how market research plays a key role for a business to thrive at the various phases of its existence and development. This presentation will examine the role of market research and ways of finding business opportunities. Participants will learn tips and effective tools in how to undertake and evaluate market research. It will also help participants to spot gaps in the market, improve service and to tailor business to future customers' needs.

This is a free online event and booking is via Eventbrite.

Mintel reports can be accessed at all Fingal libraries.

And finally for all the Gamers....



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FINGAL IN IT TOGETHER



The Council continues to support business under the Fingal In It Together Charter and development work is in progress on a Fingal In It Together App to offer businesses an additional digital platform to engage with customers.

Fingal Skills Strategy



The Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group continues to work with sub-groups for Transport & Logistics and Construction on sectoral skills requirements. The Construction sub-group received strong engagement on a survey of skills requirements for 2022 with 23 responses from across the sector. A Fingal Skills webpage is in development to signpost skills and training opportunities.

Urbact Playful Towns



Rush initiative which aims to increase the playfulness of the residents of the town the Rush Urbact Local Group (ULG) met to develop objectives and plans for 2022 and to identify potential funding streams to support projects and events. The Council has developed a section on its website to highlight the work of this project which will be published shortly.



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 Group met on 15th February and plans are progressing for the Our Balbriggan Loves Learning Festival due to take place between 24th and 29th April 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 3, onsite testing is being carried out which will assist in determining type of finishes to the area, the demolition is due for completion in March 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. Work has commenced on preparing a draft Integrated Green Infrastructure Plan which will ensure awareness of existing natural features such as trees and hedgerows and will ensure habitats are enhanced, connected and protected.



Paul Keogh Architects, the appointed Integrated Design Team (IDT) for 2-4 Dublin Street are progressing work on plans on the design and planning of the renovation of the buildings into artistic & creative studios, courtyard and digital & maker space hub, with initial stakeholder meetings taking place.

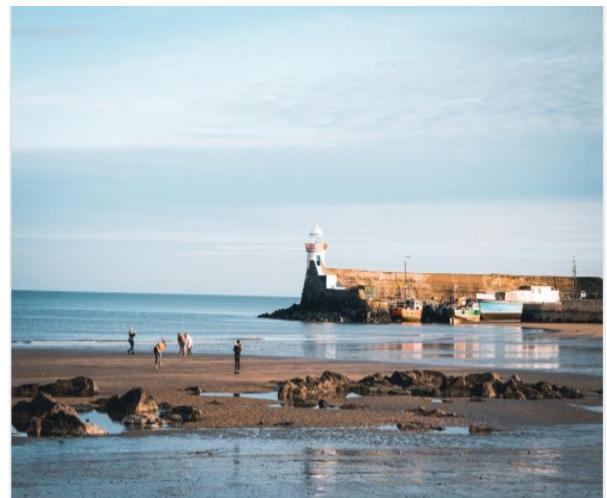


DBFL Consulting Engineers, Our Balbriggan Active Travel and Transport Consultants, are progressing preliminary work on the town's draft transportation and active travel plan. DBFL are working closely with Paul Hogarth Company (Masterplanning Consultants). The Our Balbriggan Programme Office hosted an information webinar on March 1st to give an update on the two strategies for the town – the draft Balbriggan Public Realm Strategy and draft Balbriggan Active Travel and Transport Strategy

which are integral parts of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan.



Following on from the webinar, drop in sessions took place on March 2nd and 3rd at the Our Balbriggan Hub on Georges Square.



A Harbour Project tender documentation has been reviewed and will be issued to e-tenders in March. The minor works package will assist in developing, upgrading and enhancing the facilities and amenities of the harbour which will make the harbour a more attractive asset for a tourism and leisure amenity in addition to providing growth potential for the indigenous fishing industry. The Harbour Project will link in with other Public Realm Projects upgrades within the town.

Local & Rural Development

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil Phine Gall
Fingal 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 Social Enterprise Grants Scheme.



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 new Fingal LECP will be a 'Whole-of-Council Plan' and will involve extensive consultation and engagement with internal and external stakeholders. The process of devising the new Fingal LECP will begin in the first half of 2022.



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

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FUND

Details of the new Community Activities Fund were launched in early January. Fingal LCDC has been allocated €301,042 to distribute to qualifying community and voluntary groups. The Community Activities Fund supports 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 closed for applications on February 18th 2022.

Over 220 applications with a combined value in excess of €1 million were received. The Fingal LCDC is now in the process of evaluating all eligible applications.

SICAP



The 2022 Fingal SICAP Plan was approved by the Fingal LCDC at its most recent meeting in February. The 2022 Fingal SICAP Plan has seen a considerable increase in budget to €1.39 million for the coming year.

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 2021 to EU Transition Rules for the period 2021-22 with a new Dublin Rural LEADER Local Development Strategy to be prepared and put in place for 2023 onwards. Under the Transitional Arrangements the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG and LEADER Programme will continue to be funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the same eligibility and LEADER implementation rules as before. LEADER continues to approve and fund new projects as usual.

During 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.

The next LAG Project Approvals meeting will be held in March.



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-outs can be considered.

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

Our centres offer a variety of:

- training rooms • food production units
- reception services • parking
- remote working space • office space
- light industrial units • warehouse space
- workshop space • meeting rooms

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Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of February were Drinan 86%, BASE 94% and BEoT 92%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 66 businesses and over 322 direct jobs.

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LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE FINGAL



LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for February 2022 are as follows:

Local Enterprise Week 2022



Local Enterprise Week 2022 starts on Monday 7th March 2022 with a Start-up Bootcamp taking place at RIASC Centre hosted by Local Enterprise Office. There is a series of both in person and online events as part of the celebrations for Local Enterprise Week including a Business Briefing with Fingal Chamber (online), a Preparing Your Business for Growth (in person), Finding Opportunities for Ethnic Entrepreneurs (online), Protecting Your Business Online (online), The Fingal Enterprise Awards (in person and online), a Trading Online Voucher Webinar (online), a Fingal Enterprising Women Network event (in person) and the week will close out with a Spotlight Event – "Show Me the Money" (in person and online)

Evaluation and Approvals Committee

The February Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting took place on Wednesday the 09th of February. Three applications were approved for €48,625 worth of funding. The next Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting will take place on Wednesday the 30th of March.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the TOV scheme continues to support small businesses by allowing them 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 during Local Enterprise Week on Friday 11th March 2022. 15 applications have been approved in 2022, in the amount of €31,190.

Fingal Enterprising Women's Network



FEWN Networking Lunchtime Event

"Dare to Change"

with special guest
Broadcaster and Businesswoman

Lorraine Keane

Friday, 11th March, 11:00 - 12:30
Location: Clayton Hotel,Dublin
Airport

The Fingal Enterprising Women Network is continuing to welcome new members in 2022. As part of Local Enterprise Week 2022 Fingal Enterprising Women Network will host a special event on the 11th of March 2022 entitled "Dare to Change" which will feature guest speaker Lorraine Keane. 85 clients have registered to date for this in person event.

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring

Business Advice Clinics and mentoring services continue to be offered online. In February 2022, ten Business Advice Clinic days were held, offering advice and support to 92 clients in Fingal. In addition, clients are continuing to receive one to one business mentoring from a newly updated panel of mentors and 88 Fingal clients have received this mentoring to date so far in 2022.

Management Development & Training

LEO Fingal will continue to provide a series of management development initiatives and workshops to assist the growth of small businesses throughout 2022. Some of the courses and programmes on offer during February include: WordPress for Business, Start Your Own Business Programme, Creating Video Content for Social Media, Book Keeping for Small Businesses and Leadership for Owner Managers. To date 215 clients have availed of training in 2022.

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 were processed, assessed and submitted to MFI in 2021.

Showcase 2022



Showcase Ireland 2022 took place from the 27th of February - 2nd of March 2022. The event was hosted at the RDS, Dublin and featured 8 clients from Fingal who exhibited their products and creations. The Fingal companies are as follows: Pamela and Suzanne Hughes - Love the Mug Ltd, Gillian Halpin - Jane Darcy, Aisling Howley - Little Paper Mill, Lorna Venton - Berry Be Beauty, Sarah Rossney - Sarah Rossney Art, Julie Peelo - Julie Peelo Accessories, Sandra Hickey - Milkbath, Yvonne Kelly - Yvonne Kelly Art.

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 schools, the Student Enterprise Programme has seen over 300,000 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) County Final which will take place on Monday 21st March 2022 in County Hall, Swords. This event is in-person and will also be live-streamed. 23 Second level Fingal schools are participating in the Fingal 2021/22 programme.

Fingal Enterprise Awards 2022



The Fingal Enterprise Awards ceremony took place on the evening of Thursday the 10th March 2022 during Local Enterprise Week. The Fingal Enterprise Awards competition 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 which will be held on June 2nd in Mansion House, Dublin. The competition was open only to businesses that have received financial support or investment from LEO Fingal. Life Ahead Ltd. T/A Farmony, from Dublin 11, were the overall winners on the night and will now represent Fingal Local Enterprise Office at the 22nd National Enterprise Awards. The other five finalists were as follows: Khiron Ltd T/A Dimension88, Love the Mug Ltd, Nufields Ltd, Race Displays Ltd T/A Ecofriendly Cups, Rubberduck EHJC Ltd.



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1. Works Programmes

Balbriggan/Swords Area

St. MacCullins Close Lusk



Recent completion of road resurfacing and works at St. MacCullins Close Lusk.



Balheary Park

Installation of a new footpath across Balheary Open Space 1st March 2022

Ward River Valley Park Update



Ushers Lake Area - Ward River Valley Swords
Recent vegetation removal from vicinity of historical architectural features. Any self-seeded vegetation with root growth within the stone structures has been removed under supervision of Conservation Architect. The next step will be to fully assess and plan the repair of these structures.

Commemorative Covid 'Remember' Tree Swords



Sign Installation complete adjacent to the commemorative tree that was planted in October 2021 at the Rock Garden Park Swords in line with all other Local Authority installations across Ireland.

Graffiti Art, Bath Road Balbriggan



Recent Completion of a graffiti art project along the hoarding facing onto the Open Space at Bath Road Balbriggan. This was a joint project between the

Nursing Home Developer and Fingal County Council 'Our Balbriggan.'

Storm Damage Clearance Works



Storm Damage clearance works on Woodland Park Path at Ardgillan Demesne following recent storms.

Clean up taking place after fallen trees in Garristown



On call crews removing a tree which fell on Kilhedge Lane during Storm Franklin

Winter Works Programme-Tree Planting in Rush – Recent tree planting by Operations Staff at Tayleur's Point Estate and Quay Road, Rush



Harbours

An application has been made for funding to the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine under the Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme for works on Balbriggan and Skerries Harbours in the sum of €900,000

Big Belly Solar Compactor Bin



Mary T Daly, Director of Operations and Water Services and Derek David, Sales Director of Futurestreet Ltd were photographed at the launch of the Big Belly Solar Compactors Bins in Swords the week of the 21/02/2022. The Council recently signed a contract with the company for the Procurement of 150 Solar Compactor Bins for the Balbriggan, Rush/ Lusk, Swords and Castleknock, Mulhuddart and Ongar Areas.

➤ Howth/Malahide Area

Programme of Works

The R124 – Road strengthening, and reconstruction was carried out on the R124 at hilltop stores to facilitate the road inlay that will be carried as part of the 2022 POW.



During



After

Birchdale - The appointment Contractor has poured footpaths to replace damaged footpaths and trips and slips.



Road Patching Feltrim - Roads Crew patched road in Feltrim these potholes were reopening very frequently. They have been repaired permanently now.



Drainage & Other Works

The Roads Depot outdoor staff and Direct Labour Crews repaired a collapsed road drainage pipeline on the R106 in Malahide. The road crews also cleaned gullies in the Howth Malahide Area.



Howth Summit Public Toilets



Permanent Handrail installed on path

Concerts 2022

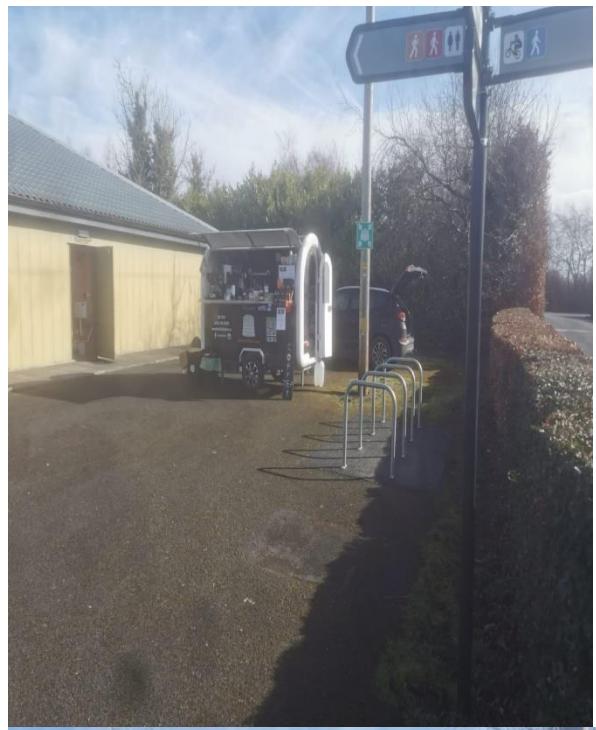
Work is underway on the planning for the concerts to be held this summer in Malahide Demesne. It is proposed that there will be seven concerts held on the following dates in June: 14th, 15th, 17th, 18th, 19th 24th and 25th June. The pre-planning meeting was held on the 24th of February between the various different stakeholders internally and externally. In accordance with the legislation, the official planning licence application is to be lodged 13 weeks in advance of the first concert date and will be examined in detail by FCC (Fingal County Council) and the prescribed bodies.

➤ Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Casual Trading

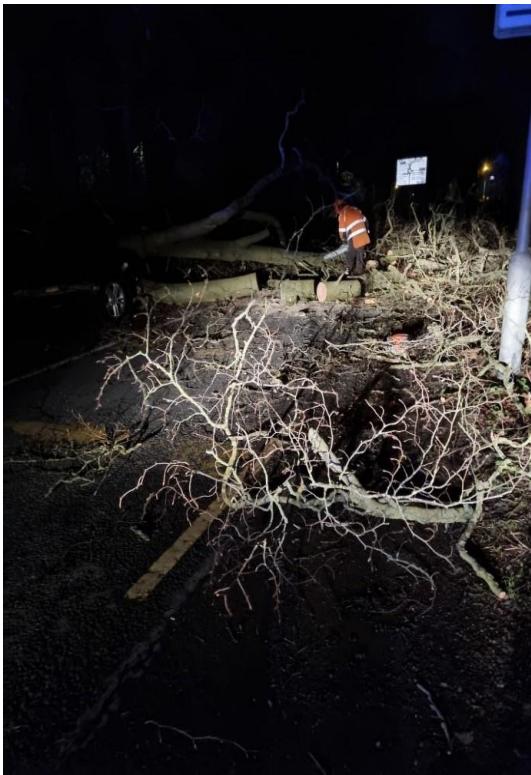
The Operations Department is delighted to announce Casual Trading has commenced at Millennium Park, St. Catherine's Park & Tower Bay car park. It is expected further traders will be on site in the coming weeks.

St. Catherine's Park:



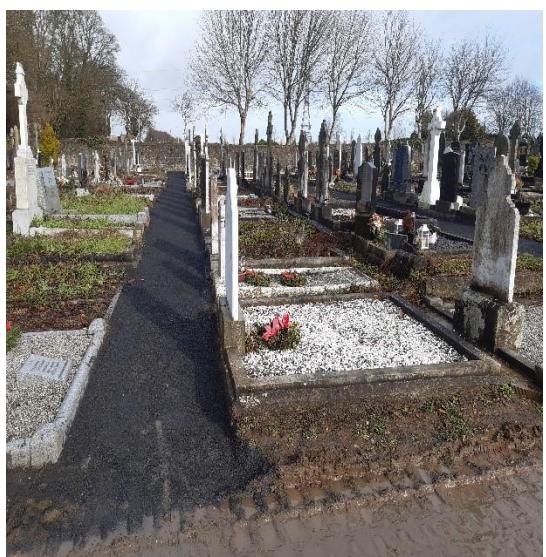
Storm damage- Storm Dudley

- Tree removal at Mulhuddart Cemetery.



- Tree removal in Castleknock

Resurfacing Works at Mulhuddart Cemetery

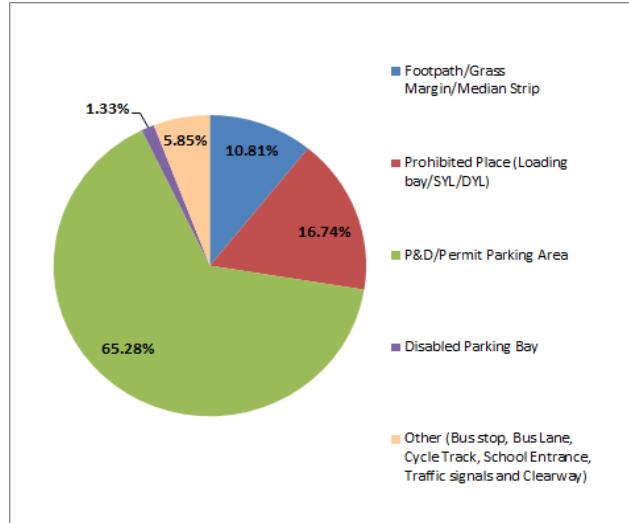




2. Car Parking Services

There was a total of 1,129 parking tickets issued during January 2022.

Breakdown of Parking Offences:

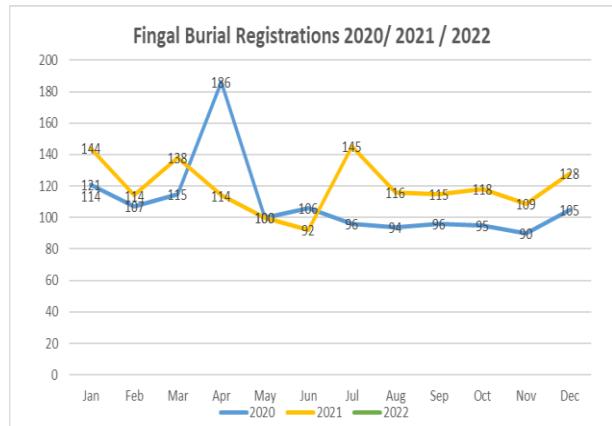


	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	122	10.81%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	189	16.74%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	737	65.28%
Disabled Parking Bay	15	1.33%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	66	5.85%
Total	1129	100%

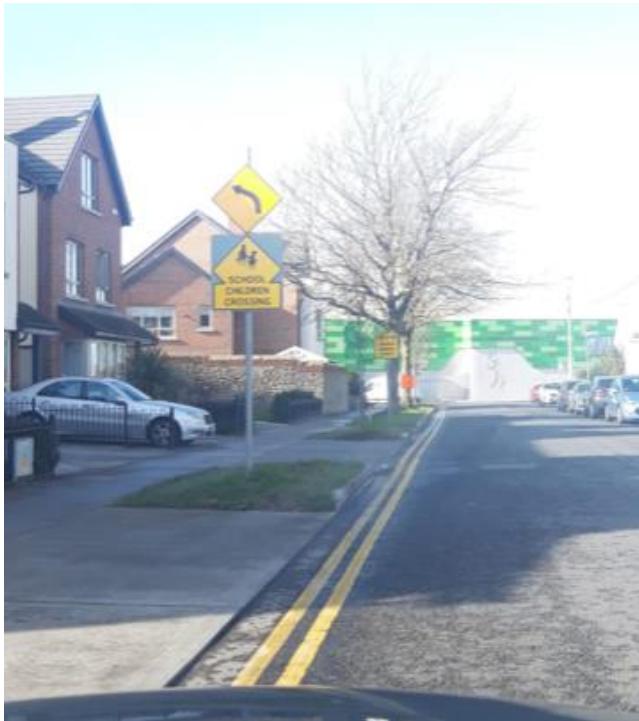


3. Burial Ground Services

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal's Burial Ground Service. There were 114 Internments in January 2022.



4. Traffic Operations County-wide



Warning bend signage added on old Navan Road and Beechpark Avenue



Ramp complete in Lanesborough Road in Charlestown

The programme of works for 2022 has already commenced with the following Civil works underway at various signalised pedestrian crossings in the Howth Malahide Area.



Upgrade of Tactile Pavement and Surrounding Footpath by Wendell Avenue-Coast Road,
(Signal heads to be replaced later to ELV type)



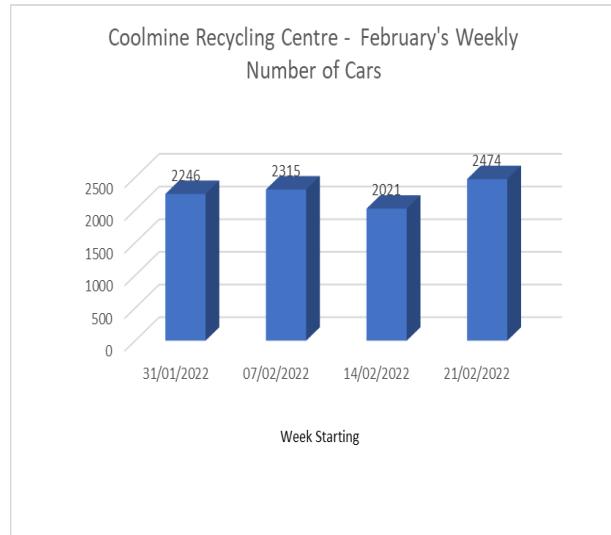
Upgrade of Tactile Pavement and Surrounding Footpath by The Hill - Malahide,
(Signal heads to be replaced later to ELV type)



Upgrade of Tactile Pavement and Surrounding Footpath – Grange Road
(Signal heads to be replaced later to ELV type)



Removal of trees entering Kinsealy Court –Feltrim Road Junction to improve pedestrian/vehicular site lines.
(Removal of stumps to follow with some footpath upgrades)



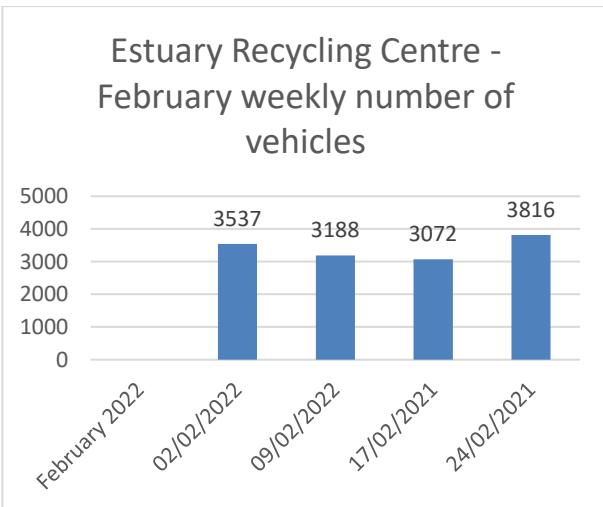
5. Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

105 hires were put in place from 1st February 2022 – 28th February 2022, engaging 23 suppliers.

6. Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2022.

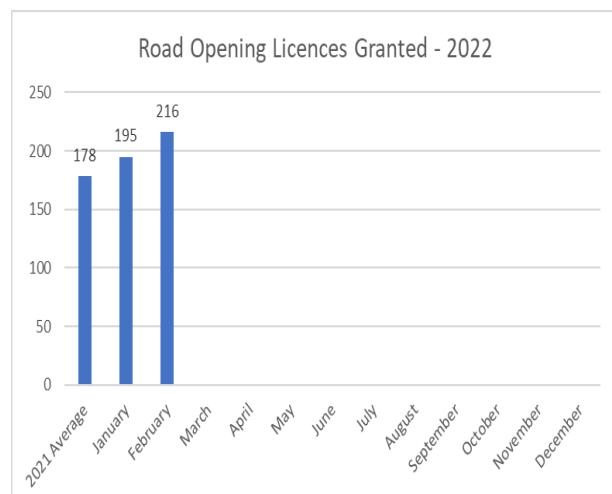
7. Recycling Centre's Update

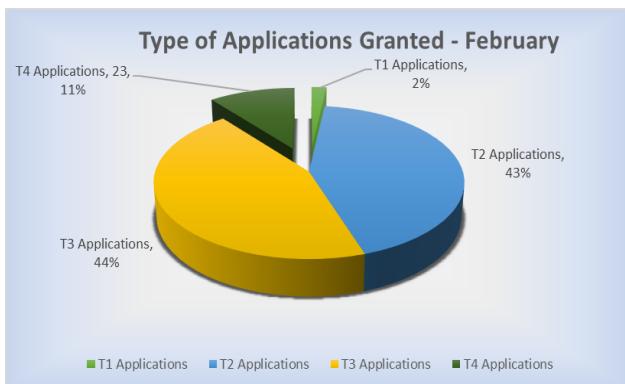
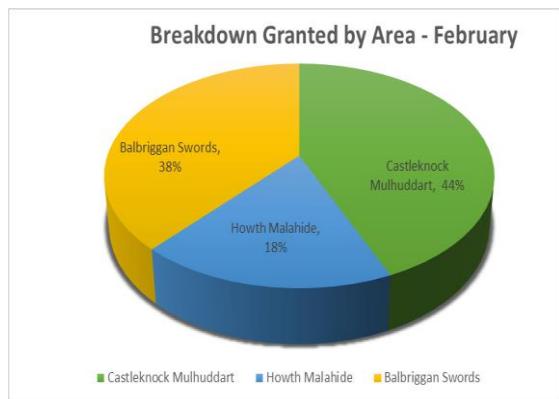


8. Road Opening Licences

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 are essential for the asset management of Fingal County Council Road network.

216 licences were granted in February 2022





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 2 works to install a section of new stormwater (surface water) network in Ballyboughal are still on hold pending the agreement of wayleaves.
- 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 Skerries, Baldoyle and Portmarnock areas.
- Funding is being sought and 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 late 2022.
- CCTV surveys are complete in the St Benedicts estate in Malahide and La Verna in Baldoyle to ascertain the location of misconnections to the Stormwater network from the foul system. Misconnections were identified and passed to the Management company responsible for La Verna who are now procuring a contractor to commence repairs.
- CCTV surveys were carried out in the Seabury estate in Malahide and a number of misconnections were identified. The locations of these have been passed to the property owners who are now procuring contractors to remove and connect to the foul sewer.
- 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. Completion by Gas Networks

- has been scheduled for Mid Term break as not to interfere with school traffic at this location.
- Works are complete at No: 18 Dublin Rd, Bayside to fit a stainless steel grate on an overflow culvert to stop material being washed up the from the coast. Works to seal and path a section of the line have also been complete to resolve a rodent issue.
- Tenders have been finalised for contractors to jet, drag and CCTV survey the Stormwater network in Chalfont, Malahide to assist road operations with the alleviation of ongoing road flooding. Works will be commencing in early January 2022.
- Works were carried out at Millview Lawns to resolve and issue with strong odours (Kerosene) emanating from the network and into private property. A home heating oil leak was discovered and since repaired. A number of misconnections were also discovered and reported to the householders to repair.
- Work has begun with formalising a 2022 Storm Water preventative maintenance cycle, recording and mapping programme. A contractor has been procured with a jet vac recycler truck and CCTV camera van. Hire has been arranged to commence from the 1st of February initially on a 4 week hire which may be extended. The objective of this work is to undertake maintenance in jetting the network, and to identify any deficiencies with cctv and to record the stormwater networks.

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 in 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-and-service-update/#>

PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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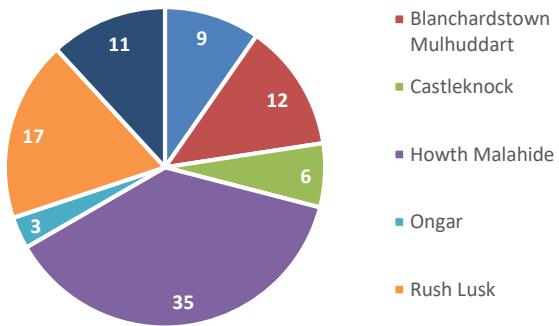
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Planning Applications

There have been 93 planning applications received to the end of January 2022, 10 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 83 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

Up to end of January 2022, 0 decisions were made by An Bord Pleanála. There are a total of 5 SHD's (2,623 units) currently in the formal application process.

Planning Application Received by Local Electoral Area - January 2022



Planning Decisions

A total of 98 planning decisions have been made to the end of January 2022. There have been 80 decisions to grant permission (82%) and 18 refusals of permission (18%). There have been 9 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 43 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 23 commercial/retail grants of permission and 4 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 3 relate to development of 2 - 20 and 1 relates to 50 -100.

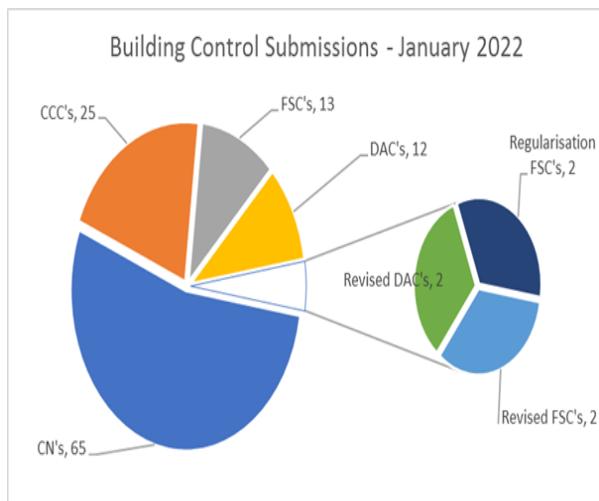
Building Control Admin

In January 2022, there were 121 Building Control submissions made via the BCMS.

This was made up of 65 Commencement Notices, 25 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 17 Fire Safety related Certificates and 14 Disability Access related Certificates.

Commencement Notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates are submitted through the Projects module on BCMS.

Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the Applications module on BCMS and we are also still accepting hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.



Strategic Policy Unit

Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029



The Draft Fingal Development Plan was published on 24th February. The public consultation will run until 12th May and during that time the document is available for download from the [fingal.ie/developmentplan](http://www.fingal.ie/developmentplan) website and can be inspected at Fingal County Council's offices in Swords and Blanchardstown or any Fingal Libraries branch.

Councillors met 11 times between 18th January and 10th February to review the Chief Executive's Draft Development Plan and, after considering 917

motions, have now produced the Draft Development Plan.

The Council is seeking to encourage public debate among citizens, businesses, community groups and other interested parties on the Draft Development Plan and online submissions can be made by citizens and organisations between now and May 12 on Fingal County Council's Consultation Portal, <https://consult.fingal.ie/browse>

Consultation events will be held during the submission period and full details of these will be available shortly on the Development Plan website, www.fingal.ie/developmentplan and the Council's social media channels.

The Development Plan process has been running for almost a year and the final plan is scheduled to be adopted by Councillors in February 2023. Last year Council officials, set out the strategic direction for the Plan with the publication of an Issues Paper which attracted 551 submissions. This then formed the framework into which objectives and policies for the Chief Executive's Draft Plan were created.

Sustainable Swords

Work continues on 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. We are in the process of developing the Public Realm and Transport report, which will form a major part of the draft strategy.

 Sustainable Swords

Your Swords, Your Say

Creating a vibrant town for all:
Take part in our public consultation
survey at consult.fingal.ie/browse

Comhairle Contae
Fingal County
Council



Vacant Site Register

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

Heritage Office



Fingal Heritage Office has been working with members of the Fingal Heritage Network to identify themes, places, events, artefacts and memorials from World War I, the 1916 Rising, the War of Independence, the Civil War and World War II or the Emergency in Fingal. The project will focus on recording conflict remains in the landscape, from the concrete defences installed near the airport during World War II, to the ambush sites during the revolutionary period. Many of these sites leave little

trace so it is important for them to be mapped for future generations. Another important focus is the production of a memory map where stories, films, photos and knowledge of the conflicts in Fingal can be shared. If anyone has photos, stories, artefacts or memories relating to the 1914-1945 period or know of sites or remains that should be recorded please contact <https://www.fingal.ie/news/legacies-conflict-project-aims-capture-fingal-stories-era-1914-1945>



Blimps in the Grounds of Malahide Castle – First World War 1914–18

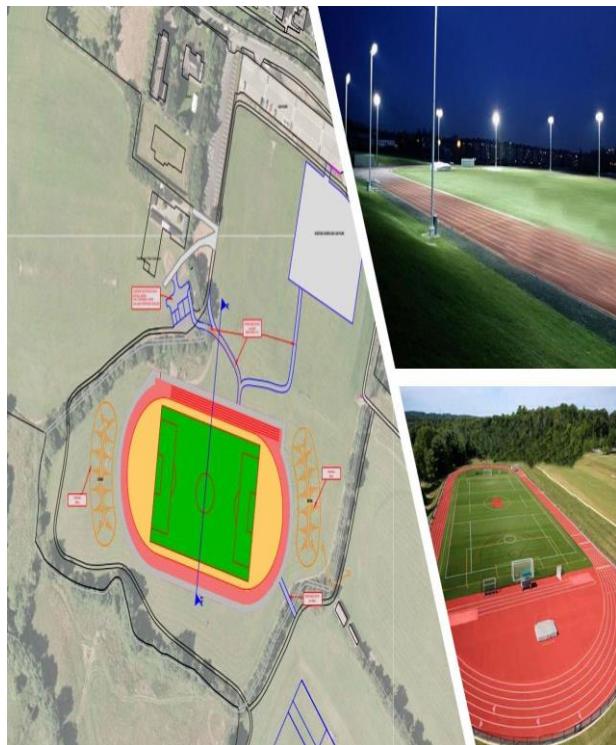


Presentations of the recent Climate and Heritage Webinar series including the Fingal contribution are available at <https://laois.ie/departments/heritage/climate-change-and-heritage/climate-change-and-heritage-webinar-series/?fbclid=IwAR3qLh9FhOce47ieY6wsGKyMxjuYuxsLwtSArKPD-IZAvZTeClcW-Kky8>. The series was created and curated by the members of the

Local Authority Heritage Officer Network and chaired by Paddy Woodworth, Claire Cooper, Martina Moloney and Sean McKeown with Minister Malcolm Noonan T.D. and Virginia Teehan CEO of the Heritage Council who introduced and concluded the series.

Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Porterstown Park All-Weather Running Track and Sport Pitch Facility



The contract for the Design and Construction of the new All-Weather Running Track and Sport Pitch Facility at Porterstown Park has been awarded to Tony Patterson Sports Grounds Ltd following the conclusion of the competitive tender process. The new LED floodlit facility will consist of a 6-lane synthetic running track and perimeter spectator path together with a 3rd Generation all-weather pitch providing for soccer and other sporting codes. The project led by the Council's Parks & Green Infrastructure Division is scheduled to start on site during Q2 this year. It is anticipated that the new facility will be complete by Q1 of next year and will become a valuable sporting amenity for the people of Dublin 15 and the wider area.

Built Environment Division

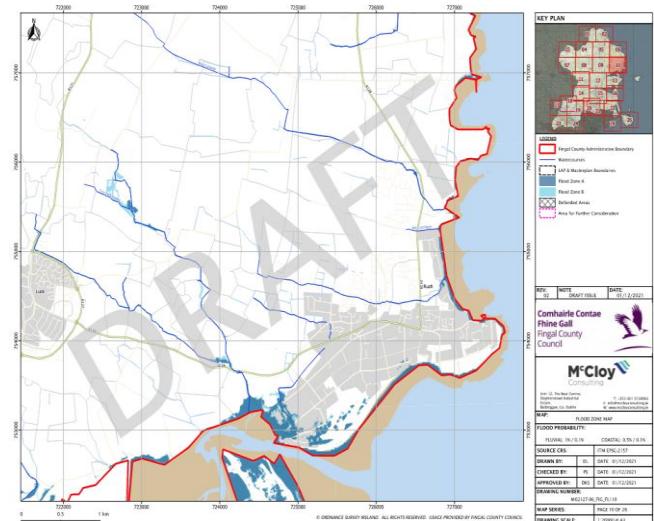
Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services) Section

Development Management January 2022

- 109 no. new planning files have been received.
- 9 no. Additional Information files have been received and 0 clarification on Additional Information.
- 3 no. Compliance Submissions have been received, 3 no. have been processed.

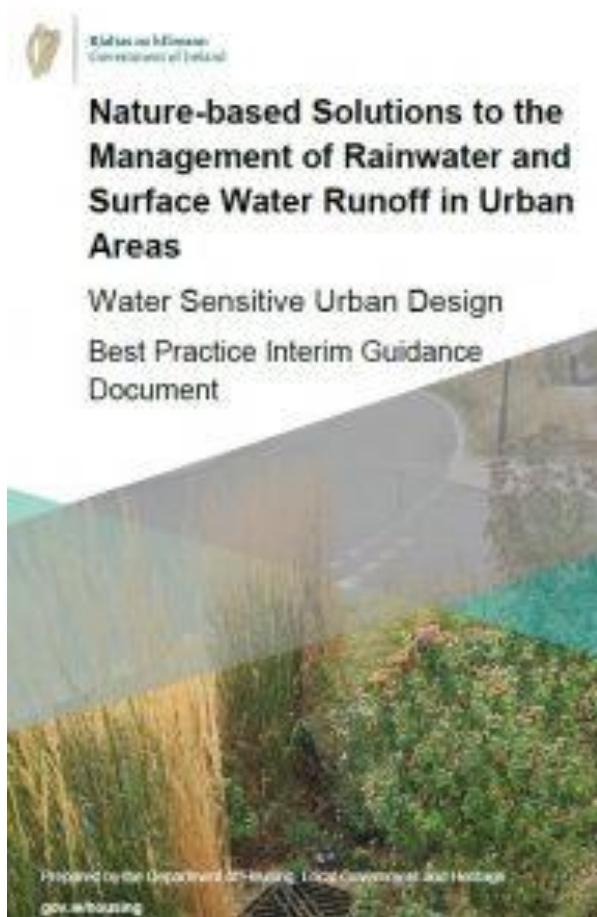
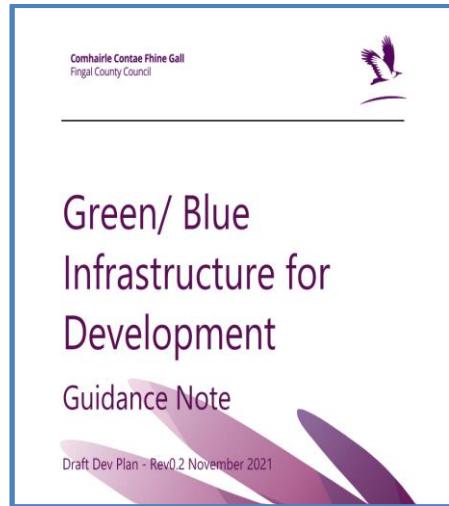
Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

- 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.



- A new document "Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas - Water Sensitive Urban Design - Best Practice Interim Guidance Document" has been issued by the

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is intended as a high-level best practice interim guidance document for all those whose work impacts on the urban environment, for urban planners and all built environment professionals involved in the planning process such as engineers, architects and landscape architects and shows how to move towards a more systematic and sustainable approach to urban planning and design that seeks to mimic the natural water balance of rural areas through "water sensitive urban design".



- Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – The Fingal SuDS guidance document (Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development) has been reviewed to include changes in technical standards. This document along with the 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. There have been 7 CDS applications during January.
- Staff continue to complete Irish Water templates for every planning file completed.

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section – 01/03/2022

Building Control

- BCMS – 65 CNs were received in January 2022 and there were 25 Completion Certificates processed. Data is not yet available for February 2022.

Taking in Charge

- Weavers Wood Clonsilla, foul sewer and watermains in St. Marys, Baldoyle, and a hammerhead extension at Old Golf Links, Malahide were Taken in Charge in January 2022. There are currently 3 estates, "The Hawthorns" in Castleknock, Martello in Balbriggan and Cnoc Dubh phase 1 in Ballyboughal put up for being Taken in Charge in the next Council meeting in April.

- We have 47 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 and almost complete.
- Phase 2 TIC works – Drynam, are under construction and almost complete.
- There are also works almost complete in Thornleigh Swords by a completion contractor on behalf of the bondsman.
- A Tender for the Taking in Charge works for Brackenwood, Hoar Rock, Cianlea and the Sanctuary that was advertised on Supplygov.ie was received on Monday 28th of February.
- A tender for "The Gallops" and "Palmer Avenue" is to be advertised on Supplygov.ie this week by the contacts engineer.
- The BC contracts engineer is currently seeking extra funding from Irish Water to address any issues with the foul sewer and watermain in Ongar.
- There are currently 42 developers set up on our External Taking in Charge SharePoint Site to upload Taking in Charge documentation. This SharePoint site is now also being used by the Parks Department and Public Lighting Department in order to review uploaded Taking in Charge information.
- 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. The final documents are currently being reviewed and the updated Policy and Specification will be published in the Fingal web site in March 2022.

Dangerous Structures

- We currently have 51 active dangerous structures. There were 3 new notifications in January 2022 and 2 new notifications so far in February 2022.



Rusted steel at one of the sheds at Newbridge house that was classified as a "dangerous structure"

References

- The number of reference requests received in January was 354. The data is not available for February yet.

Transportation Planning

Snugborough Interchange Upgrade Project



R1 – Upper Level Construction

Bridge abutments were constructed in February, a key milestone in the construction of the main structures. Piling works for the main structures are now complete and the central median pier foundations are currently being constructed. (Photo Attached). Foundations of walls to support the bridge crossing of the Tolka are underway. Retaining wall construction works to the N3 offramp and the Blanchardstown Centre Link Road are due to be complete in the coming weeks. Works

will continue to be progressed off the main carriageways until March 2022 and a reduced speed limit on the N3 will be implemented shortly to allow the works be safely constructed. The website www.snugboroughinterchange.ie containing information on the project is now live and will continue to be updated with information relating to the project over its life term and ongoing briefings will be arranged with the local elected members over the course of the project also.



Recent photos of Snugborough Interchange

Harry Reynolds Road



The advanced tree planting and tree felling works were all completed in February. There have been an additional 170 new trees planted in the Moylaragh, Ashfield and Tara Court areas with more along the Harry Reynolds Road itself. This will be further complemented by additional tree pits to be constructed as part of the main project. The project is now progressing through the final appraisal process with a view to publishing an open tender competition in Q2. This should facilitate the award of the main works contract by Oct 2022.

Sutton-Malahide Cycle and Pedestrian Project

Landowner consultation is ongoing on this project and the project team have met a large number of affected property owners over the last two months. A wider non-statutory public consultation is now expected to take place in late March for this project. The consultation will involve the publication of the scheme preferred route drawings, photomontages and other supporting information. Information will be available online and in person events will take place also. Exact dates will be advised in due course. A Teams briefing will be organised with the local members also.

HOUSING

Housing

Supply
Asset Management
Support
Tenancy Services

Church Fields, Dublin 15

The Chief Executive report for the proposed 300 dwellings and the Eastern Linear Park was presented to the March meeting of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee. The proposed development will be presented for approval at the Council meeting today.

Construction is already underway of 67 social homes at Church Fields Phase 2B. Construction of a further 20 homes at Wellview is also underway with delivery scheduled for later this year.

A contractor is onsite developing the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network which will facilitate the development of the entire Church Fields landbank with potential to deliver 1,000 mixed tenure homes.



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 construction work on the site at Dun Emer, Lusk.



Housing Delivery

Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	units
Under Construction	207
Tender Stage	129
Planning and Design	1,114
Part V	225
TOTAL	1,675

Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Tuckett Lane, Howth	8	Tender process concluded. Stage 4 application for funding submitted to DHLGH.	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Outlands, Swords	11	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q1 2022.	Q2 2022	Q3 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	Q3 2023
Havertown, Rush	62	Stage 2 procurement process underway.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Infill Sites in Dublin 15	2	Detail design in progress.	Q3 2022	Q3 2023
Kilbedge Lane, Lusk - Tánaiste Housing	31	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q2 2022.	Q3 2022	Q4 2023

Schemes on Site

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Dun Emer, Lusk	51	On Site	Q2 2021	Q4 2022
Wellview Gáil 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

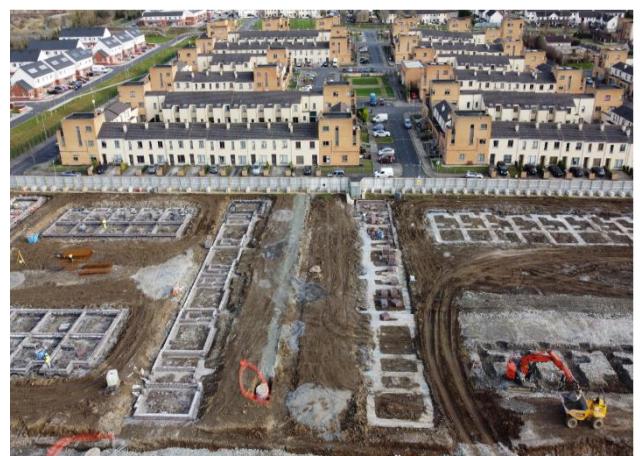
Schemes at Pre-Planning Stage

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.	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Church Fields, D15	1,000	Part 8 being prepared. Part 8 process commenced in Dec 2021 for 300 units.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Maveston, Dublin 11	100	Feasibility being prepared	Q1 2023	Q2 2024
North Street, Swords	8	Feasibility being prepared	Q2 2023	Q2 2024

Fingal County Council construction scheme at Cappagh, Dublin 11 - 69 units being built



Fingal County Council construction scheme at Church Fields - 67 units being built



Fingal County Council construction scheme at Wellview, D15 – 20 units being built



Fingal County Council construction scheme at Church Road, Lusk – 5 units



Part V Unit completed at Newpark Drive, Chapel Road, Kinsealy, Malahide, Co. Dublin.



CALF Scheme delivered in Charlestown, Finglas, Dublin 11



Local Authority Home Loan

The Local Authority Home Loan became available nationwide from all local authorities from **4th January 2022**. There is a significant interest in this new lending product with hundreds of inquiries and loan processing is underway on the first wave of applications. The Loans team continues to issue and facilitate drawdowns of Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans that were received before the 3rd January 2022.

For more information please see:
<https://localauthorityhomeloan.ie/>

Rent Payments – Council Tenants

The Rents Team continue 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. It is vitally important that tenants notify the Council as soon as possible should a change in circumstances occur. 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.

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

The proposed works programme for 2022 is currently under review with the DHLGH and approval will issue when finalised.

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 4 th March 2022
In letting process	40
Undergoing re-let repairs	26
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	15
TOTAL	81

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. Contractors are in the process of completing the works programme for 2021. Work on the 2022 programme is anticipated to start in the coming weeks with details of the initial 4 batches totally 792 properties issued to the Contractors.

Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

The new Cycling Maintenance – Scheme Painting Programme (Batches H & J) has commenced and painting works are underway in Dun Saithne Estate, Balbriggan, Co Dublin. This Programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to council housing stock which currently operates on a 6/7 year cycle.



Before and after pictures of houses in Dun Saithne Estate, Balbriggan, Co Dublin

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

Approximately 270 applicant submissions have been made for HAP through the online portal since it went live in October 2021 with 110 of those accepted as being fully complete (both applicant and landlord). The remainder are awaiting landlord submissions or did not progress for various reasons (over income limit, unaffordable property etc). 86 HAP Tenancies have been set up in 2022 to date.

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team has set up almost 3,300 tenancies.

Housing Support

Housing List Position

The Housing Support Team are finalising the preparation of the yearly list position which is scheduled to issue at the end of March.

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

The new online portal to facilitate the Choice Based Letting (CBL) scheme has proven efficient with staff and applicants. 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.

Applicants with active applications can 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. The housing team has issued over 1,200 secure passwords and usernames to date. Applicants are actively encouraged to obtain their passwords and usernames to express interest in any properties advertised.

Approved Social Housing applicants log in each week to check the dwellings that are available using their username and password.

Recently a 3 Bed Apartment in Northwood, Santry was advertised through Choice Base Lettings, approximately 40 applicants expressed an interest in this property and an allocation is due to take place in the coming weeks. In early March, Fingal County Council advertised a 3 Bed dwelling in Wellview, Mulhuddart. There has been strong interest in the property with approximately 500 viewings through the CBL portal. The housing team are currently engaged in building on this momentum and will advertise developments in Lusk, Santry and Swords throughout March.

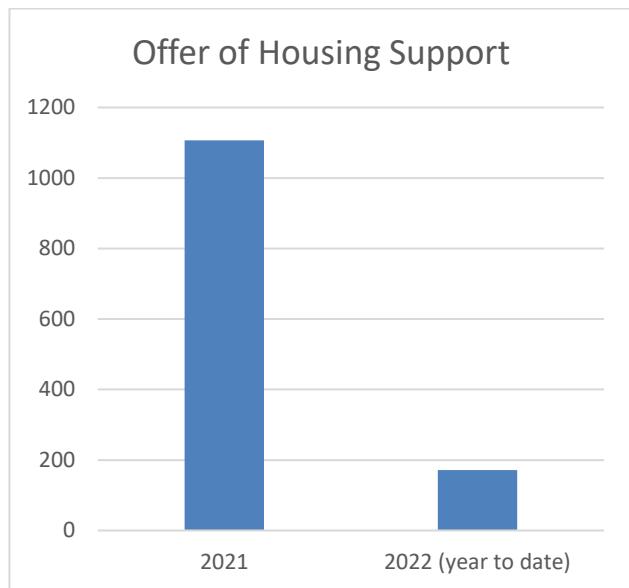
Right-Sizing Initiative – Ladyswell, Clann Housing

The Lettings team have recently engaged with Council tenants aged over 55 who are currently living in the Dublin 15 area to inform them of the opportunity to consider right sizing their home to a more age friendly accommodation. Clann is a dedicated age-friendly Approved Housing Body committed to providing quality housing and services that enable people to remain residing within their community as they age. The recent construction of three apartment buildings providing 22 apartments in Ladyswell for Clann has been identified as an ideal opportunity for Council tenants to consider right-sizing. There has been a positive response to this initiative with the housing team actively engaging with interested tenants. Tenants have also been linked in with the Age Friendly Fingal team. The collaborative approach between the housing team and Age Friendly Fingal has worked very well. To date, there are four households seeking to right-size to apartments in the Clann Development. The Lettings team will continue

to engage with tenants who have expressed interest in right sizing to other areas of County.

Offers of Housing Support

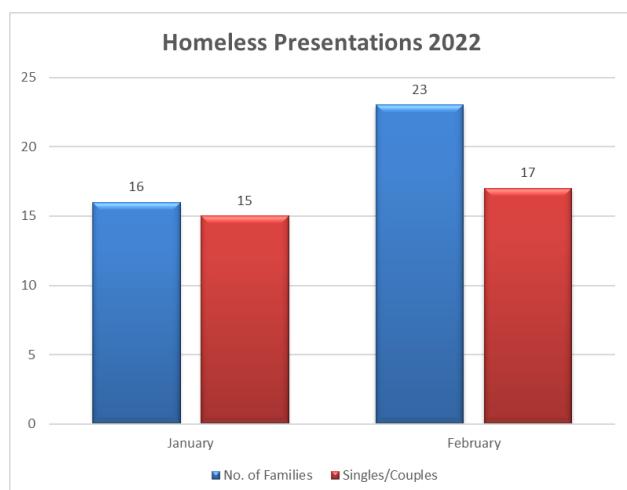
The Housing Allocations Team has continued to provide offers of social housing throughout all levels of **COVID-19 restrictions** and this is demonstrated in the chart below. During the month of January 2022 95 offers of Housing Support were made to approved applicants.



Homeless Services

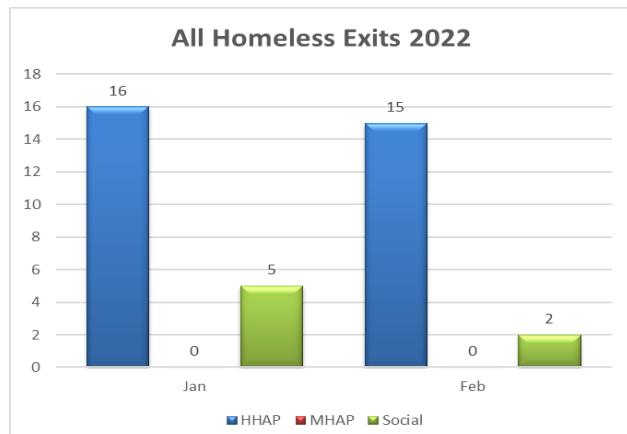
The Council's Homeless Team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued to be carried out over the phone.

In February 2022 there were 40 new homeless presentations, comprising 23 families and 17 singles/couples.



During February 2022, 17 households, comprising 11 families and 6 singles/couples, exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support- including into private rented tenancies under Homeless HAP.

Homeless HAP accounts for 15 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.

Traveller Accommodation Plan

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 planned for a number of sites in accordance with the provision of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 which is pending a review and will be presented to the Council in the near future.

Daily site visits by Housing Inspectors are continuing on all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued supports available. Senior Officials are engaged on an ongoing basis with various external agencies and traveller advocacy groups.



Installation of Mobile Home at Halting Site

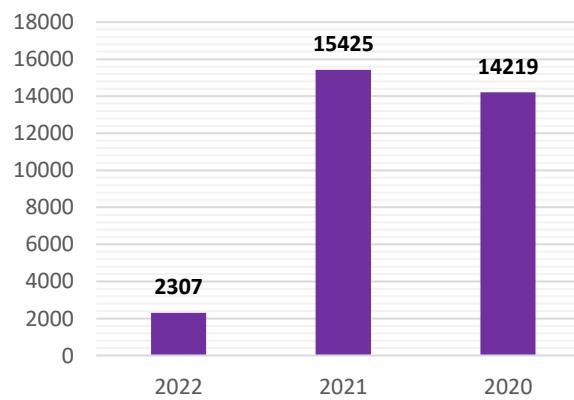
Housing Welfare Service

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

Maintenance Requests Received



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

Active Caseload

Breach of Ten.	35
Miscellaneous	28
Regularisation	9
Rightsizing	22

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2022

- 0 (Jan), 2 (Feb)

ASB Caseload Management

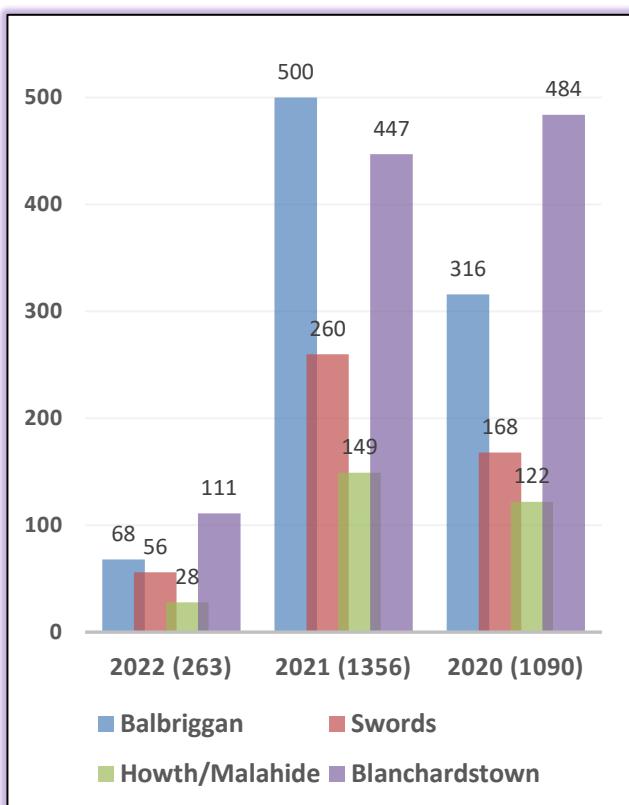
Jan 2022	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	34	20	5
North County	26	17	23
Total	60	37	28

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.

Estate Management are working with the Communications Unit to finalise an online video to induct new Tenants to their homes and provide them with useful and necessary information pertaining to their Tenancy.



Area Breakdown 2020-2022



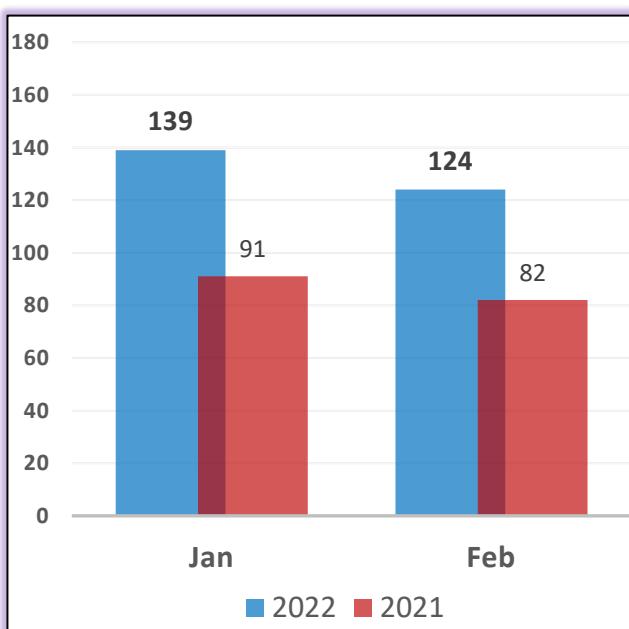
Anti-Social Interventions

Interviews Held 2022	15
Interviews Held 2021	47
Tenancy Alerts 2022	9
Tenancy Alerts 2021	31
Tenancy Warnings 2022	0
Tenancy Warnings 2021	2

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Inspections 2022	266
Traveller Specific Inspections 2021	1746
Estate Inspections 2022	234
Estate Inspections 2021	1202
EM/ASB Inspections 2022	306
EM/ASB Inspections 2021	3117

Monthly Breakdown of Complaints Received 2021-2022



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Office

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Age Friendly

Fingal's New Age Friendly team
Cricket4All: Taster Sessions
Social Participation Preferences of Older People

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

FACILITIES

Winter Pride North County

The Winter Pride LGBT teas series of events in the North County took place throughout February, supported by the North County Community Development Team. The initial event took place in The Cottage Community Centre in Lusk on 8th February, attended by Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána O' Rodaigh. Winter Pride is an initiative of the Community Office and the Integration Office. Subsequent events took place in Rathbeale Library, Swords and Flemington Community Centre in Balbriggan. The events were attended by local LGBT plus groups, allies and members of other community groups and organisations across the north county. The initiative was supported by Dublin Pride and the Outcomers group in Balbriggan.

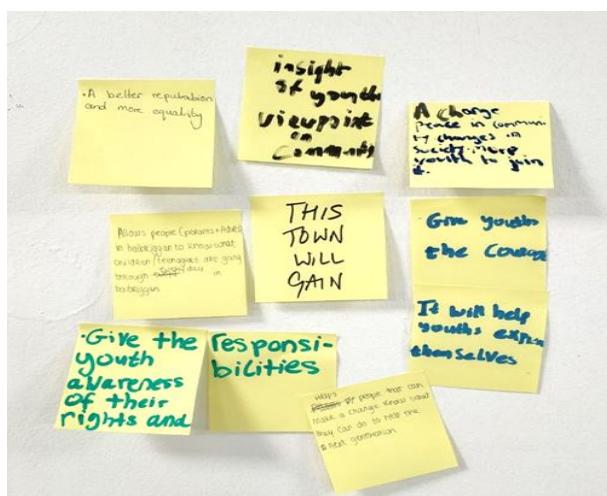


Balbriggan Youth Forum

On March 13th, 2022 Fingal Community Office will be supporting Balbriggan Youth Forum through the Community Hub approach in Flemington Community Centre. Balbriggan Youth Forum is an intercultural space where Balbriggan youth come together to share their experiences of living in the community and address the issues that affect their lives and wellbeing.

Fingal Community Office is on the advisory committee of Balbriggan Integration Youth Forum, which has already taken huge strides in training volunteers and finishing consultations with the youth in Balbriggan regarding themes for workshops. The Forum have voiced gains for Balbriggan as a result of this youth forum building its capacity including; better reputation and more equality; Insight of youth viewpoint on community; awareness of rights and responsibilities; an avenue for the community to learn from the youth; respect, information, sense of belonging, freedom of expression, and positive interactions as well as empowered youth leaders and new perspectives.

The Youth Forum is strategically set for Flemington Community Centre and is a valuable addition to the Community Hub in Flemington in relation to intercultural dialogue, identity, belonging, connection, rights awareness, empowerment, community building and civic life.



Residents Oasis Creation during Covid

Over the past two years Tara Cove residents association Balbriggan have come together to create an oasis for their residence. The improvements were made in the Estate over the past 2 years during covid restrictions and lock downs. Currently the Community Development office is working with Tara Cove residents association to look at further projects through community activities funding.



Volunteer group for International Women's day

On the 23rd of February 2022 the Community Development Office, Aster Family Resource Centre, Hen House, Balbriggan women's development group and community volunteers met in Balbriggan Town Hall to discuss further International Women's Day event for Balbriggan set for the 8th of March 2022.

The group came together to discuss the materials for designing the room, prep work and logistics on the day. Join us in the Hamilton Hall Balbriggan at 10:30am to celebrate 'the achievements of women and promote a gender equal world, free of bias and stereotype" as we re-emerge as a community.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY!

Join ASTER FRC & FINGAL CC
TO
Celebrate women's achievements and promote a gender equal world, free of bias and stereotype.

Date: 8th March 2022
Time: 10:30 -1:30
Venue: Hamilton Hall, George's Square Balbriggan

Guest Speakers:

Sarah Miller Entrepreneur, Positive Mindset & Love Ninja	Evelyn Nomayo Software Engineer, Entrepreneur & Academia	Cathrina Murphy Community Officer with a focus on older people.
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Mountview & Tyrrelstown Community Centre's

Kurdish Art Nergz Group



Fingal County Council Community Hub in Mountview gets into full swing this month with groups and services taking residency. On the 26th of February 2022 the Kurdish Art Nergz Group Ireland started their Women's support group and have registered 25 Children for their Kurdish Language and Culture classes. The group are excited to develop the Women's group and the Children's Language and Culture classes over the coming months.

*Starting in Fingal February 24th

Cultúr Migrants Centre

SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR MIGRANTS

- Drop in
- Cambridge English Courses
- Accredited Vocational Trainings
- Career Development Workshops

Drop in hours:
10.30 - 12.30
every Thursday

Appointments hours:
2pm - 3pm
every Tuesday

Contact us:
info@cultur.ie,
joanna@cultur.ie
0469093120, 0892487364

Tyrrelstown Community Centre
Hollywood Rath
Holbstown Rd
Tyrrelstown
Dublin 15

Mountview, Fortlawn
Community Campus
Lohunda Downs
Dublin 15

  Supported by Fingal Community and Sports Hub

Cultúr Migrant Support Service

Cultúr Migrant Centre have commenced their weekly support clinics in Mountview & Tyrrelstown Community Hub's on the 24th February 2022. Support provided includes language support, education and career development as well as support for members of the community who may be experiencing racism. The Community and Sports Hub is looking forward to supporting this service reach out to communities over the coming weeks

Conversation for Life English Classes

Practical language Service have launched their conversational English classes in Tyrrelstown Community Hub every Wednesday from 10am – 12pm. This is building on the success of the classes which are ongoing in Mulhuddart Community Centre on Tuesday mornings. These classes provide an opportunity for education but also a space which encourages social interaction and peer support among members.

Community and Sports Hub



The Community Development Office is delighted to announce that the Community and Sports Hubs are open and strongly branded in both the Tyrrelstown Community Centre and Mountview Community and Sports Centre. The overall purpose of the Community and Sports Hub is to enable the Community Development Office to support community groups, develop community and voluntary initiatives and increase community service delivery in the community centre. The local Community Officer will be on site one morning per week for groups or individual to drop in and seek support. In addition, they will work to facilitate outreach services to operate in the centres also such as the Citizen Information, Migrant Supports, Local Gardai.

Women's International Day Programme

To mark International Women's Day 2022, Fingal County Council's Community and Sports Office hosted a range of initiatives across Fingal. Commencing Monday, the 7th March, there was an award ceremony for the participants from our She Leads We Lead Community Leadership Programme. On the 8th March, a series of safety self-defense demonstrations and talks took place in Blakeshaw, Lusk, Rush and Baldoyle. These sessions culminated in the Shine A Light for Women Walk and tree planting ceremony in Millennium Park. In addition, the Sports Office highlighting the Achievements of Women with

guest speakers and panel discussions in Balbriggan and a Womens in Sport Live Rugby Coaching session in Swords.

Fingal Community Facilities Network

The first meeting of Fingal Community Facilities Network members will take place on March 10. The event will be held at the Hilton Hotel Dublin Airport and will feature representatives from the Network and the Community Facilities Management Support Unit. The morning will cover Business Plan preparation for management as well as a refresher on Management Assistance Funding Applications guidelines and Service Level Agreements. There will also be an update presented to the attendees on the Waste Management phase of the Keen To Be Green Facilities Project as they return to normal operation post-COVID 19.

STRATEGIC

Fingal Public Participation Network



Fingal PPN Linkage Group meetings

The first round of linkage group meetings are almost complete with a small budget being allocated to linkage groups to trial some projects over the course of 2022. Linkage Groups are an opportunity for community organisations across Fingal to meet in

networks to highlight issues or concerns and organise collective advocacy campaigns. Any organisation who is a member of the PPN can participate. For more information see: www.fingalppn.ie.



Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)



New LECP Supports

Over the coming weeks and months, the LCDC will be developing a new Fingal Local, Economic and Community Plan (LECP). In order to support the input of Fingal PPN members and LCDC reps, Fingal PPN have created a new resource on the website with all the relevant information. Information on the previous LECP has been included as it will be reviewed prior to embarking on the process for the new LECP. Thematic workshops and consultation mechanisms will be utilised as part of this process and the PPN endeavours to update this resource with new information as and when it becomes available to ensure the strong input of PPN member groups into this process. For more see: <https://fingalppn.ie/local-economic-and-community-plan-lecp/>

Comhairle na nÓg



Fingal Comhairle na nÓg have finalized their topic for 2022: 'Improve the School Curriculum to educate students on racism, sexism and Misogyny' members

are now developing a plan of work for the upcoming year to highlight this topic.

Research on the Engagement of Seldom Heard Young People with Fingal Comhairle na nÓg, is due for completion at the end of March. This piece of research will result in an engagement plan to reach this target group and guide the work of Fingal Comhairle na nÓg in coming years.

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg were represented on the National executive meeting and will have 5 members present at Dail na nÓg on the 26th March.

Integration

Living with Pride

National Library Exhibition "*Living with Pride*" left Blanchardstown Library on Monday 28th February and arrived at Balbriggan Library 1st March for the final leg of its Fingal journey before it heads nationwide.

A talk and tour of the exhibition by Bill Foley, the partner of the late Chris Robsons took place on the 1st of March and was attended by Mayor Seána O' Rodaigh. The exhibition will be in place until 31st March which will complete the Fingal Winter Pride series for 2021-22.





FUNDING

Community Facilities Refurbishment Works: Sports capital funding

Two applications for Sports Capital funding were submitted from the Community Development Office. The purpose of the applications was to leverage funding to support required refurbishment works identified as part of the condition surveys carried out in 2017. Both Donabate Portrane community centre and Corduff Resource Centre received the maximum allocation of 150k each. The specification for both projects is currently being developed by an integrated design team. Corduff Resource Centre also received an additional 25k in funding towards the installation of a sprung floor in the main hall. It is envisaged that the building works will commence during 2022.

Mountview Fortlawn community youth and sports hub were also successful under the sports capital funding and were awarded 27k towards the resurfacing of the sports hall and other ancillary works.

Community Activities Funding Scheme Information Evening

The Community Development Office will host Fingal County Council's Community Activities Funding Scheme Information Session online for Community and Voluntary Groups on Wednesday 30th March 7.00pm to 9.00pm. This session inform groups of the funding scheme criteria, eligibility and practical steps when making an application. To register click here <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-county-council%20%99s-community-and-sports-office-community-activities-funding-information-evening>

SPORTS OFFICE

Fingal Athletics League

The Fingal Athletics League is a Primary School cross country running programme for students in 3rd-6th class and returns to Porterstown Park and Newbridge Demesne on March 29th and March 31st respectively. Over 40 schools completed our expression of interest in returning to the event which will see approximately 1,500 students take part.



LATE NIGHT FOOTBALL

The FAI in conjunction with the Sports Office and the Gardaí will be delivering 8 Late Night Football events around the county including Balbriggan, Donabate, Mulhuddart, Portmarnock, Skerries, Swords, Tyrrelstown and Whitestown. The sessions will take

place over 4 weeks in March targeting teenage boys and girls with no cost to the users.



WOMEN IN SPORT WEEK (7TH -13TH MARCH)

The Sports Office in partnership with our co-funded NGB's is organising several activities and events for Women in Sport Week. FAI Ireland internationals Diane Cauldwell, Niamh Fahey and Megan Lynch will be live on Zoom for a Question & Answers session. Suttonians Rugby Club are hosting a coaching session with Irish Women's Rugby Internationals Tania Rosser, Kate Farrell McCabe, Emily McKeown and Grainne Vaugh with special guest speaker Moira Flahive, Chair of Leinster Inclusivity Society. the Sports Office will be highlighting the contribution women are making as volunteers and coaches in Fingal.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR

On Monday 21st February 2022 we held our Second Club Development Webinar for Sports Clubs in Fingal. This Webinar gave Clubs practical tips on development planning, funding applications, coach education and general information on Fingal County Council. The Club Development Toolkit is especially valuable to smaller clubs or minority sports that may not have the same level of National Governing Body support.

AGE FRIENDLY

Fingal's New Age Friendly Team



The newly formed Age Friendly Interdepartmental team held its first meeting on 17th February 2022.

The aim of the team, which is made up of senior members of staff from across the organisation, is for departments to work collaboratively in identifying opportunities for collaboration which will be supported by the Age Friendly Programme Manager and Age Friendly Technical Advisors to ensure the implementation of age friendly strategic and operational actions across the Organisation.

Cricket4All: Taster Sessions



The first of the Taster Sessions for potential participants in this Intergenerational Project took place in Flemington Community Centre on Tuesday 22nd February. Members of Prosper Fingal, the Irish Wheelchair Association and St. Michael's House as well as Skerries and Balbriggan Cricket Clubs took part in the sessions with individuals finding a role to suit their ability and interest. There was great enthusiasm and fun on the day with plans for further Taster Sessions in the coming weeks. This project is a

collaboration between the Community Development Office and Cricket Leinster and has been funded by the DCEDIY.

Research on the Social Participation Preferences of Older People

The Community Development Office and Corduff Community Centre are conducting a survey of older residents in Corduff to ascertain how the Community Resource Centre can best meet their needs post-covid. The survey will be conducted by 'trusted' people in the area such as older residents themselves, Resident Associations, and key stakeholders. The aim of the short questionnaire is to establish the preferred activities and most suitable days/times for engagement in the community centre. It will also establish what is the key information required by older people to pilot an Information event in the centre. The findings from the survey and the pilot Information event will determine if and how such events can be rolled out across Fingal.

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Active Travel

The Allocation to FCC's Active Travel Projects is listed in the table which is Appendix 2 of this report. This includes projects being managed by two departments – Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept and by the Environment, Climate Action & Active Travel Dept.

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 are providing input to the draft County Development Plan 2023-2029 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

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 1

Works ongoing for Phase 1 of the scheme. At present the final section of bollards at Dublin Road, from Sutton Cross to St. Fintan's High School, are to be installed in the coming weeks. Snag works ongoing at Grange Road and Warrenhouse Road. Epoxy works projected to start on all roads at the end of March, weather dependant. Junction upgrade works at Baldoyle Road/Dublin Road due to commence at the start of Q2 '2022. Further detail on junction works to be issued to local councillors and residents in coming weeks.



Image of students cycling to Burrow NS, Howth Road



Junction build out at Howth Road with improved pedestrian crossing facilities

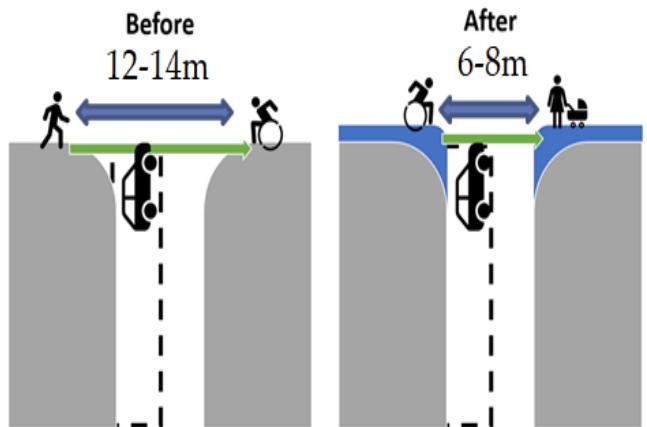


Junction build out at Howth Road with improved pedestrian crossing facilities

Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords

Phase 2b works on the junction build outs and uncontrolled crossing locations are almost complete. The junction build outs reduce the turning radii at each location and so help to reduce crossing distances for pedestrians and slow traffic speeds. Tabletop ramps also improve safety for pedestrians.

To date FCC have installed 14 no. Junction Build Outs.



The provision of uncontrolled crossing locations give a safe defined crossing location along the route. These crossing points include tactile paving and drop kerbs which allow a safe crossing location for all road users.

To date FCC have installed 21 Uncontrolled Crossings





Towns & Village

Works are ongoing in the development of a brief for some of our Towns & Villages. A brief is being developed by our Active Travel Team for Balrothery Village to look at the scope of works required to be delivered under our Active Travel pillars.

Work is also ongoing to develop a Brief for Skerries Active Travel Plan in order to Procure and Engage with a multi-disciplinary Engineering Consultant to carry out this study. We have also engaged with the ESRI in order to get their input regarding Behavioural Change, Commercial and Socio-economic factors.

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.

Where there are other projects being progressed in the area at either design or construction stage we endeavour to include these Connectivity and Permeability improvements within those projects.

A number of the requests that have been received, evaluated and are included in a brief that has been prepared and is going out to the market to engage a consultant to develop these projects through Options

report and concept design initially. 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.

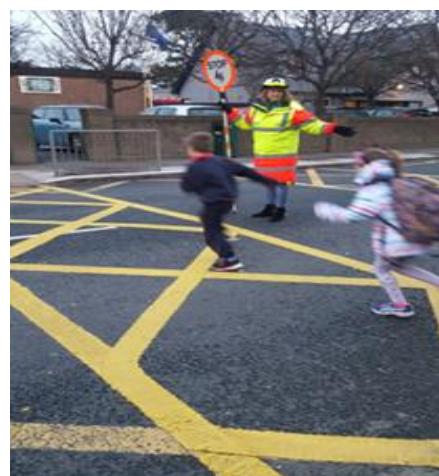
Road Safety

School Warden Recruitment

Following a shortage in the number of reserve school wardens available across the County to provide relief cover for School Wardens on leave, the position of Temporary Relief School Warden has now been advertised and applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates until Tuesday 22nd March.

Successful candidates will be placed on a panel specific to their chosen LEA. School Wardens make a valuable contribution to the community and ensure the safety of children going to and from school.

Further details can be found <http://fingal.ie/jobs>



Your Life, Your Choice Road Safety Campaign

Following a recent Expression of Interest that issued to all Secondary Schools in Fingal, the 'Your Life, Your Choice' Road Safety campaign recommenced on Monday 14th February in Castleknock College. A total of 11 schools have signed up so far and each registered school will receive the headsets for a period of one week. The initiative will continue until 20th May when schools finish up for the summer and resume in September 2022 for the new school year.

The 'Your Life, Your Choice' campaign is an initiative being run by Fingal's Active Travel department in partnership with AVIVA Driving School. This initiative is aimed at targeting young drivers between 16 – 25 and allows them to experience a seven-minute simulation of a road traffic accident through a virtual reality headset. The students are fully immersed as a front-seat passenger in the crash scenario. The simulated crash highlights the impact of driver distraction, speed, mobile phone use and shows why wearing seat belts is so important for all passengers.



Mobility

Secure bicycle parking:

Works continued with the rolling out of secure bicycle parking facilities across Fingal at beaches, parks, and playgrounds during February. Over 30 new

permanent stands were installed in February with a sample provided below of recent works.



Fig 1: Newbridge House - Playground



Fig 2: Portmarnock Beach – Carpark

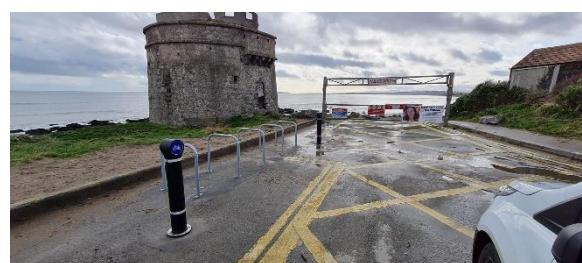


Fig 3: Donabate Beach



Fig 4: Beech Park Playground - Clonsilla

Beeper Bikes

January Stats – Bike Share Countywide:

780 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in January up from 662 in December
819 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in January
Highest usage recorded on Saturdays with 22.69% followed by Sundays 19.36%
Howth Train Station was the most popular location for bike share
Average number of 147 bikes across Fingal – (SLA for 120 bikes) for hire each day of the month

3 month summary of bike usage across all Fingal operational areas

	H/M	D15	Swords	Donabate	Rush	Skerries	Balbriggan
Jan 2022	338	170	21	29	31	58	133
Dec 2021	204	247	21	22	16	78	74
Nov 2021	320	303	29	32	26	96	73

We will continue to promote usage of Beeper through our social media platforms. All Fingal staff and Elected Members can avail of free beeper bike hire.

Contact active.travel@fingal.ie for more information

eCargo Bike – Rush

The Active Travel section handed over our 3rd eCargo bike to local Rush Business, Jack the Bachelors on Thursday, 3rd February as part of our eCargo Bike Pilot Initiative.

This state of the art eCargo bike is intended to replace the use of private 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 bike free of charge to

the business for 12 months under a Service Level Agreement.

We look forward to seeing this eCargo bike out and about on its local deliveries.



Bike Rack Initiative

Fingal's Active Travel department are inviting applications from local schools, sports clubs and community centres who would like to receive free bike or scooter racks to encourage active modes of travel. Applications for this phase of the initiative opened on Friday 25th February and will close on Thursday 31st March. This initiative is being advertised across all social media platforms and correspondence has been sent to all schools, community centres and sports clubs. To apply for bike or scooter parking, applicants can find all application forms and waivers at the following location [Bike and Scooter Racks for Schools & Clubs | Fingal County Council](#)

All applications and waivers must be returned to Active.Travel@fingal.ie



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Pupils of The Burrow National School have been taking part in the [An Taisce The National Trust for Ireland Green Schools #BigTravelChallenge](#) and have been making great use of the new #activetravel cycle infrastructure recently installed by Fingal County Council from Baldoyle to Howth. Well done guys & keep pedaling! Learn more at <http://ow.ly/t6Y850I9Y0w/the-big-travel-challenge-2022/>



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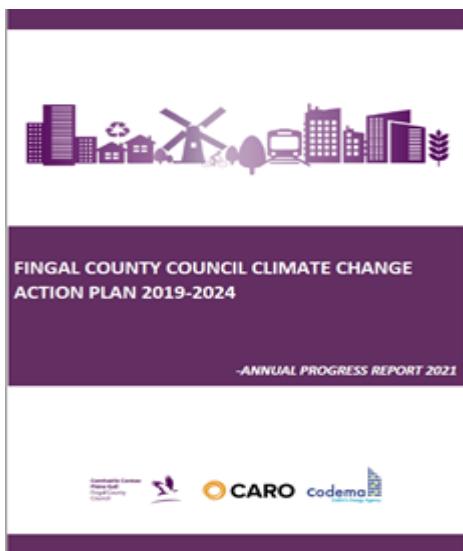
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Climate Action

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 to the Corporate Policy Group in January 2022 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>

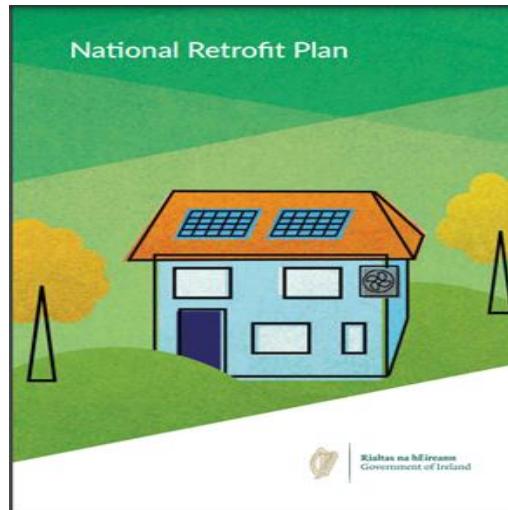


The **Climate Change Action Plan 2021 (CAP 2021)** was published in November 2021. This plan sets a roadmap for taking decisive action to halve Irelands emissions by 2030 and reach net zero no later than 2050, in line with the Programme for Government. The Plan sets out emissions reductions targets for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

The CAP 2021 can be viewed or downloaded here: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/6223e-climate-action-plan-2021/>

Following on from residential retrofit targets in the CAP 2021, the Government published the National Retrofit Plan in February 2022. The Plan is designed to address barriers to retrofit across four key pillars: driving demand and activity; financing and funding; supply chain, skills and standards; and governance. The plan includes increased grant aid for residential retrofitting, and a significant package of supports to make it easier and more affordable for homeowners to undertake home energy upgrades, for warmer, healthier and more comfortable homes, with lower energy bills. This includes increased grant levels of up to 50% of the cost of a typical deep retrofit to a B2 BER standard.

The National Retrofit Plan 2022 can be viewed or downloaded here: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/5052a-national-retrofit-plan/>



Environmental Awareness

The composting for schools pilot continues to be rolled out in Fingal schools. This includes provision of training and materials, wormeries and composters. Oberstown Campus is partnering on this project as well as the Dublin LA's and the Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Office.

Two Fingal secondary schools entered the ReLove Fashion Competition in partnership with the Rediscovery Centre. These will be included in the competition which addresses fast fashion and its impact on the environment

Thirteen LA's attended an information session on the Instruments project which was started in Fingal in 2019. The LA's intend to start rolling out instrument's projects in their areas.

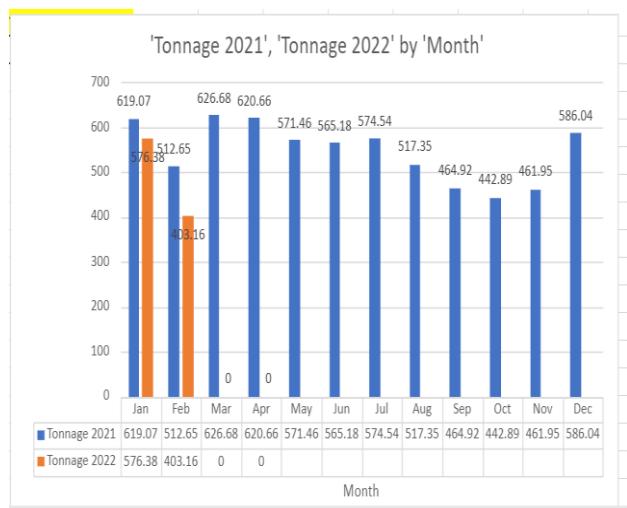
Tree Planting Workshops have taken place at to Castleknock College, Castleknock ETNS, Portmarnock Community College, and St. Patricks SNS Corduff.

The Keen to be Green Community Centres waste prevention initiative project is going very well – in partnership with the Community Department.

Bring Centres

Bottle Banks

The total tonnage of glass collected for recycling in Fingal in February 2022 was 403.16 tons. Details of the tonnages collected for 2021 and year to date are shown below.



The Environment Department continues to look for new opportunities to expand our network. Painting and power washing of botte banks will continue in March 2022.

Textile Banks

The total tonnage of textiles collected for recycling in Fingal in January 2022 was 17.79 tons. Details of the tonnages collected for 2021 and year to date are shown below.





The above is the new Fingal County Council branding to be displayed on all our Textile recycling clothes pods. This will ensure residents of Fingal are aware that they are supporting a registered sustainable company that are working in conjunction with the Council to support recycling.

Dog Warden & Dog Shelter Service

In February there was a total of 19 dogs in the shelter. 6 dogs were surrendered, and 13 dogs were strays. Of these numbers, 8 dogs were reclaimed, 5 were rehomed. Five dogs currently remain at the shelter.



**Does your dog have
a licence?**

**Purchase at any Post
Office or online
at [licences.ie](#)**

Annual Licence Fee: €20.00. Lifetime Licence
€140.00.
Failure to purchase a licence can result in
on-the-spot fine of €100 or court prosecution
and fine of €1,270

The dog wardens undertook regular patrols throughout Fingal, including Parks and Beaches. Details of Fines and 10 Days Notices issued in February 2022 are shown in the table below.

Month	10 day notices issued	Fines Issued
February	36	17

Dog Licences

The following dog licences were purchased in January/February 2022

Annual Licences 1138

Lifetime licences 105

Litter Management

A total of 288 planned route inspections were carried out by the Litter Wardens in February 2022.

Details of fines and warning notices for February 2022 are shown in the table below.

Month	Fines issued 2021	Warnings Issued 2021	Fines Issued 2022	Warnings Issued 2022
February	33	23	28	60

There was one fine in February relating to dog fouling.

In the District Court there was 1 case successfully prosecuted in February.

Anti-dog fouling posts have been placed on social media to highlight this issue and to remind dog owners of their responsibilities and provides a link to the Green Dog Walker Initiative.



Abandoned Cars

The Pilot Project on abandoned cars commenced in September 2021. In the period between 01/09/2021 to 31/12/2021, there were 96 cars reported as abandoned. Of these 96 cars, 15 were identified as potentially abandoned under S71 of the Waste Management Act 1996. The initial 1st letters were issued to the 15 registered car owners on 5th January 2022, with reminder letters issued on 19th January and Final Notices issued on 2nd February 2022. Of these 15 cars, 3 will be removed.

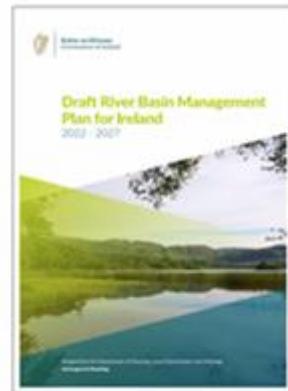
Summary

Car gone per Litter Warden	3
Car owner lives in the estate	6
Car owner removed car	1
Car deemed abandoned but further investigation required	2
Cars to be removed @ 10.3.2022 (details of these cars placed on website for period of 2 weeks)	3
TOTAL	15

Details on how to report an Abandoned car can be found on <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles>

Water Quality Protection

Draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2022-2027



As previously advised a second public consultation meeting in Fingal took place online on 22nd February. Thursday March 31st is the closing date for submissions. To make a submission visit <https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/2bda0-public-consultation-on-the-draft-river-basin-management-plan-for-ireland-2022-2027/>

Domestic Wastewater Treatment System (Septic Tank) Inspections



Inspections will be carried out next month, in accordance with the National Inspection Plan 2022-2026 produced by the Environmental Protection Agency, to make sure that **domestic wastewater**

treatment systems (DWWTSs), including wastewater tanks and septic tanks, do not pose a risk to human health or the environment. If the system fails a notice is issued and owners are required to comply.

Further information available at <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/septic-tank-regulations-enforcement> and <https://www.epa.ie/environment-and-you/waste-water/septic-tanks/>

Bathing Water Classification for 2022 Season

The classification is derived from the previous four years water quality data (namely 2018 to 2021).

	Beach Name	Status 2022	Change from 2021
1	Balbriggan, Front Beach	Poor (All Season – Advice not to Swim)	↔↔
2	Skerries, South Beach	Good	↔↔
3	Loughshinny Beach	Sufficient	↔↔
4	Rush, South Beach	Excellent	↔↔
5	Rush, North Beach	Excellent	↑
6	Portrane, The Brook Beach	Good	↔↔
7	Donabate, Balcarrick Beach	Excellent	↔↔
8	Portmarnock, Velvet Strand Beach	Excellent	↔↔

9	Sutton, Burrow Beach	Good	↓
10	Howth, Claremont Beach	Sufficient	↔↔

Front Strand beach, Balbriggan has remained at "Poor" status, as the assessment calculation includes high microbiological results arising from diffuse pollution associated with Storm Francis in 2020.

Measures detailed in the 2021 Management plan to address potential pollution sources at Front Strand Balbriggan were implemented.

Repairs were made to pipework in the harbour area in 2021 following a rehabilitation and repair survey undertaken by Irish Water.

A dry weather misconnection survey was also undertaken across the River Bracken during 2021 a follow up of the 2020 CDM Smith report commissioned by Balbriggan Tidy Towns.

Microbial source tracking took place in 2021 at Front Strand beach, Balbriggan and the River Bracken to identify pollution sources.

The 2022 Management Plan has been updated following those results and the plan has been submitted for approval to the Environmental Protection Agency. A temporary "All season" notice "advice not to swim" will be in place for the 2022 bathing season.

The Balbriggan Beach Management Plan – Summary Report is available here <http://beaches.ie>

During the bathing season visit: <http://beaches.ie> or www.fingal.ie to view information on all identified bathing waters.

Blue Flag Awards 2022 - Fingal have submitted a Blue Flag Award application for the following:

- Velvet Strand beach, Portmarnock (renewal),
- Rush South beach (new)
- Balcarrick beach,
- Donabate (new) for the 2022 season.

An Taisce announce the recipients of awards before the start of the bathing season (1st June).

Bathing Water Season – no new bathing waters identified for 2022 season

The assessment of submissions on the identification of new bathing waters received during the public consultation period has been completed and no new bathing waters have been identified for 2022.

Waste Enforcement

Metal Traceability Investigation

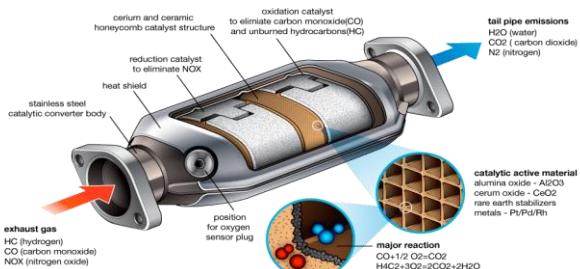
A recent investigation saw four individuals plead guilty to the illegal transportation of high value waste streams (catalytic converters) in order to gain profit. A further 6 cases are due to be dealt with in April 2022.

The Waste Enforcement Section secured the outcome in the District Court following a multi-agency operation targeting a metal recycling facility in Dublin 11. Follow on investigations revealed offences under S34 of the Waste Management Act 1996 regarding the illegal transportation of high value waste streams by individuals who didn't have a waste collection permit. The Council were awarded legal fees and costs to the value of €6,000 as a result.

The investigation and subsequent costs implemented against the four guilty parties will act as a strong deterrent to others involved in the illegal collection or transportation of high value car components such as catalytic converters.

End of Life Vehicles (ELVs') and their components (catalytic converters, lead acid batteries, alloy wheels) can have a significant monetary value. This value can encourage the illegal dismantling of ELV's resulting in serious environmental pollution. Authorised Treatment Facilities (ATF's) and metal recycling

facilities can potentially facilitate this illegal activity by accepting high value waste streams from unauthorised collectors. These high value waste streams enter the ATF's or metal recycling facilities under the guise of 'general public' and are subsequently processed undermining compliant operators.



Waste Complaints

Responding to waste related complaints continues to be a major priority for enforcement officers. A total of 15 waste complaints were received during February involving 29 work days. Two waste enforcement officers work full time dealing with complaints with an average complaint taking approx. 1.5 days to fully investigate and close out. The majority of complaints related to backyard storage and burning of waste (67%) with illegal dumping and fly tipping accounting

for a further 27%. The remaining 6% related to unauthorised waste facility activities.



Waste Enforcement officers identified a number of different sites during February where C&D waste was dumped illegally. Utilising land registration checks to identify owners and follow on enforcement action the waste material is being removed in a safe and authorised manner preventing any environmental pollution. Information in relation to unauthorised sites can be forwarded to environment@fingal.ie.

Environmental Inspection Plan 2022

The Environmental Inspection Plan (RMCEI Plan) for 2022 has been finalised and submitted to the EPA. The overall objective of the Plan is to identify and prioritise enforcement activities for 2022 to ensure Fingal County Council can effectively and efficiently comply with its obligations under all environmental legislation. The legislation underpinning the inspection plan is designed to protect the environment and minimize the risk of air and noise

pollution, water pollution and pollution resulting from waste activities. It takes account of National Waste Enforcement Priorities for as well as a number of Local Enforcement Activities for 2022.

The Environmental Inspection Plan is an important element of the Environment Division Operational Plan 2022, under the objective "to protect and enhance the natural environment of Fingal through effective education, awareness, monitoring and enforcement of national and local legislation and policy".

For 2022 a total of 1101 waste related inspections are planned to be undertaken across 57 different work areas. A total of 1427 work days involving 8 waste enforcement officers have been allocated to ensure that all inspections are undertaken and targets achieved.

National Waste Enforcement Priorities - Progress Report 2021

An End of Year Progress Report 2021 and an Inspection Summary Return 2021 was submitted to the EPA in February. The reports detail waste inspections undertaken during 2021 comprising both national and local waste enforcement priorities. A total of 1005 waste inspections were undertaken during 2021 across 57 different work areas comprising 1050 work days. Investigation of waste related complaints (370 days), ELV and Metal Traceability Project (210 days), waste facility permit applications/reviews (150 days), packaging project (100 days) and waste collection permits (60 days) made up 85% of the waste enforcement teams time.

Flood Schemes

The two flood schemes in Fingal which are on the OPW's programme to proceed to planning are undergoing a scheme viability review. The review for the Skerries Mill Stream Flood Protection scheme is anticipated to be complete in the first half of this year, there is no timeline for the completion of the Malahide and Portmarnock Scheme Review.

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Appendix 1

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 28th FEBRUARY 2022

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure	Adopted Full Year Budget	% Budget	Income	Adopted Full year Budget	% Budget Raised	
	€	€	Spent to date	€	€	€	€
Housing & Building	12,309,527	79,782,200	15%	13,976,300	84,923,500	16%	-1,666,774
Road Transport & Safety	5,167,307	27,382,500	19%	1,277,786	7,864,900	16%	3,889,521
Water Services	2,867,373	13,762,800	21%	2,794,078	17,450,600	16%	73,294
Development Management	2,398,712	16,534,600	15%	625,537	5,081,600	12%	1,773,175
Environmental Services	7,130,624	44,689,200	16%	1,104,504	6,821,800	16%	6,026,120
Recreation & Amenity	6,335,760	40,855,700	16%	246,447	1,680,300	15%	6,089,313
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	145,376	1,307,200	11%	39,550	296,600	13%	105,826
Miscellaneous Services	12,300,645	28,343,100	43%	8,831,715	12,395,000	71%	3,468,930
Central Management Charge	6,933,419	47,129,600	15%	483,511	3,518,900	14%	6,449,907
Local Property Tax / GPG				1,252,433	7,514,600	17%	-1,252,433
Rates				25,373,183	152,239,100	17%	-25,373,183
	55,588,741	299,786,900	19%	56,005,046	299,786,900	19%	-416,304

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 28/02/2022

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 28/02/2022

	Balance at 01/01/2022*	Balance at 28/02/2022	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
RATES	3,445,254	120,331,057	116,885,803	3,445,254
LOANS	1,972,344	1,968,922	270,435	1,698,487
RENTS	8,567,636	9,160,325	4,478,512	4,681,813

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

*Note: Balances at 1/1/2022 are only provisional and will be finalised on completion 2021 AFS.

Appendix 2

Sustainable Transport Measures Grants: 2022 Allocations		
Project Code:	Project Name & Funding Allocation 2022	Comments
FCC/19/005	Schools Streets non SRTS €100,000	
FCC/20/000	Bicycle Parking (Covid) €150,000	Works are ongoing installing secure bicycle parking facilities across the county. Over 35 locations received new bicycle parking infrastructure in public areas. Since September 2021, Active Travel have Increased bike locking capacity by approx. 300 spaces.
FCC/20/0006	Safe Routes to Schools Programme – Infrastructure (with NTA) €1,500,000	Preliminary design prepared for 3 schools. Detailed design now being prepared with a total of 11 schools to be included in the 2022 programme of works.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €400,000	Design brief and contract documents finalised and engaging with CPU on setting up tender competition to appoint engineering consultant for design scope of works.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €1,700,000	Civil and road works 100 % completed. Bollards installed on Grange Road, Warrenhouse Road and Howth Road. Works ongoing on Dublin Road. Epoxy resin works to be completed in coming months weather dependant. Junction upgrade for Dublin Road/Baldoyle Road planned to commence in April Q2'2022 for a 5-week programme.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth Phase 2 (Dublin Road to Dublin Street) €1,250,000	Options report reviewed and returned to consultant to update after internal review. Update given to councillors at Howth-Malahide ACM. Once updated options report is

		completed AT to engage with councillors on report and next steps for the scheme.
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre €250,000	Design brief and contract documents being drafted for the appointment of an engineering consultant for Q2'2022.
FCC/21/XXX	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €50,000	Cycle of route being organised internally of proposed route. Once completed a design brief will be finalised for a feasibility and options report on scheme.
FCC/22/XXX	St.Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €1,750,000	Detailed Design being finalised by consultant for project and upgrade to major junctions and front of school's treatment. Review of Design currently underway with operations and other internal stakeholders, with consultation piece to follow.
FCC/22/XXX	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1 €1,100,000	Works on St Philip the Apostle School are well underway and are approximately 85% complete. Further works to follow on 2 junctions and 2 roundabouts to provide a safe route for vulnerable road users, these works are expected late March / Early April.
FCC/22/XXX	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €1,200,000	Phase 2b works on the junction build outs and uncontrolled crossing locations are almost complete with works currently on going on the controlled crossing locations along the route. Upgrade works on the roundabout at Forrest Blvd will be carried out in early Q2 of 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane €550,000	Detailed design received and currently under review by Active Travel project team. Discussions ongoing with Operations in relation to speed limit reduction for part of the scheme.
FCC/22/XXX	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords Malahide)	Brief and contract documents have been prepared by Active Travel project team for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering Consultant to develop options report and

	€1,225,000	detailed design services. This is currently going out to the market to engage with a Consultant for the Design element.
FCC/22/XXX	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Road to Portrane Avenue €1,225,000	Brief and contract documents being prepared by Active Travel project team for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design services. This is currently going out to the market to engage with a Consultant for the Design element
FCC/22/XXX	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages €925,000	Brief and contract documents been prepared by Active Travel project team for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design services. This is currently going out to the market to engage with a Consultant for the Design element.
FCC/22/XXX	Skerries – Harbour Road (footpath build outs) €925,000	Brief and contract documents been prepared by Active Travel project team for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design services. This is currently going out to the market to engage with a Consultant for the Design element.
FCC/22/XXX	Rush South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore. €500,000	Brief and contract documents being prepared by Active Travel project team for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design services.
FCC/22/XXX	New Street Permanent Scheme €500,000	Fingal County Council have assembled a multi-disciplinary, cross departmental team who are preparing a detailed scope with a view to going to tender for a design consultant in Q2 of 2022
FCC/22/XXX	Local connections to S2M and Broadmeadow €200,000	

FCC/22/XXX	Data collections traffic air, noise. €500,000	
FCC/22/XXX	Permeability Links North County €500,000	A number of projects are being identified through our Permeability & Connectivity Tracker. We are also in discussions with Operations to incorporate other works in order to get best value for money when we go to delivery of these works.
FCC/22/XXX	Skerries Active Travel Plan	Work is ongoing to develop a Brief for this project in order to Procure and Engage with a multi-disciplinary Engineering Consultant to carry out this study. We have also engaged with the ESRI in order to get their input regarding Behavioural Change, Commercial and Socio-economic factors.
FCC/22/XXX	Balbriggan Road Mill Street and Drogheda Street €100,000	Active Travel have been working closely with the Our Balbriggan Project Team. On completion of the Concept Design piece relating to the overall Our Balbriggan Active Travel Strategy we will develop a Brief for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design for this element of the project.
FCC/22/XXX	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €150,000	Route has been cycled internally. NTA GAF to be submitted in coming week for review by NTA. Design brief and contract documents being drafted for appointment of a consultant for the scheme in Q2' 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Strawberry Beds Active Travel Study €150,000	Grant application form is being reviewed and once completed it will be submitted to NTA for approval. Further internal study required on assessing next steps for the study.
FCC/22/XXX	Fingal Active Travel Strategy €40,000	Final internal review completed from stakeholders and comments sent back to consultant. Awaiting final draft. A presentation on the strategy will be given at the next Transport & Infrastructure Management SPC by Active Travel and consultant.

FCC/22/XXX	Balrothery Active Travel Review €185,000	A detailed scope of work is currently being prepared for this scheme with a view to going to tender for a design consultant in early Q2 of 2022
FCC/22/XXX	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park €300,000	A detailed scope has been prepared for the works and the works are currently out to tender for a design consultant.
FCC/22/XXX	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Marnog GAA €20,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant later in 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Chapel Road to An Teagasc Building €20,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant later in 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside footpath and cycleway €20,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant later in 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Royal Canal Greenway Connectivity €50,000	Draft for design brief to appoint consultant due to commence in Q2'2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	