



Fingal County Council's ambitious €767m three-year Capital Programme sets out significant investment on projects across the county, with a strong emphasis on the delivery of housing, active travel measures and expansion of greenway infrastructure over its lifetime.

The three-year rolling programme (2021-2023) identifies 233 individual projects across all seven council divisions with an estimated spend of €767.12m, representing a 24% increase on the previous plan. The programme projects a capital spend of €217m in 2021, followed by €246m in 2022 and a further €303m in 2023.

The Council's commitment to delivering housing and meeting Government targets, having delivered over 6,150 social housing solutions between 2015 and 2019, will continue with €334m set aside over the next three years. Over €116m has been earmarked for housing in 2021 with €218m due to be spent over the following two years.

Up to €146.69m has been allocated towards Fingal's active travel and greenway infrastructure projects, which will allow work to continue on delivering key schemes such as the Broadmeadow Greenway, the Sutton-to-Malahide Greenway, Fingal Coastal Way, Royal Canal Urban Greenway, Harry Reynolds Road Cycleway and the Damastown-Clonsilla Cycle Route Design.

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITMENT

Mayor of Fingal Cllr David Healy said: "This is a comprehensive investment programme from Fingal County Council which has a strong emphasis on housing and development of greenway infrastructure across the county.

"Our commitment to Climate Change Action is reinforced with significant funding set aside for active travel infrastructure to enable walking and cycling throughout the county. This is in addition to completing the conversion of public lighting to LED and the provision of electric vehicle charging points."



"The investment programme has a strong emphasis on housing across the county" – Mayor of Fingal Cllr David Healy



He also referred to the continued vital investment in Fingal's range of parks, which he said, are playing a key role for the health and wellbeing of citizens in Fingal, as the county deals with the challenges brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Fingal's Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly described the

programme as “an ambitious investment” across all areas of the county. “Despite the challenges that have been brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic, Fingal County Council is committed to fulfilling our mission to be a great place to live, work, visit and do business.

“Given the growing nature of our county, there are always competing demands the latest capital programme sets out a strategic and balanced approach to



Fingal’s Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly noted that despite the challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the council is committed to fulfilling its mission.



During 2020 Fingal spent €19m on projects such as the ‘Our Balbriggan’ community initiative, which was a finalist in the EU Innovation in Politics Awards in the ‘Democracy’ category. The project saw 25% of the population of Ireland’s youngest town involved in the consultation process which led to the publication of the rejuvenation plan for Balbriggan.

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SWARDS CULTURAL QUARTER

Under the three-year programme, a further €20m has been set aside for the delivery of the Swords Cultural Quarter, which will include a county library, performance areas and arts spaces; with €2.5m allocated for 2021.

Some €5.8m has been set aside for libraries in 2021 with €2.5m earmarked for the refurbishment of Skerries Library next

year as part of an overall expenditure of €5.7m over the course of the programme.

Meanwhile, Fingal’s Community, Culture and Sports Departments have been allocated a total of €13.7m over the course of three years, with an expenditure of €2.7m set aside for next year which will see continued investment in Community Centre upgrades and the Rush multi-purpose facility.

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Significant investment in road transportation projects will also continue with €8m set aside for the Snugborough Road Interchange in both 2021 and 2022 as part of an overall capital expenditure of €17m on the project. Investment in developing recreational hubs including River Valley Park all-weather pitch and Porterstown Park has also been set aside.

The Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Department will account for €73.95m during 2021-2023 with €19m having already been spent on projects in 2020 such as the ‘Our Balbriggan’ community initiative, plus the development works at Newbridge House, Malahide Castle and Ardgillan Castle.

The Operations Department has been allocated €40m, which will see continued investment in the LED Public Lighting Improvement Programme, playground upgrades, electric charging points and public toilet refurbishment at various locations, as well as development of parklands and recreational areas across the county.



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