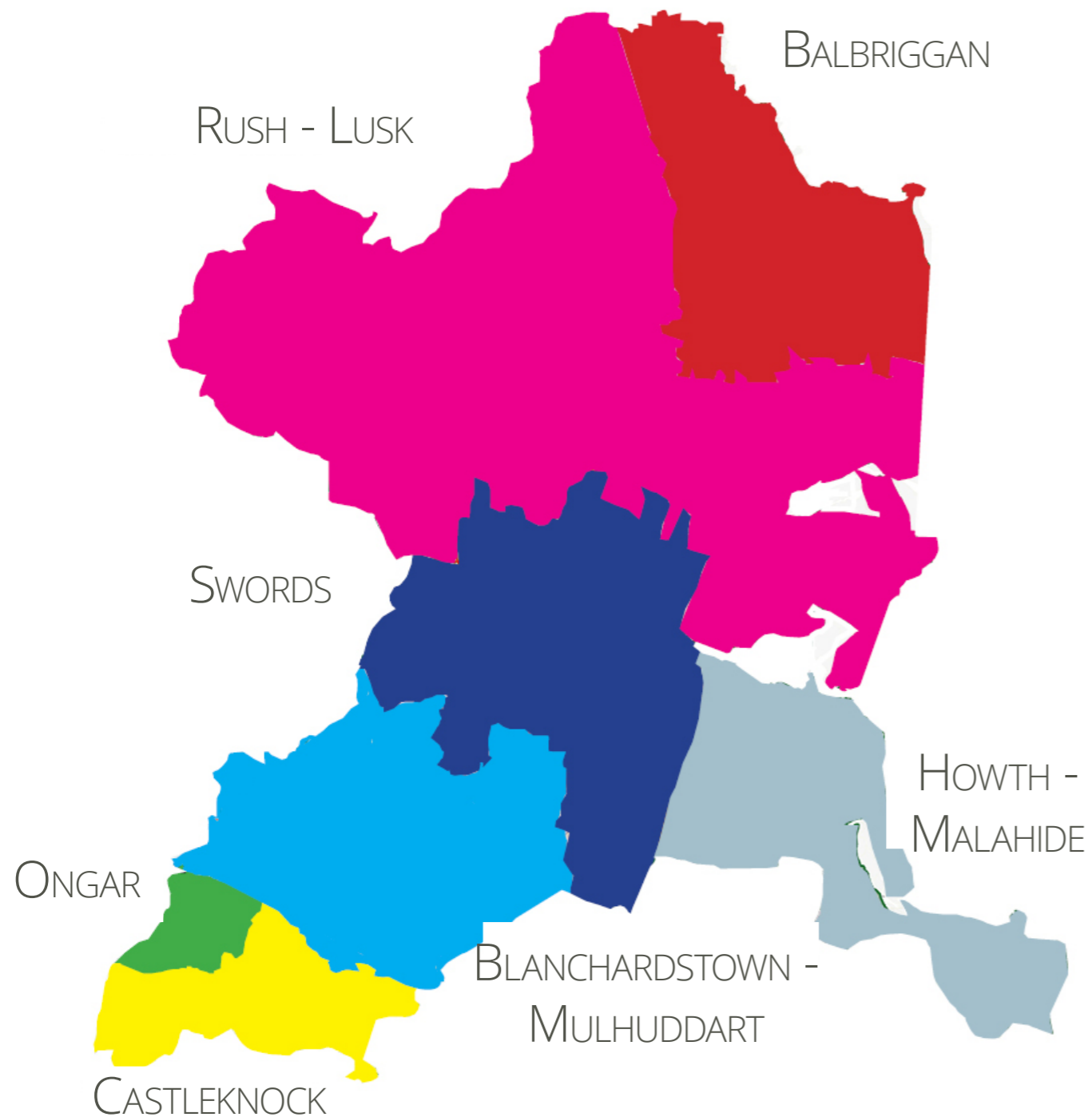


Fingal County Council
Annual Report
2020



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Foreword

MAYOR OF FINGAL CLLR DAVID HEALY



The 2020 Annual Report provides an opportunity to reflect on the challenges faced and achievements made by Fingal County Council during a year unlike any other.

Since my election as Mayor of Fingal in June, I have been honoured to represent the County as we deal with the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. It has been heartening to see the solidarity and goodwill with which our communities have responded.

The pandemic saw the Council finding new, innovative ways to serve our communities. Our staff switched to remote working and implemented social distancing and public health measures, ensuring that the core functions of the Council continued. Vital services like housing, infrastructure and community and economic development have been maintained. We continued to make progress on the Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024.

Responding to the direct needs created by the pandemic, the Council engaged with communities and civil society to coordinate the Community Call, an expression of practical solidarity and care that has been both inspiring and important.

The Community Call brought the Council together with over 20 organisations including community groups, businesses, Government agencies and volunteers to provide support to vulnerable and cocooning people throughout Fingal. This was facilitated by a dedicated helpline to assist at-risk members of the public in accessing non-emergency and non-medical supports and advice.

The network of support created by this ensured that vulnerable members of the community or those living alone could seek advice, combat social isolation and access deliveries of groceries, medicine and fuels.

The Council's focus on supporting its communities to stay connected, healthy and resilient was given further expression through the Keep Well campaign, which used the Council's media and communications channels to promote advice and resources around staying active and prioritising all aspects of physical and mental health.

Enabling people to avail of safe open-air rest and recreation has been vital to our communities during the pandemic. The Council increased maintenance accordingly, as well as providing extra outdoor space for citizens by pedestrianisation and reallocation of street space.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors on the Council for their invaluable support during my term as Mayor and express my appreciation to Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Robert O'Donoghue, for his assistance and to my predecessor Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien for his contribution.

Finally, I wish to thank the Chief Executive, AnnMarie Farrelly, for her guidance and support and to thank all Council staff for rising to the challenge of adapting to the public health challenge, continuing the work of the Council while keeping themselves and our communities safe in order to deliver the many services outlined in this Report.

Introduction

CHIEF EXECUTIVE ANNMARIE FARRELLY

2020 was a year in which Fingal County Council proved its capacity for adaptability and innovation. Designated an essential service during the Covid 19 pandemic, we rose to the challenge by providing important services in new ways, helping our communities to weather the ongoing storm of the pandemic, and continued to make progress on strategic goals.

We played a pivotal role in supporting businesses through exceptionally difficult circumstances with initiatives such as the Restart Grant Scheme, which assisted micro and small businesses with the costs of either staying open or reopening and reemploying workers following Covid-19 closures. The Fingal In It Together initiative brought the Council and local business together for mutual support, pooling of resources, information and assistance with managing enterprises safely.

Housing provision was progressed through a mix of tenure types including our own construction programmes, which were delivered in accordance with public health guidelines. We continued to complete housing schemes including Holymount in Swords. The Age Friendly Housing Advisor initiative was also launched, which will help us to create inclusive housing options for everyone in our communities.

Important infrastructure projects were progressed including the completion of the Donabate Distributor Road and securing planning permission for the Broadmeadow Way project. Valuable amenities such as green spaces, play areas and heritage properties were maintained and improved.

Climate action and the related issue of active travel were prioritised by the reorganisation of functions and departments and the continuing implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024.

I look forward to projects across the County being rolled out which will advance our commitments in this area.

I would like to thank the Mayor, Cllr. David Healy, and his predecessor, Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien, and all Members of the Council for their co-operation and support during 2020.

Finally, I would like to pay special tribute to all Council staff for their dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm in conditions which have been challenging and uncertain. I am confident that the close partnership between staff and elected Members will continue in the years ahead.



Elected Members 2020



Elected Members



Mayor
Eoghan O'Brien
Fianna Fáil
January - June 2020



Mayor
David Healy
Green Party
June - December 2020



Deputy Mayor
Tom Kitt
Fianna Fáil
January - June 2020



Deputy Mayor
Robert O'Donoghue
Labour Party
June - December 2020

Balbriggan



Tony Murphy,
Non Party



Gráinne Maguire,
Non Party



Seána Ó Rodaigh,
Labour Party



Tom O'Leary,
Fine Gael



Karen Power,
Green Party/An
Comhaontas Glas

Elected Members

Blanchardstown - Mulhuddart



Mary McCamley,
Labour Party



Breda Hanaphy,
Sinn Féin



John Burtchaell,
Solidarity



Punam Rane,
Fine Gael



Freddie Cooper,
Fianna Fáil

Castleknock



Ted Leddy,
Fine Gael



John Walsh,
Labour Party



Howard Mahony,
Fianna Fáil



Natalie Treacy,
Sinn Féin



Pamela Conroy,
Green Party/An
Comhaontas Glas
*co-opted for Roderic
O'Gorman in March
2020



Siobhan Shovlin,
Fine Gael
*co-opted for Emer
Currie in September
2020



Elected Members

Howth-Malahide



Eoghan O'Brien,
Fianna Fáil



David Healy,
Green Party/An
Comhaontas Glas



Brian McDonagh,
Labour Party



Jimmy Guerin,
Non Party



Aoibhinn Tormey,
Fine Gael



Anthony Lavin,
Fine Gael



Joan Hopkins
Social Democrats
*co-opted for Cian
O'Callaghan in in March
2020

Ongar



Tania Doyle,
Non Party



Tom Kitt,
Fianna Fáil



Daniel Whooley,
Green Party/An
Comhaontas Glas



Kieran Dennison,
Fine Gael



Aaron O'Rourke,
Sinn Féin
*co-opted for Paul
Donnelly in in March
2020

Elected Members

Rush - Lusk



Robert O'Donoghue,
Labour Party



Adrian Henchy,
Fianna Fáil



Brian Dennehy,
Fianna Fáil



Cathal Boland,
Non Party



Paul Mulville,
Social Democrats

Swords



Darragh Butler,
Fianna Fáil



Ian Carey,
Green Party/An
Comhaontas Glas



Dean Mulligan,
Independents
4Change



Joe Newman,
Non Party



Brigid Manton,
Fianna Fáil



Ann Graves,
Sinn Féin



James Humphreys,
Labour Party
*co-opted for
Duncan Smith in
March 2020



Corporate Awards

2020 was one of the most difficult and challenging years in the history of Fingal County Council. With the outbreak of the CoVid-19 pandemic the Council has had to learn how to adapt to continue providing services to the public.

2020 demonstrated the Council's ability to adapt and implement change successfully through hard work, innovation and collaboration. This work was recognised through the nomination and winning of several awards in 2020.

The Shoplocal.irish website resource won the Supporting Sustainable Communities category of the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Award 2020. The ShopLocal.Irish website was developed during the CoVid-19 pandemic in response to a demand in local communities for information on what businesses and shops were open during the lockdown within a 2km radius

and who could provide online/ telephone ordering facilities, and delivery and pick-up services.

This was not the only Fingal County Council project to be nominated in the Excellence in Local Government Awards.

A further five projects were nominated in the awards including the Casino Model Railway Museum in the Heritage & Built Environment category, the Fingal School Street Initiative in the Enhancing the Urban Environment category, the Estuary Countywide Community Art Celebration in the Sustaining the Arts category, the Fingal 'Play it Again' Instruments Project in the Sustainable Environment category, and the Staying Connected Initiative in the Age Friendly category.

Swords Tidy Towns achieved the runners up position at the IPB Pride of Place Awards 2020 in category for population over 5000. While

the Skerries Age Friendly Initiative and Ballyboughal Hedgerow Society also represented Fingal at the online ceremony.

Fingal County Council was delighted to have received a total of seven Green Flags as part of the prestigious Green Flag Awards 2020. The award-winning parks in Fingal that received the Green Flag Awards in 2020 were Ardgillan Demesne, Malahide Demesne, Millennium Park, Newbridge House and Farm, Santry Demesne and St. Catherine's Park. A Green Flag Community Award was awarded for the Rock Garden in Swords.

Fingal Heritage Network and Fingal County Council were recognised at the National Heritage Awards 2020 as winners of the Dublin-Fingal County Award 2020 for Snapshots of Fingal's Past an online exhibition with pieces to camera by Heritage Network members.



Key Achievements

Key Achievements of Fingal County Council in 2020:

Opened the Model Railway Museum at the Casino Malahide

Community Call Helpline

Successfully adapted and migrated to a remote working environment

New Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elected Business Parklets

Village Green Malahide

Estuary: 25 Years of Fingal's Art Collection

First Mobility Hub in Blanchardstown

Donabate Distributor Road Opened

Fingal Voices App Launched

Baldoyle to Portmarnock Walking and Cycling Greenway opened

New social housing development at Holymount, Swords completed

New Street Malahide Pedestrianisation Zone

Fingal In It Together

Reports/Plans/Strategies:

Donabate Urban Framework Plan

'Walk, Bike, Fingal!': Plan for Social Distancing in the Public Realm



Fingal Digital Strategy 2020-2023
Balbriggan Socio Economic Strategy

First Annual Progress Report on Climate Change Action Plan

Artist's Support Scheme 2020

Grants:

Restart Grant

Restart Grant Plus

Fingal Main Street Shopfronts and Residences Improvements Grant

Digital Poverty Grant

LEADER Funding

Fingal Covid-19 Emergency Funding

Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Financial Supports:

Commercial Rates Waiver

Budget 2021

Retention of 10% Local Property Tax reduction for 2021

LEO Covid-19 Business Loan

LEO Business Continuity Voucher

Trading Online Vouchers



Corporate Plan 2019-2024 Review

- Quality of Life
- Quality and Climate Resilient Environment
- Quality Business Business Environment
- Quality in our Work

THEME 1: Quality of Life

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: SUPPORT THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF FINGAL

PROVIDE FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY THROUGH THE REVIEW OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - AND THE PREPARATION OF A NEW PLAN

Fingal Development Plan Variation Number 2 (Alignment of the Fingal Development Plan with the National Alignment of the Fingal Development Plan with the National Strategy (RSES) and Fingal Development Plan Variation Number 3 (Removal of indicative line for Road Proposal, "N3 - N4 Barnhill to Leixlip Interchange", as shown on Sheet 13, Blanchardstown South) made at 19th June 2020 County Council meeting.

Work is underway to ensure the first public consultation phase for the review of the 2017 -2023 County Development Plan and new 2023 - 2029 County Development Plan commences in March 2021.

FACILITATE THE SUPPLY OF HOUSING, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, IN THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE SUSTAINABLE, QUALITY, AFFORDABLE, MIXED TENURE HOUSING OPTIONS THROUGH LAND USE ACTIVATION AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

The Property Section supported the acquisition of strategic housing sites and sites to support the provision of key infrastructure throughout the County.

FACILITATE GOOD QUALITY PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMMODATION STANDARDS TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES LIVING IN THE PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMMODATION SECTOR

The Private Rented Inspections Unit continues to carry out inspections on private rented properties to ensure that properties meet the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019. In 2020 over 3,700 inspections were carried out of which 2,478 were first inspections. In line with Rebuilding Ireland's Strategy for the Rental Sector, Fingal County Council is dedicated to improving the living standards of tenants in private rented housing in the Fingal area.

STRIVE TO ENSURE THAT ALL COMMUNITIES IN FINGAL IRRESPECTIVE OF AGE, NATIONALITY, ETHNICITY, RELIGIOUS OR CULTURAL BACKGROUND ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN AND AVAIL OF THE SERVICES DELIVERED BY THE COUNCIL

Promotion of a 'No Wrong Door' approach to service delivery - aiming to provide an integrated and coordinated approach to service delivery which will ensure all those who engage with the organisation will receive appropriate and adequate supports regardless of their first point of contact. Development and launch of the Fingal Migrant Integration & Social Cohesion Strategy 2019 - 2024. Development of the Migrant Integration Forum as an action of the National Integration Strategy. Development of Intercultural Diversity and Public Sector Duty training for all employees of the organisation.

PROVIDE A SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC REALM TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY.

The Council recognises that its public realm, namely the road network, footpaths and paved areas are required to be secure, accessible, inclusive, connected, and well maintained. The upkeep of the public realm contributes to a positive image and fosters a sense of community.

Meeting requirements in relation to Accessibility/Mobility/ Age Friendly commitments is at the cornerstone of the provision or retro fitting of infrastructure within the public realm e.g. paving tactiles, noise aids at pedestrian crossings, mobility hubs, placement of street furniture. The commitment to the provision of a high quality public realm which meets the needs of local residents is met through the carrying out of necessary corrective actions as reported via the various public complaints networks.

In terms of sustainability the Council is committed to encompassing the principles of "Green Infrastructure" and "Whole Life Cost" in terms of the re-instatement and upgrading of existing infrastructure which will on occasion require redesign and retrofitting in order to ensure that the public realm better serves the needs of the public both currently and into the future.



THEME 1: Quality of Life

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: SUPPORT THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF FINGAL

DEVELOP AND ENHANCE THE ARTS AND CULTURAL IDENTITY OF FINGAL, MAKE SPACE FOR THE ARTS CONNECTING PEOPLE AND IDEAS AND ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN ALL ART FORMS.

The implementation of the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025 continued in 2020 with our Public Arts Programme 'Infrastructure' and our grants, commissions and bursaries schemes, including supporting the Our Balbriggan rejuvenation project.

The actions of the 8 year framework agreement with the Arts Council continued in 2020. The two areas of agreement are:

- a) Research & Development - on new public cultural facility and theatre model for the SCQ
- b) Building Capacity - research on how the Council can best meet its public service ambitions in arts and culture, in the areas of public arts practice and youth & education.

PROVIDE DYNAMIC AND INCLUSIVE LIBRARY SPACES AND SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY

A refurbishment processes at Balbriggan and Malahide Libraries in 2020 included the installation of collaborative study areas, office pods, mini conference facilities, digital signage and new equipment, such as handheld borrowable technology. A similar refurbishment process began in Blanchardstown Library in November 2020.

Significant public procurements were undertaken in 2020 in relation to the Swords Cultural Quarter and the development of a County Library.

Preliminary works commenced at Skerries Library in preparation for the extension and renovation of the building. These works included the demolition of two vacant buildings which will increase the overall footprint of the library, and the excavation of Japanese knotweed from the site.

Due to COVID 19, at different stages throughout 2020, libraries had to close completely or operate at a reduced level, offering Contact and Collect and quick browsing. Starting in May, we initiated the Cocooning Library Service to deliver books to cocooners, the housebound, to residential services and to anyone with health issues.

With our doors closed, we moved our services to the digital and virtual space. The use of electronic services including the downloading of books, magazines and newspapers increased exponentially in 2020. Similarly, events and activities on our social media channels, including Youtube, grew in popularity as people sought to vary their entertainment and information media.

SUPPORT CULTURE AND RECREATION AND ENABLE LITERACY, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMES

The LCDC supported programmes of literacy, digital literacy, education and economic development through SICAP and the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme.

Continuous development of community based programmes under the Community Development Pathways to Participation First Steps Programme and Community Engagement Programme in our community facilities. Programmes and initiatives are designed to be low or zero cost to encourage harder to reach citizens in priority areas to participate.

CREATE EFFECTIVE PATHWAYS FOR CITIZENS OF FINGAL TO DEVELOP AND PARTICIPATE IN LIFELONG PATTERNS OF INVOLVEMENT IN SPORT, RECREATION AND LEISURE CREATING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES AND BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE APPROACH TO SPORT DEVELOPMENT

The LCDC supported programmes of healthy living and well-being through the Healthy Ireland Programme. The Sports Office continues to deliver a range of inclusive programmes, including on-line for people of all ages and abilities.

THEME 1: Quality of Life

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ENSURE OUR EXISTING AND NEW COMMUNITIES ARE SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE

DEVELOP PLANS TO FACILITATE THE INCREASE OF SUPPLY OF HOUSING IN THE COUNTY

Continued residential development site activity in 2020. There were 74 Active Residential Sites in December 2020 which have delivered 4,087 completed units to date with another 2,339 currently under construction and a further 2,902 units not yet commenced on these Sites. In addition, 20 on-going sites have been finished and fully built out in 2020 and have delivered a further 2,766 units in total.

There are also a further 53 Inactive sites with live Planning Permissions with a potential to deliver a further 5,806 units.

Project Talamh advanced procurement on the delivery of housing on Council lands at Ballymastone, Donabate, Contractor on site on Churchfields lands, Dublin 15.

Ongoing input into the Housing Part VIII social housing delivery pipeline

BUILD A STRONG SENSE OF PLACE, IDENTITY AND WELLBEING THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF EQUAL, INCLUSIVE AND CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

The Our Balbriggan Team progressed public realm improvements in the town by completion key acquisitions and progressing the procurement of integrated design teams for identified projects.

Our Balbriggan ran a Place-making Grant Scheme to fund groups to make transformational improvements to the town.

Continuing to support community facilities to meet the changing needs of communities and to be a focal point for the community to gather in a safe and welcoming environment for recreation and wellbeing. Coordination of the community facilities network - a platform for sharing ideas across 33 community centres in the County.

Coordination of the annual Pride of Place entries to the national competition: an all-island competition that acknowledges and celebrates the work that communities are doing all over the island of Ireland. Provision of supports to communities to prepare for the Greener Communities and tidy towns competitions.

SUPPORT THE GROWTH OF STRONG AND RESILIENT NEIGHBOURHOODS

The LCDC supported the growth of strong and resilient neighbourhoods through participation in the Community Call Forum and through various funding programmes run in 2020 i.e. CEP/Town & Village Renewal Scheme/SICAP etc.

The establishment of the Our Balbriggan Smart Hub in Georges Square, Balbriggan is a direct response to the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan's commitment to strengthen engagement with the community and neighbourhoods.

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THEME 1: Quality of Life

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ENSURE OUR EXISTING AND NEW COMMUNITIES ARE SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE

PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY PARKS AND OPEN SPACES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL USERS AND CREATE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

The Council, continues to invest in its parks and open spaces to enhance their quality and utility and will focus on improving access to all sectors of the community.

Parks and open spaces provide opportunities for both passive and active recreation and the importance of this has been demonstrated during 2020 where they provided an outlet for residents seeking to improve their mental and physical health and as a mechanism for social interaction during public health restrictions. In more normal circumstances, parks and open spaces help build and strengthen ties within communities by bringing people together for community events, including those who may otherwise be separated by ethnic or social background.

A network of high quality certified playgrounds demonstrates our commitment to the importance of play in child development and this will be enhanced by the development of natural playgrounds over time. Continued investment in sports pitches, recreational hubs and the installation of outdoor exercise equipment meets the needs of a broad cross section of the community of all ability levels and age groups (OPS)

FOSTER COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP AMONG STAKEHOLDERS IN LOCAL COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Fingal SICAP Programme was central to the Community Call, which was established in response to CoVid-19 with representatives from public agencies and local community groups. Forum stakeholders collaborated to support those most vulnerable in the local community during public health restrictions. This involved assisting in the co-ordination and delivery of a number of initiatives in 2020 including the delivery of food, medicine, essential supplies and IT equipment to vulnerable citizens and creating online initiatives to support physical and mental well-being through the LCDC Healthy Ireland Programme.

The Fingal LCDC is responsible for the delivery of the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme, and all available funding under that Programme was approved during 2020.

Additional funding under the Community Enhancement Programme, the Town & Villages Renewal Scheme, Community Facilities, Community Grants and Sports Grant Schemes supported local community and economic development with funds supporting online events, measures to repurpose open space, supports for social distancing in community centres and providing equipment to community groups and sports clubs.

The Our Balbriggan Programme Leadership Group, comprising senior public, private and community stakeholders, with an independent chair leads on local community and economic development in Balbriggan.

Continue to provide leadership on the delivery of national and local directives that support the development of inclusive communities and civic engagement.

SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF STRONG, SAFE AND ENGAGED COMMUNITIES TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN CIVIC LIFE CELEBRATING OUR IDENTITY THROUGH ARTS, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND SPORT

Promotion of Sports club development programmes to encourage groups to become involved in their communities

SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND RESIDENTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR SOCIETY WORKING WITH OTHER AGENCIES IN FINGAL

Working in collaboration with agencies to maximise service delivery and resources to communities. Working on collaborative initiatives with Youth Services, Drugs Task Force, Local Development Groups, Gardaí.

THEME 1: Quality of Life

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: DEVELOP ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS

ENSURE THAT OUR CITIZENS, BUSINESSES AND ORGANISATIONS CAN EASILY COMMUNICATE WITH THE COUNCIL

Continuing to ensure that our information is in plain English, end user friendly, translated to different languages.

ENGAGE AND CONSULT WITH CITIZENS AND STAKEHOLDERS IN A WAY THAT ALLOWS THEIR VIEWS TO BE TAKEN ON BOARD, THROUGH THE USE OF BOTH STATUTORY AND NON-STATUTORY PROCESSES

Consult with Fingal Comhairle na nÓg which represents the Youth Voice of the County on the development of relevant policies. Coordinated the development of the Flemington and Tyrellstown research projects. Consulting with older citizens through the Older Peoples Council on matters arising during the year which have implications for older citizens such as housing and technology.

STRENGTHEN AND SUPPORT STAKEHOLDERS AND STATUTORY PROVIDERS BY COLLABORATING IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY

The Council collaborated with Dublin Fingal Chamber of Commerce, Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce, Malahide Chamber of Commerce and Shop Malahide to establish the initiative Fingal In It Together to support the reopening of businesses as public health restrictions eased.

The Local Development Section, with the support of Pobal through SICAP funding and Fingal LEO assisted with the development of a social enterprise initiative shoplocal.irish which won the Chambers Ireland Award 2020 for Supporting Sustainable Communities.

The Property Section progressed a number of key acquisitions and disposals to support the economic development of the County.

The Dublin Rural LEADER LAG approved the remainder of its 2014 - 2020 projects budget, with 50% of this funding going to local enterprise development.

The Council's three enterprise centres continued to support start-up enterprises through the provision of workspace and related supports.

The Our Balbriggan Programme Office supports five work stream Pillars, collaborating across economic and social development: Local Economy, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Safety, Public Realm and Community Affairs.

STRENGTHEN, SUPPORT AND EXPAND THE WORK OF THE FINGAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK (PPN)

Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and the PPN has been signed. Continuing to work collaboratively with the PPN to support communities and build the capacity of member organisations to engage meaningfully on issues that concern them.



THEME 2: Quality and Climate Resilient Environment

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

DELIVER ON THE SPECIFIC ACTIONS IN THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN TO IMPROVE CLIMATE RESILIENCE.

Implementation of all actions in the CCAP 2019-2024 is underway and good progress is being made. The first annual progress report has been prepared, communicated and submitted to the Department of Environment Climate & Communications.

PLAY A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN TRANSITIONING TO A DECARBONISED SOCIETY

The Council has demonstrated a leadership role in transitioning to a decarbonised society by improving its energy efficiency by 34.5% by December 2020 and through the combined effect of delivering on the actions in the CCAP 2019-2024. These actions include a focus on awareness the Council's actions and issues facing society, and delivering infrastructure to enable decarbonisation.

PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE BIODIVERSITY OF THE COUNTY AND WORK TO RESTORE ECOSYSTEMS AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Ongoing biodiversity input in planning applications, implementation of 10 actions from the Biodiversity Plan ongoing. Ongoing implementation of actions of Dublin Bay Biosphere Nature Conservation Strategy. Ongoing implementation of actions of Howth SAAO Operational Plan.

Ongoing collaboration with OPW on Coastal Monitoring Programme for Fingal County Council. Public consultation held on Coastal Defence Proposals for Rush and Portrane. Over 500 submissions received and online consultation webinars held.

PROMOTE AND ENFORCE A CULTURE OF COMPLIANCE WITHIN THE COUNTY TO ADVANCE CLIMATE ACTION COMMITMENTS

The Climate Action Awareness Officer, along with the Environmental Awareness Officer, promote Climate Action awareness within the County.

FOSTER A STRONG LOCAL ECONOMY THROUGH ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE BUSINESSES

The Council collaborated on an application for EPA funding for a food waste platform in a circular economy initiative. While the application was unsuccessful there was strong interest from the private sector in collaboration with the Council.

Preliminary research was undertaken on progressing the implementation of a circular economy model in Fingal, the implications of the European Green Deal and promotion of sustainable business measures in the County in line with objectives under the Council's Climate Change Action Plan.

THEME 2: Quality and Climate Resilient Environment

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE

PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE BUILT AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE COUNTY

The Conservation Office is based in the Architects Department and delivers a work programme related to the built heritage of Fingal. This comprises of administering 3 grant schemes – The Built Heritage Investment Scheme, the Historic Structures fund and the Stitch in Time grant.

It also prepares Planning reports as an internal consultee for the Planning Dept, participates in preplanning meetings, advises the Planning Department in relation to the architectural heritage of the County for the development plan review, inputs to the FCC Monuments/Structures at Risk programme, inputs into Climate Change initiatives as related to the historic built environment, responds to Elected member queries and questions, responds to correspondence/Emails from the public and others related to the built environment.

The Architects Department is a Grade 1 RIAI registered Conservation Practice with several members of the department with individual accreditation. The department advises client departments in regard to the Councils property portfolio of historic and protected structures and provides Architectural services for projects.

PROMOTE THE UNIQUE URBAN, RURAL AND COASTAL LANDSCAPE CHARACTER OF FINGAL

On-going investment in greenway projects - €146.69m in the 2021-2023 Capital Programme.

Portmarnock to Baldoyle Walkway and Cycleway opened. Ongoing advancement of Fingal Coastal Way project with view to non-statutory public consultation commencing in Spring 2021.

€12m Broadmeadow Way project delivery plans commenced following grant of planning permission by An Bord Pleanála.

Work continues to advance the Donabate Urban Framework with public consultation completed, on-going engagement with stakeholders and appointed consultants

Sustainable Swords Project arrangements including tender advancing under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund.

SUPPORT THE UNIQUE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF FINGAL AND THE IRISH LANGUAGE

The Creative Ireland Programme in 2020 supported 11 external projects and 9 larger scale internal projects with funding of €355k including the Commemoration of the Sack of Balbriggan, Music Concerts in Fingal Nursing Homes, STEAM schools projects, the Celebration of Women in Tapestry as well as host of virtual online programmes for families for Cruinniú na nÓg.

PROMOTE THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF WASTE & THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Promoted through the waste enforcement and environmental awareness work programmes (including through Green Schools programme); and also through the Sustainable Fingal Initiative and also the promotion of 2020 Green Enterprise: Innovation for a Circular Economy by the Environmental Protection Agency.

REDUCE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The Council has improved its energy efficiency by 34.5% to December 2020. MS teams has been provide to all staff to reduce the need to travel to meetings. EV charge points have been provided in staff carparks. The Council has Environmental Management Systems in place aimed at reducing waste and increasing recycling in offices and depots.



THEME 2: Quality and Climate Resilient Environment

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE

ENSURE OUR COAST, BEACHES AND WATERWAYS ARE MANAGED IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER

The Council manages a coastline of over 88km stretching from Sutton to Balbriggan, including three large protected estuaries and salt marsh habitats and 13 major beaches.

The Council's Development Plan 2017-2023, identifies Fingal Marina as an important aspect of the national economy and one with growth potential. Accordingly, the Council strives to protect and enhance this potential and is proactive in undertaking remedial works annually in order to maintain the safety of its harbour infrastructure at Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush and Loughshinny.

Fingal has 13 major beaches, 10 of which are designated bathing areas. In accordance with the Bathing Water Regulations 2008, the Council has prepared and adopted bathing water profiles for each of these 10 designated bathing areas. Each profile is beach specific, and identifies the various pressures exerted on each individual bathing water using a risk based methodology.

The Council has a number of control measures and management systems in place in order to reduce these risks. In order to safeguard and maximise the economic, tourism and recreational value of our marine environment, the Council recognises the requirement to develop Beach Management Plans so as to ensure that the required control measures in relation to beach management are carried out in a structured and planned manner.

THEME 3: Quality Business Environment

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: PROMOTE AND ENABLE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH

FOSTER COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE SKILLS IN THE COUNTY

The inaugural meeting of Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group to progress the implementation of the Strategy's recommendations was delayed due to CoVid-19 but will be progressed in 2021.

The Council continued to liaise with the Dublin Regional Skills Forum to share knowledge and information on emerging challenges for businesses in a post CoVid-19 environment, the re-orientation of action plans to deal with emerging challenges, adapt existing courses to online provision and restructuring of apprenticeships to meet employers requirements with new provision in Balbriggan as a result of collaboration through stakeholders in the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan Pillar Groups.

Existing courses provided by Empower under SICAP were reviewed and successfully pivoted to provide online offerings.

SUPPORT AND PROMOTE THE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF FINGAL

The Council launched Fingal In It Together to support the reopening of businesses as CoVid-19 restrictions eased. The initiative established an online business directory, leaflets promoting local businesses, the installation of parklets, a Shopfront & Main Street Residences Improvement Grant Scheme and the development of a social enterprise initiative shoplocal.irish which won the Chambers Ireland Award 2020 for Supporting Sustainable Communities.

Work was progressed on objectives under the Council's Climate Change Action Plan in respect of sustainable business measures.

SUPPORT THE PERFORMANCE, INNOVATION, COMPETITIVENESS, PRODUCTIVITY AND SUCCESS OF BUSINESS IN FINGAL

A cross-departmental working group was established within the Council to collaborate on initiatives to support the reopening of businesses and worked together on the installation of parklets across the County, online initiatives to promote physical and mental health & well-being, lighting up of public buildings, active travel, promotion of social distancing requirements on reopening, promotion of the Shop Local Concept and marketing of the safe reopening of businesses in Fingal.

The Council engaged with the business sector to support innovation in the circular economy and collaborated with the business, tourism and education sectors on economic recovery and resilience measures.

The Council supported innovation in social enterprise with the development of shoplocal.irish website to assist small businesses pivoting to provide online ordering and delivery/collection services during CoVid-19 which received national recognition by Chambers Ireland.

SUPPORT LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY PROMOTING FINGAL AS A LOCATION IN WHICH TO INVEST AND BY DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING SECTORAL POLICY INITIATIVES

The Council worked with the local business and tourism sectors to develop a range of initiatives to promote and market the local economy and Fingal as a place to invest and do business. A series of marketing videos were developed and circulated via the Council's social media platforms promoting local business which received strong engagement. Leaflets were compiled for towns and villages in Fingal promoting local businesses and an online business directory was developed as a marketing measure.

The Our Balbriggan Team worked with the URBACT Local Group to develop an action plan to promote the development of the local economy and an ecosystem to support entrepreneurs and also developed marketing videos showcasing businesses in Balbriggan.



THEME 3: Quality Business Environment

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: GROW AND ENABLE SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

STRENGTHEN THE PROPOSITION AND MARKETING OF TOURISM IN THE COUNTY

Collaboration with Fáilte Ireland on the promotion of Fingal as a tourist destination to the domestic market continued despite the impact that CoVid-19 had on Tourism. The Dublin Coastal Trail Destination Plan, Destination Towns Skerries and the Food Tourism project, Dublin's Coast and Fields, have all progressed during the year. Support to local tourism groups continued in 2020.

FACILITATE THE CREATION OF A FINGAL FOOD & DRINK TOURISM DESTINATION

The Dublin's Coast and Fields brand has been established. A Fingal Food Tourism Network steering group was established and a constitution for the Network developed and agreed as has an Action Plan for 2021.

PROMOTE HERITAGE LED TOURISM INITIATIVES AT FINGAL HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Marketing and promotion undertaken throughout 2020 was aimed at domestic market given the CoVid-19 restrictions. The Council continued to engage with our operators on delivery of tourism related experiences at our heritage properties. A Tourism & Hospitality Working Group was also established during the year.

OPTIMISE AND EXPAND VISITOR EXPERIENCES AT ALL FINGAL VISITOR ATTRACTIONS AND EVENTS

There was continued capital investment for maintenance and upgrading of our Heritage Property facilities during 2020 which saw the addition of a new attraction, Malahide Casino, to our portfolio. The Council engaged with our Operators and Café providers to optimise visitor experiences. Collaboration with Fáilte Ireland continued during 2020 on a number of projects including the Coastal Development Plan and marketing of Fingal.

The planned extensive Events Programme could not be undertaken due to CoVid-19, however they were replaced by virtual and online events, including the lighting up of historic buildings.

An initiative (Parklet Partners) that converted on-street parking spaces into public spaces, supporting local businesses and providing inviting spaces for residents and passers-by to dine was rolled out in 2020.

THEME 3: Quality Business Environment

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE

ACTIVATE LANDS BY DELIVERING INFRASTRUCTURE TO FACILITATE THE DELIVERY OF HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Continued advancement of the Castlelands Masterplan.

Kellystown Local Area Plan statutory consultation completed.

Project Talamh continuing to advance development of Council landbanks with view to providing high quality housing and urban neighbourhoods.

Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) supported projects to open lands for housing and communities continue to advance with the Rathbeale Road upgrade project completed in 2020, Donabate Distributor Road also opened and Hole in the Wall Road upgrade nearing completion.

DELIVER A SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR ALL CITIZENS

The 2021-2023 Capital Programme provides investment of €262.74m including €70.74m investment in strategic roads infrastructure and €146.69m in Greenways projects.

Donabate Distributor Road opened in March 2020. Rathbeale Road upgrade project completed and the road re-opened in March 2020. Design work on-going in Donabate Pedestrian Bridge over the Dublin – Belfast railway line and tender arrangements progressing. Works in the Hole in Wall Upgrade Road advancing to completion. Assessment of tenders for Snugborough Road interchange complete with view to work commencing in 2021. Kellystown Road project, Dublin 15 non-statutory public consultation held.

On-going advancement of the R132 Connectivity Project in conjunction with the National Transport Authority with the aim of supporting the on-going development of Swords Masterplans and other developments around the town. The project will also support the delivery of metro link. Non-Statutory public consultation and webinars held. Planning application to An Bord Pleanála expected in early 2021.

Ongoing advancement of the N2 Rath Roundabout to Kilmoon Cross scheme including public consultation in collaboration with Meath County Council.

Churchfields Links Road and Cycle Network Part VIII approved and advanced to tender stage. Portrane Road enhancement project Part VIII approved in December 2020. Part VIII approval granted for various footpath, road re-alignment schemes across Donabate and Portrane - Turvey Avenue footpath enhancement project, Hearse Road bad bend road re-alignment, Portrane R126 footpath enhancement with plans to commence work on all three projects advancing

DELIVER WORK PROGRAMMES THAT DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN STRATEGIC, PHYSICAL AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE COUNTY

New playgrounds opened at Quay Street and Band Stand Balbriggan. Malahide Village Green Project completed. Construction commenced in natural themed playground in Skerries Town Park.

Advancement of Rivervalley All Weather and Porterstown Recreational Hub tender and commencement of work arrangements. Preparation for Bremore Park Part VIII statutory consultation advanced with view to consultation commencing in Q1 2021.

Consultation with residents in Lanesborough with respect to the advancement of development of park and playground facilities on-going as proposals take shape.

Consultants engaged to support development of proposals for a village park in the Naul, garden incorporating public play space at Garristown Library similar work underway with respect to planned projects at Village Park Naul and a public playground at Howth seafront. Part VIII approval for Harry Reynolds Pedestrian and Cycle Route granted.

Draft Tree Strategy entitled "Forest of Fingal, A Tree Strategy for Fingal – Draft Document" launched and non-statutory consultation commenced.



THEME 4: Quality in Our Work

STRATEGIC PRIORITY

IMPROVE DEMOCRACY, GOVERNANCE, OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

PROVIDE THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF SERVICE TO OUR COUNCILLORS AND ALL ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

The meetings of the Council (County Council, Area Committee, Strategic Policy Committees, etc.) are serviced to a high standard allowing the Elected Members carry out their democratic and statutory functions. The Council and Area Committee meetings are webcast ensuring that members of the public can view the meetings in real-time and agendas and minutes of meetings available on the Council's website. Additionally, Councillors, TDs and Senators can make representations on behalf of their constituents through the Council's CRM system.

ENSURE GOOD GOVERNANCE, OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY WITHIN THE COUNCIL

The Chief Executive and her Management Team and staff engage in a positive and open manner with the Local Government Audit Service and the Audit Committee to ensure that best practice in corporate governance is adhered to throughout the year.

The Council is committed to complying with all legislative requirements with regard to FOI, GDPR, Protected Disclosures and public procurement, as well as providing information to the public on our website in a transparent and open manner.

ENSURE THAT THE DEMOCRATIC FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL ARE PERFORMED IN AN OPEN, INFORMED AND EFFECTIVE WAY

The Chief Executive and the Management Team continue to work closely with the Elected Members as well as County stakeholders e.g. businesses, community groups, etc.

Through the Strategic Policy Committees, the Elected Members continued to fulfil their policy making role with the Corporate Policy Group advising and assisting the Elected Council in the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy.

Meetings continued to be serviced and webcast to ensure the transparency of the democratic function.

INFORM CITIZENS THROUGH EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAMMES

The Council's Communications Strategy provides for an extensive programme of external communications in order to promote the Council's activities and increase awareness of the work that we do for our citizens. The Council is also committed to ensuring that our information is in plain English, is end user friendly and translated to different languages.

THEME 4: Quality in Our Work

STRATEGIC PRIORITY

DELIVER QUALITY SERVICES

DELIVER SERVICES IN THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MANNER

The Council continues to deliver a broad range of services to the public in an open and transparent manner with a concerted focus on ensuring that it is done in an efficient and effective way.

FOSTER A CULTURE OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IN ALL OUR ACTIVITIES

By implementing a culture of continuous improvement, the Council regularly looks at processes to see where and how improvements can be made and by measuring performance against metrics established at operational and strategic levels.

USE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES TO ENABLE AND TRANSFORM OUR WORKPLACE AND THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES

Digital Workplace Transformation Programme in place and continuing. This has been significantly accelerated to accommodate remote-working / working from home and Virtual Council meetings in the current public health crisis

APPLY THE PRINCIPLES OF GOOD DESIGN, DELIVERY, MANAGEMENT AND INFORMED DECISION MAKING TO ALL PROJECTS, PROGRAMMES AND DELIVERY OF SERVICES

The Council is committed to and is cognisant of the principles of good design, delivery, management and informed decision in order to provide an effective programme delivery of all projects, programmes and services.

PERFORM STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS IN A WAY THAT ENSURES FAIRNESS AND EFFICIENCY FOR BOTH THE COMMUNITY BEING PROTECTED AND THOSE BEING REGULATED

The Council is committed to complying with all statutory and legislative requirements in the delivery of its functions and carrying out these requirements in the most efficient and effective way.

DELIVER ON THE PUBLIC SECTOR DUTY UNDER THE IRISH HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITY ACT 2014

Within the Migrant and Social Cohesion Strategy, the Council is open to and celebrates cultural diversity in Fingal and has commenced training of all staff to assist them in dealing with migrant groups.



THEME 4: Quality in Our Work

STRATEGIC PRIORITY

STRENGTHEN ORGANISATIONAL AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

BUILD A WORKFORCE OF THE FUTURE BY RECRUITING, RETAINING AND DEVELOPING HIGH QUALITY AND MOTIVATED STAFF

Recruitment of qualified staff progressing and adapted to accommodate on-line processes.

Competency based Performance and Development Framework in place for all staff.
Extensive Training and Development Programmes.

Transfer mobility Programme in place.

PMDS process informs succession plans.

Remote working now an integral part of working environment.

PROTECT AND PROMOTE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING AMONGST OUR STAFF

Health Safety and Wellbeing Framework and Programmes in place.

CoVid-19 Impact Mitigation planned, adapted and monitored by qualified H&S Staff.

Safety Awareness Programmes, Inspections & Safety Audits continued at worksites.

Pro-active attendance management process in place.

In-house provision of Staff Welfare Services

Diversity and Equality Programmes in place

DEVELOP CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY OF THE ORGANISATION

PMDS process ongoing annually.

Competency Framework an integral part of the recruitment procedures and Training and Development Programme.

Extensive Training and Development Opportunities offered and completed.

MANAGE THE ORGANISATION EFFECTIVELY

The effective management of the Council is ensured through the Management Team structure, led by the Chief Executive, supported by Departmental and team meetings and underpinned by the PMDS process.

Reports on Strategic Policy Committees & Joint Policy Committee



Strategic Policy Committee

PROGRAMME REPORT 2020



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE, CULTURE & CREATIVITY

Chairperson: Aaron O'Rourke (from March 2020)
 Council Members: Cllr Paul Donnelly (Chairperson until February 2020), Cllr Freddie Cooper, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Gráinne Maguire, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh.
 External Members: Liz Madden, Hiwa Wahab, Abi Wise

Meeting Date 2020	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
MARCH 28	MEETING POSTPONED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS	
JUNE 24	AREAS COVERED BY THIS SPC	Presentation Given
	DRAFT SPC WORKPLAN	Workplan Noted & Agreed
SEPTEMBER 28	REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 24/06/20	The report was noted.
	DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2021 -2025	Draft will be presented to the Council in October 2020 followed by 6-week public consultation before approval by the Elected Members in December 2020
	SWORDS CULTURAL QUARTER UPDATE	The report was noted.
	PRESENTATION ON SOCIAL INCLUSION WEEK	Presentation Given
	MUSIC GENERATION UPDATE	The report was noted.
	WORKPLAN REPORTS	The report was noted.
	NAMING & COMMEMORATIVE MEMORIAL POLICY	Recommendation Agreed
	IRISH PHRASES IN THE COUNCIL	Corporate have agreed to issue a list of phrases to all the Councillors
DECEMBER 15	REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 28/09/20	The report was noted.
	SPORTS DEVELOPMENT OFFICE	Presentation Given
	HERITAGE OFFICE	Presentation Given
	IRISH LANGUAGE SECTION	Presentation Given
	CREATIVE IRELAND FINGAL PROGRAMME	Presentation Given
	FINGAL ARTS OFFICE	Presentation Given
	LIBRARIES DIVISION	Presentation Given
	DRAFT 2021 WORKPLAN	To be circulated in Jan 21
	FINGAL COMHAIRLE NA NOG	Presentation Given
	CAPITAL GRANTS FUND	Motion passed and noted.

Strategic Policy Committee

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TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

Chairperson: Cllr Ted Leddy
 Council Members: Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Adrian Henchy, Cllr Cathal Boland, Cllr Joan Hopkins (co-opted for Cian O'Callaghan in March 2020), Cllr Karen Power.
 External Members: Doreen Keaney, Sinead Kavanagh, Raymond Ryan

Meeting Date 2020	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
MARCH 3	PARKING BYE-LAWS	Following discussion, the report was noted
	DOG WALKING BYE-LAWS	Following discussion, the report was noted
	CYCLING AND WALKING OFFICER FINGAL	Following discussion, the report was noted
	PRESENTATION BY IRISH RAIL ON THE DART EXPANSION OF THE MAYNOOTH LINE PROJECT	A discussion with questions and answers followed the presentation
	PRESENTATION BY NTA ON THE BUSCONNECTS CORE BUS CORRIDORS	A discussion with questions and answers followed the presentation
JUNE 9	FINGAL COASTAL WAY QUARTERLY REPORT	The report was noted.
	WALK BIKE FINGAL	The report was noted.
	SPEED LIMIT REPORT	The report was noted.
	REPORT ON BLEEPER BIKES	The report was noted.
SEPTEMBER 8	PROGRESS IN CONSTRUCTING THE FINGAL COASTAL WAY, AND ADDITIONAL CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE	The report was noted.
	DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2021-2025	The report was noted.
	CYCLE STIMULUS PACKAGE	The report was noted.
	MEETING WITH THE FINGAL DOG GROUP	The report was noted.
	REPORT ON ACCESS ISSUES FOR DART STATIONS, SPECIFICALLY BAYSIDE/CLONGRIFFIN/PORTMARNOCK	The report was noted.
	APPOINTMENT OF A CYCLING AND WALKING OFFICER	The report was noted.
	CASUAL TRADING	The report was noted.
NOVEMBER 23	CAR SHARING PARTNERSHIP	The report was noted.
	CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE SPENDING	The report was noted.
	BIKE GUTTERS FOR PUBLIC STAIRWAYS	The report was noted.
	PARK AND RIDE FACILITIES	The report was noted.



Strategic Policy Committee

PROGRAMME REPORT 2020



CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY & ENVIRONMENT

Chairperson: Cllr David Healy (from March 2020)

Council Members: Cllr Roderic O’Gorman (Chairperson until February 2020), Cllr Mary McCamley, Cllr Aoibhinn Tormey, Cllr Ian Carey, Cllr Joe Newman, Cllr Paul Mulville.

External Members: Seamus McGrath, Edward Stevenson, Sean Barry

Meeting Date 2020	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
MARCH 24	MEETING POSTPONED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS	
JUNE 23	CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE	Presentation Given
	OVERVIEW OF CARO SUPPORTS/SERVICES	Presentation Given
	BIODIVERSITY PLAN	Presentation Given
JULY 30	BIODIVERSITY PLAN	Presentation Given
SEPTEMBER 23	FOREST OF FINGAL TREE STRATEGY	Presentation Given
	DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME	Presentation Given
	JAPANESE KNOTWEED	The report was noted.
	FUNDING STATUS	The report was noted.
	IMPLEMENTATION OF CLIMATE ACTION PLAN	The report was noted.
	PLANNING GUIDELINES FOR DATA CENTRES	The report was noted.
NOVEMBER 4 SPECIAL MEETING	ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUES	Submissions to Follow
DECEMBER 9	CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN – ONE YEAR PROGRESS REPORT	Presentation given and the report was noted.
	CLIMATE ACTION PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS/INITIATIVES	Agreed
	DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT COSTAL PROTECTION PLAN FOR PORTRANE	Agreed for recommendation
	DOG SHELTERS AND WARDENS	Agreed for recommendation
	DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENT, BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE SPC IN RELATION TO DOG SHELTER AND WARDENS	

Strategic Policy Committee

PROGRAMME REPORT 2020



HOUSING

Chairperson: Cllr Robert O’Donoghue (from March 2020)

Council Members: Councillors Duncan Smith (Chairperson until February 2020), Cllr Brigid Manton, Cllr James Humphreys, Cllr Natalie Tracey, Cllr Daniel Whooley, Cllr John Burtchaell, Cllr Kieran Dennison, Cllr Eoghan O’Brien

External Members: Adeline O’Brien, Finbarr Geaney, Michela Benassi, Dayakar Redy Komirelly

Meeting Date 2020	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
MARCH 23	MEETING POSTPONED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS	
JUNE 22	HOUSING SPC POLICY PROGRAMME 2020	Report presented on rebuilding Ireland, Affordable Housing and differential rent scheme
	HOUSING SPC DELIVERY UPDATE	Presentation made on delivery statistics to date and planned developments.
SEPTEMBER 22	REPORT OF MEETING OF THE HOUSING SPC HELD ON 22ND JUNE 2020.	
	HOUSING SPC DELIVERY UPDATE	Presentation made on delivery statistics to date and planned developments
	HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT	Presentation on the Housing Needs Assessment currently taking place
	REPORT ON UNDER-UTILISED HOUSING STOCK	Presentation regarding statistics on underutilised stock and next steps
DECEMBER 1	REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING SPC HELD ON 22ND SEPTEMBER 2020	Action Plan discussed and observations required back through SPC within two weeks.
	HOUSING SPC DELIVERY UPDATE	Presentation on Housing delivery to date and planned projects and progress made
	TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME UPDATE	Presentation on the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024
	HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT	Presentation on the Housing Needs Assessment and update on progress made
	COUNCILLOR J. BURTCHAELL - TURNKEY VS DIRECT BUILD COSTS	Motion to clarify the costs of turnkey acquisitions compared to new builds



Strategic Policy Committee

PROGRAMME REPORT 2020



ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson: Cllr Tony Murphy

Council Members: Cllr. Darragh Butler, Cllr. Pamela Conroy, Cllr. Tom O'Leary, Cllr. Anthony Lavin, Cllr. Cllr. Siobhan Shovlin (from Sept 2020), Cllr. Howard Mahony, Cllr. Breda Hanaphy.

External Members: Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, David Normoyle, Kesava Gollapalli.

Meeting Date 2020	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
MARCH 19	MEETING POSTPONED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS	
JUNE 10	LEO SUPPORTS	A presentation was made on the LEO supports
	RE-START GRANT SCHEME	A presentation was made on the Re-Start Grant Scheme
	TOURISM & HOSPITALITY SUPPORT	A presentation was made on Tourism & Hospitality Support
	RURAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES	A presentation was made on Rural Development Initiatives
SEPTEMBER 9	DRAFT S48 DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2021 - 2025	Presentation on the Draft S48 Development Contribution Scheme 2021 - 2025
	DUBLIN BELFAST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR BRIEFING	Briefing given by Ulster University.
	PROPOSAL FROM CLLR. BUTLER RE EXPLORING TOURISM BENEFIT OF A WARD RIVER HERITAGE TRAIL	Motion was agreed
	INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSE CITIZENS IN THE LABOUR MARKET	Motion was agreed
	PRESENTATION BY TOURISM SECTION	New YouTube advert campaign promoting tourism in Fingal
NOVEMBER 25	FINGAL IN IT TOGETHER CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN	Presentation on the various aspects of the Fingal In It Together Christmas Campaign
	DUBLIN COASTAL TRAIL DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN	Presentation outlining the objectives, key findings and key recommendations.
	SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS - "A GUIDE TO SUSTAINABLE SWORDS"	Presentation outlining the Council's objectives and approach on sustainable business.

Strategic Policy Committee

PROGRAMME REPORT 2020



PLANNING, STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

Chairperson: Cllr Brian Dennehy

Council Members: Cllr Brian Mc Donagh, Cllr Tania Doyle, Cllr Dean Mulligan, Cllr Punam Rane, Cllr Tom Kitt

External Members: Greg Farrell and Kieran O'Neill

Meeting Date 2020	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
MARCH 11	STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE - DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2020	A Draft SPC Works programme for 2020 was presented at the March Meeting and the Programme for 2020 was agreed.
	MAJOR STUDIES/LAPs 2020	A verbal update on LAP's was given at the Meeting. Following discussion this was noted.
	FINGAL GREENWAY/CYCLEWAYS	A presentation and an update on Fingal Greenways was given at the March Meeting. This was noted.
	COASTAL EROSION	A presentation was given on Coastal Erosion in Fingal. This was noted.
	METRO LINK	An updated report on the Metrolink Project being advanced by TII and NTA was noted.
	ROUNDBOUT BLANCHARDSTOWN SHOPPING CENTRE	A report was given on this motion and following discussion the report was noted.
	LESOTHO PLANNING SUPPORT INITIATIVE	A report was given on this motion and following discussion the report was noted and motion was agreed.
	FREQUENCY OF BUSES BETWEEN TYRRELLSTOWN & CITY CENTRE	A report was given on this motion and following discussion the report was noted and the motion was agreed.
JUNE 16	REVISED TAKING-IN-CHARGE POLICY	A presentation was given at the meeting on Revised Taking in Charge Policy and was noted.
	MAJOR STUDIES AND LAPs	A verbal update was given at the Meeting and noted.
	FINGAL GREENWAYS/CYCLEWAYS	A presentation and an update on Fingal Greenways was given at the June Meeting. This was noted.
	FOREST OF FINGAL - REVISION OF THE FINGAL TREE STRATEGY	A presentation was given and following discussion the presentation was noted.



Strategic Policy Committee

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PLANNING, STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE CONTINUED

Meeting Date 2020	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
SEPTEMBER 15	DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2021-2025	A presentation on the Draft Development Contribution Scheme was given and following questions the presentation was noted.
	VACANT SITE REGISTER	A presentation on the Vacant Site Register was brought to the September Meeting. The presentation was noted.
	MAJOR STUDIES/LAPs	A verbal update on LAPs was given at the Meeting, following a discussion took place. This was noted.
	FINGAL GREENWAYS/CYCLEWAYS	A report was presented to the members at the September meeting on Fingal Greenways/Cycleways including Broadmeadow Way, Sutton to Malahide Greenway, Fingal Coastal Way Donabate to Balbriggan, Rush to Lusk Cycleway, Royal Canal and Harry Reynolds Road, Balbriggan.
	REVIEW OF ELECTION POSTERS IN PUBLIC SPACES.	A report was presented on this motion. Following discussion, the report was noted and Cllr Doyle is going to bring this topic to the Full Council for consideration to be given to establishing a "Poster Protocol" in the County.
NOVEMBER 30	CHANGING TRENDS IN TRANSPORT & URBAN DEVELOPMENT	A presentation by Dr Sarah Rock, School of Transport Engineering, Environment & Planning TU, Dublin was given at the November meeting. This was noted.
	DEVELOPMENT PLAN	A verbal update was given on the current Dev Plan and the timelines for the 2023-2029 County Development Plan.
	MAJOR STUDIES/LAPs	A verbal update on LAPs was given at the meeting. Following a discussion took place and the update was noted.
	FINGAL GREENWAYS/CYCLEWAYS	A report was presented to the members at the November Meeting on Fingal Greenways including Broadmeadow Way, Sutton - Malahide Greenway, Fingal Coastal Way- Donabate to Balbriggan, Rush to Lusk Cycleway, Royal Canal and Harry Reynolds Road. Following a discussion, the report was noted.
	CYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE FROM CLONSILLA STATION	A report was presented on this motion. Following discussion, the CE Report was noted.

Joint Policing Committee

MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

The Fingal Joint Policing Committee is established under the Garda Síochána Act 2005, and its function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area, and in particular to keep under review:

- The levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in that area (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs), and
- The factors underlying and contributing to the levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area.
- This is managed through the Annual Work Programme of the Joint Policing Committee which sets out four strategic areas for collaboration between Fingal County Council and An Garda Síochána.

- In 2020, the Fingal Joint Policing Committee met on
- March 6 at the Civic Offices, Grove Road Blanchardstown
 - July 31 via Microsoft Teams
 - October 30 via Microsoft Teams

A series of four public meetings due to be held during the month of April 2020 were cancelled due to CoVid-19.

MEMBERSHIP

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

Cllr. Roderic O'Gorman (Chair)* Cllr. Grainne Maguire, Cllr. Freddie Cooper, Cllr. John Walsh, Cllr. Adrian Henchy, Cllr. Daniel Whooley, Cllr. Anthony Lavin, Cllr. Tony Murphy, Cllr. Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr. Emer Currie, Cllr. Ian Carey, Cllr. Ann Graves, Cllr. Tania Doyle, Cllr. Duncan Smith*, Cllr. Dean Mulligan

*Following the General Election in February 2020, Cllrs. Roderic O'Gorman and Duncan Smith were replaced by Cllr. James Humphreys and Cllr. Pamela Conroy.

At its meeting of 6th March 2020, the JPC elected Cllr. Adrian Henchy to the Chair.

In December 2020, Cllr. Ted Leddy replaced Cllr. Emer Currie on the Committee following her nomination to Seanad Éireann.

OIREACTHAS MEMBERS

Alan Farrell TD, Louise O'Reilly TD, Senator Lorraine Clifford-Lee

PPN (COMMUNITY) REPRESENTATIVES

Jossy Akwuobi, Myles Caulfield, Ray Smyth, Aisling Kelly, Pat Doyle, Tom O'Brien

AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA

Chief Superintendent Mark Curran (DMR-N) and Chief Superintendent Finbar Murphy (DMR-W)

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive and Liam Burke, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department



Financial Position

REVENUE ACCOUNT STATEMENT for year ended 31st December 2020

* THESE ARE DRAFT FIGURES AND THE ANNUAL REPORT WILL BE ADOPTED PENDING THEIR FINAL APPROVAL

	DRAFT 2020	2019
	€	€
EXPENDITURE		
Housing & Building	59,911,347	52,385,570
Roads Transportation & Safety	26,793,608	27,662,676
Water & Sewerage	15,579,868	14,987,965
Development Incentives & Controls	50,950,623	19,112,314
Environmental Protection	40,768,857	39,529,196
Recreation & Amenity	39,267,114	39,350,799
Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	895,997	795,563
Miscellaneous	89,305,628	9,313,281
Total Gross Expenditure	323,473,042	203,137,364
INCOME		
Housing & Building	65,562,862	57,817,752
Roads Transportation & Safety	8,117,621	8,765,770
Water & Sewerage	17,203,842	17,146,987
Development Incentives & Controls	37,338,511	5,237,676
Environmental Protection	7,733,164	6,438,149
Recreation & Amenity	3,072,387	3,319,275
Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	264,065	263,714
Miscellaneous	92,828,907	12,672,382
Total Income	232,121,359	111,661,705
Net Expenditure	91,351,683	91,475,659
Which is funded by		
County Rates	148,736,900	128,1277,804
Local Property Tax	7,528,476	7,524,670
Pension Related Deduction	0	0
TOTAL	156,265,376	135,702,474
Surplus (Deficit) for Year Before Transfers	64,913,693	44,226,815
Transfers from (to) Reserves	(64,913,368)	(44,225,894)
	325	921
Incoming Balance @ 1st January	15,979,354	15,978,443
Closing Balance @ 31st December	15,979,679	15,979,354

Financial Position

CAPITAL ACCOUNT STATEMENT for year ended 31st December 2020

* THESE ARE DRAFT FIGURES AND THE ANNUAL REPORT WILL BE ADOPTED PENDING THEIR FINAL APPROVAL

	DRAFT 2020	2019
	€	€
EXPENDITURE (Net of Internal Transfers)*		
Housing & Building	93,648,084	149,166,953
Roads Transportation & Safety	23,025,407	26,337,998
Water & Sewerage	2,148,087	1,158,002
Development Incentives & Controls	25,249,001	23,797,647
Environmental Protection	5,306,730	2,289,247
Recreation & Amenity	7,632,320	10,057,058
Miscellaneous	2,879,862	13,046,756
	159,889,491	225,853,661
INCOME (Net of Internal Transfers)*		
Housing & Building	89,983,152	149,966,669
Roads Transportation & Safety	13,188,885	14,485,902
Water & Sewerage	1,191,025	4,352,193
Development Incentives & Controls	49,739,940	56,608,766
Environmental Protection	6,975,350	2,939,851
Recreation & Amenity	7,435,418	4,515,736
Miscellaneous	32,099,910	13,619,571
	200,613,680	243,518,688
Surplus (Deficit) for year	40,724,189	17,665,027
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 1st January	195,745,810	178,080,783
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 31st December	236,469,999	195,745,810

Excludes internal transfers, includes transfers to and from Revenue account



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ARCHITECTS

Objective

Assessment

TO PROVIDE A QUALITY PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CLIENT DEPARTMENTS AND COUNCIL INITIATIVES.

Architectural services and advice have been delivered to various Council Departments across a range of project types. The diverse services offered ranged from feasibility studies, site assessments, statutory consent processes, tender and contract administration, procurement, cost planning and control, urban and interior design and administration of conservation grants to protect the built heritage.

The services were provided in relation to various project types including newbuilds, extensions, refurbishment, conservation and maintenance services. The services covered many building types - housing, public buildings, offices, historic buildings and design of the public realm.

ASSIST WITH BUILT HERITAGE PROTECTION ISSUES INCLUDING MANAGING THE ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION OFFICE AND THE ASSESSMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF GRANT SUPPORTS AND COUNCIL INITIATIVES.

The Conservation Office has delivered a work programme comprising of the administration of the Built Heritage Investment Scheme, the Historic Structures Fund and the Stitch in Time Grant, planning reports as an internal consultee for the Planning Department, participation in pre-planning meetings, work related to the architectural heritage of the County for the Development Plan Review, input to the Council's Monuments/Structures at Risk Programme, input into Climate Change initiatives as related to the historic built environment, responses to Elected Members queries and correspondence from the public and others.

TO ENGAGE WITH RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN RELATION TO BUDGET APPROVALS, ADMINISTRATION OF GRANT SCHEMES AND POLICY ON THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT AS IT RELATES TO THE COUNCIL

The Architects Department has engaged with relevant Government Departments via our client Council Departments for all funded capital projects and grant schemes.

TO ENSURE THAT BUILDING PROJECTS COMMISSIONED BY THE COUNCIL MEET STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS IN RELATION TO PLANNING, HEALTH AND SAFETY, BUILDING CONTROL AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND HERITAGE PROTECTION.

All statutory requirements have been met regarding planning, health and safety, Building Control and Environmental and Heritage Protection. In addition, an effective suite of controls is in place to ensure ongoing compliance.

TO MANAGE AND IMPLEMENT EFFICIENT CYCLICAL AND PLANNED MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR EXISTING FINGAL HOUSING STOCK AND TO EFFICIENTLY MANAGE RE-LET REPAIRS OF EXISTING AND NEWLY ACQUIRED STOCK INCLUDING IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN.

Cyclical planned and response maintenance programmes were carried out for the Council's housing stock throughout the year including boiler and window and door replacement programmes. Relet repairs were carried out on properties throughout the County. Process improvements were applied to all programmes.

TO MANAGE CONSTRUCTION BUDGETS AND PROCESS CONTRACTOR CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT EFFICIENTLY AND FAIRLY

Budgets were managed for capital and maintenance projects for client Department. Requirements of the CWMF and the OGP were applied to cost control activities. There was close engagement with the CPU.

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AIRCRAFT NOISE COMPETENT AUTHORITY

Objective

ENSURE THE NOISE GENERATED BY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY AT DUBLIN AIRPORT IS ASSESSED AND PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE ICAO BALANCED APPROACH WHERE A NOISE PROBLEM IS IDENTIFIED

The Competent Authority published an overview report on aircraft noise mitigation during August. The report presents examples of mitigation measures which can be used by the Aviation Industry to help reduce and manage aircraft noise. These measures are presented under the various pillars of the ICAO Balanced Approach. The review also outlines the range of active and passive noise mitigating measures in place at Dublin Airport and the systems employed by the Airport Authority in the management of noise. The report can be downloaded from the ANCA website.

Assessment

ENSURE THAT THE AIRCRAFT NOISE IMPLICATIONS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AT DUBLIN AIRPORT ARE ASSESSED

All planning applications at Dublin Airport are referred to the ANCA by the Planning Department for assessment. In assessing a planning application, ANCA must determine whether the proposals have the potential to cause a noise problem. The assessment role includes an examination of planning applications by the ANCA to ascertain whether they could have aircraft noise implications which require mitigation. In 2020, 14 planning applications were referred to ANCA for assessment. ANCA also attends pre-planning consultations between the Planning Department and applicants for planning applications at Dublin Airport. This is to ensure that proposed developments that have potential aircraft noise implications can have appropriate mitigation incorporated into the design at the earliest possible stage. In 2020, ANCA attended 10 pre-planning consultations.

MONITOR COMPLIANCE WITH NOISE MITIGATION MEASURES AND OPERATING RESTRICTIONS

REVIEW OF HOME INSULATION SCHEMES

In July, the Competent Authority carried out a review of the schedule of properties identified by the Airport Authority as eligible for home insulation. Eligibility is currently determined by the area encompassed within defined noise contours. There are two home insulation schemes currently in place – one for homes most affected by current airport aircraft operations (Home Sound Insulation Programme) and one scheme associated with the grant of planning permission for the new North Runway (Residential Noise Insulation Scheme). The grant of planning permission for the North Runway provides for regular review of the noise contours to ensure that forecasted noise contours are validated against actual noise when the new runway becomes operational.

PUBLICATIONS

ANCA also reviewed and published the Airport Authority's Noise Mitigation Annual Compliance Report on the ANCA website together with supplementary information requested. ANCA is committed to ensuring all available information relating to aircraft noise is made available to the community and is working with the Airport Authority to implement a community engagement tool that will present relevant live and historical noise information with other associated data.



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CORPORATE AFFAIRS & GOVERNANCE

Objective

TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE DELIVERY AND TRANSPARENCY OF DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES WITHIN THE COUNCIL.

The Chief Executive and her team continued to work closely with the Elected Members as well as County stakeholders e.g. businesses, community groups, etc.

Assessment

Through the Strategic Policy Committees, the Elected Members continued to fulfil their governance and oversight role.

Meetings continued to be serviced and webcast to ensure the transparency of the democratic function.

TO ENSURE THE PROVISION OF GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE ACROSS THE ORGANISATION

The Customer Care Unit consists of trained agents to ensure that all queries are resolved at the first point of contact for the customer. During CoVid9, it was vital that the Council remained open for business to the public and our Agents dealt with:

- 125,993 phone calls
- 12,857 emails
- 21,747 in-person queries.

The Agents also played a key role in the Community Call Forum, taking calls from vulnerable citizens to ensure that they were assisted and supported.

TO UPHOLD THE CITIZEN CHARTER AND GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE

In accordance with the Council's Citizen's Charter, all complaints received were processed and responded to in a timely manner during 2020.

TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND THE PROMOTION OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

In accordance with the Council's Communications Strategy, an extensive programme of internal and external communications was enacted to promote the Council's activities and increase awareness of the work that we do for our citizens.

TO PROMOTE THE USE OF THE IRISH LANGUAGE THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IRISH LANGUAGE SCHEME

The Third Irish Language Scheme 2018-21 continued to be implemented across the Council.

TO ENSURE ALL CORPORATE BUILDINGS ARE IMPROVED, MAINTAINED AND PROTECTED TO THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STANDARD

The Buildings Facilities Team during 2020 ensured that all Corporate Buildings were maintained and protected to the highest standard during a very challenging pandemic year.

The staff also played a key role in maintaining the Council's commitment to Energy Efficiency and continual improvement through the management of the Council's Energy Management System ISO 50001:2018

Working closely with our CPU and Codema "The Dublin Energy Agency" the Council has progressed Energy Performance Contracts (EPCs) through Dialogue Stage to Invitation to Tender for both our Civic Offices.



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CORPORATE AFFAIRS & GOVERNANCE

Objective

Assessment

TO PROMOTE BEST PRACTICE IN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

There was positive engagement with Executive Management and staff, the Local Government Audit Service and the Audit Committee to ensure that best practice in Corporate Governance was adhered to throughout the year.

TO ACHIEVE BEST PRACTICE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IN PROCUREMENT

The Central Procurement Unit (CPU) conducted procurement processes identified in the Annual Procurement Plan during 2020. CPU also carried out monitoring and reporting on procurement compliance and performance across the organisation to the Executive Management Team. Spend analysis and identification of strategic procurement opportunities was also undertaken. CPU arranged relevant training courses for Council staff and provided guidance as necessary to service Departments.

TO ENSURE THAT DATA AND INFORMATION HELD BY THE COUNCIL IS PROTECTED AND ACCESSIBLE

The Information and Data Management Unit ensured over 300 responses to requests for records and personal data were processed in compliance with all relevant legislation and that staff received appropriate training online.

TO PROMOTE GOOD GOVERNANCE THROUGH EFFECTIVE INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTIONS

The Council's Risk Register was reviewed and recommendations from audit reports were progressed and monitored. Meetings, both online and in person, were held with the Audit Committee.

TO PROVIDE MAJOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Major Emergency Management Unit supports the Council in its obligations to prepare and respond to a crisis in coordination with the other Principal Response Agency; An Garda Síochána and the Health Service Executive, in regard to all aspects of emergency management.

Throughout the CoVid-19 pandemic, the Crisis Management Team met at each juncture to adapt and co-ordinate essential services and to ensure that the Council's activities were in line with the latest national guidelines and restrictions. Each Department also adapted and updated their business continuity plans in response to this health emergency.

At the beginning of 2020 the Chief Executive took up the Chair of the Major Emergency Eastern Region Steering Group for a two-year period. The Group, with representatives from the HSE, the Gardaí, Local Authorities, fire services and Defence Forces held over 40 remote meetings throughout the year to co-ordinate a strategic inter-agency response to the public health emergency, to co-ordinate services regionally and to support the HSE.



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ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Objective

Assessment

FOSTER A STRONG LOCAL ECONOMY AND PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS

Fingal In It Together supported the reopening of businesses with an online business directory, leaflets promoting local businesses, the installation of parklets, a Shopfront & Main Street Residences Improvement Grant Scheme and the development of a social enterprise initiative shoplocal.irish which won the Chambers Ireland Award 2020 for Supporting Sustainable Communities.

CHANNEL A RANGE OF SUPPORTS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES IN FINGAL.

Work was progressed on objectives under the Council's Climate Change Action Plan in respect of sustainable business.

The Council's three enterprise centres continued to support start-up and growing businesses through the provision of enterprise space and related supports.

Restart Grants totaling €30.09m were paid to 2,142 businesses in the Fingal area which gave direct grant aid to micro and small businesses to help them with the costs associated with either staying open or reopening and re-employing workers following CoVid-19 closures.

LEO Fingal is continuing to implement the actions from the Local Enterprise Development Plan (2017 - 2020). These actions provide businesses in Fingal with the support and skills to scale and increase employment throughout the County. 2020 was an exceptional year owing to CoVid-19 and in addition the necessity to focus on preparing businesses for Brexit.

- A total of €3,945,215 in financial aid was approved to 1,340 Fingal Businesses for various grant aids, Trading Online Vouchers and CoVid-19 Funding Initiatives
- Training/Networking/Events/Seminars were delivered to 5,577 clients.
- Enterprise Week ran throughout the County (pre- CoVid-19) with over 1,200 businesses participating.
- Business clinics and mentoring assignments were delivered to 1,211 clients.
- 755 Trading Online Vouchers approved.
- Start Your Own Business courses were delivered to 329 prospective entrepreneurs.

IMPLEMENT AND MANAGE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES INCLUDING (SICAP) AND LEADER

As a result of CoVid-19, the LCDC supported and endorsed a new SICAP Response Plan, implemented by EMPOWER to deal with emerging challenges in the community. The Fingal SICAP Programme performed strongly with Pobal and the Department of Rural and Community Development recognising and highlighting its role in the Fingal Community Call.

The LEADER Programme is overseen by the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) which comprises representation from South Dublin, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and Fingal LCDC's. During 2020 the LEADER Programme's entire projects budget of €4.77 million was approved supporting 86 projects in total, 63 of which are in Fingal.



Reports on Service Delivery ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Objective

IMPLEMENT THE ACTIONS OF THE FINGAL STATEMENT OF TOURISM STRATEGY 2017 – 2022. PROMOTE, FUND AND ORGANISE SUSTAINABLE FESTIVALS AND EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. DEVELOP, ENHANCE AND PRESERVE FINGAL'S HERITAGE PROPERTIES. SUPPORT TOURISM RELATED ACTIONS IN THE FINGAL AGRI FOOD STRATEGY.

Assessment

Implementation of the Strategy continued during 2020. While CoVid-19 restricted any live events from occurring in 2020 the Council engaged in online and virtual events some having a domestic and international reach such as Celtic Tenors and Kodaline.

Many historic buildings throughout the County were lit up with images for Halloween, Christmas themes and with messages of hope.

The "Parklet Partners" initiative that converted on-street parking spaces into public spaces, supporting local businesses and providing inviting spaces for residents and passers-by to dine was rolled out.

A Tourism and Hospitality Working Group was established during the year.

Collaboration with Fáilte Ireland on promotion of Fingal as a tourist destination to the domestic market continued despite the impact that CoVid-19 had on tourism. The Dublin Coastal Trail Destination Plan, Destination Towns Skerries and the Food Tourism Project Dublin's Coast and Fields have all progressed. Support to local tourism groups in Howth, Skerries, Balbriggan, Malahide, Donabate/Portrane and the rural villages continued.

Significant investment across our Heritage Properties portfolio continued:

- Howth Courthouse - refurbishment completed housing the Tourist Office
- Swords Castle - improvement works to the perimeter
- Shackleton's Mills - contract awarded for Conservation Plan.

FOSTER COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP AMONG STAKEHOLDERS IN LOCAL COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Community Call Forum, including the LCDC and its stakeholders, was central to the co-ordination of a number of initiatives during CoVid-19 including the delivery of food and essential supplies to vulnerable citizens and online initiatives to support physical and mental well-being. The Healthy Ireland Programme provided funding and supports through the Keepwell Campaign, the Community Resilience Fund and Community Mental Health funds.

Additional funding under the Community Enhancement Programme and the Town & Villages Renewal Scheme supported local community and local economic development by providing stimulus funding to local areas for small and large capital projects.

The production of the 'Fit and Fun in Fingal' bilingual magazine was delivered to every household during the summer. In addition, over 90,000 colouring books were designed and delivered to households throughout the County.



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IMPLEMENT OUR BALBRIGGAN 2019 – 2025 REJUVENATION PLAN

The 4 Pillar work streams reviewed emerging challenges and opportunities and re-oriented actions as a result of CoVid-19.

The one-year anniversary of the Plan's launch was marked and the majority of the "20 things in the first 12 months" projects were completed with a small number interrupted due to CoVid-19.

Project Managers were appointed to manage the public realm improvement projects. Significant strategic property acquisitions were completed and procurement commenced for integrated design teams for 2/4 Dublin Street, Quay Street and the Harbour.

Smart Balbriggan was launched focusing on solving local challenges using smart technology.

Balbriggan's URBACT iPlace Project continued work on an Integrated Action Plan to strengthen entrepreneurial activity and develop new local economic development opportunities.

IMPLEMENT THE FINGAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2019-2025

The implementation of the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025 continued with our Public Arts Programme 'Infrastructure' and our grants, commissions and bursaries schemes, including supporting the Swords Cultural Quarter and the "Our Balbriggan" Rejuvenation Project.

IMPLEMENT THE EIGHT YEAR FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT WITH THE ARTS COUNCIL

The actions of the Agreement continued. The two areas of agreement are:

- Research & Development - on new public cultural facility and theatre model for the SCQ
- Building Capacity - research on how the Council can best meet its public service ambitions in arts and culture, in the areas of public arts practice and youth & education.

TO COORDINATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CREATIVE IRELAND PROGRAMME IN FINGAL

While 2020 proved challenging in terms of delivery of outdoor events the Council responded quickly to the restrictions imposed as a result of CoVid-19 and with funding of €355k, supported 11 external projects and 9 larger scale internal projects including the Commemoration of the Sack of Balbriggan, Music Concerts in Fingal Nursing Homes, STEAM schools projects, the Celebration of Women in Tapestry as well as host of virtual online programmes for families for Cruinniú na -Óg.

TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENTAL AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT TO VOLUNTARY FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL FACILITY COMMITTEES

Support was given to 32 Community Centres throughout the year, ensuring that Council facilities are run and managed to a high standard, are working towards sustainability and are accessible to the whole community.

CONTINUE TO MANAGE THAT UP KEEP AND RENOVATION OF OLD FACILITIES

The Community Development Office continued to work through the conditioning surveys for older community facilities with the support of the Architects Department. A new Remedial Works Grant for non-council owned facilities was launched to support capital renovation costs.



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SUPPORTS TO COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY PROGRAMMES OF ACTIVITIES

Funding was provided to Summer Projects, Activity Funding and Special Funding Schemes such as Digital Poverty and Covid Emergency funding. Support was also given to CoVid-19 Community Response Volunteer Groups in their set up and delivery of supports as partners in the Community Call.

FINGAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK

Re-registration of members took place with details of 438 groups updated on the database. Four rounds of Linkage groups took place along with a programme of training events for volunteer groups

FINGAL MIGRANT INTEGRATION AND SOCIAL COHESION POLICY

The Migrant Integration Forum was developed. Work was undertaken to facilitate the Forum's development in the interest of promoting integration and inter-culturalism.

FINGAL COMHAIRLE NA N-ÓG

The AGM was held in November 2020 and was attended by young people from primary, secondary and youth organisations across the County of Fingal. FCNN was the first Comhairle to hold their AGM online in the country. The themes in 2020 were climate change and peer pressure.

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF AGE FRIENDLY FINGAL ALLIANCE, CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF AGE FRIENDLY IRELAND

2020 initiatives included provision of information to facilitate people remaining at home via SmartCare technologies and addressing needs at local and national level to ensure accessibility to health, education and information for all. CoVid-19 support was provided through online training, booklets, acorn tablets and music in nursing homes

IMPLEMENT THE FINGAL SPORT VISION STATEMENT 2019-2021

The Sports Office adapted many programmes to work within Government Covid restrictions such as:

- Sports Con 10 @ 10 - Primary School classroom or home-based exercise programme
- Fingal Digifit - home exercise video series
- DigiFit For All - adapted exercise videos for people with limited movement
- Homefit Live - Live home exercise sessions
- Hip-hop Dance Classes for teenagers

In addition, we presented virtual programmes:-

- MarathonFamilies
- Couch to 3k
- Run Your Town - Local orienteering Programme

Healthy Fingal Learning Portal

Contains all recorded online sessions, webinars and advice on a range of topics, activities and skills.

Club Development

We continue to support clubs during the year, through online meetings, training courses and webinars.



Reports on Service Delivery ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Objective

Assessment

IMPLEMENT THE LIBRARIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018-2023

The seven objectives in the Plan continued to be implemented in 2020 by way of 42 actions.

PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY, WELCOMING, ACCESSIBLE SPACES WHICH MEET THE NEEDS OF LIBRARY USERS

Refurbishment of Balbriggan and Malahide Libraries included the installation of collaborative study areas, office pods, mini conference facilities, digital signage and new equipment, such as handheld borrowable technology.

Significant public procurements were undertaken in 2020 in relation to the Swords Cultural Quarter and the development of a County Library.

Preliminary works commenced at Skerries Library in preparation for the extension and renovation of the building.

Due to CoVid-19, libraries operated at a reduced level offering Contact and Collect and quick browsing or were completely closed to the public. Starting in May, the Cocooning Library Service was initiated to deliver books to cocooners, the housebound, to residential services and to anyone with health issues.

ENSURE THAT LIBRARIES ARE STAFFED WITH WELL TRAINED, INFORMED AND CUSTOMER FOCUSED STAFF

Staff received appropriate training, engaged in continuing professional development, and received support to avail of relevant third level educational opportunities.

RECOGNISE AND MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF LIBRARY USERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Collection HQ, an electronic evidence-based stock management system is in place and is enhancing the management and curation of library stock.

REINFORCE THE POSITION OF LIBRARIES IN THE COMMUNITY AS KEY POINTS OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL SERVICES

A refurbishment project at Blanchardstown Library which began in November 2020 will include the installation of meeting pods, mini conference facilities, enhanced study facilities and a suite of iMacs. The project will also result in a Maker Space Facility which will give the community access to technology such as 3d printers and a laser cutter.

Although the doors to our branch libraries were closed due to COVID 19, e-services were available 24/7. There was a significant increase in the use of our electronic resources in 2020, which include books, magazines, newspapers, music and various online learning services. For example, the use of e-audio books and e-books using the Borrowbox platform increased by 105% and 134% respectively in 2020.



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Objective

ENCOURAGE THE COMMUNITY TO REACH ITS FULL POTENTIAL AND ENGAGE ALL CITIZENS THROUGH AN INNOVATIVE PROGRAMME OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN LIBRARIES

All our events moved to the virtual space due to CoVid-19. Many of our facilitators came on board to continue to provide events and activities for the public. Our staff were wonderfully creative and inventive in the content they created for our new YouTube channel and for our other social media platforms. Our History and Writers' Festivals, Cruinniú na nÓg, Healthy Ireland at Your Library, Work Matters and Right to Read Programmes, and our Europe Direct events all went ahead as normal, albeit online.

Assessment

MARKET LIBRARIES IN FINGAL AS DEMOCRATIC, INCLUSIVE AND DYNAMIC SPACES, OPEN TO ALL WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE COUNTY

Throughout 2020, we developed a social media strategy which involved scheduling daily messages, posts and content across our various platforms, in order to promote our activities and programmes. This led to increased engagement by the public with our social media platforms including Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram.

ENSURE THAT FINGAL LIBRARIES CONTINUE TO REMAIN VISIBLE AND RELEVANT IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

As a result of funding received from the Dormant Account Fund and collaboration with AslAm, Fingal Libraries engaged in the roll out of an Autism Friendly library project. Highlights from the project included the delivery of 60 sensory friendly family events by the end of March 2020, including story times, STEAM events, equine therapy, arts and crafts, educational talks on aspects of ASD and mindfulness sessions. "Relaxed Programming" and "Quiet Time" sessions were also introduced across the branch network.



Reports on Service Delivery ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & ACTIVE TRAVEL

Objective

IMPLEMENT THE EASTERN - MIDLANDS REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2015-2021

The EPA publish an annual National Waste Report and in addition the Regional Waste Planning Team publish an annual report on mywaste.ie. The EPA reported in August 2020 that the EU targets for waste have either been achieved or on target to be achieved. Significant quantities of waste continue to be exported for incineration or as refuse derived fuel due to the lack of capacity in the State.

Assessment

AFTERCARE OF HISTORIC AND CLOSED LANDFILLS

The aftercare of Dunsink and Balleally landfills continues. There were no non-compliances raised in 2020 by the EPA. Works have been undertaken with one historic landfill at Barnageeragh, preliminary studies with another at Brooks End in Rush and monitoring and borehole decommissioning undertaken at an irregular landfill at The Nevitt

MONITOR AIR AND NOISE POLLUTION

There are three air quality monitoring stations in Fingal which are now maintained by the EPA. The Council provided assistance in locating and establishing new monitors.

ENFORCE WASTE REGULATIONS

The number of waste complaints rose by a third in 2020, mainly dealing with household waste storage issues. There has been an increase in the waste regulation requirements regarding national priorities in particular. Producer Responsibility Requirements for packaging, tyres, WEEE and batteries continue to be addressed. Tackling illegal End of Life Vehicles sites was a key focus during 2020 with 29 sites closed down.

OPERATE DOG AND HORSE CONTROL SERVICE

These services operated in line with the Control of Dogs Act 1986, Control of Horses Act 1996 and existing contracts. In 2020 additional Dog Warden patrols were put in place at weekends across parks and beaches in line with public health measures and to reflect the increased activity in these areas. In 2020, 78 stray, seized and/or abandoned dogs entered the Pound and 42 horses were seized.

OPERATE LITTER WARDEN SERVICE

This service operated in line with the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 - 2009. There was increased Litter Warden Patrols to take account of public health measures and increased activity across Fingal.

In 2020, there was increased focus on illegal dumping.

PROTECT SURFACE, GROUND AND COASTAL WATERS

The second round of the River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021 continues. There have been delays in progressing the detailed areas for action (Rogerstown Catchment, Tolka and Santy Rivers) partially due to restrictions caused by CoVid-19. An increased number of complaints were addressed. Bathing Water was monitored in accordance with the regulations.

PROVIDE AN ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME

The Environmental Awareness Programme was amended to reflected public health measures. The Green Schools Programme was assessed remotely. There was a focus on online community engagement and awareness through online workshops, competitions, presentations, and through social media messaging.



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ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & ACTIVE TRAVEL

Objective

Assessment

IMPLEMENT FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEMES IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE OPW

There are two schemes that the OPW and Fingal are working on which are at a preliminary stage - Skerries and Malahide/Portmarnock. The cost benefit of these schemes is to be re-examined by the OPW before they are approved to full planning and design

CO-ORDINATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

Governance and reporting structures are in place. FCC Climate Action Coordinator works with implementation leads from across all internal Departments, and with colleagues from the Dublin Local Authorities, CARO, Codema, and other stakeholders to coordinate deliver of the Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024. The Plan was adopted by the Council in May 2019 and actions are ongoing. The Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC has been provided with regular updates. The first Annual Progress Report was delivered and communicated to SPC and Council. The Council surpassed the target of 33% improvement in Energy Efficiency by December 2020.

PROVIDE BRING BANKS FOR GLASS BOTTLES

There was significant increase in recycled glass deposited at bottle banks in 2020. The textile banks also saw an increase reflecting the closure of other locations where textiles can be donated. A review of bottle bank and textile bank locations and capacity took place with a view to increasing accessibility and capacity of this facility in Fingal.

ROAD SAFETY/ACTIVE TRAVEL

The School Streets pilot was implemented in Malahide.

120 School Wardens are in operation and assessments and improvements to 94 School Crossings were carried out.

Road Safety continued to be promoted as well as the administration of Cycling and Junior School Warden training. The National Road Safety campaigns (including Aviva Driving School sponsored VR Headsets) were promoted.

As part of Bike Week, virtual cycle events were held and a Fit & Fun in Fingal magazine was produced in conjunction with EETD.

A number of other campaigns that were promoted included - Cycle Buses/Bike to Work/Safe Routes to School/Walking Buses.

As part of European Mobility Week a 'Car Free Day' was held in Malahide. Segregated cycle lanes were installed at Huntstown/Hartstown Link Road and Rivervalley, Swords.



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FINANCE

Objective

Assessment

ACTIVE DEBT MANAGEMENT (RATES/ PEL/NPPR)

In 2020, 93% of Commercial Rates were collected (including rates waiver). The Property Entry Level (PEL), which is a charge that applies to all newly erected or newly constructed properties pending the assessment of commercial rates, took in revenue of €67,522. Revenue from the Non-Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charge was €1,347,525 in 2020.

THE MANAGEMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, PROCUREMENT AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT CASH OUTFLOWS

Accounts Payable processed €367m of payments during 2020. The treasury management and cashflow is actively managed throughout the year.

EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF LIABILITY CLAIMS AND INSURANCE POLICIES

All claims against the Council were pro-actively managed and investigated by the Council. We continued to engage with our insurers with regards to the insurance policies in place.

ENSURE BUDGETS ARE REVIEWED AND MONITORED

Revenue account budgets and Capital Plan are reviewed regularly with each department.

PRODUCTION OF 3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The 2021 -2023 Capital Plan was presented to Councillors in October 2020.

PRODUCTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET

The 2021 Budget was presented to Council on 24th November 2020.

PRODUCTION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The 2019 Financial Statements were completed in May 2020 with the Auditor's Report signed in September 2020.



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HOUSING SERVICES

Objective

DELIVERY OF HOUSING IN FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL IN LINE WITH THE HOUSING STRATEGY AND REBUILDING IRELAND: THE ACTION PLAN FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Assessment
A total of 1,318 social housing units were delivered in 2020 via acquisitions, build, leasing, HAP and RAS streams.

A target of delivering 402 under build & leasing social housing units during 2020 was set for Fingal. At the end of the year, the target was exceeded, and a total of 420 units were delivered under these streams.

DELIVERY AND MANAGEMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOMELESSNESS ACTION PLAN 2019 – 2021

During 2020 the Homeless Team completed 505 homeless assessments, comprising of 278 families and 227 single/couple households.

A total of 598 households were assisted to exit homelessness via the provision of

- 174 social housing tenancies
- 413 Homeless-HAP tenancies
- 11 mainstream Housing Assistance Payment (HAP).

ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT SCHEME.

The HAP section continued to administer the Scheme in 2020 with 763 applications received. To date the Council has set up over 2,500 tenancies since the beginning of HAP in 2017.

MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF HOUSING STOCK/VACANCIES/VOIDS

The Housing Department continued to deliver maintenance services for 5,800 tenancies across various housing stock properties and has continued its services throughout the pandemic, with 14,219 maintenance requests received in 2020. This is an increase of 4% from 2019.

The performance standard of casual voids has been adversely impacted in 2020 due to level restrictions imposed under CoVid-19.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME 2019 -2024

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024, in its first year of action has progressed key areas for refurbishment and development in line with the requirements for the Traveller population of Fingal.

FACILITATE ACCESS TO GOOD QUALITY PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMMODATION THROUGH AN ANNUAL INSPECTIONS PROGRAMME

In line with the Strategy for the Private Rental Sector the DHPLG has set annual inspection targets for all local authorities. These targets are based on a percentage of properties registered with the RTB.

In 2020 there were 21,416 tenancies registered with the RTB in the Fingal administrative area. The annual inspection target set by the DHPLG was set at 20% of these registered tenancies.

As part of Fingal's Annual Inspection Programme more than 3,700 inspections of private rented properties were carried out in 2020 of which 2,478 were first inspections. This was despite the challenges posed by COVID-19 restrictions.



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HOUSING SERVICES

Objective

DELIVER SUFFICIENT AND APPROPRIATE HOUSING SOLUTIONS FOR DISABLED PERSONS

There were 245 applications approved for the "Housing Adaptation Scheme for Older People and People with a Disability" in 2020 which financed a total of €1.6M in grants

During 2020, 149 offers of social housing support were made to people with a disability under the 4 categories:

- Physical 77
- Sensory 7
- Mental Health 37
- Intellectual Disability 28

These figures represent over 10% of the overall number of allocations for 2020.

A total of 111 social housing allocations were made in 2020 for people with medical priority on Fingal County Council housing list.

The Council received an allocation of €3.4m in 2020 under the "Housing Adaptation Scheme for Older People and People with a Disability". A total of 245 applications were processed during 2020.

SUPPORT THE PROVISION OF MIXED TENURE, QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Pilot Dun Emer Home Purchase Scheme was approved at the November meeting of the Council. This scheme provides for the provision of a mixed tenure scheme of 51 affordable and social dwellings in Lusk.

There are currently six other land banks which are located across the County suitable and have the potential to deliver mixed tenure developments. These landbanks are all at design/pre-planning stage.

Service Sites Funding to support the provision of affordable dwellings has been approved for four of the landbanks.

The Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan was operating in its third year of existence at the end of 2020, and it continued to attract a large level of interest, despite the Covid-19 Pandemic. The number of applications under this loan reached 1190 by the end of 2020 with loans totalling €57million drawn down.



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HUMAN RESOURCES

Objective

TO FOSTER AND EMBED AN EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CULTURE IN THE ORGANISATION

The PMDS process is ongoing annually.
The Competency Framework is an integral part of the recruitment procedures and Training and Development Programme

TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM THAT PROMOTES WELLBEING, EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IN THE WORKPLACE

Extensive Training and Development Opportunities were offered and completed
A pro-active attendance management process in place.

In-house provision of Staff Welfare Services Diversity and Equality Programmes are in place.

Additionally, Health Safety and Wellbeing Framework and Programmes are also in place.

TO OPTIMISE THE AVAILABILITY AND SKILLS OF THE COUNCIL'S HUMAN RESOURCES

The recruitment of qualified staff was affected during the pandemic but continued as recruitment processes moved to on-line processes.

A competency-based Performance and Development Framework is in place for all staff as well as an extensive Training and Development Programme and a transfer mobility programme.

The PMDS process also informs succession plans.

Remote working is now an integral part of working environment.

TO PROMOTE A SAFE AND HEALTHY WORK ENVIRONMENT

A Covid Impact Mitigation is planned, adapted and monitored by qualified H&S Staff.

Safety Awareness Programmes, Inspections & Safety Audits continued at worksites.

A CoVid Remote-Working Assessments are underway for all staff.

Assessment

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Objective

PROMOTE INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS THROUGH THE MEDIUMS OF WEB, GIS, CRM, DATA ANALYTICS, BPI, OPEN DATA AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

A number of systems were rapidly deployed during 2020 in response to CoVid-19 including the Community Call CRM system and the Restart Grant system. Other solutions deployed during the year included Housing Dashboards; Street Furniture Licencing system; Homelessness system; CALF system and Vacant Housing Inspection system. The Council's GIS system was also upgraded during 2020.

TO IMPLEMENT BEST PRACTICE IN IT GOVERNANCE

Business Continuity plans were activated to meet the demands imposed by CoVid-19 restrictions. These plans were adapted and enhanced in an agile manner during implementation in order to adjust to the constantly changing CoVid-19 landscape. Meetings were held between IT and each Council Department during the year to review systems, project requirements and quality of service.

IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT OF REQUIRED INFRASTRUCTURE FOR IT SYSTEMS AND SERVICES

To facilitate remote working, 800 laptops were deployed to staff as replacements for desktop PCs in a logistically difficult operation during CoVid-19 restrictions.

The Council's server and network infrastructure was managed (and upgraded where required) to ensure that it performed reliably in 2020 throughout CoVid-19 restrictions. Bandwidth of external connections to the Council was upgraded to facilitate a multi-fold increase in remote access by staff. The bandwidth of the connection between the Swords and Blanchardstown offices was increased ten-fold during the year. IT infrastructure was deployed to the National Show Centre to facilitate the Council meeting/AGM in July and the Council meeting in the Crowne Plaza hotel in September.

Upgrade works were also carried out in Balbriggan and Malahide libraries and the Our Balbriggan office was setup.

DELIVER AN EFFICIENT SUPPORT SERVICE FOR OUR STAFF AND COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The service desk dealt with 16,904 tickets in 2020 (a 29% increase on 2019) driven by increased support requirements from staff working remotely due to CoVid-19 and support requests arising from the rollout of new technologies to enable remote working. Remote support was provided for Councillors including during online Council meetings. On-site support was provided for Councillors for the full duration of the socially-distanced July and September meetings.

ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT COMMUNITIES AND BUSINESSES TO REAP THE FULL REWARDS OF A DIGITALLY ENABLED SOCIETY

The Fingal Digital Strategy was adopted in 2020. Digital Fingal presented at the Young Scientists Exhibition in January; the Smart Balbriggan initiative launched in June; the Not So Different Creative Ability Hub was opened in Blanchardstown in July; the rollout of WiFi4EU funded Public WiFi commenced during the year but was repeatedly delayed by CoVid-19 restrictions.

ANALYSIS, DESIGN AND DEPLOYMENT OF SECURE IT SYSTEMS TO SUPPORT BUSINESS PROCESSES

The IT Department continued the support of over 120 systems that facilitate business processes. IT staff worked to ensure that there was sufficient technical capacity to enable remote working by Council staff during CoVid-19 restrictions. In addition, the HR/Payroll was upgraded during the year.



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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Objective

DEPLOY ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE STRATEGY UTILISES PROPER TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS ARCHITECTURE TO ACHIEVE ITS GOALS

Architecture reviews were carried out on new systems including cloud assessments and DPIAs where required.

Assessment

TO MEET THE EXPECTATIONS OF AN INCREASINGLY DIGITISED WORLD AND IMPROVE THE EXPERIENCE OF THOSE INTERACTING WITH THE COUNCIL

The Fingal Online Business Directory was implemented on the Council's website to showcase Fingal businesses. The Fingal CoVid-19 chatbot was implemented on the website to enable the public to find answers to CoVid-19 -related questions outside of working hours, or without needing to phone the Council during working hours.

SUCCESSFULLY MANAGE THE COUNCIL'S IT PROGRAMME AND PROJECT LIFECYCLE AND RELATED RESOURCING

The IT Department completed 38 projects in 2020. There were 68 new project requests from Departments in 2020. Microsoft Office365 was deployed to all staff including the migration of email to the cloud and the rollout of Microsoft Teams, which facilitated remote working.

The Council's telephone system was replaced by MS Teams enabling Customer Care staff to work remotely and also enabling all staff to make and accept calls while working remotely. Rollout of FinDocs (the corporate document management system based on Sharepoint Online) commenced, with implementation in Corporate Services Department completed in 2020. The Council's project management system was also upgraded in 2020.

ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN ENTERPRISE VISION, STRATEGY, AND PROGRAM TO ENSURE INFORMATION ASSETS AND TECHNOLOGIES ARE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED

IT Security was a heightened priority during the year due to the increased threat from cybercriminals seeking to take advantage of CoVid-19 restrictions. Multi Factor Authentication was implemented as part of the rollout of cloud solutions to enable secure remote working; a Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) solution was implemented to provide integrated management and alerting capabilities; Security Awareness training was provided to staff working remotely.

LAW

Objective

TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND ALL COUNCIL DEPARTMENTS

Legal services are provided to the Chief Executive and Council Departments as requested

Assessment



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OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

Objective

MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE OF REGIONAL & LOCAL ROADS, TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, ROAD SAFETY

Within the Fingal area there are 65km of National Roads including Motorways, 264km of Regional Roads and 1,011km of Local Roads all maintained through the three depots at Balbriggan, Swords and Coolmine. An extensive Programme of Works was undertaken including surface drainage works, road and footpath renewal and repairs, management of traffic and lighting.

Assessment

The following applications were processed during 2020:

Item	2020
Wayleave/ Communications/ Road Opening Licences	2,335*
Taking in Charge Certs	1,504
Abnormal Load Permits	436
Temporary Road Closures	64

*All licences are processed on the MRL Online System

PUBLIC LIGHTING

In 2020, maintenance of the Council's stock of 32,900 lights resulted in the issuing of 10,675 job requests including 5,769 conversions to LED through the LED Energy Efficiency Programme which will achieve a saving of over 1.296 million kWh annually and is an important driver in the Council achieving its 2020 energy targets.

MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE OF REGIONAL PARKS, OPEN SPACES, PITCHES & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Management and maintenance continued in:

- c. 5,000 acres (2000 Ha.) of public open space including regional and neighbourhood parks, c. 800 allotments, 50 playgrounds, 170 playing pitches, eight all-weather pitch facilities
- Cricket grounds: Town Park, Balbriggan, Malahide Demesne, Porterstown, Lanesborough and Tyrellstown Park
- 14 Multi Use Games Areas
- 4 Skateparks at Balheary Swords, Millennium Park, Millpond and Skerries Town Park
- 8 public tennis courts
- Town Park, Skerries Bowling Green
- Adult exercise equipment in 29 locations



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OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

Objective

MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE OF HARBOURS, LITTER MANAGEMENT, PROVISION OF BURIAL GROUNDS, PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

A total of 88 kilometres of Fingal's coastline are maintained. This includes the 11 designated beaches at Balbriggan, Skerries South, Loughshinny, Rush South, Rush North, Portrane, Donabate, Malahide, Portmarnock, Sutton (Burrow Road), Claremont and Howth. 35 lifeguards were employed from June to the end of August 2020. Monitoring of seawater samples was carried out during the bathing season to ensure compliance with Bathing Water Quality requirements.

Harbours and piers at Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush, Loughshinny and Malahide Slipway are managed and maintained. Improvements works were undertaken as follows:

- Loughshinny - Installation of ladders and guardrails and re-strengthening works.
- Rush - Improvements to Slipway

LITTER MANAGEMENT

Street Cleansing and Litter Crews maintained all areas within the public realm. This work supports the efforts of Fingal's local Tidy Towns Groups. Landscaping works were also carried out.

TO SUPPORT THE DELIVERY OF MAJOR COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY EVENTS AS APPROPRIATE

Due to CoVid-19 restrictions, the number of events held within the Regional Parks, at local amenities or on public roads were significantly reduced during 2020.

Malahide Castle successfully hosted Ireland's first big screen Drive-In Pantomime "Peter Pan" in December in accordance with all Government CoVid-19 guidelines.

Management of commercial and sporting events and Event Licence applications, when permitted, involve the following:

- Pre and post event meetings
- Document validation and issuing of event permits
- Road Closure Application
- Litter Management
- Advice on Traffic Management
- Advice on Crowd Safety Management

Assessment



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PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Objective

DELIVER STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PHYSICAL & GREEN) IN THE COUNTY

Last year the Portmarnock to Baldoyle Walkway and Cycleway was opened as well as playgrounds at Quay Street and Band Stand, Balbriggan. The Malahide Village Green was Project completed. Further playground and green facilities projects are at design stage in the Naul, Garristown, Howth. The following were also approved during the year

- The Harry Reynolds Road Cycleway, Balbriggan Part VII
- R126 Portrane Road Enhancement Project Part VIII
- Turvey Avenue footpath Enhancement Part VIII
- Hearse Road bad bend footpath re-alignment.

The Fingal Tree Strategy Survey and associated public consultation commenced. Planning was granted for Broadmeadow Green Project and the Fingal Coastal way project arrangements advanced.

PROMOTE & ENFORCE BUILDING REGULATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION PRODUCT REGULATIONS

Policies, guidelines and standards are continually under review to ensure best practice.

ENSURE APPROPRIATE ACTION IS TAKEN ON UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENT

There was continued activity in planning enforcement i.e. issuing of warning letters and enforcement notices and referral of cases to Court

- 333 Warning Letters issued
- 23 enforcement notices served
- 12 cases at varying stages of the legal system at year end.

ENSURE PLANNING DECISIONS ARE TRANSPARENT AND ARE DECIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROPER PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

All planning decisions were decided in accordance with statutory requirements.

- 1,469 planning applications received with 1,083 decisions made

There was on-going consultation with An Bord Pleanála (ABP) on Strategic Housing Developments (SHDs)

- 6 SHD applications (1,266 units) were made to ABP. The Board granted permission for 12 SHD's (246 units). ABP refused permission for 2 SHD (531 units).

Flood Risk Assessments are carried out for all major developments and Local Area Plans to ensure that flood zones are protected, and future flooding is mitigated against.

MANAGE THE TAKING IN CHARGE STATUTORY PROCESS

Standards continue to be met for developments for Taking in Charge and/or bond release. A framework of service providers are in place to facilitate site resolution plans and subsequent bond claims and drawdowns. Fingal Taking in Charge Standards and Policy document was finalised.

11 estates were taken in charge during 2020 when completed to taking in charge standards.



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PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Objective

Assessment

PREPARATION/REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - SET OUT THE STRATEGY AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY

Work got underway to ensure the first public consultation phase for the review of the 2017 -2023 County Development Plan and new 2023 - 2029 County Development Plan commences in March 2021.

DELIVERY OF A SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR ALL CITIZENS

Variation Number 2 and Variation Number 3 to County Development Plan 2017 -2023 were made in 2020.

The Donabate Distributor Road was opened and the Rathbeale Road upgrade was completed. The Hole in the Wall upgrade was nearing completion. Non-statutory public consultations were held for Kellystown Road, Dublin 15 and the R132 Connectivity Project. The Snugborough Road tender arrangements were also advanced.

PROMOTE AND PROTECT BIODIVERSITY

There is ongoing biodiversity input into planning applications. The implementation of 10 actions from the Biodiversity Plan continued as well as the ongoing implementation of actions of the Dublin Bay Biosphere Nature Conservation Strategy and action of the Howth SAAO Operational Plan.

SUPPORT REBUILDING IRELAND

There was continued residential development site activity. There were 74 active Residential Sites in December 2020 with 4,087 completed units and another 2,339 currently under construction. A further 2,902 units not yet commenced. In addition, 20 on-going sites have been finished and fully built out in 2020 and delivered a further 2,766 units. There are a further 53 inactive sites with live Planning Permissions with potential to deliver a further 5,806 units. There was continued advancement of Project Talamh at Ballymastone and Churchfields and the continued LIHAF project delivery assisted activate lands to increase housing supply.

DEVELOP A COASTAL MANAGEMENT POLICY

There was ongoing collaboration with the OPW on Coastal Monitoring Programme for Fingal County Council and ongoing engagement with Coastal Liaison Group. Public consultation on coastal defence proposals for Portrane and Rush were also completed.

PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE BUILT AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE COUNTY

Three Architectural Conservation Grant Schemes were operated

- Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS)
- Historic Structures Fund (HSF)
- Fingal's Stitch in Time Grant.

Additional monies were provided in the latter half of the year through the July Jobs Stimulus Package to two BHIS Projects. In total €172,388 in funding was drawn down through the Council for 24 projects to assist owners in repairing and safeguarding the architectural heritage of Fingal in their ownership and care.

Online digital heritage videos were produced to promote and highlight prominent heritage sites such as Skerries Islands, Drumunagh Fort, Newbridge House. A guidance document for best practice and the development of Heritage Signage and Heritage Trails in the County was also produced.



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WATER

Objective

Assessment

MAINTENANCE OF THE SURFACE WATER NETWORK

Management and maintenance of the Surface Water Networks are the responsibility of the Council. During 2020, the Council continued with ongoing works, including the jetting of County wide blackspots to assist with flooding prevention.

Provision of Water Services/ SLA/ ASP

Water production and distribution, waste water collection, treatment & disposal continue to be provided in accordance with the Service Level Agreement between Irish Water and Fingal County Council.

PROVISION OF CAPITAL WORKS

The provision of Water Services capital works/projects for the Fingal area is managed and delivered directly by Irish Water's Asset Delivery team.



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Appendix I

COUNCIL MEMBERS

BALBRIGGAN ELECTORAL AREA

Tony Murphy (Non Party)
Gráinne Maguire (Non Party)
Seána Ó Rodaigh (Labour)
Tom O'Leary (Fine Gael)
Karen Power (Green Party)

BLANCHARDSTOWN - MULHUDDART ELECTORAL AREA

Mary McCamley (Labour)
Breda Hanaphy (Sinn Féin)
John Burtchaell (Solidarity)
Punam Rane (Fine Gael)
Freddie Cooper (Fianna Fáil)

CASTLEKNOCK ELECTORAL AREA

Ted Leddy (Fine Gael)
John Walsh (Labour)
Howard Mahony (Fianna Fáil)
Natalie Treacy (Sinn Féin)
Pamela Conroy (Green Party)*
Siobhan Shovlin (Fine Gael) **

HOWTH-MALAHIDE ELECTORAL AREA

Eoghan O'Brien (Fianna Fáil)
David Healy (Green Party)
Brian McDonagh (Labour)
Jimmy Guerin (Non Party)
Aoibhinn Tormey (Fine Gael)
Anthony Lavin (Fine Gael)
Joan Hopkins (Social Democrats)***

ONGAR ELECTORAL AREA

Tania Doyle (Non Party)
Tom Kitt (Fianna Fáil)
Daniel Whooley (Green Party)
Kieran Dennison (Fine Gael)
Aaron O'Rourke (Sinn Féin)****

RUSH-LUSK ELECTORAL AREA

Robert O' Donoghue (Labour)
Adrian Henchy (Fianna Fáil)
Brian Dennehy (Fianna Fáil)
Cathal Boland (Non Party)
Paul Mulville (Social Democrats)

SWORDS ELECTORAL AREA

Darragh Butler (Fianna Fáil)
Ian Carey (Green Party)
Dean Mulligan (Independents4Change)
Joe Newman (Non Party)
Brigid Manton (Fianna Fáil)
Ann Graves (Sinn Féin)
James Humphreys (Labour)*****

* Roderic O'Gorman elected to Dáil Éireann in February 2020

**Emer Currie appointed to Seanad in June 2020

*** Cian O'Callaghan elected to Dáil Éireann in February 2020

**** Paul Donnelly elected to Dáil Éireann in February 2020

*****Duncan Smith elected to Dáil Éireann in February 2020

Appendices



Appendix II

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEES

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords
Members of Balbriggan, Rush-Lusk and Swords Electoral Areas.
Area Chairperson: Councillor Darragh Butler, was replaced by Councillor Robert O'Donoghue, July 2020.

Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar
Members of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart, Castleknock and Ongar Electoral Areas.
Area Chairperson: Councillor Howard Mahony was replaced by Councillor John Walsh, July 2020.

Howth-Malahide
Members of Howth-Malahide Electoral Area
Area Chairperson: Councillor David Healy was replaced by Councillor Brian McDonagh, July 2020

ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

All Elected Members are members of this Committee.

CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

Mayor: Councillor Eoghan O'Brien Jan 2020 – June 2020.
Mayor: Councillor David Healy June 2020

Six chairs of the Strategic Policy Committees

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES (SPC)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE, CULTURE AND CREATIVITY SPC

Councillors Paul Donnelly (Chairperson until February 2020), Aaron O'Rourke (Chairperson March – Dec 2020) Freddie, Cooper, John Walsh, Grainne Maguire, Seána Ó Rodaigh

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SPC

Councillors Ted Leddy (Chairperson), Ann Graves, Adrian Henchy, Cathal Boland, Karen Power, (Cian O'Callaghan Until February 2020), Joan Hopkins (March – Dec 2020)

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC

Councillors Tony Murphy (Chairperson), Darragh Butler, Tom O'Leary, Emer Currie (Jan – June 2020), Breda Hanaphy, Howard Mahony, Anthony Lavin, Pamela Conroy (March - Dec 2020), Siobhan Shovlin (Sept – Dec 2020),

HOUSING SPC

Councillors Duncan Smith (Chairperson until February 2020), Robert O'Donoghue (Chairperson March – Dec 2020) Brigid Manton, Natalie Treacy, Daniel Whooley, John Burtchaell, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan O'Brien, James Humphreys (March – Dec 2020)

CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY & ENVIRONMENT SPC

Councillors Roderic O'Gorman (Chairperson until February 2020) David Healy (Chairperson March – Dec 2020), Mary McCamley, Joe Newman, Paul Mulville, Aoibhinn Tormey, Ian Carey

PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC

Councillors Brian Dennehy (Chairperson), Tania Doyle, Dean Mulligan, Punam Rane, Tom Kitt, Brian McDonagh

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Councillors Cathal Boland, Brian McDonagh

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

Councillors Grainne Maguire, Freddie Cooper, John Walsh, Adrian Henchy, Daniel Whooley, Anthony Lavin, Tony Murphy, Robert O'Donoghue, Emer Currie (until June 2020), Ian Carey, Roderic O'Gorman (until Feb 2020), Ann Graves, Tania Doyle, Duncan Smith (until Feb 2020), Dean Mulligan, James Humphreys (from March 2020), Pamela Conroy (from March 2020), Ted Leddy (from Dec 2020)

LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Councillors Emer Currie (until June 2020), Duncan Smith (until February 2020), Breda Hanaphy, Robert O'Donoghue (March – Dec 2020), Siobhan Shovlin (Sept – Dec 2020)

Appendix III

COUNCILLOR MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER BODIES



AIRPORT REGIONS CONFERENCE (ARC)

Councillor Freddie Cooper

ARDGILLAN CASTLE LTD

Councillor Grainne Maguire

ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Councillors Grainne Maguire, Kieran Dennison, Cathal Boland

BALLEALLY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillors Brian Dennehy, Robert O' Donoghue, Paul Mulville, Cathal Boland, Adrian Henchy

BASE ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Councillors Mary McCamley, Emer Currie (until June 2020), Punam Rane (June – Dec 2020)

BLANCHARDSTOWN COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

Councillors Ted Leddy, John Walsh

BLANCHARDSTOWN LOCAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

Councillors Ted Leddy, Natalie Treacy, Daniel Whooley

COUNTY HERITAGE FORUM

Councillors Ian Carey (Jan – Sept 2020), Freddie Cooper, Aoibhinn Tormey, Kieran Dennison, Bridget Manton, Seána Ó Rodaigh, Pamela Conroy (Sept – Dec 2020)

DRAÍOCHT

Councillors Mary McCamley, Howard Mahony

DRINAN ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Councillors Eoghan O'Brien, Anthony Lavin

DUBLIN & DUN LAOGHAIRE EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD

Councillors Roderic O'Gorman (Jan – Feb 2020), Karen Power (March – Sept 2020), Pamela Conroy (Nov – Dec 2020) Grainne Maguire (Jan – March 2020), Cathal Boland (June - Dec 2020) Joe Newman, Brigid Manton, Duncan Smith (Jan – Feb 2020), John Walsh (June – Dec 2020)

DUBLIN NORTH EAST DRUG TASK FORCE

Councillor Brian Mc Donagh

EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Councillors Robert O' Donoghue, David Healy, Brigid Manton

EDGE CITIES NETWORK

Councillor Cathal Boland

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)

Councillors Mary McCamley, Cathal Boland, David Healy (Jan – Sept 2020), Joan Hopkins (Sept – Dec 2020)

FINGAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Councillors Punam Rane, Adrian Henchy, Tom Kitt

FINGAL TOURISM LTD

Jan-June 2020: Councillors Eoghan O'Brien, Anthony Lavin
July-December 2020: Councillors David Healy, Robert O'Donoghue

GOVERNANCE & OVERSIGHT BOARD OF THE DUBLIN BELFAST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

Councillors David Healy, Tony Murphy and Howard Mahony (All appointed in Dec 2020)

GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DCU

Councillor Jimmy Guerin

HANSFIELD SDZ STEERING GROUP

Councillors from Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar Electoral Areas

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD

Councillor Cathal Boland

JOINT FINGAL AND SOUTH DUBLIN LIFFEY VALLEY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor and all Councillors from Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar Electoral Areas

Jan – June 2020: Mayor Eoghan O'Brien
June – Dec 2020: Mayor David Healy

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

Councillor Cathal Boland

MALAHIDE CASTLE AND NEWBRIDGE HOUSE LTD

Councillors Eoghan O'Brien, Anthony Lavin, Adrian Henchy, Paul Mulville

NAMING AND COMMEMORATIVE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Councillors Cathal Boland, Pamela Conroy, Ann Graves, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Ted Leddy, Howard Mahony, Brigid Manton and Joe Newman

NORTH FRINGE AREA FORUM

Councillors Brian McDonagh, David Healy, Cian O'Callaghan

NORDUBCO

Councillor Brigid Manton

NORTH DUBLIN REGIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

Councillors Grainne Maguire, Seána Ó Rodaigh, Ann Graves, Brian McDonagh, Bridget Manton, Dean Mulligan, Tony Murphy

NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES SECRETARIAT (NFLA)

Councillor David Healy

REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM DUBLIN AND NORTH EAST

Councillors Adrian Henchy, Eoghan O'Brien, Aoibhinn Tormey, Kieran Dennison, Brigid Manton, Howard Mahony



Appendix IV

MEETINGS HELD IN 2020

MEETING	NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD
County Council	12
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services A) Area Committee	8
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services B) Area Committee	8
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services A) Area Committee	7
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services B) Area Committee	8
Howth/Malahide (Services A) Area Committee	8
Howth/Malahide (Services B) Area Committee	8
Strategic Policy Committees (SPC)	19
Corporate Policy Group (CPG)	14
Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee (OP & F)	2

Appendix V

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS IN 2020

Councillor	County Council	OP & F	CPG	Area Committee	SPC	Total
Cathal Boland	10	2		18	4	34
John Burtchaell	9	2		14	3	28
Darragh Butler	10	2		18	3	33
Ian Carey	8	2		16	2	28
Pamela Conroy	6	2		12	3	23
Freddie Cooper	9	2		17	2	30
Emer Currie	3			4	1	8
Brian Dennehy	10	2	17	18	4	51
Kieran Dennison	8	1		12	3	24
Paul Donnelly	1	2	1			4
Tania Doyle	9	2		15	4	30
Ann Graves	10	2		18	4	34
Jimmy Guerin	10	2		15		27
Breda Hanaphy	10	2		14	2	28
David Healy	9	1	17	14	3	44
Adrian Henchy	10	2		18	4	34
Joan Hopkins	6	2		12	5	25
James Humphreys	8	2		12	2	24
Tom Kitt	10	2		15	4	31
Anthony Lavin	10	2		16	3	31
Ted Leddy	10	2	15	14	4	45
Gráinne Maguire	10			18	3	31
Howard Mahony	10	2		16	3	31



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ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS IN 2020

Councillor	County Council	OP & F	CPG	Area Committee	CPG	Total
Brigid Manton	10	2		18	3	33
Mary McCamley	10	2		16	4	32
Brian McDonagh	7	2		13	1	23
Dean Mulligan	10	2		18	4	34
Paul Mulville	10	2		18	4	34
Tony Murphy	9	2	17	18	3	49
Joe Newman	9	2		18	4	33
Eoghan O'Brien	9	2	13	12	2	38
Cian O'Callaghan	1			4		5
Robert O'Donoghue	10	2	17	18	3	50
Roderic O'Gorman	1			3		4
Tom O'Leary	10	2		18	3	33
Séana Ó Rodaigh	9	2		18	3	32
Aaron O'Rourke	8	2	16	13	3	42
Karen Power	10	2		16	3	31
Punam Rane	10	2		13	4	29
Siobhan Shovlin	5	1		7	1	14
Duncan Smith	1			2		3
Aoibhinn Tormey	9	2		16	4	31
Natalie Treacy	8	2		14	3	27
John Walsh	10	2		17	2	31
Daniel Whooley	7	2		15	3	27

Appendix VI

LOCAL ELECTIONS DISCLOSURE OF DONATIONS AND EXPENDITURE ACT 1999

Councillor	Donations and Expenditure Disclosed
Cathal Boland	€0
John Burtchaell	€0
Darragh Butler	€0
Ian Carey	€0
Pamela Conroy	€0
Freddie Cooper	€0
Brian Dennehy	€0
Kieran Dennison	€0
Tania Doyle	€0
Ann Graves	€0
James Guerin	€0
Breda Hanaphy	€0
David Healy	€0
Adrian Henchy	€0
Joan Hopkins	€0
James Humphreys	€0
Tom Kitt	€0
Anthony Lavin	€0
Ted Leddy	€0
Grainne Maguire	€0
Howard Mahony	€0
Brigid Manton	€0
Mary McCamley	€0
Brian McDonagh	€0
Dean Mulligan	€0
Paul Mulville	€0
Tony Murphy	€0
Joe Newman	€0
Eoghan O'Brien	€0
Robert O'Donoghue	€0
Tom O'Leary	€0



Appendix VIII

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS IN 2020

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillor in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expense	Conference Fee
AILG - Planning Regulator & Development	Hotel Kilmore, Cavan	13th February 2020	Cathal Boland	€115.23	€55
	Hotel Kilmore, Cavan	13th February 2020	Tom O'Leary	€238.69	€55
	Hotel Kilmore, Cavan	13th February 2020	Kieran Dennison		€55
	Hotel Kilmore, Cavan	13th February 2020	Joe Newman		€55
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AILG - Annual Training Conference 2020	The Longford Arms Hotel & Spa, Main Street, Longford	4th & 5th March 2020	Tom O' Leary	€344.45	€140
	The Longford Arms Hotel & Spa, Main Street, Longford	4th & 5th March 2020	Gráinne Maguire		€140
	The Longford Arms Hotel & Spa, Main Street, Longford	4th & 5th March 2020	Emer Currie		€140
	The Longford Arms Hotel & Spa, Main Street, Longford	4th & 5th March 2020	Ted Leddy		€140
	The Longford Arms Hotel & Spa, Main Street, Longford	4th & 5th March 2020	Kieran Dennison		€140
	The Longford Arms Hotel & Spa, Main Street, Longford	4th & 5th March 2020	Cathal Boland		€140
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Moorhead Report - A briefing for Elected Members	Sligo Park Hotel, Pearse Road, Sligo	8th August 2020 10.30 - 12.30	Tom O'Leary	€357.12	

Appendix IX

PART 15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 - CONTRAVENTIONS

There were no contraventions of Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001 in 2020.

Appendix X

SECTION 22 OF THE PROTECTED DISCLOSURES ACT 2014

There was one Protected Disclosure received during 2020.

An investigation was carried out into the protected disclosure which resulted in the determination that no wrongdoing had occurred.



Appendix XI

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS/ OMBUDSMAN'S QUERIES/ CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

FOI Applications Received/Processed	2020
Applications received	216
Decisions made	192
Applications on hand at 31st December	24
Nature of Information Sought	2020
Personal (to applicant)	64
Non-Personal	152
Granted	51
Part-Granted	71
Refused	55
Transferred	1
Withdrawn/Outside FOI	14
Appeals	2020
Appeals to Information Commissioner	4
Ombudsman Complaints	2020
Complaints received	24
Complaints responded to	24
Subject of Complaints	2020
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	5
Operations	2
Housing	14
Finance	1
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism	1
Corporate Affairs & Governance	1

Appendix XI

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS/ OMBUDSMAN'S QUERIES/ CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

Citizen Charter Complaints	2020
Complaints received	47
Complaints responded	47
Subject of Complaints	2020
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	5
Operations	17
Housing	18
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism	1
Corporate Affairs & Governance	6



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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
HOUSING: H1, H2 & H4	A. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at 1/1/2020	5368	
	B. . No. of dwellings added to the LA owned stock during 2020 (whether constructed or acquired)	124	
	C. No. of LA owned dwellings sold in 2020	13	
	D. No. of LA owned dwellings demolished in 2020	0	
	E. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at 31/12/2020	5,479	
	F. No. of LA owned dwellings planned for demolition under a DHPLG approved scheme	0	
	A. The percentage of the total number of LA owned dwellings that were vacant on 31/12/2020	3.38%	
	The number of dwellings within their overall stock that were not tenanted on 31/12/2020	185	
	A. Expenditure during 2020 on the maintenance of LA housing compiled from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020, divided by the no. of dwellings in the LA stock at 31/12/2020, i.e. the H1E less H1F indicator figure	€703.95	
	Expenditure on maintenance of LA stock compiled from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020, including planned maintenance and expenditure that qualified for grants, such as SEAI grants for energy efficient retro-fitting works or the Fabric Upgrade Programme but excluding expenditure on vacant properties and expenditure under approved major refurbishment schemes (i.e. approved Regeneration or under the Remedial Works Schemes)	€3,856,931.65	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
HOUSING: H3 & H5	A. The time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date in 2020 when the dwelling is re-tenanted, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2020	35.43 weeks	
	B. The cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted in 2020, averaged across all dwellings re-let in 2020	€18,543.20	
	The number of dwellings that were re-tenanted on any date in 2020 (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	89	
	The number of weeks from the date of vacation to the date the dwelling is re-tenanted	3,153	
	Total expenditure on repairs necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings	€1,650,344.67	
	A. Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area at end of June 2020	20,801	
	B. Number of rented dwellings inspected in 2020	2,933	
	C. Percentage of inspected dwellings in 2020 which were found to be not compliant with Standards Regulations	95.52%	
	D. Number of dwellings deemed compliant in 2020 (including those originally deemed non-compliant)	662	
	HOUSING: H6	A. Number of adult individuals in emergency accommodation that are long-term homeless as a % of the total number of homeless adult individuals in emergency accommodation at the end of 2020	
The number of adult individuals classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation on the night of 31 December 2019 as recorded on the PASS system			This information is provided by the DRHE



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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT		
HOUSING: H6	The number out of those individuals who, on 31/12/2020, had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously, or for 6 months cumulatively within the previous 12 months		This information is provided by the DRHE		
ROADS: R1	A. The % of Regional road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 24 month period to 31/12/2020	91.20%			
	The % of Local Primary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 24 month period to 31/12/2020	90.90%			
	The % of Local Secondary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 24 month period to 31/12/2020	95.60%			
	The % of Local Tertiary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating between 1/1/2019 and 31/12/2020	96.30%			
	Road Type	1-4 PCSI Rating	5-6 PCSI Rating	7-8 PCSI Rating	9-10 PCSI Rating
	(a) Regional %	7	15	59.8	16.20
	(a) Local Primary %	7.80	19.90	57.90	10.60
	(a) Local Secondary %	21.20	18.10	46.70	12.60
	(a) Local Tertiary %	6.90	27.50	51	10.90
ROADS R2	A1. Kilometres of regional road strengthened during 2020	8.1 km			
	A2. The amount expended on regional roads strengthening work during 2020	€1,608,000			
	A3. The average unit cost of regional road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)	€25.71			
	B1. Kilometres of regional road resealed during 2020	0.8km			
	B2. The amount expended on regional road resealing work during 2020	€35,000			
	B3. The average unit cost of regional road resealing works per square metre (€/m2)	€5.18			

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
ROADS: R2	C1. Kilometres of local road (ie total of primary, secondary and tertiary) strengthened during 2020	27.5 km	
	C2. The amount expended on local road strengthening work during 2020	€2,495,623	
	C3. The average unit cost of local road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)	€14.45	
	D1. Kilometres of local road resealed during 2020		
	D2. The amount expended on local road resealing work during 2020		
	D3. The average unit cost of local road resealing works per square metre (€/m2)		
MOTOR TAX: R3	A. The percentage of motor tax transactions which were dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued) in 2020		
WATER: W1	% of Private Drinking Water Schemes in compliance with statutory requirements in respect of the monitoring of the quality of private drinking water supplies during 2020	1%	
WATER: W2	The number of registered schemes monitored by each local authority as a percentage of total schemes registered	0	
	The number of registered schemes monitored in 2020	0	
	Total number of registered schemes in 2020	6	



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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
WASTE: E1	A. The number of households, based on the 2016 Census, who are situated in an area covered by a licensed operator providing a 3 bin service at 31/12/2020	85,841	
	B. The % of households within the local authority (also as per the 2016 Census) that the number at A represents	91.90 %	
ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION: E3	A1. Total number of pollution cases in respect of which a complaint was made during 2020	3,637	
	A2. Number of pollution cases closed from 1/1/2020 to 31/12/2020	3837	
	A3. Total number of cases on hands at 31/12/2020	49	
	The opening number of cases carried forward from the year end 2019	249	
LITTER POLLUTION: E3	A1. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2020 was unpolluted or litter free	27%	Figures in this section are provided by Tobins as part of the national litter survey
	A2. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2020 was slightly polluted	47%	Figures in this section are provided by Tobins as part of the national litter survey
	A3. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2020 was moderately polluted	26%	Figures in this section are provided by Tobins as part of the national litter survey
	A4. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2020 was significantly polluted	1%	Figures in this section are provided by Tobins as part of the national litter survey
	A5. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2020 was grossly polluted	0%	Figures in this section are provided by Tobins as part of the national litter survey
GREEN FLAG: E4	A. The % of schools that have been awarded/renewed green flag status in the two years to 31 December 2020	40.58%	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
GREEN FLAG STATUS: E4	Schools which attained a Green Flag for the first time in 2020	5	
	Schools which renewed their Green Flag in 2020	21	
	Schools which held a Green Flag from 2019 and therefore do not require renewal until 2021	30	
ENERGY EFFICIENCY: E5	A.The cumulative % of energy savings achieved by 31/12/2020 relative to baseline year (2009)	1%	
	A. Total billable wattage of the public lighting system	7016.00 MWh	Does not include floodlighting on private metered supplies maintained by Fingal
PUBLIC LIGHTING: E6	B. Average billable wattage of the public lighting system	56.00W	
	C. Percentage of the total system that LED lights represent	77.80%	
	Number of LED lights in the public lighting system	26,111	
	Number of SOX-SON lights in the public lighting system	7,451	
PLANNING: P1	A. Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	12.38%	
	Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority i.e. buildings where a valid Commencement Notice was served in the period 1/1/2020 to 31/12/2020 by a builder or developer on the local authority, in accordance with section 6(2)(k) of the Building Control Act 1990 and Part II of the Building Control Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 496 of 1997) as amended by the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 85 of 2004) and the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 351 of 2009)	1,688	



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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
PLANNING: P1	Number of new buildings notified to the local authority in 2020 that were the subject of at least one on-site inspection during 2020 undertaken by the local authority under section 11 of the Building Control Act 1990	209	
PLANNING: P2	A. Number of LA planning decisions which were the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála that were determined by the Board on any date in 2020	144	
	B. % of the determinations at A which confirmed (either with or without variation) the decision made by the LA	60.42%	
	Number of determinations confirming the LA's decision (either with or without variation)	87	
PLANNING: P3	A. Total number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the local authority in the period 1/1/2020 to 31/12/2020 that were investigated	300	
	B. Total number of investigated cases that were closed during 2020	95	
	C. % of the cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	58.95%	
	D. % of the cases at B that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	0	
	E. % of the Cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings (i.e. remedied in response to a warning letter issued under section 152 of the Act or to an enforcement notice issued under section 154 of the Act or where a prosecution was brought under section 157 or an injunction was sought under section 160 of the Act)	41.05%	
	F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2020	937	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
PLANNING: P3	Number of cases at 'B' above that were dismissed under section 152(2), Planning and Development Act 2000	56	
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	0	
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	39	
PLANNING: P4	A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census	€38.09	
	AFS Programme D data consisting of D01 - Forward Planning, D02 - Development Management, D03 - Enforcement (inclusive of the relevant Programme D proportion of the central management charge) for 2020	€11,274,610	
PLANNING: P5	A. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2020 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of their receipt	25%	
	B. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2020 that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant	65.62%	
	The total number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2020 that were not withdrawn by the applicant	160	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2020 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of the date of receipt of the application	40	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2020 that were decided (granted or refused) within an agreed extended time period	105	



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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
FIRE SERVICE: F1	A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme E expenditure data for 2020 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census figures for the population served by the fire authority as per the Risk Based Approach Phase One reports		Set out in AFS
	AFS Programme E expenditure data consisting of E11 - Operation of Fire Service and E12 - Fire Prevention (inclusive of the relevant Programme E proportion of the central management charge) for 2020		Set out in AFS
FIRE SERVICE: F2	A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
FIRE SERVICE: F3	A. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is within 10 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	B. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	C. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
FIRE SERVICE: F3	D. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	E. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	F. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Total number of call-outs in respect of fires from 1/1/2020 to 31/12/2020		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Total number of call-outs in respect of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire) from 1/1/2020 to 31/12/2020		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	LIBRARY SERVICE: L1	A. Number of visits to libraries per head of population for the LA area per the 2016 Census	0.85
B. Number of items issued to library borrowers in the year		646,138	
C. Library registered members per head of population		0.11	
D. Number of registered members of the library in the year		68,518	
Number of visits to its libraries from 1/1/2020 to 31/12/2020		252,672	



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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
LIBRARY SERVICE: L2	A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2020 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census	€52.49	
	B.The annual per capita expenditure on collections over the period 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020	€2.71	
	AFS Programme F data consisting of F02 - Operation of Library and Archival Service (inclusive of the relevant proportion of the central management charge for Programme F) for 2020	€15,537,650	
	The annual expenditure on new stock acquired by the library in the year	€801,197	
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY: Y1	A. Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme	48.57%	
	Total number of second level schools in the LA area at 31/12/2020	35	
	Number of second level schools in the LA area from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na nÓg AGM held in 2020	17	
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY: Y2	A. Number of organisations included in the County Register at 31/12/2020 the PPN	18.01	
	Total number of organisations included in the County Register for the local authority area as at 31/12/2020	311	
	Total number of those organisations that registered for the first time in 2020	76	
	Number of organisations that opted to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College on whatever date they registered for the PPN	56	
CORPORATE: C1	A. The wholetime equivalent staffing number as at 31 December 2020	1382.84	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
CORPORATE: C2	A. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2020	2.81%	
	B. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2020	0.17%	
	Total Number of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2020	10949.43	
	Total Number of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2020	531.27	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of medically certified sick leave days in 2020	2,123.5	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of self-certified sick leave days in 2020	3	
	If any staff are on long-term sick leave (i.e. a continuous period of more than 4 weeks), include a text note of the number of staff on long-term sick leave	62	
CORPORATE: C4	A. All ICT expenditure in the period from 1/1/2020 to 31/12/2020, divided by the WTE no.	€4,407.98	
	Total of ICT expenditure in 2020	€6,095,529.93	
	A. All ICT expenditure calculated in C4 as a proportion of Revenue expenditure	1.88	
CORPORATE: C5	Total revenue expenditure from 1/1/2020 to 31/12/2020 before transfers to or from reserves	323,473,042	
CORPORATE: C3	A.The per capita total page views of the local authority's websites in 2020	5.67	
	B.The per capita total number of followers at end 2020 of the local authority's social media accounts (if any)	0.87	
	The cumulative total page views of all websites operated by the local authority for the period from 1/1/2020 to 31/12/2020 obtained from a page tagging on-site web analytics service or equivalent	1,678,779	



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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
CORPORATE: C3	The total number of social media users who, at 31/12/2020, were following the local authority on any social media sites	258,305	
	The number of social media accounts operated by the local authority	102	
	Indicate if there was a change to the cookie policies on the local authority sites and the date this came into effect	Yes 2nd October 2019	Cookie policy changed on 2nd October 2019 - Page View recording ceased. New solution introduced on 20th May 2020 - Page View recording resumed.
FINANCE: M1	A. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2016 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€15,974,676	
	B. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2017 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€15,976,478	
	C. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2018 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€15,978,433	
	D. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2019 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€15,979,354	
	E. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2020 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€15,979,679	
	F. Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2020 as a percentage of Total Income in 2020 from the AFS statement	4.11 %	
	G. Revenue Expenditure per capita in 2020	€1092.74	
	H. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2020 excluding significant out of County / shared service expenditure	€1006.81	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT	
	The 2020 total income figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€388,386,733		
	The 2020 total expenditure figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€323,473,042		
	The 2020 revenue expenditure excluding County/shared service expenditure for the service providers of HAP, MyPay, DRHE and Dublin Fire Services	€298,038,684		
	Collection Levies by Year	(a) % Rates	(b) % Rent & Annuities	(c) % Housing Loans
	2016	95.60%	89.80%	100.10%
	2017	96.10%	85.70%	101.20%
	2018	95.80%	86%	101.70%
	2019	97.90%	84%	97.70%
	2020	93%	79.6%	96.50%
	FINANCE: M3 & M4	A.1 Per capita total cost of settled claims for 2018	€6.23	
A.2 Per capita total cost of settled claims for 2019		€6.43		
A.3 Per capita total cost of settled claims for 2020		€5.57		
A. Overall central management charge as a percentage (%) of total expenditure on revenue account		14.06%		
B. Total payroll costs as a percentage (%) of revenue expenditure		26.48 %		
Overall central management charge from the Local Authority FMS and defined in the Annual Budget		€45,480,800		
Total payroll costs from Appendix 1 of the AFS for 2020 (including Salaries, Wages and Pensions)		€85,666,055		



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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: J1 - J4	A. The per capita number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2020 to 31/12/2020	-20.2689	
	The no. of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2020 to 31/12/2020	-60	
	A. The per capita number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2020	255.0503	
	B. The per capita number of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2020	82.089	
	The no. of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2020	755	
	The no. of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2020	243	
	A. The per capita number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2020 to 31/12/2020	409.0940	
	The number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2020 to 31/12/2020	1211	
	A. Does the local authority have a current tourism strategy?	Yes	Fingal Tourism Statement 2017-2022
	B. Does the local authority have a designated Tourism Officer?	Yes	



