



contents

4 NEWS UPDATE

20 LIMERICK REGENERATION

Limerick's Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan includes a €253m investment on physical infrastructure, €30m on social projects and €10m on economic programmes. Northern Ireland government officials and Queen's University Belfast academics recently visited Limerick to study best practices across several regeneration-led projects in the city.

22 IRISH PLANNING AWARDS

A total of 48 entries, including projects from organisations within the public and private sectors, have been submitted to the Irish Planning Institute for the 2023 Irish Planning Awards, which will be presented on Thursday 28 September at Dublin's Clontarf Castle.

26 CLIMATE CHALLENGES

Climate change remains a primary global and national issue and an existential threat. Without seeking to downplay externalities like the digital economy and a major conflict such as the Ukraine/Russia war, future economic and social development will be informed and influenced by long-term policy decisions on climate made in today's short-term political cycle.

32 DUBLIN HOUSING SCHEME

Dublin's four local authorities are now calling on housing developers and home builders to help them to activate or complete housing sites across the city and county, under a new joint initiative to support the housing market in the capital.

36 IRELAND-WALES TOURISM PROJECT

The future of the 'Celtic Routes' tourism project, which has seen initiatives rolled out between local authorities in Wexford, Waterford and Wicklow and their Welsh counterparts in Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion since 2019, is now uncertain due to Brexit, and unless new funds are sourced the project may close at the end of August.

39 FAIRSELECT PROPERTY SOFTWARE

FairSelect – a new property management software set up to make processing applications for rental accommodation, and selecting and managing tenants, both fair and unbiased has been launched by Irish tech company Bynaric. It is now being used by local authorities, including Meath County Council, and approved housing bodies such as Tuath Housing and Respond.

44 MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL

Meath County Council's Economic Development Strategy Roadmap plans to continue with the focus identified in its Economic Development Strategy 2014-2022. The aim is also to ensure that those considering establishing or expanding their business interests within Meath look upon it as an ideal place to live, work and do business.

51 PUBLIC CONSULTATION PILOT

A pilot project has examined new approaches to public engagement as part of the Dundalk Local Area Plan 2024-2030 SEA in Louth. It was part of a research project aimed at enhancing SEA public participation in Ireland, funded by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Office of the Planning Regulator.

57 EUROPEAN FOCUS

The European Committee of the Regions meeting in July featured a debate on the role of local and regional authorities in the defence of democracy, held within the context of a package of measures announced by the European Commission President to defend democracy from covert foreign influence.

61 NORTHERN & WESTERN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The economic divide in the Northern and Western Region compared to the rest of the country is growing, reflecting the legacy of underinvestment in the NW region, which must be addressed by a stimulus package that positively discriminates in favour of this region, according to the Northern and Western Regional Assembly (NWRA).

67 SOUTHERN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Southern Regional Assembly is the managing authority for the roll out of the Southern, Eastern and Midland Regional Programme 2021-2027, the latest European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) programme, which is investing €663 million across 18 counties in the Southern Region and the Eastern and Midland Region in Ireland.



IPi Planning Awards
Page 22



Climate Challenges
Page 26



Meath Economic
Strategy Roadmap
Page 44



EU Regional
Programmes
Page 57



Uisce Eireann Projects
Page 70

COUNCIL REVIEW

14 Upper Fitzwilliam Street,
Dublin 2.

Tel: 01-6785165

Email: admin@councilreview.ie

www.oceanpublishing.ie/council-review

Editor

Grace Heneghan

Managing Director

Patrick Aylward

Graphic Design

Niall Mc Hugh

Advertisement Co-ordinator

Audrey Fitzgerald

'Follow' the magazine on

Twitter @councilreviews and

on Facebook /councilreview.



COUNCIL REVIEW
JOURNAL FOR CITY AND COUNTY COUNCILS

contents

70 UISCE EIREANN

Uisce Éireann's largest-ever capital investment programme of €1bn across the State for the year ahead is on stream, with projects ranging from large-scale water and wastewater treatment plant upgrades to smaller interventions such as reservoir repairs and upgrading pumps, writes Seamus Ryan, Uisce Éireann's Programme Manager of the Greater Dublin Drainage Project.

75 SOCIAL HOUSING FESTIVAL

Dublin has been selected to host the International Social Housing Festival in 2025. The biennial event is an initiative by Housing Europe, the European Federation of Public, Co-operative and Social Housing, and its members and allies, present across 25 countries.



Social Housing Festival
Page 75

77 BON SECOURS HEALTH SYSTEM

Bon Secours Health System (BSHS), which has been on a significant journey since taking over Barringtons Hospital on George's Quay in 2017, is now developing a state-of-the-art new €190 million Bon Secours hospital in Limerick to meet the surging healthcare needs of the mid-west region.

79 CLÚID HOUSING

One of Clúid Housing's newest social housing developments – Dúiche Roden in Dundalk, Co. Louth – was built using Clúid's bespoke Developer Design and Build process and will provide a mix of apartments and houses for 133 families on Louth County Council's housing list.



Cluid Housing
Page 79

81 THE HOUSING AGENCY

The Housing Agency's Procurement Unit has published guidelines to support the provision of 'design and build' housing projects using modern methods of construction, which have the potential to increase the productivity of the construction sector and overcome some of the problems facing the industry.

83 SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

South Dublin County Council's latest development of 133 new cost rental apartments at Belgard Square North in Tallaght, which is expected to be completed and occupied in 2025, represents the State's first standalone cost rental project by a local authority.



Dublin City Parks Division
Page 85

85 DUBLIN CITY PARKS DIVISION

A new scale of greening strategy for Ireland's capital city from Dublin City Council's 'Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services' has been launched, with the focus of DCC's in-house landscape architectural team on creating nature-based solutions that can be easily retro-fitted into the urban landscape, writes landscape architect Peter Leonard.

89 AILG REPORT

The Association of Irish Local Government has expressed major concerns to the Council of Europe (COE) and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (CLRAE) that Ireland has the most centralised system of local government compared to its European counterparts in terms of powers, functions, service delivery and funding.



LGMA Wellbeing Programme
Page 101

95 LAMA AWARDS 2023

Following the 'Trip to Tipp' for the 2023 All-Ireland Community and Council Awards, which were held in Clonmel for the first time, LAMA Chairperson and Tipperary's Cllr Micheal Anglim requested that the awards ceremony be moved outside Dublin on alternate years!

101 LGMA WELLBEING PROGRAMME

In line with the Government's National Framework for Healthy Workplaces, local authorities can now avail of funding for strategic initiatives to support and maintain the wellbeing of council staff under a new programme co-ordinated by the LGMA.



MTU Cyber Security Training
Page 103

103 MUNSTER TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

Just how prepared is the local government sector in dealing with ransomware attacks, which have served to highlight the need to develop proactive and strategic approaches to cyber security. Munster Technological University is now offering one such solution with a customised course in cyber-security awareness and risk mitigation for local authorities.

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that the information included is correct, the publisher cannot accept responsibility for errors, omissions or discrepancies. The views expressed are not necessarily those of the publisher.

All rights reserved
Council Review © 2023