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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Marketing Collateral

We are commencing the redevelopment of the suite of websites for individual towns and villages. Further, work is being undertaken to update the Fingal marketing creative, which will involve updating visuals and messaging.

Fingal Food Conference

Fingal County Council (FCC) is currently organising a conference, in association with the School of Hospitality Management and Tourism (DIT), to be held in Swords Castle in early May 2019. This event will explore the importance of food in tourism, examining research conducted in this area and the history of food in Fingal. The event will culminate in the launch of the Fingal Food Directory and a Fingal themed lunch.

Food event at LEO

Fingal Tourism will host a food tourism event during Fingal Enterprise Week. This event will take place in Howth and will feature representatives from Fáilte Ireland and a local company on food pairing and how it improves sales.

Community Collaboration

Some of the local projects underway include:

Howth Tourism is currently focused on rebranding the Dublin Bay Prawn Festival which will now take place in May.

Skerries Tourism is planning St. Patrick's Day events, including a post parade event to attract visitors out of the city centre. Work is also

ongoing in preparation for the Skerries Midsummer Festival.

Donabate Tourism is working on a golfing map and website.

Balbriggan Tourism has almost completed work on a new Balbriggan Town map which will include the Heritage trail.

EVENTS

Events Financial Scheme of Assistance 2019

The Events Unit received applications for financial assistance from voluntary, community and commercial groups for events and festivals taking place in Fingal in 2019.

In total 68 applications were received and evaluated, with approvals totalling €264,000.

A copy of the calendar of Events for 2019 will be circulated to the Elected Members.

St. Patrick's Day Parades

Applications are invited from community organisations and businesses to participate in the Swords, Balbriggan or Blanchardstown St Patrick's Day Parades. Closing date for applications is February 15th.

To download an application form visit www.fingalparades.com or email fingal@davisevents.ie



Leinster Fleadh 2020

Preplanning has begun for 2020 Leinster Fleadh, which will be a week-long event, taking place from 5th – 12th July 2020 in Swords. The event is being hosted by the Dublin County Board of Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Éireann in partnership with FCC.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Howth Court House

Tolmac Construction Ltd has been awarded the contract for the refurbishment of Howth Court House. The refurbishment works will begin shortly and are expected to be of 16 week duration. Alternative arrangements have been made by the Council for the community employment scheme while these works are on-going.



Skerries Martello tower

SLR Consulting has been awarded the contract to assess the feasibility, costs and constraints in redeveloping the Red Island Martello Tower as a visitor attraction.

An inception meeting will take place this month to confirm the scope of the work which will encompass:

- Identification of various options (including product/concept development addressing tourism, commercial & community perspectives).
- Consultation with stakeholders including local business and community groups, local tourism groups and historical societies, local councillors, Fáilte Ireland, FCC staff, relevant statutory and non-statutory agencies.



Newbridge House

Additional improvement works to the front of the new visitors' centre, to include new pathway to the public toilets and new lighting, will commence this month.

Works to re-furbish the old carpenters workshop within the courtyard will also commence in February. This space will be used to re-house the Donabate Historical Society museum, which will form part of the visitor attraction at Newbridge.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE FINGAL

Some of the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) highlights from January 2019 are as follows:



Local Enterprise Week 2019

LEO Fingal launched this year's "Local

Enterprise Week (LEW)" at a specially convened gathering in the Atrium, County Hall, where a variety of business organisations, groups and state agencies joined the Mayor and Chief Executive. More than 1,200 Fingal businesses will participate during the week, occurring between the 4th to 8th March 2019, which features a

packed series of events to help businesses and start-ups to access supports, training and networking. Fingal LEW is part of a series of national LEW events taking place across the country.



Fingal Enterprise Awards

Shortlisting is currently taking place for LEO clients who will compete for this year's coveted Fingal Enterprise Award. All elected members are invited to attend the "Making it Happen: Fingal Enterprise Awards" event to be held in the Atrium, County Hall on Thursday, 7th March, where the overall winner will be announced.



Fingal Enterprise Awards 2019



Preparing for BREXIT

LEO Fingal is proactively identifying clients and small businesses based in Fingal that will be impacted by the impending departure of the UK from the EU. To date, 76 LEO clients have engaged in one-to-one sessions with a Brexit mentor to review their case and establish the extent of their exposure and preparedness for Brexit. Support services from various state

agencies, designed to assist businesses in preparing for Brexit, are being extensively promoted to businesses identified to be at risk.



Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE)

The search for Fingal and Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur is on. The closing date for receipt of completed applications has been set for Friday 15th March 2019 with three categories: Best Business Idea, Best Start-Up Business and Best Established Business. An extensive promotional campaign is on-going.



Start Your Own Business Programme (SYOB)

In January, three Start Your Own Business courses commenced, all lasting 10 weeks. Each is fully subscribed with a combined total of 36 participants.

Business Development Workshops

In January, three Business Development Workshops were delivered to 29 participants. The First 6 week QQI Cert in Social Media and Digital Marketing of 2019 also commenced with twelve participants.

Food Academy

A new Food Academy (FA) programme commenced on the 18th January 2019 with two Fingal companies enrolled. The programme will afford them the opportunity to secure a space on SuperValu shelves. The FA Programme is run by the LEO network with the support of Board Bia and SuperValu and it prepares and enables small food producers to become suppliers to SuperValu.

Business Clinics and Mentoring

Business clinics are offered to individuals that wish to start up a new enterprise or expand their existing business. During January, eight clinics were undertaken, delivering expertise to 55 existing or prospective businesses in the County. In addition, Individual mentoring assignments were approved for 13 new clients during January.

Fingal Student Enterprise Awards 2019

The Fingal Student Enterprise Programme continued in January, as preparations continue for the County Final Awards event set for March 21st 2019. The programme sees students start-up, and run, their own real-life business, learning valuable entrepreneurial skills in the process. The winners will go on to the National competition in Croke Park in May 2019. Fingal will again run the biggest programme in the country, with over 2,200 second level students participating from 29 schools.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Balbriggan Socio-Economic Strategy

An analysis of the *Our Balbriggan* public consultation and engagement process has been completed with results and insights shared with the Leadership Group on Tuesday 5th February. Final workshops on Monday 11th February will bring to a conclusion an in depth and comprehensive engagement with the people of Balbriggan which actively involved up to 25% of

the population. A communications plan has been put in place for February to ensure 'Our Balbriggan' is fully informed of the survey results and next steps.

A number of key initiatives will take place during the period between now and the launch of a strategy in April, including the opening up the Stephentown Link Road, launch of free town Wi-Fi and completion of a town heritage trail. In addition, other works in the pipeline will be accelerated, including the lighting up of the Railway Viaduct, Skate Park, playground provision a masterplan for the Bremore Regional Park and plans for the adjoining Bremore Castle.



LEADER Programme

The Fingal LEADER Programme continues to accelerate the funding of eligible projects in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin. The next meeting of the Local Action Group (LAG) will be held in February. Approval will be sought from the LAG for five projects, with a total value of €58,128. In the LEADER Programme to date the LAG has approved 44 Projects, with 30 in Fingal, 3 in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and 11 in South Dublin. Total value of overall approved projects to date is €1.35m. On the 1st February 2019, FCC assumed additional financial and administrative oversight responsibilities for the approval and drawdown of LEADER funded projects. This came about as a result of the national transfer of the LEADER Article 48 Administrative Checks from Pobal to the local government sector.



**Dublin Rural
LEADER**
Growth, Sustainability & Inclusion

drinan **enterprise** centre
FINGAL'S INNOVATION HUB



The environment to succeed



SICAP & LCDC

The draft SICAP Annual Plan for 2019 has been submitted to Pobal with the plan's Key Performance Indicators and budgets for 2019 already agreed. The 2019 plan is to be approved formally by the LCDC in February. The emerging need action for 2019 will be 'Children in Homelessness'. A review of the 2018 Plan's implementation is currently being conducted by Pobal and the LCDC.



**Social Inclusion &
Community Activation
Programme**

Enterprise Centres

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

Drinan	97%
BASE	91%
Beat	88%

The three Enterprise Centres currently support 69 businesses and 342 jobs.

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FLEET MANAGEMENT AND PLANT HIRE UNIT

Hires put in Place

There were 64 hires put in place between the 7th and 31st January 2019, engaging 22 suppliers.

Included in these were:

- Excavator with grip talon thumb attachment for the management of fallen trees and ditch cleaning/landscaping at Newbridge House.
- Tower lights deployed for Operation Transformation at Bremore Castle.
- Hire of seven compact sweepers (county-wide).
- Hire of 32 T-grab trucks with clam shell bucket and wood-chipper for the Christmas Tree Collection points.

Street Lighting

Works Programme

In January 2019 the final street light was upgraded to LED on Rathbeale Road, Swords, completing the section from Watery Lane to Murrough Road. Repairs were also carried out in Balbriggan Town Square.



LED Upgrade Programme

The LED Upgrade Program continued in January with 215 LED Upgrade works carried out in the following locations:

- Ballyboughal Square, Ballyboughal
- Shamrock Park, Oldtown
- The Orchard, Oldtown
- Ardgillan view, Skerries
- Hacketstown, Skerries
- Northcliff Heights, Skerries
- Abbylea Estate, Swords
- Ashley Estate, Swords
- Castlefarm, Swords
- Cianlea, Swords
- Mooretown Estate, Swords
- Newcourt Estate, Swords
- Rathbeale Court, Swords
- Seatown Park, Swords

TRAFFIC

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 was awarded the contract for the supply and installation of modular speed cushions and associated road markings/lining for road safety within the FCC area. The works, part of the original contract, are complete throughout the county. Additional works for the Carrickhill Road and Holywell/Airside are ongoing at present.

2018 Signals Contract

Clonmel Enterprises is working on the 2018 Signals Contract, with excellent progress achieved to date. Civil works and road markings are complete on all eight sites, with only anti-skid surfacing to be laid at Portrane Road and Turvey Avenue when weather conditions are suitable. Two further sites are awaiting the ESB connection.



Carpenterstown Roundabout – Four Armed Zebra Crossing Commissioned in December



Pedestrian crossings at Portane Road Sutton (left) and Turvey Avenue (right)

2018 Traffic Lining Contract

MacLochainns was awarded the contract and works commenced in September. Works under the original contract are complete throughout the county with additional works due to commence in the coming weeks, weather permitting.

30kph signs

The 30kph signage has been delivered to the depots. The signs are being installed by the depot crews, this work commenced in January 2019.

2018 VAS Signage Contract

PWS was awarded the contract for the installation of 37 signs, all of which are now installed and operational. Three additional signs that were added to the contract are also now complete.



2018 Footpath Contract

The 2018 Footpath Contract is being carried out by the Water Services direct labour crew. This contract included the improvement of school warden crossings, the dishing of footpaths and minor realignment of some footpaths. The works in the Howth/Malahide area are now complete and work is ongoing in Castleknock/ Mulhuddart, with Swords/Balbriggan to follow.

Bus Stops

Added into this contract were twelve new bus stops being installed for Dublin Bus as part of the new 40E bus route from Tyrrelstown to the Luas Cross City at Broombridge, serving the Dublin Enterprise Zone.

The Bus Eireann Bus Stop on the N3 Slip Road is in the process of being relocated to the Bus lane at the Crowne Plaza hotel, with the road markings and bus stop socket in place. Further signage and road markings are to be completed by TII.

A reconfiguration of the bus stops and lay-over for Dublin Bus, on behalf of the NTA, is currently under construction at IKEA by New Century Engineering. This will facilitate the provision of a new bus route for Dublin Bus and the relocation of the terminus for their existing services at the back of IKEA, providing a safer environment for its patrons.



New bus stops in the Dublin Enterprise Zone (left) and Cappagh/Heathfield

Pull-in Bay

Two pull-in bays for An Garda Siochana were added on the Hartstown and Huntstown Road, as part of the Road Safety Strategy. Both are near completion with road markings outstanding.



Pull-in bay on Hartstown Way (left) and Hunstow Way (right)

2018 Ramps Contract

The submissions on the ramps were presented to the Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area Committee Meeting in September, following public display over the summer. The tender has been awarded to MCM Surfacing and works are underway at present. Ramp installation has commenced and is ongoing at present throughout the county.



Ramp Installed on Castleknock Elm

BRIDGE REHABILITATION

Work is progressing on the following:

- Procurement of consultants to carry out bridge principal inspections.
- Procurement of consultants for 2019 bridge rehabilitation.
- The ivy removal contract for the 2019 bridges was advertised in December.

AREA COMMITTEES

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations

The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations Department carried out a major clean-up of Wellview Park in Mulhuddart in January 2019. The Operations Department crew spent the equivalent of 100 man hours removing waste and rubbish illegally dumped on the open space.

A total of 43 loads of rubbish were removed from the park which consisted of 26 tractor and trailer loads, four lorry loads and 13 van loads of waste during the course of the clean-up.

The Council has approved the installation of a raised kerb to protect the open space at Wellview which is subject to ongoing problems with stolen cars and fly tipping. In advance of the installation of the raised kerb all waste and rubbish was removed to improve the overall look of the public open space.



Howth/Malahide Operations

On Saturday, 26th January, the Operations Team, working in collaboration with Malahide Tidy Towns, Swords Woodland Association and Crann Tree Academy, planted trees on Paddy's Hill, Malahide. Almost 50 children received their certificates from the Mayor, Cllr. Anthony Lavin. The children had endless fun wheel-barrowing the shredded Christmas tree barch to Paddy's Hill to assist the planting of trees.



Balbriggan/Swords Operations

Recent refurbishment works were undertaken on the Rush public toilets.



Cleaning and refurbishment works were undertaken at Curran Park.



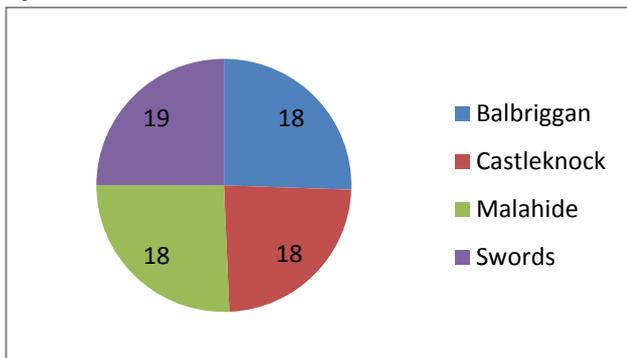
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PLANNING ACTIVITY

Planning Applications

There have been 73 planning applications received to the end of January 2019, 5 of which were invalid, leaving a total of 68 valid applications. The volume of applications received by area is illustrated below:



Planning Decisions

A total of 106 planning decisions have been made to the end of January 2019. There have been 91 decisions to grant permission (86%) and 15 refusals (14%). Of the approvals, five were grants in respect of single house construction, 55 were for domestic extensions, 26 were grants for commercial/retail developments and two were grants of permission in respect of housing developments. One of these related to developments of 2-20 housing units.

Building Control

There were 11 Disability Access Certificates submitted to the end of January 2019, three of which have been granted. There were 17 Fire Certificates submitted during the same period.

Planning Enforcement:

Robust Planning Enforcement continued during 2018 with 289 warning letters and 41 Enforcement Notices issued over the year. In the main, matters are resolved through dialogue or by way of action via warning letter or enforcement notice. It was necessary to pursue further legal proceedings in 15 of the above cases, nine of which reached decision in court or agreed outcome in advance of court date. A further six cases are still at various stages in the legal process.

Housing Delivery

The Central Statistics Office's *New Dwelling Completions Data 2018* recently confirmed Fingal as the local authority area with most housing completions in the Country. 2,140 homes were completed in the County last year, a 33% increase year on year. Dublin 15 was also the busiest area in the Country with 800 homes completed. There are now 79 active housing sites in the County and in excess of 2,500 units under construction. This indicates that the upward trend in housing delivery will continue this year. The Council's proactive approach to infrastructure delivery will also ensure the continued availability of serviced land for both residential and economic development.

Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023 Progress Report

The Fingal Development Plan 2017-23 was made by the elected members in February 2017 and came into effect in March 2017. The Development Plan is valid for a six year period. Section 15(2) of the Planning and Development Act (as amended), requires the Planning Authority to present a progress report to the elected members within two years of the Plan being made.

This report, which sets out the progress made in meeting the objectives of the Plan in the last two years, is currently in preparation. Upon completion, it will comprise of two parts:

- Part 1 will consist of a broad overview and context for the report and gives an update on implementation of the Development Plan. In essence, it will encompass Chapter 1 (Strategic Context) and Chapter 2 (Vision & Core Strategy) of the Development Plan.
- Part 2 will give a summary update on each of the remaining chapters. Each specific objective will be identified and progress on their implementation will be recorded. It should be noted that progress on the achievement of objectives involves co-ordination across a number of FCC departments and external agencies and that many objectives are to be achieved over the lifetime of the Development Plan.

The report will be presented to the Elected Members at the April 2019 meeting.



Swords Masterplans

PSI is preparing Masterplans for Barrysparks & Crowscastle, Fosterstown, and Estuary West in Swords. The combined Masterplan areas represent a total of 67 hectares of strategically located land that will be developed for a variety of uses, including commercial, residential and community.

The preparation of the Masterplans seeks to provide the optimum future development frameworks for these lands. The main aim of each is to establish parameters for the urban design, structure, delivery of community / amenity facilities, and access and permeability for the development of these lands. Proposals for the Metrolink project as well as Bus-Connects, will dramatically alter how people get to and from Swords, making it more accessible.

The Masterplans will also consider how people get around Swords, with a focus on improving connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists. The draft Masterplans will go on public display in early March 2019

Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)

A submission was made by the Council as part of the public consultation phase on the draft RSES. A copy of the submission was circulated to all councillors and it recognises the significant collaborative efforts made between the Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly and the Council in addressing key priorities for Fingal. These include future growth allocations and the sustainable growth of our key towns, including Swords and the Airport, in the context of ensuring the optimum functioning of the €3 billion investment in MetroLink.

South Fingal Transport Study

The South Fingal Transport Study was presented to the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure SPC on 28th February, with invites extended to the members of the Transportation SPC and elected members also. The Study is a strategic land-use

and transport assessment, involving the development of a multi-modal transport strategy for the South Fingal area which includes Swords, Dublin Airport, Clonshaugh, Balgriffin and Baldoyle. It examines the transport network in this area, makes recommendations for key transport infrastructure and outlines levels of land use development that will enable sustainable growth leading up to the delivery of MetroLink and beyond.

Among the key recommendations arising from the Study are the upgrade of the R132 Airport Roundabout, the provision of a Western Airport Access Route, the prioritisation of the Swords Core Bus Corridor and the construction of a high quality sustainable transport network to serve the expanding town of Swords.

The findings of the Study will now inform development management and forward planning in the area, including supporting the various LAPs and MasterPlans proposed, and phasing a prioritisation plan which will be developed in due course based on the Study findings.

Porterstown Park Running Track and Sports Pitch – Public Consultation

Public consultation has commenced on the proposed provision of a combined all-weather Running Track and Sports Pitch located at Porterstown Park in Dublin 15. If approved, the proposal will result in the development of a major new active recreational facility available for use by a large number of clubs, schools and community groups in the wider Blanchardstown area. The project includes the first ever public floodlit all-weather athletics track provided by FCC, designed to meet daytime and evening training requirements for a wide range of sporting codes. The third generation floodlit sports pitch will be available for training and competition purposes. The Council looks forward to continuing constructive engagement with local sports clubs in relation to these proposals.

Plans & particulars of the proposed development are available for inspection from Tuesday 5th February to Wednesday 6th March 2019 at County Hall and the Civic Offices at Grove Road.

They are also available to view or download from our website; <http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse>.

Written submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development is situated, may be made in writing to:

Senior Executive Officer,
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department,
Fingal County Council,
Main Street, Swords,
Co. Dublin.
K67 X8Y2

to arrive no later than 5.00 pm on Thursday 21st March 2019.

Submissions can also be made online at; <http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse>

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY (H&C)

Housing Pillars I-V	Community Sports Arts Libraries
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HOUSING STRATEGY 2020/REBUILDING IRELAND

The Council delivered over 4,157 homes since the start of the Housing Strategy 2020/ReBuilding Ireland. These units were delivered over the various delivery mechanisms and do not include units approved for delivery.

Pillar 1: Address Homelessness

Fingal County Council is currently in contact with circa 574 families who are in homeless circumstances or at risk of homelessness.

Of these, 40 families have had their homeless circumstances alleviated in 2019 to the end of January (including 24 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.

In 2018, the total of number of Housing allocations was 1,619.

Housing Assistance Payment

Since the Dublin Region HAP Pilot scheme came into effect in 2015, 818 Homeless HAP tenancies have been put in place (to end of January 2019).

A total of 1,391 tenancies are now in place under Mainstream HAP, 60 of which came into effect in January 2019, with further tenancy arrangements in the process of being finalised.

Pillar 2: Accelerate Social Housing Social Housing Outturn 2018

The table below outlines the FCC social housing outturn for 2018, compared to the targets set down at the beginning of the year. FCC exceeded its target in each of the categories, with the exception of leasing.

Delivery Stream	Target 2018	Delivery 2018
Build (LA, AHB, Part V + Voids)	408	416
Acquisitions	67	209
Leasing	166	48
Sub Total	641	673
HAP + RAS	996	1,243
Overall Total	1,637	1,916

The chart below shows the significant year-on-year increases that have occurred in the Council's social housing outturn since 2015:



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: 5 *properties closed in 2019*

Pending Sales Closing: 38

Vacant Homes Strategy

A Vacant Homes App is being piloted by the Housing staff at present and following the testing period, the app will be fully rolled out for general use for data collection of vacant properties. Development of the data reporting mechanisms is ongoing with the IT Department.

Detailed public information leaflets are available in various FCC offices and libraries. This is intended to increase awareness of what options are available to owners of vacant properties.

In 2019 the Council has reached agreements to purchase three properties under the *Buy and Renew Scheme*. Under the *Repair To Lease Scheme*, two lease agreements have been entered into with homeowners. There are a further two contracts pending and four applications under review.

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.

A vacant homes seminar hosted by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government 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. This toolkit includes guidance on best practice when negotiating with property owners. The Vacant Homes Officer, together with the IT department 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 Buy and Renew Scheme and potential CPO's.

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.

Enhanced Long Term Social Housing Leasing Scheme

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

- target newly built or yet to be built houses and apartments for leasing;
- target property developers and investors who are in a position to deliver housing at a reasonable scale;
- provide 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. There was one submission received for a development in Fingal which did not proceed.

Further details of the scheme are available at:

<https://www.housingagency.ie/News/Current-News/Enhanced-Long-Term-Social-Housing-Leasing-Scheme.aspx>

Repair and Leasing Scheme & Buy and Renew

The *Repair and Leasing Scheme* and the *Buy and Renew Schemes* target vacant private properties in the County. Both schemes provide initiatives for the owners in order for the Council to secure the properties for social housing use. These properties should be long-term vacant or derelict. FCC is interested in discussing leasing and purchasing options with owners of these properties.

Part V

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

A total of 235 Part V housing units have been delivered over the life of the strategy to date.

Approved Housing Bodies

The Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) continue to play an important role in the delivery of social housing and the Council continues to work closely with AHBs operating in the County.

The Council facilitates AHB in the management of funding applications under the *Capital Assistance Scheme* and *Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme* funding schemes.

Traveller Accommodation Programme

Preparatory work on the new Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2023 is underway and it is anticipated that a Draft Plan will be completed and put on public display during 2019. This is in accordance with guidelines from the DHPLG.

Castlecurragh Management Company CLG

The directors of Castlecurragh Management Company have notified the Housing Department that at its AGM on 6th December 2018, the members agreed a number of resolutions to restructure the membership of the Owners Management Company (OMC) in accordance with the requirements of the Multi-Unit Development Act 2011.

As part of this process, work is also underway to formally take in charge the external areas of the development including roads, footpaths, open spaces and services serving the development. The OMC will retain responsibility for maintaining the gardens associated with the apartment blocks. Tree pruning is also underway throughout the estate.

A newsletter is to issue shortly to the residents of Castlecurragh to provide them with an update on the various matters.

Pillar 3: Build More Homes

Church Fields, Dublin 15

The Land Management Plan for the Church Field lands has been developed and provides for the optimal layout and future sustainable development of the lands and provided for a mixed tenure residential development with associated community facilities. Approaches to housing delivery on the strategic land bank at Church Fields, Dublin 15 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 progressing through the Part 8 process. Funding has been approved under the Serviced Sites Fund to enable 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 has received approval in principle for the following projects which will enable the delivery of social, affordable purchase and affordable rental homes at scale on strategically located sites in the county;

Church Fields	€ 11m
Dun Emer, Lusk	€ 1.5m
Hackettstown, Skerries	€ 2.2m

The Department indicated that they are committed to working with the Council to progress development on the lands at Cappagh and will consider a funding proposal in 2019.

Land Development Agency

The recently established Land Development Agency (LDA) has identified two land banks located in Fingal which it proposes to focus on immediately to unlock their potential to yield over 1,000 homes between both sites. The sites are;

- Castlelands in Balbriggan
- Hackettstown in Skerries

These sites are in the Land Aggregation Scheme and currently in the ownership of the Housing Agency. The Council have 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.

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 834, broken down as:

RAS:	655
LTL:	179

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan (RIHL) was launched on February 1st 2018, exactly one year ago. For eligible applicants, it offers a choice between three different loan products with low interest rates. Since its introduction, 84 persons/families have taken up residence in their homes. The 510 RIHL applications represent a significant upturn in lending activity for FCC. The approval rate is approximately 55%.

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

Statistics on loan applications

Number of applications received to date	510
Number of applications approvals to date	239
Number of applications declined	202
Value of loads approved so far	52.4m
Number of loans drawn down	84
Value of loans drawn down	€18.7m
Fingal applications in context of region	40%

Further details, including the application forms and a customer services char room, are available at:

www.rebuildingirelandhomeloan.ie

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 RTB, which within the Fingal County Council 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

During 2018 over 2,000 first inspections and 888 second inspections were completed.

pillar 5: Utilise Existing Housing

Voids

There were 53 casual voids within the Council's social housing stock at the end of January 2019. Of these dwellings, 14 are complete and are being offered for letting. Work is underway to 23 dwellings and the balance is with the County Architect for the procurement of pre-let repairs.

Planned Programmes

A tendering process is currently underway in respect of the 2019 Cyclical Maintenance Programme (Scheme Painting).

A batch based programme for boiler upgrades commenced during 2018 and circa 100 dwellings have been included in the programme to date. Boiler upgrades will continue in 2019 based on the Council's commitments under its Climate Change Action Plan.



Loretta Hennessy, FCC Housing Department with Emily Logan, Irish Human Rights and Equality Chief Commissioner at the launch of the second Strategy Statement of the IHREC on 6th February 2019

COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS

COMMUNITY

Community Development Office

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg was been shortlisted in the All Ireland Community & Council Awards (LAMA) under the category *Best Community Initiative* for their video 'Perfect Imperfections'. The video creates awareness of male body image and negative mental health. The awards ceremony took place on 9th February.



Acorn Pilot Project

Thirty members from Fingal Senior Citizens Forum are taking part in the Acorn Pilot Project. Acorn is a smart tablet designed as an age-friendly digital solution to help those with limited technology skills to fully engage on line in this digital era. The Acorn tablet has an easy to navigate interface with support features that allow the older person to learn to use it on their own terms. It features a multitude of apps, websites and content with particular emphasis on local community services, events and businesses to support the older person within the community and give the community access to the older person.



SPORTS OFFICE

Operation Transformation Walks

In excess of 1,470 enthusiastic walkers and runners took part in three Operation Transformation (OT) walks, organized by the Sport Office on 12th January. Approx. 650 people attended the Porterstown Park walk which was led by one of the Operation Transformation Leaders, Siobhan O'Brien, and the show presenter Kathryn Thomas. They were accompanied by the Mayor of Fingal and the Chief Executive along with John Treacy of Sport Ireland.



In Balbriggan, the first OT walk held in the area saw a massive turnout of 550 keen walkers for the 3km walk. Finally, the River Valley Swords walk, which was organised by the volunteers of Park Run on behalf of FCC, had an attendance of 270.



OT continues to host some of its activities in Balbriggan. Ciaran Russell, our sports hub coordinator has been working with the producers to encourage participants to attend some of the events.

New football programmes up and walking in Balbriggan and Corduff

A joint initiative between the FCC Sports Office and FAI took place over a four week period in Balbriggan and Corduff recently. *Walking Football* aims to get men and women aged over 50 playing football, staying active and meeting new people. Some may have played the game before and want to get involved again whereas others may have never played but would like to try it out. The game is played on a smaller pitch, at a slower pace and as the name suggests, players can only walk during the game. No running allowed!

There are a number of social benefits from this programme, the opportunity for this age group to meet new people and chat over the compulsory cuppa at the end of the session is a huge success, not to mention the health benefits from the activity itself.



Sports Office statistics in 2018

The Sports Office exceeded its targets in 2018. A total of 950 programmes were delivered to 84,497 Fingal participants. Of these 48 'women in sports' programmes were delivered to 2,176 females. 705 School and Youth Programmes were delivered to 77,310 young people. In addition 16 Older Adult and 28 Disability programmes were delivered. Under the training objective, 146 courses were organized for 2,680 coaches, volunteers and teachers.

ARTS OFFICE

FCC public art commission highlighted in FRIEZE

FCC's public art commission, 'The Hide Sculpture' by Garrett Phelan, appears in Frieze, the world's top art magazine. Frieze is a definitive resource for contemporary art and culture. The artwork is placed in Balleally land fill, Balleally East, Lusk.



Invitation to Collaboration -An Urgent Enquiry Open Call

FCC, in partnership with Dublin City Council and Wexford County Council, launched 2019 with a nationwide call out to artists who wish to collaborate, at local level, on projects addressing climate change and its effects on biodiversity along the east coast. This is part of a major Arts Council funded project, with artists are invited to apply for a residency in each location. The Fingal artist will be based at Lynders Mobile Home Park from May – August 2019. A new website covers the briefing and the research around each area to date. www.anurgentenquiry.ie

Grants Under Section 6/ 2003 Arts Act.

A total of five grants were recommended to Council in January, with a total value of €15,000.

- Portmarnock Arts Club
- Ladybud Productions
- Cecillian Theatre Company
- Rolestown Panto Group
- St. Fintan's High School



Exploring & Thinking – Presentations on Early Childhood Arts Commissions

Exploring & Thinking is a collaborative framework for early childhood arts in the Dublin region. The partnership established in 2016 and consists of FCC, and the Councils of South Dublin, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown and Dublin City. An award of €56,500 was received following a successful application to the Arts Council's first iteration of the *Invitation to Collaboration Scheme*.



The application focused on commissioning and touring new artwork for children to the four local authority areas, with local engagement programmes in arts and non-traditional arts venues. A review report which captures feedback from the participating parents, educators, artists, and local authorities is now available. A public event was held on the 24th of January at the National Concert Hall to disseminate the work to as many people as possible. Presentations included neuropsychologist Dr. Downes from the UCD School of Psychology who discussed the

importance of the environment and experiences on brain and behaviour development in the first years of life.

For more information visit: <http://fingalarts.ie/education/early-years/exploring-thinking>

Dr. Downes, UCD School of Psychology, presenting at Exploring & Thinking, NCH, January 2019.

Creative Ireland

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Anthony Lavin, in the company of Paul Reid, Chief Executive, welcomed Cass Warner, President of The Warner Sisters, to The Atrium on Wednesday 23rd January 2019. Invited guests were treated to an enjoyable and informative screening of 'The Brothers Warner', followed by a Q&A session with Cass Warner who was joined onstage by David Gilna, Irish Playwright and Frank Allen, Irish Screenwriter. Cass Warner is currently collaborating with Frank Allen along with the Warner Sisters Studios in the production of their first feature film in Ireland, based on the iconic Countess Markievicz.



LIBRARIES

Meeting of the First Dáil in 1919 commemorated

In order to mark the 100th Anniversary of the historic first meeting of Dáil Éireann, Fingal Libraries, in conjunction with Rolestown/Oldtown Historical Association, hosted a talk by Dr. William Murphy, DCU, in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Swords on Monday 21st January. Dr. Murphy provided a fascinating insight into the 1919 meeting which was held in the Round Room of the Mansion House.

The proceedings of the first meeting were held in the Irish language, although translations of the documents were also read out in English and French. The members declared Irish independence, ratified the 1916 Proclamation of the Irish Republic and adopted a provisional constitution. The First Dáil (Jan 1919 - May 1921) met 21 times and its main business was establishing the Irish Republic. Dr. Murphy's talk was followed by a lively question and answer session.

Dr. William Murphy delivering his talk on the first meeting of



Dáil Éireann in 1919

Fingal Local Studies and Archives is on the move

Fingal Local Studies and Archives, currently based at Clonmel House, Forster Way, Swords, will soon relocate to a new location in the town at 46 North Street, beside the Old Carnegie Library. This is a more prominent location for the service, giving it a street presence in the developing cultural

Healthy Ireland at your Library



Healthy Ireland at Your Library is a national strategy which aims to improve our health and wellbeing, with an emphasis on prevention and good lifestyle choices. The current radio advertising campaign for the strategy highlights public libraries as a valuable source, within the community, for health information. In 2018, Fingal Libraries held 60 Healthy Ireland events including talks, discussions and workshops which attracted over 950 attendees. So far, 2019 is proving to be equally as popular for Healthy Ireland events in Fingal Libraries, with well attended talks at Blanchardstown, Malahide, Balbriggan and Baldoyle Libraries by Andrea Ryan on walking the Camino Santiago, Olympian Catherina McKiernan on running to stay fit, Dr. Kevina Cardiff on nutrition, Stella O' Malley on managing technology and children and by Fiona Hall on de-cluttering. Further Healthy Ireland events will take place in Fingal Libraries in the coming months.

Work Matters



For anyone thinking of starting a business or looking for a job or career change, the *Work Matters* service provides invaluable information and support. It's a national initiative based in public libraries offering free online resources, workshops, advice clinics, networking opportunities and workspaces. Both Blanchardstown and Balbriggan Libraries offer

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1. **Jill Barrett**, Career Coach - *Entrepreneurship: Have you got what it takes?*
Blanchardstown Library, 12th Feb at 6.45pm;
Balbriggan Library, 14th February at 6.45pm.
2. **Geraldine Nolan**, Career Coach - Interview Workshop
Balbriggan Library 27th February at 6.45pm.

The Business Advice Clinics at Blanchardstown Library, run in cooperation with LEO Fingal, started again in January and will be held on 14th and 28th February from 10am to 4pm.

The Young Entrepreneurs Club

Following the great success of the Young Entrepreneurs Club programme in Blanchardstown Library in 2018, Europe Direct and Work Matters will run a third programme in Balbriggan Library, starting on 31 January. This 11 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 Balbriggan primary schools.

E-Services information

Fingal Libraries are holding a number of e-Services information sessions during the month of February for people who are unsure of where to start with the Fingal Libraries' e-Services. The sessions will demonstrate how to access e-books, e-newspapers, e-magazines, e-comics and online learning courses and are taking place at the following dates and locations:

Balbriggan Library: 11th February at 3pm

Baldoye Library: 12th February at 6.30pm

Blanchardstown Library: 20th February at 2pm

Garristown Library: 13th February at 6.30pm

Malahide Library: 5th February at 2.30pm

Rush Library: 12th February at 11am and 2.30pm

Skerries Library: 20th February at 2pm

Snapshot of other events in Libraries

Howth: Two Valentine's Day craft sessions on 11th and 13th February at 3.30pm.

Rush: Scrabble club for adults every Tuesday at 6.30pm.

Balbriggan: Fingal Volunteer Centre Information Stand – advice on volunteering opportunities on 26th February from 3.30pm-5.00pm.

Garristown: Story-time for children aged 3 and over on Tuesdays at 12.15pm and Thursdays at 2pm.

Swords: Computer classes for beginners and improvers on Wednesdays from 10am-12.30pm.

Howth: Book Clubs for adults every Tuesday & Thursday morning at 10am.

ENVIRONMENT & WATER SERVICES (EWS)

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ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Awareness

Ten applications were received for the pilot GAA Sports Club Sustainability Competition. Six clubs, two from each electoral area, were successful as follows:-

- Castleknock Hurling & Football Club
- Dwyers' Balbriggan
- Erin Go Bragh, Ongar
- Round Towers, Lusk
- St Maur's, Rush
- Binn Eadair CLG, Howth.

These clubs will each receive €2,500 in addition to mentoring from the Environmental Education Officer throughout the seven month duration of the scheme. Subject to a review of its success or otherwise, it is hoped this competition can be extended to other sporting and community organisations.

Waste Management - Balleally Landfill

The Balleally Surface Water Project is on track to be complete by the end of February. The project will provide a solution to the serious and recurring flooding at the entrance to the site and enable the future Rogerstown Park to be accessed securely and safely. The project has also delivered substantial new foul, surface water and leachate drainage systems along the northern and western perimeters of the site. This will provide the benefit of significant reductions in the quantity of leachate being generated and also improve the

quality of the surface waters being discharged. There will be a long term benefit in leachate treatment costs and an improvement in environmental licence compliance.



Main Visitor Parking - Rogerstown Park

River Basin Management

The *Rogerstown Estuary* (priority catchment) - desk study is being undertaken by the Catchment Assessment Team, under the River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021, is 50% complete. Following completion of the desk study, they propose to hold Community Information Meetings in March (dates and venues not yet available).

A summary of the active public consultations and funding currently available are displayed below (more information on Fingal website):

- **Community Water Fund applications** - deadline 12th February. Details are available at www.catchments.ie.

- RBMP 2022-2027 Public Consultation – deadline 30th June 2019. Details available at www.catchments.ie
- Code of Practice for Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses - Public Consultation – deadline 22nd March 2019.

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MON 18 FEB	MAIN EVENT - SWORDS 5.30-8.30pm County Hall, Main Street, Swords	KIDS' CORNER!	WED 20 FEB	BALBRIGGAN EVENT 5.30-8.30pm Bracken Court Hotel, Bridge Street, Balbriggan
MON 25 FEB	BLANCHARDSTOWN EVENT 5.30-8.30pm Crowne Plaza Dublin, Blanchardstown Town Centre		THUR 28 FEB	SUTTON EVENT 5.30-8.30pm Marine Hotel, 13 Sutton Cross, Burrow, Sutton

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
www.dublinclimatechange.ie

Litter Management

A total of 47 fines were issued in January. Of these, 17 were issued in the Balbriggan/Swords Electoral Area, with five issued in Howth/Malahide and 25 in Castleknock/Mulhuddart. There were also seven prosecutions taken in January. A total of 38 Warning Notices were issued in December.

Climate Change

FCC's *Draft Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024* sets out how the Council will improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in its own buildings and operations, while making Fingal a more climate-resilient County with engaged and informed citizens. This will be achieved by a range of ongoing and planned actions in five key areas (Energy and Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature-Based Solutions and Resource Management), which will be continuously monitored, evaluated and updated.

The public consultation period for FCC's *Draft Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024* will run from 11 February - 25 March 2019, during which time the public is encouraged to make submissions.

There will be four Public Consultation evenings are being held throughout the County as detailed below:

SEAI will be in attendance at all four events to provide advice and information on home energy efficiency grants and supports, and answer technical questions on home retrofits.

Waste Enforcement

The Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections Plan 2019 (RMCEI Plan 2019) for the County of Fingal is currently being finalised in line with the requirements of the Recommendation of the European Parliament and the Council providing for Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections in Member States (2001/331/EC).

The overall objective of the Plan is to identify and prioritise enforcement activities for 2019 to ensure that FCC can effectively and efficiently comply with its obligations under all environmental legislation. The legislation underpinning the RMCEI Plan is designed to protect the environment and minimise the risk of air, noise, water and waste activity pollution.

The RMCEI Plan 2019 is an important element of the Environment Division Operational Plan 2019, under the objective "to protect and enhance the natural environment of Fingal through effective

education, awareness, monitoring and enforcement of national and local legislation and policy". The Plan will be reviewed periodically throughout the year and will take into account any legislative and/or policy changes that may arise.

The National Enforcement Priorities for 2019 are set out below:

Waste	Illegal Dumping and Unaccounted for Waste
	Multiagency response for sites or operators engaging in significant level of illegal activity
	Illegal dumping and unauthorised movement of waste
	Construction & Demolition Waste and Capacity Challenges
	Household & Commercial Food Waste including Brown Bin Roll Out
	Enforcement of C & D waste activities
	Misclassification of Waste and monitoring of waste movements
	Dealing with Sites containing Illegally Deposited Waste
	Identify and take enforcement action on sites which contain waste deposited without authorisations
	Producer Responsibility Initiative PRI's
Continued implementation of producer responsibility initiatives such as waste tyres, end of life vehicles, packaging, WEEE and batteries	
Water	Improving Water Quality Status in all Water Bodies
	WFD Monitoring & Bathing Water Monitoring
	Water Quality Complaints and Incidents
	Farm Inspections in Water Bodies at Risk but <u>not</u> in Priority Areas for Action
	Monitoring & Enforcement of Section 4 Licences
	Inspection of Septic Tanks (as per National Inspection Plan)
	Resource for Engagement and Referrals from

	LAWPro and local catchment assessments
Air	To Protect Public Health and to Improve and Maintain Air Quality
	Solid Fuels: Compliance of fuel merchants, retailers and householders with Air Pollution Act (Marketing, Sale, Distribution and Burning of Specified Fuels) Regulations 2012 or as amended.
	Air and Noise Control (complaints)
	Air and Noise Control (Planning): assessment and conditioning of planning permissions re air/noise regulation
	Ambient Air Monitoring Programme (extension of AAMP)

WATER SERVICES

Operations

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

CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNANCE (CAG)

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CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Swords Chapel Marriage

The first civil ceremony took place in the Swords Castle chapel on Saturday, 12 January. Alan Duffy and Vivian Bom were the first couple to be married by civil ceremony in the chapel in the 800 year old medieval castle. The castle was built around 1200 by the Archbishop of Dublin, John Comyn as a residence and administrative centre and is the best surviving example of an Archbishop's palace in Ireland.



MetroLink

Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the National Transport Agency are expected to announce the final preferred route for MetroLink in the coming week and this will be followed by another round of public consultation.

The Chief Executive and the Director of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure both wrote articles for a recent edition of InBusiness magazine.

In his article, the Chief Executive made the point that the MetroLink project to Swords, via Dublin Airport, should proceed without further delay, regardless of any issues relating to the southside

aspect of the route, to ensure it meets its 2027 completion target.

In her article, AnnMarie Farrelly, Director of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure, stated that the local authority has laid the foundations to transform North County Dublin when MetroLink arrives.

The articles, which are on pages 76-79 of the latest edition of InBusiness magazine, can be viewed at https://issuu.com/ashvillemedia/docs/inbusiness_q4_2018

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Local Property Tax Allocation

The first tranche of the Local Property Tax allocation for 2019 in the sum of €4,462,960 of the LPT allocation of €26,777,800 was received from DHPLG on the 30th January 2019.

Making of the Rate

Following determination of the rate by Members at the Annual Budget Meeting, the rate was made by the Chief Executive on 23rd January 2019. All rate bills have now issued.

Revaluation Update

Members are advised that there will be a presentation by staff from the Valuation Office about the ongoing revaluation process in Fingal during the O and P meeting on Monday the 11th March, 2019 in advance of the first tranche of draft valuation certificates issuing from their office. The Valuation Office aims to have all draft certificates issued by end of April. The presentation will outline the various stages of the process and highlight the representation/appeal processes available to commercial ratepayers.

Financial Reports

Monthly financial reporting of the Revenue/Capital accounts and on Debtors will commence, as normal, from the period ending February 28, 2019 for the March Council meeting.

