



Consultation:

Review of the Fingal County
Council Corporate Plan 2015 -
2019

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Cover Letter

The submission deals with a number of matters, particularly sustainability and public participation. The comments are within the format of the document below.

Observation

Chapter: 1: Fingal in Context/Operating Environment

Title: 1 Fingal in Context/ Operating Environment

"There is 88km of coastline stretching from Sutton to Balbriggan, three large protected estuaries and salt marsh habitats and 13 major beaches."

The Fingal coastline starts at Kilbarrack.

Reference should be made in the first or second paragraphs to Howth, protected by SAAO and Natura 2000 designations, and to the Liffey Valley SAAO.

The "Environmental Scan of Fingal County Council" omits any environmental factors such as greenhouse gas emissions, resource use and protection, water and air quality, noise and quality of life. These key factors/ indicators should be included.

"A review of customer service is underway and will be completed in 2015."

Has this been released yet?

Observation

Chapter: 2: Values, Objectives and Priorities

Title: 2: Values, Objectives and Priorities

Core Values

Include

"Public Participation in Decision-making"
"Openness and Transparency"

Strategic Imperatives/Corporate Objectives

Include

"Implement the Aarhus Convention on on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, guided by the Maastricht Recommendations on Public Participation in Decision-making"

further info: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=41803>

Amend

"Develop economic plans and strategies to create an environment to support growth in the Fingal economy, create jobs and support business."

to read:

"Develop economic plans and strategies to create an environment to support sustainable prosperity in the Fingal economy, create jobs and support business."

further info: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prosperity_Without_Growth

Strategic Priorities - Economic Strategies

" • National Climate Change Adaption Framework"

should read

" • National Climate Change Adaption Framework and Dublin Climate Change Strategy"

in light of the decision at the July Council meeting.

Strategic Priorities - Tourism and Events Strategies

Include

"Protecting and enhancing heritage and public amenities."

and

"Attracting visitors by ensuring a high quality environment."

Observation

Chapter: 3: Strategic Actions » Economic Development Services

Title: -- Economic Development Services

Amend ED2 from

"Identify and implement actions to strengthen and develop the economic and community dimensions of Fingal"

to

"Identify and implement actions to strengthen and develop the economic and community dimensions of Fingal based on the principles of sustainable development."

This reflects the mandate in the Local Government Act as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

further info: <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2014/act/1/section/44/enacted/en/html#sec44>

Observation

Chapter: 3: Strategic Actions » Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Title: -- Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Include an action

"Implement the SAAOs in Howth and Liffey Valley and the Dublin Bay Biosphere Reserve."

Include an action

"Ensure availability of information and effective public participation in decision-making."
in order to deliver on the Objective in relation to public participation.

Amend

"Deliver an effective and efficient development management service to the public."

to

"Deliver an effective and efficient development management and planning enforcement service to the public."

Observation

Chapter: 3: Strategic Actions » Housing Department

Title: -- Housing Department

Include an Action reflecting the Council's work in relation to homelessness.

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Chapter: 3: Strategic Actions » Community Department

Title: -- Community Department

In relation to "Implement the Fingal Community Development Strategic Plan 2010-2015," if it has expired, then the action should be to "review/ replace and implement"?

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Chapter: 3: Strategic Actions » Corporate Affairs Department

Title: -- Corporate Affairs Department

Include action:

"Implement the Irish Language Scheme 2015 to 2018 and ensure compliance with the Official Languages Act."

Amend

"Conduct our business in a literacy friendly manner."

to

"Ensure the use of clear language by the Council."

Observation

Chapter: 3: Strategic Actions » Finance Department

Title: -- Finance Department

Amend

"Adopt best practice in relation to procurement."

to

"Adopt best practice in relation to procurement including implementing green public procurement."

further info:

<http://www.environ.ie/environment/sustainable-development/green-public-procurement/green-public-procurement>

<http://www.epa.ie/pubs/reports/other/corporate/olg/greenprocurementguidanceforthepublicsector.html>

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