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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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Swords
Co. Dublin

Wednesday, 14th June 2023

To Each Member of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development
Strategic Policy Committee.

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic
Policy Committee. will be held Hybrid at 4.00 pm on Wednesday, 21st June,
2023 to consider the following Agenda:

Yours Faithfully

Nikki Halleran
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services

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A G E N D A

- 1 Confirmation and Re-affirmation of the Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on the 21st March 2023
- 2 Work Programme Update
- 3 Fingal Economic Strategy
- 4 Local Economic & Community Plan
- 5 Stephenstown Economic Zone
- 6 Fingal Skills Strategy Review
- 7 Sustainable Fingal Progress Monitoring
- 8 Regeneration / Town Centre First

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Minutes of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic
Policy Committee.

Tuesday, 21st March, 2023

PRESENT

Councillor Ian Carey;
Councillor Ted Leddy;
Councillor Siobhan Shovlin;
Councillor Breda Hanaphy;
Councillor Howard Mahony;
Councillor Anthony Lavin;
Mr Anthony Cooney, Fingal
Chamber;
Ms Yetunde Joyce, PPN.

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Tony Murphy

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Darragh Butler, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

John Quinlivan, Director; Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer; Oisín Geoghegan, Head of Enterprise; Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer; Deirdre Sinclair, Administrative Officer; Helena Humphries, Senior Enterprise Development Officer; Pat Boyle, Senior Architect, Architects Department.

EETD/1/23 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 14th December 2022

The minutes of the last meeting held on 14th December 2022 were proposed by Councillor Mahony and seconded by Councillor Lavin.

The minutes of the meetings of the 14th December 2022, were **AGREED**.

EETD/2/23 (Agenda Item No 2)

Local Enterprise Office Fingal - Outputs 2022 and Plan for 2023

Oisín Geoghegan, Head of Enterprise gave a presentation covering training and events held in 2022 by the Local Enterprise Office Fingal, new initiatives rolled out in 2022, Local Enterprise Week 2023, the Student Enterprise Awards 2023, key performance indicators and Strategic Priorities for LEO Fingal 2021 – 2024. It also included LEO's Strategic Focus for 2023. The presentation was well received by the SPC members. Councillor Mahony and Councillor Butler commended the LEO team for their proactive and positive approach, acknowledging their support of businesses and individuals and their collaboration with other partner organisations to successfully deliver events and promotion of businesses in Fingal.

EETD/3/23 (Agenda Item No 6)

Shackleton Mills Update

It was **AGREED** to Vary the Order of Business and take Item 6.

Pat Boyle, Senior Architect gave a presentation on the conservation works at Shackleton Mills including details of studies, conservation plan and process and future uses of the site including raising awareness through a “digital interpretative centre” for the site.

Following questions from Councillor Mahony, Councillor Leddy and Councillor Shovlin, Mr Quinlivan and Mr Boyle advised Members that the plan presented was a Conservation Plan, primarily addressing the protection of the structure and that the long term feasible use for the building would now be examined.

Following a request, it was agreed that a tour of the building would be arranged for interested members.

EETD/4/23 (Agenda Item No 3)

Tourism Strategy Update

Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, gave an update on the Tourism Strategy. The Improvement Plan is to be finalised in April, draft Strategy & Marketing Plan, SPC review/feedback in May and SPC sign off in June 2023. Councillor Butler thanked DP and the report was noted by the Councillors.

EETD/5/23 (Agenda Item No 4)

Food Policy Update

Declan Power gave an update on the Food Policy. Development of draft Policy is due in April, review and development of final Policy in May and creation of final document for

publishing in June 2023. Councillor Butler and Councillor Mahony thanked DP and the report was noted and accepted by Councillors.

EETD/6/23 (Agenda Item No 5)
Fingal Festival Feasibility Update

It was **AGREED** to take Item 5 and Item 7 concurrently.

EETD/7/23 (Agenda Item No 7)
TASCQ CLG Partnership Funding

Declan Power gave an update on the Fingal Festival Feasibility and TASCQ CLG Partnership funding which stemmed from a motion proposed by Councillor Onwumereh which was passed at full Council. Following a feasibility study by Whitelight Consulting, it is proposed to hold two live concerts simultaneously in Balbriggan and Blanchardstown in July 2023. Planning and promotion will be undertaken by Fingal Events Unit in partnership with TASCQ. TASCQ, a not-for-profit entity, have built a positive working relationship with FCC for several years and will bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the project.

Councillor Butler commended the Report noting previous similar successful events in Farmleigh and that we have areas such as Ardgillan, Balbriggan harbour and Millennium Park in Blanchardstown for such events.

DP noted these concerts would also link in with our Food Policy and Tourism Strategy and all these initiatives will drive each other forward.

Report was **NOTED**

MOTIONS

EETD/8/23 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor D. Butler - Swords Castle Markets

Report provided. Motion proposed by Councillor Butler and Seconded by Councillor Mahony.

The motion in the name of Cllr Butler was **ACCEPTED**

EETD/9/23 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor H. Mahony - Stall Concessions in Fingal

Report provided. Motion Proposed by Councillor Mahony and Seconded by Councillor Butler.

The motion in the name of Cllr Mahony was **ACCEPTED**

EETD/10/23 (Agenda Item No)

A.O.B

John Quinlivan gave a presentation to the Councillors on what is planned for the June EETD SPC.

The Meeting concluded at 6.00pm

CHAIRPERSON

DATED

Economic Development Strategy

SPC 21st June 2023



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Agenda Item 3

Economic Development Strategy

- Grant Thornton Consultants
- Socio-economic profile
- Economic Forum

Local Economic & Community Plan

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Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)

- Grant Thornton Consultants
- Steering Committee & 3 sub-groups
- Socio-economic profile & review LECP
- Vision & High-level objectives

Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)

- Consultations with Elected Members x 3
- Public Consultations x 3 – 27th (Balbriggan); 28th (Blanchardstown); 29th (Swords)
- Online via Consultation Portal
- Webinar 22nd July
- Draft LECP September & feedback



Local Economic & Community Plan

Invitation to an **Open Public Consultation** for the Local Economic Community Plan for Fingal County Council: 2023 - 2028

Join Us and Have Your Say!



The purpose of the LECP is to set out the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic development and the local and community development of the relevant local authority area

Help us set the objectives for the development of your local community and your local economy over the next 6 years

Online Public Consultation: Sat 22nd July

Balbriggan	Blanchardstown	Swords
Tues 27th June	Wed 28th June	Thurs 29th June
Venue: Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan	Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown	Venue: Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport
7 - 9pm	7 - 9pm	7 - 9pm

Stephenstown Economic Zone

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Stephenstown Economic Zone

- Strategic Acquisitions
- Engineering & related consultancies tender
- Marketing material
- URBACT – EcoCore Project
Albu Iulia, Romania; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Kekava, Latvia; Ormoz, Slovenia; Parnu, Estonia; Santo Tirso, Portugal; Tuusula, Finland; Villena, Spain.



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Fingal Skills Strategy

Ideas • Collaboration • Action

Bringing industry, academia and agencies together to develop solutions for current and future skills needs.

Fingal Skills Strategy – SPC Update

June 2023



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SKYLA

SKYLA Project “Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition”

The project will have a term of 4 years and will focus on enhancing the role of VET in smart specialisation sectors.

Projects Lead: Tuscany, Italy

Partners: 11 in total from Poland, Sweden, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Greece, Belgium & Ireland





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SKYLA

SWOT Analysis

Baseline Analysis

Policy Instrument: Skills Strategy



Implementation



STEERING GROUP
ESTABLISHED



SECTORAL SUB-
GROUPS
ESTABLISHED



DRSF SKILLS AUDITS



SKILLS HUB ON FCC
WEBSITE



SCHOOLS
ENGAGEMENT



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SKYLA

6 Project Phases (6 months)

2 Follow-Up Phases

Key Action: Refresh Skills Strategy

Results anticipated Phase 3 (Q3 2024)

Procure consultants & engage with
SOLAS

SKYLA Fingal Visit 6/7/8 November

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Reporting: project's results

Insight into project's results

TAB 1
Results expected to be reported starting from PR3

- ideally policy improvements reported for all policy instruments by PR6
- Action Plans for the remaining ones

TAB 2
Learning process to be described starting from PR1

Distinctions:

- policy development work in progress
- policy improvement as a direct result of the exchange of experience
- territorial effects as long-term measurable results

Partner policy report

Tab 1 - Details on policy instrument

- 1. General information**
General features, filled in only in PR1
- 2. Policy improvements**
Available only from PR3.
Action plan in PR6 - If no policy improvement reached yet.
- 3. Territorial effect**
Available only in the last PR - PR8, provided that the policy instrument was improved

Tab 2 - Reporting on the learning process

A. Progress towards policy improvements
Individual and organisational learning including reporting on the APAs, if any

B. Achievement
Organisational learning achieved within the project.
Available only in the last PR - PR8

NEW

Improvement must be demonstrated



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SKYLA

Communications

Website

June Meeting of Implementation
Group

Terms of Reference

Expansion & additional sub-groups

Nomination of Elected Member



Xplore

YOUR FUTURE

FINGAL TV SKILLS EXPO 2023



get
HANDS-ON



TheHelix



See it
BE IT



get
TECHY



be
SOCIAL



get
SPORTY



Save The Date

TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2023

Future career options

Apprenticeships
– earn & learn

Careers in Arts

Gaming &
Broadcasting



See it

BE IT

Sustainable Fingal Update

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MoU – FCC/DCU/DAA

- Driving innovation & sustainability
- Focus on environmental, social, economic challenges
- DIFFER
Feasibility Study of District Heating – from data centres to supply Dublin Airport (SEAI)
- ATLAS
AI real-time connect on-demand mobility as a service (SFI Sustainable Communities Challenge)

- Circular Cities Declaration approved by Council
- Action plan being drafted
- Alignment with LA CAP
- Proposed LA CAP actions:
 - Expansion of Green Skills Sub-group under Fingal Skills Strategy
 - Evaluation of Council lands for sustainable project opportunities
 - Incorporation of circularity principles into Economic Development Plan;
 - Incorporation of sustainability into Stephenstown Economic Zone plan via URBACT EcoCore Project

The Role of the Town Regeneration Office

Presentation to
Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC
21/06/2023

Declan Ryan: Town Regeneration Officer

Challenges facing our Towns

- Building Vacancy/Dereliction
- Lack of vibrancy
- Lag between population growth and Town centre development
- How to increase employment in Town centres
- Lower dwell times
- Out of Town/Online shopping
- Poor pedestrian/cycling access
- Less desire to live in Town Centre
- Lack of parking, access to green spaces
- Perceptions of Towns



Origin of the Regeneration Office

The **Town Centre First policy** aims to create town centres that function as viable, vibrant and attractive locations for people to live, work and visit, while also functioning as the service, social, cultural and recreational hub for the local community.

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- Policy & **Action**
- Has Cross-Government support
- Puts Town Centres at the heart of decision making
- Leverages Funding to deliver on actions
- **Town Regeneration Officers**



Key Roles of the Town Regeneration Officer

- Assist Town teams in driving Town Centre First objectives
- Activate multi-disciplinary teams from within the Council
- Manage project delivery & be the link between the Town Teams and the Council
- Support Town Teams in undertaking a Town Centre Health Check
- Leverage funding sources to assist Town projects
- Form part of a national network to support Knowledge Development and share best practice
- Develop capacity within the Council through the Regeneration Office to deliver Regeneration Projects in Fingal's Towns and Villages

Fingal's Regeneration Office

Director
Economic, Enterprise,
Tourism and Cultural
Development

Town Regeneration
Officer
& Regeneration Office
Team

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Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Project
Programme Delivery & Governance
Urban Regeneration Development Fund
Call 1 and 2

Town Centre First Plans
Rural Regeneration Development Fund
Town and Village Renewal Schemes
Streetscape Enhancement Schemes
Shopfront Improvement Schemes
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
Others

Alignment with
Derelict Sites
Vacant Homes
Vacant Sites
Vacant Homes Funding
Urban Regeneration Development Fund
Call 3

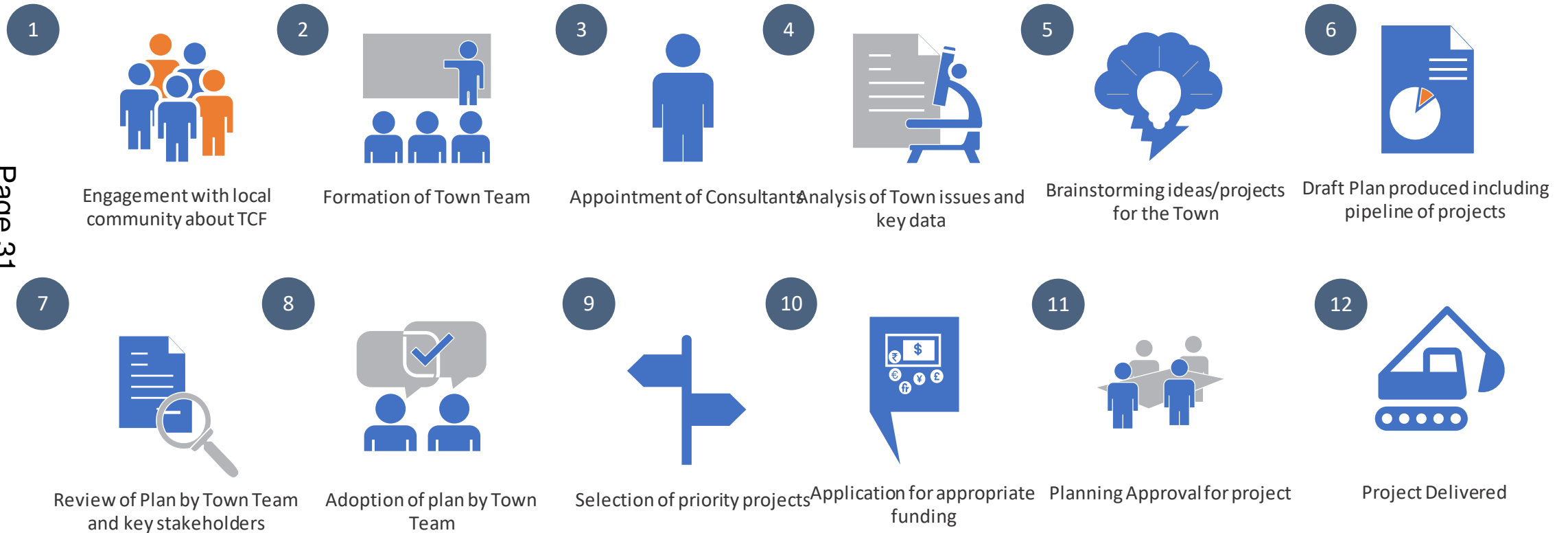
Regeneration Opportunities

- Demographic Change & Housing Choice
- Experience-led blend of retail
- Digital Transformation & Remote Working
- Regeneration of Public Spaces
- Climate Change Adaptation
- Local Solutions to Local Issues
- Town Teams /Liaison Committees/
Community Councils already existing



Regeneration through Town Centre First Plan Process

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Funding for Town Regeneration

- Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) > 10,000 people
- Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) < 10,000 people
- Town & Village Renewal Scheme
- Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Fund (ORIS)
- LEADER Programme
- Housing for All
- Crói Cónaithe (Towns) fund
- European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) programme for Towns via the Regional Assemblies
- Active Travel Funding
- Climate adaptation/retrofitting funding
- Built Heritage supports such as the Historic Towns Initiative (HTI)
- Fingal County Council Revenue and Capital Budgets

Regeneration - Local Delivery

- Every town is unique
- Tailored plan/ approach needed for each Town
- Local Community driven via Town Team (or equivalents)
- Substantial funding available to be sourced and targeted
- Support from Elected Members
- Local ownership
- Regeneration Office to support & champion

Questions?



