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BUDGET SPECIAL

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CHECK OUT FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL'S PLANS FOR 2019

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

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Mayor's Message

Budget 2019 will allow Fingal County Council continue to meet the growing demands of catering for a county that has the fastest growing and youngest population in the country as well as a rapidly growing local economy.

Fingal is a wonderful place to live, to visit, to work and to do business, and I am proud to represent all the people of Fingal in my role as Mayor. Budget 2019 provides substantial investment across a range of different areas which will ensure that Fingal County Council continues to address the challenges we face in a progressive and meaningful way.

Budget 2019 gives us more capacity to engage and assist people that are homeless or who need other assistance. The increased amount set aside in this area will help us to do that, and I am very proud of that.

Fingal is the fastest growing region in the country, with a diverse and engaged population, and Budget 2019 will allow us maintain and enhance the provision of services throughout the county.

I want to commend my council colleagues, and the management team at Fingal County Council, for their support and I look forward to representing the Council in 2019, which will be the 25th anniversary of our establishment in 1994.

Cllr. Anthony Lavin
Mayor Of Fingal

Chief Executive's Message

Fingal County Council's 2019 Budget provides for an increased level of investment in the social, economic and cultural fabric of this County. The overall aim of the Budget is to maintain and build on the enhanced investment undertaken in recent years.

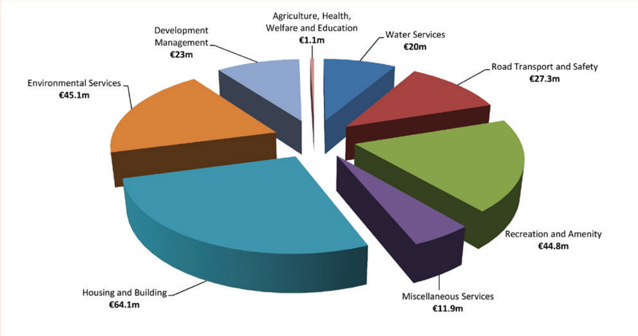
Meeting the demands for increased levels of service and investment, in what is the fastest growing county in Ireland, remains a significant challenge. This Budget will support the Council in maintaining and improving the services that we deliver to all of our key stakeholders.

The 2019 Budget will also have an impact of €572m on the local economy, an increase of €61m since 2017. In simple terms this means that for each €1 of Fingal County Council current and capital expenditure, there is resultant economic output of €1.73 across the economy.

Increased income from commercial rates and the Local Property Tax adjustment has been ring-fenced in the Budget for investment in operations, tourism, events, community, and the arts, and also to assist with tackling homelessness. Fingal County Council will continue to invest in the social, economic and cultural fabric of this county to ensure that Fingal is the place of choice to live, work, visit and do business.

Paul Reid
Chief Executive

€237m budget approved for 2019



Fingal County Council will spend €237m , the equivalent of €801 per head of population, in 2019 to provide services and investment which aim to improve the county as a place in which to live, work and invest.

Since 2012, the revenue Budget has increased from €212m to €237, an increase of over 10 per cent. The 2019 budget includes a €10m increase in expenditure on 2018 budget, which itself contained a €10m spending increase on 2017.

Three key core objectives have been set out in the Budget as Fingal County Council lays out its plan for the year ahead. The main priority is to continue investment in the Housing and Community areas. Furthermore, it will maintain the Council's enhanced level of investment to improve service delivery, as well as developing the economic and community plan for Fingal that supports job creation, tourism and sustainable communities.

Furthermore, under its three-year Capital Programme 2019-2021 agreed in October, Fingal County Council will spend a further €588.68m on 212 individual projects across the county.

The €237m budget, agreed by councillors, breaks down as follows:

- €64.1m - Housing and Building
- €27m - Road Transport and Safety
- €20m Water Services
- €23m - Development Management
- €45.1m - Environmental Services
- €44.9m Recreation and Amenity
- €1.1m - Agriculture, Health, Welfare and Education
- €11.9m - Miscellaneous Services

Councillors agreed to a two per cent commercial rates increase which will see €2.5m ring-fenced for additional investment in street cleaning, parks maintenance and other operational activities.

Some €400,000 will be allocated to community centres for remedial and refurbishment works. A further €700,000 has been allowed for enhanced investment in community events and, facilities. The Arts Office will receive €0.25m for additional investment in arts facilities, grants and activities, while €850,000 has been earmarked for .enhanced expenditure in events, tourism activities and heritage properties

In September, councillors agreed to reduce the Local Property Tax by 5% which has allowed €2m to be set aside for housing and homelessness and local services.

AMBITIOUS STRATEGY PROVIDES SOLID FOUNDATION FOR FINGAL TO THRIVE

Fingal County Council has increased spending by over €20m in the past two years, bringing its overall expenditure to €237m in 2019, as part of an ambitious and far-reaching strategy to provide a solid foundation for the region to thrive as a place to live, visit and do business.

That's according to Head of Finance Oliver Hunt, *(pictured)* who looks after the local authority's purse strings on a day to day basis, and who said that Budget 2019 will maintain and build on the enhanced investment undertaken in the 2018 Budget.

Fingal County Council's annual Budget has been steadily increasing in recent years, rising from €216m in 2017 to €237m this year, an increase of 10 per cent.

Mr Hunt said that Fingal

County Council has been rebuilding its finances to allow for greater and more substantial investment in the region. "In 2018, we increased our expenditure by €10m and in 2019, we have a further additional €10m to invest."

Mr Hunt said: "Last year, we began a two-year strategy to provide for substantial investment in the region. We kicked off in 2018 with the LPT adjustment which provided for an additional €2m in funding which was ring-fenced for a number of key areas.

"We also looked at rates, which had seen substantial rates reductions in the early part of the decade as we supported businesses in a difficult economic environment. The economy has improved dramatically since then. This additional money was earmarked for a number of projects such as public lighting, traffic, footpaths, remedial and refurbishment works on community centres and to provide funds for capital works for our housing stock including heating system upgrades and other remedial works."

And now in 2019, Fingal County Council will continue with the strategy, building on that work through the LPT adjustment and rates increase, which will provide

for an additional €2.5m in funding, which again has been ring-fenced for a number of key projects across the region .

The money has been set aside for very specific activities in the areas of housing and homelessness, community, operations, tourism and events, including our heritage properties, as well as libraries.

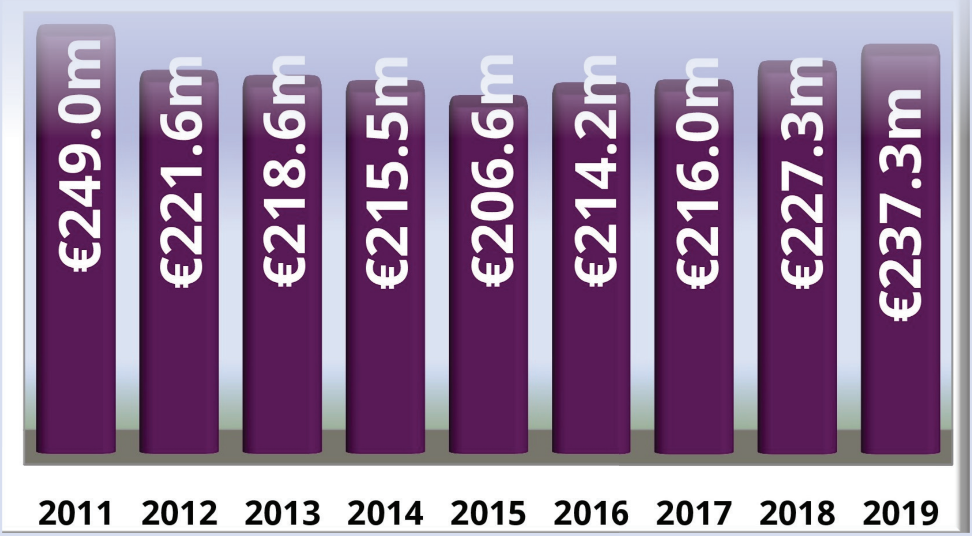
He said: "These are key areas from our citizens point of view, they are forward-facing type of activities. The feedback has been very positive as you could clearly see where the money was spent. For example Flavours of Fingal was one of these areas and that was a very successful event during the summer.

Mr Hunt said: "The basis of the strategy is to allow for investment in the county, which is the fastest growing in the country with the most diverse and the youngest population in the State. It is also the third largest county from a population point of view."

Mr Hunt added: 'Fingal County Council continues to have the lowest rates cost of any of the four Dublin local authorities so we are creating a very business friendly environment. We've been able to secure the additional expenditure without overburdening the rate payer or the LPT payers. The LPT adjustment meant less than a 50 cent per week rise for 80 per cent of households in the county. "

Mr Hunt added that the three-year capital plan sets out an investment of just under €600m which is a substantial investment that will be bolstered by a €70m EIB facility.

Concluding, he said Budget 2019 would maintain the Council's enhanced level of investment to improve service delivery, as well as developing the economic and community plan for Fingal that supports job creation, tourism and sustainable communities.



Library visits pass the one million mark

Over one million visits were made to Fingal Libraries last year as Fingal County Council continues to invest heaviliy in this key area.

In its 2017 Performance Indicators Report, NOAC (National Oversight & Audit Committee) records that Fingal spent €41.72 per head of population on providing library services in 2017 and a similar figure was recorded in 2018. This is 34% greater than the national average of €31 per person.

This spend facilitates free access to books and to a wide range of electronic resources including newspapers, magazines and online courses, to a programme of activities and events which informs and entertains as well as access to spaces in which people meet, engage, create and learn.

It's major capital project is the Swords Civic and Cultural Centre which will include a new County Library alongside a Theatre. Capital funding is also in place in 2019 to start the extension and refurbishment to Skerries Library.

Fingal Libraries operates a range of services through its 10 branches, four new mobile vans and its Local Studies and Archive section.

Economic and

Tourism promotion and economic development is a key element of Fingal County Council's annual budget as it continues to promote the region as a place to visit and do business.

One of the most significant events is the annual Flavours of Fingal Festival, which last year attracted tens of thousands of people to Newbridge House. In fact, it is estimated that the two-day Flavours of Fingal event resulted in €3.1m of economic output in 2018.

Overall it is estimated that up to €0.5billion per year is spent by visitors in Fingal, which, in turn, supports 20,000 jobs.

Fingal County Council is strongly committed to the economic development of Fingal through its Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development Department, which is solely focused on economic development. Indeed an additional sum of €850,000 has been ring-fenced to support enhanced expenditure in events, tourism activities and heritage properties within the county in 2019.

Fingal County Council actively supports and promotes a broad range of arts activity in Fingal, in particular the funding of events and performances.

The Council's two Arts Centres, Draíocht in Blanchardstown and the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre in Naul, continue to prosper and €710,000 is provided for their continued support in 2019. These arts centres are beacons of culture and centres of excellence for the Arts in Fingal.

In 2019 a sum of €150,000 is provided for Arts Grants which support a wide range of cultural activities throughout Fingal.

Council spends €4.4m maintaining public lights

Some €4.4m will be spent by Fingal County Council maintaining over 32,000 public lights across the region in 2019. Included in this figure is energy provision for 2,400 lights and traffic route lighting on the M1, M2 and N3 national primary roads. Fingal County Council plans to spend €120,200 for minor works. A sum of €2.4m has been provided in the capital account to accelerate the LED public lighting replacemetn programme which will now be completed in just over two years as opposed to the original seven-year timeline.

tourism development backed

Community at the heart of all the council does

More than one million people used Fingal County Council's community centres in the first nine months of 2018.

Fingal supports 31 community facilities across the county and some €400,000 has been ring-fenced in the 2019 Budget to allow the local authority provide additional funding for remedial and refurbishment works on community centres across the region.

Budget in Figures

€237m to provide services and investment in 2019 to improve the county as a place in which to live, work and invest.

€64m
Housing and Building

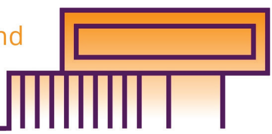
€27m
Road Transport and Safety

€20m
Water Services

€23m
Development Management

€45m
Environmental Services

€45m
Recreation and Amenity



€1m
Agriculture, Health, Welfare & Education

€12m
Miscellaneous Services

€801
per head of population to be spent by Fingal County Council in 2019

€588m
spent in three year capital plan on 212 individual projects across the county

€10m
the increase in the Budget from 2018

€572m
the impact that Fingal County Council has on the local economy, an increase of €61m since 2017

€20m
allocated towards provision of fire service

€3.1m
economic output from Flavours of Fingal

€0.5bn
spent by visitors in Fingal supporting 20,000 jobs

970 people
employed by 211 client companies of LEO Fingal around the county

€3.5m
on economic development and promotion

€493,000
on climate change and flooding

€13.4m
on library and archival service

€5.4m
on Arts programmes

€18m
on outdoor leisure areas

5,400 homes
Fingal County Council manages and maintains

€6.5m
to be spent on street cleaning

€4.4m
on public lighting

€2.4m
on LED replacement programme for street lights

1,469 staff
employed by Fingal County Council

€14.4bn
Dublin Enterprise Zone adds to the national economic output, supporting 34,600 jobs

74%
the number of ratepayers who have a liability of 10k or less

27,645
housing enquiries received by Fingal County Council in 2018, up 8% this year

1m
visitors to Fingal Libraries in 2018

32,000
public lights in Fingal

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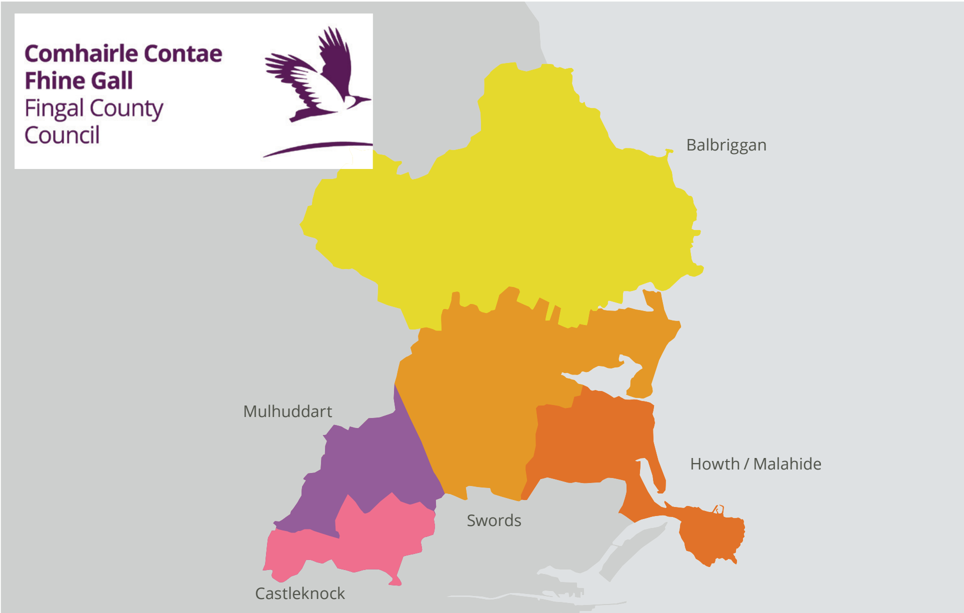

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An Buiséad i bhFigiúirí

€237 milliún le seirbhísí agus infheistíocht a sholáthar sa bhliain 2019 le feabhas a chur ar an gcontae mar áit le cónaí, le bheith ag obair, agus le hinfheistíocht a dhéanamh ann.

€64m
Tithíocht agus Tógáil

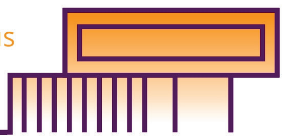
€27m
Iompar ar Bóthar agus Sábháilteacht ar Bhóithre

€20m
Seirbhísí Uisce

€23m
Bainistíocht Forbartha

€45m
Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

€45m
Fóillíocht agus Áiseanna



€1m
Talmhaíocht, Sláinte, Leas agus Oideachas

€12m
Seirbhísí Ilghnéitheacha

€801
in aghaidh an duine den daonra le caitheamh ag Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall sa bhliain 2019

€588m
caithfidh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall €588.68 milliún sa bhreis ar 212 tionscadal aonair ar fud an chontae

€10m
an méadú ar an mBuiséad i gcomparáid le 2018

€572m
tionchar atá ag Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall ar an ngeilleagar áitiúil, ar méadú €61 milliún é sin i gcomparáid le 2017

€20m
an méid a dáileadh ar an tseirbhís dóiteáin

€3.1m
aschur eacnamaíochta na féile Blas Fhine Gall

€0.5bn
an méid a caitheadh ag cuairteoirí i bhFine Gall, a thacaigh le 20,000 post

970
líon na ndaoine a earcaíonn cliantchuideachtaí de chuid OFA Fhine Gall ar fud an chontae

€3.5m
an méid a caitheadh ar fhorbairt agus cur chun cinn eacnamaíochta

€493,000
an méid a caitheadh maidir leis an athrú aeráide agus tuile

€13.4m
a méid a caitheadh ar an tseirbhís leabharlainne agus cartlainne

€5.4m
ar chlár Ealaíon

€18m
ar limistéir fóillíochta amuigh faoin spéir

5,400
líon na dtithe a bhainistíonn agus a chothabhálann Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall

€6.5m
an méid le caitheamh ar ghlantachán sráideanna

€4.4m
ar shoilsiú poiblí

€2.4m
ar chlár athsholáthair LED le haghaidh soilse sráideanna

1,469 staff
líon na mball foirne a fhostaíonn Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall

€14.4bn
an méid a chuireann an Saincheantar Fiontraíochta Bhaile Átha Cliath le haschur náisiúnta eacnamaíochta, a thacaíonn le 34,600 post

74%
céatadán na n-íocóirí rátaí a bhfuil dliteanas €10,000 nó níos lú acu

27,645
líon na bhfiosruithe maidir le Tithíocht a fuair Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall sa bhliain 2018, ar méadú 8 faoin gcéad é seo i gcomparáid leis an mbliain seo caite

1m
líon na gcuairteanna ar Leabharlanna Fhine Gall sa bhliain 2018

32,000
líon na soilse poiblí i gContae Fhine Gall

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Sháraigh líon na gcuairtenna ar leabharlanna milliún cuairt sa bhliain 2018

Tugadh níos mó na milliún cuairt ar Leabharlanna Fhine Gall anuraidh, agus leanann Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall le hinfheistíocht mhór a dhéanamh sa réimse tábhachtach seo. Chuir an Coimisiún Náisiúnta Maoirseachta agus Iniúchóireachta (CNMI) ar taifead, ina thuarascáil bhliantúil ar tháscairí feidhmíochta don bhliain 2017, gur chaith Fine Gall €41.72 an duine chun seirbhísí leabharlainne a chur ar fáil sa bhliain 2017, agus taifeadadh figiúr cosúil leis sin sa bhliain 2018. Tá sé seo 34% níos airde ná an meánlíon náisiúnta €31 an duine.

Éascaíonn an caiteachas seo rochtain shaor ar leabhair agus réimse leathan acmhainní leictreonacha, nuachtáin, irisí agus cúrsaí ar líne ina measc, agus ar chlár gníomhaíochtaí agus imeachtaí a chuireann daoine ar an eolas agus a dhéanann siamsa dóibh. Cuirtear spásanna ar fáil chomh maith inar féidir le daoine teacht le chéile, cumarsáid a dhéanamh, cruthú agus foghlaim. Is é an tIonad Cultúir agus Pobail sa Sord an mórthionscadal caipitil atá ar siúl, áit a mbeidh Leabharlann Chontae nua chomh maith le hAmharclann. Tá cistiú caipitil curtha ar fáil sa bhliain 2019 le tús a chur le síneadh agus athchóiriú Leabharlann na Sceirí. Cuireann Leabharlanna Fhine Gall réimse seirbhísí ar fáil ag na deich mbrainse agus ceithre leabharlann taistil atá acu, chomh maith lena rannóg um Staidéar Áitiúil agus Cartlann.

Tacaíodh le forbairt

Is cuid lárnach de bhuiséad bliantúil Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall é cur chun cinn turasóireachta agus forbairt eacnamaíochta, fad a leanann an Chomhairle den réigiún a chur chun cinn mar áit le cuairt a thabhairt uirthi agus gnó a dhéanamh inti.

Tá an fhéile bhliantúil Blas Fhine Gall nó Flavours of Fingal ar cheann de na himeachtaí is mó. Mheall an fhéile na deicheanna míle duine go dtí Teach Dhroichead Nua anuraidh.

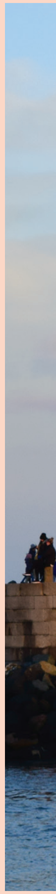
Go deimhin, meastar gur féidir aschur eacnamaíochta de €3.1 milliún sa bhliain 2018 a nascadh leis an bhféile dá lá seo.

Ar an iomlán, meastar go gcaitear suas le €0.5 billiún sa bhliain ag cuairteoirí i bhFine Gall, caiteachas a thacaíonn le 20,000 post.

Tá Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall tiomanta go láidir d'fhorbairt eacnamaíochta Fhine Gall trína Roinn Forbartha Eacnamaíochta, Fiontraíochta agus Turasóireachta, roinn a dhíríonn go huile is go hiomlán ar fhorbairt eacnamaíochta. Go deimhin, imfhálaíodh €850,000 sa bhreis le tacú le caiteachas níos airde ar imeachtaí, gníomhaíochtaí turasóireachta agus ionaid réadmhaoine oidhreachta sa chontae sa bhliain 2019.

Tacaíonn Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall go gníomhach le, agus cuireann sí chun cinn, réimse leathan gníomhaíochta ealaíon i bhFine Gall, go háirithe trí imeachtaí agus léirithe a mhaoiniú.

Tá an dá Ionad Ealaíon de chuid na Comhairle, Draíocht i mBaile Bhlainséir agus an tIonad Cultúir Seamus Ennis san Aill, faoi bhláth go fóill agus cuirfear €710,000 ar fáil le tacú leo sa bhliain 2019.



Caith an Chomhairle €4.4 milliún le cothabháil a dhéanamh ar shoilsiú poiblí

Caithfear thart ar €4.4 milliún ag Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall le cothabháil a dhéanamh ar os cionn 32,000 solas poiblí ar fud an réigiúin sa bhliain 2019. Tá soláthar fuinnimh do 2,400 solas agus soilsiú tráchta ar na príomhbhóithre náisiúnta M1, M2 agus M3 san áireamh leis an méid seo. Beartaíonn Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall €120,200 a chaitheamh ar mhionoibreacha. Cuireadh €2.4 milliún ar fáil sa chuntas caipitil chun an clár athsholáthair maidir le soilsiú poiblí LED a luathú.
Cuirfear an clár i gcrích laistigh de thréimhse atá díreach os cionn dhá bhliain, seachas seacht mbliana de réir mar a beartaíodh ar dtús

eacnamaíochta agus turasóireachta

Is eiseamláirí cultúir agus ionaid barr feabhais do na healaíona i bhFine Gall iad na hionaid ealaíon seo.

Sa bhliain 2019, cuirfear €150,000 ar fáil le haghaidh Deontais Ealaíon a thacaíonn le réimse leathan gníomhaíochtaí cultúir ar fud Fhine Gall.

An pobal ag croílár gach rud a dhéanann an chomhairle

Dúsáid os cionn milliún duine ionaid phobail de chuid Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall sa chéad naoi mí den bhliain 2018.

Tacaíonn Fine Gall le 31 áis phobail ar fud an chontae, agus imfhálaíodh thart ar €400,000 i mbuiséad na bliana 2019 le deis a thabhairt don údarás áitiúil cistiú breise a chur ar fáil le haghaidh oibreacha leasúcháin agus athchóirithe ar ionaid phobail ar fud an réigiúin.

LEAGANN STRAITÉIS UAILLMHIANACH BONN LÁIDIR LE BORRADH A CHUR FAOI FHINE GALL

Mhéadaigh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall caiteachas faoi €20 milliún sa dá bhliain roimhe seo, agus is ionann agus €237 milliún an caiteachas iomlán sa bhliain 2019. Rinneadh é seo mar chuid de straitéis uaillmhianach agus forleathan chun bonn láidir a leagan ionas go bhfásfaidh an réigiún mar áit le cónaí ann, cuairt a thabhairt air agus gnó a dhéanamh ann.

Sin a dúirt an Ceannasaí Airgeadais Oliver Hunt atá i mbun an sparáin don údarás áitiúil go laethúil. Dúirt sé chomh maith go gcoimeádfaidh Buiséad 2019 an infheistíocht mhéadaithe a rinneadh i mBuiséad 2018, agus go gcuirfidh sé léi.

Tá Buiséad bliantúil Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall ag dul i méid go leanúnach le blianta beaga anuas. Mhéadaigh an buiséad ó €216 milliún sa bhliain 2017 go €237 milliún i mbliana, ar

méadú 10 faoin gcéad é sin.

Dúirt an tUasal Hunt go raibh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall ag atógáil a cuid cúrsaí airgeadais le deis a thabhairt chun infheistíocht níos mó agus níos suntasaí a dhéanamh sa réigiún. "Sa bhliain 2018, mhéadaíomar ár gcaiteachas faoi €10 milliún agus beidh €10 milliún sa bhreis le hinfheistiú againn sa bhliain 2019.

Dúirt an tUasal Hunt: "An bhliain seo caite, chuireamar tús le straitéis dhá bhliain chun infheistíocht shuntasach a dhéanamh sa réigiún. Thosaíomar sa bhliain 2018 trí Cháin Mhaoine Áitiúil (CMÁ) a athrú, rud a chuir €2 milliún sa bhreis de mhaoiniú ar fáil. Imfhálaíodh an t-airgead sin do roinnt réimsí tábhachtacha.

"Chaitheamar súil ar rátaí chomh maith. Laghdaíodh rátaí go suntasach go luath sna 2010idí nuair a thacaíomar le cuideachtaí le linn tréimhse dheacair eacnamaíochta. Tá feabhas mór tagtha ar an ngeilleagar ó shin i leith. Cuireadh an t-airgead breise ar leataobh le haghaidh roinnt tionscadal, cosúil le soilsiú poiblí, trácht, cosáin, oibreacha feabhais agus athchóirithe ar ionaid phobail, agus chun cistiú a chur ar fáil d'oibreacha caipitiúla ar ár soláthar tithíochta, feabhsúcháin ar chórais téimh agus oibreacha eile feabhais ina measc."

Sa bhliain 2019, leanfaidh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall ar aghaidh leis an straitéis sin. Cuirfimid leis an obair sin tríd an athrú ar CMÁ agus an méadú ar rátaí a chuirfidh €2.5

milliún sa bhreis de mhaoiniú ar fáil. Déanfaimid an t-airgead sin a imfhálú le haghaidh roinnt tionscadal tábhachtach sa réigiún.

Cuireadh an t-airgead ar leataobh le haghaidh gníomhaíochtaí ar leith i réimsí a bhaineann le tithíocht agus easpa dídine, an pobal, oibríochtaí, turasóireacht agus imeachtaí, ár n-ionaid réadmhaoine oidhreachta san áireamh, agus ár leabharlanna.

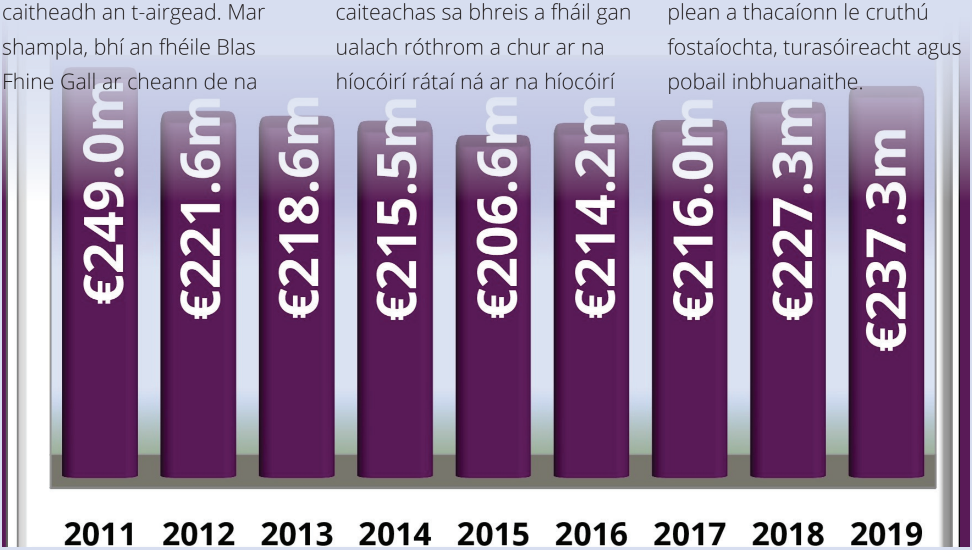
Dúirt sé: "Is réimsí tábhachtacha iad sin, de réir muintir an réigiúin, agus is gníomhaíochtaí iad ina bhféachaimid chun cinn. Fuaireamar aiseolas an-dearfach go dtí seo, mar is léir do dhaoine cén áit ar caitheadh an t-airgead. Mar shampla, bhí an fhéile Blas Fhine Gall ar cheann de na réimsí sin. Ba imeacht é sin a raibh rath mór air i rith an tsamhraidh.

Dúirt an tUasal Hunt: "Is é bunús na straitéise seo ná infheistíocht a dhéanamh sa chontae seo, ar an contae is mó atá ag fás sa tír é agus a bhfuil an daonra is éagsúla agus is óige sa Stát aige. Is é an tríú contae is mó sa tír é, ó thaobh daonra de, chomh maith."

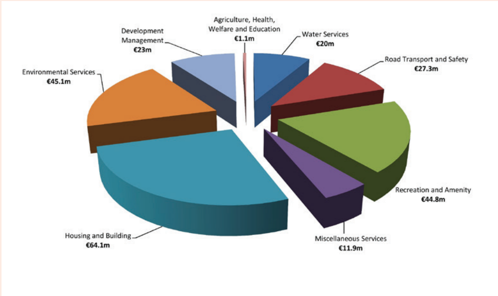
Dúirt an tUasal Hunt chomh maith: "Tá na rátaí atá ag Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall fós i measc na rátaí is ísle atá ag aon cheann de na ceithre údarás áitiúla i mBaile Átha Cliath. Mar sin, cuirimid timpeallacht atá an-fhabhrach do ghnó ar fáil. Bhíomar ábalta caiteachas sa bhreis a fháil gan ualach róthrom a chur ar na híocóirí rátaí ná ar na híocóirí CMÁ. Ní raibh ach méadú a bhí níos lú na 50 cent in aghaidh na seachtaine i gceist do 80 faoin gcéad de theaghlaigh mar gheall ar an athrú ar cháin mhaoine áitiúil. "

Dúirt an tUasal Hunt chomh maith go leagann an plean caipitil trí bliana amach infheistíocht atá beagnach €600 milliún. Is infheistíocht shuntasach í seo a threiseofar ag Saoráid €70 milliún ón mBanc Eorpach Infheistíochta.

Mar fhocal scoir, dúirt sé go gcoimeádfaidh Buiséad 2019 leibhéal méadaithe infheistíochta na Comhairle chun soláthar seirbhíse a fheabhsú, chomh maith leis an bplean eacnamaíochta agus pobail d'Fhine Gall a fhorbairt, plean a thacaíonn le cruthú fostaíochta, turasóireacht agus pobail inbhuanaithe.



Ceadaíodh buiséad €237 milliún don bhliain 2019



Caithfidh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall €237 milliún, arb ionann é sin agus €801 in aghaidh an duine den daonra, sa bhliain 2019 le seirbhísí agus infheistíocht a sholáthar a bhfuil mar aidhm acu feabhas a chur ar an gcontae mar áit le cónaí, le bheith ag obair, agus le hinfheistíocht a dhéanamh inti.

Ó 2012 i leith, mhéadaigh an Buiséad reatha ó €212 milliún go €237 milliún, ar méadú 10 faoin gcéad é sin. Tiocfaidh méadú €10 milliún ar chaiteachas i mbuiséad na bliana 2019 i gcomparáid le 2018, bliain inar tháinig méadú €10 milliún ar chaiteachas chomh maith.

Leagadh amach trí bhunchuspóir tábhachtacha sa Bhuiséad a bhaineann le plean Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall don bhliain atá amach romhainn. Is í an phríomhthosaíocht ná leanúint ar aghaidh le hinfheistíocht sna réimsí Tithíochta agus Pobail. Anuas air sin, coinneofar leibhéal ard infheistíochta na Comhairle ar an leibhéal céanna chun soláthar seirbhíse a fheabhsú, chomh maith leis an bplean eacnamaíochta agus pobail d'Fhine Gall a fhorbairt, plean a thacaíonn le cruthú fostaíochta, turasóireacht agus pobail inbhuanaithe.

Ina theannta sin, faoina Clár Caipitil trí bliana 2019-2021 a comhaontaíodh i nDeireadh Fómhair, caithfidh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall €588.68 milliún sa bhreis ar 212 tionscadal aonair ar fud an chontae.

Déantar an buiséad €237 milliún, ar comhaontaíodh na comhairleoirí leis, a roinnt mar a leanas:

- €64.1m - Tithíocht agus Tógáil;
- €27m - Iompar ar Bóthar agus Sábháilteacht ar Bhóithre
- €20m Seirbhísí Uisce
- €23m - Bainistíocht Forbartha
- €45.1m - Seirbhísí Comhshaoil
- €44.9m - Fóillíocht agus Áiseanna
- €1.1m - Talmhaíocht, Sláinte, Leas agus Oideachas
- €11.9m - Seirbhísí Ilghnéitheacha

Ghlac comhairleoirí leis go dtiocfaidh méadú dhá faoin gcéad ar rátaí tráchtála. Dá bharr sin, déanfar €2.5 milliún a imfhálú le haghaidh infheistíocht bhreise i nglantachán sráideanna, cothabháil páirceanna agus gníomhaíochtaí oibriúcháin eile.

Dáilfear thart ar €400,000 ar ionaid phobail le haghaidh oibreacha feabhais agus athchóirithe. Cuirfear €700,000 sa bhreis ar fáil le haghaidh infheistíocht fheabhsaithe in imeachtaí pobail agus áiseanna. Gheobhaidh an Oifig Ealaíon €0.25 milliún le haghaidh tuilleadh infheistíochta a dhéanamh in áiseanna, deontais agus gníomhaíochtaí ealaíon, agus cuireadh €850,000 ar leataobh le haghaidh infheistíocht mhéadaithe in imeachtaí, gníomhaíochtaí turasóireachta agus ionaid réadmhaoine oidhreachta.

I Meán Fómhair, ghlac comhairleoirí leis an Cháin Mhaoine Áitiúil a laghdú faoi 5%, agus dá bharr sin cuireadh €2 milliún ar leataobh le haghaidh tithíochta, easpa dídine agus seirbhísí áitiúla.

Teachtaireacht ón Mhéara

Mar gheall ar Bhuiséad 2019, beidh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall in ann leanúint ar aghaidh le héilimh atá ag fás a shásamh, éilimh a bhaineann le freastal ar chontae a bhfuil an daonra is óige agus is mó atá ag fás sa tír acu, chomh maith le geilleagar áitiúil a bhfuil borradh mór faoi.

Is áit iontach é Fine Gall le cónaí ann, cuairt a thabhairt air, le bheith ag obair ann agus gnó a dhéanamh ann, agus táim bródúil as a bheith i m'ionadaí do na daoine go léir i bhFine Gall i mo ról mar Mhéara. Cuireann Buiséad 2019 infheistíocht shuntasach ar fáil trasna raon réimsí difriúla, infheistíocht a chinnteoidh go leanfaidh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall ar aghaidh le dul i ngleic leis na dúshláin atá romhainn ar bhealach forásach agus suntasach.

Tugann Buiséad 2019 tuilleadh acmhainní dúinn le teagmháil a dhéanamh le agus tacaíocht a thabhairt do dhaoine atá gan dídean nó a bhfuil cúnamh eile ag teastáil uathu. Tabharfaidh an tsuim mhéadaithe atá curtha ar leataobh sa réimse seo tacaíocht dúinn chun é sin a dhéanamh, agus táim fíorbhródúil as sin. Is é Fine Gall an réigiún is mó atá ag fás sa tír, a bhfuil daonra éagsúil agus gníomhach aige, agus cuirfidh Buiséad 2019 ar chumas againn an soláthar seirbhísí ar fud an chontae a choimeád agus a fheabhsú. Ba mhaith liom mo chomhghleacaithe comhairle, chomh maith leis an bhfoireann bhainistíochta i gComhairle Contae Fhine Gall, a mholadh as a gcuid tacaíochta agus táim ag tnúth le hionadaíocht a dhéanamh don Chomhairle sa bhliain 2019, 25 bliain i ndiaidh don chomhairle a bheith curtha ar bun sa bhliain 1994.

Cllr. Anthony Lavin
Méara Fhine Gall

Teachtaireacht CE

Le Buiséad 2019 Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall, déantar leibhéal níos airde infheistíochta i gcreatlach chultúrtha, eacnamaíochta agus shóisialta an chontae. Is é aidhm fhoriomlán an Bhuiséid ná an infheistíocht mhéadaithe a rinneadh le blianta beaga anuas a choimeád, agus chun cur leis an infheistíocht sin.

Is dúshlán suntasach é go fóill na héilimh ar leibhéil mhéadaithe seirbhíse agus infheistíochta a shásamh sa chontae seo, ar an contae is mó atá ag fás in Éirinn é. Tacóidh an Buiséad seo leis an gComhairle na seirbhísí a sholáthraímid dár bpríomhpháirtithe leasmhara go léir a choimeád agus a fheabhsú. Beidh tionchar ag Buiséad 2019 ar an ngeilleagar áitiúil chomh maith, ar fiú €572 milliún é. Is méadú €61 milliún é sin i gcomparáid le 2017. Ar bhealach simplí, ciallaíonn sé sin go dtarlaíonn aschur eacnamaíochta de €1.73 ar fud an gheilleagair de thoradh ar gach €1 caiteachas caipitiúil agus reatha a chaitheann Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall.

Imfhálaíodh ioncam méadaithe atá againn de bharr rátaí tráchtála agus an t-athrú ar Cháin Mhaoine Áitiúil sa Bhuiséad le hinfheistíocht a dhéanamh in oibríochtaí, turasóireacht, imeachtaí, pobal, agus na healaíona, chomh maith le tacaíocht a thabhairt chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar easpa dídine. Leanfaidh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall le hinfheistíocht a dhéanamh i gcreatlach chultúrtha, eacnamaíochta agus shóisialta an chontae seo lena chinntiú gurb é Fine Gall an áit is fearr le cónaí ann, le bheith ag obair ann, cuairt a thabhairt air agus gnó a dhéanamh ann.

Paul Reid
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