

## **Cllr James Humphreys**

### **Submission to Development Plan**

#### **General comments**

We should seek to:

- Provision is urgently needed to accommodate a public swimming pool for Swords.
- Adopt a proactive lifecycle approach to services and amenities in our city and be particularly conscious of those currently feeling that they are removed from FCC provided services and amenities - recreation activities for teenagers, those in socio-economic disadvantaged communities challenged by litter, dumping and anti-social behaviour
- Strengthen the digital abilities and capabilities of citizens, particularly our older citizens so they can benefit from a more digital society
- Strengthen local community cohesion and public realm benefit
- Support the reduction in our carbon footprint in a fair way - embrace a just transition and provide supports for those who need, in particular financial supports, to those who may need them to make a green change
- The best services of a municipality are delivered by the municipality themselves through direct labour. Such service delivery has created democratic accountability to the citizens of the local authority they serve and can guarantee better terms and conditions than a private sector alternative. Fingal County Council should ensure that existing services continue to operate through direct labour. In addition, we should commit that all emerging services be delivered by the council and that we should work to bring services back under the control of the council that were previously outsourced
- Adopt a principle of universal design across all county infrastructure and provision of housing and amenities
- Promote digital opportunities for both businesses and citizens including the provision of free public wi-fi in socio-economically disadvantaged areas and digital upskilling for more senior citizens

#### **People & Place**

Adopt an ageing in place approach in our provision of housing

Build and plan housing that meets housing needs, particularly those who are single or couples with no children and step-down housing for older generation

Support energy efficient housing through retrofitting and energy saving/switching grants, supported by an ambitious apprenticeship scheme.

Adopt the principle of universal design to promote accessible housing

#### **Employment, Economy and Dublin Airport**

Seek to develop local employment opportunities to allow for more local sustainable development, in particular to work with industrial estates to transition to a more viable and productive capacity, including appropriate mixed-use developments.

Promote remote working facilities via local libraries and community centres

Fingal County Council should be re-municipalising the waste services. The provision of the service by the local council is important because of the environmental, employment and regulatory opportunities it provides to the residents of the city and staff who carry out the work.

### **Green Infrastructure & Natural Heritage**

Enhance small green spaces – develop pocket and micro parks to allow form more useful community use of green area.

Protect and expand the green bet around Swords

Within convalescent and nursing home development that green space (approx. 10%) will be for resident's use.

We should ensure a wider community access to waste services in the city. Mobile brings centres, underground community bins and composting are an important step forward for the county and would reduce street level clutter.