

Fingal County Council Local Economic & Community Plan 2023-2028

2023-2025 Implementation Plan

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1. Introduction

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1.1 Background & Approach

The 2023-2028 Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) is the second LECP which has been developed for the county, and seeks to build on the progress made under the 2016-2020 Plan.

A new element of the LECP development process, as outlined in the *Local Economic and Community Plans Guidelines 2021*, is the requirement for Implementation Plans to be compiled. Each Implementation Plan is to cover a period of two years which provides agility and flexibility within the LECP to respond to emerging needs and opportunities on an ongoing basis. The *LECP Guidelines* recommend that the *Implementation Plan*:

“Should examine the High-Level Goals/Sustainable Objectives and outcomes as set out in the Framework LECP and determine the actions to be pursued in that particular planning period to contribute to the achievement of the goals and objectives. The Implementation Plan should include actions of all relevant stakeholders that can contribute to the achievement of the LECP High-Level Goals.”

The *Guidelines* outline that the Implementation Plan process should include the following:

- Use of available data to identify and prioritise interventions in line with the High-Level Goals and objectives of the LECP.
- Determination of specific time bound actions under each LECP objective.
- Determination of outputs and indicators to support the ongoing monitoring of the Implementation Plan that also contribute to the realisation of the overall LECP goals and objectives.
- Consideration of the resources available to underpin the implementation of these actions.
- Appropriate participation of the LCDC and SPC in this planning process.

The Fingal LECP Framework has been prepared for the period 2023-2028, with an ambition to further improve economic, social and environmental conditions in the county, in line with the LECP Vision:

“Fingal will be a vibrant, sustainable, progressive and climate resilient county, underpinned by inclusive, healthy, empowered communities and a dynamic economy.”

The 2023-2028 LECP Vision is supported by an integrated framework of six overarching ‘themes’, 15 High-Level Goals, and 31 supporting Sustainable Community Objectives (SCOs) and Sustainable Economic Development Objectives (SEDOs).



The contents of this 2023-2025 Implementation Plan set out measures to support the Vision and the six themes of:

Theme	Theme Description
Sustainability & Climate Action	Pursue climate resilience and embed sustainability in all we do.
Prosperous Economy	A dynamic, outward looking and innovative economy with sustainability at its core.
Skills for Life & Work	A county that provides a supportive and diverse skills ecosystem, nurtures talent, and provides life-long learning opportunities for all.
Healthy, Inclusive, Connected Communities	A healthy, inclusive and connected county where communities are empowered and supported to thrive.
Rich Arts, Culture & Heritage	Promote and protect our arts and heritage, and embrace cultural diversity in the county.
Safe, Accessible, Vibrant Places	A county of vibrant communities and places, accessible for all, where people want to live, work and socialise.

The contents of this Implementation Plan consist of:

1. Inputs (including Lead Agency and Partners);
2. Actions which are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time Bound (SMART);
3. Outputs; and
4. Potential sources of funding.



2. Implementation

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1.2 Theme 1: Sustainability & Climate Action

Theme	Goal	Goal Description
Sustainability & Climate Action Pursue climate resilience and embed sustainability in all we do.	G1.1	To support communities and the economy in the transition to Net Zero and climate resilience.

Goal	Objective(s)	Inputs (Lead Agency in bold)	Actions (6)	Outputs
G1.1	SEDO 1: To support communities and the economy in the transition to Net Zero and climate resilience.	1. Fingal County Council 2. Local communities 3. Fingal PPN 4. Community and voluntary groups 5. LEADER Implementer 6. SICAP Implementer 7. SEAI 8. Businesses 9. Fingal Chamber 10. Balbriggan Chamber 11. Business representative groups 12. Fingal Local Enterprise Office	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.	An extended <i>Sustainable Fingal</i> initiative– including supports – for businesses, communities and organisations to transition towards climate resilience.

		13. Enterprise Ireland 14. IDA Ireland 15. Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Partnership		
		1. SEAI 2. Fingal County Council 3. Local communities 4. Fingal PPN 5. Community and voluntary groups 6. LEADER Implementer 7. SICAP Implementer 8. Businesses 9. Fingal Local Enterprise Office	Action 1.1.2: Engage with communities and organisations to scope current climate transition status and identify future need.	A comprehensive record of the climate transition status, and current and potential future needs of communities and organisations.
		1. Fingal County Council 2. Fingal Local Enterprise Office 3. SEAI 4. Enterprise Ireland 5. Codema 6. IDA Ireland 7. Fingal PPN 8. LEADER Implementer 9. SICAP Implementer 10. Fingal Chamber 11. Balbriggan Chamber 12. Business representative groups 13. DAA	Action 1.1.3: Provide clear sign-posting of supports for the transition to a Net Zero, climate resilient county.	An updated portal, potentially linked to the 'one front door' solution of Action 2.2.3, to inform businesses, communities and organisations of available supports.
		1. Fingal County Council 2. SEAI 3. Education & training providers 4. Fingal Local Enterprise Office 5. Fingal PPN	Action 1.1.4: Support initiatives which inform, facilitate and enable behavioural changes towards more sustainable outcomes.	Greater awareness around the need to transition to Net Zero and climate resilience, and steps which can be taken to pursue same.

		6. Codema		
		1. Fingal County Council 2. SEAI 3. Codema 4. Businesses 5. Industry representative bodies 6. Education & training providers.	Action 1.1.5: Support the development of renewable and alternative energies, and sustainable construction materials and methods.	Supports for initiatives which further renewable energy development, R&D of alternative energy sources, and the development of sustainable construction practices and materials.
		1. Fingal County Council 2. Codema 3. SEAI 4. Community and voluntary groups 5. Local communities 6. Businesses 7. Enterprise Ireland 8. Fingal Chamber 9. Balbriggan Chamber	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> , the <i>Future Fingal: Business Sustainability Strategy 2026-2030</i> and climate positive initiatives being rolled out by other bodies and Agencies.	Ongoing support for policies, and engagement with associated stakeholder groups, related to climate positive initiatives.

Funding sources which may be accessed to support Sustainability & Climate Action objectives include:

- European Union Just Transition Fund
- European Regional Development Fund
- Horizon Europe and the EU Innovation Fund (R&D)
- COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology): funding for climate-related research and action
- EU LIFE Programme: funding opportunities for environment and climate projects
- EU Innovation Fund: one of the world's largest funding programmes for the commercial demonstration of innovative low-carbon technologies.
- Green Transition Fund
- National Just Transition Fund
- Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland
- The four Project Ireland 2040 funds: the Climate Action Fund, Disruptive Technologies Innovation Fund, the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF), and the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF).

1.3 Theme 2: Prosperous Economy

Theme	Goal	Goal Description
Prosperous Economy A dynamic, outward looking and innovative economy with sustainability at its core.	G2.1	Support the development of sustainable and strategic infrastructure.
	G2.2	Provide a supportive business environment that encourages innovation and attracts, retains and grows businesses sustainably.
	G2.3	Remove barriers to labour market participation.

Goal	Objective(s)	Inputs (Lead Agency in bold)	Actions (10)	Outputs
G2.1	SEDO 2: To promote, support and input into the development of sustainable and strategic infrastructure.	1. Fingal County Council 2. Fingal Chamber 3. Balbriggan Chamber 4. Business representative groups 5. Businesses 6. Government Departments 7. Fingal Economic Forum 8. State Agencies ie. NTA 9. Transport Operators i.e. DAA, Irish Rail; Dublin Bus, MetroLink etc. 10. Third level institutions 11. Community Groups	Action 2.1.1: Support implementation of the <i>Fingal County Development Plan</i> and Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy relating to economic lands and the development of sustainable and strategic infrastructure ie housing, power, water, wastewater, education facilities, digital connectivity, strategic physical infrastructure, sustainable/active travel infrastructure, public transport, and Dublin Airport.	Ongoing engagement with stakeholder groups to promote balanced infrastructural development and the delivery of sustainable and strategic infrastructure projects in the county.

	SEDO 3: To facilitate incubation and business growth.	1. Fingal County Council 2. Enterprise Ireland 3. IDA 4. Fingal Local Enterprise Office 5. Fingal Chamber 6. Balbriggan Chamber 7. Businesses 8. Existing Business Park management organisations (public and private) 9. Incubation space providers (including Drinan and BASE) 10. DBEC Partnership 11. Enterprise Ireland 12. IDA Ireland	Action 2.1.2: Support implementation of the Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy relating to low-cost start-up and scale-up spaces and business/industrial parks. Action 2.1.3: In collaboration with IDA Ireland and Enterprise Ireland, support the delivery of economic development on economically zoned lands and investment attraction in Fingal.	More space for entrepreneurs and growing businesses. Greater engagement with businesses in business/industrial parks. Effective utilisation of business parks. Delivery of more economic lands and facilities for Investors. Supports and networking/collaboration opportunities for entrepreneurs and new businesses.
G2.2	SEDO 4: To develop clusters and strategies to leverage sectoral growth opportunities.	1. Fingal County Council 2. DETE 3. Fingal Local Enterprise Office 4. Fingal Chamber 5. Balbriggan Chamber 6. Businesses 7. Business and sectoral representative groups 8. IDA Ireland 9. Enterprise Ireland 10. DBEC Partnership	Action 2.2.1: Support implementation of the Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy relating to cluster development.	Supports for new and existing clusters for key sectors in Fingal – appropriately structured, promoted and resourced to boost impact.
	SEDO 5: To enhance strategic engagement across the business ecosystem.	1. Fingal County Council 2. Fingal Local Enterprise Office 3. Fingal Chamber 4. Balbriggan Chamber 5. Private sector companies 6. Business and sectoral representative bodies 7. Fingal Economic Forum	Action 2.2.2: Engage with stakeholders on the Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy and adopt an ‘anchor employer’ account management approach to business engagement.	Networking fora to strengthen the Fingal business ecosystem. Frequent engagements between Fingal County Council and key local employers.
	SEDO 6: To provide greater clarity on and access to business supports.	1. Fingal Local Enterprise Office 2. Fingal County Council 3. Enterprise Ireland 4. SEAI 5. Fingal Chamber 6. Balbriggan Chamber	Action 2.2.3: Support implementation of the Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy relating to the creation of a ‘one front door’ solution to sign-post business supports.	A ‘one front door’ solution for Fingal businesses. Regular engagements/communications between Fingal Local Enterprise Office and entrepreneurs/businesses. Regular engagements/communications between Fingal County Council and Chamber bodies.

	SEDO 7: To develop Fingal's brand as a business location.	1. Fingal County Council 2. IDA Ireland 3. Enterprise Ireland 4. Businesses 5. Business and sectoral representative bodies 6. Fingal Economic Forum 7. Fingal Chamber 8. Balbriggan Chamber	Action 2.2.4: Support implementation of the Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy <i>Marketing Plan</i> , specifically targeting investors.	A strong Fingal brand and delivery against a defined Marketing Plan.
G2.3	SCO 1: To understand and address key barriers to work and identify and support affected population cohorts.	1. Fingal County Council 2. Department of Rural & Community Development & the Gaeltacht 3. SICAP Implementer 4. Department of Social Protection 5. Migrant and minority representative groups 6. Fingal Children and Young People's Services Committee 7. Fingal County Childcare Committee 8. Businesses	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.	A stronger understanding of barriers to work and affected population cohorts. Regular engagement between key stakeholders to address identified barriers. Implementation of targeted interventions to affected population cohorts. Delivery of SICAP. Support delivery of Fingal Migrant Integration & Social Cohesion Strategy. Support delivery of Fingal CYPSC Plan.
		1. Local Area Employment Service Providers (LAES) 2. LEADER Implementer 3. Department of Social Protection 4. Education and training providers 5. SOLAS 6. SICAP Implementer 7. Third Level Institutions 8. Fingal Skillnet (Fingal Chamber) 9. Fingal County Council	Action 2.3.2: Delivery of employability programmes for economically inactive people.	Targeted interventions and person-centred guidance related to skills development, especially via upskilling and reskilling initiatives.
	SCO 2: To provide supports to enable under-represented groups to (re) enter the workforce.	1. Local Area Employment Service Providers (LAES) 2. LEADER Implementer 3. Department of Social Protection	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.	A set of targeted supports for (re) entering the workforce to address under-representation amongst specific groups.

		4. Education and training providers 5. Migrant and minority representative groups 6. SOLAS 7. SICAP Implementer 8. Fingal County Council		
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Funding sources which may be accessed to support a Prosperous Economy objectives include:

- SOLAS
- European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
- Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)
- Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF).
- Fingal Skillnet
- Department of Rural & Community Development & the Gaeltacht funding streams (SICAP)
- European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)
- European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF)
- Erasmus+
- LEADER

1.4 Theme 3: Skills for Life & Work

Theme	Goal	Goal Description
Skills for Life & Work A county that provides a supportive and diverse skills ecosystem, nurtures talent, and provides life-long learning opportunities for all.	G3.1	Stimulate a culture of life-long learning.
	G3.2	Support skills development to meet the diverse needs of communities and businesses.

Goal	Objective(s)	Inputs (Lead Agency in bold)	Actions (18)	Outputs
G3.1	SCO 3: To update Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 - 2029 and support implementation of its recommendations	1. Fingal County Council. 2. Education and training providers. 3. Public and private sector employers. 4. SOLAS. 5. Dublin Regional Skills Forum.	Action 3.1.1: Implement Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 - 2029.	Implementation of Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 - 2029 Broader participation in Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 - 2029. Supports for Fingal Skills Strategy sectoral groups to identify and address skills gaps.
	SCO 4: To provide all Fingal residents with basic English language, literacy and numeracy skills.	1. SICAP Implementer 2. Education & training providers 3. SOLAS 4. Department of Social Protection 5. Community and voluntary groups 6. National Adult Literacy Agency	Action 3.1.2: Engage with community representative organisations and individuals in local target priority groups to identify and address skills needs Action 3.1.3: Ongoing monitoring and delivery of relevant education and training by providers in Fingal to address requirements of residents. Action 3.1.4: Promote and develop targeted skills development opportunities. Action 3.1.5: Align with the recommendations of Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 - 2029.	Delivery of SICAP programme with ongoing monitoring of relevant SICAP KPI's. Delivery of relevant education and training courses by providers. Regular engagement between Fingal County Council and education/training providers and key stakeholders to inform the implementation of recommendations of Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 - 2029.
	SCO 5: To develop greater opportunities for up- and re-skilling.	1. Education & training providers 2. Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group (SSIG) 3. Fingal Chamber Skillnet 4. Fingal County Council 5. Fingal Local Enterprise Office 6. Dublin Regional Skills Forum (DRSF) 7. Business and sectoral representative bodies 8. SICAP Implementer	Action 3.1.6: Implement the recommendations of the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 – 2029 under Theme 5, relating to upskilling and reskilling	More education and training initiatives to 'future-proof' the skills base of Fingal.

		9. LEADER Implementer		
G3.2	SEDO 8: To equip Fingal's labour force with the skills to meet businesses' current and future needs.	1. Education & training providers 2. Fingal Chamber Skillnet 3. Third level institutions 4. Fingal Chamber Skillnet 5. Dublin Regional Skills Forum (DRSF) 6. Fingal County Council 7. Public and private sector employers 8. Business and sectoral representative bodies 9. Quality and Qualifications Ireland	Action 3.2.1: Implement the recommendations of the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024-2029 under Themes 3 and 4, advancing innovative skills initiatives and qualification conversion pathways aligned with business needs.	Development of skills needs forecasting to support future training pipeline planning. Greater access to employment for citizens with qualifications gained abroad. A broader and deeper skills base in Fingal. New skills development initiatives.
	SCO 6: To broaden pathways to education.	1. Education & training providers 2. Fingal Skillnet 3. Third level institutions 4. Dublin Regional Skills Forum (DRSF) 5. Department of Social Protection 6. Generation Apprenticeship (National Apprenticeship Alliance) 7. Fingal Children and Young People's Services Committee 8. Fingal County Council	Action 3.2.4: Implement the recommendations of the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024-2029 under Themes 3 and 4 by addressing barriers to education, expanding apprenticeship and traineeship programmes in priority sectors through collaboration, and promoting lifelong learning opportunities.	Broader pathways to education for residents of all ages and backgrounds. Greater collaboration between stakeholders for the promotion of education opportunities available. Expanded apprenticeship/ traineeship opportunities. Expanded access to life-long learning opportunities.
	SCO 7: To ensure communities have the skills to take effective			

	voluntary and participative action.	1. Fingal Public Participation Network 2. Community-based and voluntary organisations 3. Education and training providers 4. Third level institutions 5. SICAP Implementer 6. LEADER Implementer 7. The Wheel 8. SEAI	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.	Greater skills and capacity within communities to take effective voluntary and participative action. Greater skills and capacity within the Fingal PPN to participate in decision-making structures. Broad range of relevant education and training courses being delivered by providers.
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Funding sources which may be accessed to support Skills for Life and Work objectives include:

- SOLAS
- LEADER
- Department of Social Protection Tús Programme.
- Higher Education Authority Programme for Access to Higher Education (PATH)
- Department of Rural & Community Development and the Gaeltacht National Volunteering Strategy & SICAP
- Department of Social Protection funding streams
- Fingal Skillnet funding

1.5 Theme 4: Healthy, Inclusive, Connected Communities

Theme	Goal	Goal Description
Healthy, Inclusive, Connected Communities A healthy, inclusive and connected county where communities are empowered and supported to thrive.	G4.1	Increase participation in initiatives that promote active living, positive mental wellbeing, and physical activity to achieve improved health and wellbeing for all.
	G4.2	Promote citizen participation.
	G4.3	Encourage inclusion and connection within and between communities.
	G4.4	Target improvements in areas of disadvantage.

Goal	Objective(s)	Inputs (Lead Agency in bold)	Actions (25)	Outputs
G4.1	SCO 8: Provide facilities and support services which enable a healthier lifestyle.	HSE - Fingal County Council - National Ambulance Service (HSE) - Drug and Alcohol Task Forces - Sporting and voluntary organisations - Youth Services - Family Resource Centres - Jigsaw - SICAP Implementer - Fingal Children and Young People's Services Committee	Action 4.1.1: Support implementation of Healthy Ireland and Healthy Fingal initiatives, and <i>Active, Together: Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024 – 2029</i>, 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, programmes, facilities and amenities in Fingal. Action 4.1.3: Devise plans to address gaps in support services and facilities in specific geographic areas. 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. Action 4.1.5: Continue to support Community First Responders.	More health-related facilities, initiatives and support services. Reduced gaps in health-related support services provision. Provision of first responder skills in the community.

G4.2	SCO 9: Increase participation in health-related activities, particularly amongst young people and senior citizens.	1. HSE 2. Fingal County Council 3. TUSLA 4. Sporting and voluntary organisations 5. Youth services 6. Fingal Children and Young People's Services Committee 7. Family Resource Centres 8. SICAP Implementer 9. Older People's Council	Action 4.1.6: Promote information resources in community, youth and education settings that reinforce positive health messages for improved health and well-being. 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. Action 4.1.8: Actively promote and increase the inclusion of traditionally under-represented populations in health and wellbeing activities. Action 4.1.9: Maintain and develop arts, literacy and sporting/physical activity initiatives designed to support children and young people in reaching their full potential. 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 Plan and the the Fingal <i>Age Friendly Strategy</i> .	More accessible information on available health-related activities. Improved and broader participation rates in health, wellbeing, and sporting/physical activities. Support delivery of objectives in the Fingal CYPSC Plan and the Fingal <i>Age Friendly Strategy</i>
	SCO 10: Support community based initiatives to address mental health issues.	1. HSE 2. TUSLA 3. Fingal County Council 4. Jigsaw 5. Youth services 6. Migrant and minority representative groups 7. SICAP Implementer 8. Fingal Children and Young People's Services Committee 9.	Action 4.1.11: Facilitate community engagement with the HSE and TUSLA to accelerate the development of early intervention and prevention programmes in line with the National Suicide Reduction Strategy 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, older people, ethnic minorities and the Traveller Community. Action 4.1.13: Continue to develop Mental Health First Responder Schemes.	Continued support for suicide prevention programmes. Continued engagement with at-risk groups.
	SCO 11: To provide more opportunities and access points for citizens to participate in local decision making.	1. Fingal PPN 2. Fingal County Council 3. Fingal Volunteer Centre 4. Community and voluntary groups 5.	Action 4.2.1: Expand opportunities for residents and community groups to participate in community decision making and local democracy. Action 4.2.2: Improve access and engagement between community groups and Fingal County Council and other government/state agencies.	Greater community participation in local democracy and decision-making structures. Greater community group engagement with Fingal County Council and other government/state

				agencies.
G4.3	SCO 12: To support implementation of the <i>Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy</i>. SCO 13: To encourage inclusion and integration through support for services, outreach and events.	Fingal County Council - Migrant and minority representative groups - SICAP Implementer - Fingal Disability Network - Fingal Ethnic Network - Fingal Children and Young People's Services Committee	Action 4.3.1: Support implementation of the <i>Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy</i>. Action 4.3.2: Ongoing assessment of the needs of migrants to facilitate integration of children, young people and families both socially and economically. Action 4.3.3: Engage with minority and migrant groups through dedicated outreach programmes to highlight available amenities and services in Fingal. Action 4.3.4: Develop further initiatives to ensure newly arrived migrants and socially excluded groups are supported. 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.	Greater engagement with communities to understand inclusion needs. Outreach programmes and initiatives to integrate new and existing communities. Shared learning initiatives.
G4.4	SCO 14: To reduce absolute and relative disadvantage in specific areas of Fingal.	SICAP Implementer - Fingal County Council - Fingal Children and Young People's Services Committee - SOLAS - TUSLA - Education and training providers - Department of Social Protection - Pobal	Action 4.4.1: Ensure appropriate supports are provided to Fingal residents within socially excluded groups and designated disadvantaged areas. Action 4.4.2: Identify key drivers of disadvantage in main areas of disadvantage per Pobal's 2022 <i>HP Deprivation Index</i>. Action 4.4.3: Develop outreach programmes for disadvantaged areas, focusing on removing barriers to work, and promoting accessible education pathways. Action 4.4.4: Provide supports to children, young people and families from target groups at risk of early school leaving and/ or not in education, employment or training.	Delivery of SICAP. Support the delivery of objectives of the Fingal CYPSC Plan. Collation of insights in to areas and drivers of disadvantage. Targeted interventions to

				reduce disadvantage.
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Funding sources which may be accessed to support Healthy, Inclusive, Connected Communities objectives include:

- Communities Integration Fund
- Healthy Ireland Fund
- Other Government and EU funding administered and managed via Pobal
- Department of Rural & Community Development & the Gaeltacht funding streams (SICAP)
- Department of Social Protection funding streams
- SOLAS

1.6 Theme 5: Rich Arts, Culture & Heritage

Theme	Goal	Goal Description
Rich Arts, Culture & Heritage Promote and protect our arts and heritage, and embrace cultural diversity in the county.	G5.1	Promote, protect, and grow the heritage of Fingal and ensure quality amenities for all.
	G5.2	Support new and existing cultures to thrive.
	G5.3	Champion the arts and cultural life of the county.

Goal	Objective(s)	Inputs	Actions (11)	Outputs
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5.1	SCO 15: To enhance the promotion & brand of Fingal's heritage.	1. Fingal County Council 2. Fáilte Ireland 3. The Heritage Council 4. Operators of key heritage assets 5. OPW 6. National Transport Authority 7. BusConnects 8. Community and voluntary groups	Action 5.1.1: Support the implementation of Fingal County Council's <i>Arts Plan</i>, the <i>Creative Places Balbriggan Strategy 2026 – 2027</i>, and the <i>Public Art Initiative</i> 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. Action 5.1.3: Support local communities to protect and develop local heritage and community cultural assets (including festivals and events) .	Promotion and Implementation of Arts Assets. Improved promotion of and access to Fingal's heritage assets. Better access to key heritage sites. Protection and development of local heritage and community cultural assets. Improved supports and mentoring relating to heritage assets. Promotion of best practice in the protection, development and operation of heritage assets.
	SCO 16: To improve access to key heritage assets.		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.	Improved supports and mentoring relating to heritage assets.
	SCO 17: To preserve and protect Fingal's heritage assets.		Action 5.1.5: Support and mentor community heritage groups in the areas of group development, strategic planning, access to funding and project management. Action 5.1.6: Foster learning exchanges between heritage asset operators and local heritage and community groups so as to share best practices.	Promotion of best practice in the protection, development and operation of heritage assets.
5.2	SCO 18: To promote inclusivity by providing supports for new and existing cultures.	1. Fingal County Council 2. Migrant and minority representative groups 3. SICAP Implementer 4. Fingal Disability Network 5. Irish Traveller Movement 6. Fingal PPN 7. Fingal Ethnic Network 8. Community & voluntary groups 9. Foroige	Action 5.2.1: Facilitate community awareness, community engagement and events to share knowledge and demonstrate diverse backgrounds and cultural beliefs. Action 5.2.2: Support the the Yellow Flag Initiative, promoting interculturalism, across Fingal schools. Action 5.2.3: Promote awareness regarding the availability of community facilities as places where inclusivity can be fostered. Action 5.2.4: Develop an integrated and readily understandable directory of all local services.	Targeted initiatives to promote inclusion for all. Continued Support of the Yellow Flag initiative. Easily accessible directory of all local services available.

5.3	SCO 19: To enhance the promotion & brand of Fingal's arts and cultural life.	1. Fáilte Ireland 2. Fingal County Council 3. Other Dublin Local Authorities 4. Arts Council 5. Heritage Council	Action 5.3.1: Alignment of the <i>Marketing Plan</i> which accompanies the <i>Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy</i> and <i>Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024 - 2029</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.	Distinct and prominent positioning of Fingal's unique arts, heritage and cultural life under the Explore Fingal brand
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Funding sources which may be accessed to support Rich Arts, Culture & Heritage objectives include:

- Arts Council funding
- Heritage Council funding
- Integration Fund
- *Connecting Ireland* Rural Mobility Plan funding
- Department of Rural & Community Development & the Gaeltacht Funding Streams
- Town & Village Renewal Scheme
- ORIS
- LEADER
- SICAP
- Fáilte Ireland funding streams
- NTA funding streams

1.7 Theme 6: Safe, Accessible, Vibrant Places

Theme	Goal	Goal Description
Safe, Accessible, Vibrant Places A county of vibrant	G6.1	Support the development of areas for a high quality of life.

communities and places, accessible for all, where people want to live, work and socialise.	G6.2	Promote safety in the community through collaboration and inclusivity.
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Goal	Objective(s)	Inputs	Actions (9)	Outputs
G6.1	SEDO 9: To revitalise the centres of key towns and villages.	1. Fingal County Council 2. Town Teams 3. Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht 4. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage 5. LEADER Implementer 6. Tidy Towns Committees 7. Fingal PPN 8. Fingal businesses 9. Business representative groups 10. Community & voluntary groups	Action 6.1.1: Support implementation of the Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy, <i>the Fingal Tourism Strategy</i>, <i>the Fingal Food & Drink Policy</i> and <i>the LEADER Local Development Strategy</i> relating to the development of vibrant places and sectors across Fingal. 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	Measures to support rural-focussed economic and tourism development in specific sectors. Creation of <i>Town Centre First</i> Plans and Health Checks Delivery of the local economic and community development initiatives defined within Town Centre First plans and/or Health Checks Delivery of objectives in the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan. Targeted actions to develop towns and villages in Fingal.

	SEDO 10: To support enhancements to transport and infrastructure.	1. Fingal County Council 2. National Transport Authority 3. BusConnects 4. Public and private sector employers 5. Community & voluntary groups 6. Businesses 7. Fingal Chamber 8. Balbriggan Chamber 9. LEADER Implementer	Action 6.1.3: Consult regularly with employers, employees and representative groups to identify and understand transport and infrastructural needs. 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.	Regular engagement between Fingal County Council and key stakeholders to identify and understand transport and infrastructural needs. Prioritised measures to improve transport and infrastructure.
G6.2	SCO 20: To develop areas which are safe for all. SCO 21: To develop and implement measures to reduce anti-social behaviour.	1. Fingal County Council 2. Tenants and Residents' Associations 3. An Garda Síochána 4. Probation Service 5. LCSP Local Community Policing Forums 6. Youth Services 7. Community, and voluntary organisations 8. Fingal Children and Young Peoples Services Committee 9. Jigsaw 10. Comhairle Na nÓg	Action 6.2.1: Work with residents to ensure safe neighbourhoods. Action 6.2.2: Facilitate a collaborative approach to promoting safer neighbourhoods and reducing anti-social behaviour. Action 6.2.3: Promote Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (passive surveillance) as a feature in commercial and residential developments. 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. Action 6.2.5: Work with An Garda Síochána to ensure community policing remains an integral element of security in Fingal.	Safer neighbourhoods in specific localities. Enhanced passive surveillance via local monitoring and better designed urban areas. Greater community Gardaí presence.

Funding sources which may be accessed to support Safe, Accessible, Vibrant Places objectives include:

- Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)
- Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)
- Comhairle na nÓg Development Fund
- Rural Social Scheme
- Department of Rural & Community Development & the Gaeltacht funding streams
- Town Centre First funding
- Town & Village Renewal Scheme

- Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)
- Fáilte Ireland funding streams
- Department of Justice funding streams
- LEADER
- SICAP
- Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan
- Irish Youth Foundation Grants
- NTA and Road Safety Authority funding streams

