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Tourism Development

Food Tourism

Fingal Leader Partnership issued a number of contracts in late February and work has commenced on the three food tourism projects:

- Develop an authentic Local Food Provenance Programme;
- Tailor bespoke, unique and marketable food;
- Develop Fingal Tourist Taste Trail, Farm Trail, or 'Place on a Plate' experiences.

The Council is currently in the research, consultation and graphic design phase of the projects.

Accommodation

An Accommodation Seminar is planned for April 2018 in partnership with Fáilte Ireland, LEADER and DIT. The seminar will seek to promote greater provision of accommodation across the county.

Local Tourism Groups

The Howth group is working on the Dublin Bay Prawn Festival. The Donabate group is working on marketing material and tourist itineraries. Skerries Tourism is focussed on the St. Patrick's Trad weekend, Greening of the Island and the Mid-Summer Festival.

Balbriggan Tourism is focussed on St Patricks Day, the Ardgillan Castle consultation and the implementation of a calendar of events for 2018. An active rural villages group has been working on an animation map of the rural villages and assisting with the Fingal Food Tourism projects.

Events

St. Patrick's Day Parades

Davis Events Agency has been engaged to event manage the parades in Swords, Blanchardstown and Balbriggan on behalf of the Council.

These parades will take place as follows:

- Swords – 11am
- Balbriggan – 2pm
- Blanchardstown – 3pm



Overall, approximately 300 groups will take part in parades in Swords, Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, Skerries, Lusk and Rush.

Dublin Bay Prawn Festival

The 2018 festival will take place over the St. Patrick's Festival Weekend from March 17-19.



The Visit Howth Peninsula group is organising the event with Fingal County Council acting in an advisory, funding and quality assurance capacity.

Heritage Properties Review Update

Shannon Heritage has been awarded the contract for Malahide Castle and Gardens and Newbridge House and Farm. The contract has been awarded for the café in Newbridge House and Farm. The new restaurant, "The Coach House" will be open to the public in March.

Phase 2 of the feasibility study on Shackleton Mill has commenced. It is anticipated that the consultants will make a further presentation to the members of the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC in April.

Capital Investment Update

Tender submissions for the refurbishment of Malahide Casino are currently being evaluated with a view to a contractor being on site in April.

Plans for the refurbishment of the Howth Courthouse are currently on display to the public.

Local Enterprise Development

The Local Enterprise Office continues to roll-out a substantial programme of work. Some highlights from February include:



Measure One Grant Assistance

The LEO Fingal Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) met on February 21 to assess applications for financial aid made to date in Q1 2018. Three applications were made with two applications being approved for funding:

- 1 x Business Priming: €10,000
- 1 x Business Expansion: €10,000 (50% refundable)

The above approvals will create two additional jobs immediately. It is anticipated that there will be a substantially high number of applications for consideration by the EVAC at the May meeting.

Start Your Own Business Programme (SYOB)

A new Start Your Own Business Course commenced in February bringing the total number of courses currently running to three. All of these courses are fully subscribed and have a combined total of 36 participants.

Business Development Workshops

In February, four Business Development Workshops were delivered to 46 participants. The QQI certificate in Social Media and Digital Marketing also continued, with a new iteration beginning in March 2018.

Plato

Plato is an advanced 18 month management development programme run by the four LEOs in the Dublin region. A new Plato programme will launch on April 11 in Croke Park. One of the two current Plato programmes concluded in September in IBM Mulhuddart. The second programme (which commenced in April 2017) will

continue until October 2018, with 20 Fingal companies participating.

Business Clinics

Clinics are offered to individuals who wish to start up a new enterprise or expand their existing business. During February, eight clinics were undertaken, delivering expertise to 57 businesses in Fingal. This brings the cumulative figures for 2018 to date to 15 clinics and 115 attendees.

Local Enterprise Week 2018

Fingal Local Enterprise Week is underway and features a packed series of events to help businesses and start-ups to access supports, training and networking. These events take place across the county and more information can be found on the LEO Fingal Website.



At the launch of Local Enterprise Week 2018

Food Academy

A new Food Academy Programme will be commencing on March 9. It is a training programme run by the Local Enterprise Offices with the support of Bord Bia and SuperValu and enables small food producers to become suppliers to SuperValu.

A number of Fingal companies have already applied for the Food Academy Programme which will afford them the opportunity to secure a space on SuperValu shelves. Currently, two Fingal companies have participated, Morning Dew and Mr. Fu's Tofu, which can now be found in key SuperValu stores.

Further, A Kick Start Your Food Business course also commenced on February 12, led by Fingal LEO.

Mentoring

Individual mentoring assignments were approved for eight new clients during February. The total number of mentoring assignments approved in 2018 is 17.

TakeOff Foundation Start-Up Awards

LEO Fingal has partnered with Aer Lingus and the Fingal Dublin Chamber to launch the Aer Lingus TakeOff Foundation Start-Up Awards which will celebrate and support up-and-coming businesses based in the Fingal area. The prize package received by each winning start-up will consist of an allocation of European and long-haul international flights, business mentoring with key staff across a range of Aer Lingus business departments and exposure for each start-up within the airline's Cara Magazine.

Economic Development

LEADER Programme

A targeted call is open under the Rural Environment Theme for projects to support water conservation the deadline for expressions of interest is March 23rd 2018. For more information on the LEADER programme please visit www.dublinruralleader.ie



Local Community Development Committee

The Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) met on February 20 and approved the SICAP 2017 End of Year Review. At the meeting Empower (formerly Blanchardstown Area Partnership) the local development company tasked with delivering SICAP 2018-2022 gave a presentation detailing the new programme and

their proposed actions for 2018. The new programme will have two main goals - supporting communities and supporting individuals. The programme also gives provision for the LCDC to name an emerging needs group. For 2018, this group has been identified as substance misusers.

Local Economic & Community Plan

A progress report on all 115 LECP actions is due to be completed by the end Q1, 2018. Flagship themes for 2018 are set to include Social Enterprise, Integration, Community Engagement and Climate Change.

Enterprise Centres

Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of February were: Drinan 88%, BASE 91% and Beat 88%.

The three Enterprise Centres currently support 67 businesses and 338 jobs. Five new start-ups were accommodated in the centres during the first two months of the year with 12 new jobs expected to be created by these start-ups by year end. The three enterprise centres currently employ 11 people directly who deliver the centre's services on an on-going basis. Along with the provision of enterprise space to start-ups, the three centres combined also have 10 training rooms, which facilitate the delivery of training programmes in varied disciplines.

Fingal County Council also concluded the acquisition of Blocks B and C, BASE Enterprise Park, bringing a satisfactory conclusion to the Put & Call Option Legal Agreement from 2003, when Phase Two of the BASE Enterprise Park was developed. This positive development now ensures that the BASE Enterprise Centre can continue with certainty to deliver enterprise space and ancillary enterprise supports to the tenant businesses in those two Blocks.

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Storm Emma

Following the issuing of a red weather alert by Met Éireann, the Operations Department started preparation to respond to the event. The five day forecast for the end of February and early March was for sub-zero temperatures, heavy snowfall and storm force winds which caused disruption across the country with the east coast and Dublin getting some of the worst of the weather.

The Operations Department pre-treated priority 1 and priority 2 roads in advance of the heavy snow which occurred on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, February 27 and 28, and again on March 1 and 2. The Department also used the snow plough attachments and salted priority 1 and priority 2 routes during and post the heaviest snowfall on March 1 and 2.

Post the red alert period crews continued to work on ensuring roads in the county were passable and in ensuring that hospitals, nursing homes and businesses in towns and villages could continue to deliver services. In addition to the arctic conditions high tides caused flooding at a number of coastal locations particularly in Malahide and Portmarnock. A key focus was ensuring that schools were accessible following reopening on Monday, March 5 and in dealing with road flooding caused by the thawing snow in a number of locations across the county.



Salting footpaths in Blanchardstown Village



Clearing of snow on the Lucan Clonee Road



Lucan Clonee Road post snow clearance

Some scenes from the Balbriggan-Swords area during Storm Emma:



Fleet Management

The Fleet Management Plant Hire Unit provided valuable assistance during Storm Emma. This involved keeping the gritting trucks operational, arranging for extra machinery resources to clear snow, ensuring extra supplies of salt were available and the transportation of salt supplies between depots around the county.



Fingal County Council Cycle Awareness Campaign

As part of Fingal County Council's Cycle Safety Campaign, a cycling event took place at Swords Castle on February 18. Over 100 cyclists from Fingal cycling clubs left Swords Castle and headed out to Skerries on a 55km cycle.



This marked the launch of the campaign, which includes cycle training in schools in Fingal, promotion of cycle safety, and to support the "Stayin' Alive at 1.5m" safety message – promoting the safe lateral overtaking of cyclists on our roads. The event also included cycle safety talks from An Garda Síochána.

Fingal County Council is the first local authority in Dublin to support the "Stayin' Alive at 1.5m" campaign, which is currently being introduced into legislation.



Traffic Management Schemes

The anti-skid surfacing work is weather dependant and work is continuing at various locations.

The Traffic Signals 2017 Contract work by TSL is continuing on various sites. Of the 13 sites, 11 are 80% completed and are awaiting ESB works. The remaining 2 sites have yet to commence.



Navan Road Pedestrian Crossing Contract by KN Networks is now 80% completed.



Assessment of all Modular Speed Cushions damaged as a result of Storm Emma is currently taking place across the county. A tender will be prepared & will be issued for these works to be completed.

Tenders for the installation of a signalised junction at Cappagh-Heathfield are currently being assessed.

Contract documents for the procurement of the 2018 Programme of Works are currently being prepared:

- The installation of Vehicle Activated Signage;
- The installation of Traffic Calming Measures;
- Footpath Contract.

Traffic Management works to accommodate the 30inch water main rehabilitation work are ongoing at Forest Road, Swords. Irish Water works are also being carried out at Strand Road, Sutton.

Street Lighting

Street lighting column replacement works are finished in Tara Court and Tara Cove Balbriggan. Works consisted of the replacement of 34 end of life columns complete with LED lanterns and supply circuit improvement.



Tara Court Balbriggan



Tara Cove Balbriggan

Bridge Rehabilitation

Planning and selection of the bridges for the next construction works programme is ongoing. Ivy vegetation removal was carried out on the Colecott, Knightstown and Calliaghwee bridges.

Other Projects

Broadmeadow River Community Park

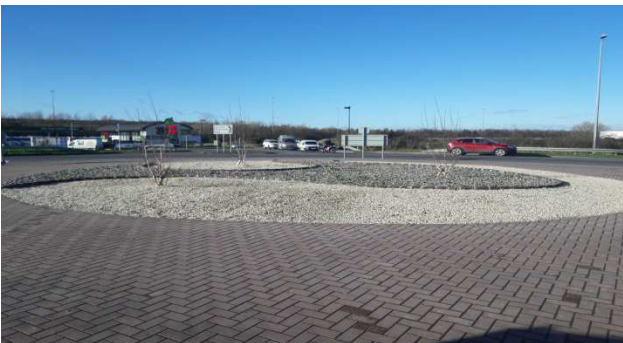
Works have commenced on a footpath in the Broadmeadow River community park at Ashton-Thornleigh.



Ashton Broc Footpath Layout



Landscaping works at Applegreen Roundabout, Balrothery



Lesotho Planning Support Project

As provided for in the Memorandum of Understanding, a delegation from Fingal travelled to Lesotho as part of the wider Action Ireland group.

Planning workshops were conducted with eighteen local Planners on the theme of developing Local Area Plans (LAPs).



FCC Staff Training Local Planners

Twelve draft LAP's have commenced and will be progressed collaboratively over the next few months to bring them to adapted status.

The MapLesotho initiative continues and has attracted significant attention across Lesotho and the wider Southern Africa region.

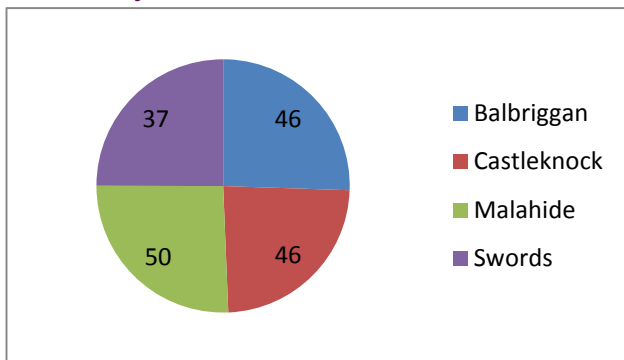
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Planning Activity

Planning Applications

There have been 179 planning applications received to the end of February 2018, 13 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 166 valid applications. The volume of applications received by area is illustrated below:



Planning Decisions

A total of 200 planning decisions have been made to the end of February 2018. There have been 180 decisions to grant permission (90%) and 20 refusals of permission (10%).

There have been 26 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 86 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 52 commercial/retail grants of permission and 10 grants of permission in respect of housing developments 1 of which related to development in excess of 100 or more housing units and 7 of which related to developments of 2-20 housing units.

Building Control

There have been 24 Disability Access Certificates lodged to the end of February 2018, of these 5 were granted and 1 was invalidated. There have been 40 Fire Certificates lodged to the end of February 2018, of these 3 were granted, 1 was invalidated and 3 are currently on time extension.

Building Control/Taking in Charge (TIC)

Building Control Management Project

A meeting took place in February of the Eastern Region Building Control Authorities in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. Various building control issues were discussed such as modern methods of construction, implementation of the construction products regulation etc. Updates were given on initiatives from the DHPLG and the LGMA (who manage the BCMS system). An online assessment to BCMS applicants was rolled out at the end of February with the objective of gathering better data which will better inform building control inspections. The online assessment will also inform and steer the applicants towards the Building Regulations.

On site activity – significant housing development is taking place throughout the county, with modern methods of construction such as timber frame construction, accounting for the majority of builds.

Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services)

Pre-planning consultations – During February FCC staff have engaged with more than 15 developers at pre-planning stage to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of sustainable drainage systems throughout the county.

Strategic Housing Developments (SHD)

During February, staff from the Forward Planning (Water Services) section engaged with regard to water services infrastructure and flood risk management in terms of SHD applications which have been submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

Flood Risk Assessments and Drainage Strategies for Local Area Plans (LAP)

Barnhill LAP - The tender for the drainage strategy for Barnhill LAP was awarded during February. Staff are now managing the preparation of the flood risk assessment and the drainage strategy which will both inform Barnhill LAP

Dublin Airport LAP – Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy – staff are managing the preparation of the flood risk assessment and the drainage strategy which will both inform Dublin Airport LAP

Framework - Phase 1 for the establishment of a framework of consultants to prepare Drainage Strategies and Flood Risk Assessments will conclude in early March. This will be used to inform LAPs throughout 2018 and beyond.

Portrane – Coastal Erosion

The Council is aware of the serious and understandable concerns of the local community following the recent severe weather events and the resulting impact on the coastline in Portrane. As always, public safety is our primary and immediate concern and the Council is working to

ensure that safe access to the public beach is provided and maintained, notwithstanding the very significant works involved.

The Operations Department carried out some works last week and erected health and safety signage. In addition the Chief Executive and Senior Management are in ongoing contact with the Office of Public Works to determine further ameliorative measures. However measures such as the use of sand bags will not address the current issues.

The soft dynamic sand dunes at The Burrow are particularly vulnerable to cyclical erosion and in particular to the combination of high tides and easterly gales which were a persistent feature of the weather over the past week. This situation poses significant difficulties for any agency attempting to deal with this problem.

Matters are further complicated by the ecologically sensitive nature of the dunes and shoreline which are designated for conservation under the EU Habitats Directives. Since 1997 the Council has been working with the local community on initiatives to address their concerns relating to coastal erosion and flooding.

More recently the Council has established the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group to improve our ability to work with coastal communities affected by erosion and flooding including Portrane. A wide range of best practice technical proposals relating to coastal erosion at Portrane have been examined by specialist consultants on behalf of the Council and none of these have proven to be feasible given the particular circumstances at The Burrow. Coastal Flooding is also a significant risk to The Burrow and the Council has commissioned consultants to prepare a works programme specifically designed to address this issue. Our aim now is to begin implementing these works as soon as possible and the Coastal Liaison Group

and the local community will be kept briefed at all stages in this process.

As regards residents on Healy's Lane directly affected by the recent storms, we are in contact with them in relation to their particular and immediate problems.

Project Ireland 2040 – National Planning Framework and National Development Plan

The National Planning Framework (NPF) was published in February and is the Government's high-level strategic plan for shaping the future growth and development of our country out to the year 2040. It is a framework to guide public and private investment, to create and promote opportunities and to protect and enhance the environment. The NPF contains national objectives and key principles from which Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies will follow. It introduces more strategic and coordinated planning of our cities and large towns across local authority boundaries, including statutorily backed Metropolitan Area Strategic Plans (MASPs) in the five cities of Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Galway and Waterford.



Accompanying the NPF is the National Development Plan (NDP). This sets out the investment priorities that will underpin the implementation of the NPF and will guide national, regional and local planning and investment decisions in Ireland. This ten year strategy represents a public capital investment of almost €116 Billion.

The NPF identifies key future planning and place-making priorities for the EMRA and Dublin and these are aligned with the major national infrastructure projects and public investment priorities identified in the NDP. Of particular relevance for Fingal are:

- Preparing and implementing a regional priorities programme, to shape and inform delivery of the Regeneration and Development Fund (€3 Billion 10 year);
- Improved access to Dublin Airport, including public transport, connections from road network from the west and north and heavy rail in longer term;
- New parallel runway for Dublin Airport/New Visual Control Tower at Dublin Airport;
- Metro Link (estimated completion 2027)/Dart Expansion/BusConnects for Ireland's Cities;
- Strategic Park-and-Ride Programme at Swords;
- Eastern and Midlands Water Supply Project/ Greater Dublin Drainage Project;
- Public realm and urban amenity projects (€1.4 Billion);
- Enhancing and linking networks of green spaces / Metropolitan cycle network GDA Cycle Network Plan;
- Outpatient Departments and Urgent Care Centres at Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown (open 2019) /National Forensic Mental health Service Hospital at Portrane (open in 2020);
- Investments planned for all of Ireland's Universities and development of Technological Universities (TU4Dublin, includes IT Blanchardstown).

Drumanagh Conservation and Management Plan

The public consultation process for the Draft Conservation and Management Plan for Drumanagh Promontory Fort, Loughshinny, is ongoing, ending on Monday March 12, 2018.



The Draft Plan proposes policies and objectives for its protection and management. A public information "drop-in" session was held on Wednesday, March 7, in Rush Community Centre, which provided an opportunity for people to meet Council staff. Over 40 people attended and provided valuable feedback on the Draft Plan. Drumanagh is a nationally important archaeological site and is of international significance in terms of Ireland's relationship with the Roman world.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY (H&C)

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HOUSING

Social Strategy 2020/Rebuilding Ireland

The Council delivered 2,458 homes since the start of the Housing Strategy 2020/Rebuilding Ireland. The units were delivered over the various delivery mechanisms and do not include units approved for delivery.

Pillar 1:

Address Homelessness

Fingal County Council is currently in contact with circa 451 families who are in homeless circumstances or at risk of homelessness.



A total of 70 families have had their homeless circumstances alleviated in 2018 to the end of February (including 50 Homeless HAP tenancies), with further tenancy arrangements to conclude shortly through the various forms of social housing support. Tenancy Support is provided through supports such as SLI (Support to Live Independently) and varying other supports to ensure new tenancies are sustained. Homeless Prevention advice continues to be offered through the Council's Homeless Team in partnership with Threshold Clinics and the Threshold Freephone service.

During the course of Storm Emma, the Council's housing staff assisted the Dublin Region Homeless Executive intake and outreach teams to ensure appropriate shelter was available to persons sleeping rough.

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

A total of 467 Homeless HAP tenancies put in place since the Dublin Region HAP Pilot scheme came into effect in 2015. In addition, 123 mainstream HAP tenancies have been put in place in 2018 to the end of February. A total of 591 tenancies are now in place under mainstream HAP with further tenancy arrangements in the process of being finalised.

Pillar 2:

Accelerate Social Housing Construction Programme

The current position with the construction programme is set out below. Masterplan/Land Management Plan sites are not included in these figures.



	No. Schemes	No. Units
Delivered to Date	6*	85
Contractor on Site/Appointed	7	174
Tender Stage	6	149
Pre-Planning Approval	8	222
Total Construction Programme	26	630



Racecourse Common – Phase II

Church Fields Land Management Plan

The monthly Stakeholder meeting for Church Fields took place in February.

Acquisitions Programme

Report Month	Jan	Feb	March
Delivered to Date	295	295	295
Pending Sales Closing	68	70	80

Part V

A total of 120 Part V housing units have been delivered to date. Activity in this area has increased with the upturn in construction and early on-site delivery of units is the approach in Part V negotiations with developers.

Reporting on Part V agreements is provided quarterly to the Area Committees.

Approved Housing Bodies

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

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

Enhanced Long Term Social Housing Leasing

This new scheme was launched in January and its main features are:

- targets newly built or yet to be built houses and apartments for leasing;
- targets property developers and investors who are in a position to deliver housing at a reasonable scale; and
- provides for 25 year lease terms that require the property owner to provide day to day maintenance of the properties under a schedule of Management Services.

The Housing Agency is leading the scheme on behalf of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. The deadline for Call for Proposals of the Enhanced Long Term Social Housing Leasing Arrangements is 5pm, April 12, 2018.

Further details of the scheme are available on the Housing Agency's website: <http://bit.ly/2ErohLO>

Repair and Leasing Scheme & Buy and Renew

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

Traveller Accommodation

Collinstown Park

The Council is in dialogue with residents of Collinstown Park Halting Site, Swords and the DAA in relation to proposals to move families to a new site in accordance with the provisions of the Traveller Accommodation Programme.

**Pillar 3:
Build More Homes**

A masterplan for the strategic land bank at Ballymastone, Donabate is currently being prepared.



The development of a Land Management Plan for the land-bank at Church Fields, Mulhuddart is underway. The design team appointed to develop the Plan recently held briefing sessions to discuss the development of the plan was held with the local Councillors and stakeholders.

The Housing Director is participating in a project board to bring forward proposals for Major Urban Housing Delivery Sites.

The Housing Department is available to meet with developers who are building across the county with a view to exploring opportunities to bring forward proposals to increase the supply of social housing.

**Pillar 4:
Improve the Rental Sector**

The table below sets out the current number of RAS and LTL tenancies:



Report Month:	Jan	Feb	March
RAS Tenancies	191	193	196
LTL Tenancies	77	79	83

Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme

The Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme has been operational since May 2016, now with a

growing number having completed the sales process by March 8, 2018.

Application Forms requested	383
Applications Received	155
Letters of Offer Issued to Tenants	127
Contract of Sale Proposed	29
Sales Completed	18

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

A new Government backed mortgage for first time buyers was recently announced. The Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan provides for loans up to a maximum of €288,000 over a maximum term of 30 years, subject to lending terms and conditions. The Loan is attractive to potential borrowers in that the interest rates are very low (2% fixed, or 2.25% fixed for 30 years, or 2.3 variable). The raised loan ceiling will facilitate more purchase options for buyers in Fingal, who may have found that property prices were just beyond their reach.

Borrowers need to meet the following eligibility criteria:

- First Time Buyers (exceptions may apply e.g. for legally separated or divorced applicants)
- Single applicant's income must be less than €50,000, and joint applicants' combined income must be less than €75,000
- The primary earner on the application form must be in continuous employment for at least two years (this can be self-employment) and the second applicant must have at least one year's continuous employment. Certain exceptions can be considered.
- Aged between 18 and 70 years (i.e. loan term must cease by the time the borrower reaches 70 years of age).
- Applicants must prove that they have sought a mortgage from two lenders (banks or building societies) and have received inadequate

funding offers or refusals from each before making an application for a Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan to Fingal County Council.

- The maximum loan amount that may be advanced (subject to lending terms and conditions) is €288,000 over a maximum term of 30 years. The maximum loan-to-value ratio is 90%.

The maximum mortgage loan in each case will be determined by the local authority in accordance with lending terms and conditions, the €288,000 limit, loan-to-value limit and subject to the purchaser's ability to repay. All applications will be assessed based on the applicant(s) current income, their existing loans and financial commitments. For successful loan applications an additional monthly mortgage protection insurance fee is levied.

Further details and application forms available on: www.rebuildingirelandhomeloan.ie

Vacant Homes Strategy

Fingal County Council has submitted the vacant homes action plan to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. The vacant homes publicity plan continues to operate and continues to be a reliable source of information for follow up by the vacant homes team.

Information gathering and verification is ongoing in relation to properties located in the Dublin 15, Balbriggan and Swords. Initial verification work has also started on properties located in Rush and Lusk. Engagement and negotiation is ongoing with a number of identified property owners, however progress in some cases is slow.

To date we have signed contracts on one 20 year long term lease agreement for a long term vacant property. Repairs to the property are underway

prior to allocation. We are processing two further long term lease applications where agreement has been reached with the property owner and expect to sign contracts on these properties in Q1 2018.

Contracts are in draft form for one property where agreement has been reached under the repair and lease scheme. A further two properties are under assessment for eligibility under RLS. Once signed repairs will commence prior to allocation.

Pillar 5: Utilise Existing Housing Void Management

There were 39 casual voids within social housing stock at the end of February 2018. Of these dwellings, 15 are complete and are being offered for letting. Work is underway to 8 dwellings and the balance is with the County Architect for the procurement of pre-let repairs.

Windows and Doors / Cyclical Maintenance

The Windows/Doors Replacement Programme for 2017 has commenced in Sheepmore Estate, Dublin 15 and a procurement process is ongoing in respect of the remaining estates in Dublin 15.



Example of Window & Door Replacement in Dublin 15



The Cyclical Maintenance Programme is continuing in Corduff Estate, Dublin 15. Mooretown/Seatown Walk have been completed in Swords as has Kelly Park in Lusk. Works are due to commence in Rivermeade Estate, St Margarets.

Housing Support

Housing Needs Assessment 2018

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government has informed all Local Authorities that a full Housing Needs Assessment will take place in 2018.

The deadline for return of data in summary form has been set for June 29, 2018.

This is a Statutory Assessment and all housing applicants will be contacted in due course, and will be required to return the relevant Housing Needs Assessment Form, in this regard.

COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS

COMMUNITY

Training for Community Centre Managers

The Community Development Office in conjunction with BAPTEC is running an eight week TAS books accounts training programme for Community Centre Managers and Treasurers.

This training course aims to encourage participants to take an overarching look at the importance of good financial management, reconciliations, understanding debtors and creditors, data input, accurate reporting and the importance of accountability for boards. The course also aims to assist treasurers to interpret the information contained in TAS finance reports, highlight the importance of good reporting practices and will provide user friendly solutions to ensure good financial management procedures are implemented at board level.



Participants at the Finance Training Masterclass

Kaleidoscope Intergenerational Project

The Kaleidoscope Intergenerational Project is a collaborative initiative between the Donabate Portrane Community Centre, Bright Sparks Preschool, FCC's Community Development Office and the Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown. A programme of activities was designed to stimulate mental, physical and communication skills for both children and seniors. In this project older people were introduced into a preschool setting as guests of the children – with the

knowledge that working alongside pre-schoolers can help an older person tackle grief, depression and loneliness and at the same time instil in children a respect and understanding of older people. A review of the three month pilot has indicated a very positive attitude towards the project and the Community Development Office may introduce it to other communities.

Fingal Public Participation Network

Upcoming Dublin Environmental Gathering

The Dublin Environmental Gathering is being organised by the Public Participation Networks (PPNs) of South Dublin, Dublin City, Fingal and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown in collaboration with the Irish Environmental Network. The Gathering is open to all community organisations within County Dublin. The day will include presentations from PPN members and other organisations on inspiring projects they have undertaken, information stands, networking opportunities and a panel discussion. Presentations will include a talk on Dublin Bay Biosphere and the keynote speaker will be architect and environmentalist Duncan Stewart.

The event will take place in Dublin City Council's Wood Quay venue on Saturday April 7, from 10.30am-3pm and registration is through the Fingal PPN website www.fingalppn.ie

Community Group Training Programme

The PPN in partnership with the Community Office, Environmental Education Office and Empower Partnership will launch a Spring Training Programme to take place over March, April and May 2018. Workshops will be targeted at community groups around governance, environmental sustainability, funding and communications. Details will be available on the Fingal PPN website www.fingalppn.ie

Fingal PPN Strategic Plan

Fingal PPN is preparing a Strategic Plan 2018 – 2020. This strategy is focused on 4 key areas of the PPN (Operations, Representation, Membership and Communication).

Creative Ireland Fingal Programme

Fingal County Council opens consultation for Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018 -2022

As part of the Creative Ireland Programme, Fingal County Council is preparing the Fingal Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022. As part of the process, we are inviting feedback on the draft strategy from members of the public, creative practitioners and organisations in Fingal.

The Creative Ireland Programme builds on the legacy of the 1916 Centenary Commemorations, which showed the power of cultural creativity for bringing communities together and strengthening identity. The core aim of the Creative Ireland Programme is to improve the well-being of individuals and communities through increased participation in cultural activities and creativity.

You can view and comment on the Draft Fingal Creativity and Culture Strategy 2018-2022 at <https://consult.fingal.ie/> until March 22, 2018

Fingal Age Friendly Cities & Counties Programme

Jim Glennon, former Senator and TD has agreed to take up the role of Chair of the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance to replace Nora Owen who stepped down from the role having served five years. The first meeting of the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance for 2018 took place on March 12.

Save the Date: DCU Conference, Croke Park, March 13-14, 2018: 'Engaging Ageing Conference 2018: New Frontiers of Ageing - Research, Policy & Practice'

For more information on the conference:
<https://www4.dcu.ie/agefriendly/About-Engaging-Ageing-2018.shtml>

ARTS OFFICE

Youth & Education: Musician-in-Residence Programme Feb- June 2018

Fingal County Council's Arts Office is continuing its support of quality music education for children in Fingal. The musician-in-residence programme is an initiative that provides financial support to schools to obtain a musician-in-residence - 'A professional musician with excellent qualifications in music and extensive experience of working with children'. For this programme to be accessible to children it is important that the music lessons are delivered within the school day. The programme assists the development of working relationships between musicians and schools with a long term view of sustaining music practice in the participating schools.

Currently a partnership of support exists between Fingal Arts and five Fingal schools – Scoil Grainne CNS D15 (choral), Powerstown ETNS D15 (choral), St. Catherine's NS Rush (choral), Scoil Mhuire NS Howth (instrumental), and Holywell ETNS Swords (instrumental). Each project is unique, choral tuition is a priority for some, while instrumental tuition is a priority for others.

Public Art - An Urgent Enquiry - Arts Council Invitation to Collaboration Fingal, Wexford & Dublin City Council

Fingal Successfully hosted the first Arts Council Invitation to Collaboration Research Days as part of The Urgent Enquiry award which is a joining of local authority Bio-Diversity Officers and Arts Officers around the issue of Climate Change along

the East Coast. We hosted a day which included a site visit with our own Biodiversity Officer Hans Visser who was joined by members of the Portrane community to look at the issue in Portrane, we invited UK Art and Ecology Curator from Invisible Dust, Alice Sharp to present along with artist Siobhan McDonald and Environmental Humanities researcher Ruth Brennen which took place at the Balleally landfill offices, this was followed by a visit to the Hide Sculpture with Garrett Phelan and a site specific performance by Suzanne Walsh. Further sessions will take place in Wexford in March and in Dublin City in April all leading up to a further joint funding application to the Arts Council for the larger commissioning budget in June 2018.



2018 Artist Support Scheme

The Arts Office is delighted to announce the 2018 Artists' Support Scheme. This strand of funding, which has increased by 50% this year allows professional artists to avail of an award towards travel/professional development opportunities, a residency, or towards the development of work. The award is open to practicing artists at all stages in their professional careers working in music, visual art, drama, literature and dance. To be eligible to apply, applicants must have been born, have studied, or currently reside in the Fingal administrative area. The funding is for projects/initiatives which will take place between June 1 and December 31, 2018.

In order to support artists with the application procedure the Arts Office is running an Artists Professional Training & Mentoring Session: Developing a Creative Proposal, which took place on Thursday, March 8 at Malahide Castle Visitors Centre.



Image Landstraße by Colm MacAthlaoich

SPORTS OFFICE

Glo-Football – a first in Fingal

The Sports Office piloted Glo-Football, a unique and very different football development programme for girls. Piloted in Baldoye FC, the programme, an extension of our Late Night Soccer Programme for girls only, aged between 12 and 16 years has been a massive success.

Glo-football is played in a dark hall with only fluorescent lights, the girls wear luminous (pink and green) bibs, they play with a special luminous indoor ball, and loud music, which the girls normally compile themselves on their phones and play through a speaker in the hall. There are no winners or losers the girls play in the dark, and have fun. They even paint their faces with special face paint, supplied as part of the programme.

This programme the first of its kind in the country, has created quite a stir, with requests from many individuals, groups and teams to join the programme as well as requests from teams in England.

Representatives from Sports Teams in Dublin City, South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Councils visited the programme last week and the feedback is that they will be rolling this programme out in the near future.



Glo-Football Participants in Baldoye FC

Primary School Athletics

Despite the biting cold and threat of snow over 500 eager primary school students participated in the primary school athletics on Tuesday, February 27. The programme is part of the year-long school athletics programme which starts with the Operation Transformation walk/run and finishes with the MarathonKids programme. The highlight is of course the final mile of the Marathon run in late October/November.

LIBRARIES

Healthy Ireland at your Library

The Mayor, Cllr. Mary McCamley, launched Healthy Ireland at your Library on February 19, at Balbriggan Library. Supported by the



**Healthy Ireland
at your Library**

Department of Health, the Healthy Ireland at Your Library Programme promotes libraries as a valuable source of health information within the community. The Programme addresses six key areas: Healthy Childhood, Healthy Eating and Active Living, Wellbeing and Mental Health, Positive Ageing, Alcohol and Tobacco. Using pedometers provided by Fingal Libraries to count

their steps, children from Gaelscoil Bhaile Brigín walked to Balbriggan library to the launch of the Programme. They then took part in a workshop on healthy eating presented by Deirdre Doyle of the Cool Food School.

Healthy Ireland at your Library events which took place in Fingal Libraries throughout February include:

- Barnardos' workshops for parents/guardians on the topic of their children's internet safety and cyberbullying.
- Bully-Proof Kids: Psychotherapist Stella O'Malley offered concrete strategies to empower children and teenagers to deal confidently with bullying.
- Mindfulness: Rita O'Donovan's workshops introduced participants to the concept and practice of mindfulness.
- Aroma Therapy and Skin Care: Angela Buckley's workshops shared methods of making natural skin care products, based on aroma-therapeutic principles.

The Healthy Ireland at your Library Programme continues into March when Fiona Hall will give talks to parents on coping with their child's diagnosis of ADHD, autism or dyslexia.



Launch of Healthy Ireland at your Library at Balbriggan Library

Parent and Child Scratch Coding Workshop

Fingal Libraries STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths) programme continues in March, when Sabine McKenna will give her Parent

and Child Scratch Coding Workshop in Balbriggan Library. Parents and children will create a short animation about their family history using the Scratch programming language. Scratch is great for storytelling, and this is a good way for parents to get a taste of coding themselves.

International Women's Day at Blanchardstown Library

Blanchardstown Library marked International Women's Day on March 8 with an afternoon of jazz, from the Satin Sisters. The Library will also have a very special display from the Irish Country women's Association

A Century of Challenge and Change' Conference

The Mayor, Cllr Mary McCamley will launch and give the opening address at 'A Century of Challenge and Change', a conference to celebrate Irish women gaining the right to vote in 1918.



Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
Programme
2017-2022



The conference which will be held on March 13 in the Castleknock Hotel, will look at the impact of the franchise for women on Irish society and discuss the way forward in terms of gender and political power. It is a follow up to the very successful conference 'Women in Politics' held last April. Confirmed speakers include Mary McAuliffe and Diarmaid Ferriter from UCD, Theresa Reidy from UCC, Senator Ivana Bacik, Ciarín de Buis from Women for Election and Louise Bunyan of DCM Learning. Orla O'Connor, Director of the National Women's Council of Ireland will moderate the conference. This is a Blanchardstown Library Europe Direct event and it also forms part of the Council's Creative Ireland programme.

Seachtain na Gaeilge, March 1-17

2018 is Bliain na Gaeilge and Fingal Libraries begins its programme of events for the year with library



branches taking part in the annual celebration of Irish language and culture for Seachtain na Gaeilge, which runs from March 1-17:

- **Scéalta le Seosamh Ó Maolalaí:** This year, gaelscoil students have been invited to their local library to hear storyteller Seosamh Ó Maolalaí. The storytelling sessions will take place at Malahide, Blanchardstown, Balbriggan, Rush and Swords Libraries.
- **Ceadal Cláirsí agus Amhráin le Deirfiúracha Uí Dhónaill:** Sisters Mary Louise and Theresa O'Donnell will give a harp recital and sing traditional songs in library branches throughout the County.
- **Comhrá le Celia de Fréine:** Poet, playwright and screenwriter, Celia de Fréine, who writes in Irish and English will give bilingual talks at Malahide and Balbriggan Libraries. Celia will read from her work and discuss the challenges faced by today's poet / playwright writing in a minority language.

Harry Potter celebration at Howth Library

Harry Potter books were celebrated at Howth Library from February 1-22, when children took part in themed activities including quizzes and games.



Arts and Crafts to mark St. Patrick's Day at Rush Library

Rush Library will hold an arts and crafts session for 5-8 year olds on March 13 from 3.30pm - 4.15pm to mark St Patrick's Day.

Malahide Library: recent events

February 5: 2 classes from St. Oliver Plunketts School, enjoyed a visit to the Library to meet author Dave Rudden.

February 20: Screening of the Italian film Cinema Paradiso

Lifelong learning at Swords Library

Spanish language classes and computer classes are on-going at Swords Library throughout the month of March. Computer classes take place on Wednesday morning, Spanish for beginners on Thursday morning and Spanish for improvers on Friday afternoon.

Baldoyle Library: On-going and U3A events

Every Monday Baldoyle Library hosts a Cuidiú breastfeeding support group which allows mum's to meet up and support each other. A parent and toddler group also meets every Friday.

The Thursday club is a very well attended active retirement group which participates in numerous activities.

Baldoyle crafters meet on the third and fourth Wednesday of the month.

In February, Baldoyle Library hosted a U3A (University of the Third Age), lecture on 'Pims of George's Street, how a family shaped Dublin and the World'. On March 14, it will host another U3A event, when Professor Fiona Newell from Trinity College Dublin will discuss 'Use of Virtual Reality Brain Research, how 'mimicking' the world helps'.

Garristown Library: Regular events

Chess Club for children: every Monday and Wednesday afternoon

Scrabble Club for children: every Tuesday afternoon

Storytime for children age 3 years and upwards: every Tuesday afternoon 12.15-1pm

Adult book club: second Monday of every month
Garristown Junior Readers book club: last Thursday of every month

Class visits to the library: every Tuesday and Thursday morning

Staying Active at Donabate Library

Active Age For All is currently holding a diverse number of classes on a weekly basis in Donabate Library: French classes on Tuesday mornings; Spanish classes on Wednesday afternoons; Photography classes on Thursday mornings; First Aid classes on Friday mornings.

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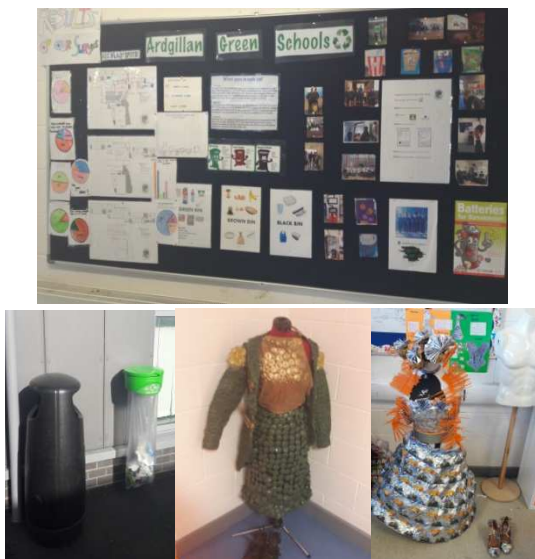
ENVIRONMENT

Environment Education in Schools

The Environmental Awareness Officer is currently visiting schools on the Green-Schools programme. A total of 15 environmental assessment visits were completed in February. Each visit involves an evaluation of environmental education and practices in the school. It also provides an opportunity to offer guidance on best practice. The Green-Schools assessment visits will continue throughout the month of March.

Ardgillan Community School

Ardgillan Community School is working towards its first Green-Schools Flag for Litter and Waste. The images below show the Information board, new recycling bins and clothing created to highlight the problem of single-use disposable plastic (fruit nets, straws and drink containers).



Hansfield Educate Together National School

The images below show the information board at Hansfield's ETNS, a Velcro recycling game in the corridor of the junior school and furniture created from upcycled materials.



HSE Eve Estuary

The images below illustrate the waste sorting facility at HSE Eve Estuary, a bug hotel and a sculpture created from unwanted materials.



RMCEI Plan 2018

The Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections Plan 2018 (RMCEI Plan 2018) for the County of Fingal has been submitted to the EPA. The Plan is a requirement of EU Directive (2001/331/EC) providing for Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections in Member States.

The overall objective of the Plan is to identify and prioritise enforcement activities for 2018 and to set out inspections in the areas of air, noise, water pollution and pollution resulting from waste activities to ensure that Fingal County Council can effectively and efficiently comply with its obligations under all environmental legislation. The legislation underpinning the RMCEI Plan is designed to protect the environment and minimise the risk of air and noise pollution, water pollution and pollution resulting from waste activities.

Litter Management

A total of 123 Litter Fines, 24 Warning Notices and 15 prosecutions were issued in February.

Waste Enforcement (Waste Tyres)

On October 1, 2017, the Waste Management (Tyres and Waste Tyres) Regulations, 2017 (S.I. No 400 of 2017) came into effect with the aim of promoting the environmentally sound management of tyres. A compliance scheme has been established under these regulations to track tyres through the distribution chain and ensure waste tyres are managed in an environmentally sound manner. This compliance scheme is a Producer Responsibility Initiative (PRI) operated by Repak ELT – a non-profit organisation working under approval from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment. Since last October all tyre operators

are obliged to join the compliance scheme and charge the relevant visible Environmental Management Cost (vEMC).



An awareness campaign, including the broadcast of a radio advert, is currently being run by Repak ELT to inform car owners of their obligations with regards to the visible Environmental Management Cost (vEMC). This charge funds the proper management of waste tyres and all tyres placed on the Irish Market will be subject to it. A leaflet has also been produced for information and is available at all compliant retailer outlets. An approved membership certificate is issued from Repak ELT which registered members must display. Membership posters and stickers are also being delivered to all registered members.

Currently, 71% of tyre operators within the administrative area of Fingal have registered with Repak ELT. Inspections will be carried out by waste enforcement staff in line with the RMCEI plan for 2018 to further increase this compliance rate. The regulation of waste tyres is one of the national waste enforcement priorities for Ireland.

WATER SERVICES

Operations

The severe weather over the past week, February 26 to March 4, including Storm Emma, put pressure on the water supply in particular. Water Service staff constantly monitored and worked on the network to maintain services. Issues dealt with included burst mains, failed pumps and heavy customer usage which depleted reservoirs.

Due to low water levels in several reservoirs in North County Dublin it was necessary at various times to reduce water supply to users in Skerries, Lusk, Rush, Loughshinny, Balbriggan and Naul. All restrictions were lifted from Thursday March 8, when reservoirs had recovered.

Capital Projects

All Capital Projects for Fingal will be managed directly by Irish Water (IW) from April 2, 2018. Consequently, there will be no progress reports regarding Capital Projects in the Management Report from April. Queries in relation to projects will have to be made direct to IW. Similarly, Motions and Questions to Area Committees or the Council will be referred to IW for a response to be sent direct to the Member.

The following Capital Projects are being managed by Fingal Water Services Project Office on behalf of IW until March 28:

Balbriggan Water Supply Scheme – Jordanstown to Kilsough Trunk Main

Consultants Nicholas O'Dwyer Ltd. have completed the contract documents and specimen design drawings. IW issued these to market in February 2018.

It is hoped that the main contract works will go to construction in Q3/4, 2018.

Howth Water Supply Scheme

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It is hoped that the main contract works will go to construction in Q3/4, 2018.

Negotiations are on-going with St Nessian's Community School in Baldoyle in order to procure a wayleave by agreement to facilitate a revision to the pipeline route.

Ballycoolen Trunk Main Scheme

Consultants Nicholas O'Dwyer Ltd. have revised the route of the proposed main to take account of development constraints including the Local Area Plan (LAP) for Dublin Airport and to minimise crossover impact on the existing main. Negotiations are on-going with DAA to agree the pipeline wayleave.

The Site Investigation Contract commenced on the 25th September 2017. However, all the land entry consents have not yet been confirmed and the works are approximately 90% complete to date.

The CPO process to procure pipeline wayleaves will commence in Q2 2018. The main contract works are planned to go to construction Q1/Q2 2019.

Malahide Water Supply Scheme

IW has been granted planning permission for the proposed reservoir and associated access road. FCC has agreed to grant IW a pipeline wayleave in public space at The Bawn, to facilitate the pipeline route.

Site Investigation works are due to commence on site Q1 2018

Swords Outfall

IW appointed KN Network Services as the contractor for the project and work commenced on site on August 24, 2017. This project is now complete (with the exception of some landscaping) and the new section of upgraded outfall pipework is operational.

Local Networks Reinforcement Project (LNRP)

Consultant Mott McDonald was appointed to commence the scheme in March 2016. The LNRP in Fingal involves the construction of two new pumping stations, one in Kinsealy and one in Portmarnock, with associated rising mains and gravity sewers for both projects.

A proposed route has been chosen for these pipelines and site investigation has been completed along the two routes. The planning application for Kinsealy Pumping Station was submitted to Fingal in Q4, 2017 and the Portmarnock Pumping Station planning application is expected to be submitted to Fingal in Q1 2018.

The detailed design for both projects is progressing and IW is currently reviewing the procurement options for the two schemes.

It is anticipated both projects will be completed by Q3 2019.

Leixlip Transfer Pipeline

This project consists of a new section of rising main and gravity sewer from West Leixlip to a new pumping station in Leixlip Wastewater Treatment Plant. Twin rising mains will be

constructed from this new pumping station to connect to the 9C sewer in Parslickstown. The pipeline will run through Fingal County Council owned lands in Littlepace.

Both intrusive site investigation and non-invasive survey work are complete and the final pipeline route has been identified. The process of acquisition of the wayleaves required to construct the pipelines from landowners in Kildare, Meath and Fingal is underway.

The Consulting Engineers (Jacob Tobin) are currently finalising Tender Documents for this scheme. The planning applications for both the pumping station (at Leixlip WWTP) and a new Pedestrian Bridge over the River Rye in Leixlip are due to be submitted to Kildare County Council in Q1 2018.

It is envisaged that construction will commence in Q1 2019.

Balbriggan Skerries Network Improvement Scheme – Loughshinny Contract

This project involves the decommissioning of the septic tank in Loughshinny which is both hydraulically and biologically overloaded. The septic tank will be replaced with a pumping station rising main arrangement to connect to the Skerries network. The sea outfall will be retained to act as an emergency overflow.

There is Part 8 planning in place for a proposed pumping station in Loughshinny. This project will stop the discharge of untreated sewage to sea and facilitate development in Loughshinny. A specimen design and the final tender documents for the project are now complete.

Irish Water have formally applied for a CPO for a section of Loughshinny Car Park after engaging

with Council Traffic and Roads Maintenance Departments in relation to the maximum number of car parking spaces that can be retained during the construction period. CPO documentation is currently on public display in Irish Water's office in Colvill House, Talbot Street, Dublin and a copy of same is also in Skerries Library, Strand Street, Skerries.

It is envisaged that construction will commence in Q3, 2018.

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CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Crisis Management – Weather Event

In response to the Severe Weather Warning issued by Met Eireann for the end of February/early March, the Chief Executive activated the Council's Crisis Management Team (CMT). Over the course of the event, from February 27 to March 4, the CMT met by conference call on ten occasions. In addition Council staff met, by conference call, on ten occasions with representatives of the Major Emergency Management Local Authorities Working Group and also on ten occasions with the Major Emergency Management Eastern Region Working Group.

The following is a report on the key elements of the Council's response to the extreme weather incident:

Operations Department

Priority 1 routes and Priority 2 routes were gritted and snow ploughed throughout the period of extreme weather taking into account the health and safety of gritting staff.

Throughout the period of Wednesday, February 28 to Sunday, March 4, 3,050km of roadway was spread with 1,760 tonnes of grit from 7 gritting trucks. Fingal also used 14 JCBs, 4 front loaders, 2 teleporters and a tractor spreader in order to treat roads and assist with clearing other areas.

On Saturday and Sunday, March 3-4, approximately 100 outdoor staff were deployed to various towns and villages throughout the county clearing footpaths and public areas. Assistance was received from contractors engaged by the Council, particularly in regard to the R102, to the rear of Dublin Airport. Traffic Infrastructure Ireland (TII) contractors were engaged on clearing the motorway network and the slip roads to and from same.

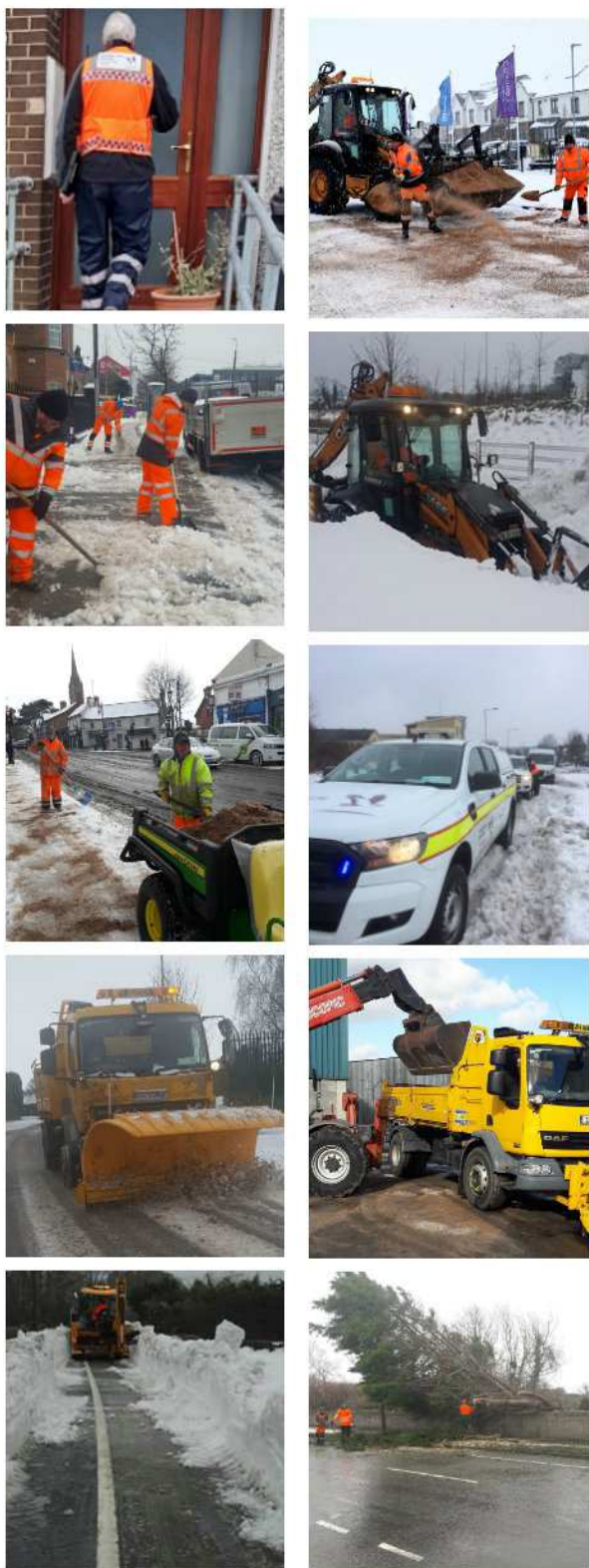
Work was also carried out clearing roads for large food distribution centres e.g. Musgraves, Pallas Foods, Keelings, Tesco, etc. in order to assist with the distribution of food stuffs to hospitals, care homes, hotels and retail outlets.

Water Services and Drainage

Water supply was affected with the water reservoir for the Skerries, Rush, Lusk area becoming low due to some leaks and higher demand than usual, possibly caused by users running taps on a constant basis. Water supply was also affected by a power failure which led to water pump issues at the Bog of the Ring Water Extraction and Jordanstown.

The water level was monitored and throttling back of supplies was undertaken to preserve water

Some images of the Council's response to the conditions caused by Storm Emma:



levels as much as possible. Some areas experienced a cut in water supply.

Throughout the event, Water Services staff were also monitoring the situation re possible flooding incidents. No major flooding incidents occurred.

Communications Unit

Communications, through the Council's Website, Council Alerts, Facebook and Twitter were updated regularly so as to keep the public, businesses, media and statutory authorities informed of the up to date situation in relation to the weather and the activities of Fingal County Council.

Information was also circulated regarding water supply issues, power outages, public buildings and facilities' opening hours and community involvement in clearing their areas.

Emergency Management Unit

Volunteers from the Emergency Management Unit were activated on Saturday and Sunday, March 3-4 and assisted in making visits and deliveries of food etc. to vulnerable, mainly elderly, people throughout the county.

Council Offices and Facilities

Council Offices and Libraries were closed from Thursday, March 1 and reopened on Monday March 5. Public parks and burial grounds reopened on Sunday, March 4. The recycling centres in Coolmine and Swords were closed from February 28 and reopened on Monday, March 5.

Sheachtain na Gaeilge

Tá Seachtain na Gaeilge faoi lán sheoil le himeachtaí ar siúl ar fud an chontae, lena n-áirítear i Leabharlanna do leanaí agus do dhaoine fásta. Dé Máirt beidh Ceolchoirm Sheachtain na Gaeilge in Áras an Chontae le Cormac Begley agus Eoghan O Ceannabháin. Laistigh den chomhairle tá daoine á spreagadh chun cibé Gaeilge atá acu a úsáid.



SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE le enérgia Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

OÍCHE CHEOIL & AMHRÁNAÍOCHTA
ATRIUM, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, SWORDS

Traditional Music & Song event,
Atrium, County Hall Swords

7pm Dé Máirt 13 Márta 2018 / 7pm Tuesday 13 March 2018

Cormac Begley agus Eoghan Ó Ceannabháin



Fáilte roimh chách, Sólaisti ar fáil.
Everyone welcome, Light refreshments served

*Teagmháil / Contact: RSVP Eolas@fingal.ie nó Bernie Kelly Teil 8905369

Seachtain na Gaeilge is in full swing with lots of events taking place across the county including in Libraries for children and adults. On Tuesday evening, there will be a concert in County Hall with Cormac Begley and Eoghan O Ceannabháin. Within the council people are being encouraged to use as much Irish as they can.

Fingal News Launch

The Communications Unit relaunched 'Fingal News' during February, to give citizens an insight into the work being done by the Council on their behalf as well being a guide to available services and events.



Launch of Fingal News – Atrium, County Hall

The newsletter is available electronically for download by citizens from the Council website and hard copies are available at Council offices and libraries. The second edition will be published in late March.

NOAC Citizen Survey

The National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) is undertaking a citizen satisfaction survey in 10 local authorities. Fingal is one of the authorities included in the survey.

The survey is being undertaken by Ipsos MRBI on behalf of NOAC.

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Financial Reports

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REVENUE ACCOUNT								
		EXPENDITURE			INCOME		NET	
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
A	Housing & Building	8,489,942	52,747,799	16%	7,140,801	52,526,599	14%	1,349,141
B	Road Transport & Safety	3,447,302	21,661,799	16%	998,152	6,694,100	15%	2,449,150
C	Water Services	2,261,863	14,894,200	15%	2,687,198	18,586,300	14%	-425,334
D	Development Management	2,077,882	12,878,600	16%	823,050	3,860,900	21%	1,254,833
E	Environmental Services	6,204,325	38,283,600	16%	577,467	4,129,600	14%	5,626,858
F	Recreation & Amenity	5,270,348	31,267,902	17%	273,960	1,247,100	22%	4,996,388
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	151,476	880,400	17%	39,827	254,600	16%	111,649
H	Miscellaneous Services	1,721,247	10,207,300	17%	2,058,257	9,335,100	22%	-337,010
J	Central Management Charge	7,341,867	44,447,999	17%	436,924	2,759,800	16%	6,904,943
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG				1,253,567	7,521,400	17%	-1,253,567
RA	Rates				20,059,067	120,354,400	17%	-20,059,067
		36,966,252	227,269,599	16%	36,348,269	227,269,899	16%	617,983

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO
28/2/2018**

	Estimated Balance at 01/01/2018	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Estimated Balance at 28/02/2018 €
A Housing & Building	-47,061,944	23,752,937	-12,495,646	-35,804,653
B Road Transport & Safety	12,943,904	15,522,470	-1,432,043	27,034,331
C Water Services Development	-11,625,869	1,214,683	-236,070	-10,647,256
D Management	-51,925,276	1,407,162	-2,603,114	-53,121,228
E Environmental Services	-14,037,274	1,097,889	-2,084,065	-15,023,450
F Recreation & Amenity	-7,999,450	1,297,716	-1,297,716	-7,999,450
H Miscellaneous Services	-30,055,243	163,099	-384,109	-30,276,253
Total	-149,761,152	44,455,956	-20,532,762	-125,837,958

NB***The Opening balance is subject to change upon completion of the 2017 AFS.

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO	28/02/2018			
	Balance at 01/01/2018 €	balance at 05/03/2018	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	6,606,751	107,962,974	101,608,409	6,354,565
LOANS	1,442,337			
RENTS	3,407,366	4,100,083	2,651,538	1,448,546