

# FINGAL EARMARKS €784M UNDER NEW CAPITAL PROGRAMME

*Fingal County Council's new three-year Capital Programme of €784m – one of the highest in the country – will provide for significant investment on projects across the county from 2022 to 2024. Representing an increase of €17m on the previous Capital Plan, it has identified 237 individual projects with an estimated spend of €783.73m over the three-year period.*



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**T**he latest Capital Programme for Fingal County Council projects a spend next year of €237m, followed by €265m in 2023 and a further €282m in 2023. Just over half of the €784m has been allocated to housing with the €393m budget underpinning the Council's commitment to delivering a significant housing programme under the Government's new 'Housing for All' plan.

The Council's objective is to maximise the supply and availability of suitable accommodation for households unable to provide accommodation from their own resources and to provide good quality housing to purchase or rent at an affordable price.

The Council expects to construct 239 homes over the next two years, while continuing to progress plans for the development of landbanks at Church Fields in Dublin 15, Ballymastone in Donabate and Hayestown in Rush.

A total of €20m has been set aside for Community and Sports programmes with planning permission for the provision of new community centres in Meakstown and Baldoyle due to be sought in the coming months.

## CAPITAL PLAN PROJECTS

Almost 20% of Capital Plan expenditure is earmarked for Planning and Strategic Infrastructure projects with the Church

Fields Link Road and Cycle Scheme due to go to construction soon. Meanwhile, the Donabate Pedestrian Bridge, which will be constructed over the main Dublin-Belfast rail line, is due to commence construction next year.

A sum of €12m has been set aside for the development of a new regional park at the former Baldoyle Racecourse, which will be co-funded by the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF), while €2.2m has been allocated for the Porterstown Park Recreational Hub.

Projects by Fingal County Council's Economic, Enterprise Tourism and Cultural Development Department will account for 15% of expenditure with €23.1m set aside for the civic and cultural centre element of the Swords Cultural Quarter project. This is due to go to planning stage in 2022, while works on the Carnegie



**Fingal County Council’s Affordable Housing Scheme at Dun Emer in Lusk took a major step forward in May 2021 when the first sod was turned on the construction site. Pictured (l-r): Deputy Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Robert O’Donoghue, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O’Brien TD, and Mayor of Fingal, Cllr David Healy.**

Library in Swords are expected to begin in early 2022 following public consultation with €1.2m allocated to this project.

A total provision of €23.5m has been made for several projects under the ‘Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Scheme’, with extensive works planned to commence during the three-year lifespan of the new Capital Programme.

**INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE**

A further €58m has been allocated to environment climate action and active travel projects, which will include protected cycle lanes, road safety and active travel mobility. According to the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, investment in infrastructure across the county is extremely important given the council’s commitment to make Fingal a great place to live, work, visit and do business.

“Our Capital Programme of €784m is one of the highest in the country and the focus of councillors and staff over the next three years will be to ensure that all 237 projects continue to progress towards delivery,” the Mayor noted.



**The €12m Broadmeadow Way – a 6km off-road cycling and walking route linking Malahide and Donabate across the scenic Broadmeadow Estuary – is one of the many active travel and greenway infrastructure projects on track for completion.**

Fingal’s Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly said: “Despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic we continued to progress many of our capital projects during lockdown. And now as the restrictions ease, we are ready to move forward at pace towards completing as many projects as possible over the next three years.”

**SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS**

Oliver Hunt, Fingal County Council’s Head of Finance said: “Two thirds of the funding for the Capital Programme will come from grants with the rest sourced from levies, revenue provision and other income streams. Every effort will be made to maximise funding, particularly grant funding, from Central Government, in order to deliver on projects.”

Among the major projects completed by Fingal County Council in 2021 were The Village Green in Malahide, The Shackleton Garden in Clonsilla, The Park Road Upgrade in Rush and the County Archives in Swords as well as the provision of public toilets in Millennium Park , Newbridge Demesne, Ardgillan Desmesne and Santry Demesne.



**Fingal County Council’s new three-year Capital Programme sets out significant investment on projects across the county, including the Snugborough Road Interchange.**

Many projects associated with the ‘Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Scheme’ made significant progress during the year, as did several other projects throughout Fingal County. These included Swords Cultural Quarter; Hole in the Wall Road; Snugborough Road Interchange; Naul Village Park; Broadmeadow Greenway; Lanesborough Park; Skerries Library; River Valley All-Weather Pitch in Swords; Castleknock Playground; Royal Canal Greenway; Fingal Coastal Way; Ballymastone Recreational Hub; Dun Emer Affordable Housing Scheme, Lusk; Harry Reynolds Road Cycleway in Balbriggan; Rathmore Play Trail Lusk; and the Multi-Purpose Youth Facility and LED Public Lighting in Rush.

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