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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Local Tourism groups

The Fingal Tourism Development Office continues to work with local tourism groups across Fingal. Collaboration has commenced with the Howth tourism group in particular this month with regard to the Dublin Bay Prawn Festival, taking place from 17 - 19 May.

EVENTS

Calendar of Events 2019

The final version of the calendar of events for 2019 is now available and has been widely circulated.

St. Patrick's Day Parades

Six St. Patrick's Day Parades took place successfully in Fingal. Approximately 77,000

people lined all six parade routes to show their support for the 12,000 participants.



2019 Flavours of Fingal County Show

An application for an event license for Flavours of Fingal 2019 has been lodged with the Fingal County Council (FCC) Planning Department. The event is due to take place at Newbridge House & Farm on 29th and 30th June 2019.

All plans relating to the event are on display to the public until 25th April 2019 and submissions or observations can be made until 11th April 2019.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Skerries Mill

An architectural integrated design team for the development of building and associated landscaping, replacing the Red Barn at Skerries Mill, has now been appointed.

It is intended that the development of a replacement structure for the Red Barn will strengthen the heritage operation at Skerries

Mills by providing an assessable events space for the attraction of larger visitor numbers.



Skerries Mill

Malahide Casino

A “topping out” ceremony will take place at Malahide Casino on 30th of April to mark the completion of the restoration of the Casino building.

The fit out of the museum will commence in April, with the museum scheduled to open by mid-Autumn 2019.



Malahide Casino

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

Some of the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) highlights from March 2019 are as follows:



Local Enterprise Week 2019

Local Enterprise Week 2019 took place from the 4th to the 8th of March with over 20 events, attended by more than 1,000 people. The events were designed to help businesses and start-ups in accessing supports, training and networking. The week opened with an intensive, full-day “Fingal Start-up Bootcamp” taking place in Blanchardstown, and culminated in a celebration

of International Women’s Day on Friday 8th March with a networking lunch for over 120 female entrepreneurs at Dublin Airport.



Business Clinics and Mentoring

Clinics are offered to individuals that wish to start a new enterprise or expand their existing business. During March, eight clinics were undertaken, delivering expertise to 55 businesses in Fingal.

Fingal Enterprise Awards

The finals of the Fingal Enterprise Awards took place on the 7th of March in the Atrium of County Hall, Swords. Cult Drinks from Donabate were crowned the overall winners, which comes with a €5,000 prize out of the total prize fund of €15,000. The runner-up prize was split between two companies; Buster box from Ballycoolin and Peptalk of Lucan. Cult Drinks will go on to represent Fingal at the National Enterprise Awards in the Mansion House on 29th May.



Ireland’s Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE)

The search for Ireland’s Best Young Entrepreneur continued in March with over 50 Fingal IBYE finalists attending an Enterprise breakfast business networking event, “Celebrating

Entrepreneurship”, with Mayor of Fingal Councillor Anthony Lavin and Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid. The 18 short-listed finalists were announced and each will compete for a share of the Fingal prize fund of €50,000. The Fingal IBYE County Final takes place on Thursday 2nd May, when six local entrepreneurs will be announced across three categories: Best Business Idea, Best Start-Up Business and Best Established Business. All Councillors are invited to attend the awards in the Atrium.



Start Your Own Business Programme

The fourth ten week Start your own Business Course commenced in March, All courses to date are fully subscribed, with a combined total of 47 participants.

Business Development Workshops

In March, six Business Development Workshops were delivered to 55 people, and the second six week QQI Cert in Social Media and Digital also commenced with 12 participants.

Fingal Leadership Programme

A one day Leadership masterclass was held on Tuesday 26th March with 35 participants in attendance. A new Fingal Leadership Programme will be starting in April 2019, limited to twelve businesses in the region. The programme will run over a number of months and will include a visit to an international business school.

Plato

The next advanced 18 month management development programme, run by the four LEOs in the Dublin region, will commence in April 2019.

Food Academy

The Food Academy (FA) programme continues with two Fingal companies enrolled. FA affords participating companies the opportunity to secure a space on SUPERVALU shelves and is run by LEO with the support of Board Bia and SuperValu.

Fingal Student Enterprise Awards 2019

The Fingal Student Enterprise Awards County Final took place on Thursday 21st March 2019 in Blanchardstown. Over 2,700 Fingal students participated in the Student Enterprise Programme, making the Fingal competition by far the biggest in the country. There were 29 Fingal schools competing at the County Final, and the students started up their own real-life business in a structured programme where they learned real business management skills. The junior category winner came from the Malahide/Portmarnock Educate Together with an enterprise called “SpecRest”. The intermediate category was won by “Page Keepers” from Loreto Balbriggan, while the senior competition went to “Bee Kind” of St. Fintan’s High School in Sutton. All of these will progress to the National competition in Croke Park on May 3rd 2019, representing Fingal.



Highlights from the Fingal SEP County Finals

Preparing for BREXIT

A series of training workshops on Customs Export & Import Procedures, designed to support clients in addressing the customs implications of trading with a “Third Country” (Non-EU) in advance of the United Kingdom’s exit from the EU, commenced

in March. It is run by the four LEOs in the Dublin region and meanwhile, one-to-one Brexit Mentor sessions are also continuing.

Swords to be the first global 'LIBRO Healthy Town' Local company Nutritics Ltd. announced Swords as the flagship town for a new pilot initiative, supported by LEO Fingal and FCC. The launch took place in Swords Castle and was attended by many local food outlets. The initiative, delivered under the framework of the Healthy Ireland Charter, will enable visitors of Swords to find meals that fit their personal nutrition and dietary preferences using the LIBRO smartphone app. Visitors can then track their nutritional intake and other lifestyle parameters in the app.



Swords 'LIBRO Healthy Town' Launch

Trading Online Vouchers

This programme is funded by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, as part of the National Digital Strategy, to support local and established small businesses to enhance their online offering. A pre-application workshop was held in the Riasc Centre, Swords during Local Enterprise week, with 100 participants in attendance. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 5th April. A further workshop will be held in the Riasc Centre on Friday 17th May.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Balbriggan Socio-Economic Strategy

The launch of the Balbriggan Town Heritage Trail took place in Bremore castle on Tuesday 2nd April. Further, the launch of the new Stephentown Link Road and Town Wi-Fi scheme will take place on Monday 8th April.

The preparation of the *Our Balbriggan Plan 2019 - 2025* will be finalised by the end of this month and will be launched shortly afterwards.



Local Community Development Committee

The Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), in co-operation with the Fingal Public Participation Network, is currently seeking applications from community groups in Fingal under the *National Community Weekend Fund*. The Fingal LCDC has been granted €10,000 from the Department of Rural and Community Development to support 'meet-your-neighbour' type events over the bank holiday weekend in May.

During March, Fingal chaired and hosted a quarterly meeting of the Eastern and Midlands LCDC Chief Officers Forum in County Hall Swords, which was attended by Chief Officers from Leinster and representatives from the

Department of Rural and Community Development.

SICAP

The 2018 Annual Plan Performance Review process has been completed and approved by both the Fingal LCDC and Pobal. The SICAP Annual Plan for 2019 is currently being implemented. The emerging need action for 2019 is '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.

To date this year, four projects have been approved, totalling €48,718. Three of these were in Fingal, and one further project in South Dublin.

In totality, the current LEADER Programme has approved 48 projects, 33 in Fingal, 3 in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, and 12 in South Dublin. The total value of these projects is € 1,403,445.

During March, FCC also developed its capacity to deliver the 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. Fingal also chaired and hosted a

quarterly meeting of the Eastern and Midlands LAG Network in County Hall, Swords, which was attended by LAG Managers and LAG Staff from LAGS throughout Leinster.

Enterprise Centres

Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres in March 2019 were:

Drinan	97%
BASE	91%
Beat	88%.

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

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Glebe Park – Native Irish Tree Trail

Glebe Park is the first park in Fingal to participate in the Tree Council of Ireland initiative, *Native Irish Tree Trails*. The scheme comprises of the full 16 varieties of native Irish trees and one variety of naturalised tree, which is the beech tree. This was chosen as it is the distinctive mature tree line already within the park.

Glebe Park will be the first park within Fingal to have planted the entire 16 varieties of native Irish trees, which is a considerable biodiversity accomplishment for Balrothery. The project was completed in co-operation with Balrothery Tidy Towns and Balrothery National School, particularly the 5th class students.



Glebe Park, Balrothery

Trees for Bee's – Reducing our carbon footprint

Over 4,000 trees (a combination of Hawthorn and Mountain Ash) have been distributed to householders throughout the county. Dominica Mc Kevitt spearheaded the initiative, held during National Tree Week, and also completed planting

demonstrations. Householders will plant the trees in their private garden in an effort to promote the growth of trees, encourage pollinating insects and reduce the effects of climate change.

A further 2,000 trees will be distributed to schools and community groups.



Balrothery Graveyard

Works have been completed on the extension to Balrothery Graveyard, delivering 120 additional plots.



Balrothery Graveyard

Balbriggan / Swords Roads Programme

The Balbriggan/ Swords 2019 Road Surfacing programme of works is well underway. Works are completed at Minister Road, Lusk, while road markings and road surfacing works were finished at River Valley, Swords and St Margaret's village (link road) respectively. Tendering is ongoing for the 2019 programme.



Ramp installation and road surfacing, Ministers Road, Lusk



Road Markings and finished road surface, River Valley, Swords



Road surfacing works, R122 to St Margaret's Village (link road)

Parks Works

The photos below demonstrate the Operations Department's commitment to continuously improving and enhancing our public parks for the enjoyment of citizens:



Clockwise from top left : Laying of Woodfibre in Hazelbury Park, Litter picking in Hazelbury Park, Cherry Blossoms in St. Catherine's Park, Laying of Woodfibre Millennium Park

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

Hires put in Place

There were 76 hires put in place from 1st March – 31st March 2019, engaging 25 suppliers. Included in these were:

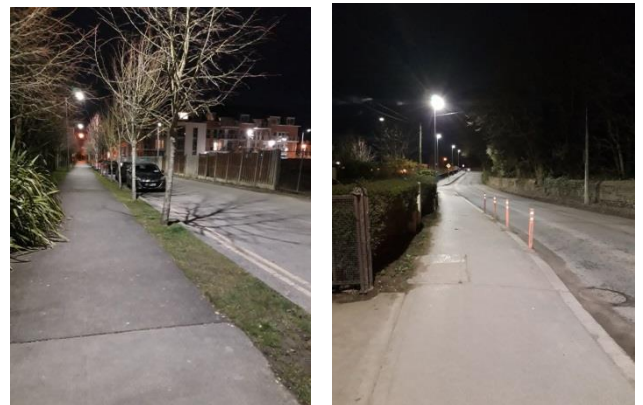
- 3 x 120 h/p tractors on hire for grass cutting - Castleknock/ Mulhuddart & Swords/ Balbriggan – until October 2019.
- Hire of aerator – Aeration of golf greens at Malahide Castle.
- Hire of vacuum sludge tanker for Santry Demesne playground.
- Hire of 12T rubber tracked excavator for Newbridge House.



Street Lighting

Works Programme

In March 2019 the street lighting on Turvey Avenue Donabate, and the entrance road into Donabate train station, was upgraded to LED.



Donabate Train Station entrance

LED Upgrade Programme

In March the LED Upgrade Program continued with 542 LED Upgrade works carried out in the following locations:

- Baldoyle: Turnberry Square

- Howth: Balglass Road, Cannon Rock View, Casana View, Evora Park, Thormanby Grove, Thormanby Lawns, Thormanby Lodge, Woodcliff Height
- Portmarnock: Portmarnock Grove/Rise/Walk
- Sutton: Alden Drive/Park/Road, Verbena Avenue/Grove/Lawn/Park, St Domhnachs Well
- Santry: Domville Woods
- Swords: Castle Avenue/ Drive/ Grove/ Park, Cherry Garth/ Grove, Drynam Court, Forest Avenue/ Crescent/ Dale/ Drive/ Green/ Park/ View/ Walk/ Way, Forest Fields Road, Foxwood, Hilltown Close/ Court/ Green/ Grove/ Lawn/ Park/ Road/ Way, Laurelton, Oaklands Avenue/ Park, Pine Grove Park/ Road, River Valley Avenue/Close/Court/ Drive/ Grove/ Heights/ Lawn/ Park/ Rise/ Road/ View/ Way

As part of routine maintenance, an emergency call-out was made to Cappagh Road Ballycoolin to make safe a damaged street light column which had been demolished by a vehicle and was traversing the footpath/cyclepath. The column was cut away and cables jointed through to ensure the rest of the road had street lighting. The complete column and light were replaced in the following days.



Cappagh Road Ballycoolin

Traffic

Speed Limit Review

The Speed Limit Review for the county is ongoing at present. As part of this review, further 30 km/h 'slow zones' will be installed throughout the county to help make our housing estates safer for all.

Traffic Management Schemes

2018 Signals Contract

Clonmel Enterprises are working on the 2018 Signals Contract with considerable progress achieved to date. Civil works and road markings are complete on all eight sites, with only anti-skid surfacing to be laid at Portrane Road and Turvey Avenue when weather conditions are suitable. Some landscaping works will be carried out at various sites to finalise the work.



Rush Lusk Train Station Signals

2019 Traffic Signal Contract

The contract documents are currently being drawn up for the 2019 Traffic Signal contract. The drawings are currently being developed and it is intended to go to tender in the coming weeks.

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 in the coming weeks.

Road markings were completed on Somerton Lane.



Somerton Lane Road Markings

30kph signs

The 30kph signage has been delivered to the depots. The signs are being installed by the depot crews.

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 in the coming weeks.



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 were 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. We are awaiting for public lights to be connected by the ESB prior to the installation of ramps on Rugged Lane, Dublin 15.



Ramps installed on Rugged Lane, Dublin 15

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. The schemes were brought to the respective Area Committee Meetings (ACM) in March. All were approved and will be put on public display for four weeks.

Bridge Rehabilitation

Work is progressing on the following:

- The tender for consultants for 2019 Bridge Rehabilitation was advertised on January 16th 2019. Consultants *O'Connor Sutton Cronin* were appointed in mid-March 2019.
- Procurement for a contractor for the 2018 Bridges Programme was advertised on 16th of January 2019. A consultant is currently assessing the submissions.
- The ivy removal contract for the 2019 Bridges Programme was awarded on 5th of February 2019. These works have subsequently been completed.
- The procurement of consultants to carry out Bridge Principal Inspections will be carried out.

Howth/ Malahide Operations

Resurfacing and relining works

Resurfacing and relining works were completed on Railway Avenue/Old Street, Malahide. These works carried out at night time to allow parking and use by motorists during the daytime.



Resurfacing and relining works being undertaken in Malahide

Balkhill Road

Resurfacing works have been completed at Balkhill Road, Howth and approximately 650m of carriageway was resurfaced.

Malahide Demesne

Bluebella walk in Malahide Demesne is currently reaping the rewards from bulb planting that took place during 2018:



Footpath improvement works were carried out along a path adjacent to the Cricket Grounds. These works will accommodate upcoming international cricket events:



Other Works:

Heritage Trail Balbriggan – signage installed in preparation for the official launch on April 2nd:



Martello Tower Skerries, surrounded by a spiral of bulbs:



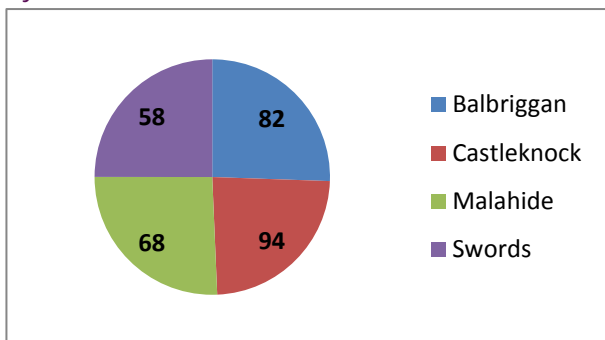
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PLANNING ACTIVITY

Planning Applications

There have been 302 planning applications received to the end of March 2019. Of these, 25 were invalid, leaving a total of 277 valid applications. The volume of applications received by area is illustrated below:



Planning Decisions

A total of 285 planning decisions have been made to the end of March 2019. Of these, 232 were grants of permission (81%), while 53 (19%) constituted refusals. Of successful applications, 18 were for single house construction, 133 for domestic extensions, 61 for commercial/retail developments and nine in respect of housing developments. Of the nine housing developments, four were for a size of 2-20 housing units and five of a scale between 50-100 units.

Building Control

There were 39 Disability Access Certificates submitted to the end of March 2019. Of these, twelve were granted and 3 are currently on time

extension. There were 67 Fire Safety Certificates submitted to the end of March 2019, of which eleven were granted, one was refused and 13 are currently on time extension.

Greater Dublin Drainage Project Oral Hearing

The oral hearing for the Greater Dublin Drainage Project (GDDP) took place in the Hotel Rui Plaza, The Gresham Dublin, between Wednesday 20th March and Thursday 28th March 2019. The event was widely attended by a range of organisations, community groups, elected representatives and other observers.

The key components of the proposed Irish Water project are:

- A new wastewater treatment plant complex, including sludge centre at Clonshaugh.
- A regional biosolids facility, located at Newtown.
- A 13.7km long orbital sewer, commencing at the point of intersection with the 9C sewer within Waterville Park in Blanchardstown, and a pumping station at Abbotstown,
- Proposed outfall pipeline route (land based and marine section).
- Ten temporary construction compounds.

FCC staff attended for the duration of the proceedings, having provided an initial Chief Executive's report. In addition, the Council was requested by the Board Inspector to comment on a number of topics arising from, and relating to, the project during the course of the hearing.

An Bord Pleanála has indicated a target date of 29th June 2019 for a decision on the project.

MetroLink Preferred Route Public Consultation

FCC welcomed the announcement on 22nd March by the National Transport Authority and Transport Infrastructure Ireland, of the Preferred Route for MetroLink, linking Swords to Charlemont.

MetroLink has the potential to deliver on Project Ireland 2040's vision for future growth and development in Swords, and the wider Fingal area. Project Ireland 2040 identifies the exceptional connectivity of Swords by air, road and the proposed high capacity public transport nodes. This presents a prime opportunity for the development of Swords as a sustainable urban extension to the greater Dublin area, specifically with a focus on compact growth and infill development that will be served by high quality public transport.

Fingal has laid the foundations for MetroLink by already facilitating opportunities for high density mixed use employment generating activity, with a significant level of residential development along the route.

In anticipation of MetroLink, the Council has employed a number of policy responses to facilitate the long term sustainable of major high quality employment and residential communities in Swords. Draft Masterplans for prominent parcels of land (Barrysparks & Crowscastle, Fosterstown and Estuary West) are currently subject to public consultation. These are located along the MetroLink route and the Masterplans seek to maximise the use of MetroLink stations as 'Gateways' into Swords.

In parallel, the redevelopment and regeneration of Main Street is a critical element in achieving the vision for Swords. To this end, Fingal has been successful in its Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) bid for the 'Sustainable Swords' project. In the context of MetroLink and the proposed expansion of Swords, 'Sustainable Swords' specifically aims to enhance the identity of the town centre through the development of Swords Cultural Quarter and delivery of an

enhanced accessible, child-friendly public realm, including a new civic spaces and river walk in Swords Town Centre and promotion of core recreational and amenity spaces.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland has launched a second non-statutory public consultation on the Preferred Route, from 22nd March until Tuesday, 21st May at 5.30pm. Information on the new route is available on metrolink.ie and at the following public events:

- Hilton Hotel, Charlemont, Monday, April 8, 2pm-8pm
- The Gresham Hotel, O'Connell Street, Wednesday, April 10 2pm-8pm
- Glasnevin Cemetery Museum, Glasnevin, Thursday 11 April 2pm-8pm
- Ballymun Civic Offices, Ballymun, Monday 15 April 2pm-8pm
- Fingal County Council, Swords, Tuesday 16 April 2pm-8pm.

Submissions may be made via metrolink.ie or by post to:

MetroLink,
Transport Infrastructure Ireland,
Parkgate Business Centre,
Parkgate Street,
Dublin 8, D08 DK10.

Fingal Coastal Way

A consultant has now been appointed to commence the feasibility, route options, environmental assessment studies and planning process for the Fingal Coastal Way. This 32km scheme will deliver a significant boost for tourism in Fingal and will be an amenity for local residents.

Rathbeale Road Upgrade

A contractor has now been appointed and works are due to commence on site for the Rathbeale Road Upgrade in May. The exact start date on site is to be agreed in the coming days.

Ongar-Barnhill Road

The procurement process has commenced for a contractor to construct a road and railway overbridge on the Ongar- Barnhill Road. This will provide an improved level of accessibility in west Dublin.

Drumanagh Community Dig Exhibition

An exhibition of the finds from the first season of the Drumanagh community dig was held in Rush Community Centre over St Patrick's weekend. Facilitated by Rush Tourism and Rush Community Council, the event was launched by Fingal's Mayor Cllr. Anthony Lavin. The *Fingal Fieldnames* project was also highlighted and the project's booklet distributed. A substantial number of people volunteered their interest in season two of *Digging Drumanagh* which will be taking place in May 2019.



The Knight's Playground and MUGA Official Opening

Following successful completion of the Knight's Playground and Multi-Use Gaming Arena (MUGA), the official opening was conducted by Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Anthony Lavin on Friday March 29. The playground has been designed as a destination facility for families with a strong emphasis on natural play opportunities. A key element of the project brief was that the design of the playground reflected the rich local heritage of the area. The striking, central knight themed

sculpture draws on the tradition that Balrothery derives its name from Baile na Ridire 'Town of the Knight'. Meanwhile the MUGA has been designed as a modern fit for purpose facility to cater for 5-side football, basketball and general training activity. Positive community engagement has been a hallmark of the project. Before tendering for the project, the Council's Parks & Green Infrastructure Division undertook extensive consultation with stakeholders to determine their requirements.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY (H&C)

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HOUSING STRATEGY 2020/REBUILDING IRELAND

The Council delivered 4,419 homes since the start of the Housing Strategy 2020/Rebuilding Ireland. The units were delivered over the various delivery mechanisms and do not include units approved for delivery.

During 2018, there were 1,953 social housing units delivered and the expenditure in relation to the housing delivery programme was in the order of €100m.

Social Housing Delivery Targets 2019

By letter dated 12th March, 2019, the Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government outlined the 2019 social housing delivery targets as set for each local authority. The overall total to be delivered by FCC during 2019 is 2,184 units, an increase of 20% on 2018. The letter from the Minister, and details of the targets, has been circulated to Councillors.

Pillar 1: Address Homelessness

FCC is currently in contact with approximately 597 families who are in, or at risk of entering, homeless circumstances.

So far in 2019, 102 families have had their homeless circumstances alleviated, to the end of March (including 78 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 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

Since 2015, 848 Homeless Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) tenancies have been put in place, with further tenancies in the process of being finalised.

A total of 1,475 tenancies are now in place under Mainstream HAP, 143 of which came into effect to date in 2019. Further tenancy arrangements are currently in the process of being finalised.

Pillar 2: Accelerate Social Housing Construction Programme

The current position with the construction programme is set out below*:

	No. Schemes	No. Units
Delivered to Date	10	200
Active Social Housing Projects:		
Contractor on Site/Appointed	7	176
Tender Stage	3	40
Pre-Planning Approval	13	551
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME	32	967

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

Part XI public consultation has been complete on two housing schemes –

- (i) Proposed development on 20 infill units at Wellview, Dublin 15.
- (ii) Proposed provision of 6 residential dwellings at Rowlestown Drive, Co Dublin.

Acquisitions Programme

Delivered to Date:	25
Pending Sales Closing	51

Repair and Leasing Scheme & Buy and Renew

The Repair and Leasing Scheme (RLS) and the Buy and Renew (B&R) scheme target vacant private properties in the County. Both schemes provide initiatives for the owners in order for the Council to secure the properties for social housing. These properties should be long-term vacant or derelict. FCC is interested in discussing leasing and purchasing options with owners of these properties.

Part V

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

Reporting on Part V agreements is provided quarterly to the Area Committees and a total of 236 Part V housing units have been delivered over the life of the strategy to date.

Approved Housing Bodies

The Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) continue to play an important role in the delivery of social housing and the Council continues to work closely with the AHB's operating in the County.

The Council facilitates AHBs in the management of funding applications under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) and Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme (CALF) funding schemes.

Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2023 went on public display on 1st April and the closing date for submissions is the 31st May. This is in accordance with Department of Housing Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) guidelines.

Pillar 3: Build More Homes

Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements

The Affordable Dwelling Purchase Scheme is a national initiative that will see affordable homes built on state owned land, in co-operation with local authorities. Under the scheme, an affordable home will be a property that can be purchased at a price that is initially lower than the market value of the dwelling. Lowering the purchase price paid at the outset will assist households in entering homeownership. The difference between the initial purchase price and the market value of the home at the time of purchase will be expressed as a percentage of the market value and converted into an equity share in the property in favour of the local authority. The equity share entitles the local authority to a stake in the future market value of the property and, over time, must be paid back.

In order to underpin progress in the area of affordable housing, the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government commenced Part 5 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009 on 18th June 2018, the effect of which was to put in place new legislative provisions for affordable dwelling purchase arrangements. These new provisions replace all previous affordable purchase schemes.

Regulations have now been made in relation to a number of aspects of Part 5 of the 2009 Act. Further regulations will be required dealing with matters such as the form of a charging order and the determination of income limits, these will be issued along with updated guidelines by DHPLG in due course.

In accordance with the legislation, a Scheme of Priority must be adopted by the Council before 18th June, 2019. A draft Scheme of Priority and any further information issued in relation of the Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements will be brought to Council when available. The

Regulations made under Part V of the 2009 Act are available at:

<http://www.legislation.ie/eli/2019/si/81/made/en/pdf>

Church Fields, Dublin 15

The Land Management Plan for the Church Field lands has been developed and provides for the optimal layout, and future sustainable development, of the lands alongside a mixed tenure residential development with associated community facilities. Approaches to housing delivery on the strategic land bank at Church Fields, Dublin 15 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 is listed for approval at this meeting. Funding has been approved under the Serviced Sites Fund to enable 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 located in Fingal. The LDA proposes to focus on these immediately and in doing so, to unlock their potential to yield over 1,000 homes between both sites.

The sites are:

Castlelands in Balbriggan

Hackettstown in Skerries

These sites are in the Land Aggregation Scheme and currently in the ownership of the Housing Agency. The Council 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.

Other Development opportunities

The Housing Department are available to meet with developers who are building across the county, with a view to exploring opportunities that will bring forward proposals that 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.

The RIHL was launched on 1st 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

Statistics on loan applications

Number of applications received to date	579
Number of applications approved to date	263
Number of applications declined to date	208
The value of the loans approved so far	€57.2 million
Fingal applications in context of region (4 Dublins)	40%
Number of loans drawn down	100
Value of loans drawn down	€22.1 million

Vacant Homes Strategy

Following a number of newspaper and radio features outlining the work of the Vacant Homes Unit and advising of reporting mechanisms available, the number of reported vacant homes

has steadily increased. Further publicity is planned for the coming months.

CPO's in respect of 4 long term vacant houses have been published, and Orders have been submitted to An Bord Pleánala. Work has commenced to identify further units suitable for the CPO process.

In 2019, FCC has reached agreements to purchase three properties under the B&R Scheme. Under RLS, nine lease agreements have been entered into with homeowners. There is one contract pending and two further applications under review.

Field testing continues on the Vacant Homes App 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.

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 62 casual voids within social housing stock at the end of March 2019. Of these dwellings, 22 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.

Planned Programmes

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.

Boiler upgrades will continue in 2019 based on the Council's commitments under its Climate Change Action Plan.

COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS

Community Office

Blanchardstown St Patrick's Day Parade

As part of the 2019 Fingal St Patrick's Day festival, the Community Development Office held 3 workshops in Dublin 15 to assist groups parading in the Blanchardstown parade. Recreate, a social enterprise and registered charity, were engaged to deliver a programme that supported groups with:

- (1) Developing a pageantry concept design in line with the eco/ environmental parade theme.
- (2) Supplying material for pageantry costumes.
- (3) Producing masks/ flag/ headpiece/ flags/ sandwich boards/ attachment to clothes.

Over 15 representatives from five community groups across Dublin 15 and 30 young people Blanchardstown Youth Service attended the workshops.



Several groups who took part in the FCC Community Office workshops run in February showcased their creativity at the Blanchardstown parade. These groups included the Igbo Union Dublin, Corduff Women's Group, Foróige Dublin 15 and the Indian family club. The Blakestown schools completion programme, funded through the Creative Fingal scheme, showcased their "Dublin in the Rare Ould Times" project in the Dublin 15 Parade.



Participants in Fingal St. Patrick's Day Parades

Balbriggan St. Patrick's Day Parade

There was a strong turnout for the Balbriggan Integration Forum's (BIF) entry into the St. Patrick's Day parade in Balbriggan. A huge amount of voluntary work was carried out in the run up to the festival by forum members and this included the painting of national flags forum to be carried in the parade.

Building positive connections with the community of Balbriggan was a key theme for the BIF entry to the parade. Cupcakes were made by the forum members, were decorated with national flags, and given out to the crowd along the parade route. The presence of the BIF in the parade highlighted the wonderful diversity that exists in Balbriggan and is a very visible sign that key work in the area of integration is being carried out in the town.

Swords St. Patrick's Day Parade

Participating groups were delighted to take part in the Swords St. Patrick's Day Parade event and it gave them the opportunity to offer their expertise regarding recycling and input on the design of the

artwork. The groups were delighted to be involved in the preparations with all the other community groups. Swords *Men's Shed* provided props for the event such as Buddy Benches and a selection and variety of planters, while the Community College students danced their way through the town in colourful costumes with the help of props from Swords Tidy towns committee. This was a successful collaboration for community development.



New Community Groups

The Mid-East Area Team is developing the following new community groups which included group development, capacity building and committee skills training:

- Holywell Women's Social Club
- Social Sisters - Applewood Women's Group
- Rolestown Residents Association
- Castlegrange Residents Association
- Malahide Men's Group

Huntstown Community Centre Art Exhibition

FCC Community Office supported the annual art exhibition in Huntstown Community Centre. This year the artwork was hung on the walls using special hangers funded by the Community Office. Local community arts groups from Mountview and Corduff were represented.

Voter Education Courses

Two voter education/civic participation courses supported by the Community Office began in

March, run in partnership with Dublin Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board and Mountview family Resource Centre and Tyrrelstown Community Centre. These are part of the Community Office First Steps programme to encourage life-long learning and participation in local community centres.

Tyrrelstown climate change Talk

Fáilte Isteach Tyrrelstown invited FCC Environmental Awareness Officer, Sinead Fox, to give a talk on waste reduction and climate change as part of the Fáilte Isteach conversational English programme running in Tyrrelstown Community Centre.



Flemington Pride of Place Entry

The area of Flemington in Balbriggan has been selected for entry in the National Pride of Place competition in the 'urban neighbourhood category'. A broad section of local community reps and organisations came together on 26th March to progress the entry. Local Councillors, FCC Community & Sports Office staff, An Garda Síochána, Foróige, Irish Vikings, Balbriggan Historical Society, local business, representatives from local resident associations, Balbriggan Parent & Toddler Group, Flemington Community Centre, Musicantia, Balbriggan Integration Forum and many more, commenced work on the programme of activity to be presented. The judging for the competition will take place in Balbriggan in late June, with the final award ceremony to be held in November 2019. The work over the coming months will build strong connections between a host of individuals and

organisations in Balbriggan and will be great initiative for the local community in Flemington and the wider Balbriggan area.

Luttrellstown Community Centre

The keys of Luttrellstown Community Centre were handed over to the Community Office in February 2019. The Centre comprises a large sports hall, dance studio, meeting rooms, childcare space and general meeting areas. This facility is shared with Luttrellstown Community College and will provide sport and recreational facilities to the surrounding communities. The centre is currently being fitted out and it is envisaged that this facility will be ready to open to the local community after Easter. There has been a lot of interest from local groups to use the facility. Groups have been invited to submit expressions of interest to use the facility going forward. It is envisaged that the official opening will take place towards during the summer.



GDPR Masterclass

The Community Development Office in conjunction with the Technical University Dublin Blanchardstown ran an advanced GDPR Masterclass workshop in March that provided ongoing support to Managers and Volunteers involved in the management and operation of

community facilities across the county. This information will familiarise participants with all aspects of GDPR legislation which will assist them to develop and maintain their own GDPR policies which will support the legislative compliance of their community facility.



Facility Support Initiatives

To increase the efficiency and tracking of community facility usage, our 32 community facilities have recently had footfall counters installed. Monthly footfall figures will be available so that trends, changes, seasonality etc. can be monitored efficiently and effectively.

Branding/ Signage

To ensure the promotion and branding of FCC community facilities, new signage will be erected in seven facilities across the county. Signage has been designed individually to suit the type, size etc. of the buildings involved. This is the beginning of a process to update FCC branding, particularly in our older community facilities.

Fingal Age Friendly Programme

Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Anthony Lavin, in the company of Minister Damien English, launched two Age Friendly Housing Documents, "Provision of Accommodation for Older People in Fingal" and "10 Ways to Construct a More Lifetime Adaptable and Age Friendly Home" on 25th March 2019 in The Atrium, Swords.



Sports Office:

Vision Cup

The Mayor and the Chief Executive, in the presence of renowned artist Jim Fitzpatrick, representatives from Vision Sports Ireland, Councillors and guests launched the Vision Cup and Children’s Art and Essay competition on 11th March. The competition invited all children living on the island of Ireland, who are registered blind or vision impaired, to participate in an art and essay competition. The aim of this competition is to encourage young people with vision impairments to learn more about Blind Golf.

The Vision Cup is being hosted in Ireland this year and is a significant event that includes 12 of the best blind golfers from North America who will take on 12 of the best from around the world in a Ryder Cup style competition. The Vision Cup will be held at Portmarnock Golf Links between 18th and 20th June.



Motor Skills Development Programme

The Sports Office has introduced a new motor skill development programme with participants

from Prosper Fingal based in Balbriggan. This multi sports activity for people with an intellectual disability is aimed at upskilling participants to enable and encourage them to join local mainstream clubs.

Cycling Programme

The Sports Office’s cycling programme, run in the Daughters of Charity, Blakestown, caters for eight participants. It has been hugely successful for them in terms of gaining confidence in the activity; some participants have progressed for specially adapted bikes, to being assisted mainstream bicycles, with one participant proudly cycling on his own.

Date for your diary:

The 2019 Primary School Athletics League Finals will take place in Morton Stadium on Wed 10th April.

Arts Office:

Horticulture Course Student Visit - NCAD Sculpture Department

The leaders and participants on the Eve Plant Hire horticulture course participated on a mental health rehabilitation programme through horticulture. They engaged in meditation on nature and art with psychologist Conn Fitzgibbon, and also welcomed the Sculpture Department of the National College of Art & Design who were interested to learn how the sculpture was made and gain insights into local authority approaches to commissioning.



Professional Development Opportunity for Primary School Teachers

This March Fingal Arts Office, in partnership with *Superprojects*, announced a new exciting opportunity for primary school teachers titled 'The Artful Classroom'. The programme enables teachers to enrich their work in the classroom by exploring contemporary art and architecture. The facilitated course will draw on the professional expertise of both artists and teachers. Each day will be led by a different course facilitator who will share their experience of working creatively with children and demonstrate how they translate their own creative/artistic interests into classroom practice in visual art, and other areas across the curriculum. Workshop sessions will take place in Draíocht and The Irish Museum of Modern Art where participants will have an opportunity to explore the work of exciting contemporary artists. Those interested can book online: www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-artful-classroom-tickets-46498361852



LIBRARIES

Fingal Libraries celebrates Bealtaine Festival 2019

The Age and Opportunity Bealtaine festival celebrates creativity as we age. Fingal Libraries has produced a rich and varied programme for

this year's Bealtaine festival, with events taking place throughout the branch library network. Participants will enjoy a play set during the War of Independence, a virtual tour of the Hugh Lane Gallery, a screening of the film *Philomena*, chair yoga and a mindfulness workshop. Places are limited at some of these events so booking is required. Contact your local branch library for more information or log onto www.fingal.ie/events

Full STEAM ahead at Fingal Libraries

In 2018, Fingal Libraries was awarded a €50,000 grant from Science Foundation Ireland to establish a fun, informal STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) education programme across the library network, and in Council venues. Highlights from the programme include:

- 3D printing training for staff and the public
- STEMcon - a careers conference for young adults
- STEM Saturdays which took place in Blanchardstown (1,970 participants) and Balbriggan (825 participants) Libraries and also at the Atriums in County Hall and Blanchardstown
- STEMfest - a slice of Summer Science which took place at Blanchardstown Library and attracted 515 participants

A STEAM programme of events is continuing to run across the Fingal branch network during 2019. As part of this programme, we are currently exploring the creation of a maker space at Blanchardstown Library and the appointment of a Creator in Residence, who would curate and organise STEAM workshops, events and community learning opportunities across the [Fingal library network](#). External stakeholders were recently invited to a facilitated meeting to discuss these initiatives and a similar meeting with Council staff will be held in early April. Discussions at these meetings will help to inform our next steps in this project.

'This Time I'm Voting' campaign

European Parliamentary Elections will take place on 24th May alongside the Local Elections. During the month of March, the Europe Direct Centre at Blanchardstown Library organised three European election voter registration drives - at the Library itself, at the Technological University Dublin, Blanchardstown Campus and at Blanchardstown Shopping Centre. During the course of the three events, staff spoke to over 500 people and distributed several hundred voter registration forms and information about the upcoming European Parliamentary Elections. These voter drives which will also take place in early April form part of the 'This Time I'm Voting' campaign.



'This Time I'm Voting' campaign

Autism Friendly Fridays at Blanchardstown Library

Blanchardstown Library hosted its first 'Autism Friendly Friday' on the 1st March. The Library was open after hours from 5pm to 6pm for children on the autism spectrum. 30 children, and their families, attended the event and enjoyed a storytelling session from specialist storyteller Clíodhna Noonan and a specially set up 'quiet space' for children who needed some quiet time. The event was very successful with positive feedback from families, who normally have to travel outside of Dublin 15 to access similar services. The next Autism Friendly Friday at Blanchardstown Library will take place on 5th April from 5pm to 6pm and will include a Lego workshop with Bricks4Kids.

New music service



Freegal® Music, a free streaming and downloading service, is proving to be very popular with Fingal library members since made available in early March. Streaming is the main focus of the service, with

users opting to listen rather than download. 3,924 songs have been streamed, with popular music being the most favoured genre followed by rock. Freegal gives library members free access to over 15+ million songs from 1 million albums in more than 200 genres. It also makes available over 40,000 music videos.

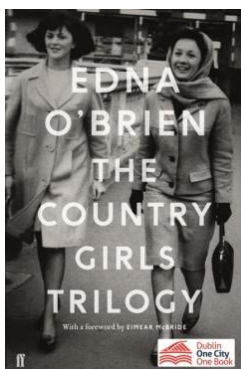
Mobile Library service



The Mobile Libraries took part in the St. Patrick's Day parades in Swords, Blanchardstown and Balbriggan.

A new stop at Meakstown has been added to the itinerary of the Mobile Library service. From the 28th March, a Mobile Library will visit the Meakstown area every Thursday from 2.30 - 4pm.

Dublin - One City One Book



Each year, the *One City One Book* initiative encourages everyone to read a book connected with Dublin. The *Country Girls* by Edna O'Brien is the chosen title for this year. Fingal Libraries will contribute to the programme of events by holding a talk by

Eilis Ní Dhuibhne at Blanchardstown Library on Wednesday 17th April. The book was banned in Ireland and elsewhere in the 1960's when it was first published. Dónal Fallon will explore the issue of censorship at a talk at Malahide Library on Tuesday 9th April.

Spring into Storytime



Spring into Story Time is an initiative of the Right to Read campaign, which focuses on storytelling for children in a library setting. Each of Fingal's ten branch libraries will hold a story-time session during the month of April.

Further information is available from your local branch library or at www.fingal.ie/events

More news from Libraries

- Baldoyle, Malahide, Rush, Donabate, and Howth Libraries will hold Easter craft sessions during April.
- The annual exhibition from Howth Photography Club will be on display in Baldoyle Library from 8th-19th April.
- Donabate Library celebrated World Book Day on 7th March with a visit from poet and illustrator Alan Murphy.
- A quilting group meets at Rush Library every Tuesday morning from 10.30am – 12.00pm.
- Maighread Medbh will deliver a poetry workshop on Tuesday 30th April from 5.50pm to 7.50pm at Swords Library.

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ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Awareness

Assessments and presentations to schools, under the Green Schools programme, have been completed with a total of 37 schools visited since January 2019.

Meetings have been held with participating clubs in the GAA Club Sustainability Competition. These clubs (from each electoral ward) are set to receive €2,500 each, mentoring and advice from the Environmental Education Officer throughout the seven month duration of the scheme. Following review, the scheme may be extended to other sporting codes. Initiatives include elimination of single-use items and disposable coffee cups, provision of a refill point for water bottles, returnable boots, helmet & hurley schemes, awareness programme and community action day to promote the initiatives.



Waste Art from Primary School, Dublin 15

Circular Economy

The Council was one of nine participating Irish local authorities, north and south, at a Workshop on the 'Circular Economy for Cities' held in the Leuven Institute for Ireland, Belgium, in early March. It was organised and funded by the Technical Assistance and Information Exchange Instrument of the European Commission (TAIEX), and intended to provide an opportunity to learn from good practice in cities from Belgium and Netherlands with experience in the transition to a circular economic cities. Workshop details can be found at [TAIEX-EIR Peer 2 Peer](#).

The 'circular economy' is a system based on a *zero waste* philosophy aimed at shifting our approach from a take-make-use-dispose production and consumption system to one where we maximise resources, products and assets use and minimise resource consumption and wastage.



The workshop included a tour of a local 're-use and repair' business in Leuven, set up as a Social enterprise initiative employing 800 staff, collecting

9,300T of every day throw away items for re-use and recycling and reselling 3,500T through its “sustainable thrift” shops during 2018. Details at www.uwkringding.be



De Krigwinkel Re-Use and Repair Thrift Shop, Leuven, Belgium

Litter Management Update

A total of 91 litter fines were issued in March. 43 were issued in the Balbriggan/ Swords Electoral Area, eight in Howth/Malahide and 40 in Castleknock/ Mulhuddart. Further, 25 Warning Notices were also issued in February and there were 15 prosecutions taken in February.

Waste Management Services

Balleally Landfill

Following ten years of restoration and aftercare, a milestone has been reached with the announcement that Balleally Landfill is ready to open as Rogerstown Park on Saturday the 27th of April at 10:30am. There will be a 1.25km path open on the upper section of the Park as part of the Phase 1 opening. Phases 2 and 3 will open up further paths along the middle and bottom section as part of a €3.5 million Capital Expenditure project over the next two to three years. Further recreational benefits will follow as part of the Park Development Masterplan for Rogerstown Park.



Public Toilets at Rogerstown Park

Climate Change

The six week Public Consultation on the Draft Climate Change Action Plan closed on Monday 26th March. During the consultation period, FCC hosted four public information events, and held five workshops with transition year at schools across the county.

Feedback across all events was very positive. In total, 76 submissions were received and an assessment of these is currently underway. A Report will issue to SPC on 30th April and Full Council on 13th May.



Aircraft Noise Competent Authority

The Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Bill 2018 is currently being finalised by the Oireachtas. The Bill designates Fingal County 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 putting in place the additional staffing requirements for the performance of the new function. Tenders have been received for the provision of Aviation Noise Expert Consultancy Services relating to Aviation Noise & Acoustics, and these are being assessed at present.

Waste Enforcement

RMCEI Plan 2019

The Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections Plan 2019 (RMCEI Plan 2019) for the County of Fingal is currently being implemented 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 RMCEI Plan takes account of the National Environmental Enforcement Priorities for 2019 as well as Fingal County Council's Local Enforcement Priorities for the year ahead. It details the range of environmental inspections to be undertaken in order to achieve environmental priorities and outcomes in a given year which can be compared with previous years to assess overall performance. For 2019, a total of 692 planned inspections are proposed by waste enforcement officers in a variety of areas including permitted waste facilities, waste collection permit activities, the producer responsibility initiative, construction and demolition waste, illegal waste activities, unauthorised movement of waste, food waste, dealing with complaints and illegal dumping.

The Council has adopted a risk based approach to environmental enforcement in order to ensure that priority areas for inspection are identified and that available resources are managed in an efficient and effective manner.

Anti-Dumping Initiative 2019

The Anti-Dumping Initiative will continue for 2019 with the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Richard Bruton T.D. announcing funding of €3million to support communities around the country to tackle illegal dumping. The overall aim is to reduce incidents of illegal dumping nationally by providing funding for projects tackling the problem including the provision of support for monitoring and surveillance of dumping blackspots and the development of an integrated and effective approach to dealing with this issue using a collaborative approach with local authorities, communities and other state agencies.

"Since 2017, the ADI programme has removed some 5,000 tonnes of illegal waste from some of the country's most notorious fly tipping black-spots. In the vast majority of cases, once a community takes action in a particular area, re-offending becomes highly unlikely. Nearly half of the funding being announced today will go towards tackling black-spots."

This represents a 50% increase in funding on last year for measures to prevent and respond to illegal dumping. This is in addition to the €7.4m annual enforcement grant, which supports the recruitment and retention of 150 local authority waste enforcement personnel across the country. Funding under the Anti-Dumping Initiative is available for the following categories:

Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical infrastructure - signage, fencing, lighting and barriers at identified black-spots and sites at risk Up to 90 Community Preservation Projects - funding to beautification projects that do not have existing funding sources. Up to 50 Bulky Waste (e.g. mattresses) Collection events
Education & Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness Campaigns Education Programme expanded to all primary schools in the country
Abatement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black Spot Clean ups & surveillance Roll out of Eircodes Household Waste Compliance Project to all 31 Local Authorities
Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll out of Test Purchases Project to all 31 Local Authorities Monitoring and surveillance equipment including drones Development of Dumping Data Base

The Environment Division and Operations Department are drafting applications under each of the headings of the initiative.

Further details at: <https://www.dccae.gov.ie/en-ie/environment/topics/waste/enforcement/anti-dumping-initiative/Pages/default.aspx>

WATER SERVICES

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

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CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Chief Executive to depart

After five years as Chief Executive of FCC, Paul Reid is to depart the Council and has been appointed as the Director General of the Health Service Executive. The announcement was made in a joint press release issued by An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and the Minister for Health Simon Harris on the 2nd April. Paul's last day in FCC will be the 14th of May.

Local Election Preparations

Preparations for the Local Elections are continuing. The elections will take place on the 24th of May 2019 and the nomination period for inclusion on the ballot paper will be open from the 27th of April to the 4th of May.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Lean Seachtain na Gaeilge ar aghaidh le imeachtaí i Leabharlanna do pháistí agus daoine fásta agus bhí Lón le Gaeilge i gCaisleáin Shoird do foireann na Comhairle agus don phobal. The second week of Seachtain na Gaeilge continued with events in Libraries for children and adults including very well attended Sean-Nós Singing & Traditional Music with Antaine Ó Faracháin & Nollaig Mac Cárthaigh in Blanchardstown Library 13th March & Balbriggan Library 14th. Ballet Poulet, a fun dance and comedy duo brought mayhem and ballet to Blanchardstown Library 14th March. Swords Castle was the venue for a Lón le Gaeilge bringing together Fingal Staff and members of the Community.

Bhí cruinniú de Choiste Gaeilge Chomhairle Chontae Fhine Gall Dé Luain 1 Aibreán agus thug Glór na nGael cur í láthair ag an gcruinniú.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

GoCar Electric Vehicle Pilot

As part of our ongoing climate change awareness campaign, FCC is promoting alternative, cleaner and more sustainable transportation options for staff.

Over 40 staff member have taken part in the Smart Mobility Hub pilot project, which saw them switching to Electric Vehicles for travel to meetings and site visits.

The eight week pilot is due to end later this week with GoCar completing a feasibility study on the Smart Mobility Hub project.

By switching to sustainable modes of transportation we can reduce our carbon footprint and improve air quality around our towns and villages.

By taking part in the pilot, participants experienced what it is like to drive an electric vehicle. By allowing multiple people to use the same vehicle at different times, shared mobility

reduces vehicle ownership and dependency, congestion, noise and air pollution.



county, the first of which have been deployed in Balbriggan.

Fingal Public Wi-Fi Plan

Balbriggan will this week become the first location on the east coast to launch free high-speed public Wi-Fi.

Powered by Magnet Networks, Our Balbriggan Free Wi-Fi is the latest step in the transformation programme which is set to change the face of Ireland's youngest town.

Balbriggan's town centre will become a free public Wi-Fi zone thanks to a unique initiative that provides locals and visitors with unlimited access to speeds of up to 100mps and could position the town at the forefront of smart technology.

The launch of Balbriggan's Town Centre Wi-Fi forms part of the Council's wider [Public Wi-Fi Plan](#) which sees the rollout of free public Wi-Fi hotspots to town and village centres across the County. The Plan also sees the rollout of the Smart Bench pilot - supported by The Department of Rural and Community Development. Under the pilot, a number of solar powered, Wi-Fi enabled benches with wireless charging facilities and environmental sensors will be deployed in a number of locations across the

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		EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
A	Housing & Building	14,515,248	55,374,400	26%	14,305,149	54,644,700	26%	210,099
B	Road Transport & Safety	5,343,611	22,753,599	23%	1,564,268	6,606,600	24%	3,779,343
C	Water Services	4,451,341	14,421,200	31%	4,329,742	17,344,100	25%	121,600
D	Development Management	3,154,005	14,559,300	22%	1,313,577	4,103,300	32%	1,840,428
E	Environmental Services	9,681,464	40,451,101	24%	1,064,194	4,615,000	23%	8,617,270
F	Recreation & Amenity	8,351,470	33,719,101	25%	335,440	1,672,800	20%	8,016,030
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	190,395	908,500	21%	76,222	251,100	30%	114,173
H	Miscellaneous Services	2,073,777	9,985,800	21%	2,668,348	11,191,300	24%	-594,571
J	Central Management Charge	10,082,923	45,132,499	22%	645,326	2,814,500	23%	9,437,597
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG				1,881,175	7,524,700	25%	-1,881,175
RA	Rates				31,634,350	126,537,400	25%	-31,634,350
		57,844,234	237,305,500	24%	59,817,791	237,305,500	25%	-1,973,557

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/03/2019

	Balance at *01/01/2019	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/03/2019 €
A Housing & Building	-27,983,167	31,996,119	11,412,177	-7,399,225
B Road Transport & Safety	17,011,817	11,207,564	-399,050	27,820,331
C Water Services	-12,070,695	1,310,680	-150,939	-10,910,954
D Development Management	-82,852,902	4,216,566	-6,248,923	-84,885,259
E Environmental Services	-11,694,146	1,011,789	-584,217	-11,266,574
F Recreation & Amenity	-13,693,912	4,221,873	-585,685	-10,057,724
H Miscellaneous Services	-40,806,149	3,994,766	-708,681	-37,520,064
Total	172,089,154	57,959,358	20,089,672	-134,219,468

* Note: Balances at 1/1/2019 are only provisional and will be finalized on completion 2018 AFS.

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/03/2019

	Balance at 01/01/2019* €	Balance at 31/03/2019	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	6,197,537	96,276,842	91,682,743	4,594,099
LOANS	1,310,476	1,362,425	380,142	982,283
RENTS	4,246,486	4,221,341	2,374,892	1,846,449

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

**Note: Balances at 1/1/2019 are only provisional and will be finalised on completion 2018 AFS.*