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Fingal County Council Launch fleet of Electric Vans at Malahide Castle

Fingal County Council’s five new electric vehicles were launched by Chief Executive Paul Reid and Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Anthony Lavin at Malahide Castle last week.

The fleet of fully electric Citroen Berlingo vans to be used by staff are the beginning of Fingal’s transition to electrification. More Electric Vehicles are set to follow in a commitment to promoting sustainability and tackling climate change.

Fully electric vehicles provide a reduction in air pollution and carbon emissions tackling global warming whilst offering whole life cost savings. The electrical vans
have benefits across the environmental, financial and operational areas. They require less maintenance and offer the drivers a quieter, smoother, more enjoyable driving experience. They are very functional and are superior at accelerating and climbing than standard petrol or diesel powered vehicles.

At the launch, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid said: “Fingal County Council faces huge challenges in tackling the Climate Change and the consequences it has for our environment. We have been implementing a number of initiatives to help us achieve progress in this area and the five new electric vans are an example of the commitment being made to protecting our environment.”

During the launch, Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Anthony Lavin said: “Fingal’s environment and natural landscape are extremely important to the Council, Fingal’s residents and its visitors. It is vital that we take steps to protect and preserve them and this initiative is just one example of the efforts being made to do so. These vehicles are also more cost effective and easier to maintain, allowing us to become more efficient.”

With twelve dedicated charging points recently installed across five Fingal offices and depots, each of the vehicles can cover 170 kilometres on a full charge, and take just 30 minutes to completely re-charge the batteries at the installed fast charging points.

Further developments on this journey currently being worked on are the installation of charging points in Fingal’s street lighting columns and Smart Bench technology.

The five electric vans are now operational and being used across the county.

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Photo caption: Senior Executive Engineer, Joseph Mandolil, Director of Operations David Storey, Mayor of Fingal Cllr Anthony Lavin, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid and Senior Enfineer Karen Gallagher at the launch of the Electric Vans at Malahide Castle