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Friday, 24th October 2025

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

Dear Member

A meeting of the **Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development
Strategic Policy Committee** will be held in the **Conference Room 3A6 -
County Hall, Swords/MS Teams** at **4.30 pm** on **Monday, 24th
November, 2025** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services

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A G E N D A

**Comhairle Contae Fingal
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy
Committee

Tuesday, 9th September, 2025

PRESENT

Councillor Kieran Dennison;
Councillor Tony Murphy;
Councillor Siobhan Shovlin;
Councillor Tom O'Leary;
Councillor Jimmy Guerin;
Councillor Ellen Troy;
Councillor James Humphreys.

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Anthony Cooney, Fingal Chamber

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Kieran Dennison, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

John Quinlivan, Director of Services; Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer;
Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Declan Ryan; Senior Executive Officer;
Paul Barnes, Events Manager; Toni Hogan, Senior Staff Officer; Breffni O'Rourke,
Administrative Officer; Niall Kelly, Senior Staff Officer; Caroline Keane, Senior
Staff Officer; Susan Murphy, Staff Officer; Martina Hilliard, Administrative Officer;
Caroline Kelly, Administrative Officer;

EETD/16/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

**Confirmation and Re-affirmation of the Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise &
Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on the 11th of
June 2025**

Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy
Committee Meeting held on 11th June 2025 which had been circulated were
considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Tom O'Leary and seconded by Councillor Kieran
Dennison "The minutes of the meetings of the 11th of June 2025 be **ADOPTED**."

EETD/17/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Strategic Policy Committee - Policy Programme Update

John Quinlivan, Director of Services, presented a report updating members on the various deliverables set out in the programme as well as key milestones and developments across numerous sections.

The report was **NOTED**.

EETD/18/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Events Programme & Programming Costs

Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, following requests from the members' provided a detailed programme and budget analysis with an extensive discussion covering a range of potential alternatives. John Quinlivan, Director of Services, undertook to consider members' comments to explore the options further and proposed holding a Councillor briefing with a view to bring it forward to the Corporate Policy Group and to the Full Council.

The presentation was **NOTED**.

EETD/19/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Sustainable Fingal Strategy

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer presented the Future Fingal: Sustainable Fingal Strategy which outlined steps taken so far and a timeline for implementation of this initiative. As stated at the March 2025 Strategic Policy Committee meeting the project was due to commence in June 2025 with an initial assessment & Gap analysis taking place over the Summer, however this was unsuccessful. New consultants were appointed in August 2025 and have since commenced the work. It is anticipated to have this adopted by the Council in Q1 2026.

EETD/20/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Town Regeneration Update

Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, provided an update on the Urban Regeneration and Development Strategy. He highlighted the €10 million secured under Urban Regeneration and Development Funding for renewing derelict properties. The Our Balbriggan plan has been extended to 2030 to support ongoing regeneration. Progress continues with Town Centre First initiatives in Lusk, Rush and Skerries, with Town Centre

Health Checks set to within the next 6 – 8 weeks. The number of derelict property projects is expected to increase to 18 in 2026.

The presentation was **NOTED**

EETD/21/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Report on Aer Lingus College Football Classic - AI102753

The below motion, in the name of Councillor J. Humphreys was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor K. Dennison.

“That the Chief Executive prepare a report on any actions taken or planned to be taken by the Council to leverage the two major American football events taking place in Dublin in 2025 — the Aer Lingus College Football Classic and the Pittsburgh Steelers game at Croke Park — in line with the Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024–2029, which commits to strengthening Fingal's profile as a destination and increasing visibility through coordinated branding and promotion.”

Report:

The Tourism Development team are in in regular consultation with both Failte and Tourism Ireland regarding such opportunities, and in parallel are developing a Fingal Tourism marketing plan to deliver on the referenced strategy objective.

This has led to the inclusion of Malahide Castle and Casino in the official Aer Lingus College Football Classic Game App. The App will launch in June and include a special offer which will feature prominently, targeting both international and domestic planning their trips. The inclusion of a Fingal site is something that can be built upon in future years.

For the 2025 event, a campaign is being devised to use the event to drive promotion and awareness of Fingal and Fingal sites.

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 6:22pm

CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 02

WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

Implementation & Updates	Report
Tourism Strategy, Food & Drink Policy	Implementation of 2025 deliverables continues: Building a Collaborative Framework. • Advisory Group established March '25, next meeting Q4. • Fingal Tourism Together B2B Networking Event, May '25. • Strategic Group meetings scheduled Q3. • Tourism sector symposium planned Q4. • Fingal Food Circle governance and rebrand project complete, key Flavours of Fingal partner. • Scoping in progress for Fingal Golf & Fingal Hotel networks/forums. Product & Experience Development. • Tourist Offices review complete. • County wide Product & Experience Audit underway.

	• Home of Halloween in partnership with Failte Ireland. • New Year's Festival in partnership with Failte Ireland. • Dublin Food & Drink Action Plan in partnership with Failte Ireland & Fingal Food Circle. Marketing. • Fingal Brand Review complete. • Interim marketing plan in place to cover upcoming key tourism activities including Winter In Dublin, Home of Halloween, New Year's Festival. • New Fingal destination brand, brand assets and full marketing implementation plan in development for '25 delivery and Q1 '26 launch. Deliverable 4: Markets Development. • 2025 Markets development implementation plan complete. • Pilot Summer Market Programme underway in Swords, Malahide, Donabate, Skerries Mill and Seamus Ennis Arts Centre. To be reviewed and evaluated on completion and outcomes will inform planning for 2026. • Mentoring supplied to Fingal Farmers to trade at their first markets as a co-op. • Lusk Farmers Market Feasibility study complete as part of Town Regeneration Team Project. • D15 Food Markets Feasibility study underway.
Events Strategy	The Fingal Events Strategy is progressing strongly in 2025, with Objective 1—developing a rich and diverse year-round calendar—now fully active and delivering results. Major summer

	highlights such as Flavours of Fingal & the Swords Summer Concerts have already taken place, while planning is advanced for autumn and winter events including the Howth maritime Festival, Fingal Festival of Fire and community Christmas lightings. The Festival & Events Funding Scheme continues to provide essential financial support, helping local organisers deliver safe and successful programmes. Partnerships with organisations such as, As I Am for key team training, cultural bodies, tourism agencies, and community organisations are broadening the reach of events and attracting new audiences. Currently we are reviewing the scale of funding for large festival and events. Recent successes such as the Connect Festival at Millennium Park, which brought together almost 20 diverse community groups, showcase the benefits of strategic support and collaboration. Alongside cultural inclusion, the programme is generating clear economic benefits, boosting local businesses (the economic benefit of the Swords Summer Concerts to local restaurants and bars was very strongly noted this year) and creative sectors. Socially, it is enhancing community pride, strengthening Fingal's identity, and promoting inclusivity through accessible events. Overall, the strategy is delivering on its goals of economic, social, and cultural impact while ensuring a vibrant events calendar year-round.
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Local Economic & Community Plan	The LECP covers the period 2023 – 2028 with a 2-year Implementation Plan The 2-year LECP Implementation Plan will be reviewed and updated in 2026 for the next period.
Economic Development Strategy	Implementation in progress.
Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor	Projects/Funding continue to be considered.
Local Development Strategy	Implementation in progress.
Development of Economic Zones	Branding & Marketing of Balbriggan Economic Zone to be launched in 2026. Planning for road infrastructure for Phase 1 lands in Stephenstown to be progressed. Planning for road infrastructure in Cherryhound to be progressed. Lands at Cherryhound multiple sales to be progressed.
Industrial Estate Improvement Programme	Works planned in DEZ
Enterprise Development & Support	Implementation ongoing.
Fingal Skills Strategy	Implementation in progress Xplore Your Future Expo 2026 13 th October in The Helix Skills Summit 2026 Implementation of Neuro-inclusion Pilot Project Participation in Interreg SKYLA Project continues in 2026
Policy Development & Review	
Sustainable Fingal/Circular Cities Strategy	Development of Future Fingal: Sustainable Fingal Strategy Feasibility Study on Circular Economy Digital Platform & Hub
Review of Heritage Property/Visitor Attraction Strategy	No update to report

Fingal Tourism & Economic Development Marketing Strategy	Continue implementation of Economic & Tourism Marketing Plans, including DUBLIN brand.
Local Enterprise Development Plan	Awaiting guidance from Enterprise Ireland for the next iteration of the LEDP (2026+)
Town Regeneration	
Review / Development of Town Centre First	The delivery of the Our Balbriggan Programme continues to gather pace with the Quay St Project, Harbour and RNLI Boathouse on site and making substantial progress. The Boat House and Bathhouse project has progressed well with other continued improvements also being delivered with the addition of a new swim shelter on Balbriggan Beach. The Integrated Design Team for the Debruns Site Project have produced their initial design options report which is currently under consideration within the Council. The 2-4 Dublin St Creative Hub Project went out to tender during October. A number of funding applications have been submitted with success achieved in securing funding for feasibility studies and design projects for parks in Lusk and for a farmers' market in the town. Further applications have been submitted to the Rural Regional Development Fund and the Town and Village Renewal Scheme for Rush/Lusk/ Balrothery/ Ballyboughal and St Margarets.

	Derelict Sites in towns and villages continue to be targeted and progressed under the Derelict Sites Act.
Regeneration Plans for Towns & Villages	Town Health Checks have recently been completed for Ballyboughal, Balrothery and Donabate which are being / have been officially launched during October and November. The Rush Town Plan formulation process is drawing to a close with that plan due to be published before year end. The process of formulating a new Town Healthcheck for Skerries is also now underway. Capacity building with newly formed/prospective Town Teams continues in Rush and Lusk. Capacity building recently completed in Donabate, Balrothery and Ballyboughal where new Town Teams have now been established.

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**ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 03

2026 WORK PROGRAMME

A presentation will be given to the Committee.

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Local Economic and Community Plan Report

Quarter 3, 2025

Theme 1: Sustainability & Climate Action

Goal 1.1 To support communities & the economy in the transition to Net Zero & climate resilience

Actions	Update
Action 1.1.1: Broaden the scope of the <i>Sustainable Fingal</i> initiative to include businesses, communities and organisations, explore the concept of the circular economy, and lead on a Just Transition to Net Zero and a climate-resilient economy.	Fingal's Economic Development Unit has tendered for Consultancy Services to assist with the development of Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainability Strategy which will broaden the current scope of the Sustainable Fingal initiative. The Strategy aims to guide businesses, communities and organisations in their sustainability journey and support and assist in their green transition. - Fingal County Council. (Economic Development) As a signatory city of Circular Cities Declaration, the Council is committed to exploring opportunities that will help Fingal transition to a more circular economy e.g. we are progressing with a feasibility study around a circular hub and digital platform focused on the built environment in the Balbriggan area which is a direct outcome of a Hackathon held as part of the URBACT EcoCore Project. - Fingal County Council. (Economic Development)
Action 1.1.2: Engage with communities and organisations to scope current climate transition status and identify future need.	This work is ongoing through the Council's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. - Fingal County Council. (Climate Action Office) As Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainability Strategy is developed out significant stakeholder engagement and consultation will take place which will assist in the formulation of the Strategy's objectives and identify future needs. Research and presentation refinement is currently underway to align with the four stakeholder cohorts. Fingal County Council. (Economic Development), Q3 2025

Action 1.1.3: Provide clear sign-posting of supports for the transition to a Net Zero, climate resilient county.	Fingal County Council's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 provides sign-posting of supports for the transition to a Net Zero, climate resilient county. - Fingal County Council. (Climate Action Office) Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainability Strategy will offer further sign-posting of supports for the transition to a Net Zero, climate resilient county and the Strategy will align with all the Council's sustainability objectives across multiple strategic documents including the Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 and Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy and the LECP 2023-2028. - Fingal County Council. (Economic Development)
Action 1.1.4: Support initiatives which inform, facilitate and enable behavioural changes towards more sustainable outcomes.	As part of Climate Action Week, EETCD in collaboration with Fingal Chamber held a series of sustainable business briefings for the food and hospitality sector- featuring speaker Amy Irwin of Conscious Kitchens who showcased the positive impact sustainability practices have on a business. - Fingal County Council (EETCD) and Fingal Chamber A series of business sustainability promotional videos featuring Amy from Conscious Kitchens and two Fingal businesses: Puck Burger and King Sitric were recorded and content pushed out on various platforms to promote and encourage other food business to start their transition to more sustainable business practices. - Fingal County Council (EETCD) and Fingal Chamber Keen To Be Green Facilities is a key environmental and climate action project across the community centre network. In May, during Dublin Climate Action Week, community centres were recognised for their actions in the area of Water Conservation. This is the second key milestone they have reached following on from their recognition of efforts towards improved Waste Management in 2023. The next phase of the project is Energy Efficiency, with Travel and Biodiversity to come after. - Fingal County Council. (Community Department) FCC's Community Department partnered with Global Action Plan and ran a Climate Action Heroes Challenge across Fingal's Community Centre network during Climate Action week to encourage all users to reflect on their behaviours and allow them to log their actions on the online platform to demonstrate the impact over the course of the initiative. In total, 140 participants representing 22 facilities took part and peoples actions saved 12,794 KG Co2. - Fingal County Council. (Community Department)

Action 1.1.5: Support the development of renewable and alternative energies, and sustainable construction materials and methods.	Economic Development team continue their work with the Construction Skills Sub Group and are planning a briefing to support business by providing a sector focused information event providing learning on Modern Methods of Construction through keynote presentations outlining industry overview and trends by way of panel discussion, attendees will be encouraged to visit supplier stands and continue networking. We aim to host this event Q1 2026 - Fingal County Council. (Economic Development), Q3 2025
Action 1.1.6: Promote and Facilitate the implementation of the Fingal <i>Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029</i> , <i>Biodiversity Action Plan 2022-2030</i> , the Fingal <i>Circular Cities Action Plan</i> , and climate positive initiatives being rolled out by other bodies and Agencies.	Work in ongoing with the implementation of the Fingal Climate Action and Biodiversity Action Plan. Fingal's EETCD Department have been accepted as part of the CCRI Community of Practice on supporting local, circular businesses and we will use this platform to build our knowledge and network through the sharing of best practices which will inform our Fingal Circular Cities Action Plan. - Fingal County Council. (Economic Development)

Theme 2: Prosperous Economy

Goal 2.1 Support the development of sustainable & strategic infrastructure

Actions	Outputs
Action 2.1.1: Support implementation of the <i>Fingal County Development Plan</i> and the <i>Fingal Economic Development Strategy</i> relating to economic lands and the development of sustainable and strategic infrastructure i.e housing, power, water, wastewater, education facilities, digital connectivity, strategic physical infrastructure, sustainable/active travel infrastructure, public transport, and Dublin Airport.	In progress via FCC Capital Programme which includes the development of a strategic land bank in Balbriggan which is a key focus of the URBACT EcoCore Project where FCC are the Lead Partner. We launched our Integrated Action plan in Dubrovnik in September which focuses on the sustainable development of the Stephenstown Land. - Fingal County Council. (Economic Development), Q3 2025

Action 2.1.2: Support implementation of the Fingal <i>Economic Development Strategy</i> relating to low-cost start-up and scale-up spaces and business/industrial parks.	Innovate Fingal will continue to support and guide start-up's and ensure the effective utilisation of the three business parks in Fingal. Ongoing liaison with Enterprise Ireland to explore opportunities to access Smart Regions Funding
Action 2.1.3: In collaboration with IDA Ireland, explore options to deliver more economic lands and facilities in Fingal which facilitate Foreign Direct Investment.	The Economic Development Team continue to liaise and build relationship with the IDA, who, in 2024, became a key stakeholder of the URBACT, EcoCore Project in Balbriggan with a focus on the sustainable economic development of Council owned lands in Stephenstown, Balbriggan which is strategically located along the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor. Fingal County Council. (Economic Development), Q3 2025
Action 2.2.1: Support implementation of the Fingal <i>Economic Development Strategy</i> relating to cluster development.	Work continues to develop formalized clusters in tandem with representative groups and key employers specific sectors in order to promote collaboration and stimulate further growth.
Action 2.2.2: Support implementation of the Fingal <i>Economic Development Strategy</i> relating to establishing an economic forum and adopting an 'anchor employer' account management approach to business engagement.	EETCD continues to enhance strategic engagement across the business ecosystem through our day-to-day operations and our role in the implementation of Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy, Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy, FCC LECP and will further enhance this engagement through the development of Future Fingal: Sustainability Strategy. EETCD has built and established relationships across the business ecosystem and work in collaboration with Fingal Chamber of Commerce, Fingal Local Enterprise Office and national and local stakeholders. We are hosting a Skills Summit, in the RIASC center Kinsealy, on 18th November to support same. - Fingal County Council. (Economic Development), Q3 2025

Action 2.2.3: Support implementation of the Fingal <i>Economic Development Strategy</i> relating to the creation of a ‘one front door’ solution to sign-post business supports.	Fingal Local Enterprise Office continues to engage and communicate with entrepreneurs and SME’s to offer support and guidance and a one front door solution to sign-post business supports. - Fingal County Council. (Local Enterprise Office) Q2 2025 EETCD collaborates with Fingal Chamber of Commerce and other Chamber bodies to support their efforts in the provision of business supports. - Fingal County Council. (Economic Development), Q3 2025
Action 2.2.4: Support implementation of the Fingal <i>Economic Development Strategy Marketing Plan</i>, specifically targeting investors.	Work is concluding on the formation of a Marketing Plan which accompanies Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy. The Plan will promote Fingal’s unique attributes under the brand umbrellas of Ireland and Dublin and which will be coupled by an Investors Guide with Investors Guide developed through the sharing of best practice from the Council’s participation in a City to City Exchange Programme. - Fingal County Council. (Economic Development), Q3 2025
Action 2.3.1: Identify under-represented groups and address reasons for under-representation in the Fingal labour market, such as childcare availability, transport options, and skills.	Lack of affordable childcare has been identified as a barrier for people from SICAP’s target groups entering the labour market and/or accessing training to improve their employability. The issue of affordable childcare has been raised and discussed at LCDC meetings and is a named agenda item at the next LCDC meeting. Empower continue to be a key member of the Fingal CYPSC and are involved in multiple FCYPSC subgroups, including the Economic Subgroup. Empower continues to provide targeted, person-centred career guidance, adult guidance and industry-specific training through the implementation of SICAP, LAES, TUS and Workability. These supports are targeted at the most disadvantaged target groups including Travellers, Roma, People With Disabilities and the Long-term Unemployed. - SICAP Implementer (Empower),
Action 2.3.2: Delivery of employability programmes for economically inactive people.	Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy’s Action Plan Theme 5 looks to support upskilling and reskilling needs and the continuation of lifelong learning, supporting access to skills development initiatives. This work is ongoing through the SSIG and Skills Sectorial Sub Groups which has a broad representation from the education and training providers, regional skills, Solas, DCU, TUD, Fingal Skillnet, Welfare, LEO. We are finalising plans for a pilot program in partnership with "Not So Different" to encourage uptake of Neurodivergent people in the workforce. Fingal County Council. (Economic Development), Q3 2025

	FLP deliver the TUS Programme for Swords, Malahide, Howth and the North County Area which assists people on the live register return to work in the C&V Sector. - LEADER Implementer. (Fingal Leader Partnership), Q1 2025
Action 2.3.3: Provide job related training to unemployed people, such as CV preparation, interview skills, social media skills for job seeking, and transition to employment initiatives.	See previous update for 2.3.2 - Fingal County Council. (Economic Development), Q3 2025 FLP conduct these activities on an ongoing basis through our Tus and WorkAbility Programmes with the clients engaged on the programmes. – Leader Implementer (Eilish Harrington) Q2 2025 Skills for life programme continues to be rolled out across library branches with an emphasis on media and financial literacy for q3&4 - Fingal County Council. (Fingal libraries) Q2 2025

Theme 3: Skills for Life & Work

Goal 3.1 Stimulate a culture of life-long learning

Actions	Update
Action 3.1.1: Develop the next iteration of the <i>Fingal Skills Strategy</i> .	Action Closed
Action 3.1.2: Engage with community representative organisations and individuals in local target priority groups to identify and address skills needs	Empower continue to engage with SICAP target-group representative organisations and leaders to identify and address skills needs. Over 50 community organisations have been supported this year to date, with a broad range of needs identified, including English language, literacy, job-seeking skills and industry-specific training. The key barriers to accessing and delivering this

	training is lack of community space and lack of affordable early-years childcare. - SICAP Implementer (Empower) Q2 2025
Action 3.1.3: Ongoing monitoring and delivery of relevant education and training by providers in Fingal to address requirements of residents.	The Skills Strategy Implementation Group (SSIG) and Sectoral Skills Sub Groups continue to monitor the delivery of relevant education and training by providers in Fingal and work in collaboration with key stakeholders to address the skills gaps. We receive quarterly updates from SSIG members regarding ongoing delivery of programmes. Fingal County Council. (Economic Development), Q3 2025
Action 3.1.4: Promote and develop targeted skills development opportunities.	This work is ongoing by the Skills Strategy Implementation Group (SSIG) and Sectoral Skills Sub Groups The Fingal Skills Strategy Skills Forecasting Model will inform the work of the SSIG and the sub-sectorial skills groups. We are piloting a programme to develop employability skills in Neurodivergent people through partnerships with "Not So Different" and "Generation Ireland" social enterprise projects. Fingal County Council. (Economic Development), Q3 2025
Action 3.1.5: Align with the recommendations of the <i>Fingal Skills Strategy</i> .	The Economic Development Department continue to work with the Skills Strategy Implementation Group (SSIG) and the Sectoral Skills Subgroups to develop Fingal's skills ecosystem and to address actions to further develop Fingal's skills base as outlined in Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy. Fingal County Council. (Economic Development), Q3 2025
Action 3.1.6: Work with employers and education & training providers to identify occupations in Fingal which have greatest exposure to technological change.	Through the work of the SSIG and Sectoral Skills Sub Groups, Cuty Gupta, CEO and Founder of CozmoTec (winner of the 2025 Fingal Enterprise Awards) was invited to present to the T&L Sub Group on the impact of AI on the Transport & Logistics sector including the AI tools that are transforming the industry. - Fingal County Council. (Economic Development) Q2 2025
Action 3.1.7: Work with employers and education & training providers to identify up- and re-skilling opportunities to target future growth sectors.	Through the work of the SSIG and Sectoral Skills Sub Groups, we continue to promote events and we are planning to host the Construction Sub Group event promoting Modern Methods of Construction including the AI tools that are transforming the industry. - Fingal County Council. (Economic Development), Q3 2025

	Update as per 3.1.5 - Fingal County Council. (Economic Development), Q3 2025
Action 3.1.8: Support initiatives to provide up- and re-skilling opportunities.	Through our Fingal Skill Strategy social media pages the Economic Development team continue to promote up-and re-skilling opportunities for employees and employers through provisions such as our video collaborating with Dublin Regional Skills Forum and their case study EsmarkFinch. https://vimeo.com/1093942625/4e4725c44e?share=copy - Fingal County Council. (Economic Development) Q2 2025
Action 3.2.1: Support implementation of the Fingal <i>Economic Development Strategy</i> relating to skills development to meet businesses' needs and the recommendations of the Fingal Skills Strategy.	This work is ongoing through the SSIG and Sectorial Sub Groups. - Fingal County Council. (Economic Development), Q3 2025
Action 3.2.2: Promote options to support the recognition of occupational credentials from overseas.	For review with key stakeholders of Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy - Fingal County Council. (Economic Development)
Action 3.2.3: Collaborate with education & training providers, businesses and key stakeholders to devise innovative skills development initiatives such, such as in digital/AI/green economy.	As the Economic Development department progresses through its Interreg/SKYLA project, partners are sharing good practices in terms of skills education and training, with a focus on digital/AI/green economy. Through the SKYLA project the team are traveling to Bialystock in Poland in September to enhance learning on vocational education and career counseling for adults in the Poland region. Fingal County Council. (Economic Development), Q3 2025
Action 3.2.4: Identify and address barriers to education, and sign-post available solutions.	The SSIG agreed to establish a sub-group to explore a pilot project in Fingal with Not So Different and Generation Ireland. Plans for this are progressing. Following on the success of the previous two TY Xplore Your Future expos, registration for the 2025 TY Xplore Your Future has

	exceeded expectations with 2,557 students from 22 schools registered, the event is taking place in the Helix on 14th October 2025. This expo is a fully immersive experience for students offering signposting to career and educational opportunities. - Fingal County Council. (Economic Development), Q3 2025 Fingal libraries will continue to programme a full range of learning for life opportunities. As part of the Skills for Life national programme, the libraries will provide workshops and classes in all areas of literacy including media and digital literacy. This will include a particular emphasis on hard to reach cohorts including older people and people with additional needs. - Fingal County Council. (Fingal Libraries), Q3 2025
Action 3.2.5: In collaboration with education & training providers and employers, explore the further development and roll out of apprenticeship/ traineeship programmes – especially in economic sectors of pressing need.	This work is ongoing as part of the role of the Skills Strategy Implementation Group (SSIG) and all relevant stakeholders of Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy and is guided by the Strategy's Skills Forecasting Model findings. - Fingal County Council(Economic Development) Q2 2025
Action 3.2.6: Support and promote life-long learning opportunities and promotion events.	Fingal libraries support life long learning through the provision of facilitated learning sessions in all library branches. These sessions include literacy, numeracy, STEM, financial, digital and media literacy. Health awareness is delivered under the "Healthy Ireland at your library" banner. A wide range of materials including non-fiction books, databases, online learning tools and local history and archival material is also available for research and learning purposes. All services are free. Fingal County Council. (Fingal Libraries), Q3 2025 This work is ongoing as part of the role of the Skills Strategy Implementation Group (SSIG) and all relevant stakeholders of Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy - Fingal County Council. (Economic Development) Q2 2025

Action 3.2.7: Engage with community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations in the Fingal Public Participation Network to identify and address skills gaps.	Work in progress through the PPN – Fingal County Council. (PPN) Q2 2025
Action 3.2.8: Engage with education & training providers to deliver relevant training.	This work is ongoing as part of the role of the Skills Strategy Implementation Group (SSIG) and all relevant stakeholders of Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy - Fingal County Council. (Economic Development), Q2 2025
Action 3.2.9: Provide capacity-building training and support opportunities.	In progress through the SICAP Programme - Empower (SICAP Implementer) Q2 2025 Further opportunities to be identified & progressed with Fingal PPN; LEADER 2023 – 2027 Call for Social Enterprise Projects Q2 2025
Action 3.2.10: Develop the skills and capacity of Fingal Public Participation Network members to participate in decision-making structures and greater involvement in improving the design and delivery of community services.	Fingal PPN co-hosted a Summer School from 26th-29th May in collaboration with DCU School of Civic Engagement and two other Dublin PPNs. After consultation with PPN members, the topics this year included: Social Media Training, Exploring PPNs: Beyond A Decade of PPNs in Ireland Panel Discussion: Guest speaker - Jake Ryan, Dept. of Rural & Community Development, An Introduction to A.I., Sustainable Energy Communities: Changing How We Think about & Use Energy, How to Recognise and Navigate Disinformation, Understanding and Navigating the Public Policy Ecosystem in Ireland, The Future of Dublin: How to Make Policy that Works for All. This was an excellent opportunity for members to network, learn, and take new skills back to their respective groups. Sessions took place in-person at DCU and online each evening. - Fingal PPN (Community Department) Q2 2025

Theme 4: Healthy, Inclusive, Connected Communities

Goal 4.1 Increase participation in initiatives that promote active living, positive mental wellbeing & physical activity to achieve improved health & wellbeing for all

Actions	Update
Action 4.1.1: Support implementation of Healthy Ireland and Healthy Fingal initiatives.	Healthy Ireland at your library events continue during q3. Talks on menopause, migraine, positive aging and chair yoga and yoga for calm available in library branches for Autumn/Winter - Fingal County Council. (Fingal Libraries), Q3 2025 Empower continue to be an active member of the Healthy Fingal Subgroup. - SICAP Implementer (Empower) Q2 2025

	Healthy Fingal has developed four walking initiatives in Balbriggan, Donabate, Millennium Park and Mulhuddart under the "Healthy Steps" program, with support from the HSE and Fingal Active Travel. These community-based walks allow GPs and healthcare professionals to refer patients, promoting both physical activity and mental wellbeing. The Donabate walk have been running successfully for the past two years as part of the Woodlands Health initiative, which supports mental health through nature-based activity. These walks will continue under the same name and are now open to referrals through Healthy Steps. - Fingal County Council (Healthy Ireland), Q3 2025
Action 4.1.2: Improve the health and wellbeing of the community by promotion of access to new and existing recreational, physical and mental health support services, facilities and amenities in Fingal.	Healthy Fingal is working with Thrive Balbriggan to support in the delivery of initiatives to promote mental health – Fingal County Council (Healthy Fingal), Q3 2025 Supporting the development of play and playful spaces for families in Rush via the Let's Play Rush Community Initiative 2 of 3 events completed – Fingal County Council (Healthy Fingal), Q3 2025 Living with Loss: A bereavement information evening for the public took place in September. The event was advertised throughout Fingal and was funded by HSE Mental Health (Connecting for Life). HSE Mental Health, Dublin North Bereavement Network (HSE), Q3 2025 Fingal County Council continues to support the high level and local development of Thrive Balbriggan and Swords, an initiative which was coordinated by Mental Health Ireland and FCC and is co funded under a service level agreement with the council. Locally the community development officer supports both Thrive committees in Balbriggan and Swords to continue to develop community based mental health supports and events. The council also works with MHI on the oversight steering committee in the strategic development of the programme across Fingal. - Fingal County Council. (Community Department) Q2 2025 Empower improve community health and wellbeing with individuals and communities who experience health inequalities. This includes delivery of Social Prescribing in the Corduff and Mulhuddart areas, smoking cessation, healthy eating and positive wellbeing programmes to

	SICAP target groups and in designated areas of disadvantage across the county. - SICAP Implementer (Empower) Q2 2025
Action 4.1.3: Devise plans to address gaps in support services and facilities in specific geographic areas.	The promotion both internally and externally around the use of the newly developed Irish version of the Place Standard Tool to help local government and organisations make informed decisions, encourage community engagement and identify priority areas based on public feedback. - Fingal County Council. (Community Department), Q3 2025 Empower are active members of Healthy Mulhuddart, Corduff Priority Task Group and coordinate the Balbriggan Health Inequality Action Group. - SICAP Implementer (Empower) Q2 2025
Action 4.1.4: Support and collaborate with Drug and Alcohol Task Forces and associated partners to implement prevention and early intervention initiatives to reduce the harm caused by the misuse of alcohol and drugs.	Healthy Fingal has supported the Drugs Task Forces' water sports activity days for participants in recovery from drug and alcohol misuse. This initiative has enabled individuals to access therapeutic outdoor experiences that promote physical health, mental well-being, and social connection. By removing some barriers, Healthy Fingal has helped ensure inclusive participation, fostering a sense of community and resilience in recovery journeys. The support reflects a commitment to holistic health and recovery through collaborative, community-based approaches that empower people to reconnect with nature and healthier lifestyles. Fingal County Council. (Healthy Fingal), Q3 2025 Healthy Fingal has supported the Drugs Task Forces' water sports activity days for participants in recovery from drug and alcohol misuse Fingal County Council. Fingal County Council. (Healthy Fingal), Q3 2025 Healthy Fingal is supporting the implementation of the Sailing into Wellness project with the ND Drugs Task Force, which is taking place in Howth on Oct 10th as part of World Mental Health Day Fingal County Council. Fingal County Council. (Healthy Fingal), Q3 2025 Healthy Fingal supported the Recovery Run in Swords to highlight that recovery is for everyone, celebrating wellbeing, inclusion, and community connection. Fingal County Council. (Healthy Fingal), Q3 2025

	Healthy Fingal is working with Coolmine TC to implement a physical activity programme for clients to supplement the work being done around rehabilitation and we are also looking to target participants with Quit smoking supports. The support reflects a commitment to holistic health and recovery through collaborative, community-based approaches that empower people to reconnect with healthier lifestyles. - Fingal County Council. (Healthy Fingal), Q3 2025
Action 4.1.5: Continue to develop Community First Responders.	Fingal Community Development Office processed two funding applications from Community First Responder groups (1) One Beat at a time, Blanchardstown (2) Lusk Community Responders - funding supports the development of the service within the community - Fingal County Council. (Community Department) Q2 2025
Action 4.1.6: Promote information resources in community settings that reinforce positive health messages for improved health and well-being.	The promotion of drug and alcohol services using a newly developed information leaflet at events and projects and the distribution of information via Healthy Fingal social media platforms and email distribution lists – Fingal County Council. (Healthy Fingal), Q3 2025 1 online workshop delivered to primary schools located in North Dublin Zippys Friends – is a 24 session programme for teaching social and emotional skills designed for 5-7 year olds. The Zippy's Friends resource pack contains session plans and activities, covering topics such as; feelings, communication, relationships, conflict resolution and more. It teaches them how to cope with everyday difficulties, to identify and talk about their feelings and explore ways of dealing with them - HSE (Zippys Friends), Q3 2025 Poverty, limited cooking skills and not associating food with health are barriers to healthy eating. Healthy Food Made Easy is a HSE six-session cooking and nutrition programme, delivered by trained facilitators and supported by CORU registered dietitians. Courses in Fingal are delivered throughout the year by Empower. https://publuu.com/flip-book/439574/1876368 Healthy eating for children: Take the fuss out of fussy eating Take the fuss out of fussy eating is a monthly webinar for parents about managing fussy eating. The webinar is advertised through our community partners and on social media and is free for people in the Fingal area. https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/lho/northdublin/therapy/take-the-fuss-out-of-fussy-eating-poster.pdf - HSE (Healthy Eating), Q3 2025

	Healthy weaning: Baby Food Made Easy with Empower Baby Food Made Easy is an interactive webinar held once per month. It is aimed at parents of babies starting or planning to wean their baby on to solid food. It is delivered by HSE dietitians in partnership with Empower and available to people living in Fingal. https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/lho/northdublin/therapy/baby-food-made-easy-poster.pdf. Obesity: How we Talk About Weight Matters How we Talk About Weight Matters is an online information session for parents on how to talk about weight to children. The information session is advertised on social media. The session is held 6 times per year, and is free for people in the Fingal area. https://bit.ly/weightmatters - HSE (Baby Food Made Easy and How we Talk about Weight Matters), Q3 2025 5333 signposting, support and related mental health materials have been distributed to a cross section of statutory agencies and NGO/community organisations in Fingal. - HSE (Support Literature), Q3 2025 2,500 Green Ribbons were distributed to a range of community, voluntary and statutory organisations across Fingal. - HSE (Green Ribbon Campaign), Q3 2025
Action 4.1.7: Facilitate community engagement in the design of outreach initiatives to increase participation and take up of activities and services which promote active living and good mental health	Following the successful Fingal Community Development project Corduff Place Standards, this engagement has since led to the establishment of the Corduff Residents Association, a positive step towards strengthening civic life and community participation in the area. Supported by the principles of the Place Standards Tool, this initiative empowers residents to assess their local environment and collaborate on meaningful improvements. The association aims to foster a more connected, inclusive, and vibrant neighbourhood, with a strong focus on community-led development and long-term enhancement of public spaces, promoting active living and good mental health. - Fingal County Council. (Community Department) Q2 2025 The Council's Community Development Office has partnered with Neighbourhood Network to foster community engagement, promote social inclusion, and strengthen local leadership with targeted initiatives in & around the Churchfields area of Mulhuddart. The Our Fabric Project began in May seeing the Neighbourhood Networks team knocking on 260 doors in the area and introducing residents to the 'Our Fabric' project. This 18-month pilot project which will be

	overseen and supported by the Community Department will enhance participation, connectivity, and inclusiveness which aims to deliver tangible outcomes by fostering stronger connections within Churchfields and the wider community. Expected results include increased community volunteering, the organisation of local activities, the formation of resident groups, and enhanced partnerships with support networks and organisations. Ultimately, this early intervention programme seeks to build a resilient, sustainable, and well-connected community. - Fingal County Council. (Community Department) Q2 2025 Fingal Rural Forum which is coordinated by the Community Development dept has held 2 meetings in 2025 and is made up of nine rural representative groups in North Fingal. They have hosted a presentation from the HSE's National Cancer Control Programme focused on cancer awareness, specifically "SunSmart skin care for farmers." The session covered how to reduce UV risk in outdoor working environments. Each of the forum members received a sunsmart kit for use at their outdoor summer events. - Fingal County Council. (Community Department) Q2 2025 A partnership with Creative Fingal and Fingal Community Office and funded by Fingal County Council and Creative Ireland, Sounds Like Summer, Festival in a Van took place in 12 venues over 2 weekends in June 2025. Bringing music, spoken work and dance to every corner of Fingal this was a celebration of Fingal's community spirit and creativity - Fingal County Council. (Community Department) Q2 2025
Action 4.1.8: Actively promote and increase the inclusion of traditionally under-represented populations in health and wellbeing activities.	Work is ongoing in relation to the Traveller Stop Smoking Service and Health Promotion staff continue to support this pilot project. The Traveller Stop Smoking Service was featured at the National Stop Smoking Advisor Symposium on September 10th, the feedback was extremely positive and this was great recognition of the hard work done by stop smoking advisor Martin Collins, Pavee Point and the supporting HSE team. There has been strong re-engagement with Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group (BTDG). Health Promotion staff will sit on the re-established steering group to represent the HSE. Health Promotion Officers have identified upskilling opportunities for Traveller Primary Health Care Workers around the challenge of discussing menopause in the community and will deliver information on this. BTDG Mother and

	Baby group have expressed an interest in learning more about baby/toddler dental health and oral health promotion officers will deliver same. - HSE (Traveller Health), Q3 2025
Action 4.1.9: Maintain and develop arts and sporting initiatives designed to support young people in reaching their full potential.	In progress with HSE/Healthy Fingal/SICAP/FCC/ FCYPSC, HIAYL
Action 4.1.10: Collaborate with key agencies and community groups in assessing young (under 25 years of age) and older people's needs to develop and implement the Fingal CYSPC Strategy and the the Fingal Age Friendly Strategy.	Fingal Age Friendly Strategy has been collated and is due to be presented to the Community Sports & Culture SPC in July 2025 - Older People's Council- (Community Department) Q2 2025 Fingal CNN continues to meet regularly to work on their thematic workplan which is dedicated to promoting youth spaces and accessibility in Fingal. They recently conducted a youth spaces survey, gathering over 250 responses. Their mission is to ensure young people in Fingal have safe and accessible youth spaces in their local areas and to raise awareness about existing facilities available to them. - Comhairle Na nÓg- (Community Department) Q2 2025 The Community Connector is a specialist social prescribing service supporting older adults (65+) across five Community Healthcare Network Areas in North Dublin, from Coolock to Balbriggan. Referrals come directly from the Integrated Care Team for Older People, targeting those who may be at higher risk of social isolation or have recently accessed healthcare services. In Q1 & Q2 of 2025 38 new referrals were made to the service, 57 home visits took place and 164 phone contacts were made with service users. - HSE (Community Connector), Q3 2025
Action 4.1.11: Facilitate community engagement with the HSE and TUSLA to accelerate the development of early intervention and prevention	The development and promotion of the Talking Heads initiative to encourage barbers to complete Let's Talk About Suicide Training as part of a collaboration with Fingal CYPSC and the HSE. The pilot is being launched in Lusk & Finglas on Oct 10th as part of World Mental Health Day – Fingal County Council (Healthy Fingal), Q3 2025

programmes in line with National Suicide Reduction Strategy, <i>Connecting for Life</i> (2015-2024).	A range of stakeholders have come together to roll-out a pilot of the Talking Heads suicide prevention initiative aimed at barbers. They will be encouraged to undertake the HSE's National Office for Suicide Prevention's 'Let's Talk About Suicide' online suicide prevention training programme. Expected roll out of the pilot in Q3. There were 254 attendees at 11 face-to-face suicide prevention and related trainings that took place in Fingal in Q2 2025. HSE, Fingal CYPSC, Jigsaw, Fingal Co. Co., North Dublin Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force - HSE (Talking Heads Suicide prevention and related training programmes), Q2 2025 Public Consultation on Next Suicide Reduction Policy- Public consultation survey advertised across Fingal area. https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/consultations/public-consultation-on-irelands-next-suicide-reduction-policy/ & Suicide prevention and related training programmes- Trainings widely circulated across Fingal area. - Bookings can be made at the following link: https://bookwhen.com/dublin-north-city-county-suicide-prevention-training - HSE (Mental Health Literature HSE (Resource Office for Suicide Prevention), Q2 2025
Action 4.1.12: Support community based initiatives to address mental health and social inclusion based on the needs of specific communities of interest, such as young males, ethnic minorities and the Traveller Community.	Active Healthy Me workshop delivered online to 19 participants coming from a wide range of disability day services. Active Healthy Me is a health and wellbeing programme for people with disabilities. The programme was developed in partnership with the HSE and Sport Ireland to support the adoption of a positive culture and capacity among people with disabilities and adult day services towards the awareness and understanding of the health benefits of physical activity HSE (Active Healthy Me), Q3 2025 The Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention hosted an information stand at an IPAS centre housing 700 international protection applicants. The event was organised by the Fingal County Council Integration Office. - HSE (Fingal Connections Expo), Q3 2025
Action 4.1.13: Continue to develop Mental Health First Responder Schemes.	Ongoing

Action 4.2.1: Expand opportunities for residents and community groups to participate in community decision making and local democracy.	Launch of fourth updated edition of the Fingal Residents Association Handbook, a comprehensive, practical guide designed to support the formation, growth, and success of residents associations throughout the Fingal region. Originally developed to empower communities and strengthen local engagement, the revised fourth edition responds to the changing needs of neighbourhoods with updated content, refreshed guidance, and a renewed focus on inclusive community development. The handbook offers clear, accessible information on establishing and managing a resident's association, with enhanced sections on governance, fundraising, communication, and local government processes. It aims to foster active citizenship and strong partnerships between residents and Fingal County Council. - Fingal County Council. (Community Department), Q2 2025 The fourth edition of the Fingal Residents Association Handbook has been updated and is available online https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2025-01/b23717-residents-handbook-rev4.pdf The aim of this handbook is to provide guidance and assistance to communities in the setup phase, ongoing development and sustainability of their associations. The handbook has been developed by the Community Development Office to assist with its work with community groups including tenant, residents and representative organisations. - Fingal County Council. (Community Department), Q2 2025
Action 4.2.2: Improve access and engagement between community groups and Fingal County Council and other government/state agencies.	To be progressed by LCDC
Action 4.3.1: Support implementation of the <i>Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy</i>.	Continuing work to evaluate the actions and outcomes of the current Fingal Migration and Social Cohesion Strategy 2029 - 2024 - Fingal County Council. (Community Department) Q2 2025

Action 4.3.2: Periodically assess the needs of migrants to facilitate integration of children, young people and families both socially and economically.	Empower provide continuous needs assessments of International Protection Applicants through our weekly clinics in IPAS Emergency Accommodation Centres across Fingal. This focuses on IPA Children and Families to promote integration and pro-social activities such as summer camps, day trips, sports days, etc. - SICAP Implementer (Empower) Q2 2025
Action 4.3.3: Engage with minority and migrant groups through dedicated outreach programmes to highlight available amenities and services in Fingal.	Fingal County Council's Community Development Department applied for and administered the annual Africa Day funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs supporting three groups to avail of the grant. Event 1- Balbriggan African Community Family fun day to showcase the talent, leadership, and innovation of African Irish Youths Event 2-The Bold Women Celebrations of African cultures and traditions with African Music and world cuisine Event 3- Children 4 World Children Launch of FruitFest Africa. A thematic celebration spotlighting African fruits, cultural heritage, and wellness. All events were encouraged to take place in local community facilities creating awareness of both the African culture and of the local amenities available - Fingal County Council. (Community Department) Q2 2025 Empower engage with minority and migrant groups through dedicated weekly outreach clinics. Part of this includes highlighting local amenities and service providers. It often includes organising specific activities for IPAs in these amenities. - SICAP Implementer (Empower) Q2 2025
Action 4.3.4: Develop further initiatives to ensure newly arrived migrants and socially excluded groups are supported.	Blanchardstown library achieved Library of Sanctuary status joining Balbriggan library.- Fingal County Council. (Fingal Libraries), Q3 2025 Fingal LAIT (Local Authority Integration Team) was established in Q1 2024 The remit of the service is to support applicants for International Protection (IP Applicants), those with Refugee, Subsidiary Protection, or Permission to Remain status, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Accommodation (BOTPs). The team provide signposting services, outreach clinics and targeted support in the areas of education, health and employment. The overarching aim of the

	model is to empower individuals within the target groups to ultimately live independently in the community. The model has been rolled out nationally. – Fingal County Council (Integration Office) Q2 2025 The Fingal Integration Office hosts the Local Authority Integration Team, amongst other supports the team work to connect stakeholders around the county to link and provide supports to newly arrived migrants and refugees. They also host targeted information events in accommodation centres to connect centres, services and community in one space. – Fingal County Council (Integration Office) Q2 2025
Action 4.3.5: Document and share learning with a view to removing duplication and improving service integration and delivery of education, training and activation supports and services.	The Fingal Integration Forum is a multi-agency forum where information on supports to IPAs is shared, collaborations fostered and joint initiatives develop to avoid duplication and ensure a coordinated response – Fingal County Council (Integration Office) Q2 2025
Action 4.4.1: Ensure appropriate supports are provided to Fingal residents within socially excluded groups and designated disadvantaged areas.	The Place Standard Tool is being used in Corduff, Dublin 15, to involve the community in shaping the future of their neighborhood. Fingal County Council's Community Development Dept is leading the initiative, using the tool to facilitate conversations and gather input on both the physical and social aspects of the area. This collaborative approach aims to improve Corduff by addressing both its strengths and areas needing improvement - Fingal County Council. (Community Department) Q2 2025 Fingal County Council's Community Development Dept is piloting an 18 month Neighbourhood Networks community project in Churchfields, Mulhuddart. Neighbourhood Network aims to promote social inclusion, tackle loneliness and build supportive and resilient neighbourhoods around Ireland. We believe that building connections between neighbours increases the

	strength of the community overall and leads to more inclusive, healthier and happier communities. - Fingal County Council. (Community Department) Q2 2025 Empower continue to provide a range of targeted supports to the most vulnerable, hard-to-reach target groups and in designated areas of disadvantage. This is achieved through a number of our programmes includes LAES, SICAP, TUS, Workability, community health and Roma projects. - SICAP Implementer (Empower) Q2 2025
Action 4.4.2: Identify key drivers of disadvantage in main areas of disadvantage per Pobal's 2022 <i>HP Deprivation Index</i> .	Empower identified the key drivers of disadvantage in the Lot Profile section of our SICAP tender. The key geographic areas of disadvantage continue to be Corduff, Mulhuddart and Balbriggan. The key drivers of disadvantage continue to be the lack of child and family support services and in particular not-for-profit early-years services; lack of dedicated premises for service providers and community organisations to be located in to address the disadvantage; lack of housing and insecurity of tenure in the private rental market. Empower are working to address this disadvantage in collaboration with target-group representative organisations through a number of our programmes including SICAP. - SICAP Implementer (Empower) Q2 2025
Action 4.4.3: Develop outreach programmes for disadvantaged areas, focussing on removing barriers to work, and promoting accessible education pathways.	Empower are located in the most disadvantaged areas of Fingal. To date in 2025 we have added an additional two premises in the Tyrrelstown ED, the most disadvantaged ED in Fingal. Our services from these premises located in the heart of the community support people in a holistic, person-centred way, focusing on removing barriers to work and promoting education where appropriate. - SICAP Implementer (Empower) Q2 2025
Action 4.4.4: Provide supports to children and young people from target groups at risk of early school leaving and/ or not in education, employment or training.	Empower provide a range of supports to children and young people at risk of early school leaving. Empower work with a number DEIS Secondary Schools in designated areas of disadvantage to support children who are unlikely to progress into 3rd level. This includes providing them with a number of employment taster workshops, qualifications such as SafePass, Manual Handling, driver theory classes and job-seeking skills. In the first half of 2025 we have develop a new initiative to support children in DEIS primary schools in the Corduff and Mulhuddart to make the step into secondary level. We are also piloting an Alternative

Suspension programme in collaboration with the YMCA for DEIS Secondary School students who have been suspended. - **SICAP Implementer (Empower) Q2 2025**

Theme 5: Rich Arts, Culture & Heritage

Goal 5.1 Promote, protect & grow the heritage of Fingal & ensure quality amenities for all

Actions	Update
Action 5.1.1: Support the implementation of Fingal County Council's <i>2019 – 2025 Arts Plan</i> .	In progress with FCC Arts Office who will provide a detailed update to members on Theme 5, 'Rich Arts, Culture and Heritage' at the next LCDC meeting on July 9th. - Fingal County Council (Tourism Department) Q2 2025
Action 5.1.2: Collaborate with operators of key heritage sites and transport operators to identify and address issues in access, specifically relating to transport options.	Fingal County Council meets regularly with the operators of our Heritage Properties to ensure our visitor attractions are accessible to all visitors and liaises with relevant bodies including the National Transport Authority and Failte Ireland to examine ways to improve access using public transport to all our heritage sites. In Q2, discussions took place with Failte Ireland on promoting new points on the Dublin Coastal Trail, Balbriggan and Donabate, that are accessible using the rail network. - Fingal County Council (Tourism Department) Q2 2025
Action 5.1.3: Support local communities to protect and develop local heritage and community cultural assets (including festivals and events).	Culture night 19.09.2025 Magic of Stories, children's literature event 27.09.2025 Festival of History 4.10.2025 and across libraries 29.9.2025-04.10.2025 Write time literature and reading event 14&15.11.2025 Fingal County Council. (Fingal Libraries), Q3 2025 Fingal County Council continues to work closely with local tourism groups and heritage/historical societies throughout Fingal to protect and enhance our valuable heritage and cultural assets including providing direct funding and support to local groups to develop festivals and events in their locality. In Q2, meetings took place with Rush and Skerries Tourism groups on ways the Council can support them further including enhanced marketing support

	and the development of new walking trails. - Fingal County Council (Tourism Department) Q2 2025
Action 5.1.4: Facilitate collaboration between the NTA, BusConnects and other transport operators and Fingal County Council to explore options to improve transport and infrastructure for key heritage site access.	Ongoing
Action 5.1.5: Support and mentor community heritage groups in the areas of group development, strategic planning, access to funding and project management.	Ongoing
Action 5.1.6: Foster learning exchanges between heritage asset operators and local heritage and community groups so as to share best practices.	To be progressed
Action 5.2.1: Facilitate community awareness, community engagement and events to share knowledge and demonstrate diverse backgrounds and cultural beliefs.	Ongoing as per Fingal library service development plan 2024-2029 Fingal County Council. (Fingal Libraries), Q3 2025
Action 5.2.2: Support the rollout of the Yellow Flag Initiative,	Ongoing

promoting interculturalism, across Fingal schools.	
Action 5.2.3: Promote awareness regarding the availability of community facilities as places where inclusivity can be fostered.	Conaí Clubhouse is a recovery-oriented service for people living with mental health issues located in the heart of Blanchardstown village. The Clubhouse is run by the members and staff in partnership who believe that every member has the potential to sufficiently recover from the effects of mental illness to lead a personally satisfying life as an integrated member of society. Members attend the Clubhouse and find meaningful work and relationships as well as connections to employment, education and socialisation. Each person's recovery process is unique. The Community Development Department has been liaising with Conaí to develop a work placement programme within our community centres as a bridge towards participants engaging in work placements. The first two centres in Huntstown and Corduff will engage Conaí members for a 12 week work placement programme from July 2025. - Fingal County Council. (Community Department) Q2 2025
Action 5.2.4: Develop an integrated and readily understandable directory of all local services.	Pending
Action 5.3.1: Alignment of the <i>Marketing Plan</i> which accompanies the <i>Fingal Economic Development Strategy</i> to incorporate and better promote Fingal's arts, heritage and culture within the Dublin and Irish contexts – and maximise the reach of the county's brand.	Marketing Plan in development, Ongoing liaison between Economic & Tourism & Communications Sections of FCC. – Fingal County Council. (Tourism Department) Q2 2025

Theme 6: Safe, Accessible, Vibrant Places

Goal 6.1 Support the development of areas for a high quality of life

Actions	Update
Action 6.1.1: Support implementation of the Fingal <i>Economic Development Strategy</i> , the <i>Fingal Tourism Strategy</i> , the <i>Fingal Food & Drink Policy</i> and the <i>LEADER Local Development Strategy</i> relating to the development of vibrant places and sectors across Fingal.	Fingal County Council has commenced the implementation of actions contained in both the Fingal Tourism Strategy and Food & Drink Policy and this has ramped up in Q2. One of our key objectives is to disperse the growth to impact positively on all areas of the County and in Q2 this included the formalisation of the Fingal Food Circle that raises the profile of businesses in all areas of the County and the development of a new monthly food market in Swords Castle and the planning of similar markets in Malahide and Donabate. - Fingal County Council (Tourism Department) Q2 2025
Action 6.1.2: Implementation of <i>Town Centre First</i> policy and delivery of Town Centre First Plans including local economic & community development initiatives.	Town and Village Healthchecks continue to be developed. Donabate, Balrothery, Ballyboughal published. Draft Town Centre First Plan for Rush under consideration within FCC. Town Centre First Plan for Lusk published. Town Healthcheck for Skerries about to begin. Fingal County Council. (Town Regeneration Office), Q3 2025
Action 6.1.3: Consult regularly with employers, employees and representative groups to identify and understand transport and infrastructural needs.	Ongoing

Action 6.1.4: Facilitate collaboration between the NTA, BusConnects and other transport operators Fingal County Council to explore options to improve access and infrastructure – including the development of active travel options.	Ongoing
Action 6.2.1: Work with residents to ensure safe neighbourhoods.	Ongoing with FCC (Multi-departmental), An Garda Síochána and community stakeholders
Action 6.2.2: Facilitate a collaborative approach to promoting safer neighbourhoods and reducing anti-social behaviour.	Ongoing with FCC (Multi-departmental), An Garda Síochána and community stakeholders
Action 6.2.3: Promote Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (passive surveillance) as a feature in commercial and residential developments.	Crime Prevention through Environmental Design is a key consideration for the Council's Planning and Architects Department - a good example is Church Fields Housing and the FCC Architect's Department who have engaged with An Garda Síochána's Crime Prevention Experts. - Fingal County Council (Architect's Department) Q2 2025
Action 6.2.4: Work in partnership with An Garda Síochána and community organisations to deliver late night sporting and other programmes for young people in key targeted areas.	In progress with stakeholders and Fingal County Council Sports Office - Fingal County Council (Sports Office) Q2 2025
Action 6.2.5: Work with An Garda Síochána to ensure community	Fingal County Council continues to engage with An Garda Síochána at a multi-departmental level. The Garda Charter outlines commitments made to members of the community "We will

policing remains an integral element of security in Fingal.	continue to work with members of the community and statutory and voluntary bodies to prevent crime and antisocial behaviour, reduce the fear of crime, promote inter-agency problem solving, bring offenders to justice and improve the overall quality of life in communities all over Ireland. - An Garda Síochána, Q2 2025
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FUTURE FINGAL – SUSTAINABLE FINGAL REPORT

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FINGAL SKILLS STRATEGY UPDATE

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FINGAL TOURISM STRATEGY UPDATE

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