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EDITORIAL

Well happy New Year to all of our readers and advertising partners. We at Little Village hope you all had a happy holiday season.

Hopefully 2022 (our sixth year in print) is the year we finally wave goodbye to COVID 19.

There has been a lot of funding announced for various projects; one of the most important announcements is that of €80,000 in Disability Participation funding for the Not So

: Different Creative Ability Training Academy in Blanchardstown.

: In this edition we have completed our series of features on old school Irish Rockers who influenced generations of musicians (sorry U2) having covered the life and times of both Phil Lynott and Rory Gallagher we complete the trident in this edition with Gary Moore.

: Also in the news, works are underway at St Philips school, Fingal County Council has appointed a new housing director and Junior Minister, Jack Chambers has announced a programme to encourage Irish speaking throughout Dublin.



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First sod turned on Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network in Mulhuddart

The first step has been in the construction of new infrastructure at the Church Fields site in Mulhuddart, as the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh turned the first sod on the project.

The Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network will create new connectivity to facilitate the development of the Church Fields Masterplan which will deliver housing, retail and community amenities to support the sustainable growth of Mulhuddart. The walking and cycling element of the infrastructure is funded by the National Transport Authority. The region has a population in excess of 2million people and is younger and more diverse than any other part of Ireland with 15% born off the island.

Fingal County Council's Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department recently appointed Fox Building and Engineering Ltd to deliver the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network. The contractor will commence site works from next week and work is expected to last 18-months on this element of the Church Fields plan.

Fingal County Council's Church Fields Masterplan initiative includes new transportation and parks infrastructure funded through the Affordable Housing Fund, from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, which will enable the delivery of almost 1,000 new affordable and social homes on this publicly owned 37-hectare site.

Work has already started on the construction of 67 homes on a part of the Church Fields landbank that isn't dependent on the new link road and the Mayor was joined in viewing this site by the Tánaiste, Leo Varadkar TD, the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O'Gorman TD, Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach, Jack Chambers TD, as well as Councillors and Oireachtas members from Dublin 15.

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for another phase of 300 homes is currently at the public consultation stage. This will include 220 houses and 80 apartments with a tenure mix of 60% affordable purchase or cost rental and 40% social.

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Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, is delighted to see this project commenced. She said: "Today is a great day as work gets underway at Church Fields. Mulhuddart is a vibrant, young and diverse area and Fingal County Council has created a plan for Church Fields that will nurture a healthy community where Active Travel to schools, shops and sports is a way of life."

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien TD, who was present at the sod-turning ceremony, said: "Delivering homes is a top priority for me and this Government. We have very ambitious targets in our Housing for All plan and the development of Church Fields is a great example of how forward planning and co-operation by agencies like the NTA, who part funded this new Link Road and Cycle Network, along with the support from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Fingal County Council, can deliver a top class place for people to live and work while also representing value for money in public spending."

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, AnnMarie Farrelly said: "Church Fields is an example of the cross-departmental collaborative approach that Fingal County Council is taking to the development of our landbanks. The sustainable growth of Fingal is supported by the successful cooperation of departments within Fingal County Council and with external organisations such as the National Transport Authority."

Chief Executive of the National Transport Authority, Anne Graham said: "The NTA are delighted to provide almost €6m to Fingal County Council to fund the walking and cycling infrastructure elements of Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network. This infrastructure will enable the future residents of this key development area in Dublin 15 to make active transport choices from the outset and is a great example of cross agency collaboration and integrated transport and land use planning. The Church Fields Link Road project will include safe and attractive segregated cycle and pedestrian infrastructure including links to existing local schools."

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL ANNOUNCE ARTISTS' SUPPORT SCHEME, 2022

Funding increased 100% since 2020

Fingal County Council invites applications for the Artists' Support Scheme 2022. This strand of funding, which has increased again this year, allows professional artists to avail of an award up to €5,000 towards travel/professional development opportunities, a residency or towards the development of work.

The objective of the Artists' Support Scheme is to support individual professional artists from Fingal to develop their artistic practice. The award, with a total combined fund of €200,000, is open to practising artists at all stages in their professional careers working in music, visual art, drama, literature & dance. To be eligible to apply, applicants must have been born, have studied, or currently reside in the Fingal administrative area.

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh commented "This is a very exciting time for the arts as we emerge from a difficult time for the sector. I am confident the 2022 funding opportunity will be of great benefit to our artists and will nurture and encourage artistic excellence in Fingal."

Speaking about the award, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, AnnMarie Farrelly said "I am delighted to announce the 2022 funding scheme, which enables Fingal based artists to develop their professional arts practice. Last year 89 applicants working in diverse disciplines were awarded a combined total of €150,000 through this bursary strand. The increase in funding again this year reflects the Council's continued commitment to support and invest in its artists."

Director of Services, Emer O' Gorman said, "Fingal County Council recognises and values the important role of the arts and artists in our society and is very pleased to provide funding to professional artists through this essential scheme."

Aerialist and artist, Emily Aoibheann McDonnell was among the 89 artists awarded under the Artists' Support Scheme in 2021. The funding she received was used towards the research and development of a new ambitious work combining aerial dance and digital technologies. McDonnell stated "Fingal's Artist's Support Scheme allowed me to collaborate with artists Liing Heaney and Rob Mirolo, as well as technical experts, to combine aerial dance and digital technology for a new experimental artwork. The funding allowed us time to work together, enhance our technical expertise and bring together elements of dance, digital art, illustration, animation and technology in exciting, beautiful ways. Although this phase of work focused on research and artistic process, we plan to finish and share our artwork with audiences through film and performance in the future."

The Artists' Support Scheme funding is for projects/initiatives which will take place from 1 May – 31 December 2022. Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 25 February 2022 at 4pm.

For further information and to apply please see www.fingalarts.ie/news or www.fingal.ie/arts

Alternatively, please contact Eoghan Finn at Fingal Arts Office by email at eoghan.finn@fingal.ie or by phone on 087 773 8427.

About Emily Aoibheann McDonnell

Emily Aoibheann is an artist, aerialist and artistic mentor. With foundational expertise in music, performance and aerial dance, her varied background leads to creative, collaborative and original

integration of multiple art forms. Her work in 2021 is supported and funded by the Arts Council, Fingal County Council, Dance Ireland and Courthouse Arts Centre, Co. Wicklow. My practice is interpersonal, resourceful and spatial, realised with a broad team of collaborators. The work is strongly influenced by artistic and technical elements of aerial dance and circus, inspired by a decade of creating work in these art forms. I have a specific interest in architecture and exploration of space(s), material experimentation and the symbiosis of human, object and environment. With the body placed at the centre of my work, I use acts of permissive and playful irreverence to explore kinetic, energetic and structural transformation. This can naturally but not exclusively extend to include physical and emotional extremes in performance.

Works: Object Piggy (2013-2015); Papaveracea (2015); Movement, Material and Performance (research 2016 - 2018); Sorry Gold (2019); Mother of Pearl (2019). Director of PaperDolls (2010-2013); Director of Cat's Paw Experimental Aerial Dance Meeting; Founder and Director Creation Aerial; Artist in Residence at The Courthouse Arts Centre, Tinahely, Co. Wicklow, ongoing since 2018.



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€80,000 in Disability Participation funding for the Not So Different Creative Ability Training Academy in Blanchardstown.

Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and Dublin West TD, Roderic O’Gorman has welcomed the announcement that €80,000 in funding will go towards the establishment of a permanent Creative Ability Training Academy in Blanchardstown Library.

The project has been offered funding under the Disability Participation and Awareness Fund 2021, which will see a total of €2.5 million offered to 39 successful projects nationwide to promote community participation and integration for people with disabilities, and raise awareness around UNCRPD. The Fund is provided by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

The Creative Ability Training Academy will build on the current collaboration between Fingal County Council and Not So Different to establish Ireland’s first Neurodiversity Creative Ability Hub. The project aims to promote equality and inclusion of people with disabilities and their families in the community, and improve education and employment outcomes for people with disabilities. The Academy will provide a creative and innovative space where people with disabilities can demonstrate their creative ability and showcase their creative talents to prospective employers and educators.

The Training Academy will provide direct access to the Creative Arts, Media and Film Production Industries, to potential educators

and employers and to community organisations and service providers in a safe, sensory friendly environment.

Welcoming the funding, Minister O’Gorman said:

“I am delighted that Not So Different have been awarded funding for the Creative Ability Training Academy. The Academy will help to break down the barriers many people with disabilities face when accessing education, employment and the creative arts. The Not So Different Creative Ability Hub has been brilliant in helping industry, employers, education institutions and our community to become more inclusive, and this project will further increase awareness, understanding and acceptance of disabilities including neurodiversity.

I am excited to see this project continue to support individuals in harnessing their creative skills, exploring their career opportunities in the creative arts and media, and realising their full potential and the extent of their talents in an environment which supports their individual abilities.

It is fantastic to see the Disability Participation and Awareness Fund, which comes from my Department, being used to support such an innovative project here in Dublin West.

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First sod turned on Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network in Mulhuddart

The sod-turning for the Church Field Link Road and Cycle Paths, a briefing on the Church Fields Project and an opportunity to view the construction took place on 28th Jan 2022.

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Active Travel Sustainable Transport Measures Grants (STMG) Programme 2022

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has allocated funds to Ireland's local authorities with a view to spending €289 million on walking and cycling infrastructure 2022.

€25,535,000 were approved for the projects in Fingal County Council.

Highlights of some of the grants approved for Fingal / Dublin 15:

- Snugborough Road N3 Overbridge (33%, co-fund) - €2,000,000
- Snugborough Road – National Aquatic Centre to Ongar - €400,000
- Churchfield Roads (co-fund) - €2,500,000
- Clonee to Blanchardstown shopping centre - €250,000
- Hartstown / Huntstown / Mountview rd D1 - €1,100,000
- Damastown to Clonsilla Cycle Route - €100,000
- Safe Routes to Schools Programme – infrastructure (with NTA - €1,500,000)
- Bicycle Parking (COVID) - €150,000
- Fingal Active Travel Strategy - €40,000

Sports Capital & Equipment Programme

On 11th Feb new capital grants of €144 million is allocated to almost 1,900 applications under the latest round of the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme (SCEP). The SCEP is the primary vehicle for Government support for the development of sports and recreation facilities and the purchase of non-personal sports equipment.

The following projects have now benefited from sports capital funding.

Organisation	Project	Sport Type	Grant Allocation
Corduff Community Centre Sports Hall Upgrade		Multisport	€150,000
Tyrrelstown GAA	Continued growth of Tyrrelstown GAA Club	Gaelic Games	€15,988
Tyrrelstown Cricket Club	Sports Capital and Equipment Program	Cricket	€16,588





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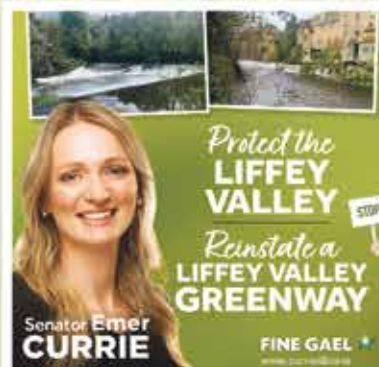
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LIFFEY VALLEY GREENWAY

I have been leading a campaign to reinstate the objective of a Liffey Valley Greenway in our national transport plans and promote it as a potentially world-class eco-tourism trail. It would be a travesty if this route along the Strawberry Beds, with the potential to connect the Villages of Leixlip, Lucan, Clonsilla, Palmerstown, Castleknock/ Carpenterstown and Chapelizod was de-prioritised. Fingal has already been allocated €150,000 towards a review of Strawberry Beds Road Mobility Plan. A sensitive Greenway along the Liffey Valley could run from St Catherine's Park to the Memorial Gardens in Islandbridge including Farmleigh Estate/ Phoenix Park and the Silver Bridge.



A new orbital bus service over the M50 called the W4



A new orbital bus service over the M50 called the W4 between Blanchardstown and Liffey Valley Shopping Centres is due to launch during the summer. The route is currently being tendered out and in a recent meeting the NTA told me they are "confident" it will launch as planned.

This is great news and something I campaigned for since becoming a Public Representative. As well as increasing direct connectivity between Blanchardstown SC and Liffey Valley SC, it will connect retail and high employment areas all the way to Tallaght Shopping Centre via places such as Ballyowen Shopping Centre, Grange Castle and Kingswood.

This is no replacement for the 239 that connected the Liffey Valley and Blanch Shopping Centres via Lucan Village. I have raised concerns about splitting the old 239 into two routes (L52/51) and the impact it's had on previous users. I have arranged a follow up meeting with the NTA for early March to discuss this matter further with them.

National Walking and Cycling Funding Allocations

Funding was announced by the NTA for Projects in Dublin West which include:

- Royal Canal Cycle Route - entire Fingal route
- Snugborough Road N3 Overbridge
- Safe Routes to Schools Programme
- Churchfield Roads
- Snugborough Rd - National Aquatic Centre to Ongar
- Damastown to Clonsilla Cycle Route
- Clonsilla to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre
- Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh
- Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road
- Castleknock to Dunsink Lane
- Review of Strawberry Bed's Mobility Plan
- Royal Canal Greenway Connectivity
- Cabra to Blanchardstown Walking & Cycling Scheme
- Chesterfield Avenue to Farmleigh (OPW Phoenix Park) Walking & Cycling Scheme
- Royal Canal Greenway (Phase 4) - Phibsborough to Ashtown



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It was an honour to recently meet new Probationer Gardai INCLUDING 7 allocated to the Blanchardstown area, with my colleague Cllr. Siobhan Shovlin.

New Gardai-led Community Inclusion Forum

A new Community Inclusion Forum is due to meet in February, to enhance relationships and engagement with all the minority communities in Dublin 15. I very much support this initiative. To date the leaders from a number of groups have met with Garda management and a full meeting is now planned.

Long-Term Undocumented Scheme

The long-term undocumented scheme is now open! It will give thousands of migrants who are already contributing so much to our country and communities the opportunity to come in from the legal shadows and regularise their status. The scheme is only open for 6 months until **7 August 2022**, for:

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- Three years with children

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Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network Mulhuddart

The sod has been turned on the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network, part of a masterplan to deliver 1,000 new affordable and social homes and community amenities in Mulhuddart.



With Cllrs Siobhan Shovlin, Ted Leddy, Punam Rane & An Tánaiste Leo Varadkar TD.

A step forward in campaign to secure the future of Hartstown Community Centre

I want to say thank you to the Hartstown Board of Management who have worked tirelessly to keep the doors open these last three years.

The Centre requires significant investment and refurbishment, beyond the reach of community fundraising alone, but ownership has been a barrier to accessing public funds. Discussions to transfer the ownership to Fingal County Council have now begun and I will continue to push the need for urgent investment in the Centre.

Phoenix Park

Before Christmas I sought an update on the recommendations from the Phoenix Park Transport and Mobility Options Study, which has subsequently been publicly announced. I want to bring your attention to:

- Speed limit is set to drop from 50kph to 30kph from 28 February.
- The temporary traffic cones currently on Chesterfield Ave will shortly be replaced by cycling dividers until permanent cycle lanes are developed. Please note €150,000 has been budgeted by Fingal County Council and €50,000 by the NTA for the design of the cycle route from Blanchardstown to the Phoenix Park via Farmleigh.
- From 28 February the following traffic changes will be implemented for a 9-month pilot study.
 - A one-way-system on North Road, in the city direction. The North Road will be temporarily closed from 23 to 28 February to facilitate works, including the installation of bollards, new road markings and directional signage.
 - A cul-de-sac on Upper Glen Road. The Upper Glen Road will temporarily closed from 21 to 28 February in preparation for the changes too.

PARKING & PUBLIC TRANSPORT - Preparation for the promised Parking Strategy has thankfully now begun and I look forward to a public consultation. The number of car parking spaces has dramatically reduced, while following the relaxation of Covid restrictions, visitor numbers will rise again at Dublin Zoo. A Parking Plan and better, incentivised public transport must be in place to cope. I have asked for an update on the proposed Bus Pilot from Heuston to Broombridge Stations via Cabra Gate.

Ashtown Gate Update

Dublin City Council has agreed to undertake a technical assessment of Ashtown Gate thanks to a motion Cllr Colm O'Rourke put down on my request. There must be a safer way to coordinate traffic here that doesn't involve making the Gate one-way. A DCC Area Engineer will make a recommendation to DCC following the assessment.



Meeting the Blanchardstown Foróige Team with An Tánaiste Leo Varadkar TD.



Great to see the 'Safe Routes to School' works being carried out at St Philip the Apostle JNS, Mountview with my colleague Cllr. Siobhan Shovlin.

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Dear Resident,

I am giving a brief update on some issues which I have been working on. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or I can be of any assistance.

PROTECT DANU COMMUNITY SPECIAL SCHOOL AND RATH DARA CC

The Department of Education is planning to locate Danu Community Special School, which was established to provide for children with autism, permanently within the existing building for Rath Dara Community College. While a temporary location for Danu is necessary, the permanent plan fails to meet the essential needs of the children in Danu Community Special School and severely reduces the facilities and space available to students in Rath Dara. This is a disastrous plan which undermines two school communities: already it has led to the building of a wall to separate the two schools which fails to meet basic standards of inclusion for children with additional needs.

I have called on the Department of Education and Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board to ensure that Danu secures a dedicated, purpose-built building on its own site, while Rath Dara is allowed to develop and expand as a school at its current location.

DRAFT FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The draft Development Plan for 2023-29 will be issued by Fingal Council in mid-February and will be put out for public consultation for a ten-week period until early May. So far, I have requested the following changes to the draft text, which are being incorporated in the draft Plan:

- **A master plan to protect the Old Schoolhouse, Clonsilla and ensure sensitive development at this location should be adopted within two years of the commencement of the new Development Plan.** A time limited commitment is important as a Master Plan for the Old Schoolhouse was proposed in the current Development Plan but never implemented. Cllr Mary McCamley and I are also lobbying Fingal Council to buy the Old School House so that it can be redeveloped as a cultural and heritage amenity for Dublin 15.
- The Council has made a commitment to include **community and voluntary groups, including residents' associations and Tidy Towns groups**, in the process of consultation for Urban Framework Plans for Blanchardstown, Castleknock and Clonsilla, which are to be prepared during the lifetime of the Development Plan. Often such consultations tend to be dominated by developers or their agents.
- **A new objective** is being included in the draft Plan requiring Build to Rent applicants to show that 'there is not an over-concentration of Build to Rent Accommodation within an area, including a map showing all such facilities within 1km of a proposal.' This will allow greater space for a mix of housing types and tenure, including more houses, family homes and owner-occupied housing, in new developments.

HOUSING SCHEME AT CHURCHFIELDS

Fingal Council recently held a public consultation on the latest phase of the planned housing development at Churchfields in Mulhuddart, which will deliver 220 houses and 80 apartments: this is a very welcome plan for new housing which will go to the Area Committee and full Council for approval in March. The scheme at Churchfields will ultimately provide 1000 new housing units, consisting of affordable and social housing. I have submitted a motion requesting that a not-for-profit childcare service be provided in Churchfields to meet the need for affordable childcare in the area.



UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN CLONSILLA

I recently held an online public meeting to get feedback from residents on several proposed developments in Clonsilla.

- The application for an Aldi foodstore and residential development on Weaver's Row was rejected by Fingal County Council on 3 February as contrary to proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
- Bartra Property has made an appeal to An Bord Pleanála against Fingal Council's decision to refuse a 99-unit, five storey development on Porterstown Road. I have made a submission objecting to the appeal due to the overwhelming character of the development, lack of consistency with housing in the Village Porterstown and Clonsilla Village and the lack of connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists as a result of a single, unsafe access point on Porterstown Road.
- The proposed Strategic Housing Development at Kellystown fails to include decent social and community infrastructure such as schools and community centres, does not protect high value trees and hedgerows and fails to make any provision for St Mochta's Football Club. I have made a submission to An Bord Pleanála to point out that the SHD is contrary to the recently adopted Kellystown Local Area Plan. We need housing in Kellystown, but it has to be balanced, sustainable development supported by strong social and community infrastructure.



BÁC LE GAEILGE

Government Chief Whip and Minister of State for the Gaeltacht and Sport, Jack Chambers, has approved funding of €325,000 for Conradh na Gaeilge to establish and develop the BÁC le Gaeilge project between 2021 and 2024.

The establishment of BÁC le Gaeilge is a great opportunity to increase the use of the language in Dublin city - where there is a large Irish language community due to a wide range of Irish language establishments being located there. These include early education services, gaelscoileanna and Gaelcholáistí, Irish language organisations, two radio stations broadcasting in Irish, Na Gaeil Óga GAA club, third level courses in Irish and many other establishments.

Conradh na Gaeilge, in partnership with Dublin City Council, has set out a programme of activities to ensure that the language is heard and seen more around Dublin city. The Conradh na Gaeilge Head Office at 6 Harcourt Street will be used as a centre for businesses and the public to provide information about the services available in Irish and to encourage them to use those services.

Announcing the grant, Minister of State Chambers said: "I am delighted that my department is able to provide funding to Conradh na Gaeilge to establish BÁC le Gaeilge. This project is of particular importance to ensure that the Irish language thrives in the city, that the language is promoted in the business sector and that it is given economic recognition. It is good also that this work will be done in partnership with Dublin City Council."

Speaking to Little Village, Junior Minister Chambers said: "I Was delighted to launch this new initiative as Minister for the Gaeltacht which I hope will transform how the Irish language is seen and heard all over Dublin. There is a real focus on increasing how the language is offered to the public by businesses and services so that will include menus in cafes and restaurants, websites and signage in shops.

As a TD for Dublin West, I am particularly interested in promoting

and developing the language all over Dublin including the communities in Dublin West. A key focus of the initiative is making best use of the existing Irish language organisations like gaelscoilenna - which we are very fortunate to benefit from already in Dublin West - as well as radio stations, colleges and GAA clubs.

There are 17,000 daily users of Irish language in Dublin and I know many of these are living and working in Dublin West. I am encouraging everyone to get involved in the new initiative which I think can have a hugely positive impact on the language."

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Julian de Spáinn, Secretary General of Conradh na Gaeilge said:

"We are very grateful to Minister of State Jack Chambers for announcing this funding for the very important Baile Átha Cliath le Gaeilge project and for the assistance of Dublin City Council as well. Interest in the language and the use of Irish in Dublin is growing, especially among young people, and Baile Átha Cliath le Gaeilge is now in place to ensure that the language is seen, heard, and used more in ordinary city life. Among various actions being taken by Baile Átha Cliath le Gaeilge, the benefits of the use of Irish will be presented to the city's business community and they will be encouraged to provide services in Irish in the future."

Alison Gilliland, Lord Mayor of Dublin City, said:

"I very much welcome BÁC le Gaeilge. The department's funding is a direct result of their partnership with the Irish Language Sub-Committee of Dublin City Council. I commend the Chair and members of the Sub-Committee for the progress that has been made during 2021. The City Council is pleased to increase the funding announced today and I look forward to a comprehensive and creative programme that supports the use of the Irish language in the Capital."

Spokesperson for Murphy's Ice Cream, Niamh O'Kennedy, which is supporting the initiative, believes the launch has come at the perfect time:

"More and more we have been seeing a huge increase and interest from both our customers and staff in the Irish language. So much so we are now offering all our staff the opportunity to avail of free Irish language lessons. With support of organisations like Baile Átha Cliath le Gaeilge we believe the Irish language can be accessible and enjoyable for all."

The company also plan to use more Irish in their retail marketing material both online and in store.

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The BÁC le Gaeilge programme of activities includes:

- Encouraging businesses to use Irish in signage, websites, advertising and menus in cafes and restaurants
- Develop an Irish language network among Dublin businesses
- Use of Conradh na Gaeilge's historic headquarters as an information and support centre for the community
- Work to develop an Irish Language Quarter / Area and work with Dublin City Council to develop a future language plan for the city



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SIX DUBLIN BUSINESSES WIN AT THE ACTIONCOACH BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2021

- Clayton Plant Protection based in Clonee, won Best Wholesale / Distribution / Manufacturing Business in the Large Business Category
- Frontier Foods Ltd based at Premier Business park Ballycoolin Road won Best Wholesale / Distribution / Manufacturing Business in the Medium Business Category
- Thorntons Chartered Surveyors based in Blanchardstown won the COVID Impact Award in the Medium Business Category
- Dental Tech Group based in Terenure won the Community Impact Award for Becoming the first business in Ireland to Digitally Print 3D Dentures
- Avcom Ltd based in Cherry Orchard Industrial Estate were awarded the Covid Impact Award for completely re-imagine their Events Management Service
- Hyspec Group based in Springfield Lane, Dublin 18 won Best Service Business in the Medium Business Category

It's been another challenging business year for everyone, but at ActionCOACH Ireland, they saw their clients excel during a time of uncertainty. Recently they celebrated their clients with the annual ActionCOACH Business Excellence Awards 2021. Running for the past decade, the Business Excellence Awards showcase the 'best of the best' in the business world across small, medium and large businesses. This year's virtual awards honour the achievements and accomplishments of business owners and professionals from across the island of Ireland

Six Dublin based businesses won this year. Dental Tech Group won the Community Impact Award for Becoming the first business in Ireland to Digitally Print 3D Dentures with Bevin Mahon, Co-owner

& Managing Director of Dental Tech Group stating on winning the Community Impact Award "Delighted to have been shortlisted, let alone win especially with such calibre of businesses this year entering the ActionCOACH Business Excellence Awards. This award is particularly close to our hearts and we feel very privileged to be able to do the work that we do and impact on people's quality of life."

Avcom Ltd based in Cherry Orchard Industrial Estate were awarded the Covid Impact Award for completely re-imagine their Events Management Service at the virtual event. Speaking about their win Paul Murphy, Managing Director of Award winners Avcom said "AVCOM are delighted to receive this recognition and



we'd like to dedicate this to all our staff, it's our team's innovation, dedication and loyalty that has made this possible. Thanks also to ActionCOACH and in particular coach Eddie Walsh, who supported us through these challenging times."

Stephen Finlan of Hyspec Group said, "We are delighted to win this award and be recognised for all the hard work and dedication our teams have put in over the past 12 months. 2021 has not been the easiest of years by far, but we are thankful it has been a successful, opportunity filled year for us. Hyspec truly thanks every member of our management team, our staff, our clients and Richard at Action Coach for being part of our growth & success. This award is in recognition of them, thank you and best wishes to all for 2022."

ActionCOACH for Clayton Plant Protection Rory Smyth said of their win, "Family Businesses are at the heart of the Irish SME story and Clayton Plant Protection are a leading light in that story. Founded in 1991 by Tom O'Mahony and now run by his son David, Clayton are a leading player in the Agrochemical business throughout Europe and the key to their success is their ability to adapt to the ever changing needs of their customers and this they did to great effect in 2021 which allowed them to bring on new customers and develop new markets and makes them worthy a worthy winner of this Award"

Vincent Hughes of Frontier Foods Ltd said of their win, "We are absolutely thrilled and delighted to win the award, for myself and my team this has been a very tough year like many out there but this really has given us all a huge lift and we are hugely grateful. Many thanks to Action Coach and Eddie Walsh for all your assistance and hard work with us"

ActionCOACH Rory Smyth said of Thorntons Chartered Surveyors' win, "Thorntons Chartered Surveyors are one of those businesses that unless you are involved in their industry, you will never hear about them, but for me and for their clients, they are a symbol of excellence and desire to always improve. This Award is a testament to how they have continued to improve and grow in 2021, continued to meet the needs of clients in a very difficult trading period and environment and at the same time ensuring that they keep their team motivated, engaged and most importantly safe."

With an impressive 43 businesses entering across the 8 different categories from their 100+ clients, the awards were presented virtually this morning. The organisations that entered shared their confidential data across sales, profits, and job creation for 2021.

The information received saw major increases across all aspects of their businesses including:

- 254 new jobs were created by the 43 businesses over the past 12 months
- Average Sales growth of 37%
- Average Profits growth of 61%

Running for over ten years, the Business Excellence Awards was created to recognise the 'Best of the Best' in the business world; the awards ceremony honours the achievements and accomplishments of business owners and professionals from around the country.

Categories included:

- **Best New Client**
- **Best Retail Business**
- **Best Service Business**
- **Best Tourism / Hospitality Business**
- **Best Wholesale / Manufacturing / Distribution Business**
- **Best Community Impact – Job Creation**
- **Best Company Culture – Team & Leadership**
- **COVID Impact Award**

Paul Fagan, Managing Director, ActionCOACH Ireland, said of the winners, "It is an honour and privilege for me to host these awards. The SME Business Community are the Real Unsung Super Heroes in Ireland today. During the past 18 months, they have kept their business open in the face of Pandemic with multiple restrictions and lockdowns. They have overcome immense challenges to survive and thrive and today we recognise and celebrate their success.

You will never hear our business owners complain, they will never block up your streets with tractors, lorries or taxis. They get up early every day to open up and work long hours before closing time. They create jobs and employ amazing people to work alongside them. Over 60% of workers are employed by small businesses in Ireland today. They are the people who look after your children in Creches, take care of your pets and your cars, they serve you food and drinks. They look after your health in Doctors, Dentists and physiotherapy clinics.

The winners are judged on the performance of their business in terms of growth in Sales and Profits and new jobs created."

New Director for Housing and Community Development announced

Fingal County Council has announced that Robert Burns will take up the role of Director for Housing and Community Development from next Monday, 24 January.

In the position, Robert will be responsible for managing over 6,000 council-owned homes across Fingal as well as overseeing the delivery of 3,640 new homes between 2022 and 2026 to meet the Council's targets under the Government's Housing for All plan. He will also oversee community development and a number of other key services including integration and sport.

He brings a wealth of experience to the job, having served as Director of Service for Infrastructure and Climate Change in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council where he had responsibility for the management and delivery of infrastructure, public realm, active travel and climate action-related projects. This included the development of a coastal mobility route as well as village renewal projects in Blackrock and Dundrum. Previously, Robert worked as a Senior Executive Engineer with Clare County Council in the Housing Department.

Robert joins the council's executive team at a time when Fingal has committed over €390 million to deliver a significant housing programme under the Government's Housing for All initiative. He is taking over the role from Liam Burke who has been the Acting Director of Fingal's Housing and Community Development team following the departure of Margaret Geraghty last May to the Housing Delivery Co-ordination Office at the Local Government Management Agency.

Welcoming the appointment, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, AnnMarie Farrelly said: "We are delighted to be able to bring someone of Robert's calibre to Fingal. Having his extensive experience and expertise on board will be invaluable to help drive the county to reach its ambitions around housing provision as well as developing the many community assets that benefit everyone who lives, works or visits here.

"I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Liam Burke for his leadership and expertise over the past nine months where he has led the Council's efforts around housing and community development, ensuring Fingal remained in a strong position to meet its targets, in what was a very challenging time."

On starting his new role, Mr Burns said: "This is an exciting time to be at the helm of one of the key departments within Fingal and I'm looking forward to playing a leading role in helping to build upon the excellent work already underway.

"I will be particularly keen to work with local communities

and stakeholder groups to help ensure there is not only good quality housing built across the county, but that we can also deliver a strong regeneration and development programme which can transform and improve neighbourhoods for residents and visitors alike."

Currently Fingal manages and maintains a stock of around 6,000 homes and is working on the development of landbanks at Church Fields in Dublin 15, Ballymastone in Donabate and Hayestown in Rush.

A graduate of Queens University Belfast, Robert has extensive experience as an engineering consultant and also worked at Irish Rail where he specialised in the project management of infrastructure projects. Robert has a keen interest in the fields of housing, sustainable development, transportation, community development, town and village renewal and climate action.



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Funding offered for projects across all 31 Local Authorities to promote community participation and integration for people with disabilities, and raise awareness around UNCRPD

Minister of State with Special Responsibility for Disability, Anne Rabbitte, recently announced that 39 projects across all 31 Local Authorities will be offered a total of €2.5 million under the Disability Participation and Awareness Fund (DPAF) 2021.

The purpose of the Disability Participation and Awareness Fund, which was established by Minister Rabbitte under Budget 2021, is to provide funding to support the participation of people with disabilities in local activities, to help remove barriers to community involvement and to support the promotion and implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) in communities. In 2021, this funding is being provided through Local Authorities.

Projects approved this year will:

- Promote the rights of people with disabilities
- Assist in removing barriers to participation in local and community life
- Raise awareness of the UNCRPD within communities and local authority staff and elected members

Further funding calls will issue in 2022, and the scheme parameters will be adjusted based on the learning arising from the initial call this year. Targeting community groups directly next year, the Minister hopes to build on the momentum established in 2021 and seeks to focus on further supports for community participation and integration.

Announcing the projects receiving funding, Minister Rabbitte said: "I am pleased to be able to launch the first year of the Disability Participation and Awareness Fund, and look forward to future calls as we move forward. I know that there was huge interest in this Fund and that speaks to the need for practical and effective measures to support the integration of persons with disabilities into our daily community life.

"Working in partnership with Local Authorities and community organisations supported by this Fund, we will be able to make progress on breaking down barriers to participating in local activities and making local amenities more accessible. Much will be done through the projects that are receiving funding, and there is much more than we can continue to achieve through this Fund over the coming years.

"The provision of this funding speaks to this government's commitment and willingness to make our local places and spaces accessible to all. Reflecting on the applications received, Local Authorities made a significant number of applications for capacity building and awareness raising within their organisations and it is my intention to engage with Local Authorities over the coming year to address these needs in a structured format.

"We will use the learning from this year's fund to help us target measures that will make practical changes to participation and integration with the everyday life of our communities," concluded Minister Rabbitte.

The Disability Participation and Awareness Fund 2021 was announced on the 18th October this year.

Applications were invited from Local Authority applicants around key themes to support the participation and inclusion of disabled people in local communities: Participation in community life i.e. sports, the arts, community groups, and so forth; accessible information and shared public places;

UNCRPD Promotion; and Disability Awareness and Capacity Building.

It was open to local authorities to partner with local and community organisations in delivering on projects. Projects were assessed against eligibility criteria and then scored on a number of areas, including the extent to which proposed projects aligned with the stated aims and goals of the Fund.

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was adopted in 2006. Ireland signed the Convention in 2007 and ratified the Convention in 2018. The purpose of the Convention is to promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity.





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Fingal Community Groups invited to apply for Community Activities Funding

Community and voluntary groups in Fingal are invited to apply for funding under the 2022 Community Activities Fund.

The Community Activities Fund (CAF) is a once-off fund that provides grants to assist community and voluntary groups with facilities upgrades, equipment purchase and running costs. The CAF is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development with Fingal allocated €301,042 in funding for groups across the county. It was launched before Christmas at a national level by the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, and the Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD.

The CAF can support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas with: Operating and running costs such as utility bills, rental/lease costs and insurance bills.

The cost of repairs and improvements to facilities, purchase of I.T. equipment, furniture, tools, signage, training equipment etc.

The CAF is administered by Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) in each Local Authority area. It is part of the wider Community Enhancement Programme, which has funded over 8,000 projects in urban and rural communities throughout Ireland since first being launched in 2018.

Applications are now being sought from community and voluntary groups in Fingal for grants up to a maximum of €15,000 with a closing date for applications of Friday, February 18, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Speaking about the Community Activities Fund, Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Seana O'Rodaigh said: "The Community Activities Fund can be an important support to community groups in Fingal to help them improve their facilities and fund operating costs. Fingal County Council is pleased to offer this support in acknowledging the central role community groups play in the wellbeing of people throughout the county. The programme is a valuable response to local needs and can help local groups deliver many improvements in their own areas."

Commenting on the announcement, AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council said: "The work of the community and voluntary sector is highly valued by Fingal County Council. The Community Activities Fund will assist community groups with the valuable work they do within our communities. I would advise community groups to examine the CAF and avail of the opportunity to apply for funding if it is relevant to their activities."

Welcoming the new CAF Scheme, Emer O'Gorman, Fingal County Council's Director of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development, said "There is substantial funding available under the CAF which compliments other funding available from Fingal County Council. This funding option has the potential to add significantly to the activities of community and voluntary groups and I would encourage groups to apply where possible"

Declan Ryan, Chief Officer of the Fingal Local Community Development Committee added: "The Community Activities Fund comes from within the Community Enhancement Programme group of funds. These funds have been availed of widely by community groups in Fingal in recent years, which has resulted in valuable funding being distributed to groups in disadvantaged areas in particular. The new CAF has the added benefit of allowing applications for both capital costs and operating costs. This added flexibility is very welcome. The Fingal LCDC looks forward to supporting the delivery of this scheme."

Full details on the 2022 Community Activities Fund and how to apply online can be accessed at <https://submit.link/Ch>



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Fingal Chamber Welcomes Ryanair's New Route Announcements for Dublin Airport

Fingal Chamber welcomes today's announcement from Ryanair that it will launch its largest-ever summer schedule from Dublin Airport.

The airline also announced 11 new routes for this summer bringing its weekly flight schedule from Dublin Airport to 900, connecting it to 120 UK and European destinations.

"We warmly welcome Ryanair's announcement today

Ryanair's new routes for summer 2022:

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- Cardiff.....Wales
- Agadir.....Morocco
- Zagreb.....Croatia
- SibiuRomania
- KosiceSlovakia
- Nuremberg ...Germany
- MadeiraPortugal
- SuceavaRomania
- AlgheroSardinia
- NimesFrance

which brings a real sense of optimism to aviation, Fingal and Ireland," said Fingal Chamber CEO, Anthony Cooney.

"Dublin Airport is hugely important to Fingal and everyone benefits from its success as it supports thousands of jobs and services directly and indirectly. Aviation has suffered significantly during the pandemic and it's time to invest in rebuilding this business sector.

In that regard, credit must be afforded to the Irish Government and its funding support to help rebuild the industry and to daa's CEO, Dalton Philips and his team who have worked closely with Ryanair to secure these new routes to grow connectivity further."

Fingal Chamber has opened its Business Sentiment Survey for

2022 to ascertain the views of the business community in the region on a whole range of local issues.

Anyone with commercial interests in the region is being urged to respond to ensure a full and accurate snapshot of local opinion is obtained.

The Business Sentiment Survey 2022 is geared towards discovering the biggest challenges facing businesses, and how local business leaders feel about current business conditions.

Fingal Chamber will use the results to tell Fingal County Council, government departments, political parties, TDs, and others about the economic pressures facing local businesses and present a true picture of trading conditions in Fingal in the current climate.

Fingal Chamber Chief Executive Anthony Cooney said

"To effectively advocate and deliver positive change for Fingal and its businesses the Chamber often requires specific information from our members and the wider business community.

This public survey provides businesses with an opportunity to tell us what is important for them going forward, what they need and expect from Government and what measures they would like to see implemented.

We are urging as many businesses as possible to do the survey which should take around 3 minutes to complete."

The survey is available at fingalchamber.ie/survey

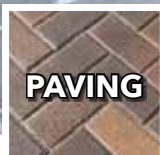
The closing date for this survey is Friday, the 28th of January 2022 at 5pm. Once all the data has been collated a report will be made available on the Fingal Chamber website: www.fingalchamber.ie.

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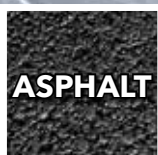
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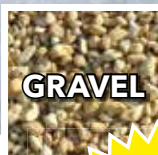
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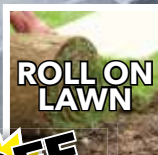
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Fingal County Council has welcomed the announcement by the Department of Transport, that €25.5m in funding has been granted to 44 Active Travel projects across Fingal.

Active Travel is part of the commitment of Fingal County Council to tackle climate action. Active Travel is travelling with a purpose using your own energy, which usually means walking or cycling as part of a purposeful journey, and the Council's objective is to build Active Travel into everyday life as part of normal daily routines. Since the creation, in late 2019, of an Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Department significant progress has been made in developing the Active Travel agenda. Fingal County Council was the first local authority in Ireland to create such a department and has invested heavily in resources toward its development.

The Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan confirmed that the National Transport Authority (NTA) has allocated these funds as part of a national annual spend of €289 million on walking and cycling infrastructure in 2022.

Projects to receive funding include the Skerries Active Travel Plan, St. Cronins Road, the Broadmeadow Way, Seatown Roundabout and Rivervalley and Rathingle in Swords, locations in Balbriggan including the Harry Reynolds Road, Balrothery village, Rush South Beach and New St Malahide. 44 projects in Fingal have benefitted from this NTA funding.

Mayor of Fingal, Seána Ó Rodaigh, welcomed the funding. "Fingal is a young and rapidly growing County. Our sustainable growth can be supported by Active Travel, which will serve healthy communities by creating infrastructure that helps people to commute to school, work or just to their local shops by walking and wheeling."

Minister Ryan said "It is important to accelerate delivery of sustainable transport modes as we come out of the majority of Covid restrictions. It is vital that we do not allow a return to gridlock as we come out of the pandemic. We need to use the switch to remote working as an opportunity to reallocate road space to create

a safer and more efficient transport system.

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, AnnMarie Farrelly, says Active Travel remains a major priority for the County. "Fingal continues to grow and as we move out of the early phase of the Covid pandemic we can see once again a real need for new transportation options in our locality. Our Active Travel team has been working diligently to deliver infrastructure that offers meaningful alternatives to the private car and will continue to do so with this funding now in place. With 44 projects in action under this funding alone we are making great progress in the change to Active Travel and look forward to continuing this transformative work."

David Storey, Director of Services for Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel at Fingal County Council says this funding is vital to the future of the county. "This funding from the NTA will help us to deliver essential infrastructure to the areas that need it most. It is our mission to improve sustainable and safe travel across Fingal. Active Travel should be the first choice for journeys under 5km and we are working to make that choice convenient, safe and inclusive by delivering a multitude of innovative schemes. This funding recognises the hard work and investment required to change how we travel, and we are very happy to receive it."

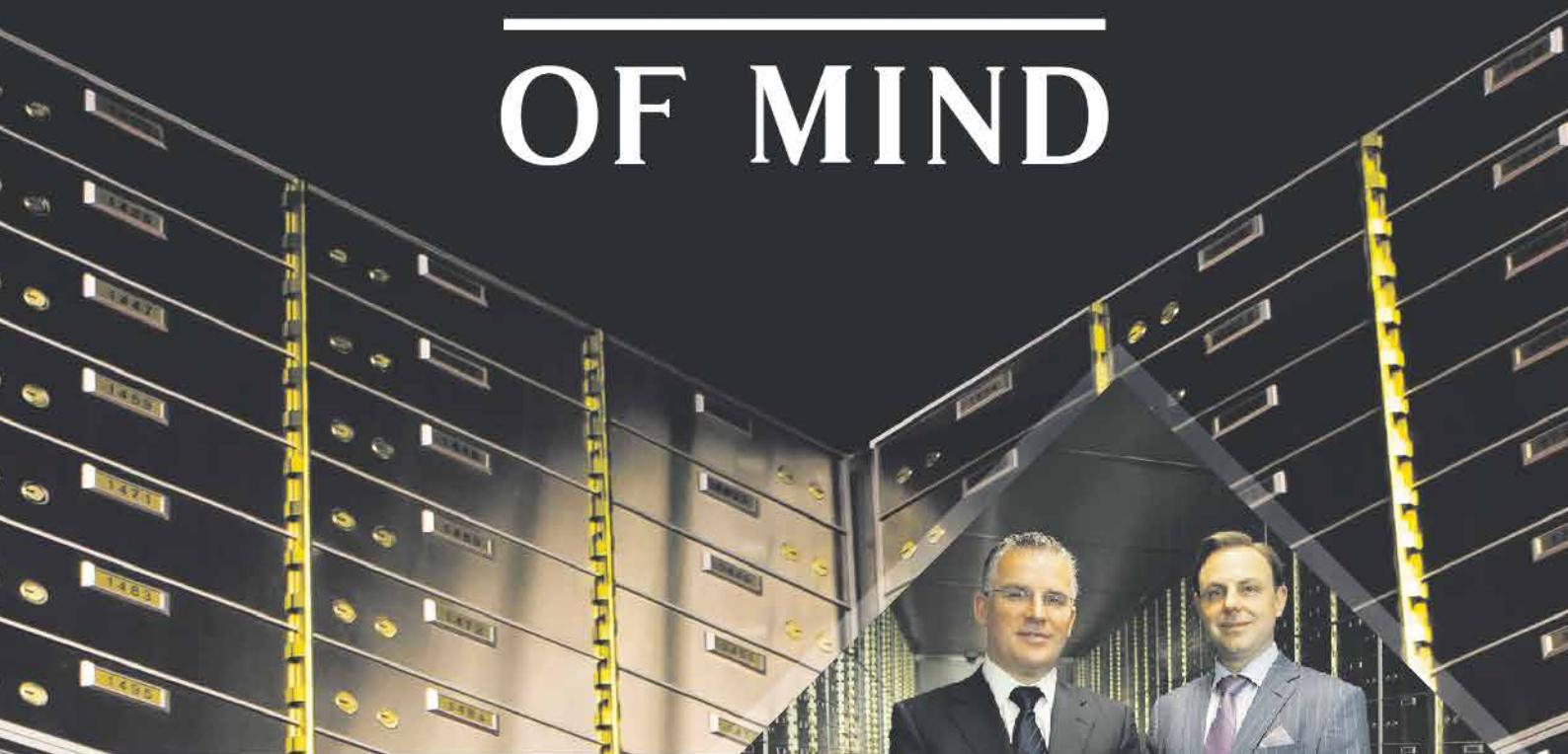
With the Government investing almost €1 million per day nationally on walking and cycling projects it is clear that Active Travel remains a key priority at local and national level. Fingal County Council is working to build Active Travel into everyday life as part of normal daily routines. Active Travel has the potential to transform our communities and positively impact our climate and Fingal County Council will achieve behavioural change by providing best in class infrastructure, policies and amenities that prioritise walking and wheeling for the people of Fingal.



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GARY MOORE, HIS GUITAR AND THE BLUES

Following on from our biographies of both Rory Gallagher and Phil Lynott, we present the third prong in the trident of old school Irish Rockers, Robert William Gary Moore.

Acknowledged as one of the finest musicians that the British Isles has ever produced, and with a career that dated back to the 1960s, there were few musical genres that Gary Moore had not turned his adroit musical hand to.

Gary Moore was born in Belfast on 4 April 1952, the son of Winnie, a housewife, and Robert Moore, a promoter who ran the Queen's Hall ballroom in Holywood. He grew up near Belfast's Stormont Estate with four siblings. He credited his father for getting him started in music. When Moore was six years old, his father invited him onstage to sing "Sugartime" with a showband at an event he had organised, which first sparked his interest in music. His father bought him his first guitar, a second-hand Framus acoustic, when Moore was 10 years old. Though left-handed, he learned to play the instrument right-handed. Not long after, he formed his first band, The Beat Boys, who mainly performed Beatles songs. He later joined Platform Three and The Method, amongst others. Around this time, he befriended guitarist Rory Gallagher, who often performed at the same venues as him. He left Belfast for Dublin in 1968 just as The Troubles were starting in Northern Ireland. A year later, his parents separated.

Gracing the line-ups of several notable rock bands, Thin Lizzy, Colosseum II and (The Original) Skid Row, in his time, he also established himself as a world-class guitarist, with few equals. Like many others, he was turned on to rock and roll first through hearing Elvis Presley, and then via The Beatles. Seeing the likes of Jimi Hendrix and John Mayall's Bluesbreakers (a band once graced by the Immortal talents of Eric Clapton) in his hometown in the mid-60s opened up to him the rich world of The Blues. Hearing the art of the blues guitar performed by such lauded exponents as Peter Green fired Moore's nascent talent, and it wasn't long before he was being hailed as a teen musical prodigy. Indeed, it was Green himself who helped foster Moore's career, a debt that was repaid handsomely when Gary cut his warm and heartfelt tribute to his mentor, the 'Blues For Greeny' album, released in 1995.

Gary's first band of note, the power trio Skid Row, secured a record deal with the CBS label in 1970. By this time, Gary had moved to Dublin, and befriended a certain Philip Lynott, who filled the vocal role with Skid Row until shortly before the CBS deal was signed. Gary cut three albums with the band, and toured the USA supporting The Allman Brothers Band, and Mountain amongst

others, before he left Skid Row to embark on a solo career. This proved short-lived, as Gary was soon to reunite with Phil Lynott as replacement for Eric Bell in the Thin Lizzy line-up. Although he was in the band for a relatively brief tenure, he would re-join their ranks following the departure of Brian Robertson in 1977, and again, finally as a full band member, for the 'Black Rose' album and tour in 1978.

In 1979, Gary's solo career began in earnest with the evocative hit single, 'Parisienne Walkways', which pitched Gary's tasteful, blues-soaked lead guitar with a moody Phil Lynott guest vocal. The single reached the UK Top Ten in April of that year, and the subsequent album, 'Back On The Streets' was similarly well received. The late 1970s and early 80s were characterised by Gary's restless search for the best musical settings for his talents; a reunion with Phil Lynott produced the powerful 'Out In The Fields' hit single (1985). He explored his Celtic roots on the album 'Wild Frontier' (1987), but it was with the 1990 album, 'Still Got The Blues', that Gary arrived at a rich musical vein within which his creativity could flow freely. This and its successor, 'After Hours' saw cameo appearances from the likes of such Blues guitar greats as Albert King, BB King, and Albert Collins, and it is a testament to Gary's own remarkable talents that he more than held his own amongst such august company. In 1994, Gary worked alongside Ginger Baker and Jack Bruce in the band BBM, cutting one accomplished album, before resuming his solo career. The, 'Back To The Blues' (2001) album saw him revisit the blues with renewed vigour and determination, after the more experimental 'Dark Days In Paradise' (1997) and 'A Different Beat' (1999) albums. A ten-track collection that mixed excellent Moore originals, with gritty and intense covers of standards. But, in the tradition of keeping his fans and critics guessing, 2002 saw Gary Moore crashing back onto the music scene with what had to be his heaviest collection of songs since the late 1980's, once again forcing people to reassess any opinions and preconceptions they might have had of him. That time round though, Moore had decided to share the limelight, joining forces with ex-Skunk Anansie bassist Cass Lewis and Primal Scream drummer Darrin Mooney to form 'Scars', a true power trio in every respect.

The 'Scars' album was completed in early 2002 and that line-up, then went on to record the 'Live at the Monsters of Rock' (2003) live CD and DVD, which featured the band's set as performed on two separate nights on the UK Tour in May



2003. That live set encompassed a diverse range of material, from across Gary's playing career. 2004, saw possibly the rawest album yet, with 'Power of the Blues'. The 10-track set, recorded mostly live in the studio, ranged from the hard rock/blues of the title track, via the upbeat swing of "Can't find my baby", to the haunting "Torn Inside".

Taking time out in August 2005, for a brief reunion with former Thin Lizzy band members including Brian Robertson whom he had replaced in 1977, for a one off concert in Dublin, to mark the occasion of Phil Lynott's birth. The evening was filmed for the 2006 DVD release, 'Gary Moore and Friends, One Night in Dublin, A Tribute to Phil Lynott'. Eric Bellas well as ongoing Lizzy member Scott Gorham were also on hand. The concert was simply called "The Boy Is Back in Town", with the "One Night in Dublin" title a change made for the DVD. On 21 April 2009 it was also released on Blu-ray format.

The show was typical in several ways of both Thin Lizzy shows and Gary Moore ones. As always with Thin Lizzy, "Cowboy Song" was followed by "The Boys Are Back in Town", and "Whisky in the Jar" is part of the encore. When Moore recorded "Don't Believe a Word" as a solo artist he played the song in its original slow blues arrangement; here he begins performing his version before switching mid-song to the faster Thin Lizzy-style rock song. As is always so with Moore, he closed with "Parisienne Walkways". Robertson, Gorham and Bell only performed songs they originally performed with Thin Lizzy. The DVD also contains the unveiling of a statue of Phil Lynott in Grafton Street, Dublin earlier that day, and rehearsals and interviews with Thin Lizzy members who featured in this concert.

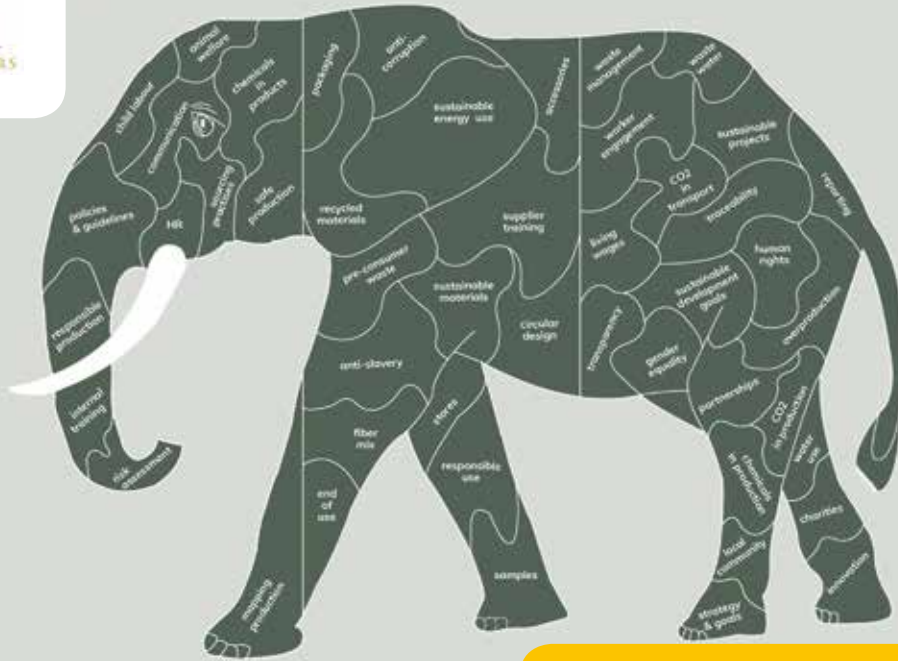
With his 2007 studio album "Close As You Get", Gary continued in a direction not too dissimilar from "Old, New, Ballads, Blues", released in 2006. Mixing original tunes with some interesting blues covers that Gary had rediscovered, whilst researching for his award winning radio series, "Blues Power", for Planet Rock (UK based digital/internet radio station).

September 2008 saw the release of what would turn out to be Gary's last studio album, "Bad for you Baby". Again, a powerful collection of tracks, mixing original material and selected blues

covers. After being on the road for most of 2008 and into 2010 with the "Blues" line up of the touring band. Gary returned from a tour of Russia and the Far East, and decided to reunite with his old sparring partner from the rock line up's of the 1980's, Neil Carter. The plan was to put together a "Rock" line up and dust off a selection of tracks from the mid to late 1980's. Adding Jon Noyce, (ex Jethro Tull/Sessions) on bass, some one who was also part of the, "One Night in Dublin" Tribute DVD in 2005, and Darrin Mooney (Primal Scream/Sessions) on drums, who was no stranger to the touring and recording line during the late 1990's and early 2000's. This line up, hit the road in May of 2010, performing a live set based around a selection of tracks from Gary's "Rock Years." of the 1980's. This proved to be a real treat for fans, old & new, as many would have not heard Gary play these songs live, either for a very long time, or in many cases, at all. In addition to the older tunes, a number of new "Celtic Rock" style tracks were included in the show, which went down very well with the live audiences. Tracks, which Gary was planning to record and embellish, on his next studio project. A project that was ready to start when Gary returned from a short holiday break. Unfortunately, that was not to be, as Gary passed away in his sleep in the early hours of February 6th, 2011, in Estepona, Spain.

After being such a "force of nature" in the guitar-playing firmament, as part of a professional career that began when he was only 16. He leaves behind a huge hole for many, not just his close family and friends, but guitar fans around the world. Of all the many tributes paid since Gary's passing, maybe this one, from Gary's friend and musical collaborator, Don Airey, might sum up the best of most people's thoughts of Gary: "At the 1984 Donington Festival during the long solo in "Empty Rooms" the previously restless crowd went so quiet, you could hear a pin drop - everyone back and behind stage stopped whatever they were doing and just stood to listen open-mouthed. His artistry touched thousands of people over the years, not least those of us lucky enough to have shared a stage or a recording studio with him. Sleep tight old mate, you'll be sorely missed."

Gary Moore - April 4th, 1952 - February 6th, 2011



The best way to eat an elephant

“Setting goals that are achievable are the key and research shows that if you write them down you are 42% likely to achieve them”

I'm back folks, with pen in hand for another year and looking forward to it. I'm not going to mention the C-word and let's try keep 2021 in the rear-view mirror and keep the eyes focused on the road ahead.

Spring is creeping into the air with a nice little stretch in the evenings. The football boots are starting to hit the turf again and summer holidays are getting booked. No doubt some of you have set some New Year's resolutions and maybe you've even managed to keep them going for Month One! Let's spend a moment on resolutions and how maybe they could work better for you.

The very recently deceased Archbishop Desmond Tutu is credited with wisely saying that “there is only one way to eat an elephant; one bite at a time”. I think it's a great quote, and when we are faced with enormous tasks or workloads & projects that seem impossible it's always a good to step back and plan your route. Some of the most undaunting aspects of staring at a pile of work ahead of you is figuring out where to start, who can help you, how long will it take and so on. By planning a way through it all can eliminate much of the stress. And in my experience, you should ask for help. There's almost always someone around you that has done something like

this before in your circle or family, so go and ask them for help.

So, on those 2022 resolutions. Don't waste your time setting yourself unrealistic, mountainous objectives that you've no chance of attaining. Forget the Operation Transformation longshot and eat the elephant in small bites. I was listening to a podcast on famous investors recently and how similar many of their daily & weekly habits were. One of them is now in his early seventies and he said that he became very unhealthy and overweight in the 1990's when he worked for an investment bank on Wall Street. He said at the age of 45 he set himself the target of losing 1lb in weight every year for the rest of his life. Just think about that, it's so achievable instead of crash dieting and trying to lose a stone in a few months, that you are very likely to put back on before the end of the year. Setting goals that are achievable are the key and research shows that if you write them down you are 42% likely to achieve them. A Harvard Business Study found that the 3% of graduates from their MBA programme who had written down their goals, ended up earning ten times as much as the other 97% put together, just ten years after graduation. Give that statistic to your teenage children & student children to inspire them!

So, good luck with your 2022 resolutions and remember that little changes, done consistently make big differences. A great place to start is by building a financial plan, so please get in touch if you would like us to help you put one together.

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Church Fields housing welcomed – Paul Donnelly TD

Paul Donnelly, Sinn Féin TD for Dublin West, has welcomed the beginning of the housing development by Fingal County Council on Church Fields in Mulhuddart.

The development will include 300 mixed housing units (2,3- and 4-bedroom houses and 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom Apartments). It will also include community facilities such as a creche, a dedicated Community centre and 2 retail units.

This development is a positive move but also hugely overdue, five years ago in 2017, Fingal County Council brought forward a plan to build upwards of 1,000 housing units on a council owned plot of land in Mulhuddart/Damastown.

Sinn Féin councillors, including local area councillor Cllr. Breda Hanaphy, have supported this plan from day one and we are eager to see social, affordable, and cost rental houses come on stream.

Unfortunately, less than 100 homes have been built as part of the scheme so far. There have been no affordable homes delivered due mainly to the failure of the Fine Gael led and Fianna Fail supported government to put together an affordable homes scheme.

Sinn Féin will be demanding that funding will be put in place to deliver genuine affordable homes and will resist efforts to sell off any of the land to private developers for homes that will be sold at market prices.

We also look forward to the delivery of the new linear park, youth and community facilities along with revamped and upgraded open spaces in Wellview, Parslicktown and Dromheath.

There should be no further delays to this scheme.

We are still in the midst of a housing crisis and while these welcomed homes are being delivered under the “housing for all” scheme this is not housing for all, but more of the same failed Fine Gael and Fianna Fail housing policy that created this crisis in the first place.

It is now very clear that there will be little if any increase in direct capital investment by Government in social and affordable homes between now and 2025, which means rents and house prices will continue to rise and supply will continue to lag behind demand.

There is nothing planned to tackle rising rents, however there is plenty for developers including the controversial shared equity loan scheme which will inflate house prices further.

The target of 33,000 new homes by 2025 includes just 10,000 social homes, 2,000 affordable purchase and 2,000 cost rental homes, this means that social and affordable housing delivery in 2022, 2023 and 2024 will be broadly what was in the pipeline before his plan was produced.

In fact, the 90,000 new social homes promised by 2030 are 10,000 fewer than what was promised under Rebuilding Ireland and the National Development Plan.

“This plan is a huge, missed opportunity and the reality is it will do very little to help those currently struggling to rent or buy. It is clear that in the battle between Fianna Fail and Fine Gael, that delayed the launch of today’s plan by over a month, Fine Gael has won, and housing policy is still being dictated by Leo Varadkar’s party”

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RADICAL RESPONSE NEEDED FOR HOW WE TACKLE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Roderic O’Gorman TD and Minister for Equality

On 12th January, this year, a young woman left her house for a run along the Grand Canal at Cappincur, just outside Tullamore, County Offaly. She never made it home. Her name was Ashling Murphy.

On 20th January, last year, a woman was stabbed while walking home from work in the IFSC, in Dublin City. She died two weeks later on the 3rd February. Her name was Urantsegseg Tserendorj. Two women killed, only a year apart. Two women killed by men. There are thousands of victims of men’s violence against women in Ireland, and the devastating impact of that ricochets across society leaving women feeling unsafe in our society.

Violence against women in numbers

According to a 2014 European Union Fundamental Rights Agency survey, one in three women have experienced psychological violence by a current or former partner.

12% of Irish women and girls over the age of 15 have experienced stalking.

And more than 200 women have died violently in the Ireland in the last two decades.

These murders, and the repeated acts of male violence that are happening to women and girls across Ireland, demand a comprehensive and strategic response from the Government.

Government action

As part of the Programme for Government, we recognised the epidemic of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence (DSGBV). We recognised the fragmented nature of the State’s responses to this, and commissioned an **audit** of how responsibility is shared among different government departments and agencies. This audit was conducted to inform proposals on how we can ensure the State responds to DSGBV and the needs of victims of violence in the most effective way possible.

We agreed that the Department of Justice will be the lead Department with responsibility for responding to DSGBV, and we will **coordinate the transfer of policy, accommodation and services** to that Department. This addresses a significant challenge, which could make a huge difference in how victims of violence are supported, and is something domestic violence services have been advocating for for many years.

In Budget 2021, I significantly **increased funding for domestic**



violence services in recognition of the constraints on services, particularly in the context of COVID-19, and have maintained this level of funding for Budget 2022.

Tusla have undertaken an **accommodation review of refuge spaces** and availability of domestic violence services. This comprehensive mapping will be published soon and will help to inform where the Government needs to purchase accommodation spaces for new or expanding refuges across Ireland. Refuges, like Sonas in Dublin 15, provide vital accommodation for women and families when they first flee an abusive situation.



In the coming months, I will be introducing a statutory entitlement to **paid leave for victims of domestic violence**. This will ensure that those in abusive relationships are supported to leave their abusive partners, without the fear of losing income from their job.

Last year, the Government introduced **Coco's Law** which criminalises the taking, publication, or sharing of intimate images without the person's consent – also known as image-based abuse. This was passed into law in December 2020.

We will also introduce new laws to **criminalise stalking**, and ensure it includes online and all modern forms of communications. Stalking has a very serious and long-lasting impact on a victim, and it is crucial our laws on this issue reflect that.

The Government's **Hate Crime Bill** is also moving its way through the Oireachtas. This will bring tougher sentences for crimes that are motivated by prejudice or hate, based on a person's gender, or other protected characteristic. Crimes like assault, coercion, harassment, or threats to kill or harm a woman will be included under this new law.

Zero-tolerance for violence against women

Government has a leadership role in eliminating all forms of violence against women and, importantly, in ensuring victims of violence feel safe, secure and supported. We have named this an epidemic, and must now act accordingly.

Soon, the Government will publish its third National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based violence. It will be structured around four pillars: prevention, protection, prosecution and co-ordinated policies. It will include substantial actions to tackle this issue in all sections of society.

Men must also stand up and play a role in changing the social and cultural attitudes in our society.

We need to make it known that misogyny in the home, in the workplace, in friend groups, and in public life, is unacceptable - because we know it fuels violence against women.

Enough is enough. The price of doing nothing, or doing too little, is too high.





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That Fingal Housing Department provide details to this area committee of its plans to roll out the cost rental model in the Dublin 15 area

Additional Emergency Accommodation for Dublin 15

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That Fingal work with the Department of Housing to establish an additional Hub in Dublin 15 so that families can access appropriate and local emergency accommodation.

Keeping Royal Canal Greenway Safe

That the Operations Department set up a meeting with Gardai, Irish Rail and Waterways Ireland to review safety measures on the Royal Canal Greenway and develop a clear policy toward its maintenance from a safety perspective.

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Fingal looks to save on annual energy costs and reduce carbon emissions

Fingal County Council has taken another positive step in its efforts to reduce its energy consumption by engaging an energy services company to deliver significant energy efficiency upgrades for the Civic Offices in Blanchardstown and County Hall in Swords.

Lawyer Sustainability, which has a multi-disciplinary team of highly qualified Building Services and Green Energy Engineers, has been awarded a €1 million contract to design, install and maintain a suite of energy efficiency measures. The primary measures for both buildings include the installation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) system and full upgrades of the lighting, boiler, air handling and building management systems.

The contract, which is for nine years, will create total energy savings of 1.3GWhs per annum which represents 37% of total energy consumption at present.

Fingal has already delivered energy reductions of 39%, beating its initial target of reducing energy consumption of 33% in the decade to 2020. This has also seen them manage to achieve ISO50001 Energy Management Certification for its energy management systems. The Council is now tasked, under its Climate Change Action Plan, with reducing its 2009 energy consumption levels by 50% by 2030.

This contract is one of four similar energy performance contracts that Codema, Dublin's Energy Agency, has facilitated on behalf of the Dublin Local Authorities in the past five years.

The Deputy Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Daniel Whooley, said: "This project will play an important role in achieving the climate and energy efficiency targets set out in Fingal County Council's Climate Change

Action Plan 2019 -2024. It will act as an exemplar for other public bodies across Ireland, as well as for businesses in Fingal who want to become more sustainable."

AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, said: "This is a natural next step for us in our efforts to lead the way in terms of Climate Change Action within Fingal. With the help of Codema, we have already met our energy consumption to 2020 and are firmly focused on meeting our 2030 target. The team from Lawler Sustainability have a big role to play in helping us achieve major reductions in energy consumption and CO2 emissions."

Daniel Ring, Managing Director of Lawler Sustainability said: "We have experience of successfully working with other local authorities on energy performance and will be implementing a model that has a proven track record which maximises environmental impact while simultaneously generating commercial savings."

Joe Hayden, Senior Executive Engineer with Codema, said: "The Energy Performance Contract model is very successful and is well-established in countries such as Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic, so it is great to see it continuing to strengthen its foothold in Ireland. Energy Performance Contracts not only provides the Council with the security of guaranteed energy savings, it also saves on the cost of maintaining these upgrades over the lifetime of the contract."

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School Zone works commence at St. Philip the Apostle JNS Coolmine

Fingal County Council's Active Travel team has confirmed that work has commenced at St. Philip the Apostle Junior National School as of January 19, 2022.

This School Zone work is part of ongoing Protected Cycle Lane works in the Coolmine area and Fingal County Council will be carrying out works in front of the school for an estimated period of 8-10 weeks.

The works being undertaken have been designed in line with standards outlined by the National Transport Authority. Works include footpath upgrades, the placement of an epoxy surface (a coloured surface) along the road and additional signage. New bollards designed to look like pencils will also be installed as a visual reminder to motorists that they are in a School Zone and must drive



accordingly, slowing their speed and remaining vigilant for children crossing. Finally, a new zebra crossing will also be constructed to the front of the school, with evergreen rain gardens as a key feature of the landscaping.

Fingal County Council has sequenced works to ensure there is no disruption to access for staff and students during the construction period and to minimise the impact to motorists in the area.

Evergreen rain gardens are ground level flower beds built into the footpath. These green features will enhance the streetscape with year-round colour, make use of rainfall for natural watering where light flooding might usually occur and have the added benefit of preventing parking on the footpath.

Road safety and the creation of safe environments for children and adults to walk or wheel to schools is a key priority for Fingal County Council. This programme of work is an important development for the school and local community in Coolmine.

€19,550 awarded by Fingal County Council under the Youth Sports Grants Scheme



Fingal County Council has awarded €19,550 to 46 sports clubs throughout Fingal under the Youth Sports Grants Scheme.

Councillors approved the funding which will see €425 allocated to each of the successful organisations.

This year's Funding Scheme focuses on funding the purchase of equipment to enable sports clubs working with young people to return to safely to their sport following Covid-19 restrictions.

The Fingal Sports Office, part of the network of Sports Ireland Local Sports Partnerships, invited sports clubs to apply for a small grant under this scheme. Successful applicants had to meet a number of criteria such as to have sport for young people as its primary focus and have a voluntary management committee with elected officers.

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council AnnMarie Farrelly said: "We are delighted to see this significant funding being granted to sporting organisations across Fingal. Our sports clubs play such a pivotal role in the health and wellbeing of our community. I would like to commend all the volunteers who give their time and energy to their clubs."

Deputy Mayor of Fingal County Council Cllr Daniel Whooley said: "Fingal County Council received many applications for this year's fund, which shows the interest in the initiative. Sport is an extremely important part of the lives of young people, I am delighted that this is being recognised. Providing

this funding ensures that young people in Fingal can continue to enjoy playing sport in their local clubs."

Having examined all applications, it was decided to award a grant of €425 to the following sports clubs:

Activmultisport, Balbriggan Table Tennis Club, Balrothery Football Club, Balrothery Tennis Club, Bascadden FC, Castleknock Cricket Club, Coolmine Swim Club, Donabate Portrane Tennis Club, Donabate Portrane Special Olympics club, Dublin Sonics Basketball Club, Erin go Bragh GAA Club, Fingal Triathlon Club, Glebe North Football Club, Grove Lawn Tennis Club, Innis Fails Karate Club, Irish Viking Balbriggan Basketball Club, Lambay Sports and Athletics Club, Lir Swim Club, M & F United, Malahide Cricket Club, Malahide Golf Club, Malahide Lawn Tennis Club, Malahide United FC, Malahide Yacht Club, Man O'War GFC, Naomh Barróg CLG, North County Cricket Club, PSLC Badminton Junior Club, River Valley Rangers, Skerries Athletics Club, Skerries Junior Badminton Club, Skerries Lawn Tennis Club, Skerries Sailing Club, St Colmcilles GFC, St Ita's AFC, St.Vincent's Water Polo Club, Starlights GFC, Sutton Lawn Tennis Club, Suttonians Hockey Club, Swords Manor FC, Trackside Lawn Tennis Club.



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