



Chief Executive's Management Report

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Tourism Development

The Fingal Tourism Development Office continues to work with local tourism groups across Fingal.

Fáilte Ireland are presenting their outputs on signage guidelines from the coastal trail audit in May.

Fáilte Ireland have postponed the engagement of a consultant for the Coastal the Coastal Visitor Experience Development Plan in order to concentrate on Destination Towns, Orientation and Food propositions.

A Seminar on 'The Importance of Food Tourism' which includes a Fingal Food Provenance Lunch is being held in Swords Castle on 13th May. The Seminar is collaboration between DIT and Fingal County Council as part of the Students' in Action programme.

Events

Dublin Bay Prawn Festival 2019



The Dublin Bay Prawn Festival takes place from 17th-19th May 2019.

Expect three days of sensational food and entertainment for all the family - a terrific line up of the best seafood restaurants in Howth including:-

- Community Village Hall marquee showcasing Howth's many local activities
- Local Music & Arts with a Comhaltas stage in the marquee
- Traditional Bandstand with brass and pipe bands
- 'Capital of Adventure' activities on the water

2019 Flavours of Fingal County Show

A presentation on the Flavours of Fingal County Show was made to the Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee, which was held on 9th May.

A report on the application for Licencing of Event in Accordance with Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act, as amended for 'Flavours of Fingal County Show' is being presented at this meeting.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Newbridge House & Farm



Shannon Heritage hosted a Trade & Media Launch at Newbridge House and Farm, Donabate on 10th April, to highlight to the market its new immersive 'House and Farm' experience. This signifies a new era for the stately home, Ireland's only intact Georgian mansion and estate.

To celebrate the occasion TV and radio presenter Ryan Tubridy delivered a live broadcast of his popular RTE Radio show (Ryan Tubridy Show) from the courtyard in front of a lively crowd in the stunning 365 acre estate.

Malahide Casino



A ceremony marking the completion of the conservation works at the Malahide Casino Building took place at Malahide Casino on 30th of April 2019.

The fit out of the museum has commenced and is scheduled to be open to the public by mid-Autumn 2019.

Local Enterprise Office Fingal



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

5th Anniversary of the Local Enterprise Offices



An event was held in Russborough House in Co. Wicklow to celebrate 5 Years of the Local Enterprise Offices attended by Heather Humphreys T.D., Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation; Pat Breen T.D., Minister for Trade, Employment, Business, EU Digital Single Market and Data Protection; and Oisín Geoghegan, Chair of the LEO Network and Head of Enterprise at LEO Fingal.



The search for Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur continued in April with the 16 Fingal IBYE finalists attending the 2-day Dublin Region IBYE Bootcamp. The finalists will compete for a share of the Fingal prize fund of €50,000. The Fingal IBYE County Final takes place on Thursday 2nd May in the Atrium in County Hall, when six local entrepreneurs will be announced across three categories: Best Business Idea, Best Start-Up Business and Best Established Business. All Councillors are invited to attend the awards in the Atrium.

Start Your Own Business Programme (SYOB)

The fifth, 10 week Start your own Business Course commenced in April, All courses to date are fully subscribed with a combined total of 60 participants in attendance.

Business Development Workshops

In April, 3 Business Development Workshops were delivered to 25 participants. To date in 2019, 208 people have participated in LEO Fingal Business Development Workshops. The second six-week QQI Cert in Social Media and Digital Marketing training continued during April with 12 participants in attendance.

Plato

A new Plato programme was launched at Croke Park on the 12th of April. Plato is an advanced 18-month management development programme run by the four LEOs in the Dublin region. Thirteen Fingal companies are participating in the programme. The previous programme (which commenced in April 2018) will continue until October 2019.

Food Academy

The Food Academy programme continues with two Fingal companies enrolled on the programme which will afford them the opportunity to secure a space on SuperValu shelves. The FA Programme is a training programme run by the Local Enterprise Offices with the support of Board Bia and SuperValu. It prepares and enables small food producers to become suppliers to SuperValu.

Preparing for BREXIT

A series of training workshops on Customs Export & Import Procedures designed to support clients, addressing the customs implications of trading with a "Third Country" (Non-EU) in advance of the United Kingdom's exit from the Single Market and Customs Union have been designed and are being rolled out to run in two Fingal Locations; Balbriggan and Ballycoolin. One on One Brexit Mentor sessions also continues to support LEO clients in preparedness for Brexit.

Business Clinics and Mentoring

Clinics are offered to individuals that wish to start up a new enterprise or expand their existing business. During April, 11 clinic days were undertaken, delivering expertise to 84 businesses in Fingal. This brings the cumulative figures for 2019 to date to 39 days clinics and 283 attendees. In addition 51 individual Mentoring assignments have been delivered year to date.

Trading Online Vouchers

This programme is funded by DCCAE, as part of the National Digital Strategy, to support local and established small businesses to enhance their online offering. A pre-application workshop was held in the Riasc Centre, Swords during Local Enterprise Week 2019 with 100 participants in attendance and the closing date for receipt of applications was Friday 5th April. Thirteen applications were approved to the value of 31,923. A further workshop will be held in the Riasc Centre on Friday 17th May.

Fingal Student Enterprise Programme 2019



Preparations for the National Final of the Student Enterprise programme continued as the three Fingal Schools Finalists prepared to represent Fingal in Croke Park on May 3rd 2019. Fingal Student Enterprise Awards County Junior Category Winner from Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together with an enterprise called "SpecRest", Intermediate Category Winners from Loreto Balbriggan with their project called "Page Keepers" and Senior Category Winner "Bee Kind" of St. Fintan's High School in Sutton.

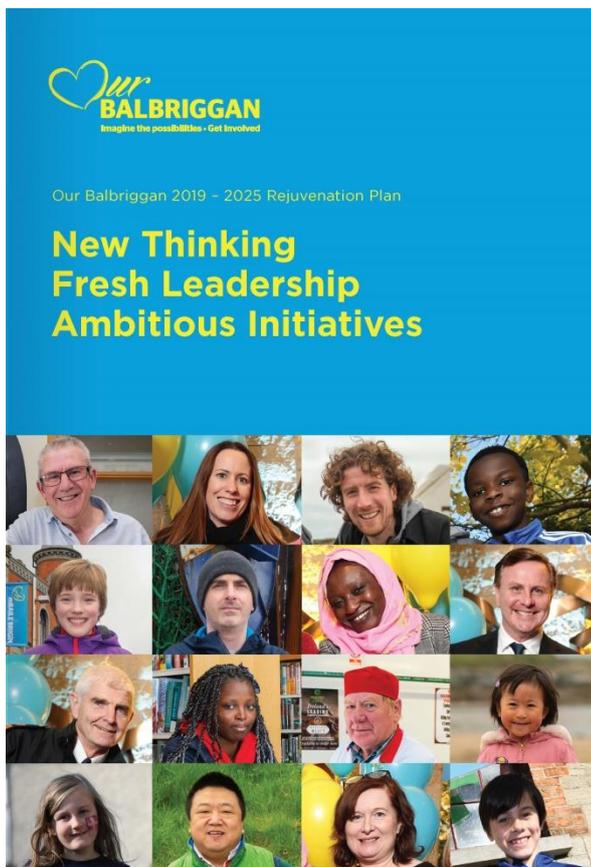


The Senior Category winner of the Fingal competition, "Bee Kind" of St. Fintan's High School in Sutton participated in a two-day educational trip to Barcelona, where the students and teachers met with enterprising Spanish students that are engaged on other EU-funded enterprise development programmes.

Economic Development

Balbriggan Socio-Economic Strategy

The launch of the Our Balbriggan Plan 2019 – 2025 took place on the evening of Thursday 9th May. The Rejuvenation Plan which contains a full set of socio-economic plans and actions, and an accompanying summary document can be downloaded at www.balbriggan.ie



Re-imagining Quay Street & Bracken River green corridor – indicative impression.

Local Community Development Committee

The Fingal LCDC in co-operation with the Fingal PPN, sought applications from Community Groups in Fingal for the BIG HELLO. The Fingal LCDC approved €10,000 from the Department of Rural and Community Development to distribute to 20 Community Groups to support them in running meet-your-neighbour type events over the bank holiday weekend in May.

The Community Enhancement Programme 2019 was launched and publicised during April. Fingal has an initial allocation of €150,000 to be granted to community groups and associations for capital items in the County. Closing date for applications is 30th May.

SICAP

The SICAP Annual Plan for 2019 is currently being implemented. The emerging need action for 2019 is 'Children in Homelessness'.



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.



Year to date, 6 Projects have been approved totalling €82,334.86. Four of these were in Fingal and two in South Dublin.

Overall, in the LEADER Programme to date, 50 projects have been approved, with 34 of these in Fingal, 3 in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, and 13 in South Dublin.

Total value of overall approved projects to date is € 1,437,061.93

During the month, Fingal County Council continued to deliver the additional financial and administrative oversight responsibilities for the approval and drawdown of LEADER funded projects following the national transfer of the LEADER Article 48 Administrative Checks from Pobal to the Local Authority Sector.

Enterprise Centres

Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres in April 2019 were Drinan 97%, BASE 91% and Beat 88%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 69 businesses and 342 jobs.



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Street Lighting

Works Programme: In April 2019 perimeter and car park lighting is switched on at the Lusk Sports Hub to cater for the many sports clubs availing of the facility throughout the year. A central management system has been installed which can control night time lighting levels depending on user activity and training requirements as required.



Lusk Sports Hub

LED Upgrade Programme: In April the LED Upgrade Program 603 LED Upgrade works were carried out in the following locations:-

- Cardy Rock, Curran Park, Dun Saithne Estate, Flemington Park, Georges Hill,

Pinewood Green Avenue/ Close/ Court/ Heath/Hill/Lawn/ Road...Balbriggan

- Barnewall Avenue/Crescent...Donabate
- Brook Lane, Hand Park, Palmer Road, St Catherines Avenue/Close/Court/ Crescent/Drive/Green/Grove/Lawn/Park/ View/Way, The Cairn...Rush
- Churchfield Close/Lawn, Downside Heights/Park, Fox Grove, Martine Court, Station Road, The Maltings...Skerries
- Corduff Avenue/Close/Crescent/Green/ Grove/ Park/Place/Way...Blanchardstown
- Ceanchor Road, Kitestown Road...Howth

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.

Traffic Management Schemes

2018 Signals Contract – The 2018 Signals Contract is now near completion. All civil works and road markings are complete on all 8 sites with only anti-skid surfacing to be laid now at Turvey Avenue when weather conditions are suitable.

Landscaping works remains to be carried out at some sites to finalise the work.

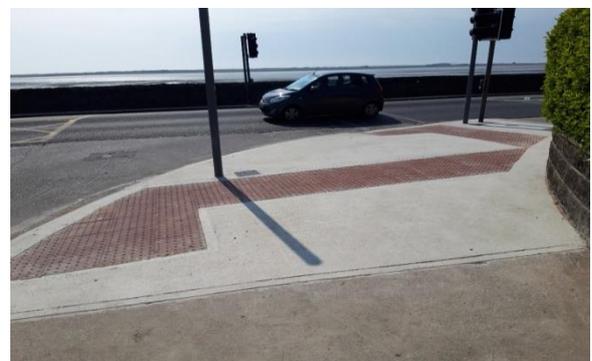


Donabate, Portrane Road Signals – Anti-Skid Installed.

2019 Traffic Signal Contract – The contract documents for the 2019 Traffic Signal Contract are near completion. The documents are being finalised at the present and it is intended to go to tender in May.

2019 Traffic Signals Upgrades – Upgrade works are ongoing at various sites around Fingal with the Knockmaroon Hill and Sutton Park signal junctions completed in April.

Knockmaroon Hill - Traffic Signals Upgrades





Sutton Park - Traffic Signals Upgrades

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

2019 VAS Signage Contract – Documents for the 2019 VAS Signage are currently being drawn up. It is intended to put this contract out to tender in the coming weeks.



2019 Footpath Contract – The 2018 Footpath Contract is complete. This contract included the

improvement of school warden crossings, the dishing of footpaths and minor realignment of some footpaths. The 2019 contract is currently underway and is also being carried out by the direct labour crew. As part of this contract 2 new bus stops were installed on the Ongar Distributor Road for Dublin Bus. Other projects include the realignment of footpaths and lining for a mini roundabout at the junction of the Feltrim Road and Kettles Lane and the improvement of a crossing from Station Road Portmanock to the Drumnigh Road.

2018 Ramps Contract – The 2018 Ramps Contract is near complete with the final ramps installed on Rugged Lane, Dublin 15 and only permanent markings to be installed these ramps.



Ramps Contract - Rugged Lane, Dublin 15

2019 Ramps Contract –The traffic management schemes will be brought, as headed items, to the three area committee meetings. The Schemes were brought to the ACM's in March/April. Approval was given at the ACM's for the Schemes to be put on public display for 4 weeks which is now drawing to a close in May.

Bridge Rehabilitation

Work is progressing on the following:

- The tender for Consultants for 2019 Bridge Rehabilitation was advertised on January 16th 2019. Consultant namely O'Connor Sutton Cronin Appointed mid-March 2019.
- Procurement of engaging a contractor for 2018 bridges advertised on 16th of January 2019. Tender submission extended to 27th of February 2019. Consultant assessing the Tenders.
- The Ivy removal contract for the 2019 Bridges is awarded on 5th of February 2019. Works completed.
- Procurement of Consultants to carry out Bridge Principal Inspections will be carried out after preparing bridges category spread sheet



Progress continues on the 2019 Programme of Works

Corporate Responsibility Programme

Operations Department facilitating Hertz complete one of their Corporate Responsibility Programmes planting Pollinator beds in Rivervalley, Swords.



Top: Cherry Park - Rathingle Road, Swords
Bottom Left: Church Road Resurfacing
Bottom Right: Footpath Repairs Lusk



Installation of Smart Benches George's Square Balbriggan, Echlin Court Rush, Church Street Skerries with additional benches to be provided in Swords and Donabate.

New Bike Parking facilities installed in Castleknock Village and Porterstown Park



Tyrellstown Park

The Operations Department in the Dublin 15 area worked closely with Tyrellstown Cricket Club in the development of an all-weather cricket crease

in Tyrellstown Park. The Taoiseach Leo Varadkar officially launched the pitch on 30th March 2019.



St. Catherine's Park, Lucan - Woodland

A total of 750 whips (Irish Oak) have been planted in St. Catherine's Park.

Once a common feature in Ireland, there are only small number of oak woodlands in Ireland at this stage. The creation of a native Oak Woodland of Irish provenance within St. Catherine's Park provides a welcome addition to the existing woodlands of the park and its surrounding ecology.

A woodland of this size will provide an important sink for carbon which will be stored in both the timber and soil. It will also contribute to the reduction of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

The woodland will be a great addition to the visual beauty of St. Catherine's Park.



Commemorative Grove. Each Irish Oak tree has a unique ID number that is displayed on the tree.



Footpath improvements

Works were carried out at Fortlawn, Huntstown & Mountview Road by the crews of the Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations Department.



Operations Department launch Commemorative Grove, Malahide Demesne by Mayor Anthony Lavin and Councillor Eoghan O'Brien

On Saturday, 6th April 2019, twenty Oak trees were planted in a dedicated meadow within Malahide Demesne for citizens of Fingal, in memory of their loved ones to launch

Commemorative Grove offers these citizens a space with a dedicated bench surrounded by these meaningful commemorative trees.



Hires put in Place

There were 62 hires put in place from 1st April – 30th April 2019, engaging 19 suppliers.

Included in these were:

- Hire of Concrete Bottle and Tractor for Bayside Pump Station
- Hire of Teleporter, 180° Backhoe Excavator and Tractor with Trailer for Beach Cleaning and Burial Grounds
- Hire of VMS and Traffic Management for the Opening of Rogerstown Park



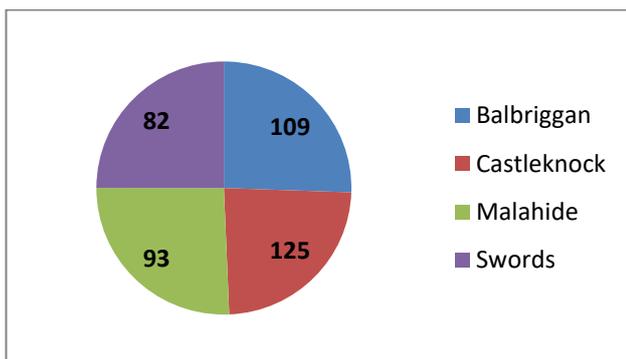
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PLANNING ACTIVITY

Planning Applications

There have been 409 planning applications received to the end of April 2019, 37 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 372 valid applications. The volume of applications received by area is illustrated below:



Planning Decisions

A total of 397 planning decisions have been made to the end of April 2019. There have been 325 decisions to grant permission (82%) and 72 refusals of permission (18%). There have been 25 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 180 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 89 commercial/retail grants of permission and 12 grants of permission in respect of housing developments - 7 of which related to development 50 - 100 housing units and 5 of which related to developments of 2-20 housing units.

Building Control

There have been 58 Disability Access Certificates submitted to the end of April 2019, of these 29 were granted and 5 are currently on time extension. There have been 88 Fire Safety Certificates submitted to the end of April 2019, of these 21 were granted, 1 was invalidated and 32 are currently on time extension.

Project Talamh – Lands at 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 in respect of the site at Ballymastone, Donabate commenced in October 2018. Stage 1 of the process is now complete and 5 Candidates have been invited to participate in the next stage. Following the submission of the Candidates' Outline Solutions, the Council will enter into dialogue discussions with the Candidates on the proposals for developing the site. The development must meet the requirements of the Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023, the Donabate Local Area Plan 2016 – 2022 and relevant planning and development and environmental legislation. Information sessions for Councillors will be ongoing as the project progresses.

Fingal Coastal Way:

Our project team has commenced the data collection and environmental constraints studies for this 32km scheme and the April meeting of the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure SPC received an overview presentation of this ambitious project.



Rathbeale Road Upgrade:

Jons Civil Engineering has been appointed to undertake this joint FCC-LIHAF funded project. Jons site team is currently in the pre-mobilisation phase and, in conjunction with the FCC project team, pre-start local liaison and consultation is ongoing including a letter drop and a meeting with the local schools authorities.



Ongar-Barnhill Road:

A total of eleven contractors submitted prequalification submissions for this project, and the documents are currently being assessed with a view to short-listing five contractors for the tender/pricing stage.

Donabate Footbridge:

Preliminary design, environmental assessment and planning documentation is being prepared to support a Part 8 planning application later this year for a new pedestrian and cycle bridge across the Dublin-Belfast railway line just south of the Hearse Road, Donabate.



NTA Allocations:

FCC received a welcome allocation of €3m from the National Transport Authority in support of our ambitious programme of sustainable transport schemes around the county. In total, eleven projects received funding under the Sustainable Transport Measures Grants programme, in the largest round of funding we have received since this funding programme began in 2011. The funding will support key projects such as the Broadmeadow Way, Snugborough Interchange Upgrade, Royal Canal Urban Greenway, Sutton to Malahide Greenway and Harry Reynolds Road Cycle Route.

Drumanagh Community Dig 2019

Fingal County Council's Community Archaeologist was invited to showcase the the Council's methodology for delivering community archaeology at the Institute of Archaeologist of Ireland Conference 2019. The community

archaeology programme is unique nationally, progressive in the field of community archaeology and a successful model to other regions.

The Drumanagh Archaeological Advisory Group met at the start of April to review progress on the implementation of the objectives of the *Drumanagh Conservation Study and Management Plan 2018-2023*, and to compliment Fingal County Council on its commitment to community archaeology. The Advisory Groups consists of the Chief Archaeologist at the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Head of Conservation at the Heritage Council, Keeper of Irish Antiquities at the National Museum of Ireland, and representatives of the country's universities.

Ministerial Consent has been attained by the Community Archaeologist and Season 2 of Digging Drumanagh will be undertaken between 15-29 May 2019 with post-excavation in Swords Castle between 4-11 June. Inter-departmental collaboration is an essential part of setting up such an event, and the Community Archaeologist would like to convey her thanks to the Operations Department and the Biodiversity Officer for their assistance.



Building Control/Taking in Charge

- 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. Through these frameworks, seven developments have now got full site resolution plans and costings, and we are actively seeking bond funding.

- Taking in Charge – two estates/infrastructure have been TIC so far in 2019.
- Building Control Inspectors undertook more than 18 first time inspections of sites during April 2019, as well as multiple repeat inspections. Inspections are targeted with a risk based approach in accordance with government policy. Recent government circulars with regards to fire safety have been incorporated into our inspections. 'Bringing Back Homes' policy has added another area of focus with regard to the re-use of commercial units without the requirement for planning permission.

Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services)

- Flood Risk Assessments and Drainage Strategies to inform Local Area Plans (LAP) - FCC staff are currently managing the tendering and preparation of the surface water management plans to inform Dublin Airport LAP, Kinsealy LAP, Castlelands LAP, Kellystown LAP, Swords masterplans, Churchfield framework, Powerstown framework and Cappaghfinn.
- Pre-planning consultations – during October staff from Forward Planning (Water Services) have engaged with more than nine 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. Staff are currently engaged at pre-planning stage on 22 Strategic Housing Developments.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY (H&C)

Housing Pillars I-V	Community Sports Arts Libraries
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Social Strategy 2020/Rebuilding Ireland

The Council delivered 4,592 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.

During 2018 there were 1,953 social housing units delivered and the expenditure in relation to the housing delivery programme was in the order of €100m.

Social Housing Delivery Targets 2019

By letter dated 12th March, 2019 the Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government outlined the 2019 social housing delivery targets set for each local authority. The overall total to be delivered by Fingal County Council during 2019 has been set at 2,184 housing units which is an increase of 20% on targets set for 2018. The letter from the Minister and details of the targets set have been circulated to Councillors.

Pillar 1: Address Homelessness

Fingal County Council is currently in contact with circa **609** families who are in homeless circumstances or at risk of homelessness.

135 families have had their homeless circumstances alleviated in 2019 to the end of April (including **100** 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

867 Homeless HAP tenancies have been put in place since the Dublin Region HAP Pilot scheme came into effect in 2015 with further tenancies in the process of being finalised

A total of **1560** tenancies are now in place under Mainstream HAP, **230** of which came into effect in 2019 to date, with further tenancy arrangements in the process of being finalised.

Pillar 2: Accelerate Social Housing

Construction Programme

The current position with the construction programme is set out below.

	No. Schemes	No. Units
Delivered to Date	10	200
Active Social Housing Projects:		
Contractor on Site/Appointed	7	182
Tender Stage	4	60
Pre-Planning Approval	11	525
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME	32	961

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

The Council are in the process of bringing forward initial phases of both the lands at Cappagh and Church Fields. The Area Committee were briefed on these housing proposals recently.

Acquisitions Programme

Delivered to Date 32 properties closed in 2019

Pending Sales Closing 70

Repair and Leasing Scheme & Buy and Renew

The Repair and Leasing Scheme (RLS) and the Buy and Renew (B&R) 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. These properties should be long-term vacant or derelict. Fingal County Council 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 early on-site delivery of units is the approach in Part V negotiations with developers.

Reporting on Part V agreements is provided quarterly to the Area Committees.

A total of 237 Part V housing units have been delivered over the life of the strategy to date.

Approved Housing Bodies

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

The Council facilitates Approved Housing Bodies in the management of funding applications under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) and Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme (CALF) funding schemes.

Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2023 went on public display on 1st April and the closing date for submissions is 31st May in accordance with DHPLG guidelines.

Pillar 3: Build More Homes

Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements

The Affordable Dwelling Purchase Scheme is a national initiative that will see affordable homes built on state owned land in co-operation with local authorities.

In order to underpin progress in the area of affordable housing, the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government commenced Part 5 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act,

2009 on 18th June 2018, the effect of which was to put in place new legislative provisions for affordable dwelling purchase arrangements.

In accordance with this legislation, a Scheme of Priority must be adopted by the Council before 18th June, 2019. A draft Scheme of Priority will be presented at this meeting for adoption.

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. An initial phase of the housing development of Church Fields was approved recently. The next phase of development will be brought forward for approval shortly. 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.

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.

Other Development opportunities

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 RAS & LTL tenancies is 821 broken down as:

Rental Accommodation Scheme Tenancies	638
Long Term Lease Tenancies	183

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

RIHL was launched on 1st February 2018 and, for those eligible, offers a choice between three different loan products with low interest rates. At the time of writing stage 84 persons/families have taken up residence in their homes. The 510 RIHL applications represent a significant upturn in lending activity for Fingal County Council. The approval rate is approximately 55%.

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

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

Number of applications received to date 636

Number of applications approved to date 271

Number of applications declined to date 210

The value of the loans approved so far €59.4 million

Fingal applications in context of region (4 Dublins) 40%

Number of loans drawn down 108

Value of loans drawn down €23,973,299

Further details and application forms available on www.rebuildingirelandhomeloan.ie including a customer services chat room where queries can be handled.

Vacant Homes Strategy

Following a number of newspaper and radio features outlining the work of the Vacant Homes Unit and advising of reporting mechanisms available, the number of reported vacant homes has steadily increased. Further publicity is planned for the coming months.

CPO's in respect of 4 long term vacant houses have been published, and Orders have been submitted to An Bord Pleánala. Work has commenced to identify further units suitable for the CPO process.

In 2019 Fingal County Council has reached agreements to purchase 4 properties under the Buy and Renew Scheme. Under the Repair To Lease scheme, 9 lease agreements have been entered into with homeowners. There is 1 contract pending and 2 applications under review.

Field testing continues on the Vacant Homes App and has so far been successful. 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.

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 2,102 first inspections and 888 second inspections have been completed. Inspections for 2019 are ongoing.

Pillar 5: Utilise Existing Housing

Voids

There were 64 casual voids within social housing stock at the end of April 2019. Of these dwellings, 22 are complete and are being offered for letting. Work is underway to 13 dwellings and the balance is with the County Architect for the procurement of pre-let repairs.

Planned Programmes

A tendering process has been completed in respect of the 2019 Cyclical Maintenance Programme (Scheme Painting) which including areas of North County Dublin and Dublin 15. Works are scheduled to commence in early May.

Boiler upgrades will continue in 2019 based on the Council's commitments under its Climate Change Action Plan.

Photos from active social housing construction schemes

Rolestown



Rathbeale Road, Swords



Community Culture & Sports Division

Community Development Office:

After a number of weeks' preparation with residents from Bremore Castle Estate in Balbriggan a **'Meet your Neighbour' event** was held in the Flemington Community Centre on 28th March. The group of residents worked hard to develop a flyer and hand deliver to all the residents in the large estate in north Balbriggan. The emphasis of the evening was to create a space where residents could meet each other in a relaxed and informal way. Tea and cakes were a key component and very positive event took place on the night. It is hoped that the event can spark interest in the redevelopment of the local resident association which had become inactive. A further series of meetings have been scheduled over the coming months to assist the development of the association with input from the Fingal Community Development Officer for the area, Mick Dunne.



Balbriggan Local Election Candidates attend a Community Engagement in Balbriggan

Local Election candidates in Balbriggan attended a community engagement in Balbriggan on 26th April with leaders of the migrant communities in the town. Candidates were asked to make a short pitch to the gathered group to state their experience and proposed policies if elected. The event was organised by the Balbriggan Integration Forum and the Balbriggan African Community

and was held in Flemington Community Centre. All candidates present on the day signed a document stating their commitments to support migrant communities in their work. The format worked well and the stories of the individual candidates were well told and very informative.



Establishment of Barnageeragh Cove & Hamilton Hill Residents Association, Skerries, Co Dublin

Over 80 people attended a public meeting on 29th March at Skerries Community Centre when a new residents association was formed with officers elected to represent Barnageeragh Cove & Hamilton Hill, Skerries, Co Dublin. They have come together to promote and enhance the living environment of their area and to act as a voice for their community in ensuring that their area is well represented when dealing with local and statutory agencies.



Fingal County Councils Community Office has supported **Sailing Into Wellness** to deliver an evaluated pilot sail training program for community organisations in the Fingal area. The primary aim is to offer sailing as a healthy and natural solution for our communities to look after their physical and mental well-being, while also removing barriers to long-term participation in the sport of sailing and highlight the Fingal coast as a natural resource.

Participant Groups to date:-

- Foroige , Blanchardstown Drug Prevention & Education Project;
- Tolka River Project, Buzzardstown, Mulhuddart;
- Coolmine Therapeutic Centre, Blanchardstown.

Key Outcomes:-

- Increase in attendance to group programs, reduced anti-social behaviour as reported by Community Gardai, enjoyment of a practical learning environment.
- Positive improvement in health and well-being, increase in completion rates of recovery program.
- Sailing as an activity is an enjoyable way to develop skills associated with personal development.



Fingal Comhairle na nÓg participated in Foróige's Fit Festival 2019 which took place in the ITB on Thursday, 18th April. They planned activities that would complement their project on Healthy Lifestyles – Tree of Hope, Letting go of stress, Healthy snacks and received positive feedback from the attendees at the event.



Siobhan O'Brien, Operation Transformation 2019 Leader with Fingal Comhairle na nÓg

Cruinniú na nÓg a national celebration of creativity for children and young people will take place on **Saturday 15th June 2019**. This will be celebrated throughout Fingal with events taking place in libraries, a Family Event in Draóicht along with music workshops for early years children. A flagship event will also take place in Swords Castle based around STEAM (Science, Technology, Education, Arts and Maths).

Sports Office:

Primary School Athletics Final

Wednesday 10th April saw the highlight of the Sports Office Primary School Athletics Programme. Approximately 2,000 students from 49 schools across Fingal took part in the event targeted at 3rd – 6th classes.

The Mayor was on hand to welcome the children and encourage them in their efforts. The children ran representing their schools, there were no individual winners. The winning classes/schools were presented with a trophy and every child received a (well deserved) medal. The event took place on a sunny day in Morton Stadium, the children were supported by their school friends and numerous parents who attended to cheer them on. In addition to the athletics on the track the pupils had the opportunity to participate in a range of field athletics and sports.



Schools Programmes

We continue to offer a wide range of sports programme in schools some examples, the schools cricket programme culminates in the Leprechaun Cup in two sections, in addition to the Fingal Girls Cup and 4th Class Cup. A number of rugby and football programmes are taking place throughout the county including afterschools drop ins, come and play futsal, school coaching in conjunction with the North Dublin Schoolboys League, blitzes and competitions. Our girls programme continues to grow with a variety of girls only programmes taking place throughout the county.

Arts Office:

Room 13 Inquiry

In April a visit to MART Galleries was organised for the participants of *Room 13 Inquiry* to meet and workshop with artist Jane Fogarty. Jane's current exhibition explores time, form, colour & composition through the medium of paint, something Room 13 was keen to explore further in the Easter workshop series. To further support the children of Room 13 to develop their interest and knowledge of contemporary art we provide workshops in Draíocht for short spells during school holidays for current or past students to participate in artists talks and art making. There they met with artist Geraldine O'Neill who spoke to them about her painting practice and her work currently on show in the main Gallery, before responding to the new found information in practical workshops. www.room13inquiry.ie



Room 13 participants at MART & Room 13 participants with Geraldine O'Neill at Draíocht

Artist Support Scheme Award

The Arts Office invited professional artists from the Fingal administrative area to apply for funding under the '2019 Artist Support Scheme'. In April 2019 58 awards made to artists under the scheme amounting to a total sum of €100,000 with a total demand for the fund of €233,236 -35% increase on 2018 in recommended awards. The funding allows for professional artists in Fingal to avail of an award towards professional development opportunities, a residency, or towards the development of their careers as artists. The award was open to practising artists at all stages in their professional careers working in music, visual art, drama, dance and literature.

Infrastructure Public Art Programme Emerging Artist Grainne Hallahan presents her Irish Aphasia Theatre Project

Grainne Hallahan, was supported to develop a theatre project which engaged participants affected with a condition called Aphasia. Aphasia causes communication impairment, brought on by acquired brain injury or stroke. The Arts Office has been supporting Grainne to present and support her ongoing research model which demonstrates a huge benefit from engaging with group theatre, which provokes a sense of collective support and a chance to tell a story through non-verbal means. The participants worked with Grainne and her collaborators for a period of 6 months and presented their individual theatre works to family/friends and invited arts in health and occupational therapy specialists as a new model of arts in health support. A film has been made about the process and is currently being presented within healthcare settings.



Drawing a Breath with Beth – A Mindful Drawing Programme

Artist Beth O'Halloran has been working with an ethnically diverse group of women who meet once a week in Tyrrelstown Community Centre to offer support, friendship and advice to one another. Originally from countries throughout the world such as Africa, Italy and China, The women all live in Dublin 15 and are mothers and grandmothers to children attending the local schools. Meeting together instils confidence and provides a sense of well-being which has a great knock-on effect for their families. Beth is tapping into the groups artistic interests and facilitating the development of creative skills through a series of mindful drawing workshops.



The women share the personal stories behind their new work with artist Beth O'Halloran.

LIBRARIES

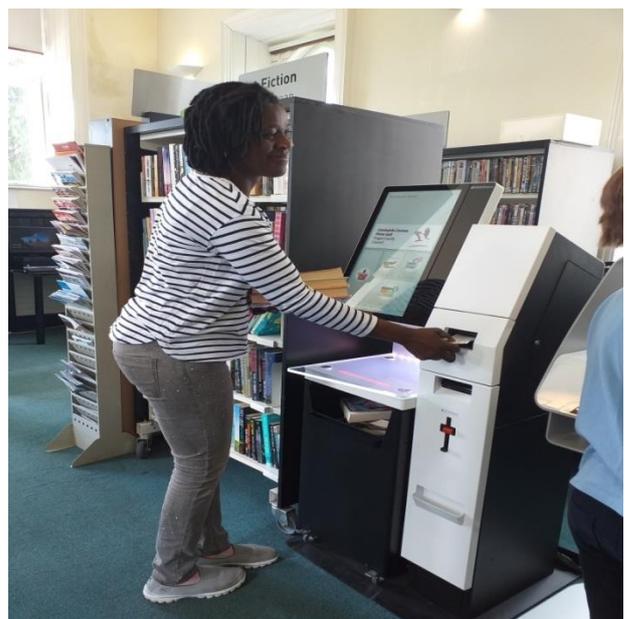


Local Studies and Archives move to 46 North Street, Swords

Visitors and researchers have been welcomed to the new Local Studies and Archives building at 46 North Street, Swords which opened on 23rd April

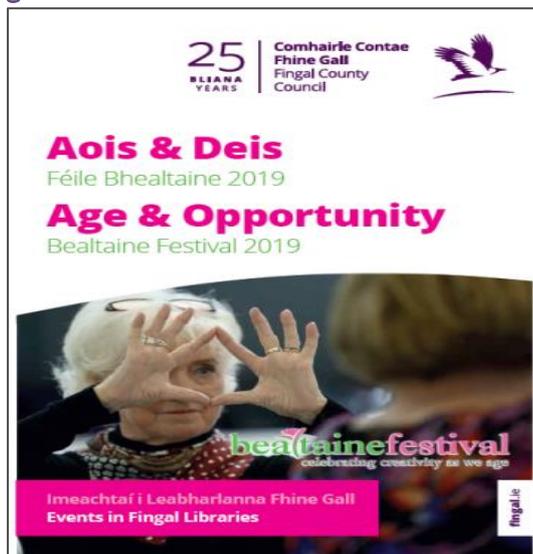
2019. The new location is in the heart of the developing Swords Cultural Quarter. A programme of events for the year is being planned, including a project to develop links between Local Studies and Archives and post-primary schools in Fingal. There is presently an exhibition marking 120 Years of Local Government on display in the Atrium at County Hall which includes the Dublin County Council chain of office and the minutes of the first meeting of Dublin County Council on 2nd May 1899.

Library users at Howth, Garristown and Baldoyle Libraries now have the option of using self-service kiosks to borrow and return books. The roll out of self-service is now complete in Fingal Libraries, with all 10 branches offering this convenient service to borrowers. The self-service kiosks are easy to use and staff are on hand to assist if problems arise. Library members are advised to always bring their membership card with them to the Library in order to avail of the self-service option.



Self-service kiosk at Garristown Library

Fingal Libraries celebrates Bealtaine Festival 2019



Libr

The Age and Opportunity Bealtaine festival, celebrates creativity as we age. Fingal Libraries has produced a rich and varied programme for this year's Bealtaine festival, with events taking place throughout the branch library network during the month of May. Some of the many highlights include:

Greyhound on a Train - a play by Carnation Theatre, set during the war of Independence.

Talk on Gardening for Mind, Body and Spirit.

Talk on Mindful Eating, Listening, and Speaking.

Film Screening: Philomena - a woman's search for a son she was forced to give up for adoption.

Chair Yoga to Increase Flexibility and Reduce Stress.

Places are limited at some of these events so booking is required. Contact your local branch library for more information or log onto www.fingal.ie/events

Maker Workshops/Criunniú na nÓg at Swords Castle on 15th June

Make, Create, Innovate, a mobile makerspace will hold workshops for primary school children on Monday and Tuesday afternoons at Blanchardstown Library starting in May. This will be a 5/6 week programme where the children will engage in creative activities using a variety of technologies and materials. There will also be a 5 week Saturday programme from 10am to 4pm for 12 to 16 year olds with a different project each week. All of the work produced will be showcased at the Fingal Criunniú na nÓg event in Swords Castle on the 15th of June.

Library Association of Ireland/Chartered Institute of Library & Information Professionals Conference

On the 11th of April, Siobhán Walshe and Barry O'Carroll from Blanchardstown Library delivered a paper at the LAI/CILIP conference at the Kilshee Hotel Kildare about the Young Entrepreneurs Club. Organised as part of the Europe Direct and Work Matters programmes at Blanchardstown and Balbriggan Libraries, the Club is aimed at 5th and 6th class students. It gives participants an authentic experience of developing, organising and managing a business. The presentation was very well received with representatives from several library authorities seeking more information about the club.

Swords Library open for business as usual

JCs Supermarket is currently constructing a café at Swords Library, but the library remains open for business as usual. The opening hours are:

Mon - Thurs: 9.45am - 8pm; Fri/Sat: 9.45am - 1pm; 1.45pm - 5pm

Baldoyle Library launches Classic Film Evening

On Monday 29th April Baldoyle Library launched its Classic Film Evening with a screening of the acclaimed 12 Angry Men. More classic movies will be screened at the Library over the coming months

A parent and toddler group meets every Thursday morning, from 10.00 – 10.45am at Malahide Library.

Maighread Medbh will give a poetry workshop on Tuesday 28th May at Swords Library from 5.50 to 7.50pm.



Other events in Libraries:

Donabate Library is holding beginner's Portuguese classes on Wednesdays evenings at 7pm.

A drop-in information session on Fingal Libraries e-services will be held in Garristown Library on 23rd May between 3pm-4pm.

A very satisfied customer at an arts/environmental event organised by staff at Howth Library during April



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ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Awareness

The [Fingal Biodiversity Awareness Project](#) is well underway. Leaflets and booklets from the National Biodiversity Data Centre are available to Fingal residents/ businesses and community members. Those being targeted are community groups, Tidy Towns, residents groups, garden centres, Adopt a Patch & Greener Community groups, faith centres, landscaping companies, PPN, men's sheds, community gardens and more – as part of the '*All-Ireland Pollinator Plan*'. We are using and developing social media to get the word out about bees and what they need to thrive. We will be using the bus shelters throughout the summer for spreading the word and call to action. Everyone can assist in this plan. Its three main actions are:

1. Reduce mowing – stop trying to "tidy up" the countryside,
2. Reduce harmful spraying and
3. Plant pollen-rich flowers.



[Dublin Community Clean-Up Day](#) on April 27th was a huge success in Fingal with communities all over Dublin collecting waste and litter from their areas and along the coastline. This was a great project organised by An Taisce/ Clean Coasts, the four Dublin LA's and other woodlands and canals groups.



Annual Bathing Water Quality

1. Bathing Water Classification for 2019 Season

The classification is derived from the previous four years' water quality data (namely 2015 to 2018.)

	Beach Name	Status 2019	Change from 2018
1	Balbriggan, Front Beach	Sufficient	↔
2	Skerries, South Beach	Good	↑
3	Loughshinny Beach	Good	↑
4	Rush, South Beach	Sufficient	↑
5	Rush, North Beach	Good	↑
6	Portrane, The Brook Beach	Poor	↔
7	Donabate, Balcarrick Beach	Sufficient	↔
8	Portmarnock, Velvet Strand Beach	Excellent	↔
9	Sutton, Burrow Beach	Excellent	↔
10	Howth, Claremont Beach	Sufficient	↔

Four beaches have improved in water quality status since 2018 and only one beach (Portrane) is at 'Poor' status. No bathing water underwent a reduction in water quality status.

A Management Plan for the 'Poor' status beach at The Brook, Portrane has been submitted for approval to the Environmental Protection Agency.

This details the short and longer term measures to be implemented to address potential pollution sources at this location. The Plan also outlines the communication strategy to promote public awareness of the 'Poor' status. An all season advisory notice "Not to Swim" will be in place at The Brook, Portrane again in 2019 (the 3rd consecutive year). In the event, of a bathing water being classified as 'Poor' for 5 consecutive years it must be permanently closed for the season to swimming as per Environmental Protection Agency Guidance on the Management of Poor Bathing Waters.

Information on the results of water quality sampling undertaken at Fingal beaches is available to view during the bathing season at www.beaches.ie and is posted on noticeboards at the beaches.

2. Blue Flag Awards 2019

Fingal have submitted a Blue Flag Award application for Velvet Strand Beach, Portmarnock for the 2019 season.

Circular Economy

On April 30th the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Richard Bruton T.D. launched a €600,000 funding opportunity for novel approaches to promote the **circular economy**, maximise resource efficiency and reduce waste.

It will fund innovators to develop and demonstrate business-ready solutions in the circular economy for consumers and for commercial clients. This funding call is a key part of Ireland's National Waste Prevention Programme which is led by the EPA.

Further information on the National Waste Prevention Programme and the funding call – "Green Enterprise – Innovation for a Circular

Economy” is available on the EPA website: www.epa.ie

Litter Management

A total of 91 litter fines were issued in April. 36 were issued in the Balbriggan/Swords Electoral Area, 8 issued in the Howth/Malahide EA and 47 in the Castleknock/Mulhuddart EA.

25 Warning Notices were also issued in April. In addition to this there were also 20 prosecutions taken in April.

Litter Management Plan 2019 -2021

The Draft Litter Management Plan 2019 – 2021 considered at the Environment and Water Services SPC on the 30th April and was recommended for adoption by the Full Council.

Waste Management Services

Balleally Landfill

On 27th April Fingal County Council formally opened Rogerstown Park, which is located on the site of the former Balleally Landfill between Lusk and Rush.

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Anthony Lavin, performed the opening ceremony and those present got the opportunity to visit the upper section of the new park which has spectacular views of the North Dublin coastline.

Rogerstown Park is being opened on a staged basis with the upper section being open to the public on Saturdays only from 9.30am to 5pm for the remainder of 2019. Subsequent sections will open from 2020 onwards as works progress to completion. Plans to address accessibility from Rush and Lusk will also be addressed and Rogerstown Park will be included in an overall Estuary Management Plan with possible links across the Estuary to Donabate being considered as part of this process.



The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Anthony Lavin, said at the event: *"Fingal is a county that likes to be a leader of innovation and environmental responsibility and we are delighted to be one of the first counties to officially open one of their former landfills as a public park. Today`s opening is the culmination of a 10-year programme of restoration of this former landfill site which has been in operation, in one form or another, since the late 1960s. Rogerstown Park has now shown the way in what can be achieved with older landfill sites by handing them back to the local communities to be enjoyed as amenities for the beneficial use of their local residents."*



Cllr Brian Dennehy, Chair of the Balleally Landfill Liaison Committee, said: *"Rogerstown Park will provide access to stunning views, allow families, walkers and joggers to come and relax and provide the local area with an asset which they can be proud of. Local people can take a high*

degree of confidence that the landfill is, and has been, managed well and the Balleally Landfill Liaison Committee has worked hard to ensure that this site has been finished to the highest possible standard. The work of the Balleally Landfill Liaison Committee over the past number of years has been a crucial part of the success story that is Rogerstown Park today."



Climate Change Action Plan

A Draft Chief Executive's Report & Recommendations which summarises and details the outcome of the public consultation process

for the Draft Climate Change Action Plan has been prepared.

A total of 120no submissions were received as part of the consultation process. The submissions demonstrated strong public support for actions on climate change.

The Environmental & Water Services SPC considered the Draft CE Report at their Meeting on Tuesday 30th April 2019, and has recommended that then Draft Climate Change Action Plan be Approved by the Full Council

Aircraft Noise Competent Authority

The Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Bill 2018 is currently being finalised by the Oireachtas. The Bill designates Fingal County Council as the competent authority for the purposes of Aircraft Noise Regulation at Dublin Airport and provides that the functions of the competent authority will be performed by the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive will be legally responsible for the performance of the functions as prescribed by the Bill once finalised and enacted into Irish law. In this regard, arrangements are already underway putting in place the additional staffing requirements for the performance of the new function. Tenders have been received for the provision of Aviation Noise Expert Consultancy Services relating to Aviation Noise & Acoustics, and these are being assessed at present.

Waste Enforcement

National Waste Enforcement Priorities

Quarter 2, 2019 will focus on illegal waste activity and unaccounted for waste, and in particular "Man in the Van" type services advertised through social media sites, leaflets, local newspapers and websites. The identification of illegal waste collection services across all media will be examined with a view to targeted action involving removal of ads, an education and awareness

campaign and investigative monitoring to help prevent the illegal movement and dumping of waste within Fingal.



Construction and demolition waste management plans and the movement of construction & demolition waste is also a key focus and national priority for Quarter 2, 2019. Construction waste management plans at large developments and public projects will be assessed in conjunction with the movement of certain waste streams to and from licenced facilities.

In collaboration with the National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) all licenced facilities and waste collection permit holders will be assessed during Quarter 2 in terms of annual waste returns (desktop validations) with follow on site audits proposed at selected facilities. Waste data for 2018 will be assessed and verified to ensure that waste streams were correctly classified with clear traceability for the movement of waste from source to destination sites for all waste activities.

Anti-Dumping Initiative 2019

5 applications totalling €59k were made by Environment & Operations under the Anti - Dumping Initiative 2019. These applications were across the 4 headings of Prevention, Abatement, Education and Enforcement.

WATER SERVICES

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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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Tá scéim curtha i bhfeidhm ag Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall inar féidir le baill foirne freastal ar oiliúint Ghaeilge sa Ghaeltacht, agus 9 mball foirne ag freastal i mbliana. Cabhróidh sé seo le seirbhís a sholáthar do dhaoine den phobal ar mian leo a ngnó a dhéanamh trí Ghaeilge.

Fingal County Council has introduced a scheme where staff members can attend a week's Irish Language training in in the Gaeltacht, with 9 members of Staff attending this year. This will assist in the provision of a service to members of the public who wish to conduct their business through the Irish language.

A Word of Thanks from the Chief Executive

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the businesses and communities of Fingal, the Elected Members and all management and staff for what has been a privileged 5 years as Chief Executive.

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Valuation of Irish Water infrastructure

A Ministerial Order was signed earlier this year instructing the Valuation Office to proceed with the valuation of Irish Water's infrastructure. As was advised to Members previously this is likely to have significant financial implications for the 2020 budget with the possible loss of €5.4m in income. The Order states that the valuation is to be entered into the central valuation list by the 18th October, 2019 which means that rates will be levied on Irish Water from the 1st. January, 2020. However as Fingal is currently being revalued, with new valuations also effective from 2020, our rates income for 2020 is capped at the 2019 levels adjusted by a specific formula.

We have engaged at a senior level within the DHPLG on this issue and its implications for FCC with a view to them ensuring a solution is put in place that will result in no loss of income to FCC. They are currently reviewing the matter and we will keep members updated on this issue as we move through the budgetary process.

Financial Reports

Refer to Appendix 1 for the following reports:-

- Revenue Account Income & expenditure to 30th April, 2019
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- Summary of Corporate Debtors to 30th April, 2019

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION at 30th April 2019

		EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
A	Housing & Building	19,360,483	55,374,400	35%	19,001,735	54,644,700	35%	358,748
B	Road Transport & Safety	7,175,909	22,753,599	32%	2,160,983	6,606,600	33%	5,014,926
C	Water Services	5,930,670	14,421,200	41%	5,772,029	17,344,100	33%	158,640
D	Development Management	4,130,327	14,559,300	28%	1,540,954	4,103,300	38%	2,589,374
E	Environmental Services	12,978,972	40,451,101	32%	1,477,838	4,615,000	32%	11,501,135
F	Recreation & Amenity	11,554,839	33,719,101	34%	720,067	1,672,800	43%	10,834,772
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	262,521	908,500	29%	93,004	251,100	37%	169,517
H	Miscellaneous Services	3,166,556	9,985,800	32%	3,619,675	11,191,300	32%	-453,119
J	Central Management Charge	12,455,076	45,132,499	28%	934,555	2,814,500	33%	11,520,521
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG				2,508,233	7,524,700	33%	-2,508,233
RA	Rates				42,179,133	126,537,400	33%	-42,179,133
		77,015,354	237,305,500	32%	80,008,206	237,305,500	34%	-2,992,853

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

	Balance at *01/01/2019	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/04/2019 €
A Housing & Building	-39,053,881	39,767,809	-23,509,884	-22,795,956
B Road Transport & Safety	14,040,730	14,662,786	-1,150,144	27,553,372
C Water Services	-11,583,404	1,410,520	-839,719	-11,012,603
D Development Management	-79,698,688	5,169,132	-11,222,879	-85,752,435
E Environmental Services	-12,148,504	1,375,310	-2,524,598	-13,297,792
F Recreation & Amenity	-7,038,810	5,437,313	-794,602	-2,396,100
H Miscellaneous Services	-42,598,226	12,736,108	-1,061,056	-30,923,174
Total	<u>-178,080,783</u>	<u>80,558,977</u>	<u>-41,102,882</u>	<u>-138,624,689</u>

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/04/2019

	Balance at 01/01/2019 €	Balance at 30/04/2019	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	6,197,537	85,508,079	80,913,820	4,594,259
LOANS	1,310,476	1,333,842	382,820	951,022
RENTS	4,246,486	4,293,457	2,481,957	1,811,500

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments



Exterior View of Refurbished Casino building - groundworks partially complete.



Entrance Hallway of the newly refurbished Casino building



View of the 'Fry' Room



Close-up of Model Railway on Display



Sample Display and Information boards



Refurbished Georgian Window in the Casino



Views of the refurbished staff canteen, County Hall, Swords

