



Item 4

LECP Update

Community, Sports and Culture Strategic Policy Committee

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LECP Update

- LCDC met on 16th July
- Next meetings on 16th September & 28th October
- LECP provides the strategic framework for community and economic development in Fingal
- Progress is being delivered through FCC, LCDC, and partner organisations.

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LECP At a Glance

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



- **Theme 1 – Sustainability & Climate Action** (Embedded within Community and Place based initiatives)
- **Theme 2 – Prosperous Economy** (Enterprise, employment, tourism and town centre development supports)
- **Theme 3 – Skills for Life & Work** (Community Leadership Programme and lifelong learning opportunities)
- **Theme 4 – Healthy, Inclusive, Connected Communities** (LEP, Activities, Summer projects funding)
- **Theme 5 – Rich Arts, Culture & Heritage** (Support for cultural participation, heritage initiatives and community based events)
- **Theme 6 – Safe, Accessible, Vibrant Places** (Pride of place, PST – safer more vibrant communities).

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LECP Delivery Highlights



- 134 Local Enhancement Programme grants approved
- €268k allocated through LEP
- 200 Activities Funding grants approved
- €456k allocated through Activities Funding
- 38 Summer Projects delivered across Fingal
- Ongoing community leadership and capacity-building initiatives (PST/Our Fabric).

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Theme 1

Sustainability & Climate Action



Implementation of the Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024-2029: Action Status end 2025

Climate Action Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Information for Submission to CCMA ECCE Committee

Total Number of Actions

162

Of Which are Classified
as Recurring

95

Total Number by Action Type

Adaptation

23

Mitigation

95

Combined

44

Implementation Status (as between 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025)

Not Started

16

In Progress

51

Completed

95

Completed Actions between
1st Jan 25 - 31st Dec 25 that
are classified as Recurring

83

Note: Completion of the 'LA Action Data Sheet' will autopopulate the totals above which will then be used as your annual KPI submission to the CCMA Environment, Climate, & Circular Economy (ECCE) Committee. Please ensure you have filled out the 'LA Action Data Sheet' correctly before returning this KPI Reporting File.

Fingal County Council:
National Targets



Energy efficiency improved by 2.27% in 2024 delivering an overall 57.7% improvement against the baseline



Energy-related emissions reduced by 3.5% delivering a total reduction of 48.4%, equivalent to 6,319 tonnes of CO₂



Prosperous Economy

- Implementation of Economic Development Strategy
- Continued Progression of Stephenstown Framework & Stephenstown Infrastructure Scheme
- Implementation of Balbriggan Integrated Action Plan (IAP)
- Collaboration with Fáilte Ireland for branding; 'Ireland Home of Halloween'
- Fingal Food and Drink Network ongoing events.



Prosperous Economy

- **Town Centre First:** Plans, Health checks & new Town Teams in Lusk, Skerries, Rush, Donabate, Ballyboughal and Balrothery, new programmes in Castleknock and Blanchardstown soon
- **Enterprise supports:** Innovate Fingal exploring opportunities to develop beyond traditional enterprise centre
- **Employment Supports:** Continued support for Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor...and more LEO Office Job supports
- **Tourism:** Continued Collaboration with Failte Ireland – Halloween & destination development initiatives.

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Theme 2: Economic Performance & Delivery

Delivered Through

- Enterprise
- Employment & Skills
- Place & Investment

Economic
Performance
Gap

LECP Impact

- Business growth
- Employment Creation
- Place Competitiveness
- Sustainable economic development

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Theme 2:
Prosperous
Economy

KPI
Dashboard
(YTD)



KPI Dashboard 2026

KPI	Numbers/€
Business Supports	€542k
Financial Support Packages	41
Training Participants	2520
Businesses Mentored	763
Digital for Business Supports	38
Jobs Supported/Created	48 New Job Commitments
Town Centre Projects Supported	12 (URDF €26m+)

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Theme 2: Prosperous Economy Priorities 2027

Prosperous Economy Priorities 2027



- Business Growth
- Skills & Workforce development
- Sustainable Economic Development
- Focus for Economic SPC.

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Theme 3

2026 Activity

- Transport and Logistics Skills Event – 17th September
- Xplore Your Future (TY Event) - 13th October
- Fingal Skills Summit – 24th of November
- Continued meetings with Skills Sub-Groups
- Continued meetings with Skills Strategy Implementation Groups
- Community Leadership Programme – Lusk (6 weeks).



Skills for Life & Work



Outcomes

- o Stronger local leadership.
- o Enhanced community capacity.
- o Improved collaboration across communities.

Healthy, Inclusive & Connected Communities



Delivery Examples

- Summer Projects Programme
- Activities Funding Scheme
- Community inclusion initiatives
- Community participation projects.

Outcomes

- Increased participation
- Stronger community connections
- Better support for diverse communities
- Enhanced community wellbeing.

Rich Arts, Culture & Heritage



Arts Office 2026 Delivery Examples

- Creative Places Balbriggan: Making Waves Funding Scheme
- Public Art: Harry Reynolds Road, John Kindness, St Patrick's Way – Art Trail, D15, Private Developer Commissions, Community Commissioning Toolkit
- Youth & Education: Exploring & Thinking Early Childhood Arts Residency & Music Generation
- Local Arts Development: Arts Act Grant Scheme

Outcomes to date

- Increased opportunities for artists and communities/active Social Media engagement
- Enhanced cultural identity and sense of place
- Increased access to meaningful creative experiences for early childhood
- Stronger and more sustainable arts and cultural sector

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Theme 5

Rich Arts, Culture & Heritage



Arts Office 2027 Work Plan Priorities

- Culture House, Carnegie and 2-4 Dublin Street programme
- Audience engagement in collaboration with key stakeholders.
- Public Art strategy 2025 – 2027.
- Creative Places Balbriggan Strategy 2025 – 2027.
- Relationship building with aligned colleagues, agencies and organisations to achieve greater outcomes and impact for artists and Fingal public.

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Theme 5

Rich Arts, Culture & Heritage



Social Media Engagement

Instagram:

- o +37,855 engaged across posts with 68.8% existing followers and 31.2% non-followers
- o +111 new followers
- o +1,211 interactions (people clicking on the social media page to view it.)
- o +96 people have gone beyond clicking the profile to click on the link in our bio to go to the Arts Office website.
- o On average account receives 1K views per post and 100+ likes.

Bi-weekly Newsletter:

- o Subscription increased from 300 in 2024 to 500+ now

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Theme 6

Safe, Accessible, Vibrant Places



Fingal (North & West) Local Community Safety Partnerships (LCSP) est. 2025 (Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024)

LCSPs work collaboratively - local residents, community and voluntary groups, elected councillors, and statutory agencies in community safety issues at local level.

FOR DIARY: Public meetings (Oct). Call to encourage citizens to attend and raise issues of concern:

- **Fingal North LCSP: Tues, 6th October: 7.15-9pm**, Grand Hotel, Malahide.
- **Fingal West LCSP: Wed, 28th October: 7-9pm**, Crowne Plaza, Blanchardstown



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Governance & Partnership



- Last LCDC meeting 16th July
- Mid-year SICAP review to POBAL complete
- 2026 SICAP – Annual Engagement Meeting with POBAL October 2026
- The LECP Implementation Plan 2026-2028 now adopted
- Strong partnership working.

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Looking Ahead

- Next LCDC meeting - Oct
- Implementation LECP 2026-2028 Action Plan
- Safer Halloween initiatives – Community Department funded
- Fingal Inclusion Week 16th – 22nd November – Events to be funded
- LECP- 76 Action Framework reviewed streamlined to 68 Actions
- Economic Indicator monitoring
- Town Plans, new Town Teams in Town and Villages. Official opening Quay Street, Environs and Harbour Public Realm. Construction to start Balbriggan Creative Hub.
- Enterprise & Employment Supports continuing
- Cross-sector partnership actions continuing.





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Thank You

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