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International recognition for Fingal County Council’s Heritage Property Strategy

Fingal County Council’s Heritage Property Strategy has received international recognition by being recently nominated for two prestigious international competitions, the Royal Town Planning Institute Awards and Planning Magazine Awards.

The recently adopted strategic review of Fingal’s portfolio of heritage properties, which was completed in late 2016, was the result of an in-depth financial and operational review of Fingal County Council’s heritage property portfolio in partnership with SLR Consulting.

The Heritage Property Strategy was a finalist in the “Excellence in Planning for Built Heritage” category at the RTPI Awards held in the Milton Court Theatre, London, on June 15 and was nominated in “The Best Use of Publicly Owned Land in Placemaking” category at the Planning Awards which took place at Savoy Place, London, on June 21.

The Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Mary McCamley, said: “Fingal’s heritage properties hold a special and important place in the hearts of Fingal’s citizens and it is of great significance that this piece of work to improve and protect the properties into the future is recognised.”
Mr Paul Reid, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, stated: “The strategic review of heritage properties and the implementation of the outcomes of the review can greatly improve the tourism potential of the County and provide tangible economic benefit to the County as a whole.”

Mr Ed Hearne, Director of Economic Development in Fingal County Council, said: “Our new strategy will support the creation of up to 700 jobs, safeguard the important community value of the properties and will further improve our tourism performance. As we developed the strategy it became apparent that the scale, variety and value of the portfolio of historic properties here in Fingal marks us out from all other regions and our shortlisting for these international awards is recognition of this.”

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PHOTO 1: Deputy Mayor Eithne Loftus is pictured with Deirdre Sinclair, Coilin O’Reilly and Duncan Henderson from Fingal County Council’s Department of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development at the Royal Town Planning Institute Awards in London.

PHOTO 2: Mayor of Fingal Mary McCamley is pictured with Coilin O’Reilly of Fingal County Council’s Department of Economic Enterprise and Tourism and Paul McTiernan of SLR Consulting at the Planning Magazine Awards in London.

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