



# Chief Executive's Management Report

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## TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

### Marketing Collateral

Work on the redevelopment of the suite of tourism websites for individual towns and villages is continuing.

### Local Enterprise Office food event

Fingal Tourism and Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Fingal hosted an interactive evening seminar examining the importance of food tourism and the role it can play in growing businesses in Howth Yacht Club on Monday 4th March.

Sinead Hennessy, Food Tourism Unit, Fáilte Ireland, explained the value and opportunities that food tourism presents and the key steps in delivering an authentic experience to visitors.

Local entrepreneur Jeanne Mahony of Hope Beer shared her first-hand experience of how food tourism can act as a driver for business. James Burke, one of Ireland's leading food consultants, and other retail advisors talked about "the profit in local sourcing".

The evening provided opportunities for learning and networking, and allowed food producers and tourism businesses to get to know each other and forge new alliances.

### Community Collaboration

The Heritage trail in Balbriggan will be launched in early April at Bremore Castle.

## EVENTS

### Events Financial Scheme of Assistance 2019

The Events Unit held an information session on 21<sup>st</sup> February for those groups who were successful in achieving funding under the scheme in 2019.

Topics covered in the session covered:

- How to attract sponsorship for events
- Relevant insurances
- Draw down of funding, including the requirement for a post event report

### St. Patrick's Day Parades



Preparations for the St. Patrick's Day Parades in Swords, Balbriggan and Blanchardstown are continuing. The number of participants in each parade stands at:

- Swords 52
- Blanchardstown 48
- Balbriggan 36

## Flavours of Fingal 2019

A pre-event licence meeting took place with the statutory agencies on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

The next steps to be undertaken include an advert in the paper on 21<sup>st</sup> March and the circulation of the Event Management Plan to the statutory agencies.

## HERITAGE PROPERTIES

### **Bremore Castle**

The structural assessment of Bremore Castle has begun on site. RPS Consulting, who has been appointed to undertake this work, are currently:

- Collating all survey data pertaining to the castle.
- Reviewing documentation in the Council's possession in relation to the building of the castle.
- Meeting with the Council's Building Control section with a view to progressing the structural assessment.
- Meeting with the Community Archaeologist to discuss proposed trial pit and borehole locations.

An update on Bremore Castle will be given to the elected members at the March meeting of the Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee.



**Bremore Castle, Balbriggan**

### **Skerries Martello tower**

Consultation has commenced with regard to the feasibility study for the redevelopment of the Red Island Martello Tower as a visitor attraction.

SLR Consulting have been appointed to undertake the study and have met with the following stakeholders during February:

- The Council's Archaeologist
- The Council's Conservation Officer
- Members from the Council's Architects Department
- Fingal Tourism Manager.

### **Malahide Casino**

The scaffolding and wrapped enclosure on the cottage has now been removed which allows the conservation works on thatching, lime rendering and joinery works to be visible.

The external cladding and enclosure of the extension is also complete.

The Fry collection of model trains is undergoing conservation work and the exhibition content and design of the exhibition layout is now well developed. The installation of the exhibition fit out is likely to be phased, commencing in April.

Tender evaluation is underway in relation to appointing an operator for the museum.

A site visit for the local Councillors and the trustees, to view progress, took place on 5th March.

## LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

Some of the LEO Fingal highlights from February 2019 are as follows:



### **Local Enterprise Week 2019**

In Fingal more than 1,000 businesses attended Local Enterprise Week events, which took place between the 4th and 8th March 2019. The week featured a packed series of events, all across the County, helping businesses and start-ups to access supports, training and networking.



## Fingal Enterprise Awards



## Fingal Enterprise Awards 2019



Ten LEO businesses were chosen as finalists for the Fingal Enterprise Awards 2019, following shortlisting. They subsequently faced the LEO Fingal independent panel of judges and following their visit to the Fingal Dragon's Den, the ten applicants were centre-stage at the Fingal Enterprise Awards finals on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March.



Finalists of the Fingal Enterprise Awards

## 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. There are 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

Three Start Your Own Business Courses are currently underway. These ten week courses are all fully subscribed, with a combined total of 36 participants.

## Business Development Workshops

In February, 6 Business Development Workshops were delivered to 59 participants. The first 6 week QQI Cert in Social Media and Digital Marketing of 2019 concluded in February with 12 participants in attendance.

## Food Academy

The Food Academy programme continues, with two Fingal companies enrolled. The programme affords them the opportunity to secure a space on SuperValu shelves, and is run by the Local Enterprise Offices with the support of Board Bia and SuperValu.

## Business Clinics and Mentoring

Clinics are offered to individuals that wish to start up a new enterprise or expand their existing business. During February, ten clinics were undertaken, delivering expertise to 74 businesses across the County.

## Fingal Student Enterprise Awards 2019

The Fingal Student Enterprise Programme continued in February, working towards the County Final Awards event on March 21st. This programme supports students in starting-up and running their own real-life business and learning valuable entrepreneurial skills. The winners will go on to the National competition in Croke Park in May. Fingal will again this year run the biggest programme in the country, with over 2,700 second level students participating from 29 schools.



Participants in the 2019 Fingal Student Enterprise Awards

## Preparing for BREXIT



LEO Fingal is proactively identifying clients, and other small businesses based in Fingal, that will be impacted by the impending departure of the UK from the EU. To date, 85 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, geared to helping businesses to prepare for the possible impacts of Brexit, are being extensively promoted to businesses identified as 'at risk'.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Balbriggan Socio-Economic Strategy

A report containing the full analysis of the recent public consultation, which received over 4,000 responses, has been published in full and is available on [balbriggan.ie](http://balbriggan.ie). A fourth and final strategy workshop took place on the 11th February, and these workshops, along with research and survey results, will inform the development, publication and launch of a final plan which is scheduled for April 2019.

A number of key initiatives will take place during the interim, including the opening up the Stephentown Link Road, the launch of free Town Wi-Fi and the completion of a town heritage trail. In addition, works that have been in the pipeline for a significant period will be accelerated, including the lighting up of the Railway Viaduct, construction of a Skate Park, provision for a new playground, a masterplan for the Bremore Regional Park and plans for the adjoining Bremore Castle.



### Local Community Development Committee

A meeting of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) was held on the 20th February. In co-operation with the Fingal PPN, applications are currently being sought from Community Groups in Fingal under the National Community Weekend Fund. The Fingal LCDC has €10,000 from the Department of Rural and Community Development to distribute to Community Groups to support them in running 'meet-your-neighbour' type events over the bank holiday weekend in May.

## SICAP

The 2018 Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) Annual Plan Performance Review process has been completed and approved by the Fingal LCDC and Pobal. The SICAP Annual Plan for 2019 has also been approved by the LCDC and submitted to Pobal, including agreed Key Performance Indicators and Budgets for 2019. The 'emerging need' action for 2019 will be '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.



At the most recent LAG Meeting in February, four projects were approved totalling €48,718. Three of these were in Fingal and one in South Dublin.

Overall in the LEADER Programme to date, 48 projects have been approved, with 33 in Fingal, three in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, and twelve in South Dublin.

The total value of overall approved projects to date is € 1,403,445.

On the 1st February, FCC assumed 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 February 2019 were:

Drinan	97%
BASE	91%
Beat	88%

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

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### All-Ireland Community & Council Awards 2019

At the All-Ireland Community & Council Awards 2019, held in Croke Park, the Operations team received Best Energy Smart Initiative, for the installation of electric vehicle charging into the public street lighting system, and also Best Public Park for St. Catherine's Park, Dublin 15.



St. Catherine's Park

This award for the park is in recognition of the dedicated team of staff, who pride themselves in delivering a high standard of grounds and horticultural maintenance. Their commitment has helped St. Catherine's Park provide the area of Dublin 15, Lucan and environs with a fantastic amenity, including areas of natural conservation and wildlife which are essential for a sustainable public park. The Operations Department will continue to enhance and develop St. Catherine's Park, Lucan, based on the needs of users, both present and future.



### FLEET MANAGEMENT AND PLANT HIRE UNIT

#### Hires put in Place

There were 68 hires put in place from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019, engaging 23 suppliers.

Included in these were the:

- Transfer of 300 tonnes of salt from Watery Lane to Coolmine.
- Hire of public toilet block facilities at Rogerstown Park (Former Landfill Baleally)
- Hire of a mini-excavator for work in Talbot Gardens
- Removal of Waste at Baylane (Dublin 15) and Coldwinters (Finglas)



#### Purchase of New Vehicles

FCC purchased ten John Deere 1575 mowers. These mowers will be used to maintain public parks and open areas.



New John Deere 1575 mowers

## Works Programme

During February, the Castleknock Road, from Park Gate to Ashtown Gate, was upgraded to LED. Further, new lighting is installed to light up the protected structure of Hamilton Monument (Skerries Obelisk) in the centre of the Skerries.



Castleknock Road and Hamilton Monument Skerries

Lighting has also been installed in Newbridge Demense car park to cater for night time activities in Newbridge House.



Newbridge Demense Car Park

## LED Upgrade Programme

In February, the LED Upgrade Program continued with 422 LED Upgrade works carried out in the following locations:

- **Balbriggan:** Hamlet Close, Westbrook Crescent/Green/Heights, and Lawn-Park
- **Balrothery:** Knightswood Park, Tudor Hamlet
- **Loughshinny:** Loughshinny Bay Estate
- **Rush:** Ceol Na Mara, Clifflands-Court-Rise, Coopersfield, Kilbush View, Lambay View, Woodvale Road
- **Kinsealy:** Ashdale Close-Road, Aspen Drive-Park-Road, Birchdale Close-Drive-Park-Road
- **Malahide:** Ashleigh Lawn, Biscayne, Estuary Row, Lambay Court, Millview Close-Court, Old Yellow Walls Road, Seafield Court, Seamount

Drive-Grove-Heights-Park, Sonesta, St Margarets Avenue

- **Portmarnock:** Ardilaun, Burrow Court, Carrickhill Close, Carrickhill Heights-Beach Park, Parkview, Portmarnock Avenue-Crescent-Drive-Park, The Dunes

## 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

### 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 included as part of the original contract are complete throughout the county and 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 and has achieved considerable progress to date. Civil works and road markings are completed on all eight sites, with only anti-skid surfacing to be laid at Portrane Road and Turvey Avenue when weather conditions are suitable. One site is awaiting the ESB connection.



Pedestrian crossings at Portrane Road, Turvey Avenue and Lusk/Rush Train Stations

### 2019 Traffic Signal Contract

The contract documents are currently being drawn up for the 2019 Traffic Signal Contract. The

drawings are currently being worked on at the moment also and it is intended to put this contract out to tender before the end of March 2019.

### 2018 Traffic Lining Contract

MacLoclairns was awarded the 2018 Traffic Lining Contract and works which commenced as part of the original contract are now complete. Additional works were subsequently added to the contract, and these have now commenced.

### 2019 Traffic lining Contract

The contract documents are currently being drawn up for the 2019 Traffic Lining Contract. It is intended to put this contract out to tender before the end of March 2019.

### 30kph signs

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

### 2019 VAS Signage Contract

Documents for the 2019 VAS Signage are now being drawn up. It is intended to put this contract out to tender before the end of March 2019.



### 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, two new bus stops are being 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 now near completion. Public lighting connections are being awaited from the ESB prior to the installation of ramps on Rugged Lane, Dublin 15.



Ramp Installed on Kettles Lane, Kinsealy and Castleknock Grange/Vale

### 2019 Ramps Contract

The drawings for the 2019 ramps contract are now complete. The schemes will be brought as headed items to the three Area Committee meetings in March and, following approval, will be put on public display for 6 weeks.

### Hartstown Park Improvement Works

The Operations Department has recently carried out extensive works in Hartstown Park, Dublin 15, which included the planting of 40 trees and the thinning out of existing plantations. The Operations crew will continue to maintain, enhance and develop the park as a hugely beneficial local amenity.

The feedback from all the local residents and users of this park has been very positive following these works.



## Lesotho Project

Pictured at the graduation of Matseliso Thobei and Refiloe Leotla (below) who were conferred with an M.Sc in Spatial Planning were Professor Conor Norton, Head of School of Transport Engineering, Environment & Planning TUD, His Excellency Nstoale Sekhulumi, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Lesotho, Professor David FitzPatrick, President of Technological University Dublin, Ciarán Staunton, Fingal County Council and Dr. David O'Connor, Head of Environment & Planning (Assistant Head of School) at TU Dublin.



Clockwise from top left: Road Resurfacing Spout Road, Rush; Tree Planting and verge reinstatement at Lanesborough; River Valley Road , Swords and new pedestrian crossing and entrance to Newbridge Demesne

## Balbriggan / Swords Roads Works Programme

High daytime temperatures have facilitated the early commencement of the Balbriggan / Swords roads programme. Resurfacing work is underway, or has been completed at:

- Spout Road, Rush
- The Cross, Skerries
- Grallagh, Swords
- Cottrellstown, Swords
- River Valley, Swords

Tenders are being prepared for the remainder of the schemes to secure early access to contractor resources.

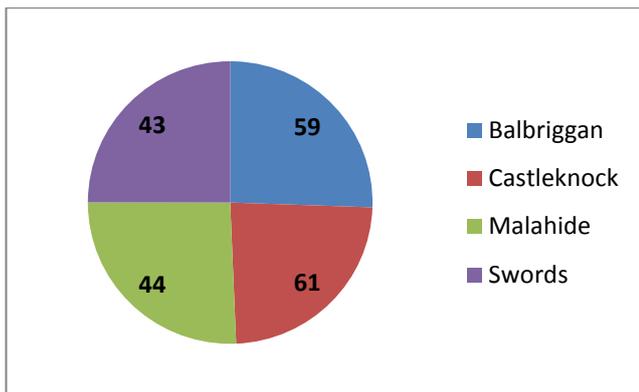
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## PLANNING ACTIVITY

### Planning Applications

There have been 207 planning applications received to the end of February 2019. Of these, 19 were invalid, leaving a total of 188 valid applications. The volume of applications received by area is illustrated below:



### Planning Decisions

A total of 197 planning decisions have been made to the end of February 2019. There have been 158 decisions to grant permission (80%) and 39 refusals of permission (20%). There have been twelve grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 93 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 40 commercial/retail grants and five grants for housing developments. Two of these developments related to developments of 50-100 units, and three to developments of 2-20 housing units.

### Building Control

There were 25 Disability Access Certificates submitted to the end of February 2019 and of these, four have been granted. There were 45 Fire Safety Certificates submitted in the same period, two of which have been granted, one was invalidated and one is currently on time extension.

### Portrane Coastal Erosion

The Council and our consulting engineers, RPS Ireland Limited, continue to monitor coastal erosion in Portrane as well as the effectiveness of the Seabees. Any necessary adjustments to the Seabees following the winter months will be carried out over the coming weeks.

There is evidence that further erosion has taken place in some other parts of the peninsula and work is also ongoing on the design and planning of a permanent solution to address coastal erosion and flooding in Portrane and the outer Rogerstown estuary generally. The Council is working with the Coastal Liaison Group on all these matters and a progress report will be provided to the Group later this month. The Office of Public Works also continues to engage with and advise the Council.

### Royal Canal Urban Greenway

A public engagement process for the Royal Canal Urban Greenway commenced on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February and will run until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. As part of this, a public information day was held in Blanchardstown Civic Offices, information leaflets

have been distributed to some 9,000 houses near the route, and individual letters have been posted to the small number of properties that could be directly affected by the scheme. Following the engagement process, the preferred route will be confirmed and an environmental screening exercise will take place to ascertain the statutory planning requirements, i.e. in terms of Part 8 or full Environmental Impact Assessment.



#### Public Engagement on Emerging Preferred Route

Fingal County Council is proposing to develop the Royal Canal Urban Greenway, which will provide a high quality, peaceful and safe route to serve Castleknock, Blanchardstown, Clonsilla, Coolmine and the wider Dublin 15 area. The proposed Urban Greenway will encourage recreation while offering an attractive alternative transport choice for school children and commuters, bringing significant environmental, economic and health benefits to the wider community.

Conscious of the special place that the Royal Canal holds within the community, and its designation as a protected structure, the Urban Greenway aims to protect and enhance the existing environment along the corridor. An Emerging Preferred Route for the scheme is now available. Fingal County Council would welcome any comments you might have on the proposal and the project team looks forward to engaging with you to discuss the developing design and the next steps in the planning process.



### Development Plan Progress Update

The Fingal Development Plan 2017 - 2023 was made by the elected members in February 2017, and came into effect four weeks later in March 2017. The Development Plan is valid for a six year period but section 15(2) of the Planning and Development Acts, as amended, requires the Planning Authority to prepare and present a Progress Report to Council within two years of the Plan being made.

This report, currently in preparation, sets out the progress made in securing the objectives of the Plan in the last two years and will comprise of two parts:

- Part 1 will consist of a broad overview and context for the report, providing 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 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. 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.



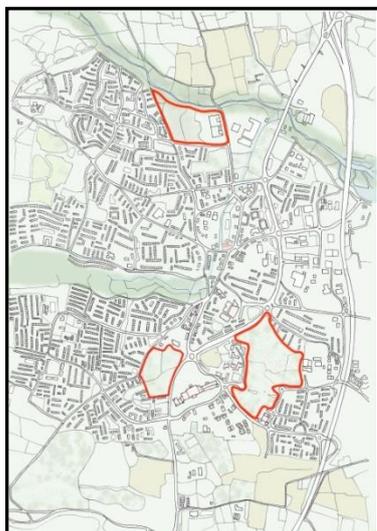
### Swords Masterplans

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

The preparation of these Masterplans will provide the optimum future development frameworks for these lands and will establish parameters for the urban design, structure, delivery of community and amenity facilities, access and permeability. Proposals for the Metrolink project, in addition to Bus-Connects, will dramatically alter how people

get to and from Swords, making it more accessible.

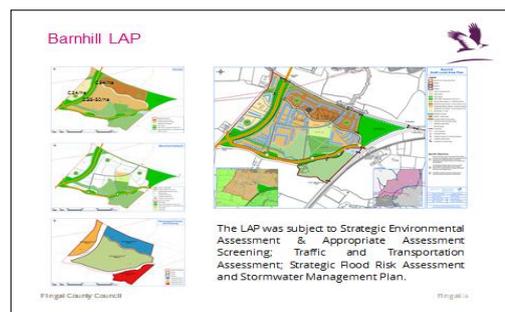
The Masterplans will also consider how people move around Swords, with a focus on improving connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists. The draft Masterplans will go on public display from the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019.



Swords Masterplan Areas

### Barnhill Local Area Plan

The Barnhill Local Area Plan was approved by the elected members on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019, covering an area of 45.64ha zoned land that is located beside the Hansfield SDZ and the existing rail station. The LAP makes provision for approximately 1,000 homes, supported by a range of community facilities such as a school, a community centre and local retail. The existing and new community in Barnhill will also be provided with a centralised public park that includes a Multi-Use Games Area, a skate-park and a playground. A network of cycle ways and pedestrian linkages to a new local centre, the Rail Station, the new primary school and residential areas, will also be developed.



### Strategic Housing Developments

There has been a significant increase in requests for Strategic Housing Development meetings in 2019 and there are now in excess of 6,000 homes in the SHD pipeline for the County. Preplanning is underway for 16 sites across Fingal as follows:

**Castleknock/Mulhuddart:** 2000 housing units

**Swords/Balbriggan area:** 2800 housing units

**Howth/Malahide area:** 1300 housing units

A number of the planning applications are expected to be lodged with An Bord Pleanála in the coming weeks and months, and details will be published on the weekly planning lists.

### Fingal Coastal Way - Donabate to North Balbriggan

Following a recent tender competition for engineering and environmental consultants, a preferred tenderer has been identified to bring this scheme through feasibility, route options and the planning process. An appointment is expected to be made in the next month and the consultant will commence route options and environmental surveying over the course of 2019.

### Rathbeale Road Upgrade

A successful tenderer has been identified by PSI to undertake the works for this road upgrade project, jointly funded by FCC and the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund initiative. Discussions will commence shortly with the contractor at which point a proposed mobilisation date will be agreed and a formal contract and programme of work will be put in place. Site works are programmed to commence in late spring/summer.

### **Bus Connects**

PSI recently submitted comments to the National Transport Authority as part of its public consultation on the first phase of the Core Bus Corridors element of the Bus Connects programme. Our submission noted FCC's ongoing support for sustainable transport proposals such as the significant increases in bus and cycle infrastructure proposed along the various corridors. It also called for the prioritisation of the Airport/Swords Road and Blanchardstown corridors to underpin the continued sustainable development of the county. These will also facilitate the provision of high quality transport options for residents, visitors and commuters.

### **Donabate Pedestrian Bridge**

An engineering consultant will be appointed imminently to develop the preliminary design, environmental assessment and planning documentation for a proposed pedestrian and cycle bridge over the Dublin-Belfast railway line, just south of Donabate village. It is likely that the proposal will be developed to a Part 8 planning application over the course of 2019.

### **Fingal Geophysical Survey exhibition 'What Lies Beneath'**

The launch of the exhibition took place on 25 February 2019 in Blanchardstown Library. Cllr. Kieran Dennison formally launched the exhibition and accompanying leaflet on behalf of the Council at the well-attended event. The exhibition displays the results of the geophysical survey undertaken with members of communities across six sites in Fingal, raising awareness of archaeological remains in our open spaces and parklands.

### **Community Archaeology Programme 2019**

The Community Archaeology programme for 2019 is currently being developed, with requests for projects in the Naul and Newbridge Demesne. Outreach for Season 2 of Digging Drumanagh

includes publication of an article in Archaeology Ireland, a pop-up museum at Rush National School and the forthcoming exhibition as part of the St Patricks weekend in Rush. A meeting of the Drumanagh Archaeological Advisory Group is scheduled for April 2019.

Draft Heritage Signage Guidance has been developed by the Community Archaeologist, highlighting Fingal's standardised signage and offering considerations around location, content, protections and permissions. It is hoped that signage applied appropriately to archaeological and other heritage sites can add significantly to the understanding and enjoyment of the sites by visitors and locals alike.

## HOUSING AND COMMUNITY (H&C)

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### HOUSING STRATEGY 2020/REBUILDING IRELAND

The Council has delivered 3,800 homes since the start of the Housing Strategy 2020/Rebuilding Ireland. The units were delivered across the various delivery mechanisms and do not include units approved for delivery.

During 2018, the housing delivery target of 1,637 homes was achieved and expenditure in relation to the housing delivery programme was in the order of €100m.

### Pillar 1: Address Homelessness

FCC is currently in contact with circa **587** families who are in homeless circumstances, or are at risk of homelessness.

**69** families have had their homeless circumstances alleviated in 2019 to the end of February (including **50** 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

**882** Homeless HAP tenancies have been put in place since the Dublin Region HAP Pilot scheme came into effect in 2015, with **59** to date in 2019.

A total of **1,438** tenancies are now in place under Mainstream HAP, **106** of which came into effect

already this year, with further tenancy arrangements in the process of being finalised.

A total of **1,272** tenancies are now in place under mainstream HAP, with further tenancy arrangements in the process of being finalised.

### Pillar 2: Accelerate Social Housing

#### Construction Programme

#### Capital Assistance Scheme Construction

The official opening by Mayor Anthony Lavin of the new social housing project at Ravenswood, Kilshane, Finglas, delivered in partnership with the Peter McVerry Trust, took place on Thursday 28th February, 2019. The newly built development consists of eight high-quality, new, one-bed homes and a community building containing a sitting room, meeting room and offices.

The new tenants will have access to supports from Peter McVerry Trust staff and the community building will provide residents with a central location in which to socialise.

The project was supported by the FCC Housing Department and funded through the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) under the Capital Assistance Scheme. Two of the houses were funded through the Irish Water refund scheme.



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

	No. Schemes	No. Units
Delivered to Date	10	200
Contractor on Site/Appointed	7	176
Tender Stage	3	40
Pre-Planning Approval	13	551
<b>Total Construction</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>967</b>

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

### Acquisitions Programme

Delivered to Date: 7  
 Pending Sales Closing: 33

### Enhanced Long Term *Social Housing Leasing Scheme*

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

- It targets newly built or yet to be built houses and apartments for leasing
- It targets property developers and investors who are in a position to deliver housing at a reasonable scale
- It provides for 25 year lease terms that require the property owner to provide day-to-day maintenance under a schedule of Management Services

The Housing Agency is leading the scheme on behalf of the 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 3<sup>rd</sup> August, the Housing Agency issued a second call for proposals which closed on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018. There was one submission received for a development in Fingal which did not proceed.

### Repair and Leasing Scheme & Buy and Renew

The *Repair and Leasing* and the *Buy and Renew* schemes target vacant private properties in the County. Both schemes provide initiatives for the owners that encourage their use for social housing by the Council. FCC is interested in discussing leasing and purchasing options with owners of these long-term vacant or derelict properties.

### Part V

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

Reports on Part V agreements are provided quarterly to the Area Committees and a total of 235 Part V housing units have been delivered over the period of the strategy to date.

### Approved Housing Bodies

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

### Traveller Accommodation Programme

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, in accordance with guidelines from the DHPLG

### **Pillar 3: Build More Homes**

#### **Church Fields, Dublin 15**

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

#### **Land Development Agency**

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

The sites are:

- Castlelands, Balbriggan
- Hackettstown, Skerries

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

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

### **Pillar 4: Improve the Rental Sector**

The total number of Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) and Long-Term Lease (LTL) tenancies is 825, broken down as:

RAS:	646
LTL:	179

#### **Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan**

FCC continues to accept applications under the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan (RIHL) scheme.

RIHL was launched on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 FCC. The approval rate is approximately 55%.

Further details and application forms available on [www.rebuildingirelandhomeloan.ie](http://www.rebuildingirelandhomeloan.ie)

#### **Statistics on loan applications**

Number of applications	534
Number approved	263
Number declined	208
The value of the loans approved so far	€57.2million
Fingal applications in context of region (4 Dublins	40%
Number of loans drawn down	89
Value of loans drawn down	€19.72 million

#### **Vacant Homes Strategy**

A Vacant Homes publicity campaign has been progressed over the month of February with a number of newspaper and radio features outlining the work of the Vacant Homes Unit, and also raising awareness of reporting mechanisms for members of the public.

Six new *Repair to Lease* (RLS) contracts were signed so far in 2019 and there are a further three properties due to sign contracts under RLS before end of Q1.

The testing process of the Vacant Homes App continues 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.

To date this year, FCC has reached agreements to purchase three properties under the *Buy and Renew Scheme*. In addition, five units have been identified as suitable for the Compulsory Purchase Order process and the necessary documentation has been prepared and is under review in the Council's Law Department.

### **Private Rented Inspections**

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

The annual targets are as follows:

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

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

### **Pillar 5: Utilise Existing Housing**

#### **Voids**

There were 58 casual voids within social housing stock at the end of February 2019. Of these dwellings, 20 are complete and are being offered for letting. Work is underway to 17 dwellings and the balance is with the County Architect for the procurement of pre-let repairs.

### **Windows and Doors / Cyclical Maintenance**

A tendering process is progressing in respect of the 2019 Cyclical Maintenance Programme (Scheme Painting) which will include areas of North County Dublin and Dublin 15.

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, and a further batch is currently in progress.

## COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS

### COMMUNITY

#### Community Development Office

##### Fingal Comhairle na nÓg

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg (FCNN) recently presented their 2019/2020 work plan to members of the Comhairle Steering Committee in the Council Chamber, County Hall. The topics for their projects are 'Healthy Lifestyles' and 'Peer Pressure' as chosen by the delegates attending the Comhairle AGM last October. FCNN is currently working on ideas for participation in the Foroige Fit Festival in April which they hope will have a positive impact on young people and support their work plan and the development of their projects.



##### **St Brigid's Day Workshop**

FCC Community Office organised a free workshop in the Grove Road Civic Offices, Blanchardstown, in partnership with the Seamus Ennis centre, for staff and community groups to celebrate Lá Fhéile Bhríde. Local schools and community groups, together with FCC staff, made St Brigid's Day crosses and heard about the cultural significance of St Brigid's Day in this part of Fingal.



##### **Whitestown Estate Tree Planting Event**

The Community Development Office, in partnership with Operations Department, supported the Whitestown Estate Management Group to deliver the latest phase of the community project "Our Family Roots". Ten trees were planted by the community on an open space in the estate in remembrance of over 100 members of the local Whitestown community who have died over the years. A permanent memorial supported by the Community Office will be placed on the site at a further event in May.



##### ***Failte Isteach* Tyrrelstown trip to Draíocht**

Students and tutors from *Failte Isteach*, an English conversation group in Tyrrelstown, took part in a tour of the Draíocht theatre and arts centre. The group went backstage at the theatre and viewed the Mulhuddart satellite exhibition, with inputs from Mulhuddart resident and African Radio host, Rebecca Omokaro and artist in residence Michael McLoughlin.



### May Wilders recognition event

An event was organised by the Community Office to honour the many years of service by local Mulhuddart volunteer May Wilders. The reception in Mulhuddart Community Centre was attended by the Chief Executive Paul Reid, acting Mayor Cllr Kieran Dennison and friends, family and community members who have worked with May over the years.



### Community Facilities Management Support Unit People Counters

People counters were installed in 24 community counters across the county. This will enable us to compile accurate footfall statistics in our community centres.

### Fingal Community Facilities Network

The Community Facilities Network is running a two day facilities management training program. This is a professional facilities management training event targeted at those already managing assets, such as community centres, heritage and arts centres. The training will enable those in attendance to understand the standards, protocols and legal requirements of FCC

Community Facility management and maintenance.

### Collaborations with ITB

The Community Facilities Management Support Unit, working in conjunction with TUD Blanchardstown, has developed a one day Master Class Program on GDPR (“Where to from here”). This training will support Managers and Boards of Management from community centres to get a more in-depth understanding of GDPR. The training will also include the development of an up to date GDPR and CCTV policy that can be rolled out across all of our Community Facilities.

### Rebranding of Fingal owned Community Facilities

A rebranding package is being developed for all FCC owned community facilities. This includes the installation of visible FCC signage on the exterior of the community facilities, and will also involve the rebranding of all community centre websites and publications. Five facilities have been included in the first pilot in 2019.

### Fingal Age Friendly

The Mayor of Fingal Councillor Anthony Lavin, in the company of Minister Damien English T.D, will launch the “Provision of Accommodation for Older People in Fingal – Engaging with the Private Sector (Phase I Report)” and “10 Ways to Construct a More Lifetime Adaptable and Age Friendly Home” on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 12.30pm in The Atrium, County Hall. Invitations will issue shortly.

## Sports Office

### **Glo-Football**

Balbriggan Community Sports Hub, in conjunction with the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) Development Officer and Community Garda, ran two Glow Football sessions in Balbriggan Community College recently. 16 girls took part in the project aimed at getting teenage girls back into sport.

Glo-Football is a unique and very different football development programme for girls aged between 12 and 16 years, played in a dark hall with only fluorescent lights. There are no winners or losers the girls play in the dark, and have fun with their own choice of music playing in the background.



### **Walking Football**

The walking football project in Balbriggan has gone from strength to strength and now boasts a group of 14 men playing on a regular basis. It is hoped the numbers will grow sufficiently to entering a team into the FAI's upcoming metropolitan walking football festivals, as well as arranging local North Fingal blitzes for teams to take part in.



### **Operation Transformation:**

Operation Transformation got Balbriggan moving as the producers filmed their ad-break challenge on numerous occasions on the Bremeore all-weather pitch beside Bremeore Castle. Over 200 people took part every session. In addition, O'Dwyers GAA club hosted the Ireland Lights Up initiative where people could meet at the GAA club and go for a walk with a group around Balbriggan, starting with 4km and building on that distance over the 6 week period. Each week the group had 60-70 participants joining in.



### **Fresh Air Friday**

In conjunction with Balbriggan Tidy Towns, the aim for Fresh Air Friday was to encourage people to find an alternative way to travel and to leave the car at home for the day. Seven schools and two pre-schools took part in the initiative, with even more getting involved on their commute to and from work.

## Arts Office

### **Musician-in-Residence Programme 2019 – 2021**

Fingal Arts Office launched a new opportunity for musicians and schools titled the *Musician-in-Residence Programme*. A call for applications has been issued to every primary school in the County and to professional musicians nationally. The aim of the programme is to enhance the choral and instrumental education children receive through the primary school curriculum and to support professional musicians in building connections with Fingal schools. The closing date for applications was 8th of March.



### **Fingal County Council Graphic Studio Award**

As part of an on-going commitment to professional artists, FCC offers a fine art print residency at Graphic Studio Dublin to an emerging or established artist, providing the opportunity to make a fine art print with the master printer Robert Russell.

Sorca O' Farrell, a landscape artist from Howth whose work is a direct and emotional response to the landscape close to where she lives, is the recipient of the 2019 award. Sorca's proof will enter the FCC Arts Collection.



### **Calling All Professional Fingal Writers to Have Your Say**

FCC invited professional Fingal writers to engage in a consultation session on 27<sup>th</sup> February in order to explore their CDP needs, and to find out the opportunities, supports, initiatives and resources they would like to see in the coming years. It was also an opportunity for individuals to meet and to learn more about the plans for the new Cultural Quarter in Swords. This session was an initial response to one of the key findings of the recent Arts Plan Consultation, which was the provision of support for professional and amateur artists.



### **Réalt na Mara by Robert McColgan, Official Launch,**

The launch of Réalt na Mara, Howth, took place on 15<sup>th</sup> February, with singing by the Scoil Mhuire National School, Howth. Cllr Anthony Lavin, Mayor of Fingal congratulated the artist and all who helped to bring the work to fruition. The Chief Executive praised Howth as a unique gem of North County Dublin.

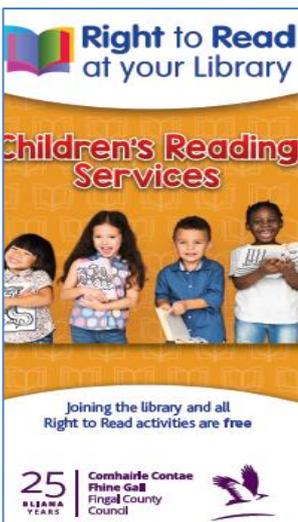
## **LIBRARIES**

### **New music service**

A new music service will be available to Fingal library members from 4<sup>th</sup> March. Freegal Music is a free music streaming and downloading service which is accessed through an app using your library membership card. It gives access to over 15+ million songs from 1 million albums in more than 200 genres. Over 40,000 music videos are also available.

You simply download the Freegal app onto your device, type in Fingal when asked for your library service, and then log-in using your library card number and PIN.

### **Right to Read – Children’s Reading Services**



A new leaflet from Fingal Libraries highlights the many free library services and activities on offer for children. Book collections for young readers, ebooks, online resources, class visits, advice and support from staff on book selection, access to computers, storytelling, author visits and reading

programmes are just some of the many services and activities provided by libraries in Fingal. The leaflet can be picked up at your nearest branch library or downloaded from the Fingal website at [www.fingal.ie/libraries](http://www.fingal.ie/libraries)

### **Autism Friendly hour**

Blanchardstown Library will pilot an autism friendly hour on the first Friday of every month, starting on 1<sup>st</sup> March between 5-6pm. This will be open to children with autism and their families, and will be facilitated by staff at the Library and by early years arts specialist, Clíodhna Noonan.

Members of the autism advocacy group, Aslam.ie visited the Library recently and gave advice to staff on best practice in providing a welcoming and suitable environment for children with autism. Booking is required but can be done by emailing [blanchlib@fingal.ie](mailto:blanchlib@fingal.ie) or telephoning 01 8905563. Details can also be found on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages. Future first Friday autism friendly hours at Blanchardstown Library will include a Young Engineers’ Lego Bricks workshop, a Coder Dojo workshop and the Big Bear Planetarium.

### **Launch of Séamus Ennis Centenary Celebrations**

Fingal Libraries is delighted to partner with the Séamus Ennis Centre, Naul, for a year of Centenary Celebrations marking the 100 anniversary of the birth of uilleann piper, storyteller and folklore collector, Séamus Ennis. The Séamus Ennis Centenary Celebrations were launched on 22nd February in The Atrium, Fingal County Hall, Swords and the evening featured performances from talented pipers on uilleann pipes, once owned by Séamus and the reminiscences of people who knew him, including Dr. Ivor Browne.



A series of concerts and presentations in honour of Séamus, curated by Ronan Browne, will take place in

branch libraries in Fingal throughout the year and also at the Fingal Festival of History in Swords Castle this October. The next event in the series is *Music and Madness* – Ronan Browne in conversation with Dr. Ivor Brown, which takes place in Blanchardstown Library on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 2 pm.

### Seachtain na Gaeilge: 1-17 Márta 2019

Fingal Libraries will celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge with a talk by Manchán Magan on his travels in Africa, India and South America, with singing and music by Antaine Ó Faracháin and Nollaig Mac Cárthaigh, storytelling by Sadhbh Devlin and dancing by Ballet Poulet. All events will be bilingual and will take place in branch libraries around the County.

### Battle of the Book Final

The Fingal Libraries *Battle of the Book* final took place on 6th February at the Riasc Centre, Swords. Children who participate in the programme take part in a shared reading experience, which helps to improve their reading ability and their confidence to discuss books and authors. Six Fingal schools took part in the final this year, which was a quiz based on the titles “The Book of Learning” by E.R Murray and “Arthur Quinn and the World Serpent” by Alan Early. The entertainment and quiz master was Reuben the Entertainer from RTE Junior Fame.

The six schools were:

- St. Colmcille’s GNS Swords
- Powerstown Educate Together Tyrrellstown
- St. Patrick’s Senior NS Corduff,
- Rush NS Garristown NS and
- St. Nicholas of Myra NS, Kinsealy



It was a hotly contested quiz with all children displaying considerable knowledge of the content of each book. After a tie-

break, the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Anthony Lavin presented the winning team, St. Mary’s Garristown, with their prize of a behind-the-scenes tour of Dublin Airport courtesy of the DAA.

### Swords Library - Business as Usual

JCs are 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

### Engineers’ Week: 2nd -8th March

Fingal Libraries will mark Engineers’ Week this year with Lego, Minecraft and bridge building workshops. These events will take place in branch libraries around the County between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### Exhibition at Balbriggan Library

“Awareness”, an exhibition by photographer Margaret Fey, examines the many obstacles a guide dog user encounters in the local community. The exhibition will be on display at Balbriggan Library from 4th to 16th March.

### Practice your language skills at Malahide Library’s Conversation Groups

A number of Conversation Groups meet regularly at Malahide Library to practice their language skills:

- French on Mondays afternoons
- German on Mondays evenings
- Irish on Thursday mornings
- Spanish on Thursday evenings

### Computer Course at Baldoyle Library

Baldoyle Library will run a six week computer course for adults. The course will be run by popular local tutor David Garvey, beginning on Saturday 2nd March.

### Patrick’s Day Arts & Crafts

To mark St. Patrick’s Day, Rush Library will hold Arts and Crafts sessions for 5-9 year olds on the 13th March and 14th March from 3-4pm.

## ENVIRONMENT & WATER SERVICES (EWS)

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### ENVIRONMENT

#### **Environmental Awareness**

Environmental & Waste prevention public presentations are ongoing. During February, one presentation was held in Beech Park Community Centre, Castleknock and one in cooperation with the Community Development Officer at the Fáilte Group meeting at Tyrellstown Community Centre. During the coming weeks, meetings will be held with each of the six successful clubs in the GAA Club Sustainability Competition. These clubs will each receive €2,500, in addition to mentoring and advice from the Environmental Education Officer throughout the seven month duration of the Scheme. Following review, this scheme may be extended to other sporting codes.

#### **Waste Management**

Balleally Landfill (Rogerstown Park) continues to progress towards a partial opening in April 2019, with the top path being available on Saturdays for the coming year (further access will be provided as works progress). The €1.2 million Balleally Surface Water Project is due for substantial completion this week and leachate is now being pumped to Portrane Waste Water Treatment Plant via the new foul drainage systems. This will significantly improve the operating efficiency of the onsite leachate collection systems. The newly relocated landfill offices have also been fitted with L.E.D internal lighting to improve energy efficiency.



**Main Visitor Parking - Rogerstown Park**



**Relocated upgraded Balleally Offices**

#### **Litter Management**

A total of 80 litter fines were issued in February. 31 were issued in the Balbriggan/Swords Electoral Area, three in Howth/Malahide and 46 in Castleknock/Mulhuddart. Furthermore, 38 Warning Notices were also issued and 15 prosecutions were taken during the month.

## **River Basin Management**

The River Basin Management Plan 2018 -2021 has planned actions for 2019 as follows:

### **Rogerstown Estuary (priority catchment): Detailed assessment**

A Public Engagement and Community Information Meeting has been scheduled by the Local Authorities Waters Programme Office (LAWPro) Catchment Assets Team for 19<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 7.30 pm in Kettle's Country House.

This meeting is intended to inform local stakeholders and the public about the planned work programme and to gather any local information that may inform the process of detailed assessment. Elected members are invited to attend.

The River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021 can be found at found at: [https://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/rbmp\\_report\\_english\\_web\\_version\\_final\\_0.pdf](https://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/rbmp_report_english_web_version_final_0.pdf)

## **Climate Change**

The Public Consultation on the Draft Climate Change Action Plan has been underway for three weeks and during this period; FCC has hosted four public information events - a launch event in the County Hall Atrium, followed by three local events in Balbriggan, Blanchardstown & Sutton. In total, there have been ten public information events across the four Dublin Local Authorities. All four Fingal events were after hours, from 17.30 – 20.30, supported by a full team from across all Departments, and advertised heavily through all social media platforms and local & national newspapers. The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland attended all Fingal events and gave advice on home energy efficiency grants.

There was strong public engagement across all four events, and the feedback has been very positive.

There are three further weeks remaining in the process and Environment staff will continue to encourage engagement from schools over the next two weeks. Closing date for submissions is Monday 25th March.

The Draft Plan can be viewed at [www.dublinclimatechange.ie](http://www.dublinclimatechange.ie)

## **Competent Noise Authority**

The Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Bill 2018 is currently being finalised by the Oireachtas. The Bill designates the 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 to put in place the additional staffing requirements for the performance of the new function. A tender has also been publicly advertised for the provision of Aviation Noise Expert Consultancy Services relating to Aviation Noise & Acoustics.

## **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 that ensure 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 and noise pollution, water pollution and pollution resulting from waste activities.

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 to take account of any legislative and/or policy changes that may arise.

The National Enforcement Priorities for 2019 are set out in Appendix 1.

## **WATER SERVICES**

### **Operations**

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

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### CORPORATE AFFAIRS

#### **Seachtain na Gaeilge**

Tá Seachtain na Gaeilge ar siúl agus tá clár iontach d'imeachtaí éagsúla againn i bhFine Gall. Bhí agus beidh imeachtaí ar siúl ag an gComhairle i Halla Chontae Shoard, i Leabharlanna Áitiúla agus in Ionad Shéamus Mhic Aonghusa, agus beidh imeachtaí ar fud an Chontae eagraithe ag grúpaí teanga. Tá an clár ar fáil ar [www.Fingal.ie](http://www.Fingal.ie).

Council events have and will be taking place in County Hall Swords, Local Libraries and the Seamus Ennis Centre and many other events are being organised by Irish language groups throughout the County.

The Seachtain na Gaeilge i bhFine Gall programme, which was compiled in conjunction with the Council's Coiste na Gaeilge, is available on the Council's website. <http://www.fingal.ie/news-and-events/seachtain-na-gaeilge-2019/>

Seachtain na Gaeilge runs until March 17 and our varied programme of events has something to attract people of all ages and abilities as well as giving them a chance to engage with the language in a fun way.



#### **Fingal News**

The latest edition of Fingal News has just been published and is available in both Irish and English through our website, our libraries and our offices.

The current edition includes a preview of the St Patrick's Day parades in Fingal and articles on the Climate Change Action Plan, MetroLink, Our Balbriggan, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Pride of Place, the new Arts Plan and the plans for the development of Greenways.

# FINANCE

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### Financial Reports

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- Summary of Corporate Debtors to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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Waste	<b>Illegal Dumping and Unaccounted for Waste</b>
	Multiagency response for sites or operators engaging in significant level of illegal activity
	Illegal dumping and unauthorised movement of waste
	<b>Construction &amp; Demolition Waste and Capacity Challenges</b>
	Household & Commercial Food Waste including Brown Bin Roll Out
	Enforcement of C & D waste activities
	Misclassification of Waste and monitoring of waste movements
	<b>Dealing with Sites containing Illegally Deposited Waste</b>
	Identify and take enforcement action on sites which contain waste deposited without authorisations
	<b>Producer Responsibility Initiative PRI's</b>
Continued implementation of producer responsibility initiatives such as waste tyres, end of life vehicles, packaging, WEEE and batteries	
Water	<b>Improving Water Quality Status in all Water Bodies</b>
	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	<b>To Protect Public Health and to Improve and Maintain Air Quality</b>
	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)

## Appendix 2

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION at 28th February 2019								
		EXPENDITURE			INCOME		NET	
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
A	Housing & Building	8,572,362	55,374,400	15%	9,104,856	54,644,700	17%	-532,494
B	Road Transport & Safety	3,580,670	22,753,599	16%	1,053,094	6,606,600	16%	2,527,576
C	Water Services	4,010,959	14,421,200	28%	2,966,774	17,344,100	17%	1,044,185
D	Development Management	1,977,050	14,559,300	14%	1,101,730	4,103,300	27%	875,320
E	Environmental Services	6,099,680	40,451,101	15%	650,768	4,615,000	14%	5,448,912
F	Recreation & Amenity	5,879,419	33,719,101	17%	270,625	1,672,800	16%	5,608,795
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	155,883	908,500	17%	38,916	251,100	15%	116,967
H	Miscellaneous Services	1,447,292	9,985,800	14%	1,692,415	11,191,300	15%	-245,122
J	Central Management Charge	7,537,648	45,132,499	17%	392,848	2,814,500	14%	7,144,800
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG				1,254,117	7,524,700	17%	-1,254,117
RA	Rates				21,089,567	126,537,400	17%	-21,089,567
		<b>39,260,963</b>	<b>237,305,500</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>39,615,708</b>	<b>237,305,500</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>-354,746</b>

CAPITAL ACCOUNT					
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 28/02/2019					
		Balance at *01/01/2019	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 28/02/2019 €
A	Housing & Building	- 26,696,817.00	18,958,440.00	- 6,659,024.00	- 14,397,401.00
B	Road Transport & Safety	19,653,937.00	11,441,903.00	- 189,934.00	30,905,906.00
C	Water Services	- 12,112,600.00	1,389,504.49	- 109,635.00	- 10,832,730.51
D	Development Management	- 79,320,446.00	- 1,107,010.00	- 3,499,723.00	- 83,927,179.00
E	Environmental Services	- 11,775,236.00	708,116.00	- 389,478.00	- 11,456,598.00
F	Recreation & Amenity	- 4,644,473.00	- 5,660,065.00	- 383,473.00	- 10,688,011.00
H	Miscellaneous Services	- 37,509,534.00	3,477,518.00	- 585,005.00	- 34,617,021.00
	Total	- 152,405,169.00	29,208,406.49	- 11,816,272.00	- 135,013,034.51
* Note: Balances at 1/1/2019 are only provisional and will be finalised on completion 2018 AFS.					

## SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 28/02/2019

	Balance at 01/01/2019* €	Balance at 28/02/2019	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
<b>RATES</b>	6,197,540	110,869,148	105,835,512	5,033,636
<b>LOANS</b>	1,310,476	1,345,984	396,030	949,954
<b>RENTS</b>	4,246,486	4,196,082	2,359,973	1,836,109
<i>Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments</i>				
<i>*Note: Balances at 1/1/2019 are only provisional and will be finalised on completion 2018 AFS.</i>				

