

#### **REBUILDING & REGENERATION**

#### 55 THE HOUSING AGENCY

'Call for Housing 2020' has been issued by Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, to property owners and developers with vacant properties to make them available for use as social housing.

### 56 IRISH COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL HOUSING

Members of the Irish Council for Social Housing have rolled out a range of measures to meet the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### 59 AGE-FRIENDLY HOUSING

Clann aims to address the growing demand for innovative housing for older people by delivering over 800 new homes before the end of 2022.

#### **63 HOUSING FIRST MID-EAST**

County councils in Kildare, Meath and Wicklow have rolled out a Housing First model that will focus on ending homelessness for people with complex needs across the three counties.

#### 66 DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

Dublin City Council has received approval for the regeneration, construction and redevelopment on a range of social housing, commercial and community schemes around the city.

#### 68 KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

One of Kildare County Council's latest social housing schemes, under Rebuilding Ireland's Action Plan, has seen the delivery in Rathangan of 18 new properties to families and individuals who are on the council's social housing list.

#### 70 BARTRA CAPITAL PROPERTY

Mike Flannery, CEO of Bartra Capital Property says there's a troubling myth which implies that shared living puts greater risk on the health of residents in a Covid-19 environment than those living in apartment or house shares.

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An additional investment of €15bn over the next six years in infrastructure and housing is needed to solve the housing and climate change crises in the long-term, according to the Construction Industry Federation.

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The new Waste Action Plan contains a range of measures to improve waste planning and management to move Ireland towards a circular economy under the new five-year policy.

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The County and City Management Association, in collaboration with the Climate Action Regional Offices, is developing a strategy to meet the scale and ambition of the Local Authority Climate Action Charter.

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With people-friendly places rolled out by Cork City Council, the 'Reimagining of Cork City' plan has enabled changes to the configuration of city streets, traffic, modes of transport and quality of life.

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Meath County Council's user-friendly employee engagement app is now available for both indoor and outdoor staff, with the roll out of Thrive.App, following last year's pilot project.

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The 2023 European Green Capital and the 2022 European Green Leaf Awards will again serve to recognise the commitment by those cities in becoming more sustainable regions.

#### 37 EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

The European Commission's Green Deal aims to reach climate neutrality across Europe by 2050. The Irish Green Building Council is leading a number of projects to support local authorities during this transition

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Waterford's Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan, which forms part of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region, provides a high level framework for the sustainable development of the overall Metropolitan Area.

#### 42 WATERFORD NORTH QUAYS

Waterford City and County Council has granted planning permission for the North Quays Strategic Development Zone – an eight-hectare real estate mixed-use scheme in the heart of the city, which comprises the North Quays, Frank Cassin Wharf and the former IAWS site.

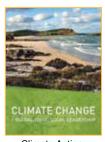
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With construction now underway on three new infrastructure projects at the Adamstown Strategic Development Zone in South Dublin, the €20m development is due for completion in 2022.

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Local authorities can make use of a blueprint for an effective community response to the Covid-19 crisis under the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty, according to Sinéad Gibney, Chief Commissioner of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission.

#### 80 KILKENNY LEADER PARTNERSHIP

Kilkenny LEADER Partnership (KLP) has made funding available for planning, training, capital and marketing to make rural communities smarter and more sustainable for the long-term. A recent 'Smart Villages' workshop heard that the initiative could be duplicated in other rural regions around Ireland.

#### 87 TRAFFIC IMPACT PROJECT

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With Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2020 due to be presented on 26 November, we look back on last year's 'Local Authority of the Year' Award winner – Fingal County Council.

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