

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES
ANNUAL POLICY PROGRAMME 2022



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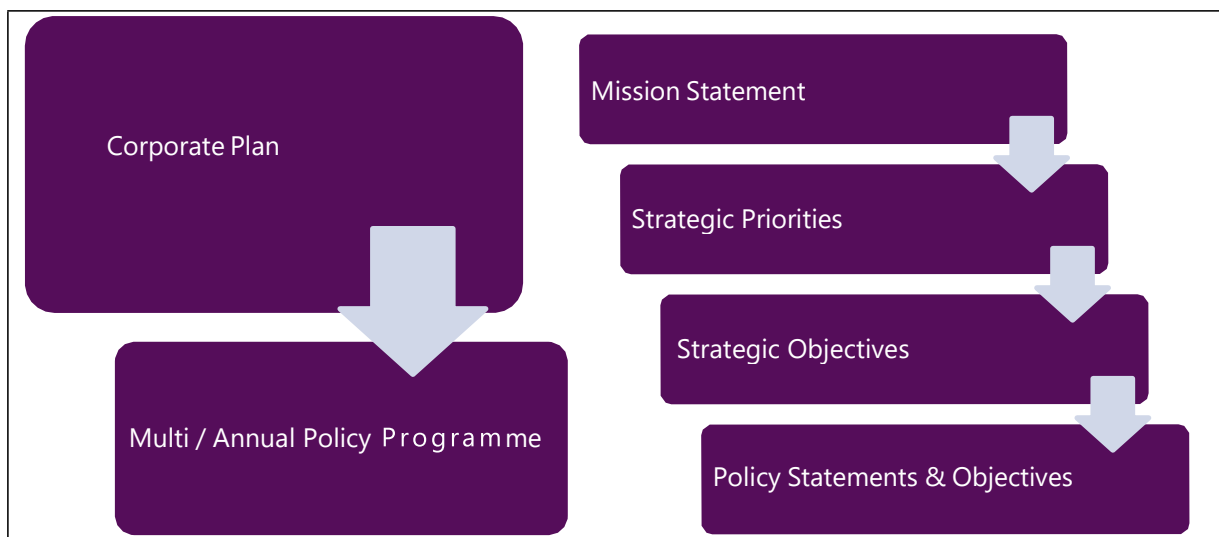


Introduction

Fingal County Council’s Annual Policy Programme 2022 is formulated and agreed by the Corporate Policy Group of the County Council in the context of the overarching vision of making Fingal “a great place to live, work, visit and do business”.

The Council’s Corporate Plan sets out the Mission, Themes, Strategic Priorities and Strategic Objectives over the five-year term of office of the Council. The Annual Policy Programme is guided by those priorities and objectives and sets out the policy matters to be considered by the Strategic Policy Committees during the year. Once considered, any resulting recommendations from the SPCs will be considered by the Corporate Policy Group and ultimately the full Council for consideration and adoption as Policy Statements and Objectives.

The table below sets out of the **Hierarchy of Plans and Objectives** in the policy development structure-



The Themes and Strategic Priorities, as set out in the Corporate Plan, are listed below and provide the framework within which policies will be considered and developed by the Elected Members through the policy development framework of the Council -

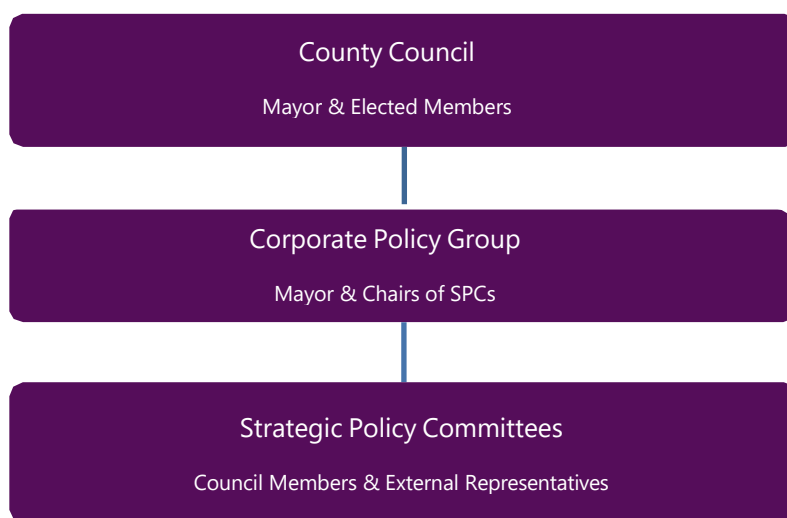
Reference	Theme	Strategic Priority
T1	Quality of Life	
T1.SP1		Support the Diverse Needs of the People of Fingal
T1.SP2		Ensure our Existing and New Communities are Safe, Inclusive and Sustainable
T1.SP3		Develop Engagement with our Stakeholders
T2	Quality and Climate Resilient Environment	
T2.SP4		Action on Climate Change
T2.SP5		Protect our Environment and Heritage



T3	Quality Business Environment	
T3.SP6		Promote and Enable Sustainable Economic Growth
T3.SP7		Grow and Enable Sustainable Tourism
T3.SP8		Provide and Maintain Strategic Infrastructure
T4	Quality in Our Work	
T4.SP9		Improve Democracy, Governance, Openness and Transparency
T4.SP10		Deliver Quality Services
T4.SP11		Strengthen Organisational and Staff Development

Appendix 1 sets out the full list of Themes, Strategic Priorities and Strategic Objectives contained in the Corporate Plan 2019 – 2024.

Policy Development & Governance Structure



The policy development framework, consisting of the full County Council, Corporate Policy Group and Strategic Policy Committees, provides a governance structure to develop and monitor the effectiveness of policy development within the Local Authority.

The **Corporate Policy Group**, made up of the Chairs of the SPCs, fulfils a strategic role linking and monitoring the work of the different SPCs and providing a forum where policy positions affecting the whole council can be agreed for submission to the full council. The role for the Corporate Policy Group is as follows:

- The preparation of the Annual Budget
- The preparation of the five-year Corporate Plan and associated oversight
- Preparation, co-ordination and monitoring of SPC Work Programmes
- Consideration/monitoring of matters of general strategic concern to the Council or matters relating to the support of Council Members.



Strategic Policy Committees enable Elected Members to fulfil their role as policy-makers by providing a focus for their input into policy formation, opportunities for partnership with local interests and strengthening their role as leaders of their authority and the local community.

The SPCs consider matters connected with the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy which relate to the functions of the Local Authority and to advise the authority on those matters. In performing this role, the SPC is provided direction by the Work Programme agreed by the CPG and will, through the Chair, report on same to the CPG and the County Council.

These Work Programmes are prepared in the context of the Corporate Plan and the Annual Service Delivery Plan and take into account the budgetary objectives as set out in the Annual Budget.

SPCs meet at least quarterly, or as frequently as is considered necessary by the SPC Members, in order to deliver the Annual Work Programme.

Policy Programme Operational Framework

Interaction between the full Council, the CPG and the SPC will operate as follows:

1. The Corporate Policy Group, supported by the Chief Executive, will agree Annual Policy Programmes for all relevant SPCs. Submissions will be sought from Council Members, SPC Members and the Council Executive. The CPG will consider submissions, agree matters for inclusion and determine the order of priority in which SPCs are to explore issues.
2. SPC Agenda formulation will be a matter for the SPC Chair and the relevant Director of Service and may include any matter relevant to the business of the SPC. Policy recommendations may only be made on matters included on the agreed Annual Policy Programme.
3. Any matters that arise that are considered to warrant inclusion on the Annual Policy Programme may be submitted for agreement to the CPG. Re-ordering of priority or addition to the Annual Policy Programmes will be a matter for the CPG.
4. Once agreed at SPC level, the Chair of the SPC, supported by the relevant Director of Service, will present policy recommendations to the CPG for initial determination. The CPG may allow a recommendation to go forward to the County Council with or without amendment or may refer it back to the SPC for further investigation.
5. Following approval by the CPG, the Chair of the SPC, supported by the relevant Director of Service, will present SPC Policy recommendations to the County Council which may be adopted, with or without modification or rejected.
6. Where an SPC Policy recommendation, once approved, gives rise to financial implications it can only become operational once an appropriate supporting budget is in place.
7. The Chair of the SPCs, supported by the Director of Service, will provide progress reports to both the CPG and the County Council on Annual Policy Programme.



Strategic Policy Committee Membership

	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE CULTURE & CREATIVITY SPC	Electoral Area	Party
Chairperson	VACANT	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Sinn Féin
Councillor	JK Onwumereh	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Fianna Fáil
Councillor	John Walsh	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Labour
Councillor	Grainne Maguire	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Non-Party
Councillor	Seána Ó Rodaigh	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Labour
Councillor	Cathal Boland	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Non-Party
Social Inclusion	Vacant		
PPN	Abbi Wise		
Env	Liz Madden		

	CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY, ENVIRONMENT SPC	Electoral Area	Party
Chairperson	DAVID HEALY	Howth/Mala	Green Party
Councillor	Mary McCamley	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Labour
Councillor	Joe Newman	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Non-Party
Councillor	Paul Mulville	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Soc. Dems
Councillor	Ian Carey	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Green Party
Councillor	Aoibhinn Tormey	Howth/Mala	Fine Gael
Env	Edward Stevenson		
IFA	Seamus McGrath		
PPN	Sean Barry		

	ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC	Electoral Area	Party
Chairperson	TONY MURPHY	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Non-Party
Councillor	Darragh Butler	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Fianna Fáil
Councillor	Pamela Conroy	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Green Party
Councillor	Ted Leddy	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Fine Gael
Councillor	Siobhan Shovlin	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Fine Gael
Councillor	Breda Hanaphy	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Sinn Féin
Councillor	Howard Mahony	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Fianna Fáil
Councillor	Anthony Lavin	Howth/Mala	Fine Gael
Chambers	Anthony Cooney		
ICTU	Eric Fleming		
PPN	David Normoyle		
PPN	Kesava Gollapalli		



	HOUSING SPC	Electoral Area	Party
Chairperson	ROBERT O'DONOGHUE	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Labour
Councillor	Brigid Manton	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Fianna Fáil
Councillor	Adrian Henchy	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Fianna Fáil
Councillor	James Humphreys	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Labour
Councillor	Natalie Treacy	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Sinn Féin
Councillor	Daniel Whooley	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Green Party
Councillor	John Burtchaell	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Solidarity
Councillor	Kieran Dennison	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Fine Gael
Chambers	Adeline O'Brien		
ICTU	Finbarr Geaney		
PPN	Michela Benassi		
PPN	Dayakar Reddy Komirelly		

	PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC	Electoral Area	Party
Chairperson	BRIAN DENNEHY	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Fianna Fáil
Councillor	Tania Doyle	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Non-Party
Councillor	Dean Mulligan	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Ind 4 Change
Councillor	Punam Rane	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Fine Gael
Councillor	Tom Kitt	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Fianna Fáil
Councillor	Brian McDonagh	Howth/Mala	Labour
Env	Kieran O'Neill		
Chambers	Vacant		
PPN	Vacant		

	TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SPC	Electoral Area	Party
Chairperson	TOM O'LEARY	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Fine Gael
Councillor	Ann Graves	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Sinn Féin
Councillor	Karen Power	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Green Party
Councillor	Jimmy Guerin	Howth/Mala	Non-Party
Councillor	Eoghan O'Brien	Howth/Mala	Fianna Fáil
Councillor	Joan Hopkins	Howth/Mala	Soc. Dems
Env	Raymond Ryan		
Chambers	Sinead Kavanagh		
PPN	Doreen Keane		



Establishment of the Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee

In December 2021 it was agreed by the County Council to establish a seventh Strategic Policy Committee – the Marine and Coastal Management SPC which will be included in the Strategic Policy Scheme 2019 – 2024.

Membership will be made up of 15 members, ten of whom shall be Councillors and the remaining 5 members will be sought from the nominating bodies. Should any nominating body not wish or not be in a position to take up a nomination, the nomination may be offered to the other bodies. The initial nominations will be offered as follows -

- 1. Environment Pillar
- 1. IFA
- 1. Chamber of Commerce
- 1. ICTU
- 1. PPN

It is intended that the remit of the SPC will be as follows -

Marine & Coastal Management SPC	Project 2040 National Marine Planning Framework in terms of marine strategy as it relates to local authorities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harbours• Sports, Recreation & Leisure• Blue Economy• Coastal Erosion• Bathing Water Quality• Renewable Energy
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Fingal County Council Policy Programme 2022

The following sets out the Policy Programmes to be considered by the Strategic Policy Committees during 2022.

Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment

Theme/Policy Issue
Climate Action and Biodiversity
Environmental Awareness and Communications
Litter Management & Illegal Dumping
Litter Management Plan
Environmental Inspection & Enforcement Plan (RMCEI)
Bring Banks & Recycling
Decarbonisation Zone/s
River Basin Management
Waste Management Plan
Rivers and Watercourses
Animal Welfare

Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity

Theme/Policy Issue
Review & Update of the Council's Public Art Policy 2021 -2025
Public Art Condition in Development Plan– update to allow for financial contribution in lieu of development/provision public art
Review into the Council's Youth and Education Policy 2017-2020
Fingal Cultural and Creativity Strategy – 2023-2027
Fingal Heritage Plan 2018 – 2023 – Implementation
Fingal Community Archaeology Strategy 2019 – 2023 – Implementation
Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2018 – 2023 – Implementation
Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy – Implementation/Oversight
Fingal County Council Irish Language Scheme 2021-24 – Implementation
Age Friendly Fingal Strategy 2018-2022 – Implementation
Age Friendly Fingal Strategy 2023-2026 – Preparation/New



Fingal Sports Strategy 2022-2026 – Preparation/New
Remedial Works Scheme for Community Centres not in FCC ownership - Review

Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development

Theme/Policy Issue
Fingal Tourism Strategy 2023-2027
LECP review
Town Centre First Policy
Sustainable Fingal – Business Development
Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan
Rural Development – Implementation of Dublin Rural LEADER Transition Rules Programme
Fingal Skills Strategy – Implementation
Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor
Local Enterprise Development Plan 2021-2024 Implementation

Housing

Theme/Policy Issue
Housing for All Plan
Strategic Plan For Housing People with a Disability
Local Authority Home Loan Scheme
Affordable Housing Purchase Schemes
Cost Rental Scheme
Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme
Asset Management Plan
Review of Allocations Scheme for Social Housing Support
Review of Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy
Homeless Services Update/Homeless Action Plan



Updates of Traveller Accommodation Programme Actions
Annual Statutory Housing Need Assessment

Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development

Theme/Policy issue
Development Plan 2023 – 2029
Major Studies/LAPs
Fingal Greenways/Cycleways
Biodiversity Action Plan
Building Control – Part M (Fire Safety) and Part M (Accessibility)
Flood Risk Assessment
Vacant Sites Register
Derelict Sites Register
Taking in Charge

Transport and Infrastructure Management

Theme/Policy issue
Fingal Allotment Allocation Policy
Burial Ground Bye Laws
Review of Harbour Bye Laws
Review of Beach Bye Laws
Update on Pay Parking and Speed Limits
Public Lighting Policy on Open Spaces
Active Travel Policy 2022



Appendix I – Corporate Plan 2019-2024: Themes, Strategic Priorities and Objectives

QUALITY OF LIFE	1	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	SUPPORT THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF FINGAL
	1	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Provide for the sustainable development of the county through the review of the County Development Plan - and the preparation of a new Plan
	2		Facilitate the supply of housing, both public and private, in the county to provide sustainable, quality, affordable, mixed tenure housing options through land use activation and development management
	3		Facilitate good quality private rented accommodation standards to enhance the quality of life for individuals and families living in the private rented accommodation sector
	4		Strive to ensure that all communities in Fingal irrespective of age, nationality, ethnicity, religious or cultural background are encouraged to participate in and avail of the services delivered by the Council
	5		Provide a safe and sustainable public realm to meet the needs of all the citizens of the County
	6		Develop and enhance the arts and cultural identity of Fingal, make space for the arts connecting people and ideas and encouraging participation in all art forms.
	7		Provide dynamic and inclusive library spaces and services for the community
	8		Support culture and recreation and enable literacy, education and economic development through innovative programmes
	9		Create effective pathways for citizens of Fingal to develop and participate in lifelong patterns of involvement in sport, recreation and leisure creating healthy lifestyles and building a sustainable approach to sport development
	2	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	ENSURE OUR EXISTING AND NEW COMMUNITIES ARE SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE
	10	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Develop plans to facilitate the increase of supply of housing in the county
	11		Build a strong sense of place, identity and wellbeing through the development of equal, inclusive and connected communities
	12		Support the growth of strong and resilient neighbourhoods
	13		Provide high quality parks and open spaces to meet the needs of all users and create a healthy environment
	14		Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development
	15		Support the development of strong, safe and engaged communities to actively participate in civic life celebrating our identity through arts, culture, heritage and sport
	16		Support local communities and residents to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our society working with other agencies in Fingal
3	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	DEVELOP ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS	
17	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Ensure that our citizens, businesses and organisations can easily communicate with the Council	
18		Engage and consult with citizens and stakeholders in a way that allows their views to be taken on board, through the use of both statutory and non-statutory processes	



	19		Strengthen and support stakeholders and statutory providers by collaborating in the economic and social development of the county
	20		Strengthen, support and expand the work of the Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN)

QUALITY AND	4	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE
	21	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Deliver on the specific actions in the Climate Action Plan to improve climate resilience.
	22		Play a leadership role in transitioning to a decarbonised society
	23		Promote and protect the biodiversity of the county and work to restore ecosystems and ecosystem services
	24		Promote and enforce a culture of compliance within the county to advance Climate Action commitments
	25		Foster a strong local economy through environmentally sustainable businesses
	5	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE
	26	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the county
	27		Promote the unique urban, rural and coastal landscape character of Fingal
	28		Support the unique cultural heritage of Fingal and the Irish language
	29		Promote the sustainable management of waste & the circular economy
	30		Reduce the environmental impact of Council activities
	31		Ensure our coast, beaches and waterways are managed in a sustainable manner

QUALITY BUSINESS	6	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	PROMOTE AND ENABLE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH
	32	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Foster collaborative leadership in the development of future skills in the county
	33		Support and promote the sustainable economic development of Fingal
	34		Support the performance, innovation, competitiveness, productivity and success of business in Fingal
	35		Support local economic development by promoting Fingal as a location in which to invest and by developing and implementing sectoral policy initiatives
	7	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	GROW AND ENABLE SUSTAINABLE TOURISM
	36	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the county
	37		Facilitate the creation of a Fingal Food & Drink Tourism Destination
	38		Promote heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage properties
	39		Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events
	8	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE
	40	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Activate lands by delivering infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of housing, economic development and sustainable communities
	41		Deliver a sustainable transport system for all citizens



	42		Deliver work programmes that develop and maintain strategic, physical and green infrastructure of the county
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QUALITY IN OUR WORK	9	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	IMPROVE DEMOCRACY, GOVERNANCE, OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY
	43	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Provide the highest quality of service to our Councillors and all elected representatives
	44		Ensure good governance, openness and transparency within the Council
	45		Ensure that the democratic functions of the Council are performed in an open, informed and effective way
	46		Inform citizens through effective communications programmes
	10	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	DELIVER QUALITY SERVICES
	47	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Deliver services in the most efficient and effective manner
	48		Foster a culture of continuous improvement in all our activities
	49		Use digital technologies to enable and transform our workplace and the delivery of services
	50		Apply the principles of good design, delivery, management and informed decision making to all projects, programmes and delivery of services
	51		Perform statutory obligations in a way that ensures fairness and efficiency for both the community being protected and those being regulated
	52		Deliver on the Public Sector Duty under the Irish Human Rights and Equality Act 2014
	11	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	STRENGTHEN ORGANISATIONAL AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT
	53	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Build a workforce of the future by recruiting, retaining and developing high quality and motivated staff
	54		Protect and promote Health, Safety and Wellbeing amongst our staff
	55		Develop capacity and capability of the organisation
	56		Manage the organisation effectively



Appendix 2 - Submissions for consideration/inclusion in the SPC Programmes for 2022

Policy Programme Submissions 2022			
Submitted By	Submission	For Inclusion – Yes	For Inclusion – No/Reason
CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY & ENVIRONMENT SPC			
Cllr Aoibhinn Tormey	Animal Welfare	Yes	
Cllr Aoibhinn Tormey	Biodiversity Action Plan	Yes	
Cllr Aoibhinn Tormey	Recycling Centres and Recycling	Yes	
PPN Membership	Rivers and Watercourses	Yes	
PPN Membership	Development of woodlands and forests in the Fingal area		No - not a policy item. However, the Climate Action Team will work with all other Departments to identify lands as required.
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE CULTURE & CREATIVITY			
Cllr JK Onwumereh	Museum of World Artefacts in Fingal to house replica world artefacts, clothes, and other historic items.		No – not a policy item. In Fingal we house artefacts and other memorabilia in our Heritage Houses which are appropriate to that location and place and have relevant history to the buildings. The Historical Societies also retain their own memorabilia and items relevant to their respective areas. We recently re-housed the Donabate Historical Society in the grounds of Newbridge House Courtyard and they are open to the public on certain days. Skerries and Balbriggan store items at Ardgillan Castle. Consideration could be given to displaying artefacts, clothing etc. in the form of standing exhibitions in our arts centres, libraries and other public buildings.



HOUSING SPC

Cllr Brigid Manton	Policy for detecting and managing a situation when a householder relinquishes a tenancy and impact on remaining occupier(s)	Yes	
Cllr Brigid Manton	Development of temporary loan system for retrofitting houses to bridge the gap for pensioners trying to avail of retrofit grants		No There are no legislative proposals to enable the provision of temporary loans for retrofitting

PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC

Cllr Brian Dennehy	Derelict Sites Register	Yes	
Cllr Brian Dennehy	Vacant Site Register	Yes	

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SPC

Cllr Karen Power	Bye laws for consideration under Section 199 of the Local Government Act to restrict the placing of election posters on land in the ownership or in charge of the Council and the identification of proposed poster areas.		No – not a policy item. Statutory Legislation is in place for the erection of election posters. Therefore Bye-Laws cannot be made under Section 199 of the Local Government Act that prohibits the erection of posters on public spaces as the erection of posters is provided for and allowed under national legislation - Litter Pollution Act 1997.
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