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Fingal Heritage Plan 2011–2017

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Introduction

The Value of Heritage

Heritage is part and parcel of all our lives. Look outside and you'll see a landscape shaped by nature and people over millenia. Our heritage is diverse and includes flora, fauna, wildlife habitats, rivers, inland waterways, landscapes, seascapes and geodiversity; it also includes our archaeological heritage of monuments and wrecks, the architectural heritage of historic buildings and heritage gardens and parks, our local history, music and folklore, together with our archival and other collections. Heritage is part of what makes each town, village and townland in Fingal unique and different. Whether you're from Blanchardstown or Balbriggan, Swords or Santry, Porterstown or Portmarnock the story of the place you were born in or live in now is important to you and your local community. It's part of who you are. Our heritage helps us to tell the story of our place by providing clues in the landscape to life today and to ways of life long since gone. Whether it's the local river, beach or estuary, canal, hilltop, or rock outcrop, the local historic bridge or cemetery, a ring barrow or tower house, a townland or field name, local wildlife or the coastline – all these aspects of our heritage help us to better understand our own place, how it has changed over time and how we find it today. In the midst of change our heritage gives us all a sense of place and identity. It gives us a sense of community and it enriches our lives.

Heritage is also important in other ways too. It's important to our economy because it underpins the tourist industry. Heritage and cultural tourism is growing worldwide and Fáilte Ireland estimate that cultural tourism is worth over €2bn annually to the Irish economy. In 2010 tourism was worth a total of €4.6bn to the Irish economy and domestic tourism alone was worth €1.3bn. In annual

surveys tourists repeatedly state that heritage is one of the key attractions for them in choosing to visit Ireland and two in every three visitors go to a heritage site or visitor attraction. Our heritage also makes Fingal a good place to live and to work in. Our natural and cultural heritage helps to attract inward investment and to hold on to the high-value industries, entrepreneurs and workers needed to underpin the economy.

Fingal's Heritage

Fingal has a rich and varied natural and cultural heritage. The county's natural heritage includes the coast and islands which are important for geodiversity and biodiversity. Many of the county's most important geological heritage sites are found here, such as Lambay island together with areas rich in biodiversity such as the estuaries at Baldoyle, Malahide and Rogerstown. Fingal's countryside is important for its rivers and hedgerows and there are many areas of high quality landscape including the coast, the Liffey Valley, Howth Head and the Naul hills area in the north of the county.

Fingal's cultural heritage reaches back nearly 10,000 years and since that time Fingal has attracted settlers and invaders because of its ease of access from the sea, its fertile soils, fishing ports and closeness to Dublin. The rich history of settlement is reflected in the county's archaeological and architectural heritage which includes sites such as Bremore passage tombs, the iron age promontory fort at Drumanagh, the ecclesiastical settlements and roundtowers of Swords and Lusk, the tower house at Dunsoghley, the windmill at Skerries, the Kilossery mill complex in Rolestown, the many country houses throughout the county such as Malahide and Luttrellstown, and the vernacular thatched cottages and farm complexes found throughout the county.

There is a great interest in Fingal in all aspects of heritage. This is evident from the number of active local groups in the county and from the many lectures,

seminars and events they run each year. This high level of voluntary activity is supported by the Council's Heritage Office, Arts Office, Archives Service and Libraries. Both Draiocht in Blanchardstown and the Seamus Ennis Centre in the Naul also provide important focal points for heritage activity.

Because our natural and cultural heritage is important we need to know as much as we can about its diverse elements, so that we can care for and manage it to the best of our ability. We also need to make informed decisions about our heritage as the county develops in the future. Heritage Plans are aimed at ensuring that we can achieve these aims by setting out common objectives and by working together to implement actions to achieve our objectives.

Fingal Heritage Plan 2005-2010

In 2005 Fingal County Council adopted the county's first Heritage Plan. This Plan set out 73 actions to be undertaken over a five year period. These actions were aimed at raising awareness in relation to Fingal's heritage, providing better information about our heritage and providing for better management of our heritage. Since 2005 nearly three-quarters of the actions in the Heritage Plan have been completed or are ongoing. Under the Awareness and Education theme a number of well received publications have been produced including *Discovering Historic Fingal: A Guide to the Study of Monuments, Historic Buildings and Landscapes* and *Axes, Warriors & Windmills: Recent Archaeological Discoveries in North Fingal*. In addition several seminars have taken place and we have supported Heritage Week activities throughout the period. Under the Information theme a wide range of survey work has been completed including surveys of historic bridges, vernacular farm buildings and industrial heritage (see www.fingalcoco.ie), and a number of ecological surveys have been undertaken which underpin the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan (see www.fingalbiodiversity.ie) and the Green Infrastructure elements of the Fingal Development Plan 2011-2017. Under the theme of Managing our Local Heritage key achievements include the

publication of the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan and the extensive work undertaken through the Field Monuments Advisor Scheme which has added greatly to our knowledge and understanding of Fingal's archaeological heritage. Fingal was also one of the first counties to undertake a geological heritage audit (see www.fingalcoco.ie or www.gsi.ie) that identified 21 County Geological Sites which were subsequently included in the Fingal Development Plan 2011-2017. The Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan sets out a framework for the actions needed to sustain biodiversity in Fingal over a 20 year period. The BAP identifies 100 actions which need to be completed over this period and has also prioritised 22 actions for implementation during the period 2010-2015. The Heritage Plan seeks to raise awareness of Fingal's biodiversity as an integral part of our rich heritage and will support the implementation of key actions in the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan.

Fingal Heritage Plan 2011-2017

The formulation of the second Heritage Plan for Fingal presents an opportunity to build on the achievements of the 2005-2010 Plan and to renew our efforts to protect, manage, and promote Fingal's heritage. Work on the second County Heritage Plan began in 2010. The Fingal Heritage Forum met on five occasions during 2011 and once in 2012 to work on the formulation of the Heritage Plan. The Forum is a non-statutory advisory group established by the Council to provide advice on the preparation and implementation of the County Heritage Plan. It includes representatives from a wide range of organisations with an active interest in or responsibility for Fingal's heritage. Many representatives on the Forum are Fingal residents and so bring their local knowledge to the work of the Forum.

A public consultation process was held in March and April 2011 and again from November 2011 to February 2012 when the Draft Heritage Plan was on public display. During the consultation process submissions were received from the public and public meetings were held in Swords, Blanchardstown, Balbriggan and

Malahide. A number of key challenges emerged from the Heritage Forum meetings and the public consultation process. These included a recognition that we need to work together with fewer resources to achieve our aims given the economic challenges the country now faces. In practical terms this means that the new Plan has fewer objectives, which are more strategic and focussed. The Plan also aims to enable the whole community to take part in the work of caring for and managing our local heritage. It will facilitate State agencies and others to work together to achieve results and it will enable and support communities to become involved in their local heritage. We must also be aware of the interests of landowners with heritage sites on their land, such as farmers, and so actions in the Plan have been framed with a view to balancing the interests of all parties and stakeholders within our local communities. One of the clearest messages from the consultation process is the need to continue to communicate the diversity and variety of Fingal's heritage and its value to the whole community and this is an integral part of the Plan. The Plan will also contribute to Fingal's economy by supporting the tourism and recreation sectors which are underpinned by our natural and cultural heritage. Tourism and food related industries have been identified as the two important areas for economic growth and development in Fingal. Government policy also indicates tourism as a sector that can contribute positively to growth. The development of heritage and culture related niche tourism products and the development of outdoor recreation and event tourism have been identified by Government as areas which can contribute to economic recovery.

Government policy also underlines the need for all public bodies to work together across administrative and organisational boundaries to deliver services to communities. The Fingal Heritage Plan presents an integrated approach to heritage services and heritage management for Fingal. The Heritage Plan provides a firm basis for the delivery of heritage services in Fingal and fully supports interagency working in this regard.

Fingal County Council Heritage Services

Fingal County Council provides a wide range of heritage services on an ongoing basis. These services are delivered by a wide range of professional staff working in different Departments across the Council and are set out below.

Biodiversity Officer

The main role of the Biodiversity Officer is in formulating and implementing the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan. Fingal is the first county in the state to have a mapped biodiversity plan, which includes 100 actions that will create an Ecological Network for the County. This involves developing corridors for wildlife to move around safely, such as hedgerows and rivers. Some of the most important projects for the Network will revolve around key nature conservation sites in Fingal such as the Rogerstown Estuary, Howth Head, and the “Green Z”, namely the Tolka Valley, Royal Canal and the Liffey Valley. The concept of an Ecological Network ties into the concept of Green Infrastructure in the Fingal Development Plan 2011-2017.

The focus to date has been on carrying out surveys to get baseline data through identifying and mapping of the most important sites together with plant and animal species. A GIS database has also been created using the data collected. Once survey work has been completed, there will be a greater focus on improving sites, for example, removing invasive species like sea buckthorn from Rush beach or cherry laurel from the Council's woodlands, and working on river restoration in the Tolka Valley.

Community involvement in the Ecological Network is very important and will be encouraged, through projects like the 220 acre Turvey nature reserve next to the Rogerstown Estuary, which involved local communities in tree planting. Providing

allotments is another way of involving local communities. Another aim is to develop demonstration projects to show good practice in farming and restoration work.

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Community Network Unit

The Community Network Unit is part of the Community, Recreation and Sports Department within the Community Office, in the Community, Culture and Sports Division of the Council. The aim of this division is to 'strengthen communities across Fingal and to ensure that people have a sense of place and voice within their community'. The purpose of community networks is to increase community participation in local democracy by having effective thematic networks that Fingal County Council and other statutory agencies can consult with in their policy and decision making processes in a structured and efficient manner. The Unit has worked closely with the Heritage Officer in recent years to support and develop the Fingal Heritage Network. The Fingal Heritage Network provides a mechanism for heritage groups in the county to share information, develop common approaches and positions, and to have a more coherent and effective voice to engage with public policy makers.

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Conservation Office

The Conservation Office is based in the Architects Department. The Conservation Office advises Council staff and the general public on the architectural heritage of

the County, including Protected Structures, Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) and Fingal's surviving historic and vernacular buildings. The Conservation Officer inputs into the planning process on a regular basis where it impacts on the built heritage, ranging from commenting on planning files, infrastructure projects and enforcement cases to producing policies for the County Development Plan. The Conservation Officer also administers and assesses grant schemes, when funds are available, for repairs to the historic fabric of Protected Structures. The production of Statements of Characters for ACAs along with Conservation Plans for Council owned heritage properties are overseen by the Conservation Officer. A major review of the Record of Protected Structures will also be undertaken by the Conservation Officer in the near future.

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Fingal County Archives Service

Fingal County Archives Service is located in Clonmel House, Forster Way, Swords and is open to the public daily. The Archives include the original records of Fingal and Dublin County Councils, and their predecessors, such as the County Dublin Grand Jury, and the Boards of Guardians. The Archives also acquire, list, preserve, and publicise private collections which are related to the Fingal area, such as the Hely Hutchinson papers. Since the Archives moved to Swords a lot of effort has been put into raising public awareness of its location and work, through information brochures and leaflets, exhibitions, publications, articles in historical journals, and by hosting evening lectures and talks.

The Archives Service is currently involved in a number of digitizing projects involving the records of Dublin County Council and those of Fingal, both to

preserve them for future generations, and to increase access to items such as drawings, maps and photographs. However access to original items, properly preserved will continue, as despite the constantly improving quality of digital versions of documents, nothing compares to physical interaction with the real thing. Indeed, this aspect will probably become more rather than less attractive, as people become more and more surrounded with virtual reality.

In essence the aim of the Archives Service is to strike the delicate balance between making sure archival collections are stored and cared for, given conservation treatment if necessary, and preserved for future use, while facilitating as much as possible their availability for research by the general public.

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Fingal County Libraries Local Studies Section

The Fingal County Libraries Local Studies Section is located in Clonmel House, Forster Way, Swords, Co. Dublin and is open to the public on a daily basis. When Fingal County Council was established in 1994, the Fingal Libraries Department set up a dedicated Local Studies section to acquire, preserve and make accessible to the public all the resources necessary to facilitate the study of the rich historical heritage of the new County. The resources have developed into the Fingal Local Studies Collection, an impressive collection that includes: books, directories, maps, journals, estate papers, newspapers, photographs, postcards, church records, state papers and a wide range of ephemeral material.

Since the Local Studies and Archives Service was relocated to Clonmel House, Forster Way in Swords, the promotion of the service within the community is an important concern. This is achieved in a number of ways which include:

investment in various local history publications, the initiation of a Fingal Oral History Collection, exhibitions and talks, liaising with local history societies and the launch in 2010 of our local history journal *Fingal Studies*. The journal will be published annually and will provide a forum for the vast knowledge and ability of all the local history enthusiasts who will contribute to the journal over the coming years. Through these initiatives and their commitment to future investment in the service, Fingal County Libraries continues to actively promote and celebrate the rich and varied heritage of Fingal.

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Heritage Officer

The Heritage Officer is based in the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Department and works across the Council providing advice and guidance on heritage matters. One of the main functions of the Heritage Officer is to lead the formulation and implementation of the County Heritage Plan. This involves working with colleagues across the Council and working with the Fingal Heritage Forum to formulate and implement the Plan. It also involves co-ordinating and managing the delivery of heritage plan actions on an ongoing basis. The Heritage Officer also inputs to the planning process on a regular basis. This includes providing inputs for the Fingal Development Plan and local area plans and making observations on planning applications. The Heritage Officer is involved in implementing the Green Infrastructure objectives in the Fingal Development Plan 2011-2017 and played a leading role in the development of the Green Infrastructure approach in the Plan. The Heritage Officer also works with the Community Network Unit to support the Fingal Heritage Network and co-ordinates the Council's input to National Heritage Week each year.

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Parks and Heritage Properties Division

The Parks and Heritage Properties Division manages eleven Heritage properties, including designed landscapes, covering an area in excess of 500 hectares. These include historic buildings open to the public on a daily basis such as Malahide and Ardgillan Castles, Newbridge House, and Skerries Mills. Other historic buildings such as Swords and Bremore Castles and Shackleton's Mills are being restored. Important heritage gardens and plant collections such as the Talbot Botanic Gardens in Malahide Demesne and the National Collection of Shrubby Potentillas in Ardgillan Demesne are also maintained by the Division.

The Division's main areas of responsibility with regard to the Heritage Properties are to conserve, manage and ensure their long term viability, develop their business and economic potential, and manage and promote programmes of events in these properties. The Parks and Heritage Properties Division also plays a leading role in the planning, design, development and management of Green Infrastructure in Fingal. Other responsibilities of the Division include devising and implementing the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan and a Tree Strategy for Fingal, and developing and managing public allotments in the County.

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Themes and Actions

This section of the Plan sets out four themes and the actions under each theme which will be undertaken during the lifetime of the Plan. Wherever possible actions are clear and outputs clearly identified. Where this has not been possible outputs will be clearly identified at implementation stage together with timeframes for delivery. Given the uncertainty in relation to funding at implementation stage it is important that the Plan retains flexibility to respond to changing circumstances.

Theme 1: Communicating our heritage to a wide audience

The need for better communication about our heritage is one of the clearest outcomes of the Heritage plan process. Good communication is needed to build public support for the care of our heritage. Getting the message out to a wider audience is also crucial.

Actions

1. Ensure the Heritage Plan, and any information generated through its implementation, is accessible to all and widely available
2. Develop Fingal's Heritage Website as a one-stop-shop for information and communication for heritage matters
3. Use a range of media, events and key messages to raise awareness about the value of our heritage
4. Use new technologies to bring heritage to a broad audience (e.g. social media, smart phone applications or apps)
5. Include a communications element as an integral part of all Heritage Plan projects

6. Improve signage and develop smart signage and information resources for publically accessible heritage sites throughout the county, and key locations such as Dublin Airport and other entry points to Fingal
7. Make information available on the implementation of the heritage plan on Fingal's Heritage website
8. (a) Build a database of digital images by scanning existing collections in partnership with local communities and by commissioning photographic surveys, and (b) develop a free on-line image bank of Fingal's heritage
9. Work with Fingal County Council's Arts Office to communicate the value of heritage and the arts

Theme 2: Caring for our Heritage

Caring for our heritage is at the heart of what the heritage plan sets out to achieve. Learning more about our heritage by commissioning research which adds to our knowledge is important as is providing training opportunities for those interested in managing their local heritage. We must also strive to manage our heritage using the best practice methods available.

A. Adding to our knowledge and facilitating training

Actions

10. Continue to undertake research to fill knowledge gaps including but not limited to the following: the Council's heritage properties, maritime heritage (including boats), science heritage, arts heritage, sports heritage, 20th century heritage, farming, food and horticultural heritage. Ensure that appropriate digital data standards are met by all research projects and that the information provided by such research is integrated into the Council's GIS system

11. Use opportunities, such as the preparation of Local Area Plans (LAPs), to fill knowledge gaps
12. Support the collection of community histories from the people of Fingal
13. Provide training in heritage management and traditional skills by supporting skills workshops and other events and by providing training opportunities

B. Managing our heritage

Actions

14. Work to improve the public realm in historic towns and villages by developing policy and guidance and/or through the development of public realm plans, village design statements, and/or by supporting best practice management initiatives¹
15. Develop masterplans for key Natura 2000 sites in the county in consultation with stakeholders including the National Parks and Wildlife service of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
16. Support the implementation of the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan, especially the key demonstration projects detailed in the Biodiversity Action Plan
17. (a) Assess the condition of protected structures and archaeological sites and monuments owned and/or managed by the Council, (b) develop conservation plans and associated management plans and works programmes for historic properties owned and managed by the Council, and (c) undertake research on the Council's historic properties to inform their care, conservation, management and promotion (d) develop maintenance regimes for archaeological sites and monuments located in open space which is owned and/or managed by the Council

¹ The Council is fully committed to the implementation of the requirements of the Habitats Directive and screening for appropriate assessment will be undertaken for plans or projects resulting from the implementation of this action.

18. Continue to undertake work to understand and manage Fingal's archaeological resource utilising schemes such as The Heritage Council's Field Monuments Advisor programme and by developing links and collaborations with third level institutions, or other bodies, as appropriate
19. Create an archive of records arising from archaeological investigations conducted in Fingal (including historic records, as far as is practicable) and establish a requirement that a copy of new records from any future archaeological investigations commissioned or sought by the Council in carrying out its functions is lodged with the proposed archive
20. Support the care of important heritage sites and collections in Fingal through the provision of advice and guidance to owners and/or managers
21. Develop awareness raising, conservation and management initiatives for County Geological Sites in Fingal in partnership with site owners, the Geological Survey of Ireland and other stakeholders as appropriate²
22. Co-operate with Government and with Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council and Kildare County Council in establishing a Liffey Valley Regional or National Park
23. [a] Ensure that the requirements of relevant national and EU legislation are met by the Council in undertaking its functions, and [b] raise awareness in relation to the requirements of relevant national and EU legislation through Fingal's Heritage website and by holding regular information events including seminars and workshops
24. Develop Council policy and guidelines in relation to heritage as the need arises
25. Develop a Council-wide annual operational plan and capital programme for heritage in order to implement heritage plan actions and to reflect the total expenditure by Fingal County Council on heritage

² The Council is fully committed to the implementation of the requirements of the Habitats Directive and screening for appropriate assessment will be undertaken for plans or projects resulting from the implementation of this action.

Theme 3: Increasing the level of community activity for heritage

Heritage groups and organisations, dedicated individuals and local communities play a key role in caring for and raising awareness of our heritage and in adding to our knowledge of our heritage. Their work must be supported and we must meet the challenge of engaging more people across the county in this work. Heritage events will play a key role in attracting more people to explore their heritage.

A. Supporting local communities to care for heritage

Actions

26. Support Fingal Heritage Forum and Fingal Heritage Network in performing their functions
27. Develop local awards for achievement in heritage projects, and to recognise the contribution of groups and individuals to heritage awareness and management in Fingal
28. Support local Tidy Towns groups in their approach to the natural and built heritage
29. Support local communities in undertaking local cleanup initiatives along the coast and along rivers
30. Support local communities to audit and evaluate their local heritage and to publish the results of this work [e.g. local heritage guides, local heritage maps]
31. Establish a Volunteer Programme in association with the Fingal Volunteer Centre to enable volunteering in the Council's Parks and Heritage Properties
32. Explore, develop and pilot a heritage and integration initiative with youth groups

33. Develop strong links between Fingal County Council's Parks and Heritage Properties and local communities, including local schools
34. Establish effective mechanisms such as the Area Liaison Committees to enable local communities to engage with the Council in relation to local heritage matters

B. Establishing a vibrant family-friendly heritage events programme

Actions

35. Develop and roll out an annual Fingal County Council Heritage Events programme
36. Encourage and support local communities to showcase their local heritage during National Heritage Week and at other events and festivals
37. Co-ordinate and focus Fingal County Council's Heritage Week events to focus on a key element of our heritage each year
38. Commemorate landmark historic events including the Easter Rising 1916 and World War I, with particular emphasis on how these events involved and affected the people of Fingal.

Theme 4: Supporting the local economy

Our heritage plays a key role in making Fingal an attractive place to live in, to invest in and to visit. Ensuring that heritage and development work together to deliver a high-quality of life for all is a key challenge addressed in a comprehensive way in the Fingal Development Plan 2011-2017 and, in particular, in the green infrastructure approach which forms a major and novel element of the Plan. Heritage also underpins the tourism industry and is an important element in outdoor recreational activity. Supporting tourism and recreation is an important aim of the Plan.

Actions

A. Integrating care for our heritage with economic development

- 39. Work to ensure that the care, conservation and enjoyment of heritage is integrated into planning processes and significant infrastructure provision projects
- 40. Support the achievement of the Fingal Development Plan's heritage objectives
- 41. Support the development and implementation of the green infrastructure strategy and the achievement of green infrastructure objectives in the Fingal Development Plan

B. Supporting recreation and tourism

- 42. Prioritise the development of a network of walking and cycling routes to enhance access to the County's heritage as set out in the Fingal Development Plan
- 43. Develop a Fingal Heritage brand to promote Fingal's rich heritage
- 44. Develop a marketing strategy for Fingal County Council's heritage properties
- 45. Develop information and educational resources, including signage, for the Council's heritage properties to raise awareness about their rich and diverse heritage
- 46. Support local communities to develop local heritage trails³
- 47. Develop a project to record and care for historic graveyards in partnership with local communities and use new technology to create an online resource for information on historic graveyards

³ The Council is fully committed to the implementation of the requirements of the Habitats Directive and screening for appropriate assessment will be undertaken for plans or projects resulting from the implementation of this action.

48. Utilise the opportunities which the Council's Parks and Heritage Properties provide to promote Fingal's heritage
49. Create a register of people of outstanding historical significance with connections to Fingal

Implementation

Planning for Implementation

The Heritage Plan sets out a series of 43 actions to be implemented in the period 2011-2017. If this is to happen it will need an input in terms of implementation from a wide range of organisations and groups in Fingal. While the County Council is a key partner and will in many cases act as co-ordinator for projects, all of the actions cannot be implemented without practical support from others.

Each year the Council will consult with the Heritage Forum in the identification of actions for implementation. An implementation plan will then be drawn up which will seek to maximise co-operation and co-ordination of effort in the delivery of actions. Each action will be costed and a timeframe set for its completion. Each year the implementation plan will be published on Fingal County Council's website.

Finance

A budget of **€750,000** is estimated for the delivery of the actions over the lifetime of the Plan, excluding staff costs. This requires an average annual budget of **€150,000** over the period 2011-2017. It is likely that annual budgets will initially be less than this amount, but with successful implementation of yearly work programmes, it is hoped to increase the annual budget to the levels required to deliver the Plan in full.

Fingal County Council is committed, in partnership with others, to the delivery of the actions in the Heritage Plan over the period 2011-2017. In addition to financial support, Fingal County Council will also continue to support the delivery of the actions in the Plan through the work of its Heritage team.

The Heritage Council has agreed, in principle, to consider the Plan as a 5-year strategic funding application. The Heritage Council will consider funding actions in the Plan which are compatible with its objectives, consistent with normal funding criteria.

Monitoring and Evaluation

This Heritage Plan sets out a series of actions to be implemented in the period 2011-2017. The annual implementation plans will detail the projects agreed to by the partners for each year. Progress will be evaluated annually by the Forum. A report will be prepared by the Heritage Officer and submitted to the Planning and Development Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) of Fingal County Council on an annual basis.

APPENDIX A

PROCESS OF FORMULATING THE PLAN

June 2010 – January 2011	Relevant organisations were contacted and asked to nominate (or re-nominate) members to serve on the new Heritage Forum which will exist during the life of the new Heritage Plan.
March-April 2011	Public consultation process initiated with a call for ideas and suggestions from the public through local press, and public meetings held in Swords, Malahide, Blanchardstown and Balbriggan.
	The following were also informed of the consultation process and invited to make responses: Elected members of Fingal County Council, Balbriggan Town Council and Fingal TDs; Government Departments & State Agencies, Local Agencies, Local Heritage Groups & Organisations, Community and Voluntary Groups & Organisations, Representative Bodies, NGOs
March – October 2011	Heritage Forum met five times to consider the public submissions and to provide inputs to the Draft Heritage Plan
September – October 2011	Presentation on Heritage Plan made to Planning SPC of Fingal County Council in September 2011 and Draft Plan brought to October 2011 meeting of the SPC
November 2011	Draft Heritage Plan presented to Fingal County Council for agreement
November 2011-February 2012	Public consultation on the Draft Heritage Plan
March 2012	Heritage Forum met to review submissions on the Draft Heritage Plan
April 2012	Fingal Heritage Plan 2011-2017 adopted by Fingal County Council at its monthly meeting

APPENDIX B

HERITAGE FORUM MEMBERSHIP

Sector	Organisation	Member*
Local Authority – Elected Member	Councillor	Cllr. Peter Coyle
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	Councillor	Cllr Cian O’Callaghan**
	Councillor	Cllr. Kieran Dennison
	Councillor	Cllr. David O’Connor
	Balbriggan Town Councillor	Cllr. Peadar O’Kelly
	Councillor	Cllr. Mags Murray***
Local Authority - Official	FCC Biodiversity Officer	Hans Visser
	FCC Parks and Heritage Properties Division	Kevin Halpenny
	FCC Conservation Officer	Helena Bergin
	FCC Senior Architect	Fionnuala May
	FCC Heritage Officer	Gerry Clabby
	FCC Community Officer	Eugene Moore
	FCC Arts Officer	Rory O’Byrne
	FCC Archivist	Colm McQuinn
	FCC Local Studies Librarian	Jacinta Judge
	FCC Water Services Dept.	Cormac McConville
	FCC Operations Dept.	Garry O’Brien
	FCC Inspectorate Division	Mairead Phelan
State Agencies	DAHG (NMS)	Tom Condit
	DAHG (NPWS)	Maurice Eakin
	DAHG (Architectural Heritage)	Frank Donnelly
	GSI	Dr Sarah Gatley
	Heritage Council	Professor Gabriel Cooney
	IFI	Brian Beckett
Business	Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce	Seán Crosson
	D15 Chamber	Andrew Kavanagh

Sector	Organisation	Member*
Local Development	Fingal Tourism	Elaine O'Sullivan
	Seamus Ennis Centre	Caroline O'Rourke
Farming Sector	IFA	Padraig McMahon
Local heritage and community groups	Fingal Heritage Network****	Mary Eustace, Bernadette Marks
NGOs	An Taisce – Fingal Branch	Richard Williams
Professions	IAI	Matthew Seaver
	RIAI	Jim O'Connor

Abbreviations:

FCC:	Fingal County Council
FDB:	Fingal Development Board
DAHG:	Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
NMS:	National Monuments Service
NPWS:	National Parks and Wildlife Service
GSI:	Geological Survey of Ireland
RIAI:	Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland
IAI:	Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland
IFI:	Inland Fisheries Ireland
IFA:	Irish Farmers' Association

*Individuals listed are those involved in formulating the Plan. As with all such groups the individuals representing each organisation(s) on the Forum will change from time to time.

** Until October 2011; ***From February 2012

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APPENDIX C

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APPENDIX D

HERITAGE LEGISLATION

National and EU Legislation

The following is a list of important national and EU legislation for the protection, conservation and enhancement of our heritage. The full text of the Irish legislation is available at <http://irishstatutebook.ie> EU legislation is available at http://europa.eu/documentation/legislation/index_en.htm

Archaeological Heritage

National Monuments Acts 1930-2004
National Cultural Institutions Act 1997

Architectural Heritage

Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2011
Architectural Heritage (National Inventory) and Historic Monuments
(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1999

Heritage and Planning

Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2011
Heritage Act 1995
Heritage Fund Act 2001
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive (Council Directive 85/337/EEC) 1985
Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive (Council Directive 2001/42/EC) 2001

Landscapes

Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2011

Museums and Archives

National Cultural Institutions Act 1997
Local Government Act 2001

Natural Heritage

Wildlife Acts 1976 - 2011
Fisheries (Consolidation) Act 1959
Heritage Act 1995
Fisheries (Amendment) Acts 1999 - 2003
Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2011

Sea Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006
Inland Fisheries Act 2010

Birds Directive (Council Directive 2009/147/EC) 2009
Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC) 1992
Water Framework Directive (Council Directive 2000/60/EC) 2000
Freshwater Fish Directive (Council Directive 78/659/EC) 1978
Groundwater Directive (Council Directive 2006/118/EC) 2006
Environmental Liability Directive (Council Directive 2004/35/EC) 2004

International Conventions and Agreements

Ireland has signed and ratified many International Conventions and Agreements in relation to heritage protection including the following which are of particular importance. Further information in relation to these can be found in the sources listed in Appendix 5.

Archaeology

European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (Valletta Convention) 1992.

Architecture

European Convention on the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (Granada Convention) 1985

Cultural and Natural Heritage

European Cultural Convention (Paris Convention) 1954
Council of Europe Framework Convention on the value of Cultural Heritage for Society (Faro Convention) 2005
UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage 1972

Natural Heritage

UN Convention on Biological Diversity (Nairobi Convention) 1992
European Landscape Convention 2000
European Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Berne Convention) 1979
UN Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn Convention) 1979
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention) 1971
UN Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) 1974

APPENDIX E

Sources of Useful Information

General

An Taisce, The National Trust for Ireland, Tailors' Hall, Back Lane, Dublin 8.
Tel: 01 4541786 **Email:** publicaffairs@antaisce.org **Website:** www.antaisce.org

Ask About Ireland and the Cultural Heritage Project, **Email:**
akelly@librarycouncil.ie. **Website:** www.askaboutireland.ie

Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, 23 Kildare Street, Dublin 2 **Tel:** 01 6313800 **Website:** www.pobail.ie

Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, Custom House, Dublin 1. **Tel:** 01 8882000 **Email:** press-office@environ.ie **Website:** www.environ.ie

ENFO- Environmental Information Service
Website: <http://www.askaboutireland.ie/reading-room/environment-geography/environmental-information/>

Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords, Fingal, Co. Dublin **Tel:** 01 8905000.
Email: heritage@fingalcoco.ie **Website:** www.fingalcoco.ie

National Museum of Ireland, Kildare St., Dublin 2. **Tel:** 01 6777444.
Email: marketing@museum.ie **Website:** www.museum.ie

Ordnance Survey of Ireland, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8. **Tel:** 1890 674627
Email: custserv@osi.ie **Website:** www.osi.ie

The Heritage Council, Aras na hOidhreachta, Church Lane, Kilkenny.
Tel: 056 7770777. **Email:** mail@heritagecouncil.ie **Website:** www.heritagecouncil.ie

Office of Public Works, Trim, Co. Meath **Tel:** 1890 213414
Email: info@opw.ie **Website:** www.opw.ie

Archaeological Heritage

Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland, 63 Merrion Square Dublin 2. **Tel:** 01 662 9517.
Email: info@iai.ie **Website:** www.iai.ie

The Discovery Programme **Tel:** 01 - 6393039 **Email:** info@discoveryprogramme.ie.
Website: www.discoveryprogramme.ie

The Industrial Heritage Association of Ireland **Email:** info@ihai.ie
Website: www.ihai.ie

Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, 63 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.
Tel: 01 676 1749 **Email:** rsai@rsai.ie **Website:** www.rsai.ie

Architectural Heritage

National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH), Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Custom House, Dublin 1.

Tel: 1890 202021 **E-mail:** niah@environ.ie **Website:** www.buildingsofireland.ie

The Irish Architectural Archive, 45 Merrion Square, Dublin 2. **Tel:** 01 6633040.
Email: info@iarc.ie **Website:** <http://www.iarc.ie>

The Irish Georgian Society, 74 Merrion Square, Dublin 2. **Tel:** 01 6767053.
Email: info@igs.ie **Website:** <http://www.igs.ie>

The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland, 8 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.
Tel: 01 6761703 **Email:** info@riai.ie **Website:** <http://www.riai.ie>

Cultural Heritage

Chapters of Dublin History
Website: www.chaptersofdublin.com

Fingal Genealogy, Swords Historical Society Co Ltd, Carnegie Library, North Street, Swords, Co Dublin. **Tel:** 01 8400080 **Email:** swordsheritage@eircom.net

Fingal Heritage Network **Email:** fingalheritagenetwork@gmail.com

Foras na Gaeilge, 7 Merrion Square, Dublin 2. **Tel:** 1850 325 325.
Email: eolas@forasnagaeilge.ie **Website:** www.forasnagaeilge.ie

Irish Museums Association, 3rd Floor, St. Stephen's Green House, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2. **Tel:** 087 2790518 **Email:** office@irishmuseums.org
Website: www.irishmuseums.org

Island Ireland directory of Irish art, culture and environment

Website: www.islandireland.com

Local History at NUI Maynooth. Department of Modern History, Room 53B,
Rhetoric House, NUI, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. **Tel:** 01-7083729 **Email:**
history.department@nuim.ie **Website:** www.history.nuim.ie

The National Archives, Bishop Street, Dublin 8. **Tel:** 1890 252424.
E-mail: mail@nationalarchives.ie **Website:** www.nationalarchives.ie

The National Library of Ireland, Genealogical Office, 2 Kildare Street, Dublin 2.
Tel: 01 6030200 **Email:** info@nli.ie **Website:** www.nli.ie

Natural Heritage (including flora, fauna, wildlife, geology and landscape)

Bat Conservation Ireland, Ulex House, Drumheel, Lisduff, Virginia, Co. Cavan
Tel: 046 9242882 **Website:** www.batconservation.org

BirdWatch Ireland, Unit 20, Block D, Bullford Business Campus, Kilcoole, Co.
Wicklow. **Tel:** 012819878. **Email:** info@birdwatchireland.ie **Website:**
www.birdwatchireland.ie
Fingal Branch - Email: bwifingal@gmail.com **Website:** www.bwifingal.ie

Coastwatch Ireland (Europe) Civil and Environmental Engineering, Trinity College
Dublin, College Green, Dublin 2 **Tel:** 01 9425843 **Email:** KDubsky@coastwatch.org
Website: www.coastwatch.org

Coillte, The Irish Forestry Board, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow.
Tel: 01 2011 111 **Email:** pr@coillte.ie **Website:** www.coillte.ie

Conservation Volunteers **Website:** www.conservationvolunteers.ie
Dublin Branch Hans Visser – **Tel:** 087 1214641 **Email:** dublincv@gmail.com

Crann Head Office, P.O. Box 860, Celbridge, Co Kildare **Tel:** 01 6275075.
Email: info@crann.ie **Website:** www.crann.ie

EPA-Environmental Protection Agency, PO Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate,
Co. Wexford. **Tel:** 053 60600 **Email:** info@epa.ie **Website:** www.epa.ie

Fingal Biodiversity Programme, Biodiversity Officer, Parks Division, Fingal County
Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin. **Tel:** 01 8905605

Email: biodiversity@fingalcoco.ie **Website:** www.fingalbiodiversity.ie

Forest Service, Johnstown Castle Estate, Wexford. **Tel:** 1890 200509.

Email: info@agriculture.gov.ie **Website:** www.agriculture.gov.ie/forests-service/

Geological Survey of Ireland, Beggars Bush, Haddington Road, Dublin 4.

Tel: 1890 449900 **Email:** gsi.sales@gsi.ie **Website:** www.gsi.ie

Inland Fisheries Ireland, Swords Business Campus, Swords, Co. Dublin.

Tel: 01 8842 600 **Email:** info@fisheriesireland.ie

Website: <http://www.fisheriesireland.ie>

Eastern River Basin District (ERBD), 15a Main Street, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, Ireland. **Tel:** 01 2787022

Irish Peatland Conservation Council, Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Lullymore,

Rathangan, Co. Kildare. **Tel:** 045 860133. **Email:** bogs@ipcc.ie **Website:** www.ipcc.ie

Irish Upland Forum, P.O. Box 11659, Rathmines, Dublin 6 **Tel:** 087 6563840

Email: enquiries@irishuplandsforum.org **Website:** www.irishuplandsforum.org

Irish Whale and Dolphin Group, Merchant's Quay, Kilrush, Co. Clare

Tel: 086 8545450 **Email:** simon.berrow@indigo.ie **Website:** www.iwdg.ie

Irish Wildlife Trust, Sigmund Business Centre, 93A Lagan Road, Dublin Industrial Estate, Glasnevin, Dublin 11 **Tel:** 01 8602839 **Email:** enquiries@iwt.ie

Website: www.iwt.ie

National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), 7 Ely Place, Dublin 2. **Tel:** 01 8882000.

Email: natureconservation@environ.ie **Website:** www.npws.ie

The Marine Institute, Rinville, Oranmore, Co. Galway **Tel:** 091 387200

Email: institute.mail@marine.ie **Website:** www.marine.ie

Dublin Offices: 80 Harcourt St., Dublin 2. **Tel:** 01 4766500.

The Native Woodland Trust, Stoneybrook, Killeel, Co. Kildare **Tel:** 086 8169924

Email: info@nativewoodtrust.ie **Website:** www.nativewoodlandtrust.ie

Tree Council of Ireland, Seismograph House, Rathfarnham Castle, Dublin 14.

Tel: 01 4931313 **Email:** trees@treecouncil.ie **Website:** www.treecouncil.ie

Glossary

Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) are designated, under Section 81 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, to preserve the character of a place, area, group of structures or townscape that is either of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest or value, or contributes to the appreciation of protected structures.

Biodiversity or 'Biological Diversity' is the variety of life: the different plants, animals and micro-organisms, their genes and the ecosystems of which they are a part.

Geodiversity [and geological heritage] refers to the variety of rocks, minerals, natural processes, landforms, fossils and soils that underlie and determine the character of our landscape and environment. Geology is the science that comprises the study of the Earth, the rocks of which it is composed and the processes by which it evolves. It is, in effect, the story of our planet and every rock holds clues to understanding its evolution.

GIS or Geographic Information System is a digital system designed to manage and present all types of geographical referenced data, using cartography, statistical analysis and database technology. It generally takes the form of digital maps which allow a variety of environmental, planning and landscape information to be viewed in a holistic format.

Green Infrastructure can be defined as an interconnected network of green space that conserves natural ecosystem values and functions and provides associated benefits to human populations. It includes nature conservation areas, parks, open space, rivers, floodplains, woodlands, wetlands, farmland, and coastal areas that surround and are threaded through our villages, towns and cities.

Local Area Plans are prepared for areas that are likely to be subject to large scale development within the lifetime of the County Development Plan and/or areas that require economic, physical and social renewal. Local Area Plans must be consistent with the objectives set out in the Development Plan, and are prepared in accordance with the Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2011.

Natura 2000 Sites are protected habitats for flora and fauna of European importance. They comprise *Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)* and *Special Protection Areas (SPAs)*. SACs are prime wildlife conservation areas that are considered to be important on a European as well as Irish level. SACs are

designated under the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), transposed into Irish law in the European Union (Natural Habitats) Regulations 1997, and all SACs are also proposed Natural Heritage Areas. SPAs are designated by the EU Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) to protect wild birds and their habitats for particularly vulnerable species and to ensure the implementation of special habitat conservation measures. The National Parks and Wildlife Service is responsible for designating Special Protection Areas in Ireland.

Record of Protected Structures (RPSs) is a list of all the architectural structures worthy of protection. A protected structure is a structure or part of a structure deemed of special architectural, artistic, historical, archaeological, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest. Each Planning Authority has a statutory responsibility, under Section 51 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, to include a RPS in its Development Plan.

Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) is a statutory committee of a County or City Council that considers matters connected with the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy which relate to the functions of the local authority and to advise the authority on those matters.

The Heritage Council was established as a statutory body under the Heritage Act 1995. Its role is to propose policies and priorities for the identification, protection, preservation and enhancement of the national heritage.

