



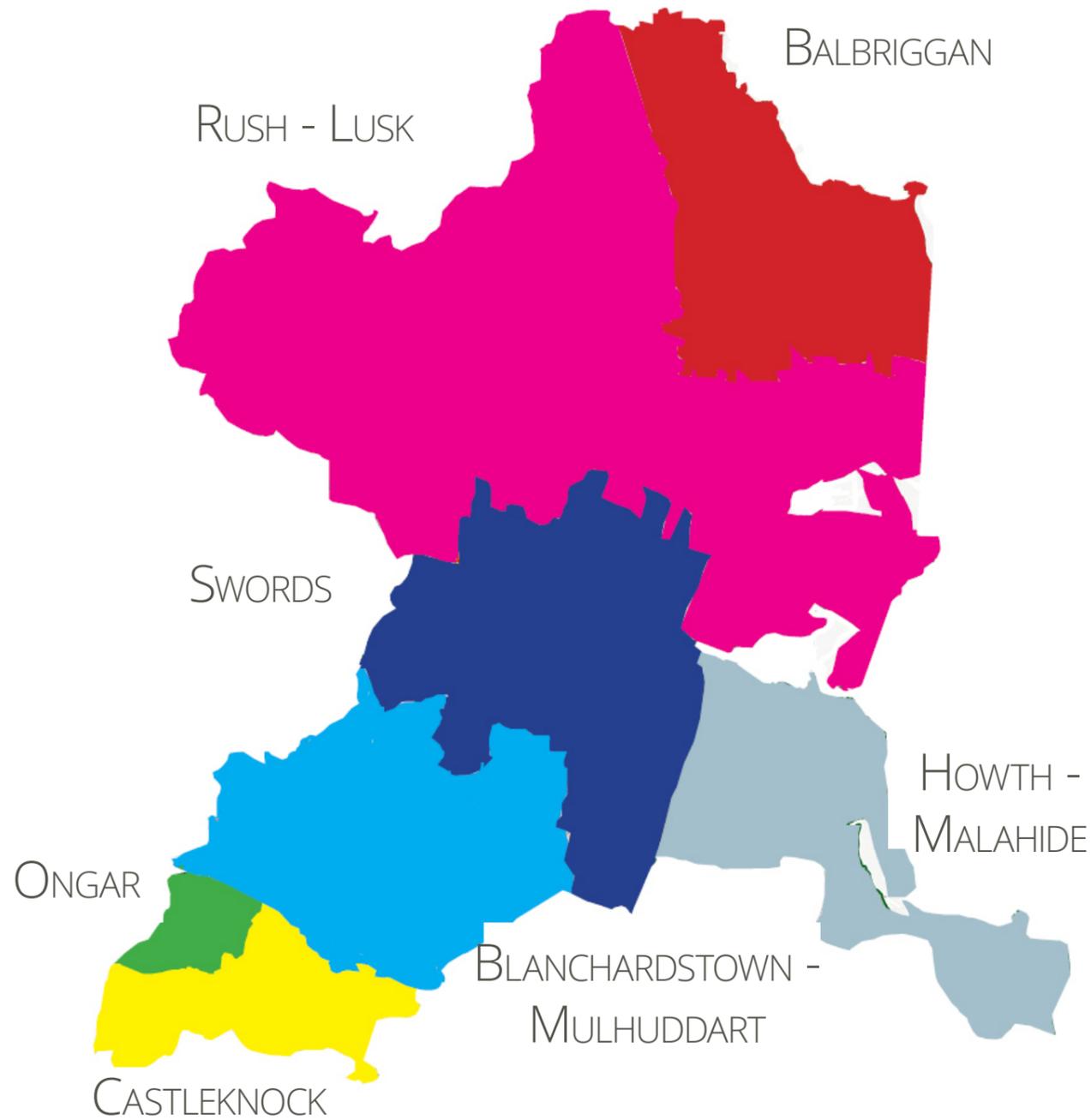
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Foreword



MAYOR OF FINGAL CLLR EOGHAN O'BRIEN



2019 has been a year of achievement and activity for Fingal, and it has proven very memorable indeed on a personal level.

Following the Local Elections, I was elected Mayor of Fingal on the same day my son Oisín was born.

I have since been honoured to represent Fingal as its first citizen and meet with the many community groups, organisations, business people and volunteers who help make Fingal a great County to live, work, visit or do business in.

Fingal has made important progress in key areas like housing, climate action, infrastructure delivery and economic development.

The combined efforts, perspectives and goodwill of Council staff, the elected Councillors, and external stakeholders have been instrumental in achieving our objectives in these fields.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors on the Council for their invaluable support during my term as Mayor, and express my appreciation to Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Tom Kitt, for his assistance and to my predecessor Cllr. Anthony Lavin for his contribution.

Finally, I wish to thank the Chief Executive, AnnMarie Farrelly, for her guidance and support and to thank all Council staff for the work they have done to deliver the many services outlined in this Report.

Introduction



CHIEF EXECUTIVE ANNMARIE FARRELLY

2019 has seen Fingal County Council make great strides in service delivery while continuing to address key challenges in proactive and innovative ways.

This progress has been achieved through constructive partnership between all stakeholders including staff, Councillors, community groups and businesses.

Housing provision remained a top priority in which considerable progress was made.

The Council's continued focus on diversified tenure types and delivery mechanisms was crucial in our efforts to bring increased residential units on stream.

Fingal County Council fulfilled its housing provision targets and continued the implementation of the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan. The Project Talamh Office continued its work on three strategic sites across the County.

Important pieces of infrastructure such as the Donabate Distributor Road were progressed, and important heritage and conservation works were undertaken on Swords Castle and the Malahide Casino.

Climate action and environmental issues have increasingly moved to the forefront of the national conversation. Fingal has been proactive in launching our Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 which sets out 133 actions which are planned or ongoing to protect and foster the natural beauty and environmental wealth of the County.

The Local Elections of 2019 were an important and professionally

handled expression of democracy. I would like to once again extend my congratulations to all involved.

I would like to thank the Mayor, Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien, and his predecessor, Cllr. Anthony Lavin, and all Members of the Council for their co-operation and support during 2019.

I wish to thank my predecessor as Chief Executive, Paul Reid, for the leadership and contribution he made to Fingal County Council.

I would like to pay tribute to all Council staff for their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm in the delivery of services to the people of Fingal.

I am confident that the partnership between staff and elected Members will continue in the years ahead.

Finally, 2019 saw us celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of Fingal County Council. We have seen the County and the Council transformed since 1994.

I look forward to us building on achievements to date while ensuring that Fingal remains a vibrant, outward-looking and well-run Council which embraces opportunity and diversity and leads on issues such as climate action, public transport improvement, employment and housing.





Elected Members JANUARY - MAY 2019



Elected Members 2019



MAYOR: ANTHONY LAVIN

DEPUTY MAYOR: GRÁINNE MAGUIRE

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BALBRIGGAN ELECTORAL AREA

Robert O'Donoghue (Labour)
Tony Murphy (Non Party)
Cathal Boland (Non Party)
Malachy Quinn (Sinn Féin)
Gráinne Maguire (Non Party)
Brian Dennehy (Fianna Fáil)
Barry Martin (People Before Profit)
Tom O'Leary (Fine Gael)

CASTLEKNOCK ELECTORAL AREA

Natalie Treacy (Sinn Féin)
Roderic O'Gorman (Green Party)
Eithne Loftus (Fine Gael)
Ted Leddy (Fine Gael)
Mags Murray (Fianna Fáil)
Sandra Kavanagh (Solidarity)
Howard Mahony (Fianna Fáil)

HOWTH MALAHIDE ELECTORAL AREA

Cian O'Callaghan (Social Democrats)
Eoghan O'Brien (Fianna Fáil)
Daire Ní Laoi (Sinn Féin)
Jimmy Guerin (Non Party)
Anthony Lavin (Fine Gael)
Brian McDonagh (Labour)
David Healy (Green Party)
Keith Redmond (Non Party)

MULHUDDART ELECTORAL AREA

Paul Donnelly (Sinn Féin)
David McGuinness (Non Party)
Edmond Lukusa (Sinn Féin)
Tania Doyle (Non Party)
Kieran Dennison (Fine Gael)
Lorna Nolan (Non Party)
Mary McCamley (Labour)
Matthew Waine (Solidarity)

SWORDS ELECTORAL AREA

Ann Graves (Sinn Féin)
Darragh Butler (Fianna Fáil)
Adrian Henchy (Fianna Fáil)
Joe Newman (Non Party)
Eugene Coppinger (Solidarity)
Anne Devitt (Non Party)
Paul Mulville (Social Democrats)
Justin Sinnott (Non Party)
Duncan Smith (Labour)

Elected Members

JUNE - DECEMBER 2019



Mayor
Eoghan O'Brien
Fianna Fáil



Deputy Mayor
Tom Kitt
Fianna Fáil

Balbriggan



Tony Murphy,
Non Party



Cllr Joe O'Brien,
Green Party/An
Comhaontas Glas
June - November



Gráinne Maguire,
Non Party



Seána Ó Rodaigh,
Labour Party



Tom O'Leary,
Fine Gael

Elected Members

JUNE - DECEMBER 2019



Blanchardstown - Mulhuddart



Mary McCamley,
Labour Party



Breda Hanaphy,
Sinn Féin



John Burtchaell,
Solidarity



Punam Rane,
Fine Gael



Freddie Cooper,
Fianna Fáil

Castleknock



Roderic O'Gorman,
Green Party/An
Comhaontas Glas



Emer Currie,
Fine Gael



Ted Leddy,
Fine Gael



John Walsh,
Labour Party



Howard Mahony,
Fianna Fáil



Natalie Treacy,
Sinn Féin

Elected Members

JUNE - DECEMBER 2019



Howth-Malahide



Eoghan O'Brien,
Fianna Fáil



David Healy,
Green Party/An
Comhaontas Glas



Cian O'Callaghan,
Social Democrats



Brian McDonagh,
Labour Party



Jimmy Guerin,
Non Party



Aoibhinn Tormey,
Fine Gael



Anthony Lavin,
Fine Gael

Ongar



Paul Donnelly,
Sinn Féin



Tania Doyle,
Non Party



Tom Kitt,
Fianna Fáil



Daniel Whooley,
Green Party/An
Comhaontas Glas



Kieran Dennison,
Fine Gael

Elected Members

JUNE - DECEMBER 2019



Rush - Lusk



Robert O'Donoghue,
Labour Party



Adrian Henchy,
Fianna Fáil



Brian Dennehy,
Fianna Fáil



Cathal Boland,
Non Party



Paul Mulville,
Social Democrats

Swords



Darragh Butler,
Fianna Fáil



Ian Carey,
Green Party/An
Comhaontas Glas



Dean Mulligan,
Independents
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Duncan Smith,
Labour Party



Joe Newman,
Non Party



Brigid Manton,
Fianna Fáil



Ann Graves,
Sinn Féin

Corporate Awards



During 2019 there was worthy recognition of the work Fingal County Council does on a day to day basis.

In February, St. Catherine's Park, Dublin 15 was named Best Public Park and Fingal County Council's Electric Vehicle Charging on the Public Street Lighting System won the Best Energy Smart Initiative at the 2019 All Ireland Local Authorities Members Association (LAMA) Community and Council Awards.

In November 2019 at the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards Fingal won several awards, including Best Practice in Citizen Engagement for the Our Balbriggan campaign and Festival of the Year for the Dublin Bay Prawn Festival, as well as being named as the Local Authority of the Year.

There was great success for Fingal at the IPB Pride of Place Awards as Flemington, Balbriggan was awarded 'Best Urban Neighbourhood' and the residents of the Whitestown Estate, Dublin 15 were runners-up in the 'Best Housing Estate' category.

The Our Balbriggan public engagement strategy was recognised and awarded as the Best Public Sector Campaign at the Excellence in Public Relations

Awards.

Swords Castle was recognised in 2019's Engineers Ireland Excellence Awards where they received the Heritage and Conservation Award for the redevelopment work of Swords Castle which is part of the flagship Swords Cultural Quarter project.

At the National Procurement Awards, the establishment of the Central Procurement Unit won "Project of the Year".

The ACORN project won the Communications Award at the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards.

At the Fingal Dublin Chamber Business Excellence and CSR Awards, Newbridge House and Farm won the Best Leisure/Tourism Service category.



Key Achievements



Key Achievements of Fingal County Council in 2019:

- Held 2019 Local Elections
- Launched Luttrellstown Community Facility
- Bleperbike introduced
- Launched Tyrellstown Park Cricket Field by An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar
- School Street Initiative
- Launched new website www.fingal.ie

Reports/Plans/Strategies:

- Balbriggan Socio-Economic Rejuvenation Plan 2019-2025
- Fingal County Council's Arts Plan 2019-2025
- Fingal Climate Action Plan 2019-2024
- Third Heritage Plan
- Fingal Skills Strategy, the first of its kind to be developed by any Local Authority in Ireland.
- Draft Fingal Community Archaeology 2019-2023 opened for public consultation and submissions
- Fingal County Council Migrant Integration & Social Cohesion Strategy
- Draft Dublin Airport Local Area Plan went on public display for a 6-week period

Grants:

- Youth Sports Grants Scheme
- Financial Assistance to Approved Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme
- Fingal Summer Project 2019
- Creative Ireland Community Grants
- Community Activity Funding Scheme
- Artist Support Scheme
- Arts Funding Scheme
- Activity Funding
- Creative Ireland Funding
- Architectural Heritage Fund
- Built Heritage Investment Scheme
- Historic Structures Fund

Financial Supports:

- Budget 2020
- Local Property Tax
 - Retention of 10 per cent reduction in the Local Property Tax for 2020.
- Approval of Annual Financial Statement 2018 and Statutory Audit Report





ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Provision of architectural advice and services to the organisation

Supporting Strategies

Update

- AR 1** PROVIDE QUALITY ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN, CONSERVATION, URBAN DESIGN, BUILDING PROCUREMENT AND QUANTITY SURVEYING SERVICES TO ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNCIL
- The diverse services offered ranged from feasibility studies, site assessment, statutory consent processes, tender and contract administration, procurement, cost planning and control, urban and interior design and administration of conservation grants to protect the built heritage. The services were provided in relation to various project types including newbuild, extensions, refurbishment, conservation and maintenance services.
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- AR 2** PREPARE A SWORDS CASTLE ARCHITECTURAL MASTERPLAN PROPOSING WORKS AND MEASURES WHICH WILL REGENERATE SWORDS CASTLE AND ITS ENVIRONS.
- The programme of works at Swords Castle continued with works to facilitate access to the wall walks, East tower and Chapel roof and demolition of some buildings on North Street.
- Development of a strategic brief for the Swords Civic Centre continued with inputs from various departments. The brief envisages the development of a new County Library and Arts venue in Swords. A Project Management team was appointed in October to assist with development of the projects in the Cultural Quarter.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Library, Community, Sports and Cultural services

Supporting Strategies

Update

- CS 1** REVIEW THE FINGAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN 2010-2015
- The strategy was reviewed and a new Community Development Vision Statement was produced in 2019.
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- CS 2** DEVELOP A STRONG PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK AND IMPLEMENT A WELL-BEING PLAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF FINGAL
- The number of groups registered with the PPN increased by 131 to 846 at December 2019. A Resource Support Worker was appointed to carry out the initiatives of the Well-Being Plan.
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- CS 3** IMPLEMENT THE ARTS PLAN 2013- 2017
- There was continued implementation of the actions of the Arts Plan. The new Arts Plan 2018 -2025 was prepared and launched at the end of 2019.
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- CS 4** IMPLEMENT THE "OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL" - A STRATEGY FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES 2013-2017
- A new national strategy 'Our Public Libraries 2022 – Inspiring, Connecting and Empowering Communities' aims to develop libraries as focal points for community and cultural development, with particular emphasis on enhancing digital and technological capacity.
- Progress in 2019:
- Fines for overdue books were abolished, as research indicated that they were viewed as a barrier to membership.
 - Strategic programmes including the Right to Read, Healthy Ireland at your Library and Work Matters continued to be coordinated centrally and rolled out locally.
 - The Department of Rural and Community Development made funding available for Autism Friendly initiatives and for the expansion of the 'My Open Library' service.
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- CS 5** IMPLEMENT THE SPORTS STRATEGY – SUPPORTING SPORT IN FINGAL, 2011-2016
- The actions of the Sports Strategy continued to be implemented. A new Sports Vision Statement was produced in 2019.
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- CS 6** IMPLEMENT THE ACTIONS UNDER THE FINGAL AGE FRIENDLY STRATEGY INITIATIVE 2012-2017
- The actions under the Age Friendly Strategy continued to be implemented.
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- CS 7** PROVIDE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE, EMERGING AND ESTABLISHED COMMUNITIES TO ACCESS SERVICES, PARTICIPATE IN AND CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR COMMUNITY
- Work continued with established and new communities to develop their capacity to contribute to their area.



CORPORATE AFFAIRS & GOVERNANCE

Provision of support for the democratic functions and corporate support and strategic planning to the organisation

Supporting Strategies

Update

CA 1	SUPPORT THE ELECTED MEMBERS IN DELIVERING THEIR POLICY MAKING, OVERSIGHT AND REPRESENTATIONAL ROLES	All scheduled Council and Area Committee meetings which took place throughout the year were serviced, including the webcasting of meetings and publishing of Minutes on the Council's website.
CA 2	PROVIDE STRONG EXECUTIVE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, RISK MANAGEMENT, PROCUREMENT, AUDIT AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES AND SYSTEMS	There was continued implementation of governance actions and risk management systems during 2019. Audit Committee meetings were held in accordance with regulations and Internal Audit workplan progressed.
CA 3	MEASURE AND REPORT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ORGANISATION	Performance monitoring and reporting of KPIs was provided to the Executive Management Team on a quarterly basis. The Corporate Governance Section of the Department (Internal Audit and Central Procurement Unit) also met with Directors of Service quarterly to provide advice and oversight in key areas.
CA 4	PROVIDE A CONSISTENT AND HIGH QUALITY CUSTOMER SERVICE AND COMPLAINTS HANDLING APPROACH ACROSS THE ORGANISATION	It is the aim of the Customer Care Unit (CCU) to resolve queries at the first point of contact for the customer. All customer interactions with the CCU - via phone, email, in person, etc. - were recorded by the CCU agents and, where possible, dealt with immediately. All complaints received were processed and responded to in a timely manner and in accordance with the Council's Citizen's Charter.
CA 5	DEVELOP STRATEGIES AND CHANNELS THAT USE LITERACY FRIENDLY TECHNIQUES TO PROMOTE THE COUNTY, THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL AND ENABLE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION, CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT WITH PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONS	The Council has developed a Communications Strategy and its Communications Unit operates across seven pillars using a variety of communications tools to promote Fingal, highlight the work of the Council and ensure awareness among citizens and stakeholders.
CA 6	IMPLEMENT THE FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL IRISH LANGUAGE SCHEME 2015-2018	Irish language training was provided to staff. The third Irish Language Scheme was approved. Implementation Plan for Third Irish Language Scheme was completed. The new website launched with a version in Irish. Council material was made available in Irish Language and promotional events, such as Pop-Up Gaeltachts, held.
CA 7	MAKE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE AND ENSURE A CULTURE OF OPENNESS EXISTS WITHIN THE ORGANISATION	All requests for data and records are processed within the statutory timeframes, and the vast majority of requests are granted or part-granted.
CA 8	PROMOTE AND IMPLEMENT THE PUBLIC SECTOR DUTY OBLIGATIONS OF THE ORGANISATION	Continuous improvement to service delivery, organisational and staff development.



ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Provision of supports for structured and sustainable economic development of Fingal by planning for, initiating and managing projects that contribute positively to the county's ongoing economic and community development

Supporting Strategies

Update

ED 1	SUPPORT LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY PROMOTING FINGAL AS A LOCATION IN WHICH TO INVEST AND BY DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING SECTORAL POLICY INITIATIVES	<p>The Our Balbriggan 2019 - 2025 Rejuvenation Plan was launched in May 2019 following extensive public engagement and encompasses 93 commitments across four Pillars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public Realm ○ Growing the Local Economy ○ Community Affairs & Integration ○ Education, Training & Employment. <p>The Council has committed to deliver "20 things in the first 12 months". Balbriggan joined the EU URBACT Network under the iPlace Project which focuses on the development of local economic niches and ecosystems. The Fingal Skills Strategy was completed in 2019 and outlined 34 recommendations and actions to consolidate the skills supply in Fingal.</p>
ED 2	FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC) AND ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC	The LCDC and EETD SPC were fully supported in 2019 in completing their respective work programmes. The Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC met five times and the LCDC met six times in 2019.
ED 3	DELIVER THE ACTIONS SET OUT IN FINGAL'S LOCAL COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC PLAN AND SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WIDER ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM POLICIES AT A REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL	The implementation of the LECF continued across several Council Departments and multiple external stakeholders. The LECF progressed across all goals and objectives.
ED 4	CO-ORDINATE, MANAGE AND OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT'S SOCIAL INCLUSION COMMUNITY AND ACTIVATION PROGRAMME (SICAP) AND LEADER	<p>The Fingal SICAP achieved its annual planned targets and has been cited as a best practice example nationwide.</p> <p>The LEADER project, overseen by the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG), comprising representation from Fingal, South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown LCDC's approved over €1.5 million for 18 new projects in 2019.</p>



ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Supporting Strategies

Update

- ED 5** FOSTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT BY DELIVERING BUSINESS ADVICE, INFORMATION AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH FINGAL LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE AND IMPLEMENT THE ANNUAL ENTERPRISE PLAN
- LEO Fingal continued to implement the actions from the Dublin Region Action Plan for Jobs, 2016 - 2018, the Dublin Regional Enterprise Strategy 2017 – 2019 and Enterprise 2025. These actions provided businesses in Fingal with the support and skills to scale and increase employment throughout the County.
- During the year:
- A total of €1,007,000 in financial aid approved to Fingal Businesses for business priming grants (for start-ups), feasibility grants, business expansion grants, agile innovation grants, Trading Online Vouchers, Exporter Development grants, Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE) and other schemes aimed at stimulating enterprise and job creation with 109 net jobs created in 2019.
 - Business development workshops delivered to 534 clients.
 - Enterprise Week was run throughout the County.
 - Business clinics delivered to 739 clients and 162 mentoring assignments approved.
 - 64 Trading Online Vouchers approved.
 - Start Your Own Business courses delivered to 174 prospective entrepreneurs.
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- ED 6** IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TOURISM STRATEGY IS ONGOING. A REVIEW OF THE STRATEGY IS UNDER WAY TO UPDATE AND RENEW ACTIONS. ACTIONS EMANATING OUT OF THE FINGAL HERITAGE PROPERTY STRATEGIC REVIEW ARE ALSO BEING IMPLEMENTED
- Significant capital investment across our Heritage Properties portfolio continued during 2019.
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- ED 7** EXECUTE PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS AND ENSURE THE COUNCIL'S PROPERTY PORTFOLIO, STRATEGIC LAND BANKS AND ENTERPRISE CENTRES ARE UTILISED TO MAXIMISE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFIT
- Property Services continues to execute property acquisitions and disposals and ensure the Council's property portfolio and strategic land banks are utilised to maximise social and economic benefit. All property acquisitions and disposals were completed in accordance with relevant legislation.
- Industrial Development continued its Programme of Development and Management of Industrial Parks, including disposal of industrial sites supporting job creation and economic growth. A Programme of Operational Investment and Marketing continued to attract new investment into the Dublin Enterprise Zone and Stephenstown, Balbriggan.
- The Council's three Enterprise Centres continued to support start-ups in the County with 68 businesses located in the centres supporting 342 jobs.



ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION

Develop and implement sustainable policies for the protection of our environment and to safeguard the provision and distribution of high quality drinking water supply and the treatment and disposal of waste waters

Supporting Strategies

Update

- ENW 1** DEVELOP AN ADAPTATION POLICY REGIME IN LINE WITH THE NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION FRAMEWORK & DUBLIN'S CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY
- The Council's Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 was submitted to the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment in September 2019. The Plan was adopted by the Council in May 2019 following six weeks public consultation. The Plan was drafted in accordance with the Local Authority Adaptation Strategy Development Guidelines.
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- ENW 2** PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF FINGAL THROUGH EFFECTIVE EDUCATION, AWARENESS, MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEGISLATION AND POLICY
- The Environmental Education Officer promoted and delivered Environmental Awareness programmes such as Green Schools, Greener Communities, Instruments Projects, etc, and engaged with internal departments and community groups to promote environmental awareness.
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- ENW 3** IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY BY 3% PER YEAR AND AN OVERALL TARGET OF 33% BY 2020
- The Council is on track to achieve an energy efficiency improvement of 33% by December 2020. An energy efficiency improvement of 27.8% had been achieved by December 2018. The monitoring & reporting for 2019 is underway and is due to be completed by the end of June 2020.
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- ENW 4** ACT AS IRISH WATER'S AGENTS UNDER THE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT THAT WAS ADOPTED ON 1 JANUARY 2014
- The Water Services Department continued to operate a Service Level Agreement for Fingal County Council on behalf of Irish Water.



ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION

Supporting Strategies

Update

ENW 5 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLANDS REGION WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2015-2021 AND THE RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN 2015-2021

The 2018/19 report for the Regional Waste Management Plan will be published on www.emwr.ie/emwr-plan/ in due course.

The Second-Cycle River Basin Management Plan (RBMP), arising from the implementation of the 2000 Water Framework Directive, runs from 2018 to 2021. Fingal is part of a revised single National River Basin District Structure whose primary objective is to achieve compliance with statutory obligations set out in the Directive relating to surface, ground and coastal waters, including the implementation of the 2008 Bathing Water Regulations.

Under the plan, Fingal has three priority areas:

- The area draining to the Rogerstown Estuary
- Santry River
- Upper Tolka River sub catchments.

Work in these areas is led by the Local Authorities Waters Programme Office (LAWPrO) with Fingal providing support and following up on referrals during 2019.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Provision of Financial Management advice and services to the organisation

FS 1 ADVANCE THE DELIVERY OF THE COUNCIL'S ADOPTED CAPITAL PROGRAMMES SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDING

The three-year Capital Programme for 2020-2022 was delivered to Council in October 2019. The Capital Programme is monitored during the year.

FS 2 MONITOR THE SHORT AND LONG TERM FINANCING NEEDS OF THE COUNCIL

The Council's financial resources continued to be prudently managed with the short-term and long-term financial requirements of the Council being informed by the Budget and Capital Planning amongst other things.

FS 3 OPTIMISE THE USE OF RESOURCES AND OBTAIN VALUE FOR MONEY

The Annual Budget and Capital Plan outline the allocation of financial resources available to the Council and is monitored during the year.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Provision of Human Resource Management services to the organisation

Supporting Strategies

Update

HR 1 PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CULTURE THAT ALLOWS STAFF TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AND TO CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO THE COUNCIL

Recruitment of qualified staff
Competency Development implemented for all staff
Training and Development Programme in place
Proactive Attendance Management

HR 2 SUPPORT STAFF AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM, COMPETENCY FRAMEWORKS AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

PMDS process ongoing annually
Competency Framework an integral part of the recruitment procedure and Training and Development Programme
Extensive Training and Development Opportunities offered and completed

HR 3 OPTIMISE STAFF DEPLOYMENT AND OPPORTUNITY THROUGH WORK FORCE PLANNING, SUCCESSION AND MOBILITY PROGRAMMES

Active Recruitment campaigns
Transfer mobility Programme in place
PMDS process informs succession plans

HR 4 IMPROVE STAFF ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION STRUCTURES THROUGH PMDS, LINE MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS

PMDS process continuing annually
Team meetings continue under 'Engage'
Leadership Training programmes

HR 5 PROMOTE STAFF WELLBEING THROUGH OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING, DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY PROGRAMMES

Pro-active attendance management process in place
On-site provision of Staff Welfare Services
Diversity and Equality Programmes in place
Health Safety and Wellbeing week

HR 6 ADOPT BEST PRACTICE IN RELATION TO ALL HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

Safety Inspections carried out
2 internal safety inspectors employed
Safety Audits completed
Support to Safety Representatives and Fire Wardens
Reduction Year on Year in Serious Workplace Incidents



Housing Services

Provision of Financial Management advice and services to the organisation

Supporting Strategies

Update

HS 1	IMPLEMENT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSING STRATEGY IN FINGAL	The delivery of social housing is undertaken and guided by the Fingal Housing Strategy, the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 and the objectives of the Government's strategy, Rebuilding Ireland – Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness, which prioritises addressing homelessness, the acceleration of housing delivery across all tenures, a better rental sector and a more efficient use of the housing stock.
HS 2	ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY	Demand-led localised assessment, information and supports services were in place. Homeless circumstances are alleviated through various forms of Social Housing Support including Homeless HAP.
HS 3	ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRESSIVE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017-2023 THAT SUPPORTS THE ROLL OUT OF THE FINGAL HOUSING STRATEGY	An ambitious Social Housing Delivery Programme is in place. The delivery of additional social homes in Fingal is focused on three key actions - Build, Buy and Lease programme.
HS 4	MAXIMISE OCCUPANCY OF SOCIAL HOUSING STOCK	An increase in allocated funding from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government of €3.3m was received in 2019. The Council approved 291 applications for adaptation grants to private households and adaptations to Council owned stock to the value of €586k were carried out during the year. These works enabled citizens to remain living in their own homes. A performance standard of circa 1% of casual voids within social housing stock at any time was achieved.
HS 5	DELIVER THE SOCIAL HOUSING PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME IN LINE WITH THE FINGAL HOUSING STRATEGY	The Social Housing Delivery Programme is aligned with the Fingal Housing Strategy and Fingal Development Plan. The programme has delivered on targets set out to date under the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness.
HS 6	PLAN, ADMINISTER AND MANAGE THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT	The administration of the HAP service is ongoing with 727 HAP and 365 Homeless HAP tenancies put in place during 2019.
HS 7	IMPLEMENT THE ACTIONS UNDER THE TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME 2014 – 2018	A new Traveller Accommodation Programme is in place for the period 2019-2023. Regular fire safety audits were undertaken during 2019 together with an associated programme of fire prevention measures.



Information, Communication and Digital Services

Provision of information technology and digital services to the organisation

Supporting Strategies

Update

IT 1	DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN ICT & DIGITAL STRATEGY FOR THE ORGANISATION	<p>The Fingal Digital Strategy was finalised in 2019. The development of the Strategy included a robust stakeholder consultation process and the establishment of the Digital Fingal Oversight Group. The document outlines digital transformation for Fingal over a three-year period and includes a number of strategic digital deliverables.</p> <p>The Strategy focuses on four core pillars: Digital Infrastructure, Digital Community, Digital Business and Digital Government.</p>
IT 2	OPTIMISE INFRASTRUCTURE, SYSTEMS AND SERVICES TO ENABLE CITIZENS, STAFF AND COUNCILLORS TO UTILISE TECHNOLOGIES	<p>A rolling programme of infrastructure upgrades, implementation and upgrade of sites included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete replacement of Core and Edge Network Infrastructure including upgraded resilience and redundancy ○ County-wide wireless network upgrade including added resilience and additional high site ○ Complete replacement of enterprise Storage/Compute infrastructure ○ Installation of 200+ new and replacement servers ○ Upgrade of IT security infrastructure ○ Upgrade of Citrix remote working infrastructure ○ Data suite upgrades including UPS and AC ○ Digital and AV solutions for Swords Atrium, Council Chamber and CE Suite ○ Technical kit out and upgrades of sites inc. ANCA, Archives Library, Ballycoolin Training Centre, Coolmine Operations, Donabate Library, Not So Different Hub ○ Corporate WiFi in key County Hall & Civic Offices locations ○ Public WiFi in County Hall Atrium and Council Chambers for visitors ○ Refresh of all staff PCs and libraries public PCs over the five-year period including upgrade of all Windows XP to Windows 7 ○ Implementation of laptop supply/support service for Councillors in 2014 & 2019



INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND DIGITAL SERVICES

Supporting Strategies

Update

IT 3 OPTIMISE INFRASTRUCTURE, SYSTEMS AND SERVICES TO ENABLE CITIZENS, STAFF AND COUNCILLORS TO UTILISE TECHNOLOGIES

The IT Department took the lead on many innovative projects and business process improvements between 2014 and 2019, including:

- Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023
- New Voice Over IP Telephony System
- OHMS Housing System Upgrade
- APAS Planning System Upgrades
- Core HPPS Project: Implementation of Core HR, Payroll, Time & Attendance, Pension, Expense, Health & Safety and PMDS Modules
- Local Elections 2019

The Digital Workplace Transformation programme commenced in 2019 and coupled with the Fingal Digital Strategy will continue to ensure that Fingal will deliver new innovative business processes that will enhance our customer services and lead to continued workplace and business improvement.

IT 4 USE AND EXPAND ICT TECHNOLOGIES SUCH AS INTRANET, ONLINE, GIS, DATA ANALYTICS, PERFORMANCE AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE AND EFFICIENCY

During the past five years, the IT Department continued to respond to increasing internal and external technological demands.

Existing legacy applications were maintained and supported and usage guidance was provided to staff on how best to deliver maximum benefit to the organisation. This was achieved using a mixture of domain expertise and analysis skills.

Custom business solutions were implemented utilising several different technologies including GIS, Mobile, Business Intelligence, Web and Microsoft platforms. These solutions included:

- Launch of redesigned Fingal.ie website
- Councillors' Representations system
- Customer Care Unit system
- CRM solutions including:
 - FOI requests
 - Homelessness support system
 - Staff lifecycle
- Mobile solutions including:
 - Life Buoy inspections
 - Playground inspections and Park Ranger supports
- Business Intelligence dashboards including:
 - Corporate Risk Register
 - Locations of Litter Complaints



INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND DIGITAL SERVICES

IT 5 PROMOTE A CULTURE OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT AND SUPPORT PROJECT MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES ACROSS THE ORGANISATION

Underlying patterns in processes and culture are reviewed and critiqued on a regular basis and changes implemented as required using project management methodology. This continuous improvement process resulted in a fundamental restructuring of the IT Department commencing in 2017 and concluding in 2019, including the introduction of a managed service for IT Infrastructure and Service Desk.

LAW

Provision of legal advice and services to the organisation

L 1 PROVIDE IN-HOUSE LEGAL SERVICES TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND ALL COUNCIL'S DEPARTMENTS IN RELATION TO THE COUNCIL'S STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

Legal services and advice provided as requested by the Chief Executive and other Departments.



OPERATIONAL SERVICES

The general maintenance of regional and local roads, parks and public open spaces along with landscaping, tree maintenance, litter collection, beaches, harbours and public conveniences

Supporting Strategies

Update

- OP 1** IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY FOR CITIZENS

The Operations Department continued to provide suitably designed facilities for Fingal citizens, public transport users, vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists and those with mobility/sensory impairments.

- OP 2** PROVIDE SAFE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

New and improved infrastructure was provided including:

 - Resurfacing Programme
 - Footpath Renewal Programme
 - Traffic Management Scheme
 - Traffic Calming Measures
 - Pedestrian Crossings
 - Cycling Infrastructure
 - School Streets
 - Community Car

- OP 3** DELIVER CORE OPERATIONAL SERVICES IN THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MANNER POSSIBLE

The Programme of Works as approved by the Elected Members was delivered on time and within budget. There was continued improvements in the programming and scheduling of all maintenance works across the County.

An online service was introduced through the Road Management Office for all Road Opening Licence Applications.

An in-house system was developed for the management of all playgrounds and exercise equipment across the County.

- OP 4** TRAIN AND RESOURCE PERSONNEL TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE CITIZENS ACROSS ALL OPERATIONAL AREAS

There was continued focus on providing training to staff across all the disciplines to ensure they have the necessary skills to deliver high quality services to the citizens of the County with a particular emphasis on health and safety training.

- OP 5** KEEP OUR BEACHES CLEAN AND FREE FROM POLLUTION

Additional relief staff were recruited for beach clean ups. Co-ordination with other state agencies to ensure prevention of pollution spread to public beaches. The Blue Flag was retained for Portmarnock Beach (Velvet Strand).

- OP 6** MANAGE AND MAINTAIN THE FOUR HARBOURS IN FINGAL TO AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD

Approval of funding from DAFM was received for works on harbours in 2019.

A Harbours Report was completed which focused on the future management and maintenance of the small harbours in the County.



PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Planning for the medium to long term development of the county while managing the day to day development, enforcement and building control of development being undertaken in the county

Supporting Strategies

Update

- PL 1** CONCLUDE THE REVIEW OF THE FINGAL COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND SET OUT THE STRATEGY AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY

Fingal's Development Plan 2017 – 2023 sets out the Council's proposed policies and objectives for the development of the County and seeks to develop and improve, in a sustainable manner, the social, economic, environmental and cultural assets of the County.

Variation No. 1 to the Development Plan was adopted in December 2019. This incorporates revised Airport Noise Zones, revisions to the Rural Housing Policy, revisions relating to the implementation of the Dublin Agglomeration Environmental Noise Action Plan 2018-2023 and removal of Red Approach Areas from Development Plan maps.

- PL 2** DEVELOP A PROGRAMME THAT SUPPORTS INCREASED HOUSING OUTPUT TO MEET DEMAND AS SET OUT IN CONSTRUCTION 2020 A STRATEGY FOR A RENEWED CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

The Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness - Rebuilding Ireland - established a €200m Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) for investment in infrastructure to enable early activation of suitably located and scaled housing sites.

LIHAF funding of €26.58m was provided for Fingal's three LIHAF projects:

 - Donabate Distributor Road
 - Oldtown/ Mooretown
 - Baldoyle / Stapolin.

Through Project Talamh, procurement advanced on the delivery of housing on the lands at Ballymastone. An initial phase of housing development at Churchfields was approved and commenced procurement while design work commenced on both the required road infrastructure between Damastown Road and Wellview Avenue and the green infrastructure. Design work also commenced on an initial phase of housing development at Cappaghfinn.



PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Supporting Strategies

Update

PL 3 COLLABORATE WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS AND STATUTORY PROVIDERS IN DEVELOPING THE ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Continuous engagement with all stakeholders ensured the timely and efficient delivery of strategic infrastructure throughout the County.

The Part VIII process for the construction of a Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge in Donabate over the Dublin – Belfast railway line was approved. Part VIII public consultations were initiated with respect to Turvey Avenue extension, Donabate and the realignment of the R126 Hearse Road, Donabate.

Public consultation and information evenings took place with respect to Fingal Coastal Way project and the Harry Reynolds Road Cycle and Pedestrian route.

Work commenced on the Baldoyle to Portmarnock Walkway and Greenway and were nearing completion at the end of 2019.

Works on the Donabate Distributor Road and the Rathbeale Road Upgrade projects commenced in 2019.

PL 4 CONTRIBUTE TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR ALL THE CITIZENS

The 2020-2022 Capital Programme provides investment of €151.7m including €58.45m investment in strategic roads infrastructure and €43.85m in Greenways projects.

PL 5 DELIVER AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC

1,364 applications were received in 2019.

Unauthorised development was investigated and action was taken where required. 325 warning letters and 25 enforcement notices were issued, while legal proceedings was instigated in 16 cases.

In terms of Derelict Sites, 21 complaints were investigated, 16 warning letters were issued and two sites were placed on the Derelict Sites Register.

At the end of 2019, there were eight sites on the Vacant Sites Register.



Following the election of the new Council on 24th May 2020, the preparation of drafting the Council's Corporate Plan commenced.

The Corporate Plan serves as our strategic framework for the next five years. Key to the development of the Plan was the extensive consultation that was undertaken involving internal and external stakeholders including:

- The Elected Members
- The staff of the Council
- The business community
- Non-Governmental Organisations
- Community groups affiliated with the Public Participation Network (PPN)
- The Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

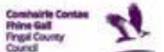
The Plan sets out the strategic priorities and objectives of the Council under the following four strategic themes:

- **QUALITY OF LIFE**
- **QUALITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENT ENVIRONMENT**
- **QUALITY BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT**
- **QUALITY IN OUR WORK.**

The Corporate Plan 2019 – 2024 was adopted by the Elected Members in December 2019.



Fingal County Council
Corporate Plan 2019 - 2024



OUR VISION

Fingal - a great place to live, work, visit and do business.

OUR MISSION

To be a vibrant, outward looking, well run Council that shows leadership and embraces diversity and opportunity.



Strategic Policy Committee

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Reports on Strategic Policy Committees & Joint Policy Committee



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE, CULTURE & CREATIVITY

Formerly Arts, Culture, Heritage & Community Development

Chairperson: Paul Donnelly

Council Members: Freddie Cooper, John Walsh, Gráinne Maguire, Seána Ó Rodaigh, Jimmy Guerin

External Members: Hiwa Wahab, Abbi Wise, Liz Madden

Council Members Pre May 2019: :Anne Devitt, Joe Newman, Adrian Henchy, Mary McCamley, Gráinne McGuire & Daire Ní Laoi.

External Members: Lorcan Blake, Guy Thompson & Arun Rao

Meeting Date 2019	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
MARCH 25	FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL'S INTEGRATION AND SOCIAL COHESION STRATEGY UPDATE	Presentation on the findings from the public consultation process for the proposed Fingal Integration & Social Cohesion Strategy was made. It is anticipated the Strategy will be completed by end of June 2019.
	BALBRIGGAN SOCIO ECONOMIC STRATEGY UPDATE	Reports on the public consultation process are available on the balbriggan.ie website. The Plan is currently being developed with an anticipated launch date of late April/early May.
	SWORDS CIVIC & CULTURAL CENTRE UPDATE	The tender for Project Management Services was published on 25th March, 2019. The project is broken down to three main areas 1. Civil Centre - Library/Theatre 2. Hub Building 3. Public Realm area It is anticipated that the tender will be awarded within the next three months and that the planning process will commence in Q1 2020.
	PRESENTATION FROM COMHAIRLE NA N-ÓG – WORKPLAN 2019	This item was deferred to a future meeting. It is anticipated the Strategy will be completed by end of June 2019.
	UPDATE ON SPORTS DEVELOPMENT OFFICE	Presentation on the Sports Programmes and participants for 2018 and the priorities/challenges for 2019. It is anticipated the Strategy will be completed by end of June 2019.
	MOTION FORM CLLR. MARY McCAMLEY CREATION OF LOCAL HERITAGE CENTRES	Following discussion, it was agreed to revert to the Director of Planning & Strategic Infrastructure with the points raised.
	MOTION FROM LORCAN BLAKE: PROPOSED FCC COMMUNITY CENTRE USAGE POLICY	This item has been referred to the Corporate Policy Group.
	MOTION FROM ARUN RAO. EXTENSION OF THE FUNDING PERIOD.	The report was accepted, the revenue budget is prepared on an annual basis and it is therefore not possible to award funding for more than one year.

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TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

Formerly Transportation

Chairperson: Cllr Ted Leddy

Council Members: Ann Graves, Adrian Henchy, Cathal Boland, Joe O'Brien, Cian O'Callaghan.

External Members: Raymond Ryan, Sinead Kavanagh, Doreen Keany

Council Members Pre May 2019: Eoghan O'Brien, Darragh Butler, Roderic O'Gorman, Ted Leddy, Natalie Treacy, Tania Doyle.

External Members: Bob Laird, Raymond Ryan

Meeting Date 2019	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
JANUARY 28	2019 PROGRAMME OF WORKS	Following discussion, the report was noted.
	INVITATION TO CEO OF METRO DUBLIN	Following discussion, the report was agreed.
	CYCLING POLICY	Following discussion, the report was agreed.
	STRATEGIC REVIEW TRANSPORT AROUND DUBLIN AIRPORT	The report was noted.
	CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE	Following discussion, the report was noted.
APRIL 1	SPEED LIMIT REVIEW	Following discussion, the report was noted.
	DRAFT PARKING PLACES BYE-LAWS 2019	Following discussion, the report was noted.
	PARKING IN HOUSING ESTATES	In the absence of Cllr D. Butler, the report was accepted by Cllr E. O'Brien.
	NEW HOUSING ESTATES ACCESS TO KEY FACILITIES	Following discussion, the report was noted.
	PHOENIX PARK CYCLE LANE SCHEME	Following discussion, the report was noted.
NOVEMBER 19	SPEED LIMIT REVIEW	Following discussion, the report was noted.
	2019 PROGRAMME OF WORKS REVIEW	Following discussion, the report was noted.
	SCHOOL STREETS INITIATIVE	The report was noted.
	UPDATE AT EACH QUARTERLY MEETING ON PROGRESS IN CONSTRUCTING THE FINGAL COASTAL WAY, AND ADDITIONAL CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE	Following discussion, the report was noted.
	UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NORTHERN COMMUTER LINE BETWEEN MALAHIDE AND DROGHEDA	The report was noted.

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CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY & ENVIRONMENT

Formerly Water & Environmental Services

Chairperson: Cllr Roderic O'Gorman

Council Members: Joe Newman, Paul Mulville, Mary McCamley, Aoibhinn Tormey, David Healy

External Members: Seamus McGrath, Edward Stevenson, Sean Barry

Council Members Pre May 2019: Paul Donnelly, Eugene Coppinger, Eithne Loftus, Mary McCamley, Gráinne Maguire, Paul Muville, Natalie Treacy.

External Members: Seamus McGrath, Angela O'Flynn Bury, Charles Sargent

Meeting Date 2019	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
APRIL 30	LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN 2019-2021	Plan Adopted.
	RMCEI PLAN 2019 & 2018 REVIEW	Item Deferred.
	DRAFT CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE	Report Noted.
NOVEMBER 12	DOMESTIC WASTE COLLECTION	List as Headed Item and Next Meeting.
	CLIMATE ACTION PLAN	Report Noted.
	TREE STRATEGY	Report Noted.
	BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN	Report Noted.
	DATA CENTRE- RENEWABLE ENERGY	Item Deferred.
	USE OF WEED KILLER BY FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL	Report Noted.
	CLIMATE ACTION PLAN "ACTIONS AWAITING BUDGET"	Report Noted as part of Climate Action Plan discussions.

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HOUSING

Chairperson: Cllr Duncan Smith

Council Members: John Burtchaell, Kieran Dennison, Brigid Manton, Robert O'Donoghue, Eoghan O'Brien, Natalie Treacy, Daniel Whooley.

External Members: Michela Benassi, Finbarr Geaney, Norman Higgins, Dayakar Reddy Komirelly

Council Members Pre May 2019: Duncan Smith, Kieran Dennison, Adrian Henchy, Sandra Kavanagh, Barry Martin, Lorna Nolan, Robert O'Donoghue, Malachy Quinn, Justin Sinnott, Matt Waine.

External Members: Marian Buckley, Finbar Geaney, Freda Hughes, Ashraf Logman, Alan Redmond

Meeting Date 2019	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
FEBRUARY 25	REBUILDING IRELAND - DELIVERY UPDATE	Report presented on 2018 targets and delivery.
	VACANT HOMES UNIT	Presentation on the Vacant Homes Unit.
	DRHE Homeless Action Plan 2019-2021	Action Plan discussed and observations required back through SPC within two weeks.
	MTR HOME FOR LIFE ENHANCED LEASING MODEL	Presentation on Mortgage to Rent Scheme delivered by Claire Feeney, SEO, Housing Agency.
NOVEMBER 25	REBUILDING IRELAND - DELIVERY UPDATE	Report presented on housing delivery under Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan.
	OVERVIEW OF HOUSING SERVICES	Presentation made on services delivered by the Housing Department.

Strategic Policy Committee

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PLANNING, STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

Formerly Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Chairperson: Cllr Brian Dennehy

Council Members: Tania Doyle, Dean Mulligan, Punam Rane, Tom Kitt, Brian McDonagh.

External Members: Greg Farrell and Kieran O' Neill

Council Members Pre-May 2019: Cian O'Callaghan, Cathal Boland, Jimmy Guerin, Brian Dennehy, Brian McDonagh, David Healy, Ann Graves, Tom O'Leary

External Members: Greg Farrell and Kieran O' Neill

Meeting Date 2019	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
JANUARY 28	SOUTH FINGAL TRANSPORT STUDY	A presentation was given on the South Fingal Transport Study. The study was noted.
	DRAFT WORKS PROGRAMME 2019	A Draft Works Programme was presented at the January Meeting and the Programme for 2019 was agreed.
	MAPPING OF RIGHTS OF WAY	A progress report was presented at the January Meeting. The report was noted.
	REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME	A report was given on this Motion. The report was noted.
	AFFORESTATION MASTER PLAN	A report was given on this motion and following discussion the report was noted.
APRIL 29	FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2 YEAR PROGRESS REPORT	A presentation and an update report on the Fingal Development Plan Two Year Progress Report was given at the April Meeting. The report was noted.
	METROLINK	A report was given on the Metro Link and the preferred route alignment. Following a discussion the report was noted.
	FINGAL GREENWAYS	A presentation on the various schemes and an update report on the Greenways was given. The report was noted.
	DOG BYE LAW	A report was given on this motion. The report was noted.
NOVEMBER 20	COASTAL EROSION	A presentation was given and an update on Fingal's Coastal Erosion. Following a discussion the report was noted.
	MAJOR STUDIES/LAPs	A report was given at the November Meeting in relation to current LAP's and studies. The report was noted.
	FINGAL GREENWAYS	An updated progress report was given at the November Meeting in relation to the various schemes and discussed. The report was noted.
	BUS CONNECTS	A report was given on this Motion and following discussion the report was noted and the Motion was agreed.

Strategic Policy Committee

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ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Formerly Economic Development & Enterprise

Chairperson: Cllr Tony Murphy

Council Members: Darragh Butler, Tom O'Leary, Emer Currie, Breda Hanaphy, Howard Mahony, Anthony Lavin, Ian Carey.

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

Council Members Pre May 2019: Kieran Dennison, Keith Redmond, Anthony Lavin, Tony Murphy, Lorna Nolan, Edmond Lukusa, Jimmy Guerin, Mags Murray, David McGuinness, Howard Mahony.

External Members: Eric Fleming, Siobhán Kinsella, Emmanuel Okezie Emuaga, James Scully, Odran Reid, Kesava Gollapalli.

Meeting Date 2019	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
FEBRUARY 26	UPDATE ON ALL ONGOING PROGRAMMES	Update on Policy Implementation covering the Local Economic & Community Plan 2016-2021, Dublin Rural LEADER 2016 -2020, Social Inclusion & Community Activation 2018-2022, Fingal Tourism Strategy 2015-2018, the Local Enterprise Office & Enterprise Centres.
	LOCAL ENTERPRISE WEEK	The Head of Local Enterprise gave a presentation on Local Enterprise Week 2019 which took place from 4th to 8th March.
	BALBRIGGAN ECONOMIC STRATEGY	Presentation on the Balbriggan Socio-Economic survey results.
NOVEMBER 13	OVERVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT	An overview of the Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development Department was presented by members of the Department.
	SKERRIES MARTELLO TOWER FEASIBILITY STUDY	Presentation on the Skerries Martello Tower feasibility study outlining the three development options. The second option was agreed.
	SHACKLETON MILLS AS A HERITAGE AND TOURISM CENTRE.	Councillor Howard Mahony proposed the motion to work towards developing Shackleton Mills as a heritage and tourism centre. An arrangement for a conservation plan to be put in place was agreed.

Joint Policing Committee

MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES



The Fingal Joint Policing Committee was 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 Council's administrative area, and in particular to keep the following 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).
- 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 the Council and An Garda Síochána, which are:

- Community Engagement & Awareness
- Traffic & Road Safety
- Crime Reduction & Analysis
- People & Demographics

In 2019, the Fingal Joint Policing Committee met on 8th March, 27th September and 13th December. The meeting due to be held on 31st May was cancelled due to the Local Elections.

A series of four public meetings were hosted in March on the following dates:

- March 13 - Lusk
- March 14 - Dublin 15
- March 20 - Sutton
- March 21 - Malahide

MEMBERSHIP

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

Prior to the Local Elections in May, the membership was as follows: Cllr. Kieran Dennison (Chair) and Cllr. Gráinne Maguire (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Tom O'Leary, Cllr. Malachy Quinn, Cllr. Adrian Henchy, Cllr. Paul Mulville, Cllr. Anthony Lavin, Cllr. Jimmy Guerin, Cllr. Howard Mahony, Cllr. Mags Murray, Cllr. Eithne Loftus, Cllr. Roderic O'Gorman, Cllr. Natalie Treacy, Cllr. Tania Doyle, Cllr. Duncan Smith.

At its first meeting on 10th June 2019, the new County Council appointed the following members to the Joint Policing Committee:

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

OIREACTHAS MEMBERS

Alan Farrell TD, Brendan Ryan TD, Louise O'Reilly TD, Senator James Reilly, Senator Lorraine Clifford-Lee.

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive and Liam Burke, SEO Housing Department

PPN (COMMUNITY) REPRESENTATIVES

Pre May 2019: Jossy Akwuobi, Rev. Kenneth Lindsay, Eamonn Price, Myles Caulfield, Ray Smyth, Peadar O'Kelly and Maria Tormey.

Since June: Jossy Akwuobi, Myles Caulfield, Ray Smyth, Aisling Kelly, Pat Doyle, Tom O'Brien.

AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA

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

Financial Position



REVENUE ACCOUNT STATEMENT for year ended 31st December 2019

* FIGURES ARE CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINTING

	DRAFT 2019	2018
	€	€
EXPENDITURE		
Housing & Building	52,385,570	45,536,191
Roads Transportation & Safety	27,662,676	24,542,199
Water & Sewerage	14,967,965	16,706,084
Development Incentives & Controls	19,112,314	18,293,027
Environmental Protection	39,528,196	38,380,726
Recreation & Amenity	39,350,799	37,083,726
Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	795,563	768,773
Miscellaneous	9,313,281	7,948,026
Total Gross Expenditure	203,137,364	189,258,752
INCOME		
Housing & Building	57,817,752	52,786,497
Roads Transportation & Safety	8,765,770	8,249,502
Water & Sewerage	17,146,987	17,276,760
Development Incentives & Controls	5,237,676	5,033,180
Environmental Protection	6,438,149	4,702,612
Recreation & Amenity	3,319,275	3,508,482
Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	263,714	269,585
Miscellaneous	12,672,382	12,363,026
Total Income	111,661,705	104,189,644
Net Expenditure	91,475,659	85,069,108
Which is funded by		
County Rates	128,1277,804	120,305,779
Local Property Tax	7,524,670	7,521,354
Pension Related Deduction	0	0
TOTAL	135,702,474	127,827,133
Surplus (Deficit) for Year Before Transfers	44,226,815	42,728,025
Transfers from (to) Reserves	(44,225,894)	(42,756,069)
	921	1,956
Incoming Balance @ 1st January	15,978,443	15,976,487
Closing Balance @ 31st December	15,979,364	15,978,443

Financial Position



CAPITAL ACCOUNT STATEMENT for year ended 31st December 2019

* FIGURES ARE CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINTING

	DRAFT 2019	2018
	€	€
EXPENDITURE (Net of Internal Transfers)*		
Housing & Building	149,166,953	129,403,479
Roads Transportation & Safety	26,337,998	18,471,340
Water & Sewerage	1,158,002	971,361
Development Incentives & Controls	23,797,647	33,549,795
Environmental Protection	2,289,247	6,608,941
Recreation & Amenity	10,057,058	6,105,831
Miscellaneous	13,046,756	1,163,064
	225,853.661	196.273.811
INCOME (Net of Internal Transfers)*		
Housing & Building	149,966,669	123,320,728
Roads Transportation & Safety	14,485,902	9,570,374
Water & Sewerage	4,352,193	927,897
Development Incentives & Controls	56,608,766	66,961,264
Environmental Protection	2,939,851	4,720,171
Recreation & Amenity	4,515,736	1,537,045
Miscellaneous	13,619,571	9,351,844
	243,518,688	216,389,323
Surplus (Deficit) for year	17,665,027	20,115,512
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 1st January	178,080,783	157,965,271
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 31st December	195,745,810	178,080,783

Excludes internal transfers, includes transfers to and from Revenue account



Reports on Service Delivery

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Objective

Assessment

ASSIST WITH PARTICULAR BUILT HERITAGE PROTECTION ISSUES INCLUDING MANAGING THE BUILDING CONSERVATION OFFICE AND THE ASSESSMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF GRANT SUPPORTS.

Grant programmes completed and targets achieved to protect the built heritage of the County.

PROCURE PROFESSIONAL EXPERT CONSULTANT SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS

Achieved on all completed projects and ongoing work with procedures recorded and open to independent scrutiny.

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

Continued to ensure the interests of Fingal protected through effective operation of grants schemes and through input to and interpretation of policy matters.

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

Practice procedures updated in accordance with changing legislation and accurate project recording. These procedures are applied on all projects to ensure standards are met.

TO MANAGE AND IMPLEMENT EFFICIENT CYCLICAL AND PLANNED MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR EXISTING FINGAL HOUSING STOCK AND TO EFFICIENTLY MANAGE RE-LETS

KPIs achieved for:

- Painting, joinery maintenance & other planned maintenance programmes
- Response maintenance services
- Mechanical and electrical installations and maintenance.

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

Ongoing on all projects to ensure accuracy of:

- Professional budgeting of projects
- Recording of tender prices and claims
- Recording and processing of payments within set timelines.

TO PROVIDE A QUALITY PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CLIENT DEPARTMENTS

Ongoing process with various projects completed including delivery of agreed Annual Work Programmes.

Reports on Service Delivery



Reports on Service Delivery COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS



Objective

DELIVER THE FINGAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018-2025

MUSICIAN-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAMME 2019 – 2021

25 primary schools participated in this newly developed initiative that brings professional musicians into schools to enrich music education for children in Fingal.

PROFESSIONAL ART PROGRAMME

58 awards under the '2019 Artist Support Scheme' amounting to €100,000. Other programmes included MART Graduate Award, Graphic Studio Award and residencies at Loughshinny boathouse.

PUBLIC ART PROGRAMME

Six commissioned projects commenced including virtual reality exhibition in Swords with Silicon Synapse at Carnegie Library. Hide Sculpture entered Pride of Place Awards and Irish Aphasia Theatre in Excellence in Local Government Awards.

LAUNCH OF FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL'S ARTS PLAN 2019 – 2025

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Eoghan O'Brien was joined by AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive, Margaret Geraghty, Director of Services, Rory O'Byrne, County Arts Officer and special guest speaker Art O'Leary, Secretary General to the President in Swords Castle to launch the Plan.

DELIVER ON THE EIGHT-YEAR FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT WITH THE ARTS COUNCIL

AN URGENT ENQUIRY -SAC-SPECIAL AREA OF CONSERVATION AT PORTRANE BEACH

This was a collaboration funded through the Arts Council of Ireland's Invitation to Collaboration Award. Fingal, Wexford and Dublin City Councils explored the local and shared biodiversity along the east coast. The artwork highlighted the existence, fragility and importance of all the creatures who call the Fingal coastline 'home'.

EXPLORING & THINKING – PRESENTATIONS ON EARLY CHILDHOOD ARTS COMMISSIONS

The partnership consists of Fingal, Dublin City, South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Councils following an award from the Arts Council's Invitation to Collaboration Scheme focused on commissioning and touring new artwork for children with local engagement programmes in arts and non-traditional arts venues.

TO COORDINATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CREATIVE IRELAND PROGRAMME IN FINGAL

The Fingal Culture Team continued to support cultural and creative initiatives across the county, in line with the Fingal Culture and Creativity Strategy (2018-2022). Focusing on engagement with citizens of all ages, these cross disciplinary initiatives spanned the visual arts, film, music, dance, STEAM and history alongside collaborative intergenerational projects in storytelling and theatre. The very successful Cruinniú na n-Óg programme of events for young people included creative activities in various disciplines - Arts, STEAM, film production and music, across 13 locations and was attended by over 2,800 young people.



Reports on Service Delivery COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS



Objective

TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENTAL AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT TO VOLUNTARY FACILITY COMMITTEES

Continued support to 32 Community Centres and monitoring and oversight of Facilities Funding streams and KPI processes ensured that Council facilities are run and managed to a high standard, are working towards sustainability and are accessible to the whole community. Fingal Community Facilities Network launched their Connecting Communities Information booklet.

CONTINUE TO MANAGE THE UP KEEP AND RENOVATION OF OLDER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Community Development Office continued to work through the conditioning surveys for older community facilities with the support of the Architects Dept. Management Licences were issued by the Council to 13 community centres Management Committees to manage and operate the facilities on behalf of the Council.

FINANCIAL SUPPORTS TO COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY GROUPS FUNDING SCHEME

Funding was provided to Summer Projects, Activity Funding and Special Funding Schemes.

PRIDE OF PLACE

Fingal had two winners in the IPB Pride of Place competition, which recognises community projects in Ireland, north and south. Flemington, Balbriggan won the Best Urban Neighbourhood category, the judges were impressed with how different community groups supported each other. Whitestown estate in D15 was runner up in the Housing Estate category. They impressed judges with their community memorial garden in an area previously noted for anti-social behaviour.

FINGAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK AND OTHER NETWORKS

A Memo of Understanding was signed by Fingal County Council and Fingal PPN outlining the roles and responsibilities of both entities in their commitment to the delivery of the PPN programme in Fingal. The number of groups registered on the PPN increased by 131 to 846 at December 2019. A resource support worker has been appointed to carry out initiatives within the Well-Being Plan.

DELIVER THE FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTEGRATION AND SOCIAL COHESION POLICY

The Migrant Integration & Social Cohesion Strategy 2019 – 2024 supported by an action plan was launched in November and outlines how the Council will work to meet the needs of the diverse population of Fingal.

FINGAL COMHAIRLE NA N-ÓG

The AGM was held in November 2019 and was attended by 130 young people from primary, secondary and youth organisations across the county of Fingal. The theme was health and sustainability of the environment. Mayor Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien opened proceedings with some very motivational words. The existing Comhairle invited Jack Kavanagh who told the inspirational story of his life and the day finished off with the election of a new committee 2019/2020.



Reports on Service Delivery COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS



Objective

Assessment

SWORDS CIVIC & CULTURAL CENTRE

The Arts Office continued to participate in regular meetings in 2019 regarding the development of the Swords Civic & Cultural Centre.

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF AGE FRIENDLY ALLIANCE

In May over 120 Senior Citizens took part in an Information Seminar on Changing Gears, with key note speaker Christy Keneally and discussed social preparation, wills, housing and rightsizing, Fair Deal, hobbies and activities and health & wellbeing.

ACORN AGE FRIENDLY

ACORN Age Friendly Tablet won the Age Friendly Communication category at the national Age Friendly Ireland awards. This project was a collaboration between Fingal County Council, Meath County Council and Limerick County Council.

WALKABILITY STUDIES

Age Friendly Fingal and the Operations Department organised three walkability studies in Blanchardstown, Balbriggan and Howth. There was a great turnout of volunteers in each area with the support of local Councillors with a number of issues highlighted.

DELIVERY OF SPORTS PROGRAMMES

TRANSITION YEAR FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT COURSE

In partnership with the FAI the Sports Office implemented this course with 25 students.

SPORTS CONDITIONING

This programme was developed for children of all ages and abilities, continued with the emphasis on teacher training in 2019. Programmes included Primary School Athletics, MarathonKids, Soccer, Rugby, Cricket and Tennis Programmes for Older Adults, Women in Sport and Inclusive Sports.

HEALTHY FINGAL LEARNING PORTAL

Launched in November, it contains videos, tutorials and forums, which help educate school children on a range of topics, activities and skills contributing to healthy and active lifestyles.

Two sports hubs in Balbriggan and Tyrrelstown/Mulhuddart were opened. A Community Sports Development Officer and a Social Inclusion Officer were also engaged.



Reports on Service Delivery CORPORATE AFFAIRS & GOVERNANCE



Objective

Assessment

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

The Communications Unit partnered with the IT Department to develop the new fingal.ie website. It issued 271 press releases, statements or media invitations and assisted departments with campaigns, consultations and media queries. Instagram was added to the Council's portfolio of social media channels with the Facebook account achieving a 24% rise in the number of followers. The 2019 RED C Residential Satisfaction Survey showed awareness of the Council has risen from 33% to 42% since 2017 while 49% of residents feel well-informed about the Council compared to 43% two years previously. Internal communications included publication of a quarterly staff magazine and a daily email bulletin to staff.

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

Implementation of the Third Irish Language Scheme and compliance with all Irish Language legislation continued. The new Fingal.ie website has an Irish language version. Training was provided to selected staff through Gaeltacht courses. Forms and publications were made available in Irish including the Nuacht Fhine Gall magazine. The language was promoted within the Council and the County with events taking place in libraries and County Hall and a programme was produced for Seachtain na Gaeilge. The language was also promoted at other events including the Fingal Fleadh, Heritage Week and Flavours of Fingal County Show.

TO ENSURE THE PROVISION OF GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE ACROSS THE ORGANISATION

In 2019, the Customer Care Unit was further developed and expanded into all offices of the Council. An augmented team of trained agents has been put in place to ensure that queries – via phone, email, in person, etc. - are resolved at the first point of contact for the customer.

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

Following a Boundary Commission Report in 2018, the Local Electoral Areas increased from five to seven and came into effect at the Local Elections in May 2019. Members were subsequently elected to Committees and Associations as representatives of the Council. A new Strategic Policy Committee Scheme was also approved and the Members were appointed to the six Committees as part of their policy development role. Meetings continued to be serviced and webcast to ensure the transparency of the democratic function.

TO PLAN FOR MAJOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE COUNTY

Training continued throughout 2019 for the Council's Management Team to ensure that the Council and its Departments were ready should a Major Emergency occur. This included reviewing the Council's Major Emergency Plan and Business Continuity Plans so that the services could continue to be provided to our citizens in the event of an emergency situation.

TO ACHIEVE BEST PRACTICE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IN PROCUREMENT

The Central Procurement Unit (CPU) managed procurement processes set out in the Annual Procurement Plan. Spend analysis and identification of strategic procurement opportunities was also undertaken during 2019. CPU arranged training courses and provided guidance as necessary to service Departments.



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CORPORATE AFFAIRS & GOVERNANCE



Objective

Assessment

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

The Information and Data Management Office, through continuous staff training, awareness-raising and liaison with all departments, particularly the IT Department, monitors and improves the security and accessibility of Council data.

TO PROMOTE BEST PRACTICE IN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Procurement monitoring and reporting carried out throughout 2019.

TO PROMOTE GOOD GOVERNANCE THROUGH EFFECTIVE INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTIONS

There was positive engagement with Executive Management and staff in execution of Internal Audit workplan and governance actions/ risk management systems. Effective management of Audit Committee meetings and positive engagement with the Audit Committee continued.

TO UPHOLD THE CITIZEN CHARTER AND GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE

In accordance with the Council's Citizen's Charter, all complaints received were processed and responded to in a timely manner during 2019.



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ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT



Objective

Assessment

ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES SET OUT IN FINGAL'S LOCAL COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC PLAN (LECP) IN A MANNER THAT BOTH REFLECTS AND SUPPORTS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXISTING REGIONAL PLANNING GUIDELINES, PROPOSED REGIONAL SPATIAL AND ECONOMIC STRATEGIES AND WIDER ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM POLICIES AT A REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL

The implementation of the LECP continued across several Council Departments and multiple external stakeholders. The LECP showed progress across all goals and objectives.

CHANNEL A RANGE OF SUPPORTS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES IN FINGAL

Fingal Local Enterprise Office (Fingal LEO) operates under a Service Level Agreement between Fingal County Council and Enterprise Ireland. Fingal LEO is funded by the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund.

Fingal LEO had a very busy and successful 2019 with all key targets being achieved. Some 32 projects were approved for funding totalling 109 new jobs in the local economy. As the national and local economy continues to grow, strong participation remains a feature of all core initiatives among both start-up/ aspiring entrepreneurs and existing SMEs. Programmes include Start Your Own Business courses, Mentoring, Business Clinics, 53 Management Development workshops and many other initiatives such as Brexit preparedness activities and LEAN programmes provided by LEO Fingal.

Major flagship events included the "Local Enterprise Week 2019" which was hugely successful and the biggest event of its kind in the country.

Fingal LEO also plays an important role in the cultivation of an entrepreneurial culture and the Student Enterprise Programme is run in most second level schools in Fingal, with over 2,700 participating students each year.

CO-ORDINATE, MANAGE AND OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT'S SOCIAL INCLUSION COMMUNITY AND ACTIVATION PROGRAMME (SICAP) AND LEADER

The SICAP Oversight Committee meets on a quarterly basis to review, advise and provide oversight to EMPOWER who has responsibility for the implementation of the contract. The Fingal SICAP achieved its annual planned targets and has been cited as a best practice example nationwide. The LEADER project is overseen by the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) which comprises representation from Fingal, South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown Fingal. During 2019, over €1.5 million was approved for 18 new projects. In the programme to date 64 projects have been approved for €3.03 million. Of these 45 are in Fingal, 4 in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown and 15 in South Dublin.



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Reports on Service Delivery ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT



Objective

IMPLEMENT THE ACTIONS OF THE FINGAL STATEMENT OF TOURISM STRATEGY 2017 – 2022

Implementation of the Strategy continued during 2019. The Events and Festivals Programme supported over 82 events and festivals across the County in 2019 which succeeded in generating economic, social and cultural benefits and attracting overseas visitors. Collaboration with Fáilte Ireland on promotion of Fingal as a tourist destination continued and we have secured grant funding under the 'Destination Towns' call for Skerries. Support to local tourism groups continued in 2019 including Howth, Skerries, Balbriggan, Malahide, Donabate/Portrane and the rural villages. Significant investment across our Heritage Properties portfolio includes:

- Completion of feasibility study for Skerries Martello Tower
- Appointment of Consultants to carry out structural assessment of Bremore Castle
- Completion of the conservation of the Casino Malahide and commencement of fit-out to house the Fry Model railway
- Completion of Phase II enabling and conservation works at Swords Castle with works to the East Tower, Chapel and ramparts
- Upgrade of heating in Newbridge House and Ardgillan Castle
- Commencement of refurbishment of Howth Court House
- Engagement of Consultants for re-development of Red Barn, Skerries
- Engagement of Consultants to report on conservation of Guinness Bridge, Strawberry Beds.

SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC) AND ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC

The LCDC and EETD SPC were fully supported in 2019 in completing their respective work programmes.

DEVELOP A SOCIO-ECONOMIC STRATEGY FOR BALBRIGGAN IN COLLABORATION WITH ALL THE KEY STAKEHOLDERS

The Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan was launched in May 2019, following an extensive public engagement process. The Plan encompasses 93 actions across four Pillars.

Four Pillar working groups, with expert subject chairs were formed in May 2019. These Pillar Working groups met regularly throughout 2019, to progress actions across:

- Public Realm
- Growing the Local Economy
- Community Affairs & Integration
- Education, Training & Employment.

Assessment



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Objective

AFTERCARE OF HISTORIC AND CLOSED LANDFILLS

Compliance with EPA licences for Balleally and Dunsink Landfills continued. Frameworks were put in place for specified engineering works and for risk assessments on historic and legacy landfills, from which assessments completed on two former landfills. Balleally Landfill is partially open to public following near complete restoration.

MONITOR AIR AND NOISE POLLUTION

Transport Infrastructure Ireland installed noise & air quality monitors along the M50. The EPA published a report on air quality in the Dublin Region and areas in the city centre and portals to the port tunnel were identified as likely to exceed the annual limits for NOx for 2019 and likely to require an Air Quality Management Plan for the Dublin Agglomerations. The National Air Quality Monitoring Network includes three air quality monitoring stations one of which is maintained by the Council.

ENFORCE WASTE REGULATIONS

The targets for inspections in the Annual Plan (RMCEI), including national priorities, were met this year. Waste Presentation Draft Byelaws were published for consultation.

OPERATE DOG AND HORSE CONTROL SERVICE

The Council continued to enforce the Control of Dogs and the Control of Horses legislation. The Dog Warden and Pound Services are provided by contract. Dog Warden services were extended in 2019 to include weekend patrols. Approximately 97% of dogs seized or surrendered were reclaimed, rehomed or transferred to another dog welfare group. The horse seizure service is also provided by contract and in 2019, 412 horses were seized.

OPERATE LITTER WARDEN SERVICE

Six Litter Wardens patrol pre-determined scheduled routes throughout Fingal. This year saw the introduction of walking patrols in towns in Fingal. In 2019, 935 fines were issued by the Wardens and 164 prosecutions were instigated.

PROTECT SURFACE, GROUND AND COASTAL WATERS

RMCEI inspections including Farm (22), Septic Tank (8), Operational River Monitoring (85), additional non statutory river monitoring (397), trade effluent inspections (129) and bathing water samples (103). Fingal participated in investigations in Rogerstown Priority Area for Action (PAA), including referrals and engaged with Dublin City Council on the proposed Santry River restoration. The Council also participated in community information meetings for the Upper Tolka River.

Fingal progressed collaborative research projects with DIT/TUD on Freshwater and with UCD on Acclimatize Bathing Water Project (with focus on Portrane and Donabate Beaches).

Thirty seven water pollution investigations were completed.



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ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE ACTION



Objective

Assessment

PROVIDE AN ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME

The 2019 Environmental Awareness Programme was busier than ever. Projects included the promotion of Biodiversity and the All-Ireland Pollination Plan, Green Schools Programme, Waste Prevention including the Instruments Project and the GAA Sports Sustainability competition.

The Community Environmental Action Fund awarded 25 Community Groups/Residents Associations, Schools and Organisations with funding for environmental projects. The Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti fund focused on communities and awarded 15 communities funding for projects to tackle graffiti and litter prone areas.

IMPLEMENT FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEMES IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE OPW

Two Flood Protection Schemes (Sluice River at Portmarnock and Skerries Mill Stream) were selected to be implemented, however by the end of 2019 still had to pass a feasibility test based on more detailed monitoring and surveys.

CO-ORDINATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

A governance structure is in place with a Steering Committee at Director of Service level. The Climate Action Officer works with Implementation Representatives from all Council Departments and with the other Dublin Local Authority colleagues and stakeholders to co-ordinate delivery of the Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024. The Plan was adopted by the Council in May 2019 and submitted to the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment in Sept 2019. Monitoring and reporting programmes are in place to ensure delivery. Actions will be reviewed on an annual basis.

PROVIDE BRING BANKS FOR GLASS BOTTLES

The Council operates two civic amenity sites (Estuary & Coolmine), a network of 60 bring banks throughout the County and 26 clothes banks.

In 2019, approximately 5,100 tonnes of clear, green and brown glass was collected and recycled.

This contributed directly to a saving of 295kgs of CO2 per tonne collected i.e. 1,505 tonnes of CO2. Awareness of this positive climate action benefit of recycling glass will be highlighted.

MAINTENANCE OF THE SURFACE WATER NETWORK

Surface water networks continue to be maintained throughout the County with a number of key projects currently ongoing to improve the surface water network and flooding throughout the County.

PROVISION OF WATER SERVICES ON BEHALF OF IRISH WATER

Provision of a Service Level Agreement to Irish Water for the provision of Water Services throughout Fingal continued.



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FINANCE



Objective

Assessment

ACTIVE DEBT MANAGEMENT (RATES/ PEL/NPPR)

In 2019, 97% of Commercial Rates were collected. The Property Entry Level (PEL), which is a charge that applies to all newly erected or newly constructed properties pending the assessment of Commercial Rates, took in revenue of €295,635. Revenue from the Non-Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charge was €1,698,983 in 2019.

EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF LIABILITY CLAIMS AND INSURANCE POLICIES

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

ENSURE BUDGETS ARE REVIEWED AND MONITORED

Revenue account budgets and Capital Plan were reviewed quarterly with each department.

PRODUCTION OF 3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The 2020 -2022 Capital Plan was presented to Councillors in October 2019.

PRODUCTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET

The 2020 Budget was presented to Council on November 26th 2019.

PRODUCTION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The 2018 Financial Statements were completed in April 2019 with the Auditor's Report signed in August 2019.

THE MANAGEMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, PAYROLL AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT CASH OUTFLOWS.

Accounts Payable processed €402m of payments during 2019 an increase of €77m over 2018. The treasury management and cashflow is actively managed throughout the year.

Payroll is now managed by HR with processing outsourced to MyPay.



Reports on Service Delivery

HOUSING SERVICES



Objective

DELIVERY OF THE FINGAL TARGETS IN THE NATIONAL SOCIAL HOUSING STRATEGY 2020/REBUILDING IRELAND

Fingal continued to deliver an ambitious programme of social housing delivery.

For the period 2015 to 2019 Fingal was set a target to deliver 5,392 social housing solutions. During that period a total of 6,150 housing solutions were delivered. These family homes were delivered under a range of housing delivery mechanisms including, Construction Programme, Leasing Programme (RAS and LTL), Acquisitions Programme, units under Part V, voids and the HAP Scheme.

The Council also works in partnership with Approved Housing Bodies in the delivery of social housing units through the Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF), Mortgage to Rent and Capital Assistance Schemes.

The Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan was operating in its second year of existence in 2019 and continued to attract a large level of inquiries and interest.

The number of applications under this loan reached 893 by the end of 2019.

Options for borrowers increased and 196 loans had been drawn down by year end, totalling €43 million.

Assessment

DELIVERY OF THE SOCIAL HOUSING PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME IN LINE WITH THE FINGAL HOUSING STRATEGY AND THE 2017 – 2023 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

During 2019 the following Council housing projects were delivered:

SCHEME	UNITS
Castlelands, Balbriggan	24
Rivermeade, St Margaret's	2
Pinewood, Balbriggan	2
Avondale, Dublin 15	42
Church Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	22
Rolestown, Swords, Phase 1	26

OTHER SUPPLY MECHANISMS

Delivery under Part V has increased year on year with the upturn in construction.

A total of 171 homes were delivered under Part V in 2019.

A total of 204 new homes were delivered by Approved Housing Bodies with the support of Fingal County Council.

A total of 85 homes were delivered under Long-Term Leasing and Mortgage to Rent arrangements.



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HOUSING SERVICES



Objective

DELIVERY AND MANAGEMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DUBLIN HOMELESS ACTION PLAN

The Homeless Team continued to offer support to those in homeless circumstances with a Tenancy Protection Service supported by Threshold.

During 2019 the homeless circumstances of 516 households (families/singles/couples) were alleviated through the varying forms of social housing support, including 365 homeless HAP tenancies provided under the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive.

Spring and Winter rough sleeper counts were conducted. On the night of the last rough sleeper count (26th November 2019), one rough sleeper was located. Support is offered to rough sleepers from the Council's homeless support team in liaison with the rough sleeping intake team operated by the Dublin Simon Community.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT SCHEME

The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) scheme has been in operation for three years in Fingal and in 2019 there were 727 new tenancies put in place.

MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF HOUSING STOCK/VACANCIES/VOIDS

Circa 1% of casual voids within social housing stock at any time is achieved. Maintenance requests received for the period of 2019 was 13,048, an increase on the 2018 figure of 975.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME 2019-2023

The 2019 count of Traveller families show a total 523 families in the County. The Council provided 35 units of standard accommodation to Travellers in 2019 and the Council offers a caravan loan scheme to Travellers as further assistance in the provision of accommodation.



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HUMAN RESOURCES



Objective

Assessment

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

PMDS Programme operating
Competency Framework embedded
Active Training and Development programme ongoing

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

Staff Wellbeing, Equality and Diversity Programme implemented in 2019
Health Safety and Wellbeing Week in October 2019

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

65 Recruitment competitions
204 new staff recruited
436 Training courses provided
40 staff availed of Staff Education Scheme

TO PROMOTE A SAFE AND HEALTHY WORK ENVIRONMENT

A reduction in the number of Serious Workplace Incidents.
310 safety inspections carried out
Awarded Higher Distinction Award and Consistent High Achiever Award by NISO
Annual Occupational Safety Awards.



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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Objective

Assessment

PRODUCE DIGITAL STRATEGY

The Fingal Digital Strategy was finalised in 2019. The development of the Strategy included a robust stakeholder consultation process and the establishment of the Digital Fingal Oversight Group. The document outlines digital transformation for Fingal over a three-year period and includes a number of strategic digital deliverables to improve the way we live, work and do business in Fingal.

A number of projects and initiatives that form part of the Strategy objectives and deliverables, commenced in 2019 including: Unheard Voices SBIR, Smart Bench pilot, Smart Mobility Hub SBIR, Not so Different Creative Ability Hub and the publication of the Fingal Public WiFi Plan.

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

There was continued support of current and legacy systems along with significant upgrades to departmental systems including Planning, Housing, HR/Payroll and Document Management systems; GIS infrastructure; Database infrastructure.

There was also workflow analysis of processes using Six Sigma in various Departments including Housing, Planning and IT.

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

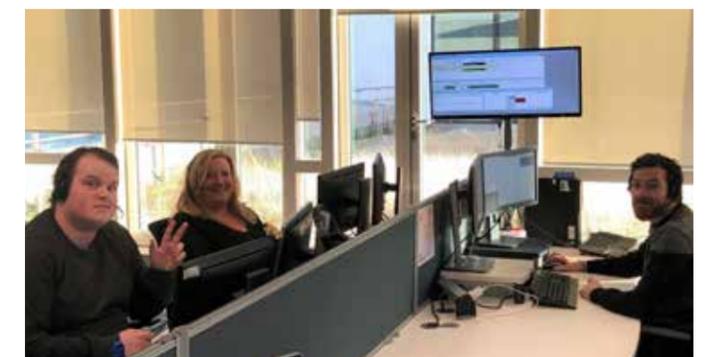
A managed service for ServiceDesk and IT Infrastructure and a new managed print contract were implemented. Following the Local Elections, new laptops and support service were delivered for 40 Councillors. The Council's Storage/Computer Infrastructure was replaced as part of the ongoing programme of infrastructure upgrades. Corporate WiFi was implemented in all key Corporate locations. All senior staff were provided with laptop computers and the rolling upgrade of staff computers continued during the year.

ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS CHANGE THROUGH DESIGN FOR DIGITAL

The Digital Workplace Programme involves the implementation of new technologies to enable new ways of working, collaborating and communicating and thereby foster continuous improvement in the workplace. The programme has an estimated duration of three to five years.

The programme consists of a number of projects – Office365; Cloud telephony and Customer Contact Centre; Cloud Collaborative systems; Cloud Document Management; Cloud CRM; Asset/Workforce Management; Change Management and Business Process Improvement.

Contracts have been awarded for Office365; Cloud telephony and Customer Contact Centre; Cloud Collaborative systems; Cloud Document Management and Change Management, all of which were in progress at 2019 year end.



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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Objective

PROMOTE A CULTURE OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Major workplace business improvement projects commenced in Planning (ePlanning) and Housing (eHousing), and the work on the HR/Payroll (Core HPPS) project continued. In 2019 the IT Department had a portfolio of twenty Programmes of Work including a total of 121 projects.

Assessment

Implementation of a Council wide Project Management methodology and systems commenced in 2019. The aim is to digitise and standardise Programme and Project Management.

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

A number of new and improved solutions were delivered during 2019 including:

- Launch of redesigned Fingal.ie
- Development of Customer Care support system
- Implementation of several CRM solutions including FOI requests, Homelessness support system and staff lifecycle
- Implementation of Mobile solutions including Life Buoy inspections, Playground inspections and Park Ranger supports
- Configuration of Business Intelligence dashboards including Corporate Risk Register and Locations of Litter Complaints.

TO IMPLEMENT BEST PRACTICE IN IT GOVERNANCE.

The IT Department continues to follow best practice in all aspects of IT governance. Best practice has also been followed in the introduction of the new Managed Service and the Managed Service provider also follows industry best practice.

LAW

Objective

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

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

Assessment



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LIBRARIES



Objective

TO PUBLISH AND IMPLEMENT THE LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018 - 2023

The seven objectives in the Plan continued to be implemented in 2019 by way of 42 actions.

TO ENSURE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STANDARD IN THE DELIVERY AND OPERATION OF LIBRARY SPACES.

Proposed extension to and refurbishment of Skerries Library was approved in October 2019. A brief for the new County Library in the Swords Cultural Quarter (SCQ) was further developed. Local Studies and Archives moved to a new premises in the SCQ at 46 North Street. Rush and Malahide Libraries were awarded with Age Friendly Charters in 2019.

TO ENSURE THE LIBRARIES BUDGET IS SPENT APPROPRIATELY AND IN LINE WITH THE COUNCIL'S PROCUREMENT POLICIES.

The budget was spent on the management and development of library services in the County in line with procurement policies. Collection HQ, an electronic evidence-based stock management system was put in place to enhance the management and curation of library stock.

TO ENSURE UNINTERRUPTED ACCESS TO LIBRARY SERVICES.

Footfall to Fingal libraries remained strong in 2019, with 1,008,436 visits (3.4 per head of population) to our 10 branch libraries, mobile libraries and to the Local Studies and Archives service. There were no unplanned closures of libraries in 2019.

There was a 41.2% increase in the number of items (books, CDs, DVDs and electronic resources) issued to library members in 2019, when compared to the previous year. In total 1,067,112 items were issued in 2019, of which 54.1% were physical items, mainly books but also CDs and DVDs. Electronic resources, particularly online newspapers accounted for 45.9% of items issues, with music downloads, e-magazines, e-books and e-audio books also proving popular.

TO FURTHER DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT FINGAL LIBRARIES ICT ENHANCEMENTS.

Meeting pods with charging points were installed at Blanchardstown, Malahide and Balbriggan Libraries. Hublets (tablet lending devices) were installed at Baldoyle, Rush, Howth, Garristown and Donabate Libraries. Tovertafels (Magic Table equipment) were installed at Malahide and Rush Libraries. They are particularly useful for people with mid to late stage dementia and for children with sensory issues. Self-service kiosks have been in operation at Howth, Garristown and Baldoyle Libraries since May 2019. STEAM -Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths events were held throughout the branch network in 2019. Freegal Music, a free streaming and downloading service, with over 15 million songs and over 40,000 music videos was made available to Fingal library members.



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Objective

TO FURTHER DEVELOP STRONG LINKS AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUTSIDE AGENCIES TO UNDERPIN LIBRARIES ROLE AS A SOCIALLY INCLUSIVE, COMMUNITY, CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, INFORMATION AND LEARNING CENTRE.

Assessment

Fingal Libraries was awarded €40,350 under the Dormant Accounts Fund, subject to matched funding from the Council, to develop Autism Friendly Schemes across the branch network. Libraries in Fingal now run autism-friendly sessions each month, and regularly schedule 'quiet time' and 'relaxed programming' events which cater to people with autism.

The third annual Fingal Festival of History took place from 30th September until 7th October. This year's programme featured History at the Castle, a day of talks, with story-telling and music at Swords Castle Chapel. In September, the fourth annual Write Time Festival featured free workshops and talks to spark the imagination and inspire creativity.

Over 200 people attended a conference called "Climate Emergency - This Generation's Inheritance" organised by Europe Direct and Blanchardstown Library in October.

Participation in the Europe Direct / Blanchardstown Library Young Entrepreneurs Club involves an eleven week programme for 10 to 12 year olds, during which they learn about conducting market research, marketing, and financial management.

TO MAINTAIN A HIGH-QUALITY LIBRARY WORKFORCE WHO RECEIVE TRAINING AND SUPPORT TO DELIVER SERVICES.

Throughout 2019 staff received appropriate training, engaged in continuing professional development and received support to avail of relevant third level educational opportunities.



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Objective

ROADS: MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT AND SAFETY OF ROADS

Assessment

Within the Fingal area there are 65km of National Roads including Motorways, 264km of Regional Roads and 1,011km of Local Roads and three depots at Balbriggan, Swords & Coolmine. An extensive Programme of Works was carried out in 2019 across the County including road and footpath renewal & repairs.

The following applications were processed during 2019:

Item	2019
Wayleave/ Communications/ Road Opening Licences	1,776*
Taking in Charge Certs	1,862
Abnormal Load Permits	498
Temporary Road Closures	59

*Note: All licences are processed on the MRL Online System.

ROAD SAFETY:

- Implementation of the School Streets pilot in Malahide.
- Provision of 126 School Wardens
- Assessments & improvements to 92 School Crossings
- Road Safety Promotion, administration of Cycling and Junior School Warden training
- Promotion of National Road Safety campaigns (including Aviva Driving School sponsored VR Headsets & AXA Road Safety Road Show)
- Bike Week cycle events/Street Velodrome
- Promotion of Campaigns: Cycle to school/Bike to work/Safe Routes to School/Walking buses
- European Mobility Week participation including 'Car Free Day' in Malahide

PUBLIC LIGHTING:

In 2019, maintenance of the Council's stock of 32,900 lights resulted in the issuing of 10,614 job requests including 6150 through the LED Energy Efficiency Programme which will achieve a saving of over 1.15 million kWh annually and is an important driver in the Council achieving its 2020 energy targets.



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OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT



Objective

Assessment

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

Management and maintenance continued in:

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

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

88 kilometres of coastline are maintained including 11 designated beaches at Balbriggan, Skerries South, Loughshinny, Rush South, Rush North, Portrane, Donabate, Malahide, Portmarnock, Sutton (Burrow Road) and Claremont, Howth. 36 lifeguards were employed from June to the end of August 2019. Monitoring of seawater samples was carried out to ensure compliance with Bathing Water Quality requirements.

Harbours and piers at Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush, Loughshinny and Malahide Slipway are managed and maintained.

A number of improvements in Rush and Balbriggan Harbour were carried out throughout 2019:

- Removal of vessels from Balbriggan Harbour
- Installation of services (water and electricity) Balbriggan Harbour
- Restoration works in Rush Harbour.

EVENTS: DELIVERY OF OPERATIONAL SUPPORT IN RESPECT OF HIGH QUALITY AND SAFE EVENTS

The Operations Department was involved in the delivery of over 200 events. These were all accommodated within Regional Parks, local amenities or on public roads. Management of commercial and sporting events and Event Licence applications involved the following:

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

BUSINESS FUNCTIONS: FINANCE, CORPORATE GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION, HEALTH & SAFETY AND PMDS

The following internal business functions were facilitated throughout the year: Operations Accounts Unit, Health & Safety compliance; the County Council and its various Committees were serviced throughout the year. All staff participated successfully in the PMDS process.



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PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE



Objective

Assessment

DELIVER STRATEGIC & GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

The Part VIII process for Porterstown All-Weather Running Track & Sports Facility concluded. Rivervalley Pitch All-Weather Facility moved to tender stage.

Works ongoing at Shackleton Mills, Liffey Valley, Malahide Green re-development were at tender evaluation stage. New skateparks opened in Balbriggan and Skerries. New multi-use games area and playground opened at Glebe Park, Balbriggan. Works continued with respect to development of four additional playgrounds in Balbriggan, Lusk & Skerries.

There was continued consultation with the community with respect to Bremore Regional Park development. Donabate Distributor Road neared completion. The Part VIII process concluded with respect to New Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge Donabate and were initiated with respect to Turvey Avenue Enhancement Project & the R126 Hearse Road Bend Realignment.

Construction commenced on the Portmarnock to Baldoyle walking and cycling Greenway with continued progression of numerous other Greenway and Cycleway routes across the County through the various studies and consultation phases including public information evenings for the Harry Reynolds Road cycle route and the Fingal Coastal Way.

The tender process commenced for the Ongar-Barnhill scheme, the Snugborough Interchange scheme and Hole in the Wall Upgrade scheme. Rathbeale Road upgrade works commenced in 2019.

DEVELOP POLICY, GUIDELINES & STANDARDS

Policies, guidelines and standards were continually reviewed to ensure best practice.

PROMOTE & ENFORCE BUILDING REGULATIONS

There was continued activity to promote a culture of compliance with regulations. Further professional training for staff, increased digitisation and structure of inspections, enhanced collaboration with other Building Control Authorities through the National Building Control Office.

177 Disability Access Certificates submitted, of which 165 were granted. 263 Fire Safety Certificates submitted, of which 187 were granted.

35 new dangerous structures and places were inspected and action taken to protect the public.

ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Regular scheduled meetings of the departmental Health & Safety Committee took place with ongoing H&S upskilling and review.



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Objective

Assessment

ENSURE APPROPRIATE ACTION IS TAKEN ON UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENT.

There was continued activity in planning enforcement i.e. ongoing issue of warning letters and enforcement notices and referral of cases to Court. Enforcement of the new short-term letting regulations which came into effect on 1st July 2019 commenced.

ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

CPD continued with respect to statutory requirements. Compliance with statutory requirements and review of same is an ongoing activity

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

All planning decisions were decided in accordance with statutory requirements. 1,364 planning applications received (1,213 valid applications) with 1,150 decisions made to the end of December 2019. The Council consulted with An Bord Pleanála on 13 Strategic Housing Development Applications during 2019.

ENSURE AREAS TO BE TAKEN IN CHARGE ARE TO TAKING-IN-CHARGE STANDARDS

Standards continued to be met for developments for Taking in Charge and/or bond release. A framework of service providers is in place to facilitate site resolution plans and subsequent bond claims and drawdowns. A total of nine estates were taken in charge during 2019 when completed to taking in charge standards.

DELIVERY OF LOCAL AREA PLANS (LAPs), MASTERPLANS & STUDIES TO DELIVER HOUSING AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY

Four Swords Masterplans were agreed. Castlelands Masterplan was completed but not agreed by the end of 2019. Kellystown LAP continued to be progressed. Variation No. 1 to Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023 was adopted. Barnhill, Kinsaley and Dublin Airport LAPs were adopted.

PROTECT BIODIVERSITY

There was continued biodiversity input in planning applications. Ten actions from the Biodiversity Plan were implemented and there was continued implementation of actions of the Dublin Bay Biosphere Nature Conservation Strategy and Howth SAAO Operational Plan.

PROTECT BUILT HERITAGE

There were three conservation grant schemes - Built Heritage Investment Scheme, Historic Structures Fund and Stitch in Time Grant (under the Architectural Heritage Fund). €162,500 allocated to projects under these three funding streams.



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Objective

Assessment

SUPPORT REBUILDING IRELAND - AN ACTION PLAN FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS, INCLUDING THE DELIVERY OF INFRASTRUCTURE

81 Active Residential Sites delivered 4,849 completed units with another 2,490 currently under construction and a further 2,517 units not yet commenced on these sites.

Project Talamh advanced the delivery of public and private housing on strategic landbanks.

PROGRESS PROJECTS UNDER LIHAF (LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE HOUSING ACTIVATION FUND)

Donabate Distributor Road works neared completion at the end of 2019. Construction works were ongoing on the Rathbeale Road Upgrade Project.

PROGRESS DELIVERY OF COASTAL EROSION POLICY

Contributions to the National Audit on Coastal Erosion were jointly sponsored by the Council and submitted to Central Government for consideration. An options assessment neared completion for Portrane, Rush and Rogerstown Outer Estuary. Ongoing collaboration with OPW on Coastal Monitoring Programme for the Council.

PROVIDE STRATEGIC ADVICE ON FORWARD PLANNING OF WATER SERVICES INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE COUNTY WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY

There was continued engagement with Irish Water, inter departmental liaison and input to development management and forward planning (Local Area Plans, Masterplans).

IMPLEMENT THE VACANT SITES LEVY FOR ALL VACANT DEVELOPMENT SITES IN THE COUNTY

A complete review of Fingal's approach to Vacant Sites were undertaken to have specific regard to the Core Strategy Hierarchy of the Fingal Development Plan.

This identified a focus on Regeneration Sites to be undertaken in 3 phases: Phase 1- Metropolitan Consolidation Towns- Swords and Blanchardstown Phase 2- Consolidation Areas within the Gateway, Moderate Sustainable Growth Towns, Small Towns etc. Phase 3- The Hinterland Area following the hierarchy of the core strategy.

DEVELOP & DELIVER THE HERITAGE PLAN 2018 - 2023

Continued implementation of the Heritage Plan 2018-2023 objectives included delivery of Heritage Week 2019 Programme and monthly collaboration with the Heritage Network.

Through the support of the Community Archaeologist, successful community heritage engagement through Digging Drummanagh and Naul Community Dig excavation projects; engagement with education at primary, secondary and university levels; communication of our archaeological heritage to local and international audiences via publications and lectures and the development through public consultation of the Fingal Community Archaeology Strategy 2019-2023, have been undertaken.



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COUNCIL MEMBERS



JAN - MAY 2019

BALBRIGGAN ELECTORAL AREA

Robert O' Donoghue (Labour)
 Tony Murphy (Non Party)
 Cathal Boland (Non Party)
 Malachy Quinn (Sinn Féin)
 Gráinne Maguire (Non Party)
 Brian Dennehy (Fianna Fáil)
 Barry Martin (People before Profit)
 Tom O'Leary (Fine Gael)

CASTLEKNOCK ELECTORAL AREA

Natalie Treacy (Sinn Féin)
 Roderic O'Gorman (Green Party)
 Eithne Loftus (Fine Gael)
 Ted Leddy (Fine Gael)

Mags Murray (Fianna Fáil)
 Sandra Kavanagh (Solidarity)
 Howard Mahony (Fianna Fáil)

HOWTH-MALAHIDE ELECTORAL AREA

Cian O'Callaghan (Social Democrats)
 Eoghan O'Brien (Fianna Fáil)
 Daire Ní Laoi (Sinn Féin)
 Jimmy Guerin (Non Party)
 Anthony Lavin (Fine Gael)
 Brian McDonagh (Labour)
 David Healy (Green Party)
 Keith Redmond (Non Party)

MULHUDDART ELECTORAL AREA

Paul Donnelly (Sinn Féin)
 David McGuinness (Non Party)

Edmond Lukusa (Sinn Féin)
 Tania Doyle (Non Party)
 Kieran Dennison (Fine Gael)
 Lorna Nolan (Non Party)
 Mary McCamley (Labour)
 Matthew Waine (Solidarity)

SWORDS ELECTORAL AREA

Darragh Butler (Fianna Fáil)
 Ann Graves (Sinn Féin)
 Adrian Henchy (Fianna Fáil)
 Joe Newman (Non Party)
 Eugene Coppinger (Solidarity)
 Anne Devitt (Non Party)
 Paul Mulville (Social Democrats)
 Justin Sinnott (Non Party)
 Duncan Smith (Labour)

The 2018 Boundary Commission report increased the Local Electoral Areas from 5 to 7 and came into effect at the Local Elections in May 2019.

MEMBERS ELECTED ON 24TH MAY:

BALBRIGGAN ELECTORAL AREA

Gráinne Maguire (Non Party)
 Tony Murphy (Non Party)
 Seána Ó Rodaigh (Labour)
 Joe O'Brien (Green Party) *
 Tom O'Leary (Fine Gael)

BLANCHARDSTOWN - MULHUDDART ELECTORAL AREA

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

CASTLEKNOCK ELECTORAL AREA

Emer Currie (Fine Gael)
 Ted Leddy (Fine Gael)

Howard Mahony (Fianna Fáil)
 Roderic O'Gorman (Green Party)
 Natalie Treacy (Sinn Féin)
 John Walsh (Labour)

HOWTH-MALAHIDE ELECTORAL AREA

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

ONGAR ELECTORAL AREA

Tania Doyle (Non Party)
 Tom Kitt (Fianna Fáil)
 Paul Donnelly (Sinn Féin)
 Daniel Whooley (Green Party)
 Kieran Dennison (Fine Gael)

RUSH-LUSK ELECTORAL AREA

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

SWORDS ELECTORAL AREA

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

* Cllr Joe O'Brien was elected to the Dáil in the By-Election in November.

Appendices

Appendix II

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL



AREA COMMITTEES

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords
Members of Balbriggan, Rush-Lusk and Swords Electoral Areas.
Area Chairperson: Councillor Adrian Henchy, was replaced by Councillor Darragh Butler, June 2019.

Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar
Members of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart, Castleknock and Ongar Electoral Areas.
Area Chairperson: Councillor Ted Leddy was replaced by Councillor Howard Mahony, June 2019.

Howth-Malahide
Members of Howth-Malahide Electoral Area
Area Chairperson: Councillor Eoghan O'Brien was replaced by Councillor David Healy, June 2019.

ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

All Elected Members are members of this Committee.

CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

Mayor: Councillor Anthony Lavin
Jan 2019 – May 2019.
Mayor: Councillor Eoghan O'Brien
June 2019
Six chairs of the Strategic Policy Committees

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES (SPC)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE, CULTURE AND CREATIVITY SPC FORMERLY ARTS, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND COMMUNITY SPC

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Anne Devitt (Chairperson), Joe Newman, Adrian Henchy, Mary McCamley, Gráinne Maguire, Daire Ní Laoi.

June – Dec 2019
Councillors Paul Donnelly (Chairperson), Freddie Cooper, John Walsh, Gráinne Maguire, Seána Ó Rodaigh, Jimmy Guerin.

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SPC FORMERLY TRANSPORTATION SPC

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Eoghan O'Brien (Chairperson), Darragh Butler, Tania Doyle, Ted Leddy, Roderic O'Gorman, Natalie Treacy.

June – Dec 2019
Councillors Ted Leddy (Chairperson), Ann Graves, Adrian Henchy, Cathal Boland, Joe O'Brien, Cian O'Callaghan

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC FORMERLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE SPC

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Kieran Dennison (Chairperson), Keith Redmond, Anthony Lavin, Tony Murphy, Lorna Nolan, Edmond Lukusa, Jimmy Guerin, Mags Murray, David McGuinness, Howard Mahony.

June– Dec 2019
Councillors Tony Murphy (Chairperson), Darragh Butler, Ian Carey, Tom O'Leary, Emer Currie, Breda Hanaphy, Howard Mahony, Anthony Lavin

HOUSING SPC

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Duncan Smith (Chairperson), Adrian Henchy, Barry Martin, Malachy Quinn, Paul Mulville, Kieran Dennison, Matthew Waine, Lorna Nolan, Sandra Kavanagh, Justin Sinnott, Robert O' Donoghue.

June – Dec 2019
Councillors Duncan Smith (Chairperson), Brigid Manton, Robert O' Donoghue, Natalie Treacy, Daniel Whooley, John Burtchaell, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan O'Brien.

CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY & ENVIRONMENT SPC FORMERLY WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SPC

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Paul Donnelly (Chairperson), Gráinne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Eugene Coppinger, Eithne Loftus, Natalie Treacy, Paul Mulville.

June – December 2019
Councillors Roderic O'Gorman (Chairperson), Mary McCamley, Joe Newman, Paul Mulville, Aoibhinn Tormey, David Healy.

PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC FORMERLY PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE SPC

Jan – May 2019
Councillors David Healy (Chairperson), Brian Dennehy, Brian McDonagh, Tom O' Leary, Jimmy Guerin, Cian O' Callaghan, Cathal Boland, Ann Graves.

June – Dec 2019
Councillors Brian Dennehy (Chairperson), Tania Doyle, Dean Mulligan, Punam Rane, Tom Kitt, Brian McDonagh.

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AUDIT COMMITTEE

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Anne Devitt, Justin Sinnott, Anthony Lavin

June – Dec 2019
Councillors Cathal Boland, Brian McDonagh

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Kieran Dennison (Chair) and Gráinne Maguire (Vice-Chair), Tom O'Leary, Malachy Quinn, Adrian Henchy, Paul Mulville, Anthony Lavin, Jimmy Guerin, Howard Mahony, Mags Murray, Eithne Loftus, Roderic O'Gorman, Natalie Treacy, Tania Doyle, Duncan Smith.

June – Dec 2019
Councillors Gráinne Maguire, Freddie Cooper, John Walsh, Adrian Henchy, Daniel Whooley, Anthony Lavin, Tony Murphy, Robert O'Donoghue, Emer Currie, Ian Carey, Roderic O'Gorman, Ann Graves, Tania Doyle, Duncan Smith, Dean Mulligan.

LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Eugene Coppinger, Ted Leddy, Lorna Nolan

June – Dec 2019
Councillors Emer Currie, Duncan Smith, Breda Hanaphy

Appendix III

COUNCILLOR MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER BODIES



AIRPORT REGIONS CONFERENCE (ARC)

Jan – May 2019
Councillor Anne Devitt
June – Dec 2019
Councillor Freddie Cooper

ARDGILLAN CASTLE LTD

Jan – Dec 2019
Councillor Gráinne Maguire

ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Darragh Butler, Eithne Loftus, Gráinne Maguire, Daire Ní Laoi, Mary McCamley
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Gráinne Maguire, Kieran Dennison, Mary McCamley

BALLEALLY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Brian Dennehy, Robert O' Donoghue, Barry Martin, Paul Mulville, Malachy Quinn, Adrian Henchy
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Brian Dennehy, Robert O' Donoghue, Paul Mulville, Cathal Boland, Adrian Henchy

BASE ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Mary McCamley, Ted Leddy
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Mary McCamley, Emer Currie

BLANCHARDSTOWN COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Mary McCamley, Howard Mahony
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Ted Leddy, John Walsh

BLANCHARDSTOWN LOCAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Sandra Kavanagh, Ted Leddy
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Ted Leddy, Natalie Treacy, Daniel Whooley

COUNTY HERITAGE FORUM

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Mags Murray, David Healy, Ted Leddy, Eithne Loftus, Daire Ní Laoi.
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Ian Carey, Freddie Cooper, Seána Ó Rodaigh, Howard Mahony, Cathal Boland.

DRAÍOCHT

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Natalie Treacy, Mary McCamley
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Mary McCamley, Howard Mahony

DRINAN ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Jan – Dec 2019
Councillors Eoghan O'Brien, Anthony Lavin

DUBLIN & DUN LAOGHAIRE EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD

Jan – May 2019
Councillors, Eithne Loftus, Roderic O'Gorman, Gráinne Maguire, Howard Mahony, Duncan Smith
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Roderic O'Gorman, Gráinne Maguire, Brigid Manton, Joe Newman and John Walsh.

DUBLIN NORTH EAST DRUG TASK FORCE

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Keith Redmond, Jimmy Guerin
June – Dec 2019
Councillor Brian Mc Donagh

EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Kieran Dennison, David Healy, Brian McDonagh
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Robert O' Donoghue, David Healy, Brigid Manton.

EDGE CITIES NETWORK

Jan – May 2019
Councillor David McGuinness
June – Dec 2019
Councillor Cathal Boland

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Tony Murphy, Natalie Treacy, Brian McDonagh
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Mary McCamley, Cathal Boland, David Healy

FINGAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Adrian Henchy, Barry Martin, Ted Leddy
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Punam Rane, Adrian Henchy, Tom Kitt

FINGAL TOURISM LTD

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Anthony Lavin, Kieran Dennison
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Eoghan O'Brien, Anthony Lavin

GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DCU

Jan – May 2019
Councillor Keith Redmond
June – Dec 2019
Councillor Jimmy Guerin

HANSFIELD SDZ STEERING GROUP

Councillors from Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Electoral Areas

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD

Jan – May 2019
Councillor Anthony Lavin
June – Dec 2019
Councillor Cathal Boland

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COUNCILLOR MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER BODIES



JOINT FINGAL AND SOUTH DUBLIN LIFFEY VALLEY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Jan – May 2019
Mayor Anthony Lavin
June – Dec 2019
Mayor Eoghan O'Brien

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

Jan – May 2019
Councillor Mags Murray
June – Dec 2019
Councillor Cathal Boland

MALAHIDE CASTLE AND NEWBRIDGE HOUSE LTD

Jan – Dec 2019
Councillors Eoghan O'Brien, Anthony Lavin, Adrian Henchy, Paul Mulville

NORDUBCO

Jan – May 2019
Mayor & Councillor Anne Devitt
June – Dec 2019
Councillor Brigid Manton

NORTH DUBLIN REGIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Jimmy Guerin, Malachy Quinn, Tom O'Leary, Eoghan O'Brien, Gráinne Maguire, Adrian Henchy
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Gráinne Maguire, Seána Ó Rodaigh, Ann Graves, Brigid Manton, Dean Mulligan, Tony Murphy

REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM DUBLIN AND NORTH EAST

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Adrian Henchy, Mags Murray, Eithne Loftus, Lorna Nolan, Kieran Dennison, Mary McCamley
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Adrian Henchy, Eoghan O'Brien, Mary McCamley, Aoibhinn Tormey, Kieran Dennison, Brigid Manton

Appendix IV MEETINGS HELD IN 2019



MEETING	NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD
Full Council	14
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services A) Area Committee	9
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services B) Area Committee	9
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services A) Area Committee	9
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services B) Area Committee	9
Howth/Malahide (Services A) Area Committee	9
Howth/Malahide (Services B) Area Committee	9
Strategic Policy Committees	13
Corporate Policy Group	4
Organisation and Procedures Committee	3
Joint Policing Committee	3
Audit Committee	4
Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee	5

Appendix V ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS IN 2019



Councillor	Number of Meetings attended in 2019	Councillor	Number of Meetings attended in 2019
Cathal Boland	35	Brigid Manton	19
John Burtchaell	16	Mary McCamley	36
Darragh Butler	37	Brian McDonagh	29
Ian Carey	18	Dean Mulligan	18
Freddie Cooper	18	Paul Mulville	36
Emer Currie	18	Tony Murphy	41
Brian Dennehy	43	Joe Newman	38
Kieran Dennison	33	Eoghan O'Brien	46
Paul Donnelly	40	Joe O'Brien	16
Tania Doyle	31	Cian O'Callaghan	35
Ann Graves	34	Robert O'Donoghue	34
Jimmy Guerin	37	Roderic O'Gorman	37
Breda Hanaphy	20	Tom O'Leary	35
David Healy	36	Séana Ó Rodaigh	17
Adrian Henchy	36	Punam Rane	15
Tom Kitt	19	Duncan Smith	37
Anthony Lavin	38	Aoibhinn Tormey	14
Ted Leddy	33	Natalie Treacy	35
Gráinne Maguire	34	John Walsh	18
Howard Mahony	35	Daniel Whooley	17

Figures based on attendance at the following meetings: County Council, Corporate Policy Group, Organisation and Procedure, Area Committee Meetings, Strategic Policy Committees.

Appendix VI

LOCAL ELECTIONS DISCLOSURE OF DONATIONS AND EXPENDITURE ACT 1999



Candidates	Expenditure	Donations
Councillor Cathal Boland	€5,970.02	
Councillor John Burtchaell	€2,898.89	€2,635.90
Councillor Darragh Butler	€6,718.70	
Councillor Ian Carey	€4,858.29	
Councillor Freddie Cooper	€4,041.66	
Councillor Emer Currie	€9,021.66	€1,000.00
Councillor Brian Dennehy	€4,194.64	
Councillor Kieran Dennison	€2,675.91	
Councillor Paul Donnelly	€1,763.63	
Councillor Tania Doyle	€4,377.08	
Councillor Ann Graves	€1,469.15	
Councillor Jimmy Guerin	€10,258.00	
Councillor Breda Hanaphy	€756.35	
Councillor David Healy	€1,356.33	€1,000.00
Councillor Adrian Henchy	€2,552.25	
Councillor Tom Kitt	€4,085.21	
Councillor Anthony Lavin	€ 3,552.52	
Councillor Ted Leddy	€4,170.31	€1,000.00
Councillor Gráinne Maguire	€3,969.93	
Councillor Howard Mahony	€10,571.88	
Councillor Brigid Manton	€4,363.50	
Councillor Mary McCamley	€5,500.00	
Councillor Brian McDonagh	€4,374.00	
Councillor Dean Mulligan	€2,267.65	
Councillor Paul Mulville	€4,893.68	
Councillor Tony Murphy	€ 5,872.55	
Councillor Joe Newman	€3,707.05	
Councillor Eoghan O'Brien	€4,092.03	
Councillor Joe O'Brien	€4,647.65	
Councillor Cian O'Callaghan	€4,563.12	€ 750.00
Councillor Robert O'Donoghue	€ 2,815.80	
Councillor Roderic O'Gorman	€ 4,017.17	€ 990.00

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Candidates	Expenditure	Donations
Councillor Tom O'Leary	€10,710.00	
Councillor Seána Ó Rodaigh	€5,407.36	€1,000.00
Councillor Punam Rane	€7,939.32	€1,000.00
Councillor Duncan Smith	€2,497.00	
Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey	€6,117.32	
Councillor Natalie Treacy	€1,300.00	
Councillor John Walsh	€12,309.88	
Councillor Daniel Whooley	€ 1,798.66	€1,600.00
Subtotal		
Corina Johnston	€2,997.48	€625.00
Davin Browne	€870.00	
Maria Salahovs	€871.12	
Jim Monks	€2,961.08	
Noeleen O'Hagan	€1,861.04	
Eóin Corcoran	€365.64	
Sandra Sweetman	€823.30	
Bob Dowling	€3,963.41	
Glenn Brady	€2,531.80	
Roslyn Fuller	€4,220.35	
Tracey Carey	€ 4,108.48	€406.90
Eugene Coppinger	€2,667.38	€1,985.33
Duane Michael Browne	€2,749.63	
Yulia Ghumman	€1,172.90	
Helen Dunne	€4,324.73	
Lorraine O'Connell	€ 1,024.95	
James Fitzpatrick	€860.51	
Paul Uzo	€2,911.95	
Elaine Dooley	€4,684.12	€1,397.35
Matt Waine	€2,681.29	€ 2,638.73
Raghu Nath	€2,205.00	
Ramesh Racherla	€7,006.07	
Jagan Muttumula	€6,975.22	

Appendix VI LOCAL ELECTIONS DISCLOSURE OF DONATIONS AND EXPENDITURE ACT 1999



Candidates	Expenditure	Donations
Marian Buckley	€918.70	
Gerard Sheehan	€8,748.37	
Aengus Ó Maolaín	€3,509.50	€800.00
Daire NI Laoi	€1,758.07	
Tom Daly	€2,365.88	
Sandra Kavanagh	€0	
Mags Murray	€0	
Edward McManus	€8,138.16	
Kevin Mullally	€1,178.20	
Ryan Fitzgerald	€4,300.00	
Lorna Nolan	€1,016.00	
Aran Smealie	€0	
Marius Marosan	€963.87	€1,000.51
Sinead Moore	€1,138.85	
Damien Bisset	€756.35	
Jr Onwumereh	€5,551.44	
Martin Hughes	€1,000.00	€1,000.00
Oghenetano John Uwhumiakpor	€1,573.50	€518.00
Malachy Quinn	€1,395.81	
Carah Daniel	€2,083.08	€2,000.00
Samuel O'Connor	€3,655.67	€1,012.00
Okezie Emmanuel Emuaga	€6,539.52	€5,674.79
Garreth Mullan	€1,500.00	
Niall Keady	€ 2,218.00	
Fergal O'Connell	* MADE NO DISCLOSURE *	
Robbie Loughlin	* MADE NO DISCLOSURE *	

Appendix VII PAYMENTS TO COUNCILLORS IN 2019



Councillor Payments under Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001	Amounts
Expenses paid to Members in respect of attendance at meetings of the County Council and its Committees	€271,450
Representational Payments	€675,153.94
Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Allowance	€36,000
Mayor's Allowance (January - June 2019)	€13,568.82
Mayor's Allowance (July - Dec 2019)	€16,788.54
Deputy Mayor's Allowance (January - June 2019)	€2,621.77
Deputy Mayor's Allowance (July - Dec 2019)	€3,357.71

Councillors Expenses and Representation at Conferences in 2019			
Expense Type	Home	Abroad	Total
Travel & Subsistence	€6,237.35		€6,237.35
Fees	€3,432.69		€3,432.69

Appendix VIII

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING

ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS IN 2019



Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillor in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expense	Conference Fee
AILG - Elected Members Module 1 Training "Draft Regional Spatial & Economic Strategies"	Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	19th January 2019	Kieran Dennison	€62.71	€55
	Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	19th January 2019	Eithne Loftus	€75.01	€55
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AILG - Annual Conference	Longford Arms Hotel & Spa, Longford	21st - 22nd February 2019	Tom O'Leary	€365.84	€140
	Longford Arms Hotel & Spa, Longford	21st - 22nd February 2019	Kieran Dennison	€394.33	€140
	Longford Arms Hotel & Spa, Longford	21st - 22nd February 2019	Ted Leddy	€204.19	€140
	Longford Arms Hotel & Spa, Longford	21st - 22nd February 2019	Eithne Loftus	€207.78	€140
LAMA - Spring Training Seminar	The Bush Hotel, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim	6th - 8th March 2019	Anne Devitt		€180
	The Bush Hotel, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim	6th - 8th March 2019	Kieran Dennison	€364.05	€180
AILG Elected Members Module 2 Training "The Marine Spatial Planning Strategy & Met Eireann, Forecasting Services and Local Authorities - A briefing"	Arklow Bay Hotel, Arklow	23rd March 2019	Tom O' Leary		€55
	Arklow Bay Hotel, Arklow	23rd March 2019	Eithne Loftus		€55
Cross Border Tourism Conference "Learn from the Best"	Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth	10th April 2019	Cathal Boland	€86	€30
Irish District Energy Association National Conference	Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Golden Lane, Dublin 8	12th April 2019	Cathal Boland	€234.16	€187.69

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ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS IN 2019



Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillor in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expense	Conference Fee
AILG - Elected Member Induction Training	Mullingar Park Hotel, Co. Westmeath	11th July 2019	Cathal Boland	€116.70	€55
	Mullingar Park Hotel, Co. Westmeath	11th July 2019	Punam Rane		€55
	Mullingar Park Hotel, Co. Westmeath	11th July 2019	Emer Currie		€55
	Mullingar Park Hotel, Co. Westmeath	11th July 2019	Kieran Dennison	€ 62.71	€55
	Mullingar Park Hotel, Co. Westmeath	11th July 2019	Dean Mulligan		€55
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MACGILL Summer School 2019	Glenties, Co. Donegal	21st - 26th July 2019	Kieran Dennison	€662.82	€80
AILG - Climate Change and Planning - a new Challenge for Local Authorities	Hillgrove Hotel & Leisure Spa,, Co. Monaghan	11th & 12th September 2019	Cathal Boland	€235.06	€140
	Hillgrove Hotel & Leisure Spa,, Co. Monaghan	11th & 12th September 2019	Gráinne Maguire	€ 203.87	€140
	Hillgrove Hotel & Leisure Spa,, Co. Monaghan	11th & 12th September 2019	Tom O' Leary	€210.14	€140
	Hillgrove Hotel & Leisure Spa,, Co. Monaghan	11th & 12th September 2019	Ted Leddy	€248.84	€140
	Hillgrove Hotel & Leisure Spa,, Co. Monaghan	11th & 12th September 2019	Joe Newman	€142.74	€140
	Hillgrove Hotel & Leisure Spa,, Co. Monaghan	11th & 12th September 2019	Kieran Dennison	€225.46	€140
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LAMA - Autumn Training Seminar	The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare	17th-19th October 2019	Ted Leddy	€	€180
	The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare	17th-19th October 2019	Brigid Manton	€503	€180
	The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare	17th-19th October 2019	Cathal Boland	€551.78	€180
	The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare	17th-19th October 2019	Kieran Dennison	€471.23	€180

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ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS IN 2019



Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillor in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expense	Conference Fee
Audit Committee Member Training	IPA 57-61 Lansdowne Road, Dublin D04 TC62	21st October 2019 Half Day	Cathal Boland	€49.85	€115
	IPA 57-61 Lansdowne Road, Dublin D04 TC62	21st October 2019 Half Day	Brian Mc Donagh		€115
AIG - Elected Member Training Module 4 "The Office of the Planning Regulator and the Elected Member"	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk	12th October 2019	Cathal Boland	€97.88	€55
	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk	12th October 2019	Kieran Dennison	€117.59	€55
AIG - Module 5 "Climate Action - The Local Authority Response"	Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone, Co. Roscommon	21st November 2019	Cathal Boland	€	€
AIG - Module 5 "Climate Action - The Local Authority Response"	Radisson Hotel, Little Island, Cork	23rd November 2019	Kieran Dennison	€343.61	€

Appendix IX

PART 15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 - CONTRAVENTIONS



There were no contraventions of Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001 in 2019.

Appendix X

SECTION 22 OF THE PROTECTED DISCLOSURES ACT 2014

There were no protected disclosures in 2019.

Appendix XI

EXPENDITURE AND OTHER PARTICULARS IN RELATION TO THE PERFORMANCE OF FUNCTIONS

Local Government Act, 2001, as amended Section 75 Twinning

Budget of €5,000 in 2019 for Twinning purposes and contribution relating to Student Enterprise Awards as part of the Schools Twinning process.

Local Government Act, 2001, as amended		Section 76 Receptions & Entertainments
Event	Date	Expenditure
Niamh Fay Civic Reception at County Hall	November 20, 2019	€315.65
Reception for Tidy Towns organisations at Malahide Castle	October 24, 2019	€1,775.40

Appendix XII

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



FOI Applications Received/Processed	2019
Applications received	287
Decisions made	270
Applications on hand at 31st December	17
Nature of Information Sought	2019
Personal (to applicant)	78
Non-Personal	209
Granted	88
Part-Granted	89
Refused	61
Transferred	3
Withdrawn/Outside FOI	29
Appeals	2019
Appeals to Information Commissioner	3
Ombudsman Queries	2019
Complaints received	23
Complaints responded to	23
Subject of Queries	2019
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	4
Operations	2
Housing	14
Finance	1
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism	1
Corporate Affairs & Governance	1

Appendix XII

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



Customer Complaints	2019
Complaints received	27
Complaints responded	27
Subject of Complaints	2019
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	5
Operations	5
Housing	13
Environment & Water Services	1
Corporate Affairs & Governance	1
Libraries	2

Appendix XIII

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

01/01/2019 - 31/12/2019



* ALL FIGURES IN APPENDIX XIII ARE CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINTING

TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
HOUSING: H1, H2 & H4 APPROVED	A. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at 1/1/2019	5,092	This figure excludes stock leased to AHB's
	B. No. of dwellings added to the LA owned stock during 2019 (whether constructed or acquired)	273	
	C. No. of LA owned dwellings sold in 2019	12	
	D. No. of LA owned dwellings demolished in 2019	0	
	E. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at 31/12/2019	5,353	
	F. No. of LA owned dwellings planned for demolition under a DHPLG approved scheme	0	
	A. The percentage of the total number of LA owned dwellings that were vacant on 31/12/2019	3%	
	The number of dwellings within their overall stock that were not tenanted on 31/12/2019	165	
	A. Expenditure during 2019 on the maintenance of housing compiled from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019, divided by the no. of dwellings in the LA stock at 31/12/2019, i.e. the H1E less H1F indicator figure:	€669.25	
	Expenditure on maintenance of LA stock compiled from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019, including planned maintenance and expenditure that qualified for grants, such as SEAI grants for energy efficient retro-fitting works or the Fabric Upgrade Programme but excluding expenditure on vacant properties and expenditure under approved major refurbishment schemes (i.e. approved Regeneration or under the Remedial Works Schemes)	€3,691,600	Maintenance costs for 2019 are lower than 2018 as there was reduced expenditure on Windows & Doors Replacement due to the current programme nearing completion
	Expenditure on maintenance of LA stock compiled from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018, including planned maintenance and expenditure that qualified for grants, such as SEAI grants for energy efficient retro-fitting works or the Fabric Upgrade Programme but excluding expenditure on vacant properties and expenditure under approved major refurbishment schemes (i.e. approved Regeneration or under the Remedial Works Schemes)	€4,274,333	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
HOUSING: H3 & H5 APPROVED	A. The time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date in 2019 when the dwelling is re-tenanted, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2019	30.37 weeks	
	B. The cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted in 2019, averaged across all dwellings re-let in 2019	€14,776.47	
	The number of dwellings that were re-tenanted on any date in 2019 (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	68	
	The number of weeks from the date of vacation to the date the dwelling is re-tenanted	29	
	Total expenditure on repairs necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings	€1,004,800.18	
	The time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date in 2018 when the dwelling is re-tenanted, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2018	26.78 weeks	
	The cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted in 2018 averaged across all dwellings re-let in 2018	€17,069.39	
	In 2018, the number of dwellings that were re-tenanted (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	69	
	In 2018, the number of weeks from the date of vacation to the date the dwelling is re-tenanted	26.78 weeks	
	In 2018, Total expenditure on works necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings	€1,177,787.93	
	A. Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area at end of June 2019	21,034	
	B. Number of rented dwellings inspected in 2019	3,450	
	C. Percentage of inspected dwellings in 2019 that were found not to be compliant with the Standards Regulations	97%	3346/3450 *100 = 96.98 Based on return

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
HOUSING: H3 & H5 APPROVED	D. Number of non-compliant dwellings that became compliant during 2019	411	515 dwellings compliant. 104 dwellings compliant on first inspection
	The number of dwellings inspected in 2019 that were found not to be compliant with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations	3,346	Matches return made to Dept
HOUSING: H6 APPROVED	A. Number of adult individuals in emergency accommodation that are long-term homeless as a % of the total number of homeless adult individuals in emergency accommodation at the end of 2019		This information is provided by the DRHE
	The number of adult individuals classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation on the night of 31 December 2019 as recorded on the PASS system		This information is provided by the DRHE
	The number out of those individuals who, on 31/12/2019, had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously, or for 6 months cumulatively within the previous 12 months		This information is provided by the DRHE
ROADS: R1 & R2 APPROVED	The % of Regional road kilometres that received a PSCI rating between 1/1/2018 and 31/12/2019	97.7%	
	The % of Local Primary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating between 1/1/2018 and 31/12/2019	89.5%	
	The % of Local Secondary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating between 1/1/2018 and 31/12/2019	95.5%	
	The % of Local Tertiary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating between 1/1/2018 and 31/12/2019	87.9%	
	The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2019	9.7%	
	The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2019	15.4%	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
ROADS: R1 & R2 APPROVED	The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2019	22%	
	The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2019	50.7%	
	The % of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2019	15.4%	
	The % of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2019	9.0%	
	The % of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2019	24.7%	
	The % of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2019	41.5%	
	The % of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2019	31.0%	
	The % of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2019	9.9%	
	The % of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2019	30.7%	
	The % of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2019	24.5%	
	The % of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2019	13.6%	
	The % of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2019	19.8%	
	The % of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2019	20.44%	
	The % of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2019	34.1%	
	A1. Kilometres of regional road strengthened during 2019	8.82km	
	A2. The amount expended on regional roads strengthening work during 2019	€2,166,990	
	B1. Kilometres of regional road resealed during 2019	0	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
ROADS: R1 & R2 APPROVED	B2. The amount expended on regional road resealing work during 2019	€0	
	C1. Kilometres of local road strengthened during 2019	12.82km	
	C2. The amount expended on local road strengthening work during 2019	€2,178,962	
	D1. Kilometres of local road resealed during 2019	14.46km	
	D2. The amount expended on local road resealing work during 2019	€896,293	
MOTOR TAX: R3 APPROVED	A. The percentage of motor tax transactions which were dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued) in 2018		
WATER: W1 APPROVED	% of Private Drinking Water Schemes in compliance with statutory requirements in respect of the monitoring of the quality of private drinking water supplies during 2018	1%	100%
WASTE: E1 APPROVED	A. The number of households, based on the 2016 Census, who are situated in an area covered by a licensed operator providing a 3 bin service at 31/12/2019	77,828	
	B. The % of households within the local authority (also as per the 2016 Census) that the number at A represents	80.56%	
ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION: E2 APPROVED	A1. Total number of pollution cases in respect of which a complaint was made during 2019	3,245	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION: E2 APPROVED	A2. Number of pollution cases closed from 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019	3,088	This figure contains complaints received prior to 2019.
	A3. Total number of cases on hands at 31/12/2019	179	
	The opening number of cases carried forward from the year end 2018	70	
LITTER POLLUTION: E3 APPROVED	A1. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2019 was unpolluted or litter free	1%	Figures in this section are provided by Tobins as part of the national litter survey
	A2. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2019 was slightly polluted	1%	Figures in this section are provided by Tobins as part of the national litter survey
	A3. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2019 was moderately polluted	1%	Figures in this section are provided by Tobins as part of the national litter survey
	A4. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2019 was significantly polluted	1%	Figures in this section are provided by Tobins as part of the national litter survey
	A5. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2019 was grossly polluted	1%	Figures in this section are provided by Tobins as part of the national litter survey
GREEN FLAG: E4 APPROVED	A. The % of schools that have been awarded Green Flag status	49%	
PLANNING: P1 APPROVED	A. Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	19.51%	
	Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority i.e. buildings where a valid Commencement Notice was served in the period 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019 by a builder or developer on the local authority	1,256	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
PLANNING: P1 APPROVED	Number of new buildings notified to the local authority in 2018 that were the subject of at least one on-site inspection during 2019 undertaken by the local authority	245	
PLANNING: P2 & P3 APPROVED	A. Number of LA planning decisions which were the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála that were determined by the Board on any date in 2019	119	
	B. % of the determinations at A which confirmed (either with or without variation) the decision made by the LA	79.83%	
	Number of determinations confirming the LA's decision (either with or without variation)	95	
	A. Total number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the local authority in the period 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019 that were investigated	321	
	B. Total number of investigated cases that were closed during 2019	132	
	C. % of the cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	40.91%	
	D. % of cases at B that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	0%	
	E. % Cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	59.09%	
	F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2019	732	
	Number of cases at 'B' that were dismissed under section 152(2), Planning and Development Act 2000	54	
	Number of cases at 'B' that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	0	
	Number of cases at 'B' that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	78	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
PLANNING: P4 & P5 APPROVED	A. The 2019 Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census	€35.21	
	AFS Programme D data consisting of D01 - Forward Planning, D02 - Development Management, D03 - Enforcement (inclusive of the relevant Programme D proportion of the central management charge) for 2019	€10,432,373	
	A. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2019 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of their receipt	39.5%	
	B. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2019 that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant	40.97%	
	The total number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2019 that were not withdrawn by the applicant	144	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2019 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of the date of receipt of the application	57	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2019 that were decided (granted or refused) within an agreed extended time period	59	
FIRE SERVICE: F1 APPROVED	A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme E expenditure data for 2018 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census figures for the population served by the fire authority as per the Risk Based Approach Phase One reports		As set out in AFS
	AFS Programme E expenditure data consisting of E11 - Operation of Fire Service and E12 - Fire Prevention for 2018		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
FIRE SERVICE: F2 & F3 APPROVED	A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	A. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is within 10 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	B. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	C. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	D. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	E. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	F. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Total number of call-outs in respect of fires from 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
FIRE SERVICE: F2 & F3 APPROVED	Total number of call-outs in respect of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire) from 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes.		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
LIBRARY SERVICE: L1 APPROVED	A. Number of visits to libraries per head of population for the LA area per the 2016 Census	3.4	
	B. Number of items issued to borrowers in the year	1,067,122	
	Number of visits to its libraries from 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018	1,008,436	
LIBRARY SERVICE: L2 APPROVED	A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2019 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census	€48.16	
	AFS Programme F data consisting of F02 - Operation of Library and Archival Service (inclusive of the relevant proportion of the central management charge for Programme F) for 2019	€14,256,248	
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY: Y1 & Y2 APPROVED	A. Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme	43%	
	Total number of second level schools in the LA area at 31/12/2019	35	
	Number of second level schools in the LA area from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na nÓg AGM held in 2019	15	
	A. Number of organisations included in the County Register and the proportion who opted to be part of the Social Inclusion College within the PPN	19.14%	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY: Y1 & Y2 APPROVED	Total number of organisations included in the County Register for the local authority area as at 31/12/2019	846	
	Total number of those organisations that registered for the first time in 2019	129	
	Number of organisations that opted to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College on whatever date they registered for the PPN	162	
CORPORATE C1 & C2 & C4 APPROVED	A. The wholetime equivalent staffing number as at 31 December 2019	1,354.62	
	A. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2019	4.02%	
	B. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2019	0.37%	
	Total Number of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2019	12,228.67	
	Total Number of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2019	1119.81	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of self-certified sick leave days in 2019	602	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of medically certified sick leave days in 2019	2,233	
	If any staff are on long-term sick leave (i.e. a continuous period of more than 4 weeks), include a text note of the number of staff on long-term sick leave	57	
	A. All ICT expenditure in the period from 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019, divided by the WTE no.	€ 3,772.85	
	Total ICT expenditure in 2019	€ 5,110,777.89	
	All ICT expenditure in the period from 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018, divided by the 2018 WTE no.	€3,764.66	
	Total ICT expenditure in 2018	€4,882,726.	
	A. All ICT expenditure calculated in C4 as a proportion of Revenue expenditure	2.516%	

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CORPORATE: C1 & C2 & C4 APPROVED	Total revenue expenditure from 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019 before transfers to or from reserves	€203,137,364	
CORPORATE: C3 APPROVED	A. Total page views of the local authority's websites in 2019	2,386,382	
	B. Total number of followers at end 2019 of the LA's social media accounts	219,006	
	The number of social media accounts operated by the local authority	56	
FINANCE: M1 & M2 APPROVED	A. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2014 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€15,967,583	
	B. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2015 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€15,972,157	
	C. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2016 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€15,974,676	
	D. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2017 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€15,976,478	
	E. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2018 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€15,978,433	
	F. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2019 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€15,979,356	
	G. Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2019 as a percentage of Total Income in 2019 from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	6.5%	
	H. Revenue Expenditure per capita in 2019	€686	
	The 2019 Total Income figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	247,364,181	
	The 2019 Total Expenditure figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	247,363,258	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2014	92.1%	

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FINANCE: M1 & M2 APPROVED	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	96.1%	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2016	95.6%	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2017	96.1%	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2018	95.8%	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2019	97.9%	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2014	90.6%	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	90.1%	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2016	89.8%	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2017	85.7%	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2018	86%	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2019	83.9%	
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2014	97.8%	
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	97.9%	
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2016	100.1%	
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2017	101.2%	
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2018	101.7%	
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2019	97.7%	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: J1 TO J4 APPROVED	A. The no. of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019	109	
	A. The no. of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2019	64	
	B. The no. of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2019	34	
	A. The no. of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019	739	
	A. Does the local authority have a current tourism strategy?	Yes	
	B. Does the local authority have a designated Tourism Officer?	Yes	

