Fingal County Council invested €12m maintaining its housing stock over the past 12 months and will continue to roll-out that important programme over the course of 2019.
Window replacement, electrical upgrades, painting and plumbing are some of the measures that fall under this programme to ensure that local authority provides good quality accommodation to its tenants.

Director of Housing Margaret Geraghty said the maintenance and upgrade of stock will continue in 2019, and will include a stronger emphasis on how the housing stock can be improved from a Climate Change perspective.

“Fingal County Council has always been very strong in terms keeping that stock up to date and making sure we provide good quality accommodation. We spent €12m in 2018 on our asset management, and what that really means is we spent money on painting our stock, replacing old windows with high energy rating solutions, as well as providing electrical and plumbing upgrades.’

Ms Geraghty added: “Equally in 2019, we are beginning to look at how we can continue to improve our stock from a Climate Change perspective in order to ensure our stock is efficient in terms of insulation, energy uses and solar energy among other solutions.

“We have a plan in place around that and we will continue a very strong investment programme in 2019.”

Ms Geraghty praised councillors for their support at Budget time and in maintaining a five per cent reduction in Local Property Tax which provides the financial support to support the programme.

“These are real ways in which we use the money that is ring-fenced to improve the stock we have and to bring it up to new standards. This also means that from time to time, we can look at our older estates and look to carry out comprehensive refurbishment projects.”

Caption:
Fingal County Council spent €12m in 2018 on maintaining its housing stock. It also ensures that new social housing homes is built to the highest possible energy rating.

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