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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Fáilte Ireland's Dublin Tourism Co-ordination Steering Committee has identified the Fingal coastline as an area that would benefit from a *Visitor Experience Development Plan*. A 3 – 5 year plan, commissioned by Fáilte Ireland, will be prepared and developed for the area by Experience Development experts in consultation with, and supported by, Fingal County Council (FCC) and the Dublin Coastal Tourism Cluster Group.

The Fingal Tourism Development Office (FTDO) is also working with Fáilte Ireland and the other Dublin Local Authorities on a number of other projects including Fáilte Ireland's Orientation Strategy and the Royal Canal Loop Walk and Branding Strategy. We are working with Waterways Ireland on a gap analysis of service provision along the Royal Canal, focusing on food provision, bike hire, accommodation and places of interest on, or within 1km of, the canal. This will include the Dublin 15 area.

FTDO is working with the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department and Meath County Council on a Newbridge House to Newgrange Greenway Application.

Advertising and Promotion

The following quarter 4 advertising has been placed:

- Cara Magazine October / November,
- Go Rail Magazine October -December,
- Spirit of Ireland,
- Ireland at Your Leisure (all car hire) 2019.

Print runs of Howth's 4 looped walks (20k), the overall Howth map (50K) and the new Donabate Map (20k) have been completed. Revision of the suite of websites is ongoing in Q4.

Food Projects

A steering group has been set up to ensure all food interests are represented in the FCC food project work. This will also involve LEO Fingal inviting 400 of its food clients to have their business included in a food directory. We are working with Eurotoques on creating some Food Experiences and pop up restaurants in 2019 and are currently planning a familiarisation trip for the coach tour operators who deal with the cruise lines. Operators Cronins and Excursions Ireland will be visiting Howth & Malahide specifically to engage in unique food experiences.

DIT Students in Action

The DIT Students in Action Programme 2018 - 2019 has commenced. Destination Management Students (Masters) visited Balbriggan on the 25th October with the intention of developing a destination management plan for the town. It has also been requested that Communications students develop a communications plan for promoting the Heritage Properties to multinational companies based in Dublin.

EVENTS

Fingal Festival of Fire



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

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

In excess of 25,000 people attended all three events. These safer Halloween events encourage families to attend and have proven to result in reduced illegal bonfires and use of dangerous pyrotechnics. Early engagement by the Events team with communities will commence in the lead up to the preparation of Halloween events for 2019.

FCC also supported the following events in October:

- Spud Fest 2018
- Dublin Marathon.

Marathon Kids

Marathon Kids will take place on the 14th November, 2018 in Morton Stadium, Santry. In excess of 3,000 primary school students will arrive to complete the final mile of a marathon that they have been working to achieve incrementally since September.



Christmas Lights

The switching on of the Christmas lights will take place on the following dates:

Balbriggan	23 rd November at 7pm
Blanchardstown	29 th November at 7pm
Swords	30 th November at 6pm

Swords Castle Christmas Market

Swords Christmas Market takes place on Friday 30th November, 2018 from 12 p.m. – 8 p.m. & on Saturday 1st December, 2018 from 11.00 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Over 45 traders, with an emphasis on local producers, artists and collectors will be attending and there will be plenty of family fun. Entertainment will include Santa Claus, face painting, balloon modelling and Christmas characters.

Additional entertainment will be provided by various local choirs/musical groups in the Chapel on the Saturday.

European Cross Country Championships 2020

Athletics Ireland has secured the hosting of the European Cross Country Championships for the second time.

The Championships will take place at the National Sports Campus on Sunday 13th December 2020. Athletics Ireland bid for this championship was supported by FCC, Sport Ireland and RTE.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Malahide Casino

The contracted works are progressing well on site and progress is on schedule for completion in February 2019.

The external rendering is almost complete on the original cottage. Work on the rethatching commenced on Monday 5th November, 2018.



The Fry collection of model trains is currently undergoing conservation work by specialists and the exhibition content and design of the exhibition layout is nearing the final stage of design development. Tender documents are currently being prepared to appoint an operator to the Museum and will issue in early December.

Bremore Castle

SLR Consulting will make a presentation on Bremore Castle to the members of the Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC on 13th November.

Swords Castle

Works on the Phase II enabling works in Swords Castle have commenced. It is expected that work will be completed by end of March 2019.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

Some of the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) highlights from October 2018 are as follows:



Getting Ireland Brexit Ready (GIBR)

As the deadline
for BREXIT gets

closer, LEO Fingal is helping local businesses to prepare for BREXIT.

The final GIBR event took place in the Convention Centre Dublin on Thursday the 25th October, with over 1,200 businesses attending. Fingal's Head of Enterprise, Oisín Geoghegan, participated in a panel discussion and LEO Fingal coordinated and hosted an information stand highlighting LEO BREXIT supports available to SME's.



Fingal Food Strategy 2019 – 2021

The Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Anthony Lavin joined Chief Executive Paul Reid and LEO Fingal at the launch the inaugural Fingal Food Strategy 2019 - 2021. The event took place in Newbridge House, Donabate on the 15th of October. A networking event for was hosted by Dublin Food Chain following the launch, with 60 food businesses in attendance.



LEO Fingal launched the inaugural Fingal Food Strategy for 2019-2021 at Newbridge House, Donabate

Recruitment and Retention Seminar

LEO Fingal will host a major breakfast seminar on best recruitment and retention practices for small businesses. The event will take place in the Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport on Wednesday 14th November.



Grant Evaluation and Approvals

LEO Fingal hosted a networking event and photo-call in the Atrium on the 8th October for clients who were successful in receiving LEO funding during Q3 2018. 25 businesses were presented with letters of offer by the Mayor and Head of Enterprise. The total amount of grant approvals in Q3 was €302,000. The fourth quarter Evaluation process will conclude on Wednesday 5th December 2018.



Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Anthony Lavin with successful grant awardees from Q3 2018

Trading Online Vouchers

This programme is funded by the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, as part of the National Digital Strategy, to support local and established small businesses in enhancing their online offering. Funding of €74,670, to 36 Fingal companies, has been approved under the scheme up to end of Q3. The last workshop of 2018 will be held in the Riasc Centre, Swords on Friday 23rd November.

Business Development Workshops

During October, four Business Development Workshops were delivered to 47 participants. In total, 437 clients have attended 46 workshops to date in 2018.

Start Your Own Business Programme

12 people completed a LEO Fingal Start Your Own Business (SYOB) course in October. A new course also commenced, bringing the total number of participants on the SYOB course to date this year to 141 on 12 courses. The final SYOB of 2018 will commence on the 6th of November.

Plato

Malahide RFC played host to the latest Plato networking event, at which over 120 local businesses were in attendance. A new 'Plato Advanced' programme was launched, while the event also marked the conclusion of the 18-month programme that commenced in May 2017.



Plato event held at the Malahide RFC on 17th October

LEAN

The LEAN programme is designed to enable small businesses to develop substantial improvements in productivity and profitability through the application of proven LEAN principles. A new LEAN programme commenced on the 18th October with 14 participants (Three from Fingal).

National Women's Enterprise Day

Going "Local to Global"—National Women's Enterprise Day (NWED) is an annual initiative of the LEO Network, designed to inspire, activate and assist women across Ireland in running their own businesses.

The latest Dublin Region NWED network event took place on the 18th October in Citywest Hotel; the Event will be hosted by LEO Fingal in 2019.



Going Local to Global" at this year's NWED held on October 18th Citywest Hotel.

Business Clinics

Clinics are offered to individuals that wish to start up a new enterprise or expand their existing business. During October, ten clinics were undertaken, delivering expertise to 61 businesses in Fingal. This brings the cumulative figures for 2018 to date to 80 clinics and 582 attendees.

Mentoring

Individual mentoring assignments were approved for 4 new clients during October 2018. The total number of mentoring assignments approved in 2018 is 118.

New Courses

Three new LEO Fingal courses were announced:

- GDPR for Practitioners
- Instagram and Snapchat for Business
- Core Story for Small Businesses

All of the above booked out within hours of announcement. Additional dates for each course were announced for November and December.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Balbriggan Socio-Economic Strategy

The development of the Balbriggan Socio-Economic Strategy continues with the next step being a full 360 degree engagement process to ensure that all citizens have an opportunity to view the new vision for "Our Balbriggan" and get involved.

A public engagement process will be launched on the 26th November and will include an online web portal, newsletter, drop-in sessions, pop-up engagements and world café events.



LEADER Programme



FCC.

The Fingal LEADER Programme continues to fund eligible projects in the administrative areas of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, South Dublin County Council and

Year to date:

22 LEADER approved projects

Amount of LEADER funding approved: €895,138

Overall:

39 LEADER approved projects

Amount of LEADER funding approved €1,325,524

Local Community Development

Committee

174 applications were received for the Community Enhancement Programme, which is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and will provide €150,521 of grant funding to Fingal in 2018. This will contribute towards enhancing the facilities available to communities in disadvantaged areas.

- The total request for funding was 1.1M.
- 67 applications have qualified as eligible.

The funding group met on Tuesday 4th September to approve the funding.

On the 23rd September the Department announced an additional amount of €326,668 for Fingal under this scheme. This additional funding has now been earmarked to already submitted, but initially unsuccessful, eligible projects and the proposed breakdown of additional funding will be finally agreed at the LCDC meeting on the 21st November.

Enterprise Centres

Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of October were:

Drinan	94%
BASE	91%
Beat	88%

The three Enterprise Centres currently support 68 businesses and 340 jobs.

Fingal successful in Town and Village Renewal Scheme

FCC was successful in receiving €597,960 under the 2018 Town and Village Renewal Scheme. The funding will allow the Council progress the projects which aim to enhance and rejuvenate each of the seven towns and villages. The Fingal allocations are:

- **€200,000** – Development of a tourism hub in Lusk on a strategic site within the village,

which will include the delivery of a permanent exhibition space themed on the Life and Times of Thomas Ashe, a key nationalist in the 1916 Rising and a central figure in the community of Lusk and the greater Fingal region.

- **€100,000** – Enhancement of historic, commercial and recreational core of Balrothery, including the creation of new pedestrian linkages and street parking at the Balrothery Heritage Centre. → €100,000 – Enhancement of Rush Main Street, including a Paint and Shopfront Improvement Scheme, and Signage Provision to rejuvenate and revitalise the main street.
- **€36,800** – Interpretation of life of Seamus Ennis in Naul to commemorate the centenary of the birth of the master uilleann piper and music collector.
- **€72,000** - Town Centre Enhancement of Floraville Park in Skerries to allow the park be used after sundown and provide comfortable seating for older people, while also fulfilling one of the intended objectives to provide a variety of artwork in the park, all by artists living in the town.
- **€57,160** – Restoration of heritage stone walls at southern entrance to Portmarnock village and the boundary wall of the former Jameson estate on the eastern side of Strand Road.
- **€32,000** – Portrane Village enhancements to rejuvenate the appearance of the village and the green space area.

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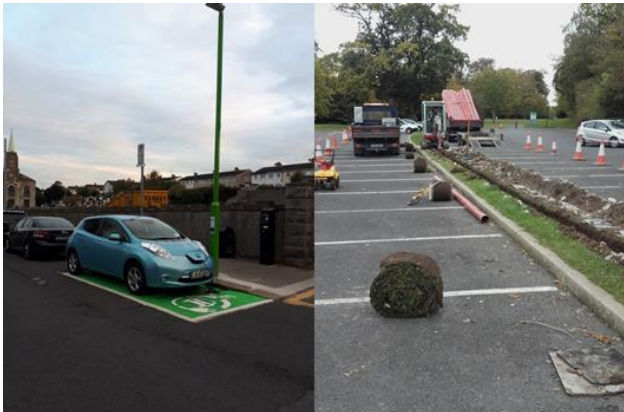
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STREET LIGHTING

Works Programme:

FCC has become the first local authority in Ireland to install integrated Electric Vehicle Charging in its public street light columns for public use. The new street light charging point was installed on Chapel Lane in Swords, adjacent to County Hall, as a part of a wider project. Its performance and usage will be closely monitored by the Operations Department staff with a view to rolling out across the region.

Works have commenced in Newbridge Demense to install car park lighting that will open up Newbridge House to evening events. It is also planned to install car charging facilities upon the commissioning of the lighting.



Street light charging point, Swords, and Newbridge Demense Car Park

Column Replacement:

In excess of 50 column and LED Lantern replacement works were carried out in October.

- St Cronans Estate, Swords 22 X 6m Columns and LED lantern replacements
- Auburn Avenue, Castleknock 11 X 8m Columns and LED lantern replacements.

- Castleknock Park, Castleknock 18 X 6m Column and LED lantern replacements.

LED Upgrade Programme:

The LED Upgrade Program continued in October with 240 LED Upgrade works carried out in the following locations:-

- River Valley Distributor Road, Swords 65 X LED Upgrades
- Townparks Distributor Road, Skerries 54 X LED Upgrades
- Mourne View Distributor Road, Skerries 20 X LED Upgrades
- Roads around Bayside Shopping Centre, Sutton 24 X LED Upgrades
- St. Margarets Road/Park, Malahide 15 X LED Upgrades
- Mill Road, Blanchardstown 9 X LED Upgrades
- Ashcroft Court/Grove, Blakestown 6 X LED Upgrades
- Carne Court, Huntstown 12 X LED Upgrades
- Castlewood, Huntstown 16 X LED Upgrades
- Blakestown Road/Village Heights, Mulhuddart 19 X LED Upgrades

FLEET MANAGEMENT & PLANT HIRE UNIT

Hires put in Place

There were 85 hires put in place from 1st October 2018 to 31st October 2018, engaging 25 suppliers.

Included in these were:

- The hire of a tractor and hedge-cutter for works at Newbridge House and some roads in the surrounding area.

- The hire of a long reach steel tracked excavator for digging trenches in Dunsink & to clean the river bed beside Cappagh Hospital.
- Hire of a tower light for scouting event in Ardgillan Demesne.
- Hire of two road sweepers with swinging arm and gulley sucker attachment for collecting and cleaning the volume of leaves along public roads.
- Hire of two steel tracked excavators and a dump truck for the clearing and reducing of ground in preparation for seeding in the environs of Bremore Castle. Works are in preparation for the Operation Transformation programme, and to develop a car parking area for the adjoining school.
- Hire of generators, crowd control barriers, teleporter and lights for the Festival of Fire in Swords Castle and Millenium Park, Blanchardstown.

Plant Hire Tenders

There were 87 Tenders published for the drawdown of machinery for the 2019 period in October. These Tenders will be evaluated and awarded in November.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES

Speed Limit Review

The Speed Limit Review for Fingal County is ongoing at present. As part of this review further 30 km/h Slow Zones will be provided throughout the county to help make our housing estates safer for all.

Modular Speed Cushions

Complete Highway Maintenance has been awarded the contract for the supply and installation of modular speed cushions and associated road markings/lining for road safety within the FCC area. These works are currently ongoing throughout the county.

Materials are currently on order for Carrickhill Road and Holywell/Airside

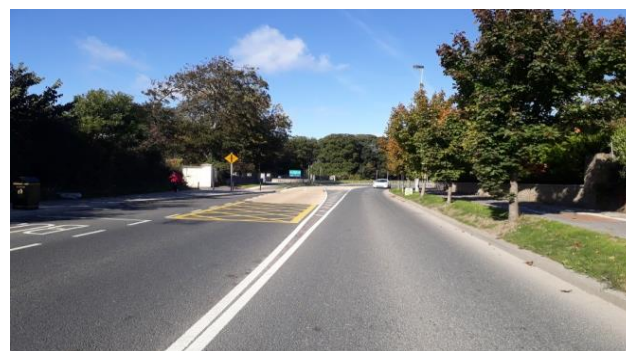
The Traffic Signals Contract 2017

Contract Works on 14 sites are now completed by Traffic Solution Limited.

Shown below are the pedestrian crossing sites commissioned at Melville Road, Finglas (left) and Cruisrath Road, Damastown (right), which are now fully operational with the anti-skid surface installed.



The Cappagh / Heathfield traffic signals junction construction works commenced in June 2018 and progressed well, with all of the civil works, anti-skid surface, lining and slot cutting completed. The ESB connected the power to the junction which allowed the traffic lights to be switched on in October 2018.



Cappagh / Heathfield traffic signals junction

2018 Signals Contract

Clonmel Enterprises are working on the 2018 Signals Contract, with considerable progress achieved to date. Civil works are completed on seven of the eight sites, with the all round zebra crossing in Carpenterstown to start during the Halloween mid term break, minimizing disruption. All sites will be fitted out and commissioned in due course.

Shown below are completed civil works at (clockwise from top left) Rush/Lusk Train Station; Strand Road, Portmarnock; Turvey Avenue, Donabate; and Portrane Road.



30kph Signage

The 30kph signage have been delivered to the depots and will be installed by the depot crews.

2018 VAS Signage Contract

PWS was awarded the contract for the installation of 37 VAS signs in early September and the locations of the signs have been marked out on the ground. The design of the signs has been agreed and installation of the poles is approaching completion with the signs to follow. The contract will be complete by the end of November.



BRIDGE REHABILITATION

Work is progressing by the consultants for the rehabilitation design of three bridges at Knightstown Road, Colecot & Calliaghwee. FCC will advertise the works in January 2019.

Work is progressing on the following:

- Procurement of Consultants to carry out Bridge Principal Inspections
- Bridges for 2019 Bridge Rehabilitation

Other Bridge Works carried out:

The Ballyboughal Bridge parapet wall was damaged.

A contractor has been appointed and repair works are to be completed by the first week of November 2018.



Tram Shed Bench, Howth Head

Mayor Councillor Anthony Lavin unveiled a bench erected by the Operations Department, Howth/Malahide Team on Howth Head on Saturday, 20th October 2018.

This bench was made from the original timber of the Tram Shed and in the photo below are three of the original drivers of the Tram when it operated from June 1901 to 31 May 1959.



Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Anthony Lavin with Pat O'Dowd, John Montague and Oliver Moore

Sustainable Drinking Water Fountains

FCC is in the process of installing sustainable drinking water fountains to reduce plastic waste and provide high quality drinking water in public places.

Single use plastic water bottles account for a large proportion of waste and the installation of drinking water fountains will help to prevent this. The fountains are easy to access and use, and are an environmentally friendly health and well-being initiative.

The first water fountain was installed in Howth by the Operations Department who have been working with Refill Ireland on the project. Another water fountain is due to be installed in Malahide Demesne.



Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Anthony Lavin was joined by Fingal County Councillors Cian O'Callaghan, Daire Ní Laoi and Jimmy Guerin at Water Fountain

Mick Walsh Park

Mallinckrodt Ireland, one of the major pharmaceutical companies located in the Dublin Enterprise Zone, kindly donated a changing facility to Mulhuddart FC in Mick Walsh Park. This facility will be hugely beneficial to the young members of Mulhuddart FC and is a positive example of the company's support to the community in Mulhuddart.



Recycling Centres – Halloween

The Council's recycling centres accepted combustible material from the residents of Fingal from Wednesday 24th – Wednesday 31st October. This was an effort to reduce the amount of material which otherwise would be disposed of on bonfires, and cause consequential damage to public open spaces. Additional resources were required at the recycling centres to manage the extra volume of vehicles during this period. As a result of this incentive, the amount of materials available for bonfires has reduced and was evident on Halloween night in the Fingal area.



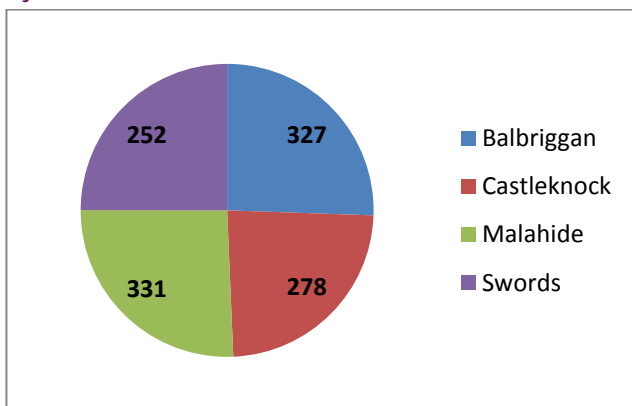
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PLANNING ACTIVITY

Planning Applications

There have been 1,188 planning applications received to the end of October 2018, 115 of which were invalid, leaving a total of 1,073 valid applications. The volume of applications received by area is illustrated below:



Planning Decisions

A total of 1,006 planning decisions have been made to the end of October 2018. There have been 909 decisions to grant permission (90.3%) and 97 refusals of permission (9.7%). Of these, 109 grants have been for single house construction, 472 for domestic extensions, 253 commercial/retail grants and 35 grants of housing developments. Four of housing developments were in excess of 100 or more housing units, with 19 relating to developments of 2-20 housing units.

Building Control

There have been 141 Disability Access Certificates submitted to the end of October 2018. Of these, 104 were granted, 1 was invalidated and 3 are currently on time extension. There have 194 Fire Safety Certificates submitted to the end of October 2018. Of these 140 were granted, 3 were invalidated and 30 are currently on time extension.

Barnhill Draft LAP

The Barnhill Draft Local Area Plan (LAP) is currently out on display from 23rd October to 5th December inclusive. The Plan provides for approximately 1,000 units on residentially zoned land and also for a local centre, a primary school reservation and significant areas of both passive and active open space. A new access to Hansfield rail station from the lands south of the station is a requirement of the phasing. The lands border the Royal Canal and facilitate access for recreational enjoyment and to facilitate greater levels of cycling as an option to commuting by car.

Kinsaley Draft LAP

Kinsaley Draft LAP was presented to the Howth/Malahide Area Committee on 6th November. The draft plan will go on display in December or January dependent on the time taken for consultation with the prescribed environmental authorities. The Plan seeks to establish a village centre for Kinsealy with the

zoned lands accommodating mixed housing types, complementing existing permissions in the area and providing further choice to homeowners. It is estimated that the lands could accommodate in excess of 300 new homes in addition to the 180 units recently granted at Kinsealy House and near the junction with Chapel Road and Malahide Road (Flynn lands). The plan also facilitates the re-use of the old Teagasc building by reserving the lands as a school site and overcoming current parking issues on the temporary school site. Shared parking by any future school on the Teagasc lands, and planned adjoining public open space lands, is provided for in the Plan.

Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy

The draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) went out on public display on 5th November until the 23rd January. The principal purpose of the RSES is to support the implementation of Project Ireland 2040, and the economic policies and objectives of the Government, by providing a long-term strategic planning and economic framework for the development of the Region.

The vision for the draft RSES is 'to create a sustainable and competitive region that supports the health and wellbeing of our people and places, from urban to rural, with access to quality housing, travel and employment opportunities for all.'

The draft Strategy seeks to provide a:

- *Spatial Strategy* – to manage future growth and ensure the creation of healthy and attractive places to live, work, study, visit and invest in.
- *Economic Strategy* – that builds on our strengths to sustain a strong economy and support the creation of quality jobs that ensure a good living standard for all.
- *Metropolitan Plan* – to ensure a supply of strategic development areas for the sustainable growth and continued success and competitiveness of the Dublin metropolitan area.

- *Investment Framework* – to prioritise the delivery of key enabling infrastructure and services by Government and state agencies.
- *Climate Action Strategy* – to accelerate climate action; ensure a clean and healthy environment; and to promote sustainable transport and strategic green infrastructure.

The draft RSES is accompanied by Appendices, SEA Environmental Report, Appendices to SEA Environmental Report, Regional Flood Risk Assessment Report and AA Natura Impact Report. Submissions or observations on the draft strategy or associated environmental reports will be accepted until 5pm on 23rd January 2019 via the website, email or mail.

Donabate Distributor Road

The Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Eoghan Murphy TD, recently visited the site of the Donabate Distributor Road and met with council officials involved in the project. Mr Murphy was particularly interested to see the new bridge structure beginning to rise up on either side of the Dublin-Belfast railway line, and this structure will form a new landmark on the north county Dublin skyline as construction continues over the coming months. When complete, the new road will facilitate a number of residential developments in Donabate as well as providing a much needed second crossing of the rail line.



Road Widening Near Donabate Railway Bridge (R126)

The contractor has recommenced works on the Prospect House site at Hearse Road, Donabate. All remaining road works that will impact on traffic will be programmed to take place at night and/or weekends. The contract will continue to be managed in line with the provisions of the Government Public Works Contract.

Building Control/Taking in Charge

The 'Taking in Charge of Legacy Developments' frameworks of services providers have now been established with a view to preparing and effecting site resolution on developments, which FCC plans to progress to the Taking in Charge Statutory process. FCC are now progressing the first site resolution through this framework.

Building Control Inspectors undertook more than 45 inspections of sites during October 2018. Many of these are large multi-unit developments. Inspections are targeted with a risk based approach in accordance with government policy.

Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services)

Flood Risk Assessments and Drainage Strategies to inform LAPs - FCC staff are currently managing the tendering and preparation of the surface water management plans to inform Barnhill LAP, Dublin Airport LAP, Kinsealy LAP, Castlelands LAP, Swords masterplans and Churchfield framework.

Pre-planning consultations – During October staff from Forward Planning (Water Services) have engaged with more than seven developers at pre-planning stage to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of sustainable drainage systems on site.

Drumanagh Conservation Study and Management Plan

The launch of the Drumanagh Conservation Study and Management Plan, and the excavation results exhibition, took place on the 18 October 2018 in Rush Library. Representing the Minister was Chief Archaeologist, Michael McDonagh of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Fingal's community archaeology project was singled out as a model for the future and the Council's commitment to the protection of the nationally important site of Drumanagh promontory fort was praised. Deputy Mayor Cllr. Grainne Maguire formally launched the plan on behalf of the Council at the well-attended event.



Fingal Fieldnames Project

The first phase of the Fingal Fieldnames project was marked by an evening seminar in Swords Atrium. Members of local heritage and historical societies presented the results of their invaluable work in documenting the fieldnames of Fingal before they disappear. The project will continue in 2019.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY (H&C)

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HOUSING STRATEGY 2020/REBUILDING IRELAND

The Council delivered 3,464 homes since the start of the Housing Strategy 2020/ReBuilding Ireland. The units were delivered over the various delivery mechanisms and do not include units approved for delivery.

Visit by Minister Eoghan Murphy

In addition to visiting the LIHAF site in Donabate, Minister Eoghan Murphy also visited a number of sites across the County where housing units have recently been developed, or are being developed, by FCC. The Minister visited the units being refurbished on Seatown Road, St. Benedict's housing for the elderly in Malahide and the rapid delivery scheme at Pinewood, Balbriggan.

Pillar 1: Address Homelessness

FCC is currently in contact with circa 568 families who are in homeless circumstances or at risk of homelessness.

335 families have had their homeless circumstances alleviated in 2018, up to the end of October (including 230 Homeless HAP tenancies), with further tenancy arrangements to conclude shortly through the various forms of social housing support.

Tenancy support is provided through supports such as SLI (Support to Live Independently) and varying other supports to ensure new tenancies are sustained. Homeless prevention advice continues to be offered through the Council's Homeless Team in partnership with Threshold Clinics and the Threshold Freephone service.

Housing Assistance Payment

711 Homeless HAP tenancies have been put in place since the Dublin Region HAP Pilot scheme came into effect in 2015.

In addition, 718 mainstream HAP tenancies have been put in place to date this year.

A total of 1,201 tenancies are now in place under mainstream HAP with further tenancy arrangements in the process of being finalised.

Pillar 2: Accelerate Social Housing

Construction Programme

The current progress of the construction programme is set out below.

	No. Schemes	No. Units
Delivered to Date	6	143
Contractor on Site/Appointed	10	169
Tender Stage	3	97
Pre-Planning Approval	12	479
Total Construction	25	745

Masterplan/Land Management Plan sites are not included in the above figures.

Acquisitions Programme

Delivered to Date: 403 (109 *properties closed in 2018*)

Pending Sales Closing: 53

Enhanced Long Term Social Housing Leasing Scheme

The main features of the scheme, which launched in January, are:

- It targets newly built or yet to be built houses and apartments for leasing;

- Property developers and investors, who are in a position to deliver housing at a reasonable scale, are targeted; and
- It provides for 25 year lease terms that require the property owner to provide day-to-day maintenance of the properties under a schedule of Management Services.

The Housing Agency is leading the scheme on behalf of the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government (DHPLG). Following a first call for proposals, a small number of submissions were received. Despite interest in some of the proposals by Fingal, the developers chose not to proceed. On 3rd August, the Housing Agency issued a second call for proposals which closed on 25th October 2018.

Further details of the scheme are available at: <https://www.housingagency.ie/News/Current-News/Enhanced-Long-Term-Social-Housing-Leasing-Scheme.aspx>



New social housing nearing completion at The Grange, Ballyboghil

Repair and Leasing Scheme & Buy and Renew

The *Repair and Leasing* and the *Buy and Renew* schemes target vacant private properties in the County. Both schemes provide initiatives for the owners that encourage their use for social

housing by the Council. FCC is interested in discussing leasing and purchasing options with owners of these long-term vacant or derelict properties.

Part V

Activity in this area has increased with the upturn in construction and early on-site delivery of units is the approach taken by FCC in Part V negotiations with developers.

Reports on Part V agreements are provided quarterly to the Area Committees. A total of 150 Part V housing units have been delivered over the period of the strategy to date.

Approved Housing Bodies

FCC continues to work closely with Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) who play an important role in the delivery of social housing in the County. The Council facilitates AHBs in the management of funding applications to the *Capital Assistance Scheme* and *Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme*.

Traveller Accommodation Programme

Collinstown Park:

FCC agreed in the High Court on Wednesday 10th October to an Order quashing the decision on 9th July to grant planning permission for traveller accommodation at Coolquay.

The proposed site at Coolquay was identified as the new home for the residents of a Halting Site at Collinstown, which is being vacated because of the Dublin Airport Authority's plans to build the new North runway. Following this Order, the Council will reconsider all options and remains committed to relocating the Collinstown residents. This process is ongoing.

Pillar 3: Build More Homes

Ballymastone, Donabate

The development of the strategic land bank at Ballymastone, Donabate is focused on delivering a successful and sustainable community through the provision of a mixed tenure residential development and physical and social infrastructure, as well as improving connections between the new and existing communities. The tender process commenced in October 2018 with a contract award anticipated before year end 2019. The development must meet the requirements of urban design and phasing as set out in the Donabate LAP 2016 – 2022, and supporting infrastructure must be delivered. Information sessions for Councillors are ongoing as the project progresses.

Church Fields, Dublin 15

The Land Management Plan for the Church Field lands has been developed. It provides the optimal layout for future sustainable development of the lands. It provides for a mixed tenure residential development with associated community facilities. Approaches to housing delivery on the strategic land bank are being examined, with the Project Talamh Programme Office conducting economic and financial modelling and analysis. In the meantime, an initial phase of the housing development of Church Fields was presented to the local Councillors on 4th October and is now proceeding to a Part 8 process. A submission has been made for funding under the Serviced Sites Fund and this will enable the delivery of key road and green infrastructure to facilitate the development of the site.

Serviced Sites Fund

The Serviced Sites Fund provides for enabling infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of affordable homes on local authority and Housing Agency sites. FCC submitted proposals totalling €18.25m under the fund and these will

enable the delivery of social, affordable purchase and affordable rental homes at scale on four strategically located sites in the county;

- Church Fields
- Dun Emer, Lusk
- Hackettstown, Skerries
- Cappagh, Dublin 11

Land Development Agency

The recently established Land Development Agency (LDA) has identified two land banks in Fingal which it proposes to focus on immediately in order to unlock their potential combined yield of over 1,000 homes.

The sites are:

- Castlelands, Balbriggan
- Hackettstown, Skerries

These sites are in the Land Aggregation Scheme and currently in the ownership of the Housing Agency. FCC has been working with the LDA and the Housing Agency to bring these two sites forward for development. Both these sites require infrastructure investment to deliver the potential housing envisaged.

Members of the Housing Department are available to meet with developers who are building across the county, with a view to exploring opportunities to bring forward proposals to increase the supply of social housing.

Pillar 4: Improve the Rental Sector

The total number of Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) and Long-Term Lease (LTL) tenancies is 837, broken down as:

RAS:	668
LTL:	169

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

The new loan was launched on February 1st and, for those eligible, offers three different loan

products. At this stage 37 persons/families have become home owners and 107 are at sale agreed stage, with a very high likelihood of these being in their new home by Christmas. The Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan has represented a significant upturn in lending activity for FCC since only a handful of applicants drew down the lower threshold House Purchase Loan (HPL) last year.

Further details and application forms available on www.rebuildingirelandhomeloan.ie

Statistics on loan applications

Number of applications (ytd)	414
Number approved	175
Number declined	138
Number Withdrawn/Ineligible	5
Number presently with underwriter	64
FCC in context of region (4 Dublins)	40%
The value of the loans approved so far	€39 million
Number of applications at Sale Agreed stage	107
Number where loan has drawn down	37
The value of the loans drawn down so far	€7.95 million

Vacant Homes Strategy

A vacant homes seminar hosted by DHPLG was held during the month of October, where information and experience of vacant house re-activation was shared across all Local Authorities. The vacant homes office has also been supplied with a Vacant Homes Officer's Toolkit, which includes guidance on best practice when negotiating with property owners. The Vacant Homes Officer is working with the IT department, and has commenced work on developing an App for collection and management of information on long-term vacant homes. It is envisaged that the App will provide for more effective data management and reporting and will also assist in targeting resources in terms of reactivating vacant units through the *Buy and Renew Scheme* and potential Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO).

Work is continuing on the Vacant Homes publicity campaign which will encourage reporting of

vacant homes and raise awareness of the options available to homeowners.

To date FCC has purchased 29 units under the *Buy and Renew Scheme*. Of these, 14 have been refurbished and allocated to families. We have successfully negotiated two further sales under the scheme and conveyancing has commenced on these properties. Under the *Repair to Lease Scheme*, eight lease agreements have been entered into and a further five applications are in train. Five units have been identified as suitable for a CPO process. The necessary documentation has been prepared and is currently under review in the council's law department.

Private Rented Inspections

In February 2018, all local authorities were issued with targets for the Inspection of Private Rented Properties by the DHPLG in conjunction with its Strategy for the Private Rental Sector – a key component of Rebuilding Ireland. The aim is to increase the national average inspection rate from 6% to 25% of registered rental properties by 2021. The targets are based on the percentage of tenancies registered with the Residential Tenancies Board, which within the FCC administrative area amounts to 20,635.

The annual targets are as follows:

2018 (10%)	2019 (15%)	2020 (20%)	2021 (25%)
2,072	3,108	4,144	5,180

This year over 2,000 first and 888 second inspections have been completed.

We are currently involved in a joint tender process with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. This will close on 12th November 2018 and a contractor will be in place by January 2019.

Pillar 5: Utilise Existing Housing

Voids

There were 52 casual voids within social housing stock at the end of October 2018. A significant number of these (26) were surrendered /secured since early September. Of these dwellings, eleven are complete and are being offered for letting. Work is underway on 17 dwellings and the balance is with the County Architect for the procurement of pre-let repairs.

Windows and Doors / Cyclical Maintenance

The *Windows and Doors Replacement Programme* is nearing completion in the Ladyswell and Parslicktown estates in Dublin 15. The *Cyclical Maintenance Programme 2018* is almost complete in Sheephill Estate, Dublin 15. Following this, works will commence in some smaller developments in the North and East of the county before year end. To date in 2018, painting and joinery works under the Programme, have been completed in 650 dwellings.

COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS

COMMUNITY

Community Development Office

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg held two important events in October which were the culmination of their work plan for the year



The film 'Perfect Imperfections', addressing the topic of mental health and male body image, was launched in Swords Atrium and will now be the main showcase for Fingal Comhairle at the National Showcase event in Croke Park on 22nd November.



101 young people between the ages of 12- 18 attended the Fingal Comhairle na nÓg AGM on 18th October, representing 18 schools across Fingal. This daylong event, which was supported by Deputy Mayor Cllr Grainne Maguire, consisted of presentations, workshops on healthy lifestyles and peer pressure, and the nomination of new members to the Comhairle committee. This year 42 people put themselves forward for selection to the committee.

The Fingal Community Facilities Network

The Fingal Community Facilities Network is running a one day training course on financial management. This is aimed at board members and managers and will address budgeting.

Castleland Community Centre will provide class room accommodation to 160 students from Ardgillan Community College due to the closure of their phase one building. This will ensure that children from the community college can continue with their studies on site with little disruption. Community groups have been very accommodating and have made alternative arrangement to ensure their services can continue.

Fingal Senior Citizens Forum

Fingal Senior Citizens Forum held their Annual Harvest Social Tea Dance at Fingallians GAA Club on the 11th of October, attended by the Mayor Cllr. Anthony Lavin. Over 80 Senior Citizens from across the county also took part. Fingal Senior Citizens Forum hosts this event to encourage greater participation and to work towards easing isolation and loneliness for the Senior Citizens of Fingal



Fingal Creative Ireland Programme

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Anthony Lavin launched the Fingal Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022 and 'Fingal Creative Conversations' on Thursday 1st November in The Atrium, Swords. Performers on the night included; Sorcha Ni Scolaí on Uilleann pipes; Eithne Lannon, Poetry Recital; and Muireann McDonnell, Singer/Songwriter. The Fingal Creative Conversations is an initiative comprising of a video series, produced by Tobi Illori, of four one-to-one interviews focused on creativity with Jane

McCorkell, Landscape Designer; Paul Darcy, Painter/Sculptor; Arun Rao, Musician and David Gilna Actor/Writer/Producer. The series will be released incrementally throughout November on the Fingal YouTube Channel.



Arts Office

Seamus Ennis Centre wins two awards

The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre has won two awards including the prestigious JCI Fingal Friendly Business Award in the Community Impact category. The Council's traditional arts centre has also won the national award, beating stiff competition from Triskel Arts Centre and Enable Ireland. The awards ceremony took place in The Mick Lally Theatre (Druid), Galway.



Home Theatre - Draiocht Arts Centre

Home Theatre Ireland is a unique community theatre which took place in people's homes, and features their stories. It took place in and around Dublin 15 and there were 90 Shows in 30 Homes with 47 Theatre Artists and 30 Ambassadors. It was documented by eleven filmmakers, and took place over one night.

Graduate Award 2018

BLOCK T

The FCC Arts Office, in partnership with BLOCK T, is delighted to announce Michele Hetherington as the successful recipient of the Graduate Award 2018. Michele Hetherington is a recent Master of Fine Art Graduate from NCAD.

As part of an ongoing commitment to emerging artists the Arts Office offers a one-year Graduate Studio Award in BLOCK T with a solo exhibition in 2019. This is part of FUEL, BLOCK T's Visual Arts Programme, dedicated to the support and professional development of recent graduates. The Graduate Award, which commences in November 2018, will provide an ideal environment for Michele to develop her practice and an opportunity to network with other artists. In addition, the artist will also have access to BLOCK T's Skillsets workshops and courses.

Fingal County Council-RHA Studio Award

Fingal Arts and the RHA School are delighted to announce Naomi Sex as the recipient of the 2018 Fingal Arts Studio Award. Naomi, from Portmarnock, will begin her residency in December 2018. This award consists of a funded studio space for the period of one year and offers the recipient an opportunity to develop their practice within the institutional framework of the RHA. Naomi has been practicing for over fifteen years and has exhibited on an ongoing basis both nationally and internationally. Her work has received numerous awards, residencies and state commissions. She has lectured for many years in the Fine Art Department at Dublin Institute of Technology and is a director on the Board of The Visual Artists of Ireland.

In 2017, she had a solo exhibition encompassing all of her recent performance works at The Royal Hibernian Academy (RHA).



An Urgent Enquiry

The Arts Council has awarded €71,000 to FCC, Wexford County Council and Dublin City Council as part of its *Invitation to Collaboration Scheme*. The scheme will investigate the role of the arts in raising awareness of climate change and biodiversity issues along the east coast. This award is following a research phase in 2017 during which €15,520 was awarded, making the total investment €86,520.

The money will be used to support a series of artists' residencies exploring coastal discussions in Fingal, Dublin & Wexford between artists, communities, curators, biodiversity officers and academic specialists with the aim of creatively highlighting shared concerns on climate change influences and biodiversity of our east coast. The Collaboration also includes a partnership with UK Art & Ecology Commissioning Agency Invisible Dust. The Fingal residency will be located at our Resort Residency location in 2019.

Sports Office

Official launch of the Community & Sports Office, Balbriggan

On Monday 15th October, the new Community and Sports Office in Flemington Community Centre, Balbriggan, was officially launched by the Deputy Mayor Cllr. Gráinne Maguire in the company of David Gillick, the former Olympian

and sports personality. David spoke passionately about the positive effects of community on people's lives and in particular their mental health. He also spoke about the benefits derived from engaging in a physical activity and encouraged all those present to spread the word of the positive work that was going on in Balbriggan.

The new office will be staffed by a Community Development Officer and a Community Sports Development Officer, dedicated to working in Balbriggan and its hinterland. The Balbriggan Community Sports Hub is funded by Dormant Accounts through Sport Ireland.

qualification and academic subjects such as Maths and English. In addition to participating in a number of personal development modules, they will also return to their local primary school one day a week to work with teachers in the delivery of physical education, gaining valuable work experience.



Fitness and Football Course Launch

The third year of the Fitness and Football Course was officially launched on 26th October by Cllr Kieran Dennison in the company of Andy Reid, former Republic of Ireland Senior International at Corduff Community Centre. Andy participated in a lively question and answer session with the young students, where he shared some of his experiences, and talked about his footballing career. He encouraged the students to work hard and enjoy every minute of this unique course.

The yearlong course caters for 22 Transition Year Students who will participate in a range of football coaching badges, an ITECH full fitness instructor's

LIBRARIES

270 students attend STEMCon event

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Anthony Lavin launched Fingal Libraries' STEMCon event at the Castleknock Hotel on 10th October. 'Inspiring the Next Generation' was the theme of the conference, which was attended by 270 students from eight secondary schools. Dr Mary Meaney, former President of ITB and now the Programme Leader on the 'Technological University for Dublin' project, moderated the event. Speakers included the Executive Fire Prevention Officer of Dublin Fire Brigade, Ruth Walsh; FCC's Community Archaeologist, Christine Baker; Site Reliability Engineer in Google Dublin, Eimear Crotty; and IT Director with Liberty Information Technology, Felim O'Donnell. The audience also heard from Deputy State Pathologist, Dr. Linda Mulligan; Apprentice Aircraft Engineer, Patrick Grogan; and Eimear Ni Bhroin, Language Officer with the European Commission Representation in Ireland. STEMCon was organised by Fingal Libraries in association with Science Foundation Ireland, Creative Ireland, Europe Direct and the Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown.



Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Anthony Lavin addresses the audience at STEMCon

Citizens' Dialogue at Balbriggan Library on the Future of Europe

The Deputy Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Grainne Maguire opened a Citizens' Dialogue on the Future of Europe at Balbriggan Library on the 18th October. Citizens' Dialogues are taking place across the EU and represent a chance for ordinary citizens to give their views on the future of the European Union. A report from each Dialogue is sent to the EU Commission in Brussels. Organised by the Europe Direct Information Centre at Blanchardstown Library, this Dialogue was moderated by consultant and broadcaster Stiofán Nutty. Members of the panel included Dublin Constituency MEP Brian Hayes; Head of the EU Commission Representation in Ireland, Gerry Kiely and CFO of Country Crest, Chris Harmon. It was an opportunity for the general public to have their say, to ask questions, raise concerns and discuss issues with the panel.



Citizens' Dialogue event at Balbriggan Library

Young Entrepreneurs Club at Blanchardstown Library

Following the great success of the pilot programme in spring, the Young Entrepreneurs Club involving 20 participants, restarted at Blanchardstown Library on 4th October. This eleven week course aims to foster an interest in business and innovation in young people and to develop relevant entrepreneurial skills. The participants are 11/12 years olds from 5th/6th class in Dublin 15 primary schools. The programme is run by library staff as part of the Europe Direct and Work Matters projects at Blanchardstown Library which has been shortlisted under the Best Local Community Involvement category in the Fingal Business Excellence and CSR Awards, which take place on the 9th November at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Santry.

Healthy Ireland at Your Library

Libraries are a valuable source for health information and Fingal Libraries continues to attract strong audience numbers for its 'Healthy Ireland at Your Library' programme. One of the very popular recent events of the Programme took place at Malahide Library, when World Cross Country Medallist and Olympian Catherina McKiernan spoke to an audience of 60 people

about her very successful running career. She provided the audience with tips on preventing injuries and how to set practical running goals, in addition to advice on nutrition, hydration and recovery.



Catherina McKiernan at Malahide Library

STEM Saturday # Science Week and Beyond!

Following the success of STEMfest in July, Fingal Libraries will host a STEM Saturdays' programme at Blanchardstown Library on 3rd November, Malahide Library on 10th November and

Balbriggan Library

on 17th

November. Events

will include the

Big Bear

Planetarium, The

Academy of

Code's road show,

Dave's Jungle,

space workshops

with the

Rediscovery

Centre, and interactive sessions from Dublin Zoo.



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SESCA Robotics Workshop – 24th November and 1st December

Fingal Libraries, in partnership with Creative Ireland, will host a SESCO Robotics Workshop on 24th November in Grove Road Atrium and on the 1st December in Swords Atrium. Aimed at ages ten and upwards, participants will learn how to programme robots using SESCO mobile robot kits. There will also be displays of famous robots from movies and TV such as R2-D2, Dalek, Robot Wars and Creeper. World renowned robotics expert Professor Peter Redmond will also present at the events.

Work Matters

Work Matters is an information service for entrepreneurs, job seekers and those wanting to advance their careers. On the 10th November, Balbriggan Library will hold a Work Matters Expo with talks and advice from LEO Fingal, Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce, Balbriggan Women's Group, Balbriggan Integration Forum and Innovation Enterprise Network. Swords, Blanchardstown and Malahide Libraries will also hold Work Matters events throughout the month of November, addressing CV and interview preparation, digital marketing and changing careers.

Blas Baile Bhlainseir – Irish Language Day at Blanchardstown Library.

Irish Language Day will take place at Blanchardstown Library on 13th November with an exciting programme of events including:

- Scealta le Niall de Burca/Stories with Niall de Burca for 10 – 12 year olds.
- Trath na gCeist/Quiz with teams from local primary schools.
- Giggles and Fear Grinn/Giggles the Clown.
- Ceardlann logart Reoite le Susan Boyle/Frozen Yogurt Workshop with Susan Boyle.

- *Na Dearthaireacha Fanzini/The Fanzini Brothers.*

Mobile Libraries on Tour

During the recent mid-term break, the Mobile Libraries visited creches and childcare facilities across Fingal that would not usually be visited. Staff did 'story time' at each stop and posted photos on social media. As part of *Science Week* the Mobile Libraries will visit Balbriggan Educate Together on 13th November for a Lego Workshop.

E-services information services at your library

We now have a dedicated e-Services team in Fingal branch libraries that provide hands-on information sessions for the public on getting the best from our online services including e-magazines, e-newspapers and e-books. Staff will hold e-Services information sessions at Baldoyle, Blanchardstown, Garristown, Howth, Malahide, Rush, Swords and Skerries Libraries during the month of November.

Digitise the Nation Fingal Libraries

Digitise the Nation's classes on 'How to Get Online' will begin on 12th November at Baldoyle Library, followed by 16th November at Donabate and Rush Libraries and on 26th November at Garristown Library. Topics covered will include an introduction to the internet and to email, online services, video calling, using apps and how to fully utilise iPads, smartphones, tablets and laptops.

New Baby Book Club at Rush Library

Baby Book Clubs are now running in most library branches and are a great way to introduce small children to books and reading. A new baby book club has started at Rush Library and runs on the third Tuesday of the month from 10am.

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Climate Action Team

The Climate Action Team is now fully in place to support the Council's efforts in achieving our climate change obligations. The team is led by Ronan O'Reilly (Climate Action Officer), and supported by Kevin Vallely (Flooding) and Carla McKenna (Awareness)

Climate Change Ambassadors

Applications are invited for people interested in joining An Taisce's Environmental Education Unit's Climate Ambassador programme for 2019. The programme is open to secondary and third level students and adult members of the community. This includes primary teachers, members of other environmental groups, sports groups, community groups, businesses and anyone interested in learning more and taking action on climate change.

The Climate Ambassador programme is Ireland's first ever initiative to train and support individuals taking action on climate change. The programme is co-ordinated by An Taisce, with support from the Department of Communication, Climate Action and Environment.

The application form can be completed [here](http://climateambassador.ie/)



Hazardous Waste Management

The EPA has released a progress report on the implementation of the National Hazardous Waste Management Plan (NHWMP) 2014-2020. The report shows that Ireland is making good progress on managing hazardous waste.

A stronger emphasis is to be placed on waste prevention, focused engagement with stakeholders and continued development of hazardous waste. This will include small scale and household hazardous waste which will help Ireland become more self-sufficient in the treatment and management of its own hazardous waste and less reliant on the cheaper cost option of the treatment and disposal of such waste abroad.

Key achievements from implementing the plan to date include:

- A pilot Farm Hazardous Waste Scheme collected 1,000 tonnes of waste from 9,000 farmers at 46 collection centres.

- A coordinated approach to one-day collections for household hazardous waste by the three Regional Waste Management Offices
- Publication of the Guidance for the Management Of Household Hazardous Waste at Civic Amenity Sites

Eastern-Midlands Waste Region Annual Report 2016/2017

The Eastern-Midlands Region Waste Management Office (EMRWMO) has published their second report, covering the period of May 2016 to December 2017. The waste statistics relate to 2015 as these are the latest validated statistics available.

The report can be found at: <http://www.fingalcoco.ie/media/EMR%20Waste%20PLan%20Annual%20Report%20Final.pdf>

The key statistics are:

	Regional	National
Household (HH) waste per person (kg)	307	293
Waste per HH (kg)	873	806
HH availing of collection service (%)	82	72
HH availing of collection service with 3 bin (%)	50	47
HH WEEE collected for recovery per person (kg)	8.05	8.6

The total municipal waste generated nationally stood at 2.49 Million Tonnes while the estimate of managed municipal waste recovered stood at 78% of this figure.

Balleally Closed Landfill – Surface Water Project

Balleally Lane and Rogerstown Lane reopened to through traffic as the planned road closure, associated with realignment and drainage works, expired on 27th October. The works, which are a necessary precursor to opening the proposed Rogerstown public park, initially on a phased basis, will continue on the scheme until late January 2019.



Balleally Landfill SW Scheme Construction Works October 2018

Litter Management

A total of 54 fines were issued in September. Of these, 33 were issued in the Balbriggan/Swords Electoral Area, three were issued in Howth/Malahide and 18 in Castleknock/Mulhuddart. Of these fines, 14 were for general littering offences, 38 were for CCTV related offences and one was for a dog fouling offence. The remainder were for various offences set out in the Litter Pollution Acts

National Marine Planning Framework Baseline Report

The Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Damien English TD, has published the National Marine Planning Framework Baseline Report for public consultation.

Marine spatial planning is a process that brings together multiple users of the ocean to make informed and coordinated decisions about how to use marine resources sustainably. It is a process by which the relevant public authorities analyse and organise human activities in marine areas to achieve ecological, economic and social objectives.

The report can be found at :

https://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/national_marine_planning_framework_baseline_report.pdf

The Department invites submissions (mshp@housing.gov.ie) on the Baseline Report. The closing date is midday, 14 December 2018.

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

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CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Smart Dublin Small Business Innovation Research Regional Launch

Fingal County Council hosted the Smart Dublin Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Launch at the Atrium in Swords on October 11. The event was opened by Fingal County Council Chief Executive Paul Reid and Enterprise Ireland's Head of Innovation and Competitiveness Tom Kelly.

Approximately €700,000 is to be awarded to companies under the SBIR initiative which will enable them explore innovative solutions to address challenges faced by Local Authorities.

At the launch, 21 start-ups and SMEs were awarded Phase One funding to progress the feasibility of their solutions. Phase One funding will allow each recipient to carry out a feasibility study/prototype of their project.

The challenges are:

- Unheard Voices
- Internet of Things,
- Smart Mobility Hub
- Bathing Water Quality
- Last Mile Delivery

The project is supported by FCC, Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, South Dublin County Council, Belfast City Council, Cork City Council, Waterford City and County Council and the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland.

Find out more information on the Smart Dublin SBIR Challenges [here](#).



Lá na Gaeilge – 13 Samhain

Beidh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall ag ceiliúradh Bliain na Gaeilge le Lá na Gaeilge ar 13 Samhain. Fingal County Council will be encouraging the use of Irish with an Irish Day on November 13th.

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Financial Reports

Refer to Appendix 1 for the following reports:

- Revenue Account Income & expenditure to 31ST October 2018
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CAPITAL ACCOUNT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/10/2018

	Balance at 01/01/2018	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/10/2018 €
A Housing & Building	-45,136,633	96,474,999	-73,090,800	-21,752,434
B Road Transport & Safety	9,240,778	26,645,131	-2,156,465	33,729,444
C Water Services Development	-11,626,869	1,904,280	-1,166,747	-10,889,336
D Management	-52,144,982	14,357,454	-29,075,302	-66,862,830
E Environmental Services	-14,037,274	6,822,555	-3,520,588	-10,735,307
F Recreation & Amenity	-9,850,846	6,420,680	-1,751,055	-5,181,221
H Miscellaneous Services	-34,409,446	1,397,516	598,700	-32,413,230
	-		-	
Total	157,965,272	154,022,615	110,162,257	-114,104,914

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/10/2018				
	Balance at 01/01/2018	Balance at 31/10/2018	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
RATES	6,562,335	19,431,254	15,465,549	3,965,705
LOANS	1,229,092	1,284,643	350,820	933,823
RENTS	3,407,366	4,053,615	2,351,024	1,702,591

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

