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20th March 2024

To Each Member of the Community Development, Heritage Culture &
Creativity Strategic Policy Committee

Dear Member

A meeting of the Community Development, Heritage Culture & Creativity
Strategic Policy Committee will be held in the at 4.30pm on Wednesday,
27th March, 2024 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 Minutes of the Community Development, Heritage Culture & Creativity SPC meeting held on 13th December 2023
- 2 Work Plan 2024
- 3 Fingal Heritage Plan 2024 - 2030
- 4 Update on Creative Ireland - Funding Call and Cruinniú na nÓg
- 5 Local Sport & Physical Activity Plan 2024 - 2029

MOTIONS

- 6 Councillor J. Hopkins - Shared Pool Facilities Partnership Pilot with a Third Party Agency - St. Michael's House, Baldoyle - AI095372
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Fingal County Council

Arts, Culture, Heritage & Community Development SPC

Held on MS Teams 13th December 2023 @4.30pm

Present

Elected Members

Councillor Joan Hopkins – Chair
Councillor Cathal Boland
Councillor John Walsh
Councillor JK Onwumereh
Councillor Brendan Ryan

Members/Others

N/A

Council Officials

Betty Boardman	County Librarian	Libraries
Lilian Whelan	Senior Executive Librarian	Libraries
Linda Ennis	Principal Community Officer	Community
Gerard Reardon	Principal Sports Officer	Sports
Tricia Matthews	Administrative Officer	Community
Rosanne Martin	Senior Staff Officer	Community
Julie Clarke	Youth & Education Officer	Arts

Apologies

Councillor Grainne Maguire

Absent

Abi Wise PPN Representative

1. Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27th September 2023

The minutes were proposed by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Boland.

2. Fingal Library Development Plan 2024 – 2029

Betty Boardman, County Librarian, gave the Committee a presentation on the Fingal Library Service Development Plan 2024 – 2029 which outlined the following main points:

- Definition of the Development Plan
- Methodology and Timeline
- Achievements 2018 – 2023
- Vision, Mission, and Values
- Theme 1: Space and Place

- Theme 2: Engagement and Collaboration
- Theme 3: Access and Inclusion
- Theme 4: Culture and Knowledge
- Results of schools and organisations survey
- Public Survey
- Ratings of library services

Cllr Walsh commended Libraries on their works particularly during the covid pandemic. He also praised the 'Maker Space' as a positive initiative in Dublin 15. Cllr Walsh enquired if history and heritage grants were available under the Creative Ireland scheme.

Betty Boardman advised that the Dublin 15 library is the flagship for 'Maker Space', and it is hoped to incorporate the initiative into other libraries in the future. Lilian Whelan advised that the call for Creative Ireland grant applications would be made between Jan – Feb 2024. There are no specific grants for history and heritage, any project can apply, it must be creative in nature.

Cllr Ryan enquired how Libraries were reaching out to non-Irish nationalities, he asked what democratic meant in the context of 'Space & Place.' He also enquired if any negatives were found when surveys were conducted.

Betty explained that a vast range of diverse backgrounds use libraries and the democratic meaning referred to the space being open to everyone, no matter who or where you are from. The negatives found in the survey were certain areas having lack of space, noise, lack of quiet spaces and some facilities being out of order i.e.: lifts.

Cllr Hopkins also commended the libraries; she enquired if water fountains, and recycling facilities could be introduced at Libraries and if they could make use of the outdoor space at Library facilities to enhance learning.

Betty will confirm if water fountains can be installed, and she mentioned that all patrons to the library are encouraged to bring home their waste. Skerries, Garristown, Rush and Baldoyle currently make use of their outside space.

Cllr Onwumereh praised the staff and services that the libraries offer to the community. He enquired when Multicultural day would take place in 2024.

Lilian advised that the libraries are currently planning their Spring events and this brochure will be released in early January.

Betty asked the committee if she had their permission to bring the Draft Fingal Library Development Plan 2024 – 2029 to the Full Council meeting in January 2024. All present agreed.

3. Update on the Review into the Council's Youth and Education Policy

Julie Clarke, Youth & Education Officer Fingal Arts Office gave the Committee a presentation on the Youth and Education Policy review, the main points to note were:

- Partnerships at the core of the policy
- Purpose of Review

- County Arts Plan 2019 – 2025 – Children & Young People
- Policy Landscape is Complex
- Music Generation Fingal
- Arts Council, An Invitation to Collaboration
- Creative Ireland 2017 – 2027
- Artform Development – Youth Dance in New & Diverse Communities
- Musician-in-Residence Programme 2019 – 2024
- Microforest An Art & Ecology Project at Blakestown Community School
- Dunsink Observatory: A New Partnership in Arts Education
- Policy Review Q1

Cllr Ryan enquired about the selection process for the Music in Residence programme and was Irish dancing being considered.

Julie advised that a county wide public call out was made in 2019. There were thirty-five applications of which twenty-five were selected. A mapping project is currently being undertaken to map all dance classes of which Irish dancing will be included.

Cllr Onwumereh enquired if the PPN are consulted and if there is youth participation.

Julie advised that it is hard to document youth participation and imagery. The PPN are consulted on the larger pieces of work.

Cllr Boland enquired if the IMMS in Balbriggan could be used as a stage space, as large theatre type venues could enhance the programme.

Julie advised that they do work with the IMMS and have a good relationship with them.

Cllr Hopkins enquired if enough money is being spent in the Arts and how needs are being met on a tight budget.

Julie advised that non DEIS schools were required to match fund.

4. Update on Fingal Countywide Sports Facilities Audit 2023

Gerard Reardon gave the committee a brief update on the Fingal Countywide Sports Facilities Audit 2023. He explained that the audit is still on-going and is currently in the interim process.

Fieldwork has been completed, survey data is nearing completion and reporting is ongoing. 845 facilities have been identified.

Cllr Onwumereh commended the sports team and the work being conducted in this area.

Cllr Hopkins welcomed the fact that the audit is based on need. She queried if facilities would be accessible in terms of affordability as well as disability and when would the final audit be available.

Gerard will ask for the audit to include affordability and the final should be available in Q1 2024.

The meeting concluded at 6.00pm



Community Development, Heritage, Culture &

Creativity SPC

DRAFT Workplan 2024





Introduction:

The role of the Strategic Policy Committee is to assist the Council in the formulation, development and review of policy. The Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity SPC covers a wide range of functions/services carried out by the Council including Libraries, Arts, Sports, Community Development, Heritage and the Irish Language. Its membership also includes representatives from the Fingal Public Participation network who are a valuable addition to the work of the committee. This SPC Work plan proposes to concentrate on pertinent policy matters for each of the functions/services of the committee over 2024 and I recommend it to the Council for approval.

SPC Membership:

Councillor J Hopkins (Chairperson)
Councillor J.K Onwumereh
Councillor J Walsh
Councillor G Maguire
Councillor B Ryan
Councillor C Boland
Abi Wise – PPN Community and Voluntary

Corporate Plan 2019 – 2024:

Vision – Fingal a great place to live, work, visit and do business

Our Mission – to be a vibrant, outward looking, well run Council that shows leadership and embraces diversity and opportunity.

Strategic themes with priorities and objectives relevant to this SPC:

Theme 1: Quality of Life

Priority: Support the diverse needs of the people of Fingal

Objectives:

1. Strive to ensure that all communities in Fingal irrespective of age, nationality, ethnicity, religious or cultural background are encouraged to participate in, and to avail of the services delivered by the Council.
2. Develop and enhance the arts and cultural identity of Fingal, make space for the arts connecting people and ideas and encouraging participation in all art forms.
3. Provide dynamic and inclusive library spaces and services for the community
4. Support culture & recreation and enable literacy, education and economic development through innovative programmes.



5. Create effective pathways for citizens of Fingal to develop and participate in lifelong patterns of involvement in sport, recreation and leisure creating healthy lifestyles and building a sustainable approach to sport development.

Priority: Ensure our existing and new communities are safe, inclusive and sustainable

Objectives:

1. Build a strong sense of place, identity and wellbeing through the development of equal, inclusive and connected communities
2. Support the development of strong, safe and engaged communities to actively participate in civic life celebrating our identity through arts, culture, heritage and sport
3. Support the growth of strong and resilient neighbourhoods.

Priority: - Develop engagement with our stakeholders.

Objective: Strengthen, support and expand the work of the Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN)

Theme 2: Quality and Climate Resilient Environment

Priority: Protect our environment and heritage

Objectives;

1. Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the County
2. Promote the unique urban, rural and coastal landscape character of Fingal
3. Support the unique cultural heritage of Fingal and the Irish Language

Annual Service Delivery Plan 2024

Implement the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019 - 2025	Deliver Arts Programmes Administer the Artists' Support Scheme & 2003 Arts Act Funding. Support Draiocht and Seamus Ennis Arts Centre
Implement the 8 Year Framework with the Arts Council	Actions of the Framework agreement are agreed and delivered
Community Development	Implement FCC Community Development Office Vision Statement 2019 – 2023 through the various workplans for each work area Support the formulation of the LECP (Local Economic & Community Plan) (community aspect)
To provide developmental and management support to voluntary Fingal County Council facility committees	To ensure that FCC facilities are run and managed to a high standard, are working towards sustainability and are accessible to the whole community. Continued support of 34 community facilities Monitoring and oversight of Facilities Funding



	streams and KPI processes
Continue to manage an ongoing maintenance programme for all of Fingal County Council owned community centres.	To work through the works identified on the workplan in conjunction with the Architects Department.
To support, through grant funding, emergency enhancement works for non-council owned community facilities.	To promote and support non-council owned facilities to avail of grant funding.
Supports to Community & Voluntary programmes of activities	Administer the various Funding Schemes. Provision of Community Training Programmes.
Fingal Public Participation Network	Implement PPN Strategy Continue the oversight role for PPN Work Plan and expenditure. Support the work of the PPN Migrant Integration Forum.
Fingal Migrant Integration & Social Cohesion Policy	Support the implementation of the Fingal Migrant Integration & Social Cohesion Policy and action plan: Monitor progress of the 5 Pillars Participate in the Community Integration Pillar of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan
Fingal Comhairle na nÓg	Maintain oversight of the external delivery of the Fingal Comhairle na nÓg programme.
Swords Civic & Cultural Centre	Work with the Steering Committee to progress the Arts and cultural elements of the Swords Cultural Quarter
Continue to support the work of Fingal Age Friendly Programme	Development of new 5-year Age friendly strategy 2024 – 2028 Strategy Continue to support the work of the Older Peoples Council & Age Friendly Alliance
Implement a new Sports Development Plan 2023 – 2027. Improve County-wide sport development, by deploying area-based Development Officers. Sport will look to deliver a suite of Programmes befitting all ‘target groups’ within Fingal. The Sport Section will also deliver the ‘Fingal Sport Facilities Audit’, important for future proofing FCC facilities, in first half of 2024.	Develop and deliver a range of age/ability specific traditional and new programmes with emphasis on specific target groups (school/youth sports programmes, women in sport, older adult programmes and disability sports.), throughout all areas of Fingal. Section will also deliver ‘FCC Sport Facilities Audit’ in first half of 2024.
Implement the Libraries Development Plan 2024 – 2029.	Successfully Implement the actions of the Libraries Development Plan over the 6-year period.
Provide welcoming, democratic, safe, and sustainable hubs at the heart of	Work in partnership with other departments to develop and maintain library buildings and services



our communities.	that meet the highest standard of construction, energy efficiency and service delivery.
Engage and collaborate with local, national and community groups, to provide inclusive diverse, and relevant services and programming.	Communicate our plans and programmes through all mediums and look to engage with various models of delivery.
Provide accessible and inclusive places for all to visit.	Improve opening hours through the My Open Library system and continue to develop collections, including special collections, digital and other resources that meet the needs of the County's diverse population.
Provide citizens with access to cultural, creative, and learning opportunities to reflect the lifelong learning needs of a changing society.	Reflect national programmes across themes of creativity, literacy, sustainability, and age friendly initiatives.
Coordinate the implementation of the Fingal Creative Ireland Programme.	Deliver a full programme of creative engagement opportunities across Fingal through funding and programming. Deliver the Cruinniú na nÓg programme celebrating creativity for children and young people.
Music Generation Fingal	To continue to develop Music Generation, from its initial pilot phase, in Balbriggan & Swords, and spread it out to the whole county.
Our Balbriggan	Work with 'Our Balbriggan' and third parties to deliver art & cultural elements of the rejuvenation plan, including Artists' studios and public art commissions.

Heritage - Principal Services

Implement the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030.	Successfully implement the objectives and actions of the Heritage Plan over the 6-year period and review the Fingal Community Archaeology Strategy 2019-2023
Continue to promote heritage within the Council and the County	Work cross departmentally to develop innovative, integrated ways of public engagement with heritage, targeting new audiences. Integrate heritage into Fingal County Council's public events programme. Continue to provide opportunities for



	community access to heritage by enabling involvement in the Community Archaeology programme and other initiatives.
Continue protection and management of Fingal's Heritage	Build on the Climate Change Risk Assessment of Fingal's cultural heritage and citizen science Heritage X Climate programme Safeguard the authenticity of heritage related tourism by ensuring best practice heritage management. Support the care of important archaeological and heritage sites through the provision of best practice guidance to owners/managers and support owners of protected structures through the implementation of Government funding schemes. Continue to administer the Community Monuments Fund grant scheme and identify opportunities for the protection of archaeological monuments within the county.
Continue supporting Heritage as an amenity for Fingal	Work cross departmentally to ensure the Heritage Plan supports the implementation of current and pending Fingal plans. Ensure care, conservation and enjoyment of heritage is integrated into the Council's processes and projects. Support communities in the development of heritage and heritage-tourism initiatives.

Irish Language – Principal Services

Implement Irish Language Commitments of Legislation	Delivery of the Irish Language Legislation
Promote the Irish Language within the Council and the County	Deliver on the commitments of the Irish Language scheme and other Irish Language legislation, including the Irish Language Amendment Act 2021 particularly regarding advertising. Continue to promote the Irish Language within the council with Gaelchultúr Training Courses for staff and promotional measures/activities. Deliver Gaeltacht Scholarship Scheme for Secondary Level Students. Promote Irish in the County through events including Libraries and County Hall particularly for Seachtain na Gaeilge, Via social media and incorporating Irish into Fingal County Council Events



Coiste na Gaeilge – Irish Language Sub Committee of SPC made up of Fingal Staff and Councillors, representatives of Irish Language Organisations	Continue to work with the Irish Language Sub-Committee of the SPC to promote Irish in the Council and the County
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Budget 2024:

Libraries		Total budget
➤ Library Service Operations	€10,823,000	€18,256,600
➤ Archive Service	€147,800	
➤ Purchase of books, CDs etc.,	€1,000,000	
➤ Service Support Costs	€6,285,800	
Sports Office		
➤ Agency Services	€548,000	€1,333,000
➤ Sports Development	€492,000	
➤ Subsidy Grants	€150,000	
➤ Active Cities	€143,000	
Community Development Office		
➤ Public Participation Network	€117,900	€7,200,100
➤ Comhairle na nÓg	€35,000	
➤ Age Friendly	€225,400	
➤ Integration	€81,000	
➤ LAIT (Ukrainian supports)	€246,000	
➤ Community Activity Funding	€300,000	
➤ Community Facilities	€2,836,000	
➤ Community Development	€2,606 900	
➤ Misc.	€751,900	
Heritage		
➤ Outreach & Events and publications	€85,750	€171,500
➤ Heritage Projects	€85,750	
Arts Office		
➤ Arts Office General	€1,654,400	€3,834,291
➤ Arts Centre Subventions	€990,000	
➤ Professional events – bursaries/sponsorships	€321,100	
➤ Educational Programmes	€205,500	
➤ Public Art	€119,000	
➤ Per Cent for Art	€293,291	
➤ Arts Acts and Performances	€120,000	
➤ Community Arts Festivals	€80,000	
➤ County Art Collection	€51,000	
Age Friendly Strategy	€25,000	€25,000



Creative Ireland Programme		
➤ Core funding	161,000	
➤ Cruinniú na nÓg	€75,000	€236,000
➤ Commemorations Programme	TBC	

* *does not include salaries*

Proposed Policy Matters 2024:

- Community Development Strategy
- Age Friendly Strategy
- Community Integration
- Sports Facilities Audit
- Local Sport & Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029
- Review of Community Grant Schemes
- Fingal Library Service Development Plan 2024 – 2029
- Review of Sports Grant Schemes
- Public Art Policy
- Review of 2003 Arts Act funding scheme
- Youth & Education Policy
- County Arts Plan Review
- Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030

Dates of meetings:

27th March 2024

Proposed main theme

Workplan 2024

Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030

Local Sport & Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029

26th June 2024

Fingal Countywide Sports Facilities Audit 2023 New

Review of Community Grant Schemes

Review of Sports Grant Schemes

Public Art Policy

September (TBC)

Age Friendly Strategy 2024 – 2028

Review of 2003 Arts Act funding scheme

Youth & Education Policy



December (TBC)

Community Development Strategy
Community Integration
County Arts Plan Review

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Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity SPC

Christine Baker, Heritage Officer

27 March 2024

Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030



Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council



Phlean Oidhreachta Fhine Gall **2024 – 2030**



An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council

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IMPLEMENTATION

Project	Plan Implementation Matrix
Blas:Fingal's Food Heritage- Phase 2	FHP Action 4.3; FHP Action 4.4; FHP Action 5 PP; FHP Action 6.2; FDP HCAP33; FDP HCA07; SP Communities; SP Education & Engagement
Fingal Oral History Audit	FHP Action 4.6; FHP Action 2 PP; FHP Action 4 PP; SP Education & Engagement
Fingal Coastal Zone project	FHP Action 3.2; 3.3.; Action 1 PP; FDP HCA021; FDP HCA012, FDP HCA046; FCAP F27; SP Climate Change
Fingal Traditional Skills	FHP Action 1.3; FHP Action 2.3 ; FHP Action 5.4; FHP Action 1 PP; SP Education & Engagement
Community Graveyard Surveys	FHP Action 4.1; FHP Action 5.5; FDP HCA029; FDP HCA037; FDP HCA043; SP Communities

TOTAL: €37,500



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FUNDING APPLICATION for IMPLEMENTATION OF FINGAL HERITAGE PLAN 2024-2030



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Community Monuments Fund 2024



CMF24-1-DF004	Lanistown Castle, Donabate Conservation Works
CMF24-1-DF003	Mulhuddart ChurchConservation works
CMF24-1-DF002	Balrothery Tower House Works (Phase 2)
CMF24-1-DF001	St Columba's Towers, Swords, Works (Phase 3)
STREAM 2	
CMF24-2-DF001	St Doulough's Conservation Management Plan
CMF24-2-DF002	St Fintan's, Sutton, Conservation Management Plan



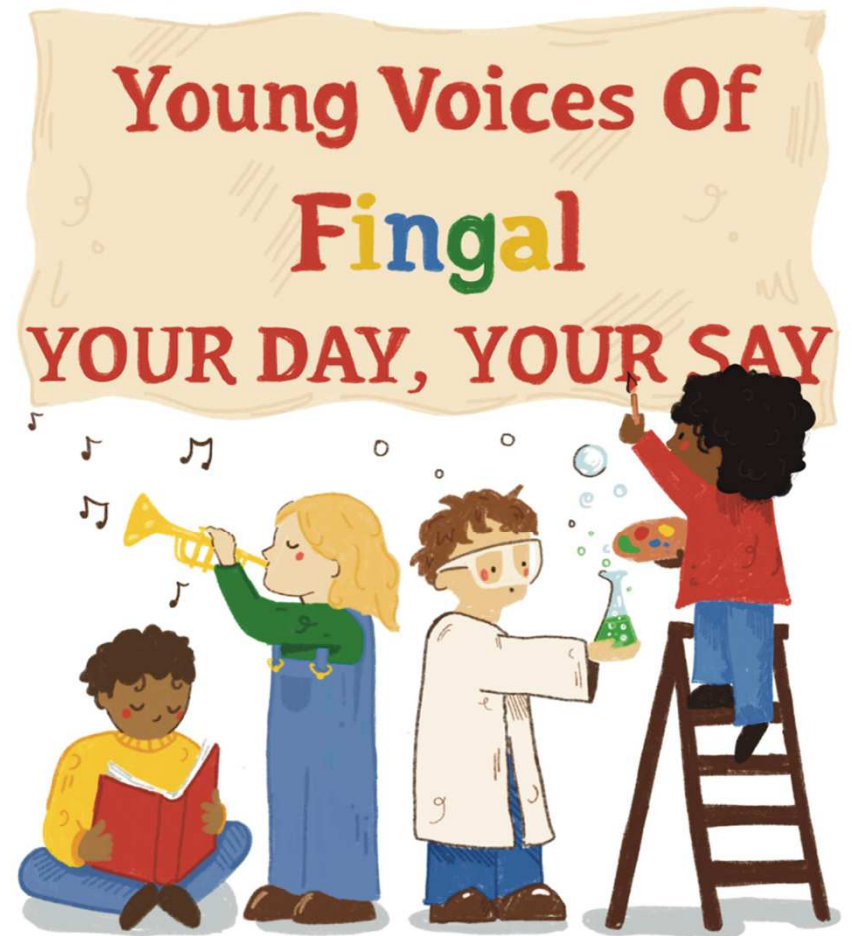
Creative Communities open call

- Open call for funding from
- Community engagement
- Fingal based
- Creative practitioner led
- €5-€10 k per award
- 4/5 awards
- Open until 29th March
- Widely advertised, website, social media etc
- Projects to be linked to one of the 5 main themes of Creative Fingal strategy



Voice of the child

- Informing our decision making around Cruinniú
- Online consultation
- Surveys distributed through libraries & schools
- Lots of feedback
- Music & rap, art, author visits, STEM activities



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Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
Programme

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Cruinniú na nÓg

- 15th June
- Library programme
- Orchestral experience-schools in Swords, performance in Carnegie library
- Evening event for children and young people in Millennium Park, Blanchardstown
- 2 stages- musical performance
- Creative zone



Commemorations programme 2024

- Allocation of €15,000
- €5,000 for an artistic/creative programme
- Proposed project:
 - Democracy and local government in North Dublin in the period 1924- 1930's
 - Research project, published work
 - Creative project, possible portrait of a prominent figure in North Dublin politics at the time



Creativity in older age shared island project

- Cross border Alzheimer's choir
- 2 years
- €100,000
- Forget-me-nots and CAP Belfast
- Cross border trips
- activities
- Song commissioned
- Video diary

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Creative Ireland
Shared Island
Initiative
2023-2025

Item No. 5

**Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024 –
2029**

Update will be given at the meeting.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Arts, Culture, Heritage and Community Strategic Policy Committee

Wednesday 27th March 2024

Item No. 6

Motion - Shared Pool Facilities Partnership Pilot with a 3rd Party Agency –
St. Michael's House, Baldoyle

Councillor J. Hopkins - AI095372

“That the Chief Executive consider entering into a pilot partnership with a 3rd party to run a swimming pool, for example the pool belonging to St. Michael’s House in Baldoyle has been closed to the hospital and the public since Covid as St. Michael’s House does not have the €150,000 annual running costs required.”

Reply:

Currently there is no funding provided for is the annual budget for the request, however the Sports Section will meet with St Michael’s House staff and review the facilities.

Source of Reply: Gerard Reardon, Principal Sports Officer

