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4 NEWS UPDATE

13 EURO FOCUS

The deadline date for applications to the 2023 European Green Capital and the 2022 European Green Leaf Awards, which will recognise those cities that are committed to becoming more sustainable regions, is 28 October.

16 NORTHERN & WESTERN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Following the findings of its recent report, the NWRA states that a policy of positive discrimination is required to accelerate growth and stem decline in the north, west and border communities of Ireland.

18 WESTERN DEVELOPMENT

With the new Programme for Government now in place, Tomás Ó Siochán, CEO of the Western Development Commission, outlines how it will sit with the WDC's statutory role of supporting balanced social and economic development in western and north-western counties.

22 HOUSING FIRST MID-EAST

County councils in Kildare, Meath and Wicklow will work in association with Peter McVerry Trust to deliver the Housing First model in the mid-east, to address the homeless situation for people with complex needs across the three counties.

27 DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL HOUSING

Dublin City Council has reached key milestones on a number of projects that form part of its ongoing housing programme,

having received approval for the regeneration, construction and redevelopment on a range of social housing, commercial and community schemes.

28 SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

South Dublin County Council has been working continuously to maintain its range of services for businesses and to provide community support and advice, especially to those vulnerable and 'at risk' citizens in the county, during the Covid-19 pandemic.

35 EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The 17th Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2020 will be presented on 26 November in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, to showcase best practice in local government and to recognise the skills, innovation and enthusiasm within local government that can often go unrecognised.

39 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Iarnród Éireann continues to work in close co-operation with the National Transport Authority and other public transport operators to ensure that essential services are on track in meeting all public travel needs during the Covid-19 pandemic.

41 RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Donegal County Council is the lead partner of the new Atlantic Area Trail Gazers Project, which includes trails in spectacular locations from Donegal to Portugal. It has been set up to stimulate rural community growth by linking strategic walking and recreational pathways in areas of natural, built and cultural heritage with the surrounding towns and villages.



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45 MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL

Meath County Council's Library Service has set up a partnership agreement with Facebook, under a new 'Laptops for Loan' initiative, in which up to 900 laptops will initially be made available to fifth year and Leaving Cert Applied students in Meath, before being circulated to the wider community when Covid-19 social distancing restrictions are lifted in the future.

48 PUBLIC LIABILITY CLAIMS

Compo culture may be a scourge on local authorities, but Larry Fenelon, solicitor and co-founder of a legal technology company, says it will not always be the case, as he outlines how technology is helping local authorities to reduce public liability claims by delivering appropriate solutions to digitally collate appropriate data.

52 FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Fingal County Council is due to start the construction of the Broadmeadow Greenway in 2021, following recent notification that An Bord Pleanála has granted planning permission for the €12m project to link Malahide and Donabate across the Broadmeadow Estuary.

55 CORK CITY COUNCIL

Cork City Council has rolled out up to 76 electric vehicles

(EVs), thereby creating the biggest local authority EV fleet in the country, which will result in substantial savings of up to €700,000 over five years for the council.

57 ENERGY RENOVATION

The BUILD UP Skills Advisor app, launched by the Irish Green Building Council in conjunction with Limerick Institute of Technology, will allow building professionals and construction workers to identify energy renovation training courses that suit their needs in just one click.

59 CLIMATE ACTION POLL

Public support for greater climate action in Ireland, particularly in relation to the transport, housing and farming sectors, is the among the highest in Europe, according to the findings of an opinion poll by Friends of the Earth, marking this year's World Environment Day.

60 WEXFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Government's Temporary Covid-19 Wage Subsidy Scheme must remain in place for a full 12 months along with a reduction or suspension in commercial rates for businesses in County Wexford to prosper again, according to the findings of a major report produced by the recently-formed County Wexford Chamber of Commerce.

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