



FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2015





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FOREWORD BY MAYOR OF FINGAL, COUNCILLOR DAVID O'CONNOR



The Annual Report gives us the opportunity to reflect on the activities and achievements of Fingal County Council during the year 2015. I have been honoured to hold the office of Mayor, and to represent Fingal as its first citizen.

During my term I have had the pleasure of attending a number of significant events for the County. In July I welcomed Minister Paschal Donohoe to Swords Castle to launch the Fingal Tourism Strategy "Destination Fingal" that sets out a vision for tourism in the County and plots the actions necessary to develop the sector. Fingal County Council has committed to investing over €18m in new and existing tourism facilities as part of this strategy. In 2015, the work on the 2016 Commemoration began and I was delighted in September 2015 to unveil the Fingal 2016 Centenary Programme Lecture Series. "Revolution in Context" set the backdrop to the Fingal 2016 Centenary Programme in general while specifically exploring and discussing the unique role that the women and men of Fingal played in the fight for Irish freedom. I also attended the Memorabilia Days and welcomed many citizens with letters, medals and photos that told the story of their family connections to the 1916 Rising and beyond to 1923.

I launched the Fingal Enterprise Week in October and attended a number of the many events developed by the Fingal Local Enterprise Office during this week. The award of the Purple Flag to Swords was a great occasion and I was delighted to accept the Purple Flag which recognises Swords for providing a vibrant mix of entertainment while promoting the safety and wellbeing of visitors and local residents.

There are many more events and openings over which I had the pleasure of officiating during my term. I was also honoured to accept a number of awards during 2015 including the IPB Co-operation Ireland Pride of Place Award 2015 for Ballyboughal, the LAMA award for Donabate and Portrane Community Centre, and the National Planning Award for the Lesotho Planning Project.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors in Fingal County Council for their invaluable support during my term as Mayor of Fingal, and also to thank my Deputy Mayor, Cllr Jack Chambers. I wish to thank the Chief Executive, Paul Reid for the valuable guidance and support he has given me. Finally to all our Council staff both indoor and outdoor I would like to thank you for all their hard work in supporting the people of Fingal and delivering a wide range of services. Finally to all the people who contribute to the economic, social, cultural and sporting life of our County, helping to build stronger communities and ensure that is Fingal a great place to live and work in, I acknowledge your efforts and look forward to working with you all in the future.

Councillor David O'Connor
Mayor of Fingal



INTRODUCTION BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, PAUL REID



It has been another very active and productive year for Fingal County Council. 2015 was a year of consolidation, planning, promotion and implementation.

The agenda of reforms set out in the Local Government Act 2014, provided Fingal County Council with both challenges and opportunities. The reforms provided local government with a strengthened role in developing economic and community plans. In Fingal we have embraced this opportunity. Working with the elected members we have put in place a continuous and extensive engagement process with a wide range of stakeholders to support economic growth and community development in the County.

The working structures and procedures, established to ensure that an enlarged group of elected members work effectively, bedded-in during 2015 and there is a real sense of shared purpose between the elected members and the executive.

Fingal is at the forefront in implementing the changes to local government. We are leading economic, social and community development and delivering efficient and good value services. A fundamental part of these changes is to enhance the capacity of local government in promoting economic development and social progress, including the well-being of communities, supporting job creation initiatives and economic growth.

In this context, Fingal County Council was awarded as the best Local Authority for Economic Development Services in 2015, by Public Sector Magazine, which is recognition of the hard work of the staff across a number of Council services and the prioritisation of this function by the elected members.

During 2015, we continued to work across all Council Directorates to realise our vision for Fingal: 'To be the place of choice to live, work, visit and do business in Ireland'.

Against the background of a strong economic performance nationally, Fingal has also experienced positive growth, with increased construction activity across the County and an increase in the level of planning applications. For example, planning applications were up about 30% from 2012 levels and at the end of 2015, there were 43 active sites of 10 or more housing units (up from 36 at end of 2014).

Fingal is well placed to progress now based on these improving economic conditions. We have a young, diverse and well educated population with a good business community providing employment across a wide range of sectors. We also have many great resources in the County that can help to distinguish us so that we can lead the way in economic growth, social development and tourism.

To support this, the Council agreed one of the most progressive budgets we have been able to put together in a number of years. This focused our investment in three key areas:



1. Strengthening the services that we deliver to the citizens of Fingal;
2. An increased investment and focus on Housing;
3. Stimulating economic and tourism activity through investments in some of our key strategic assets and heritage sites.

During 2015, the Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) was developed and adopted in December. It sets out over a six year period objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic and community development of the Fingal area. In July, we launched Destination Fingal, the county's three year tourism development plan. As part of our programme for promoting the county, the Council organised, facilitated and supported a significant number of events, including the St Patrick's Day Festival, the Flavours of Fingal festival, various summer festivals, the Fingal 10km Road Race, as well as the ITLG conference and the Mayor's Integration Conference in May. All of these key events are supported by staff across the Council's services.

In Fingal, we recognise the scale of the housing problem and we welcome the Social Housing Strategy 2020 to tackle emergency and short term homelessness. The Council's Capital Programme 2016-2018 provides for €155m for housing. The outturn for 2015 was over €44m (original budget of €18.5m) and Fingal is above its social housing targets, as set by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government.

Work on the Swords Castle Conservation Plan and, the Swords Castle Cultural Quarter Masterplan is progressing well and the Council was granted €1.47m funding from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to support the implementation of key elements of the Masterplan.

The review of the Fingal Development Plan (2011-2017) commenced, in order to develop a new County Development Plan for the period 2017-2023.

The above is just a brief snapshot of some of the activities in the past year.

I would like to thank the Mayor, Councillor David O'Connor and his predecessor Councillor Mags Murray and each of the Members of the Council for their co-operation and support on so many issues during 2015. I look forward to a continuation of this co-operation in 2016.

I would like to pay a special tribute to all Council staff for their commitment and enthusiasm in the delivery of services to the people of Fingal. I look forward to us all working together for the future of Fingal in 2016.

Paul Reid
Chief Executive

MEMBERSHIP OF FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Mayor (Jan – Jun 2015) Cllr Mags Murray



Mayor (Jun – Dec 2015) Cllr David O'Connor



Deputy Mayor (Jan – Jun 2015) Cllr Ted Leddy

Deputy Mayor (Jun – Dec 2015) Cllr Jack Chambers

BALBRIGGAN ELECTORAL AREA



JP Browne,
Fine Gael



Brian Dennehy,
Fianna Fáil



Ken Farrell,
The Labour Party



Gráinne Maguire,
Independent



Barry Martin,
People Before Profit



Tony Murphy,
Independent



David O'Connor,
Independent



Malachy Quinn,
Sinn Féin

CASTLEKNOCK ELECTORAL AREA



Jack Chambers
Fianna Fáil



Sandra Kavanagh,
Anti-Austerity Alliance



Ted Leddy,
Fine Gael



Eithne Loftus,
Fine Gael



Mags Murray,
Fianna Fáil



Roderic O'Gorman,
Green Party



Natalie Treacy,
Sinn Féin



HOWTH MALAHIDE ELECTORAL AREA



Jimmy Guerin,
Independent



David Healy,
Green Party



Anthony Lavin,
Fine Gael



Brian McDonagh,
The Labour Party



Daire Ní Laoi,
Sinn Féin



Eoghan O'Brien,
Fianna Fáil



Cian O'Callaghan,
Independent



Keith Redmond,
Renua

MULHUDDART ELECTORAL AREA



Kieran Dennison,
Fine Gael



Paul Donnelly,
Sinn Féin



Tania Doyle,
Anti-Austerity
Alliance



Edmund Lukusa,
Sinn Féin



Mary McCamley,
The Labour Party



David McGuinness,
Independent



Lorna Nolan,
Independent



Matthew Waine
Anti-Austerity Alliance

SWORDS ELECTORAL AREA



Darragh Butler,
Fianna Fáil



Eugene Coppinger,
Anti-Austerity
Alliance



Anne Devitt,
Independent



Adrian Henchy,
Fianna Fáil



Philip Lynam,
Sinn Féin



Paul Mulville,
Independent



Joe Newman,
Independent



Justin Sinnott,
Independent



Duncan Smith,
The Labour Party



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL IN 2015

DISPOSAL OF LAND

- Disposal of 34.75 acres (plus option of 10 acres) of land for Economic Development
- Disposal of 16.24 acres of land for Housing
- Disposal of 2.24 acres of land for Sports Facilities

PART 8/PART XI PLANNING APPROVALS

- Pedestrian Facilities at Back Road Bridge, Malahide
- Construction of 10 dwellings at Ringfort, Balrothery
- Reorganisation of County Hall Atrium
- Skerries Town Park Masterplan
- Playground at Harbour Park, Rush
- Refurbishment of existing buildings and development of new works at Newbridge House & Farm
- Construction of 6 dwellings at The Grange, Ballyboughal
- Construction of 24 dwellings at Castlelands Park View
- Construction of 32 dwellings at Cappagh Road
- Extension of all-weather facilities at PLSC, Carrickhill, Portmarnock
- Construction of 25 dwellings at Rathbeale Road, Swords

STUDIES

- NTA North Dublin-Fingal Study

REPORTS

- Indexation of Development Contribution Scheme
- Annual Report 2014
- Modular Housing
- Local Enterprise Office – Activities & Outputs Report 2014
- Annual Report of Fingal County Council Audit Committee 2014
- Sister City Agreement – Chengdu
- Naming and Commemorative Memorial Policy
- Development Contribution Scheme 2016 - 2020
- Fingal 2016 Centenary Programme
- Consideration of Malahide Cricket Event Licence

SPEED LIMITS

- Revision of Speed Limits at 3 locations in Balbriggan/Swords Operational Area
- Residential Speed Limits
- Revisions to Road Traffic Speed Limit Bye-Laws Local and Regional Roads 2015
- 30km per hour Speed Limit Bye-Laws

STRATEGIES

- Fingal Tourism Strategy 2015 – 2018
- Open Space Strategy

TAKING IN CHARGE

- Approval of taking-in-charge roads and footpaths totalling 7044m.
- Approval of Hansfield Train Station Access Road and Hansfield (Barnwell) National School Access Road
- Approval of Footpath at Beechpark Avenue, Castleknock



PLANS

- Fingal Corporate Plan 2015 – 2019
- 1916 Commemoration Plan
- Annual Service Delivery Plan 2015
- Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan 2015 - 2021

PLANNING

- Swords Castle Cultural Quarter Masterplan
- Extension of the life of Oldtown/Mooretown, Garristown and Fosterstown Local Area Plans
- Strategic Infrastructure Development for the New National Paediatric Hospital at St. James Hospital Campus, James Street, Dublin 8.

GRANTS

- Financial assistance to 2 Housing Associations/Approved Housing Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme
- Artists Support Scheme
- 2016 Centenary Community Grants
- Youths Sports Grants

SECTION 85 AGREEMENTS

- Construction of portion of the Hole in the Wall Road as part of the Hole In The Wall Road/Moyne Road Junction Improvement Scheme with Dublin City Council
- Agreement with Kildare County Council Leinster Bridges Expansion Joint Replacement Contract 2015

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- Annual Budget 2016
- Report on Schedule of Uncollected Rates for year ended 31st December 2014
- Approval of Annual Financial Statement 2014 and Statutory Audit Report
- Overdraft Accommodation 2016
- Local Property Tax – Setting of local adjustment factor for 2016 – Variation downwards by 15% on the basis rate of local property tax for 2016
- Capital Programme 2016 – 2018
- Report by Tony Foley, Senior Lecturer in Economics and Head of Economics, Finance and Entrepreneurship in Dublin City University on Vacancy Refund Rate
- Loan Approval from the Housing Finance Agency for housing purposes



MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

ARTS, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP: Councillors Anne Devitt (Chairperson), Joe Newman, Adrian Henchy, Mary McCamley, J.P. Browne, Daire Ní Laoi, Lorcan Blake, Guy Thompson, Dolores Walsh.

ACTIVITIES:

- 1916 Commemorations Committee
- The Per Cent for Arts Scheme
- Literacy Strategy
- Sports Division
- Community Development
- Public Participation Network (PPN)
- Naming & Commemorative Policy
- Establishment of a Coiste Gaeilge to promote the Irish Language.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP: Councillors Kieran Dennison (Chairperson), Keith Redmond, Anthony Lavin, Tony Murphy, Lorna Nolan, Edmond Lukusa, Jimmy Guerin, Mags Murray, David McGuinness, Jack Chambers.

Eric Fleming, Siobhán Kinsella, Emmanuel Okezie Emuaga, James Scully.

ACTIVITIES:

- Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) and Socio-Economic Framework Statement
- Fingal Tourism Strategy
- Membership of the Tourism Strategy Steering Group
- Chengdu Sister City Agreement
- Purple Flag Pilot Project for Swords
- Local Enterprise Office 2015 Plan
- SPC work programme for 2016

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP: Councillors Ken Farrell (Chairperson), Duncan Smith, Adrian Henchy, Paul Mulville, Barry Martin,

Malachy Quinn, Kieran Dennison, Matt Waine, Lorna Nolan, Sandra Kavanagh.

Alan Redmond, Odran Reid.

ACTIVITIES:

- Housing Delivery
- Void Turnaround
- Housing Strategy 2020
- Differential Rent Framework
- Integration in Corduff
- Allocations Policy
- Modular Homes Demonstration Project
- Report on Council Owned Land Zoned for Residential Development
- Parnell Estate, Mulhuddart



**PLANNING AND STRATEGIC
INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY COMMITTEE**

MEMBERSHIP: Councillors Cian O'Callaghan (Chairperson), David Healy, Brian Dennehy, Brian McDonagh, Justin Sinnott, Philip Lynam, Gráinne Maguire, David O'Connor.

Greg Farrell, Deirdre Fox, Kieran O'Neill.

ACTIVITIES:

- County Development Plan 2017-2023
- Fingal/North Dublin Transportation Study
- Open Space Strategy
- Cycling Infrastructure
- Mitigation & Adaptation Measures in Respect of Climate Change
- Development Contribution Scheme 2016-2020
- Planning Enforcement Policy & Processes

**TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY
COMMITTEE**

MEMBERSHIP: Councillors Eoghan O'Brien (Chairperson), Darragh Butler, Ted Leddy, Roderic O'Gorman, Annette Hughes, Natalie Treacy.

Paddy Kavanagh, Bob Laird, Raymond Ryan.

ACTIVITIES:

- Winter Maintenance Programme
- Residential Speed Limits
- Cycle Network in Fingal
- Rural Transport
- Public Lighting
- Green Schools Transport Audits
- Road Safety
- Public Transport

**WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

MEMBERSHIP: Councillors Paul Donnelly (Chairperson), Natalie Treacy, Anne Devitt, Mary McCamley, Eugene Coppinger, Eithne Loftus.

Séamus McGrath, Charles Sargent, Angela O'Flynn Bury.

ACTIVITIES:

- Eastern Midlands Draft Regional Waste Management Plan 2015 - 2021
- River Basin Management Plans - Second Cycle
- Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections (RMCEI) Report on 2014 and Plan for 2015
- Irish Water Update
- Bathing Waters 2015
- Greater Dublin Drainage Project
- Marketing, Sale, Distribution & Burning of Specified Fuels Regulations 2012 Update
- Fingal County Council Civic Amenity Sites



MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES OF JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP

15 Local Authority Members: Councillors JP Browne, Grainne Maguire, Malachy Quinn, Adrian Henchy, Paul Mulville, Anthony Lavin, Jimmy Guerin, Jack Chambers, Mags Murray, Eithne Loftus, Roderic O’Gorman, Natalie Treacy, Annette Hughes (resigned June 2015), Tania Doyle (co-opted to replace Annette Hughes 2015), Kieran Dennison, Mary McCamley.

Oireachtas Members: Ruth Coppinger TD, Alan Farrell TD, Brendan Ryan TD, Senator Darragh O’Brien.

Community Representatives: Jossy Akwuobi (Social Inclusion), Myles Caulfield (Community & Voluntary), Rev. Kenneth Lindsay (Social Inclusion), Howard Mahony (Community & Voluntary), Eamonn Price (Social Inclusion), Ray Smyth (Community & Voluntary), Maria Tormey (Environment).

An Garda Síochána: Chief Superintendent Clavin (DMR-W) and Chief Superintendent O’Brien (DMR-N).

Fingal County Council: Mr. Paul Reid (Fingal County Council Chief Executive) and Mr. Liam Burke (SEO Housing Department).

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 2015, the Fingal Joint Policing Committee met quarterly (20th February, 19th June deferred from 22nd May, 11th September and 04th December), and hosted a series of four public meetings in March/April. The report from the series of public meetings was agreed by the Committee on 19th June and published on the website at www.fingal.ie/FingalJPC.





CORPORATE AWARDS 2015

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Fingal County Council was selected as outright winner of the “Best Local Authority for Economic Development Services Award” in the 2015 Public Sector Magazine Awards. The award recognised the excellent performance of the Economic Development Services Department over the past year.

NATIONAL PLANNING AWARDS 2015/2016

LESOTHO PLANNING & MAPPING

At the National Planning Awards 2015/2016 the President's Choice Award was awarded to Fingal County Council for the Lesotho Planning and Mapping project. The President's Choice Award recognises outstanding achievement in planning. It is not necessarily awarded every year. The award is made to a planning organisation, project or individual to recognise their contribution to planning achievement. The Lesotho Planning and Mapping Project demonstrates on an international level how the planning profession and a planning system can benefit from shared experience and how we can and should learn from each other.

ROWLESTOWN VILLAGE FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT PLAN

iCon Architecture with Cummins and Voortman were awarded an award for Emerging Sustainable Technologies for the Village Framework Development Plan for Rowlestown for Fingal County Council. The judges highlighted the virtual model which was created for the entire village which served as a canvas on which changes to the village were tested and developed. Interactive visualisations enabled the community to engage and assist in decision making.

PURPLE FLAG FOR SWORDS

Swords was awarded the prestigious Purple Flag status for its evening and night-time economy. Purple Flag is a town and city centre award – similar to the Blue Flag for beaches – which aims to raise the standard and broaden the appeal of town and city centres between the hours of 18:00 and 05:00. Towns awarded the Purple Flag are recognised for providing a vibrant mix of entertainment while promoting the safety and wellbeing of visitors and local residents.



MALAHIDE DEMESNE & MILLENIUM PARK, BLANCHARDSTOWN

Malahide Demesne and Millenium Park, Blanchardstown were awarded Green Flags in the 2015 Northern Ireland & Republic of Ireland Green Flag Awards for Parks & Green Spaces. This prestigious award is an internationally recognised standard of excellence .





AGE FRIENDLY

Fingal County Council was awarded the Best Practice in Citizen Engagement award at the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2015 for Fingal's Age Friendly Facilities.



Skerries Town was awarded the Environment Award in the Age Friendly Ireland National Recognition Awards held in 2015.

BALLYBOUGHAL PRIDE OF PLACE AWARD

Ballyboughal took a top prize in the annual IPB Co-operation Ireland Pride of Place Awards 2015. The Pride of Place Awards recognise and celebrate the achievements of people who work tirelessly to create pride in their local area and a better place for local residents.



BEECH PARK GARDEN

Winner of the Best Small Garden and a Silver Gilt Medal, Fingal County Council and ITB's Bloom 2015 garden was a representative vignette of the famous walled garden at Beech Park, Clonsilla, Dublin 15 developed by the Shackleton family during the 2nd half of the 20th century.

BLUE/GREEN COAST FLAGS

Blue Flags were awarded in 2015 for the Brook Beach at Portrane, Balcarrick Beach at Donabate and Velvet Strand Beach at Portmarnock. Green Coast Flags have been awarded to the Brook Beach at Portrane, Balcarrick Beach at Donabate, Velvet Strand Beach at Portmarnock and The Burrow Beach, Sutton.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

At the 24th Annual Occupational Safety Awards, which were held in Galway on the 2nd October, Fingal County Council's HR team achieved the 'Local Authority/Council Award' in the Business Category Awards. In addition, Fingal County Council also achieved a 'Consistent High Achiever Award' for obtaining a distinction or higher in each of the last five years of entering the competition.

DONABATE AND PORTRANE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Donabate and Portrane Community Centre won overall winners prize for best Sports Facility in the LAMA Community & Council Awards 2015.



ARCHITECTS

The Architects' Department provided architectural design, conservation, urban design, building procurement and quantity surveying services to all departments of the Council during 2015. The department has worked on a wide variety of projects over the year- the provision of new social housing, best use of our existing housing stock, work on public and community buildings and work on a shared services basis for a number of local authorities.

COUNTY HALL

A major project was initiated and largely completed in County Hall. The re-design of County Hall entrance atrium provides an improved customer service to visitors to County Hall with a single service desk for all departments. This is a bespoke design with a particular focus on interactive information technology and customer comfort. Security arrangements have also been revised as part of the project.



SWORDS CASTLE

The Council has continued to develop long-term strategic objectives related to an area around Swords Castle. These objectives recognise the requirement to seek out a new direction for this part of Swords and to facilitate the delivery of a new social and cultural destination centred on the Castle and linking back to the retail heart of the town.

To this end several projects were in progress during 2015:

- Swords Castle Cultural Quarter Masterplan- launched April 2015

- Swords Castle Works to gatehouse and bawn- design work
- North Street Project- for the provision of a support building for Castle events.
- Public Consultation for the Swords Civic Centre.



MALAHIDE CASTLE

Conservation and repair works to the north east lodge an important Arts and Crafts style building at the entrance to the demesne from Malahide village were completed. The lodge has been leased to the Irish Centre for Cycling on a commercial basis.



CASINO, MALAHIDE

Extensive survey work was carried out during 2015 in advance of preparation of a Part XI Planning Application. The building will house an exhibition related to the Fry Model Railway.



BALGRIFFIN CEMETERY

Part XI consent was initiated in 2015.



Balgriffin Cemetery Columbarium Walls

NEWBRIDGE DEMESNE

Design development took place on the reordering of visitor facilities at Newbridge House and Farm. Part XI planning consent was obtained in 2015 and tender documents prepared.



SCHOOLS SITES/PILOT PROJECTS/ ENHANCED FACILITIES FOR COMMUNITY USE

The Department continued to liaise with Community Recreation and Amenities Department dealing with post-completion issues of existing shared facilities and liaison in connection with 2 new facilities at Ardgillan Community College, Balbriggan and Luttrellstown Community College Dublin 15.

NEW BUILD SCHEMES

The Department continued to work on the design and procurement of three housing schemes within the County in 2015:

- A 14-house scheme at Cappagh Road, Dublin 11
- A 14-dwelling scheme at Glasmore Green, Swords

- A single house at St. Cronan's Avenue, Swords.

Development of the schemes from inception to acceptance of tenders was continued in 2015. Work on Glasmore Green was commenced on site in December 2014 and continued throughout 2015. Work on the other two sites will commence in 2015.

Part XI planning processes were initiated and completed for five schemes in the county as part of the 2015 housing programme.

1. Racecourse Common Lusk - 74 units
2. Castlelands Balbriggan - 24 units
3. Cappaghfinn Cappagh - 18 units
4. Ballyboughal - 8 units
5. Rathbeale Road Swords - 20 units

Site feasibility work began on a number of further sites throughout the County, with the intention of developing these sites as part of the 2016 Housing Programme.

Part XI planning processes were initiated for two Rapid Build housing projects at Wellview, Dublin 15 and Pinewood Balbriggan.

The Department advised and assisted with the development of two housing schemes - a 9-house scheme in Balrothery for North and East Housing Association; and a 9-house scheme, an extension of the St. Benedict's scheme in Malahide, for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. It is anticipated that construction will start on these schemes in 2016.

A significant refurbishment scheme for the halting site at Moyne Park was started on site in 2015.



230 vacant houses were repaired prior to re-letting in 2015 (This is an increase of 8.5 % over 2014).

An extensive Window and Door replacement programme was carried out of over 360 occupied dwellings in Blanchardstown and North County Dublin. The Council was granted approximately €1,600,000 for these works by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government.

PYRITE REMEDIATION

The Architect's Department assessed pyrite remediation work at Corduff Park; and tendered this work for seven houses. Work on remediation of these infill houses will continue as they become available for repair.

INSPECTIONS

Advice continued to be given and inspections carried out for house purchases as requested by the Housing Department. 121 inspections were carried out in 2015.

HOUSE ADAPTATIONS, EXTENSIONS AND SMALL WORKS

28 new accessible showers, 13 new stair-lift installations and 5 external ramps were completed. 10 specially adapted extensions were completed on site in 2015.

HOUSING MAINTENANCE

The Department continued to manage the maintenance of the Council's stock of 4,600 council dwellings along with 117 Long Term Lease units; attending to just over 10,024 requests for repair (including requests from the Traveller Accommodation Unit), as well as scheduled external maintenance and repair to 984 dwellings; and heating maintenance to over 4146 dwellings.



COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS

The activities and operational programmes of the sections within the Community, Culture and Sports Division are closely interlinked with each of them involved in community development.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Community Officer plays a key role in supporting the development of local management and operational structures that oversee the day to day operation of Standalone Community Facilities and Shared Community Facilities. In 2015 the Community Officers provided both Quality Management support under the KPI Audit Programme and Community Development and Community Usage supports under the Pathways to Participation Programme.

The standalone Community Facilities working with the Community Officers and the local Community Committees continue to deliver the First Steps programme and the Quality Management Programme in 2015.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENGAGEMENT

The main focus of Community Development work is supporting and enabling community and voluntary groups to effect change and combat social exclusion within their own communities. In 2015, the Units delivered/commissioned 151 Community Education programmes, 1200 participants in the area of committee skills, tenant induction, First Steps, basic English, healthy eating and kitchen gardening.

The Community Development Office continued to support Fingal's Public Participation Network, and currently the membership stands at 427. Fingal PPN funding in 2015 amounted to €74,084.

The Community Development Office was instrumental in the design and delivery of the Fingal Mayor's Conference entitled "Immigration to integration".

COMMUNITY FUNDING IN 2015:

- Activity and Summer Project Programme of €103,000 (over 4000 young people participated in funded Summer Projects.)
- Management Assistance Funding of €385,000 allocated to 19 Facilities.

SPORTS OFFICE

The Sports Office, which is part of the Irish Sports Council's network of Local Sports Partnerships, delivered 535 programmes to in excess of 47,500 participants, working with 580 clubs, organisations and schools. The Sports Office relies on partnerships with a myriad of agencies and organisations to deliver its programmes to all communities. Activities of the Sports Office in 2015 include:-

- Sportscon, a specialised training module developed for children of all ages and abilities.
- "KIDSMARATHON", a structured running programme, where children ran 25.2 miles over an eight week period, culminating in 310 children running the final mile in the Dublin Marathon on 26th October.
- Training and development for sports volunteers and staff
- A Football and Fitness course, which uses sport and fitness as a means to assist unemployed people to seek employment or further education

The Sports Office supported 92 Sports Groups with Youth Sports Grants in 2015.





ARTS OFFICE

The Arts Office actively promotes and fosters the arts. Activities in 2015 include:

- Artful Dodgers Early Years Music & Visual Arts Programme
- Space Invaders, an arts festival for children, families and Early Childhood Educators
- Room 13, a Youth Studio Programme is a student-run art studio with an artist-in-residence and a student management committee.
- Development of a choir for people and families affected by dementia in Fingal.



PUBLIC ART 2015 PROGRAMME

- Mobile Monuments Project for the 1916 Commemorations
- Tolka Nights
- Resort Revelations in partnership with the Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival in Portrane invited artists back to present highlights of their work
- “Local Authority –European Perspectives on Public Art Commissioning” was launched by the Chief Executive at IMMA.



ARTISTS' SUPPORT SCHEME

28 awards were made amounting to a total sum of €40,000. A number of artists were awarded studio residency.

ARTS FUNDING

- €70,000 was awarded to Community Arts Festivals and Traditional Music Festivals
- €60,000 was awarded under the general arts grant scheme.
- €699,300 was funded directly to the Council's two Arts Centres, Draíocht and the Séamus Ennis Cultural Centre to support the work of both centres.

AGE FRIENDLY COUNTY INITIATIVE

Fingal Age Friendly County Alliance was shortlisted in 3 categories of the Age Friendly Ireland National Recognition Awards and Skerries Town took the Environment Award for the work undertaken in the town as part of the Age Friendly Town Process.



An Age Friendly Alliance Housing Sub-Committee was established to discuss opportunities for interagency collaboration regarding housing for older people in Fingal.

SKERRIES AGE FRIENDLY TOWN INITIATIVE

Skerries Age Friendly Information Working Group launched an Information Pack for persons over 65 years of age.

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF OLDER PERSONS' COUNCILS

Fingal Senior Citizen's Forum in association the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance and Fingal County Council hosted the Older Person's Council National Event in November.



DCU AGE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITY

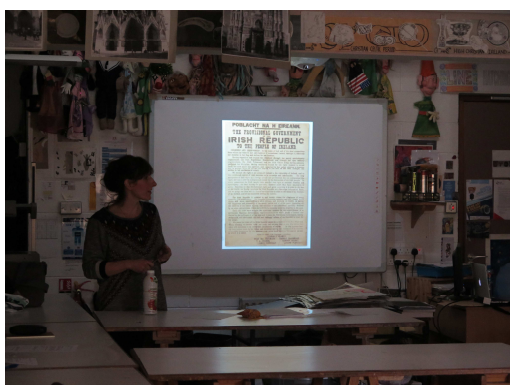
DCU undertook Walkability Surveys in January 2015 and issues highlighted were transport, signage and parking facilities and costs. Members of the Fingal Senior Citizen's Forum participated in the surveys. The Fingal Senior Citizen Forum eZine has been nominated for the DCU President's Awards.

FINGAL SENIOR CITIZEN'S FORUM

The Forum developed a Calling Card to help raise awareness of the role of the Fingal Senior Citizens as a voice for older people in the county. Their AGM 'Living a life of Significance' was held in the Emmaus Centre in Swords in May.

FINGAL 2016 CENTENARY

- Fingal 2016 Commemoration Interdepartmental Committee and Steering Committee were established to oversee the development of the Fingal 2016 Centenary programme.
- Consultation Sessions were held in Swords and Blanchardstown inviting the public to participate and contribute to the Centenary programme.
- Centenary Lecture Series launched by the Mayor on 19th September in Malahide Library.
- 2 Fingal 2016 Memorabilia Days held in Blanchardstown and Malahide





CORPORATE AFFAIRS & GOVERNANCE

This department's functions are:

- Corporate Services
- Customer Care
- Procurement
- Higher Education Grants
- School Meals
- Register of Electors
- Corporate Plan 2015 - 2019
- Internal Audit
- Communications
- Irish Language Scheme
- Emergency Management
- Freedom of Information

CUSTOMER CARE

In October 2015 the Atrium in the County Hall in Swords re-opened to the public. A designated Customer Care Unit was established with fully trained staff offering a top-quality level of Customer Care to our citizens and visitors. The new space in the Atrium allows for the holding of more events, receptions and activities both directly by the Council and with the general public.



PROCUREMENT

The Procurement Section aims to ensure that good practice in relation to procurement is

observed and that Council procedures are followed in relation to purchasing. Key achievements in 2015 included:

- Procurement Policy published in February 2015
- Procurement Procedures Manual published in May 2015
- Agresso MS4 Purchase to Pay Manual published in August 2015.

REGISTER OF ELECTORS

The final Register of Electors for 2015/2016 was published on 01/02/2015. The total number of Electors on the final register was 183,819. A draft register of electors for 2015/2016 was published on the 01/11/2015. The total number of electors on draft register was 183,719. The edited register of electors published on the 1st February 2015 contained 17,167 names.

CORPORATE PLAN 2015 -2019

The Corporate Plan was prepared in 2015 and sets out the strategic direction for Fingal County Council for the five year period 2015-2019. This Plan, which is the governance framework for the Council will provide for the delivery of Annual Reports to record details of progress in relation to the objectives outlined in the Corporate Plan and the delivery of our services between 2015 and 2019. The Annual Service Delivery Plan 2015 set out actions to deliver the objectives of the Corporate Plan.

INTERNAL AUDIT

Fingal County Council is committed to promoting the highest standards of corporate governance throughout the organisation. Its activities in 2015 included:

- Providing assurance to the Chief Executive on the existence, adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's internal control systems.
- Internal Audit also assisted Departments through audits undertaken and compliance checks.
- Support to the Audit Committee



- Risk management
- Liaison with the Local Government Auditor
- Value for money and efficiency
- Corporate governance.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

The Communications Office oversees corporate communications and internal communications on behalf of Fingal County Council. Its activities in 2015 include:

- Press releases, news alerts and responding to all queries from local and national media
- Development of Social Media
- Promotion of Council activities and events.
- Participation in "Tweet Day"
- Publication of The Raven staff newsletter
- Management and review of the Fingal Brand.
- Launch of Grapevine – a new online internal communication facility.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2014 was introduced to help access official information to records created after 21st October 1998. The act gives citizens the legal right to access information held by public bodies, have official information relating to them amended where it is incomplete, incorrect or misleading and be informed of reasons for decisions that affect them. Details of the information requests submitted and dealt with during 2015 are set out in Appendix X

FINGAL LOCAL AUTHORITIES IRISH LANGUAGE SCHEME

Fingal County Council's Irish Language Scheme 2015 to 2018 was prepared in accordance with the Official Languages Act 2003, confirmed by the Minister in February, and was launched at an event in County Hall Swords in March 2015.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Emergency Management Unit was established in 2010 to support Fingal County Council to meet its obligations as a Local Authority under "A Framework for Major Emergency Management". Fingal County Council is a Principle Response Agency and works closely with the two other Principle Response Agencies, An Garda Síochána and the Health Service Executive in regard to all aspects of Emergency Management.





ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

TOURISM

The Fingal Tourism Strategy 2015-2018 was officially launched by the Mayor and the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport in Swords Castle on 14th July, 2015.

In developing a tourism strategy for the County, Fingal County Council's intention is to provide the 'definitive pathway to tourism development in Fingal'. In 2015, work continued on the implementation of the Strategy. A total of 93 actions in the strategy were developed including increased marketing of Fingal as a tourism destination.



Consultants were engaged in December 2015 to produce a brand strategy to optimise the new Fáilte Ireland brand for Dublin in a Fingal context.



Fingal County Council also supported 14 events through the Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative.

EVENTS

A range of over 60 successful events took place in 2015 which were managed and/or supported by the Events Unit, Fingal County Council. These included:

- St. Patrick's Day Festivals
- Flavours of Fingal County Show
- Blanchardstown Spring Break Music Festival
- Dublin Bay Prawn Festival, Howth
- Ireland v's England Cricket Match, Malahide
- Fingal 10k Road Race
- D15 Family Fun Day
- Swords Festival
- Oktoberfest
- Fingal Festival of Fire
- Swords/Balbriggan Christmas Lights



HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Ardgillan Castle underwent a refurbishment to the food service area and tea rooms. This was completed and launched on the 27th February which has enabled an improvement in business performance. Also in 2015 an agreement was made to have an outdoor leisure concession present in the grounds. Both initiatives have added greatly to the offering in Ardgillan.

Swords Castle underwent minor works which made it safe and ready for public use on the 17th March following the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Castle was then opened, with a full guide service and supporting interpretation on July 1st. A formal launch of the Castle took place later in July with over 100 guests present to mark the occasion. Swords Castle also hosted several events throughout the year.



Newbridge House and Farm had a major capital scheme for refurbishment designed and put on public display in April. This was agreed at the May Council meeting. Enabling works began in late 2015 and this €1.4million project will be complete by end of summer 2016.

Malahide Castle and Gardens continues to register ever increasing visitor numbers and is quickly becoming a must see on many tourist itineraries.

Skerries Mill continues to be one of the focal points of community and tourist activity in Skerries. The number of visitors and the offering to both community and tourist continues to increase and improve on an annual basis.

PROPERTY SERVICES DIVISION

The Council's Property Services Division acquires and disposes of property on behalf of Fingal County Council and manages properties and lands owned by the Council.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION:

Lands, properties and wayleaves were acquired for the various statutory purposes of the Council through a number of mechanisms. In addition, The Property Acquisition Section continued to progress the acquisition and disposal of school sites in accordance with Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education and Skills and the County and City Managers Association. The Section also worked with the Office of Public Works in the provision of INTREO offices and Irish Water in relation to their land and wayleave requirements.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT:

The following summarises main areas of work in 2015:

- Development of new Property Interest Register (PIR) continued in 2015.
- Ensuring security and maintenance of Council lands/properties.

- Letting of Council lands for tillage and grazing by con-acre agreements (approx. 947 acres let in 2015)
- Temporary Convenience lettings for properties and lands not required by the Council in the short term.
- Collection of rents from the Council's residential shops.
- Disposal of lands or properties/grant of wayleaves etc.
- Lease of lands to Sporting Organisations and Utility Companies.

DEVELOPING AND MANAGING INDUSTRIAL PARKS

The Council continues to work with the business sector to develop Industrial Parks at Damastown, Cappogue, Stephenstown, College Business and Technology Park, Blanchardstown and Turvey.

In 2015 Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals, a large US pharmaceutical company, announced its plans for development of an 11 acre site within the Council owned College Business & Technology Park, Dublin 15. The company expects that their new facility will create approximately 45 high tech jobs with initially 300 jobs at the construction phase.

The new development is to include a two-storey manufacturing building, a three-storey administration building and additional areas for future investment. The overall investment will be in the region of €45 million.

2015 also saw the official launch of the "Dublin Enterprise Zone", a Council driven initiative to promote industrial development in the Dublin 15 area. The project involves a cross-Departmental grouping within the Council, working in conjunction with other State Agencies, local business interests, the National Sports Campus and the Blanchardstown Institute of Technology.
www.fingal.ie/dez



SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)

Local Community Development Committee activity has evolved from its start-up phase in 2014 to a wider role in policy oversight, development and programme management in 2015.

In addition to six meetings of the full LCDC, a range of meetings of sub-groups and advisory bodies were held.

FINGAL LOCAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY PLAN 2016 - 2021

The LCDC and Economic Development and Enterprise Development SPC had a key role in preparing the Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP). Following public consultation and engagement with key stakeholders, the LECP was formally adopted by Fingal County Council on December 14th 2015.

SOCIAL INCLUSION & COMMUNITY ACTIVATION PROGRAMME (SICAP)

Following a tendering process, Fingal LCDC awarded the contract for the delivery of SICAP in Fingal to Blanchardstown Area Partnership. The SICAP budget for the 9 months of 2015 was €899,593.

SICAP has three main goals: (a) Enterprise and Employment (b) Lifelong Learning (3) Community Engagement.



CAREER BOOT CAMP BALBRIGGAN, SICAP LEADER—RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Fingal LCDC successfully submitted an expression of interest to be the Local Action Group (LAG) for the purposes of applying for Rural Development Programme (RDP) funding for the period 2016—2020 in the amount of €6,370,438.43. The Dublin Rural Local Action Group (LAG) was formed in October, as a subcommittee of the Fingal LCDC, comprising members of the South Dublin, Dún Laoghaire and Fingal LCDCs.

The LAG ratified the appointment of Fingal LEADER Partnership as the Programme Implementer responsible for preparing the Local Development Strategy (LDS) and administering the implementation of the LEADER-RDP on behalf of the Dublin Rural LAG in October.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE FINGAL

During the year 2015, LEO Fingal approved grant aid to 39 businesses with total (gross) funding approved valued at €766,778. As a result of this funding, 66 new jobs will be created initially rising to a potential 149 new jobs within the first 12 months.

The ever popular Start Your Own Business Programme had 112 participants and 926 would-be-entrepreneurs and start-ups attended the weekly Business Advice Clinics.



The Local Enterprise Office also offers a mentoring service to pre-start-ups and existing businesses with 124 mentoring assignments approved during the year. In 2015 the Local Enterprise Office had high demand for Management Development Workshops, Ideas Generation Workshops, Business Briefings, E-commerce and Digital Marketing Training, and Core Management Development Programmes such as Accelerate, The Food Academy, Hi-start and Plato. The Local Enterprise Office also supported the Dublin Food Chain, Export Trade Missions and collaborative initiatives with other local agencies and organisations. 2015 also saw the launch of a new network called "*Fingal Enterprising Women*".

Fingal Enterprise Week was held during October and is recognised as the biggest and most successful Enterprise Week nationally. During Fingal Enterprise week, a comprehensive programme of activities including seminars, mentoring and workshops was held with record levels of attendance from entrepreneurs and pre-start-ups.



Several other programmes continued in the Local Enterprise Office such as the Trading Online Vouchers grant scheme which helps enterprises develop their e-commerce potential (funded by the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources) and the second "Ireland's Best

Young Entrepreneur" competition which promotes entrepreneurship among young people. In addition, close ties were maintained with other organisations such as Microfinance Ireland, through which a formalised partnership arrangement has been put in place to enable small and start-up businesses to access loan finance.

The Fingal Student Enterprise Awards Programme is the largest in Ireland and proved to be particularly popular in the academic year to March 2015, with nearly 2,000 second and primary-level students involved from 32 schools. The annual awards ceremony was held during March where awards were presented across three different categories.



Fingal County Council has developed and continues to support three Enterprise Centres in the County. The management of these Enterprise Centres has been aligned into the Local Enterprise Office structure allowing a more joined-up and comprehensive offering to start-ups and growing businesses. Drinan (Swords) BASE (Mulhuddart) and BEAT (Balbriggan) provide start-up space and training facilities for businesses in these catchment areas. Over 75 businesses and around 300 jobs are currently supported in the three enterprise centres.

Fingal Local Enterprise Office has a track record of attracting valuable sponsorship and buy-in from the Corporate sector and 2015 was no exception. Sponsorship arrangements were agreed with a variety of organisations including Vodafone, Bank of Ireland, One4All, Simtech, Xtreme.ie, Blanchardstown Centre, Dublin & Dun Laoghaire Education & Training Board.



ENVIRONMENT & WATER SERVICES

ENVIRONMENT

Functions in this Division include waste management planning, waste regulation, monitoring and enforcement, water pollution, litter enforcement, air quality and noise pollution.

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTIONS (RMCEI) PLAN

The RMCEI Plan 2015 was implemented through the combined resources of the Environment Division to ensure the efficient monitoring and implementation of environmental legislation.

WASTE ENFORCEMENT

- 23 Enforcement actions were initiated for breaches of the Waste Management Acts in 2015.
- 2 Waste Facility Permits were granted in 2015 for waste recovery facilities.
- 15 Waste Facility Permits were amended in 2015 due to new Regulations.
- 44 inspections of 19 registered self-compliers were carried out in conjunction with the Packaging Regulations 2014.
- Food Waste Regulations – 59 inspections.
- Waste Tyre Regulations – 8 inspections.
- WEEE Regulations- 475 premises registered with the European Recycling Platform (ERP)
- 0 registered with Fingal County Council.
- 38 compliance inspections carried out.

LITTER CONTROL

- 853 fines issued in 2015
- 157 files were prepared for prosecution.



AIR QUALITY CONTROL

This is provided on an agency basis by the Health Service Executive (HSE) Environmental Health Officers (EHO's). The Primary Air Quality Station is situated in Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 measuring PM10 and NOx. Data is given in real time and forms part of the Regional Air Quality Monitoring Network.

- 102 inspections were carried out in 2015 under the Air Pollution Act
- (Marketing, Sale, Distribution and Burning of Specified Fuels) Regulations 2012.
- 56 Targeted inspections of coal sellers and distributors.
- 21 complaints from members of the public relating to burning of specified fuels investigated.

NOISE CONTROL

Complaints investigated by EHOs.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

The 2nd Cycle of the Water Framework Directive runs from 2015 to 2021 and has a new three tier governance structure. Fingal County Council is part of a revised National River Basin District in tier 3 of the structure with the primary objective to achieve compliance with statutory obligations set out in the Directive relating to surface, ground and coastal waters.

Activities during 2015 included:

- Water quality monitoring of rivers and streams under the WFD (500 samples).
- Quarterly surface water monitoring of 17 statutory locations.
- Investigating and closing out of 52 water pollution incidents (rivers, bathing areas).
- Implementation of Bathing Water Regulations, including monitoring and reporting of water quality of identified bathing waters.
- Conducting 20 farm inspections and cross reporting any non-compliances.
- Monitoring of 79 Trade Effluent Discharge licences.



- Conducting 16 inspections of domestic waste water treatment systems in accordance with the EPA National Inspection Plan.

WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN – EASTERN MIDLANDS REGION

Following the establishment of the new waste planning regions, a Waste Management Plan was made in May 2015 for the Eastern Midlands Region. The Eastern-Midlands Region includes the local authorities: Dublin City, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal, South Dublin, Kildare, Louth, Laois, Longford, Meath, Offaly, Westmeath and Wicklow.

BALLEALLY LANDFILL

Balleally Landfill ceased the acceptance of waste in May 2012 after 40 years of operation. Soil is however still being accepted at the landfill for remediation and capping. Approximately 5,000 m² of the old landfill remains to be capped with engineered capping which comprises soil, drainage layer, geosynthetic clay layer artificial bentonite layer and a gas collection layer.

DUNSINK LANDFILL

Dunsink landfill continues in its aftercare phase i.e. environmental monitoring, leachate and landfill gas management. The generation of landfill gas continues to reduce. However, it is still sufficient to generate electricity economically.

NEVITT HISTORIC LANDFILL

An Environmental Risk Assessment was completed during 2014. The report, which concludes that the site is of low risk to the surrounding environment, was submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency in July 2014. A remediation proposal based on Monitored Natural Attenuation was submitted to the Agency in December 2014.

HISTORIC LANDFILLS

Site investigation and Environmental Risk Assessment continued in Fancourt Balbriggan during 2015. Site investigation and Environmental Risk Assessment commenced in Curkeen Quarry this year.

DUBLIN WASTE TO ENERGY PROJECT

The project is a Public Private Partnership between Dublin City Council (acting on behalf of the four Dublin Local Authorities) and Dublin Waste to Energy Ltd.

The decision was made in September 2014 to proceed with the project. Construction works started in October 2014 and are targeted to be complete in early 2017, with the plant to be fully commissioned by the end of 2017.

RECYCLING CENTRES, BOTTLE BANKS AND CLOTHES BANKS

The Council operates two recycling centres (Estuary & Coolmine); a network of 72 bottle banks throughout the county and 26 clothes banks (started July 2012).



ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

- The Council's "Adopt a Patch" initiative now has 144 groups involved countywide.
- Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund - awarded a total of €34,300 in 2015 to 18 local environmental projects.
- Environmental Education Programmes continued in the Estuary and Coolmine Recycling Centre with 6 schools visiting in 2015.
- 2 Green Dog Walker events were held in Skerries and Swords; and new signage installed countywide to raise awareness about dog fouling.
- 2 Gum litter awareness events were held at Pavilions Shopping Centre, Swords and Blanchardstown Shopping Centre.
- There were no Farm Hazardous Waste collection events held in Fingal during 2015
- 5 Tenant Induction courses incorporated an environmental awareness briefing.



WATER SERVICES

Under legislation enacted in December 2013, Irish Water, the national water utility, took over responsibility for the operation of public water services in January 2014. This includes the supply and treatment of drinking water and the provision of waste water (foul sewer) services to homes and businesses.

The Council continues to provide water services on behalf of Irish Water in accordance with a 12 year Service Level Agreement (SLA), agreed protocols and a detailed Annual Service Plan (ASP).



Construction of the Swords Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion is at an advanced stage and will provide additional treatment capacity for the Swords catchment.

A number of other projects are being progressed by the Council as part of the Irish Water Capital Investment Programme. Current projects continuing through the planning and procurement stage include:

- Swords 30" Watermain Rehabilitation
- Rush Road Pumping Station
- Rush Foul Network
- 9C Foul sewer Duplication, Blanchardstown
- Liffey Siphon Rehabilitation
- Oldtown–Mooretown Drainage Area Plan, Swords

Planning and Design Stages for the following additional schemes were initiated in 2015:

- Howth Water Supply Scheme
- Jordanstown to Kilsough Trunk Main Scheme
- Swords & Malahide Drainage Area Plans

CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Council continues to administer capital projects in the Fingal area on behalf of Irish Water.

In 2015 the following construction projects have been completed:

- Dublin Road Pumping Station, Balbriggan
- Cloghran Sewerage Scheme





FINANCE

The Finance Department deals with the short and long term financing of the Council's operations both of a Revenue and Capital nature. This involves:

- Monitoring and controlling income and expenditure in all areas.
- Arranging borrowing and leasing requirements.
- Treasury and cash flow management.
- Ensuring that statutory and financial accounting principles are complied with.

The Council's revenue or day-to-day expenditure is defrayed from sources such as:

- Commercial Rates
- Government Grants
- Local Property Tax
- Housing Rents
- Planning application fees
- Non principal private residence charges

The amount of money available for capital or infrastructural developments is dependent on State Grants, Local Property Tax, borrowing and/or development levies.

The main functions of the Finance Department include:-

- Preparation of the Annual Budget
- Preparation of Annual Financial Statement
- Financial Management and Control
- Revenue Collection – commercial rates, entry year property levies, non principal residence charge
- Payment of accounts
- Payroll administration
- Insurance and claims administration
- Cash Office operations

PROMPT PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS ACT 1997

The Prompt Payment of Accounts Act 1997 and the European Communities (Late Payment in Commercial Transactions) Regulations 2002 aims to ensure that all Public Bodies and Contractors on public sector contracts pay amounts due to

suppliers promptly. In the event of a payment not being made within a 30 day period from the date of receipt of their valid invoice, there is an obligation to pay an interest penalty.

In accordance with Government decision S29296 coupled with the National Recovery Plan and the EMU/IMF Programme of Support for Ireland, Fingal County Council operates the 15 day prompt payment rule.

Constant monitoring of the level and nature of outstanding invoices was conducted throughout the year and action was taken where appropriate to ensure that the Council met all prompt payment deadlines.

In the course of the year 2015 no interest penalties were incurred by the Council and 87.54% of invoices were paid within 15 days.





REVENUE ACCOUNT STATEMENT

for year ended 31st December 2015

| | DRAFT 2015 | 2014 |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| | € | € |
| Expenditure | | |
| Housing & Building | 35,299,506 | 34,364,128 |
| Roads Transportation & Safety | 21,882,876 | 22,518,469 |
| Water & Sewerage | 19,528,157 | 24,370,237 |
| Development Incentives & Controls | 15,658,350 | 15,120,871 |
| Environmental Protection | 33,999,676 | 33,733,094 |
| Recreation & Amenity | 33,093,236 | 32,459,319 |
| Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety | 1,485,765 | 2,501,226 |
| Miscellaneous | 13,621,197 | 16,528,499 |
| Total Gross Expenditure | 174,568,763 | 181,595,843 |
| Income | | |
| Housing & Building | 42,762,316 | 36,225,160 |
| Roads Transportation & Safety | 7,237,292 | 8,010,571 |
| Water & Sewerage | 21,143,253 | 27,349,668 |
| Development Incentives & Controls | 4,700,527 | 4,096,940 |
| Environmental Protection | 4,071,871 | 4,036,078 |
| Recreation & Amenity | 3,789,548 | 3,627,172 |
| Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety | 688,526 | 1,451,419 |
| Miscellaneous | 3,436,294 | 6,674,281 |
| Total Income | 87,829,627 | 91,471,289 |
| Net Expenditure | 86,739,136 | 90,124,554 |
| <i>Which is funded by:</i> | | |
| County Rates | 120,232,076 | 119,459,309 |
| Local Property Tax | 2,408,452 | 454,714 |
| Pension Related Deduction | 3,013,910 | 3,244,561 |
| TOTAL | 125,654,438 | 123,158,584 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers | 38,915,302 | 33,034,029 |
| Transfers from/(to) Reserves | (38,910,727) | (33,013,721) |
| | 4,575 | 20,308 |
| Incoming Balance @ 1st January | 15,967,583 | 15,947,275 |
| Closing Balance @ 31st December | 15,972,158 | 15,967,583 |

CAPITAL ACCOUNT STATEMENT

for year ended 31st December 2015

| | DRAFT 2015 | 2014 |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| | € | € |
| Expenditure (Net of Internal Transfers)* | | |
| Housing and Building | 48,357,869 | 23,564,654 |
| Road Transportation & Safety | 20,571,720 | 16,501,067 |
| Water Supply & Sewerage | 2,253,264 | 2,170,304 |
| Development Incentives & Controls | 35,921,898 | 5,084,806 |
| Environmental Protection | 4,600,677 | 1,569,778 |
| Recreation & Amenity | 2,610,855 | 7,981,931 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 1,051,951 | 726,791 |
| | 115,368,234 | 57,599,331 |
| Income (Net of Internal Transfers)* | | |
| Housing and Building | 52,309,112 | 26,727,801 |
| Road Transportation & Safety | 5,827,271 | 12,654,320 |
| Water Supply & Sewerage | (942,277) | 6,718,839 |
| Development Incentives & Controls | 58,433,245 | 26,561,392 |
| Environmental Protection | 6,083,667 | 24,122,525 |
| Recreation & Amenity | 7,140,291 | (8,424,430) |
| Miscellaneous Services | 3,685,234 | 6,182,355 |
| | 132,536,543 | 94,542,802 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for year | 17,168,309 | 36,943,471 |
| Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 1st January | 67,711,365 | 30,767,894 |
| Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 31 December | 84,879,674 | 67,711,365 |

*Excludes internal transfers, includes transfers to and from Revenue account



HOUSING

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT/ CONSTRUCTION

Fingal County Council continues to work towards the delivery of Social housing units as set out under the Social Housing Strategy 2020 for the period 2015 – 2017 with an allocation of €81m being provided.

During 2015 a total of 368 Social Housing units were delivered under a range of Housing Programmes including direct provision, Rental Accommodation Scheme, Long Term Leasing, Capital Assistance Scheme, Acquisitions and Pat V Acquisitions and the return of void properties during the period.



Social Housing acquired at Rossan Court, Dublin 15

DISABILITY STEERING GROUP

A multi-agency steering committee is working on preparing a Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability. The Strategy will form an integral part of the Housing Service Delivery Plan and will promote and support the delivery of accommodation for people with disabilities using all appropriate housing supply mechanisms. The Strategy will also support longer term strategic planning.

HOUSING ADAPTATION GRANTS

The Council approved a total of 254 grants for works to private dwellings during 2015. There were 49 adaptations carried out to Council owned stock during the year.

HOUSING STOCK

Rental

At 31st December 2015 the Council had 4587 social properties and 115 long-term lease properties in its housing stock. The Rental income from these properties was €14,783,197. There are an additional 84 units of Traveller's housing stock and c.96 Halting Site Bays with a Rental Income of €191,875.

Loans

At 31st December 2015, 1,660 live mortgage accounts yielded payment of €11,080,854.

ESTATE MANAGEMENT

Revenue Expenditure:

€5.3m(2014) revenue expenditure was incurred on response maintenance and general upkeep of the Council' Housing Stock and estates and a further €1.1m (2014) revenue expenditure was incurred in respect of the Traveller's Accommodation Unit's response maintenance.

- 10,888 response maintenance requests during 2015.
- 4,146 boilers are part of the Council's Boiler Servicing Programme.
- 10 Tenant Induction Courses were held to assist tenants to settle into their new homes and communities.
- 610 allegations regarding Anti-Social Behaviour and breach of tenancy received.
- 13 residents Association meetings attended by Estate Management staff.
- 10 meetings held with An Garda Síochana concerning Community Policing and Estate Management issues.
- Vacant possession of 3 anti-social tenancies recovered.



- 458 dwelling received garden maintenance and grass cutting undertaken (senior citizens and vulnerable tenants) under the grass cutting programme,
- Estate Improvement Works were undertaken at a number of locations to deal with laneway issues and to alleviate problems at anti-social behaviour black spots.

Capital Expenditure:

€6.4 m incurred on planned maintenance programmes and other improvements as outlined below:

- 229 dwelling - Pre-Let Repairs completed with grant funding from the DECLG tin respect of 139 dwellings in the amount of €1,624,635.
- 14 weeks average void turnaround time during 2015.
- 210 dwelling received central heating installation and boiler upgrading works .
- 983 dwellings - painting and joinery works under the cyclical maintenance programme.
- 325 dwellings - windows and where necessary, doors replaced under the Window and Door Replacement Programme.

ALLOCATIONS

During 2015 a Ministerial Directive was in place directing Local Authorities to allocate 50% of available units to Homeless/ Vulnerable applicants. This Directive was complied with by Fingal County Council with the units allocated to the qualified applicants across the various forms of Social Housing Support.

368 allocations in 2015 to applicants who had applied to Fingal County Council for Social Housing Support, as follows:

- 113 - Standard Housing Stock Casual Vacancies
- 76 - Standard Housing Stock New Purchased Dwellings
- 41 - Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)
- 35 - RAS in-situ
- 27 - RAS Renewals
- 17 - Long Term Leasing
- 37 - Voluntary Casual
- 22 - Voluntary Unsold Affordables

In addition 14 dwellings were allocated to Fingal homeless applicants under the Dublin Region HAP Pilot for homeless households.

During 2015 two Rough Sleepers Counts were conducted. No rough sleepers were found on the night of the April count. During the Winter count carried out on the 30th November, 2015 four rough sleepers were located and information was received in relation to a further two persons who were subsequently confirmed as rough sleeping. All rough sleepers receive ongoing support from the Council's Homeless Support Team in liaison with the Rough Sleepers Intake Team operated by Focus Ireland and the Peter McVerry Trust.

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION

The 2015 Annual Count of Traveller Families showed that a total of 482 families are resident in the County.

Phase 1 of the Moyne Park Refurbishment was completed during 2015.

6 Group Houses were refurbished and 7 bays were refurbished.

In addition, Fingal County Council provided 35 units of accommodation to Travellers in 2015.



HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources Department continued to play a major role in collaboration with the services Directorates in a number of Organisational Restructuring projects designed to maintain efficiency and service delivery. Considerable effort was also expended in recruiting persons under the Government's Gateway Labour Activation Scheme. At the end of 2015, 201 people were employed on various Gateway projects.

The Health and Safety Unit for the 5th consecutive year received an award in the National Irish Safety Organisation's Annual Occupational Safety Awards. We were awarded the Local Authority Award in the Business Category and also were awarded a Consistent High Achiever Award in recognition of our safety management work practices in service provision.

STAFFING RESOURCES

Fingal County Council employed 1243 staff (FTE) at year end 31/12/2015 as detailed in the following table:-

| Category | Total |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Administration | 466 |
| Professional | 132 |
| Technical | 154 |
| Craft | 67 |
| General Workers | 424 |
| Total | 1243 |

RETIREES

53 people retired in 2015 from the Council.

STAFF TRAINING

254 Training courses were run in 2015 resulting in the provision of 2,800 Training Days to staff

44 employees availed of the Staff Education Scheme in 2015

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

The Council maintained its good industrial relations record.

HEALTH & SAFETY

The following activities were carried out during 2015:

- 300 safety inspections
- 72 safety audits.

NETWORK FINGAL FORUM *(Fingal's Workplace Partnership Committee)*

The Network Fingal Forum was engaged in the following projects and initiatives during 2015:

- Remembrance Ceremony
- Staff calendar
- Health & Safety Week
- Corporate Wellbeing Stands and Corporate Health Checks for staff.
- Reviewed and up-dated the "Drivers Hand Book".
- Transition Year Programme for Fingal County Council.





INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Information Technology (IT) Department is responsible for the strategic use of information technologies in Fingal County Council to support business areas in delivering their objectives through improved efficiencies and effectiveness.

The provision of services to citizens, staff and elected public representatives is enabled through multiple channels such as front desks, mobile devices, Internet and using technologies such as GIS and Web 2.0. These digital technologies are enabling transformational change in the delivery of Fingal County Council services.

IT PROJECTS

The following projects were successfully completed in 2015:

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Development and implementation of solutions to enable Phase I and Phase II of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 process including –

- Development Plan website
- Public Submissions system
- Online Interactive Development Plan Maps
- Councillors Motions Submission system
- Back-office Submissions Analysis system

ATRIUM PROJECT

The IT Department played a major role in the Reorganisation of the Atrium in County Hall. Solutions delivered included –

- Installation and configuration of interactive screens, content management systems, kiosk software and content including 110" video wall, 4 x 70" screens, 3 x large format 'table' screens, 5 x touch-screen PCs and 2 x tablet devices
- Digital Application Forms
- Service Catalogue solution for new Customer Care unit
- Visitor Registration System

Other Project completed include:-

- Online Consultation Portal
- National Libraries Information Management System
- Upgrade of Agresso
- Upgrade of the corporate Planning Applications system
- Meetings Management System
- Grapevine – Internal staff collaboration system
- Replacement Fleet Management System
- Mapalserter extended to other functions
- Digitising of Council-owned lands

SHARED INITIATIVES

The Council continued its active participation in the regional Dublinked data-driven innovation project. Dublinked has increased its focus on Economic Development objectives for the Dublin Region and has also assumed responsibility for the regional Smart Dublin initiative.

Fingal County Council also represents the Local Government sector on the National Public Bodies Working Group on Open Data.

IT OPERATIONS

The Department maintained and supported the information technology and communications infrastructure for Fingal County Council throughout the year including the network, server infrastructure, business systems and computing devices.





LAW

The Law Department provides a comprehensive in-house legal service to the Chief Executive and all of the Council's Departments relating to the broad and varied range of statutory functions.

These services include:-

- Advising and consulting with Council departments in relation the regulatory framework governing local authorities
- District Court proceedings on a weekly basis in relation to code enforcement
- Litigation services relating to matters such as contract law and procurement, disputes in relation to land, debt collection including rates collection, judgments and judgment mortgages, injunctions including statutory injunctions, public and employers liability claims, housing repossessions for non-payment of rent/mortgage and antisocial behaviour, personal injury litigation and trespass
- Conveyancing and property management services dealing with acquisitions and disposal of Council properties including clubs and community centres, agreements/licences, commercial leases of the Council's industrial sites, dedications of open spaces, equity buy outs, first registrations, loans and mortgages, shared ownerships, tenant purchases under the sales schemes, voluntary housing schemes
- Providing training to Council Departments
- Judicial Review
- Representing the Council at arbitrations and oral hearings.

The provision of legal services involves regular communications with external bodies such as Court Services, Property Registration Authority, Government Departments, members of the legal profession and other consultants. Internally, staff interact actively with client departments, both individually and in teams, to ensure the provision of a comprehensive, inclusive legal service and legal risks are minimised.

Review and upgrade of the department's case management system continued in 2015, which has proved an effective tool in the provision of legal services.

In 2015 ongoing training was provided to staff who attended a broad range of courses in the areas of professional development, legal knowledge and I.T.





LIBRARIES

LIBRARIES DIVISION

Just under 68% of the population are registered members of Fingal Public Libraries, making Fingal the County with the highest rate of library membership in the country. In 2015, members made 1.13 million visits to our libraries and borrowed over 1 million items. Fingal's 10 branch libraries provide a 6 day week service, with average opening hours of 45 hours per week, also the highest in the country. In tandem with branch libraries, our Local Studies and Archives section and Mobile and Housebound units provide a wide range of services, opening up a world of opportunity and learning to Fingal's diverse communities.

DIGITAL SERVICES

Our digital services continue to increase in popularity with a 57% increase in their use since 2014. There were over 59,000 thousand transactions in 2015 with users accessing ebooks, emagazines, enewspapers and online learning resources.

CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Hundreds of events took place in 2015 in Libraries as part of the Division's cultural and educational programming. Event highlights included:

- 'Once Upon a Place on the Fingal Express' an initiative that involved bringing 300 children and a group of storytellers on a magical steam train journey through Fingal.



- Dunsink Horse Project Creative Writing initiative and exhibition engaged families involved in the Dunsink Horse Club in the creative writing process.

- 'Battle of the Book 2015', shortlisted by the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards for 'Best Library Service' in 2015 was extended to five Fingal schools in 2015.
- The Big Sports Quiz - a collaboration between the Libraries Division and the Sports Office



- To celebrate 'One City Once Book' -The Barrytown trilogy 2015, an annual collaboration with Dublin City Libraries, Fingal engaged songwriter and producer Pete Holidai to deliver a series of talks on the development of the Irish music industry in the '80s and '90s while Garry O'Neill produced a photographic exhibition in celebration of Dublin's youth culture and street style from the 1950s to the late 1990s.

During 2015, library staff continued to develop and implement the 10 key actions of Fingal County Libraries' Early Years Literacy Strategy: The Youngest Ages Can Turn Pages. Tip sheets for parents and carers were launched accompanied by a video.

The launch of the 'One Race - Human Race' exhibition took place at Blanchardstown Library in November, where submissions to the Show Racism the Red Card Creative Competition from Blakestown Community School and Castaheany Educate Together in Dublin 15 were exhibited.

2016 CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS

Fingal 2016 Centenary Programme Lecture Series "Revolution in Context" was launched on September 19th in Malahide Library to set the backdrop to the Fingal 2016 Centenary Programme, while specifically exploring the



unique role that the women and men of Fingal played in the fight for Irish freedom. The lecture series delivered by academics and local historians continues into 2016. The Centenary Programme sparked an interest in family history and prompted the programming of a series of Genealogy Courses, which were booked to capacity in Swords and Balbriggan Libraries.

Two Memorabilia Days were held in 2015, the first at the Grand Hotel, Malahide and the second in the Atrium of the Blanchardstown Offices. Relatives of people involved in 1916, brought along letters, photographs and diaries and shared stories of bravery, tragedy and romance. The items were digitally scanned and will leave a lasting legacy of Fingal's role in the fight for Irish freedom in the form of an online archive.

EUROPE DIRECT

The Europe Direct Centre at Blanchardstown Library continues to be the local link to Europe for the citizens of Fingal and a forum for engagement on European issues. The Centre hosted European themed events throughout 2015, the highlight of which was an Education and Employment Fair. There were over 20 exhibitors including Eurodesk, Europass, UCD and Blanchardstown Area Partnership and over 900 people attended throughout the day.

BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (BEE)

A new Business, Enterprise and Employment Centre was officially opened at Blanchardstown Library on the 14th September 2015. The Centre which is a support resource for job seekers, entrepreneurs and anyone seeking to grow a business in Fingal, provides access to printed information and online databases, desk and meeting spaces, pcs and printing, all free of charge. Along with the Europe Direct Centre and in partnership with the Council's Local Enterprise Office, it commenced a programme of networking and information events which will continue into 2016.

NEW LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

A New Library Management System went live in the 4 Dublin, Kildare and Wexford library authorities in June 2015. Co-ordinated by the LGMA and project managed by Dublin City Libraries, this represents an ambitious and significant step forward in creating a single national library system with universal access.

In 2015 self-service was enhanced across the branch network through the mobile print/copy/scan facility provided by Surfbox™.

SWORDS CIVIC AND CULTURAL CENTRE

Using the new online consultation portal, the Libraries Division conducted a survey in September 2015 on the proposed Swords Civic and Cultural Centre, which will include a library, exhibition and performance spaces. Just over 650 responses were received which will help to inform the design brief.

LOCAL STUDIES AND ARCHIVES

Apart from providing research facilities to the public on a daily basis, Fingal Archives and Local Studies were heavily involved in the preparation of the 2016 Centenary Programme. Many well-attended talks on Fingal's role in the fight for Irish freedom took place at Clonmel House. The staff carried out extensive research for the 1916 Oral History Project, and for the production of a resource pack for schools and a major exhibition on the Rising. Staff also launched the fourth edition of the local history journal, 'Fingal Studies: Letters from the trenches.' Throughout 2015, the sourcing and acquisition of relevant materials continued to facilitate local research.

MOBILE LIBRARIES AND HOUSEBOUND SERVICE

4 mobile vans travel throughout the County servicing schools, residential stops and traveller sites. From time to time the vans become storytelling buses as children from community crèches come on board for storytime sessions. The Housebound van calls to nursing homes and community care units.



OPERATIONS

The Operations Department is responsible for the general maintenance and improvement of regional and local roads, parks and public open spaces along with landscaping, tree maintenance and litter collection in all public areas in Fingal. It also includes responsibility for beaches, harbours and public conveniences.



TRANSPORTATION

A wide range of services are provided including the improvement, maintenance and lighting of existing roads, the implementation of traffic management measures and the operation of a Road Safety Section and school warden service. The Department is also responsible for taking in charge new roads, temporary and permanent closures of roads, the making of bye-laws relating to roads and related areas (e.g. speed limits, parking places etc.)

TRAFFIC

A wide range of traffic control, traffic planning and traffic management issues are dealt with:

- Travel Demand Management.
- Provision and maintenance of traffic signals
- Signing and road marking of road network.
- Improvements to walking and cycling networks.

- Facilitating the improvements to the bus network in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA)
- Promote road safety

| Traffic Elements in 2015 | Total | (RMS remote monitoring system) |
|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Traffic Signals at junctions | 102 | (97 on RMS) |
| Pedestrian Signals | 94 | (91 on RMS) |
| Toucan Crossings | 43 | (42 on RMS) |
| Refurbishments to LED signals | 2 Blanchardstown Rd South south of Blakestown Way. Dublin St Swords | |
| School Warning Signals | 48 | |
| Zebra Crossings | 22 | |
| Bus Gates | 1 | |
| Speed Readers/ vehicle activated signs | 40 | |

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT PROJECTS

In 2015 the following projects were advanced:

- Works to improve accessibility on the footpath network in Malahide and also near Bayside National School.
- Design work continued during 2015 to develop new sustainable transport schemes including Swords to Sutton Cycle route and Royal Canal Greenway(Castleknock to Maynooth).
- Various road safety schemes progressed through the use of antiskid/signage/vehicle activated warning signage.
- 2 speed readers were installed.
- At Hayestown, Rush footpath linkage along with accommodation works was completed.
- Remedial works were carried out to traffic calming ramps at various locations throughout the county.
- New traffic calming was provided at Hamlet lane in Balbriggan, at Royal Oak in Santry, at Seatown Villas in Swords, at Main St. in Lusk and at Turvey Avenue in Donabate.



- A contract for the installation of Pedestrian/Toucan crossings was awarded and begun during 2015 for the following locations:
 - The Mall in Malahide, Millview Road to connect footpaths
 - Abbey St. in Howth near Harbour Road, Hamilton Road in Balbriggan near the school and Castlelands
 - Porterstown Rd. near the GAA
 - Somerton Road, at Barnwell in Ongar.
- A pedestrian crossing was installed at St. Catherines Park, R121 in conjunction with the road and footpath upgrade at Rokeby Park.
- An indented bus bay was constructed at Estuary Road Malahide.
- A one way system on Rugged Lane and Somerton Road was proposed and put on public display during 2015. Following consultation with residents/Gardai and submissions the proposed scheme was withdrawn.

SPEED LIMITS

New speed limit byelaws for local and regional roads in Fingal were passed by the Council during 2015. These included for 30kph pilot speed limits. Signage for the speed limit byelaws passed for local and regional roads in December 2014 was erected during 2015.

FLEET MANAGEMENT AND PLANT HIRE

The Fleet Management and Plant Hire Section (FMPH) managed a council owned fleet of 366 vehicles and 230 items of plant in 2015. As part of ongoing fleet renewal, 65 vehicles and items of plant were replaced in 2015. Plant Hire processed 500 hire requests through contract, mini competition and spot hire in 2015.

STREET LIGHTING

In 2015, maintenance of the council's stock of 31,000 lights resulted in the issuing of 7,533 repair job requests; 5,134 from routine scouts and 2,399 from phone calls, to the Lighting Contractor. As part of the end-of-life column replacement programme, 250 new columns were installed in 2015.

ROAD SAFETY (SCHOOL WARDENS AND GENERAL)

The total number of School Wardens employed in 2015 was 123.



Road Safety in the County in 2015 continued through:

- Production of information/campaign materials, leaflets, armbands, rulers and pencils with the safety message
- Pedal Cyclist training course
- Educational talks in schools
- Junior school warden training course
- Road Safety Week,
- Road Safe Road Show in Crowne Plaza Hotel for transition year students
- Promotion of the safe routes to schools and walking bus multi-agency approach
- Bike for your Breakfast mornings in schools
- Cycle events during Bike Week
- Cycle to school



ROAD MAINTENANCE

Within the Fingal Area there are 65km of National Roads including Motorways, 264km of Regional Roads and 1011km of Local Roads.

There are two depots at Balbriggan, Swords and Coolmine. An extensive Programme of Works was carried out in 2015 comprising road resurfacing, surface dressing, road strengthening, drainage and flood relief works and general maintenance repairs on the county roads.

Footpath renewal and repairs were also undertaken throughout 2015.

The number of kilometres of local and regional Roads improved and maintained under the restoration Programme per annum was 26.7 km

ADMINISTRATION

The Administration Division serviced Area Committee Meetings and also dealt with:

| 2015 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Wayleave/ Communications, Road Opening Licences | 624 | 418 | 439 |
| Temporary Road Closures | 29 | 39 | 19 |
| Taking in Charge Certs | 986 | 717 | 532 |
| Abnormal Load Permits | 405 | 380 | 350 |

BEACHES & BATHING WATER

88 kilometres of coastline are maintained including 10 designated beaches at Balbriggan, Skerries South, Loughshinny, Rush South, Portrane, Donabate, Malahide, Portmarnock, Sutton (Burrow Road) and Claremont, Howth. 37

lifeguards were employed from June to end August 2015. Monitoring of seawater samples was carried out to ensure compliance with Bathing Water Quality requirements.



HARBOURS & PIERS

A number of harbours and piers at Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush, Loughshinny and Malahide Slipway are managed and maintained.



BURIAL GROUNDS

There are 36 Burial Grounds operated and maintained by the Fingal County Council.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Maintenance of 14 public conveniences – 7 open year round and 7 open during the summer season.

PARKS

Management and maintenance of:

- c. 5,000 acres (2000 Ha.) of public open space including Regional and neighbourhood parks in Fingal.
- c. 900 allotments on sites in Blanchardstown, Donabate, Skerries and Balbriggan.
- 39 playgrounds



- 170 pitches for a range of team sports
- 8 all-weather pitch facilities in Balbriggan, Skerries, Rivervalley, Balheary, Hartstown Park, Mulhuddart, Corduff, and Malahide.
- Cricket grounds in Malahide Demesne, Town Park, Balbriggan, Porterstown and Lanesborough
- Grass athletics track in Porterstown Park.
- 12 Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA) across the County.
- 2 Skateparks at Balheary, Swords and Millenium Park, Blanchardstown.
- Public tennis courts in Malahide, Holywell, Swords, Balrothery, Skerries, Lusk, Riverwood and Carpenterstown.
- A Bowling Green administered by the Skerries Bowling Club is in operation in the Town Park, Skerries.
- 2 public golf courses at Corballis, Donabate and Elmgreen, Dublin 15m, a Pitch & Putt and a Par 3 Golf Course at Malahide Demesne.
- Adult exercise equipment in 14 locations.

MAJOR EVENTS

A wide range of events was facilitated during 2015 including:

- St. Patrick's Day Parades
- IronMan 70.3
- The Pieta House Annual Walk
- Flavours of Fingal
- RAS in Skerries
- Howth Aquathon
- Dublin Bay Prawn Festival
- Cricket Ireland v England Match
- World T20 Cup Qualifiers
- Malahide Festival
- Balbriggan Summerfest
- Skerries Water Festival
- Rush Festival
- The National Cross Country Championships in Santry
- The National Schools Cross Country Championships in Santry
- Fun Fest – Dublin 15 Free Family Fun Days, Millennium Park
- Ice Skating Rink, Millennium Park



In addition the Operations Department was actively involved in National Tree Week and National Tree Day and provided drop off points for Christmas Tree Recycling.





PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT INCLUDING REGISTRY, BONDS & CONTRIBUTIONS

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The number of planning applications received was 1183 (of which 117 were declared invalid), including additional information submissions and extensions of duration applications. Valid applications increased by 8% over 2014. The number of applications determined in 2015 was 964, of which 91% were grants of permission. Of the applications received in 2015 71% were determined within 2 months. The Department also dealt with planning consultations with prospective applicants (and/or their agents) and responded to An Bord Pleanála appeals as required. The Department provides an integrated pre-planning service with a multi-disciplinary team of efficiencies available as required.

1066
Planning applications
were received in 2015



STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE APPLICATIONS

During the course of the year, 1 Strategic Infrastructure Development Application (SID) was lodged with An Bord Pleanála for the proposed National Paediatric Hospital, St James Hospital and its satellite centre at Connolly Hospital Campus, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. No decision had been made by year end.

BONDS & CONTRIBUTIONS

A sum of €18.8 million was collected under the Council's Section 48 Development Contribution Schemes in 2015. Payments and phased payment agreements are continuously agreed, monitored and reviewed. Where necessary, legal proceedings are instituted to recover/secure outstanding levies and 8 such cases were initiated in 2015 involving a sum of €293,000. Judgements were secured from the courts in 14 cases with a total value of €128,000.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017-2023

Preparation of the Fingal Development Plan is one of the most important functions of a County Council. The current Plan, which was adopted in April 2011, has been in effect for almost five years.



In March 2015 the review progress formally began in respect of the preparation of the 2017-2023 Development Plan. Background issue papers were prepared which were strategic in nature and these were circulated by the Planning Authority for the purpose of raising awareness of the various issues, including settlement strategy, place-making and communities, infrastructure and movement, economic development, green infrastructure and natural and cultural heritage.

Submissions on strategic issues were invited and a number of workshop meetings were held in April and May 2015 with members of the public, local community and business groups, stakeholders and prescribed bodies invited to attend.



A Chief Executive's Report was prepared and circulated to elected members for consideration in July 2015. The members considered the report in September 2015 and directed the Chief Executive to prepare the Draft Development Plan. The Draft Plan was subsequently produced by the Chief Executive in December 2015 and debated with the elected members during January and February 2016.

The Draft Development Plan 2017-2023 is currently on public display until the end of April 2016.

FORWARD PLANNING

While much of 2015 has been taken up with the preparatory work attached to the Development Plan Process, considerable work was undertaken to complete and implement key planning objectives of the 2011-2017 Development Plan. The Planning Authority has delivered a series of Local Area Plans (LAPs) and non-statutory plans, studies and strategies to date, advancing policies and implementation of our Green Infrastructure network. Donabate LAP was placed on public display in December 2015 and was adopted in March 2016. The Open Space Strategy was placed on public display in August and September 2015 and adopted by the Council in November 2015.

The Planning Department as part of the Construction 2020 Dublin Housing Supply and Co-ordination Task Force worked with the NTA, NAMA, DOECLG, Dublin Regional Authority and four Dublin planning authorities to respond to

the short-term housing market requirements. The Department has actively participated in data gathering, analysis and the development of a strategy to identify appropriate housing lands that can be delivered in the short-medium term and infrastructure necessary to enable its delivery.

LOCAL AREA PLANS

As stated above the Donabate Local Area Plan was placed on public display in 2015. The Dublin Airport Master Plan was put on public display in February 2016 and noted in March 2016. A review of the Local Area Plan has now commenced. In addition, a number of Local Area Plans have been extended during 2015 including the Fosterstown, Hacketstown, Rush/Kenure, Streamstown, Oldtown/Mooretown and Garristown Local Area Plans.

OUTSIDE BODIES

In the course of the year the Council was represented by Planning Department staff on the following outside bodies:

- Airport Regions Conference (ARC), comprising local authorities of the European Union and the Accession States having major airports located in their area. Council membership on ARC is now held by Cllr Anne Devitt.
- QLAIR – Quality of Life in Airport Regions
- School Liaison Committee - Department of Education and Science
- North Fringe Development Forum – Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council.
- Archaeological Policy and Practice working group established by Department of Environment, Community and Local Government
- Heritage Council Working Group
- National Biodiversity Data Centre
- Regional Authority Technical Working Group



- Dublin Housing Task Force Steering & Working Group (2020 Strategy)
- Project Board for Department of environment "My Plan"
- National Transport Authority GDA Stakeholder Group.

TRANSPORTATION SECTION PLANNING

The Transportation Section manages the delivery of transportation capital infrastructural works, contributes also on transportation matters and assesses the transportation impacts of planning applications and local area plans.

Liaison continues with other transport stakeholders, such as the National Transport Authority and Transport Infrastructure Ireland, with a view to ensuring provision of funding for projects within the County which deliver the aims of the stakeholder and the Council. These projects aim to relieve congestion, improve public transport facilities and usage, and encourage active travel.

Construction work on the Castle Mill Access Road during 2015 and enabling works for the provision of the Back Road Pedestrian Bridge at Malahide also commenced.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT INSPECTORATE SECTION

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

Unauthorised developments are investigated and enforcement action taken where required. 181 cases were lodged in 2015 and 126 cases were closed. 5.6% of the cases were dismissed and 94.4% of cases were closed through enforcement proceeding. There were 105 complaints under investigation at year end 2015.

BUILDING CONTROL

The Built Environment Section performs the role of the Building Control Authority and may inspect

and monitor works to ensure compliance with Building Regulations. In 2015 198 BER Certificates were sought with a response rate of 99%.

A total of 238 applications for Fire Safety Certificates were received during 2015. 177 applications for Disabled Access Certificates were received in 2015 and 258 properties were inspected for disabled persons grants, an increase of 35% on 2014.

SAFETY OF STRUCTURES AND PLACES

The Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1964 may be used in addressing any safety concerns that may arise in relation to structures or places which may include unfinished developments/estates. 37 dangerous site complaints were investigated in 2015.

DERELICT SITES

The Inspectorate is empowered under the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 to direct, by way of a notice, the owner/ occupier of land which is or may become derelict to take such measures considered necessary to prevent it from becoming/ continuing to be a derelict site. 36 complaints were investigated in 2015 and there is 1 derelict site on the Derelict Sites Register.

UNFINISHED HOUSING ESTATES

As part of the Government Action Plan on Unfinished Housing the DOECLG carry out an annual survey of unfinished developments. The number of unfinished developments remaining within Fingal has now reduced to 12.

TAKING IN CHARGE OF ESTATES

15 estates were taken in charge during 2015, comprising 630 dwellings and 7,387km of road. A further 7 private developments reached the required standard and bonds in respect of these developments were returned.



WATER SERVICES SECTION PLANNING

The Water Services Section advises on water, foul and surface water drainage requirements for all planning applications lodged - 1066 applications in 2015 including requests for additional information. Since the 1st January, 2015, the section also advises Irish Water in relation to planning applications and general constraints in the water services networks. The section approves compliances with planning conditions, assesses and certifies offsets and inspects new onsite waste water treatment systems for single houses, releasing bonds on 27 sites in 2015.

The section provides guidance on Flood Risk Management, the implementation of codes of practice for both wastewater treatment & disposal systems and drainage works, as well as the implementation of guidelines for drinking water supply. Additionally it provides pre-planning consultation services and liaises on strategic infrastructure projects.

In 2015 the section also provided input into the Donabate Local Area Plan, preparing a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and SuDs Strategy, and also preparing a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) for the County Development Plan.

FINGAL HERITAGE PLAN

The Heritage Plan is a five year action plan which deals with all aspects of our heritage including our wildlife, coast and countryside, architectural heritage, archaeology, local history and culture.

Work was undertaken on a wide range of heritage projects in 2015 including the following:

- **Community Archaeology** – Swords Castle: Digging History, a month-long community excavation at Swords Castle.



- **Dublin Archaeology GIS Project** - The final phase of this project was completed with the other Dublin local authorities.
- **Fingal Industrial Heritage Survey** - The final phase of this project was undertaken in 2015 with an additional **257** sites surveyed.
- **Swords Heritage Trail Audioguide** - This is the first heritage audioguide to be produced in Fingal in a collaboration between the Council, Abarta Audioguides and Swords Heritage Society. The guide, which was launched in September, tells the story of Swords from earliest times to the present day using the most up-to-date information available.



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Annette Hughes ** Councillor Annette Hughes resigned in June 2015



APPENDIX II

Councillor Committee Membership within Fingal County Council

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEES

Balbriggan/Swords

Members of Balbriggan and Swords Electoral Areas

Area Chairperson

Councillor Grainne Maguire

Castleknock/Mulhuddart

Members of Castleknock and Mulhuddart Electoral Areas

Area Chairperson

Councillor Eithne Loftus

Howth/Malahide

Members of Howth/Malahide Electoral Area

Area Chairperson

Councillor Anthony Lavin

ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

All Members of Fingal County Council are Members of this Committee.

CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

Councillor Mags Murray (Mayor) Jan - Jun 2015
Councillor David O'Connor (Mayor) Jun - Dec 2015

ARTS, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Councillors Anne Devitt (Chairperson), Joe Newman, Adrian Henchy, Mary McCamley, J.P. Browne, Daire Ní Laoi.

TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Councillors Eoghan O'Brien (Chairperson), Darragh Butler, Tania Doyle, Ted Leddy, Roderic O'Gorman, Natalie Treacy.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Councillors Kieran Dennison (Chairperson), Keith Redmond, Anthony Lavin, Tony Murphy, Lorna Nolan, Edmond Lukusa, Jimmy Guerin, Mags Murray, David McGuinness, Jack Chambers.

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Councillors Ken Farrell (Chairperson), Duncan Smith, Adrian Henchy, Paul Mulville, Barry Martin, Malachy Quinn, Kieran Dennison, Matthew Waine, Lorna Nolan, Sandra Kavanagh.

WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Councillors Paul Donnelly (Chairperson), Natalie Treacy, Anne Devitt, Mary McCamley, Eugene Coppinger, Eithne Loftus.

MEMBERS OF PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY COMMITTEE

Councillors Cian O'Callaghan (Chairperson), David Healy, Brian Dennehy, Brian McDonagh, Justin Sinnott, Philip Lynam, Gráinne Maguire, David O'Connor.



APPENDIX III

Councillor Membership of Other Bodies

BLANCHARDSTOWN COMMUNITY FORUM

Councillors Mary McCamley, Jack Chambers.

MALAHIDE CASTLE AND GARDENS LTD.

Councillors Eoghan O'Brien, Anthony Lavin.

NEWBRIDGE HOUSE & GARDENS LTD.

Councillors Adrian Henchy, Paul Mulville.

ARDGILLAN CASTLE LTD.

Councillor Grainne Maguire.

GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DCU

Councillor Keith Redmond.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Councillors Jack Chambers, Kieran Dennison, Cian O'Callaghan, Anthony Lavin.

BLANCHARDSTOWN DRUG TASK FORCE

Councillors Ted Leddy, Annette Hughes.

DUBLIN & DÚN LAOGHAIRE EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD

Councillors Ken Farrell, Eithne Loftus, Mags Murray, Roderic O'Gorman, Justin Sinnott.

ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Councillors Darragh Butler, Eithne Loftus, Gráinne Maguire, Daire Ní Laoi, Mary McCamley.

The following Members are also Members of THE STANDING POLICY COUNCIL OF THE A.I.L.G.:
Councillors Gráinne Maguire, Eithne Loftus, Daire Ní Laoi.

EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Councillors Kieran Dennison, David Healy, Brian McDonagh.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED

Councillor Anthony Lavin.

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

Councillor Mags Murray (Chairperson).

FINGAL TOURISM LIMITED

Councillors Mags Murray, Kieran Dennison.

LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Councillors Eugene Coppinger, Ted Leddy, Lorna Nolan.

JOINT FINGAL AND SOUTH DUBLIN LIFFEY VALLEY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor Mags Murray Jan 2015 - Jun 2015
Mayor David O'Connor Jun 2015 - Dec 2015

All Councillors from Castleknock and Mulhuddart Electoral Areas.

MULHUDDART ELECTORAL AREA:

Councillors Kieran Dennison, Paul Donnelly, Annette Hughes*, Edmond Lukusa, Mary McCamley, David McGuinness, Lorna Nolan, Matthew Waine, Tania Doyle**.

CASTLEKNOCK ELECTORAL AREA:

Councillors Jack Chambers, Sandra Kavanagh, Ted Leddy, Eithne Loftus, Mags Murray, Roderic O'Gorman, Natalie Tracey.

**Councillor Annette Hughes resigned in June 2015*

*** Councillor Tania Doyle was co-opted in June 2015 to replace Councillor Annette Hughes.*



BALLEALLY LANDFILL LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillors Brian Dennehy, Ken Farrell, Barry Martin, Paul Mulville, Malachy Quinn, Adrian Henchy.

COUNTY HERITAGE FORUM

Councillors Mags Murray, David Healy, Ted Leddy, Eithne Loftus, Daire Ní Laoi.

NORTH FRINGE AREA FORUM

Councillors Brian McDonagh, David Healy, Cian O'Callaghan, Keith Redmond.

REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM DUBLIN AND NORTH EAST

Councillors Adrian Henchy, Jack Chambers, Eithne Loftus, Lorna Nolan, Kieran Dennison, Mary McCamley.

DRINAN ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Councillors Eoghan O'Brien, Anthony Lavin.

EDGE CITIES NETWORK

Councillor David McGuinness.

AIRPORT REGIONS CONFERENCE (ARC)

Councillor Anne Devitt.

NORDUBCO

Councillors Mags Murray, Anne Devitt.

NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES SECRETARIAT (NFLA)

Councillor Ted Leddy.

DRAÍOCHT

Councillors Natalie Treacy, Mary McCamley.

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)

Councillors Tony Murphy, Duncan Smith, Natalie Treacy.

DRINAN ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Councillors Mary McCamley, Edmond Lukusa.

HANSFIELD SDZ STEERING GROUP

All Councillors from Castleknock and Mulhuddart Electoral Areas.

MULHUDDART ELECTORAL AREA:

Councillors Kieran Dennison, Paul Donnelly, Annette Hughes*, Edmond Lukusa, Mary McCamley, David McGuinness, Lorna Nolan, Matthew Waine, Tania Doyle**.

CASTLEKNOCK ELECTORAL AREA:

Councillors Jack Chambers, Sandra Kavanagh, Ted Leddy, Eithne Loftus, Mags Murray, Roderic O'Gorman, Natalie Tracey.

**Councillor Annette Hughes resigned in June 2015*

*** Councillor Tania Doyle was co-opted in June 2015 to replace Councillor Annette Hughes.*



APPENDIX IV

Meetings Held in 2015

| Meeting | No. of Meetings Held |
|--|----------------------|
| Full Council | 14 |
| Balbriggan/Swords (Services A) Area Committee | 10 |
| Balbriggan/Swords (Services B) Area Committee | 10 |
| Castleknock/Mulhuddart (Services A) Area Committee | 10 |
| Castleknock/Mulhuddart (Services B) Area Committee | 10 |
| Howth/Malahide (Services A) Area Committee | 10 |
| Howth/Malahide (Services B) Area Committee | 10 |
| Joint Policing Committee | 4 |
| Strategic Policy Committees | 24 |
| Corporate Policy Group | 10 |

APPENDIX V

Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999

| Councillor | Donations and Expenditure Disclosed |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Councillor JP Browne | €0 |
| Councillor Darragh Butler | €0 |
| Councillor Jack Chambers | €0 |
| Councillor Eugene Coppinger | €0 |

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Councillor Brian Dennehy | €0 |
| Councillor Kieran Dennison | €0 |
| Councillor Anne Devitt | €0 |
| Councillor Paul Donnelly | €0 |
| Councillor Tania Doyle* | €0 |
| Councillor Ken Farrell | €0 |
| Councillor Jimmy Guerin | €0 |
| Councillor David Healy | €0 |
| Councillor Adrian Henchy | €0 |
| Councillor Annette Hughes** | No Declaration Returned |
| Councillor Sandra Kavanagh | €0 |
| Councillor Anthony Lavin | €0 |
| Councillor Ted Leddy | €0 |
| Councillor Eithne Loftus | €0 |
| Councillor Edmond Lukusa | €0 |
| Councillor Philip Lynam | €0 |
| Councillor Gráinne Maguire | €0 |
| Councillor Barry Martin | €0 |
| Councillor Mary McCamley | €0 |
| Councillor Brian McDonagh | €0 |
| Councillor David McGuinness | €0 |
| Councillor Paul Mulville | €0 |
| Councillor Tony Murphy | €0 |
| Councillor Mags Murray | €0 |
| Councillor Joe Newman | €0 |
| Councillor Daire Ní Laoi | €0 |
| Councillor Lorna Nolan | €0 |
| Councillor Eoghan O'Brien | €0 |
| Councillor Cian O'Callaghan | €0 |
| Councillor David O'Connor | €0 |
| Councillor Roderic O'Gorman | €0 |
| Councillor Malachy Quinn | €0 |
| Councillor Keith Redmond | €0 |
| Councillor Justin Sinnott | €0 |
| Councillor Duncan Smith | €0 |
| Councillor Natalie Treacy | €0 |
| Councillor Matthew Waine | €0 |

*Councillor Tania Doyle was co-opted following the resignation of Councillor Annette Hughes

** Councillor Annette Hughes resigned in June 2015.



APPENDIX VI

Payments to Councillors in 2015

| Councillor Payments made to Councillors under Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001 | Amount |
|---|----------|
| Total of Expenses paid to members in respect of attendance at meetings of the County Council and its Committees | €303,439 |
| Representational Payments Total | €661,607 |
| Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Allowance Total | €36,000 |
| Mayors Allowance (January - Dec 2015) | €31,047 |
| Deputy Mayors Allowance (January - Dec 2015) | €6209 |

Councillors Expenses and Representation at Conferences in 2015

| Expense Type | Home | Abroad | Total |
|----------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Travel & Subsistence | €3821 | €364 | €4185* |
| Fees | €1750 | €919 | €2669 |

*For details of Conference Payments - see Appendix 6



APPENDIX VII - Conferences/Seminars/ Training attended by Councillors in 2015

| Name of Conference | Venue | Date | Councillors in Attendance | Travel/ Sub/ Expenses | Conf. Fee |
|--|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| AILG Training Module 1 | Arklow Bay Hotel, Arklow | 21st February 2015 | K. Dennison | €122.09 | €50.00 |
| Governance of Local Authority | | | A. Devitt | €132.25 | €50.00 |
| | | | G. Maguire | €156.71 | €50.00 |
| AILG Annual Conference | Nuremore Hotel, Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan | 12th - 13th March 2015 | K. Dennison | | €125.00 |
| | | | A. Devitt | €184.90 | €125.00 |
| | | | E. Loftus | € 293.30 | €125.00 |
| | | | G. Maguire | €159.97 | €125.00 |
| | | | M. McCamley | €257.45 | €125.00 |
| | | | M. Murray | | €125.00 |
| AILG Training Module 2 Local Economic Development & The Role of the Local Authority | Celbridge Manor, Celbridge, Co Kildare | 14th April 2015 | E. Loftus | | €50.00 |
| | | | J. Newman | | €50.00 |
| AILG Training Module 2 Local Economic Development & The Role of the Local Authority | Radisson Blu Hotel, Limerick | 18th April 2015 | K. Dennison | | €50.00 |
| | | | A. Devitt | €356.37 | €50.00 |
| AILG Module 4 Housing & Finance | Longford Arms, Longford | 13th June 2015 | A. Devitt | €169.99 | €50.00 |
| Cycling Study Trip | Netherlands | 15th to 18th September 2015 | D. Healy | €606.00 | €170.69 |
| AILG Autumn Seminar | Inchydoney Island Hotel Co Cork | 1-2nd October 2015 | A. Devitt | €617.82 | |
| AILG Training Module 5 Road Transport | Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co Offaly | 6th October 2015 | A. Devitt | €149.44 | €50.00 |
| LAMA Autumn Seminar | Kilkenny Hotel, Co. Kilkenny | 8th - 10th October 2015 | A. Devitt | €250.00 | |
| | | | M. Murray | | |
| AILG Training Module 5 Road Transport | Silver Springs Hotel Co Cork | 17th October 2015 | K. Dennison | | €50.00 |
| | | | E. Loftus | | €50.00 |
| AILG Training Module 6 Ground Water/Lobbying | Red Cow Moran Hotel, Dublin | 14th November 2015 | A. Devitt | €45.19 | €50.00 |
| | | | E. Loftus | | €50.00 |
| | | | G. Maguire | | €50.00 |



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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | | P. Mulville | | €50.00 |
| | | | J. Newman | | €50.00 |
| ARC Noise at Airports Workshop | ARC Offices, Brussels, Belgium | 19th -20th November 2015 | J. Newman | €313.47 | €192.98 |
| Celtic Conferences | | | | | |
| A practical guide to Budget | Clonakilty Hotel, Co. Cork | 4th - 6th December 2015 | A. Devitt | €569.10 | €100.00 |
| Celtic Conferences | | | | | |
| EU Cohesion Policy Conference | Four Seasons Carlingford Co Louth | 11th - 13th December 2015 | A. Devitt | €356.61 | €100.00 |
| | | | | €4,740.66 | €2,113.67 |



APPENDIX VIII

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

01/01/2015 – 31/12/2015

| HOUSING | |
|--|---|
| H1: Social Housing Stock | |
| A. The overall total number of dwellings provided by the local authority in the period 1/1/2015 to 31/12/2015; comprising: | 234 |
| B1. The number of dwellings directly provided (constructed) by the LA in 2015 | 0 |
| B2. The number of dwellings directly provided (purchased) by the LA in 2015 | 100 |
| C. The number of units provided under the Rental Accommodation Scheme in 2015 | 82 |
| D. The number of units provided under the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme in 2015 if operated (or else indicate in the scheme is not yet being operated in the LA) | Scheme not yet being operated by FCC |
| E. The number of units provided under the Social Housing Leasing Initiative (SHLI) (including unsold Affordable Scheme units and NAMA sourced properties and the Mortgage to Rent Scheme) in 2015 | 52 |
| F. The overall total number of social housing dwellings in the LA at 31/12/2015; comprising: | 5,723 |
| G. The total number of dwellings directly provided (constructed or purchased) by the LA | 4587 |
| H. The total number of units provided under the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) | 713 |
| I. The total number of units provided under the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP) if operated (or else indicate in scheme not yet being operated in the LA) | Scheme not yet being operated by FCC |
| J. The total number of units provided under the SHLI (including unsold Affordable Scheme units and NAMA sourced properties and the Mortgage to Rent Scheme) | 423 |
| H2: Housing Vacancies | |
| A. The percentage of the total number of dwellings at H1G that were vacant on 31/12/2015 | 1% |
| H3: Average Re-letting Time and Cost | |
| A. The time taken from the date of vacation of dwelling to the date in 2015 when a new tenancy had commenced in the dwelling, averaged | 13 wks |



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| across all units re-let during 2015 | |
| B. The cost expended on getting the units re-tenanted in 2015 ready for re-letting, averaged across all units re-let in 2015 | €14,270 |
| H4: Housing Maintenance Cost | |
| A. Expenditure during 2015 on the repair and maintenance of housing bought or built by the LA compiled on a continuous basis from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015, divided by the no. of directly provided units in the LA stock at 31/12/2015, i.e. data at indicator H1G | €808 |
| H5: Private rented sector inspections | |
| A. Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area* | See Note Below |
| B. Number of inspections carried out | 311 |
| H6: Long-term Homeless Adults | |
| A. Number of adult individuals in emergency accommodation that are long-term (i.e. 6 months or more within the previous year) homeless as a % of the total number of homeless adult individuals in emergency accommodation at the end of 2015 | 56%** |

*The total number of registered tenancies at the end of 2015 will be supplied directly to the LGMA by the Private Residential Tenancies Board

**Based on figures for the Dublin Region provided by Dublin Regional Homeless Executive

| ROADS* | |
|---|-----------------------|
| R1: Ratings in Pavement Surface Condition Index (PSCI) | See Note Below |
| A. The % of (a) Regional, (b) Local Primary, (c) Local Secondary, and (d) Local Tertiary roads that have ever received a PSCI condition rating | See Note Below |
| B. The % of total regional roads that received a PSCI condition rating during 2015 and | See Note Below |
| C. The % of (a) Regional, (b) Local Primary, (c) Local Secondary, and (d) Local Tertiary road kilometres represented by the numbers of kilometres at 31/12/2015 rated in each of the following 4 groupings of the 10 PSCI rating categories; 1-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10 for each road type | See Note Below |
| R2: Regional road grant works | |
| A. Kilometres of regional road strengthened during 2015 using Road Improvement (RI) grants and the RI grant amount and | See Note Below |
| B. Kilometres of regional road resealed during 2015 using Road Maintenance (RM) grants and the RM grant amount | See Note Below |
| R3: % of motor tax transactions conducted online | |
| A. The percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued) | See Note Below |

*Data for all indicators in respect of roads will be provided by the Road Management Office or Department of Tourism, Transport and Sport as appropriate

| WATER | |
|---|-----------------------|
| W1: % Drinking water in private schemes in compliance with statutory requirements* | See Note Below |

*Data will be obtained directly from the EPA in respect of the monitoring of the quality of private drinking water supplies during 2015



| WASTE/ENVIRONMENT | |
|---|--------------------------|
| E1: No./% of Households with access to a 3 bin service* | |
| A. The number of households, based on the 2011 Census, who are situated in an area covered by a licensed operator providing a 3 bin service at 31/12/2015 | See Note Below |
| B. The % of households within the LA area (also as per the 2011 Census) that the number at A represents | See Note Below |
| E2: % of environmental pollution complaints closed | |
| A. The total no. of pollution cases in respect of which a complaint was made during 2015, (a) the number of pollution cases closed from 1/12/2015 to 31/12/2015 and(b) the total no. of cases on hand at 31/12/2015. | (a) 1895 (b) 1823 |
| E3: % of LA area within the 5 levels of litter pollution** | |
| A. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2015 was 1) unpolluted or litter free, 2) slightly polluted, 3) moderately polluted, 4) significantly polluted, or 5) grossly polluted | See Note Below |

**In order to compile this information, data will be obtained directly from the National Waste Collection Permit Office*

***Data will be submitted by Tobin Consulting Engineers directly to the LGMA from the data for the 2015 National Litter Pollution Monitoring System Report that should be ready for publications in mid-2016*

| PLANNING | |
|---|---------------|
| P1: New Buildings Inspected | |
| A. Buildings Inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority | 17% |
| P2: No./% of Planning decisions confirmed by <i>An Bord Pleanála</i> | |
| A. Number of LA planning decisions which were the subject of appeal to <i>An Bord Pleanála</i> that were determined by the Board on any date in 2015 | 91 |
| B. % of the determinations at A which confirmed (either with or without variation) the decision made by the LA | 78.02% |
| P3: % of Planning Enforcement cases closed as resolved | |
| A. Total number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the local authority in the period 1/1/2015 to 31/12/2015 that were investigated | 181 |
| B. Total number of cases that were closed during 2015 | 126 |
| C. % of cases at B that were dismissed under Section 152(2), Planning and Development Act 2000 or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development | 5.6% |
| 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) | 94.4% |
| F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2015 | 105 |



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|---|------------|
| P4: Cost per Capita of the Planning Service | |
| A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data divided by the population of the LA area per the 2011 Census. | €68 |

| FIRE SERVICE | |
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| F1: Cost per Capita of the Fire Service | |
| A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme E expenditure data divided by the population of the LA area per the 2011 Census figures for the population served by the fire authority as per the Risk Based Approach Phase One reports. | To be provided by Dublin City Council |
| F2: Service Mobilisation | |
| A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire | To be provided by Dublin City Council |
| B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire | To be provided by Dublin City Council |
| C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents | To be provided by Dublin City Council |
| D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (reserved fire service) in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents | To be provided by Dublin City Council |
| F3: Percentage Attendance Times at Scenes | |
| A. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes | To be provided by Dublin City Council |
| B. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes | To be provided by Dublin City Council |
| C. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene after 20 minutes | To be provided by Dublin City Council |
| D. % of cases in respect of emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes | To be provided by Dublin City Council |
| E. % of cases in respect of emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes | To be provided by Dublin City Council |
| F. % of cases in respect of emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes | To be provided by Dublin City Council |

| LIBRARY/RECREATION SERVICES | |
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| L1: Library Visits and Issues | |
| A. Number of visits to libraries per head of population for the LA area per the 2011 Census | 4.14 |
| B. Number of items issued to library borrowers in the year | 1,077,122 |
| L2: Cost of operating a Library Service | |
| A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data divided by the population of the LA area per the 2011 Census | €42.01 |



| YOUTH/COMMUNITY | |
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| Y1: Participation in <i>Comhairle na nÓg</i> scheme | |
| A. Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/ <i>Comhairle na nÓg</i> scheme | 63% |
| Y2: Groups associated with the Public Participation Network (PPN) | |
| A1. The number of organisations included in the County Register at 31/12/2015 | 427 |
| A2. The proportion of those organisations that opted to be part of the Social Inclusion College within the PPN | 52 |

| CORPORATE | |
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| C1: Total Number of WTEs | |
| A. The whole time equivalent staffing number as at 31 December 2015 (consistent with figures provided to DECLG in the local government quarterly staffing returns for end December 2015) | 1243 |
| C2: Working Days lost to Sickness | |
| A. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave | 4.13% |
| B. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave | 0.29% |
| C3: LA website and social media usage | |
| A. Total page views of the local authority's website in 2015 | 3,822,857 |
| B. Total number of followers at end 2015 of the LA's social media accounts (if any) | 34,000 |
| C4: Overall Cost of ICT provision per WTE | |
| A. All IT expenditure in the period from 1/1/2015 to 31/12/2015, divided by the WTE no. supplied under the C1 indicator | €3,173 |

| FINANCE | |
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| M1: 5 Year summary of Revenue Account balance | |
| A. The cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2011 in the Revenue Account from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the Annual Financial Statement (AFS) | €17,673,622 |
| B. The cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2012 | €17,476,011 |
| C. The cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2013 | €15,947,275 |
| D. The cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2014 | €15,967,583 |
| E. The cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2015 | €15,972,157 |
| F. The cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2015 as a percentage of Total Income in 2015 from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS | 7.48% |
| M2: 5 Year summary of % collection levels for major revenue sources | |



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| A. The individual % figures for each of (a) Rates, (b) Rent & Annuities and (c) Housing Loans in the final column of Appendix 7 of the Annual Finance Statement (AFS) for 2011 | (a) 85.00% (b) 87.19% (c) 93.60% |
| B. The individual % figures for each of (a) Rates, (b) Rent & Annuities and (c) Housing Loans for 2012 | (a) 83.15% (b) 88.69% (c) 90.49% |
| C. The individual % figures for each of (a) Rates, (b) Rent & Annuities and (c) Housing Loans for 2013 | (a) 90.20% (b) 88.92% (c) 98.46% |
| D. The individual % figures for each of (a) Rates, (b) Rent & Annuities and (c) Housing Loans for 2014 | (a) 92.08% (b) 90.63% (c) 97.80% |
| E. The individual % figures for each of (a) Rates, (b) Rent & Annuities and (c) Housing Loans for 2015 | (a) 96.10% (b) 90.06% (c) 97.87% |

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

J1: No. of jobs created*

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| A. The no. of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2015 to 31/12/2015 | See Note Below |
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**This figure will be obtained directly from the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation based on the information provided to it by the Local Enterprise Offices.*



APPENDIX IX

Annual Report under Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014

There were no protected disclosures in 2015.

APPENDIX X

Freedom of Information Requests / Customer Complaints / Ombudsman's Queries

| Applications Received/Processed | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
|--|------|------|------|
| Applications received | 108 | 54 | 48 |
| Decisions made | 105 | 50 | 41 |
| Applications on hand at 31 December | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| Nature of Information Sought | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
| Personal (to applicant) | 28 | 16 | 14 |
| Non-Personal | 80 | 38 | 34 |
| Mixed | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Granted | 62 | 34 | 27 |
| Part-Granted | 27 | 13 | 8 |
| Refused | 9 | 5 | 6 |
| Transferred | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Withdrawn/Outside FOI | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| Appeals | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
| Appeals to Information Commissioner | 2 | 0 | 0 |

| Source of Requests | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
|--|------|------|------|
| Journalists | 28 | 9 | 0 |
| Business | 9 | 7 | 16 |
| Oireachtas/Local Authority members | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other/General Public | 70 | 38 | 32 |
| Staff | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ombudsman Complaints | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
| Complaints received | 17 | 14 | 12 |
| Complaints responded to | 17 | 14 | 12 |
| Subject of Complaints | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
| Planning & Strategic Infrastructure | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Operations | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Housing | 8 | 5 | 8 |
| Finance | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Environment & Water Services | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Community | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Economic, Enterprise & Tourism | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Corporate Affairs & Governance | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Libraries | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Citizen Charter Complaints | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
| Complaints received | 15 | 7 | 11 |
| Complaints responded to | 15 | 7 | 11 |
| Subject of Complaints | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
| Planning & Strategic Infrastructure | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Operations | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Housing | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| Finance | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Environment & Water Services | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Community | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Economic, Enterprise & Tourism | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Corporate Affairs & Governance | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Libraries | 1 | 2 | 0 |