

## County Identity

"Fingal will be recognised as a distinct county renowned for civic participation"



Fingal has an ancient history - it was even mentioned in *The Annals of the Four Masters* in 1636. But many people still regard Fingal as just a part of Dublin - and not a County in its own right.



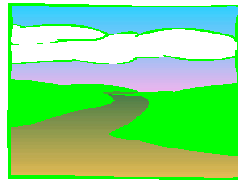
The Goals and Actions in this section of the plan concentrate on promoting Fingal - its culture, heritage, landscape and people so that the overall vision will be achieved.

Everyone in Fingal can play their part by cherishing our heritage and celebrating Fingal's unique characteristics

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## Land Use Planning

"Fingal will balance the demands of growth and sustainability"



Fingal has a lot of land but huge demands as to what to do with it.

Houses must be built but industry must also be catered for. We need to plan for facilities to go with housing developments - like parking, pitches and playgrounds.



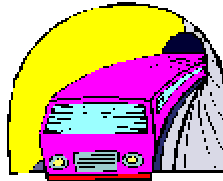
Fingal also has rural areas that need protection and a horticultural and agricultural industry that must be developed.

Land Use Planning has to balance all these needs to benefit all sectors of the community.

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## Transportation

"Fingal will have a modern, integrated and accessible transportation system"



Lots more people, need to get to get to lots more places nowadays - like work, home, school, shopping.

Facilitating all these different journeys puts a strain on the environment and involves a lot more car use than in the past.

Public transport provides one of the key answers - especially if we can start connecting people through integrated tickets - like bus - to train - to taxi.

If we work together everybody will eventually get to where they want to go.

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## Economic Development

"Fingal will have a dynamic labour force and thriving enterprise culture"



We want an economic environment in Fingal where business will prosper and individuals and communities will share in this prosperity.

We are putting an emphasis on lifelong learning and training to ensure that Fingal has lots of qualified people to take advantage of all our employment opportunities.



Dublin Airport is a fantastic asset for Fingal and it is vital that it continues to grow and prosper.

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## Housing

"Fingal will have socially cohesive and sustainable communities"



The Fingal Development Board wanted to learn from the lessons of past housing policies.

Communities explained that they did not want just houses - and more houses - but houses that were designed in a way that encouraged communities to grow.

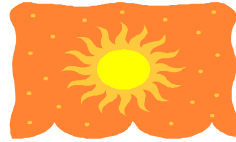


Houses that have safe places for children to play, community facilities and schools. Read all about it.

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## Health & Social Services

"Fingal will have world-class Health and Social Services"



Health and happiness are often mentioned in the same sentence an example of how important good health is to people.

Services must be provided for everyone - from the very young to the older citizens of Fingal and that cater for our ethnic minorities.

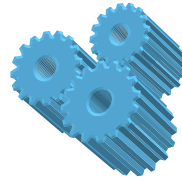


Community is the key word - and it relates to the need for more community-based staff as well as community input into policy.

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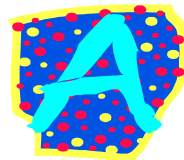
## Lifelong Learning

"Fingal will foster and promote a culture of Lifelong Learning"



Learning should be an endless set of wheels, which connect and inter-connect right throughout your life.

That's why we talk about **Ladders to Learning** - so any learning gained can be added up -like steps. That way experience you gain at home, as a volunteer, or at work combines for your CV and your life.



People who value learning understand the need to contribute to society and also the need for change to meet the challenge of this new millenium.

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## Environmental Protection

"Fingal's natural environment will flourish through regulation and education"



We have it all when it comes to the environment. Miles of beaches, open spaces and very high standards in our vast and beautiful parklands.

But how do we keep it that way - not just for ourselves but also for our children?

Everybody has to play a part. We need laws to protect our environment but individuals can help too. Think about recycling and make it a part of your everyday life - it's easy when you try.



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