

The Green Party/Comhaontas Glas adopted the following 7 principles by consensus at its foundation:

1. The impact of society on the environment should not be ecologically disruptive.
2. Conservation of resources is vital to a sustainable society.
3. All political, social and economic decisions should be taken at the lowest effective level.
4. Society should be guided by self-reliance and co-operation at all levels.
5. As caretakers of the Earth, we have the responsibility to pass it on in a fit and healthy state.
6. The need for world peace overrides national and commercial interests.
7. The poverty of two-thirds of the world's family demands a redistribution of the world's resources.

DEMOCRACY, TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The need for more transparency and participation in local government will become even greater with the challenges of transition to a post-fossil fuel economy and society. To face these challenges we need honest engagement, good ideas, a sense of common purpose and a commitment to fairness. Local government can support these qualities. It must be responsive to input from civil society and the public, and transparent in its processes, taking decisions in an accountable fashion.

My own website reflects this approach. Detailed information on all the topics in this leaflet can be found at www.davidhealy.com.

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ABOUT DAVID

David is an environmental professional with a degree in Law and a masters degree in Environmental Science. He has worked with environmental, community and international development organisations.

He is currently advisor on climate change policy to the Green Party/ Comhaontas Glas group in the Oireachtas.

As a councillor David has earned a reputation for working closely with community organisations and as an proponent of good planning.

David has had particular successes in achieving strong energy efficiency and renewable energy standards for new housing developments, in introducing children's playgrounds and in making improvements to libraries and parks.

MEMBER OF

- **Howth Special Amenity Area Order Management Committee**
- **Fingal Co.Co. Corporate Policy Group**
- **Chair of Fingal Co.Co. Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Policy Committee.**
- **Friends of the Irish Environment**
- **Howth Pathways**
- **Keep Ireland Open**
- **Friends of Balcadden Bay**
- **Feasta, the Foundation for the Economics of Sustainability**

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PRIORITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

HOUSING

My Green colleagues and I, both locally and nationally, are working for the provision of cost-rental public housing (the 'Vienna model'). Publicly owned land should be used for housing which will be permanently affordable and counteract the volatility seen in the housing market.



GREENWAYS

- The greenway between Baldoyle and Portmarnock for which I have worked for over 10 years will start construction in June and be open by October.
- The application to An Bord Pleanála will be made within weeks for the greenway linking Malahide to Donabate across Malahide Estuary.
- At my proposal a feasibility study has been done on greenway links radiating from Kinsealy to Malahide, Swords, Balgriffin and Portmarnock. Further details are at www.davidhealy.com
- Consultants are studying the entire coastal route from Sutton to Balbriggan.
- I am continuing to work for links between Clongriffin and Baldoyle through the Red Arches, between Malahide and Swords along the Broadmeadow Estuary, and between Sutton and Howth.

ROAD DESIGNS WHICH PROMOTE SAFETY

I am continuing to challenge poor road design, especially roundabouts and other junctions which do not provide adequate facilities for crossing the road. Unfortunately, a bare majority of Councillors opposed my proposal that the County Development Plan would require the provision of safe walking and cycling routes for new schools. However, the Council did later agree to work on improving walking and cycling access to existing schools.



CLEAN RIVERS AND SEAS

Storm overflows continue to divert sewage into our rivers, polluting seas and beaches. Urban run-off is also a major contributor to the poor water quality in local rivers and streams. I work to promote developments which will clean up pollution and oppose those which are causing it, and to ensure that discharge licences which have an impact on Broadmeadow Estuary and Dublin Bay are enforced and updated.

COASTAL EROSION AND FLOODING

My proposal for coastal monitoring to enable adaptation responses to coastal erosion was included in the County Development Plan and, following further pressure, is now being implemented.

MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING ACCESS TO NATURE

Protecting rights of way, especially to beaches and amenity areas is a top priority. I am committed to ensuring that our wonderful natural amenities are available to walkers, horse-riders, swimmers, cyclists, sailors, divers, kitesurfers and kayakers, and that the accesses to them are maintained and improved.

PROTECTION OF NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY

I will continue to work for our wild and semi-natural lands, rivers, and coasts to be protected and restored. Fingal is phasing out the use of pesticides in parks and open spaces following my proposal.



CLIMATE CHANGE

The greatest challenges we face as a species are to stop climate change and to adapt to the changes already in the climate system. Fingal has signed up to the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, committing to reduce emissions by 40% by 2030 compared to 1990 levels.

The transition to a low-carbon society is the biggest task facing councillors in the next Council term, with particular importance for planning, housing and transport policies.

It means ensuring that development in Fingal creates walkable communities with access to a joined up public transport network and excellent local amenities. It means a higher quality of life at a lower cost in resource use.