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Foreword

Dublin, the heart of Ireland, is a city of rich history and diverse communities. As the capital, it faces both challenges and opportunities. Now, more than ever, it's vital we work together to ensure a brighter, more prosperous future. Fianna Fáil is committed to delivering the services that make Dublin a safe, liveable, and welcoming city for all—residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

We have an ambitious plan to shape Dublin as a European capital city that is economically sustainable, socially inclusive, culturally rich, environmentally resilient, and innovative. We will draw on the work of the Dublin City Taskforce and implement an ambitious vision for Dublin including:

- A safe city, with increased policing and a crackdown on anti-social behaviour,
- A liveable city, building affordable houses for all, where every person that calls Dublin their home is proud to do so with clean, safe and bustling streets and neighbourhoods,
- An enterprising city, recognising the vital importance of indigenous and international corporations to the success of Dublin and the wider country,
- A caring city, focused on a world class health system and an accessible and affordable childcare model,
- A city of learning, where education is at the core of our priorities for the residents of Dublin as the great leveller and the great enabler,
- A connected city, with increased investment in a worldclass accessible transport system,
- A city of culture, promoting Dublin as an international artistic and cultural capital, and
- A city of sport, ensuring there is ample access to sports facilities across Dublin, so everyone who wants to participate has the support and opportunity to do so.

We are committed to increasing the supply of all types of homes, especially social and affordable housing. We will make Dublin safer by boosting Garda presence, reforming the policing model, creating a dedicated transport police, and investing in local communities. We will support the arts, culture, and entertainment sectors, creating a vibrant city with a thriving economy.

As a republican party, we believe in equality for all. Fianna Fáil will invest in facilities that support older people, and people with disabilities, carers, and minority groups. We'll also continue investing in sports and community projects, increasing capital funding to support local organisations. Fianna Fáil's vision is to make Dublin a world-class city at the heart of Europe, guided by the Dublin City Taskforce Report.

Our party has always been focused on getting the job done, working towards a brighter future for our capital city. With your support on 29 November, we will continue building a safer, more inclusive Dublin where businesses, culture, and the arts can thrive.



A Safe City

Too many communities are plagued by intimidation and anti-social behaviour, with a minority causing harm to entire areas. Strengthening the relationship between An Garda Síochána and local communities is key to creating a safer society. Fianna Fáil will ensure active engagement between our elected representatives, Gardaí, and communities, enabling more effective resource allocation and addressing the specific needs of each area. We are committed to building a safer, more inclusive Dublin for all.

To make Dublin a safer city, Fianna Fáil will:

Recruit more Gardaí with increased powers

- Substantially increase Gardaí numbers to boost the force in Dublin.
- Reform Garda structures to ensure that greater numbers of Gardaí are available for frontline policing.
- Increase the strength of the Garda Reserve.
- Increase the number of civilian staff within An Garda Síochána to complete administrative tasks, freeing up time to tackle crime.
- Further increase the Garda training allowance.
- Provide all frontline Gardaí with Body Worn Cameras.
- Allow Gardaí to use facial recognition technology when investigating very serious offences, subject to appropriate oversight.
- Increase the penalty for public order offences and in particular for threatening and abusive behaviour in public places.

Stamp out anti-social behaviour

- Introduce Dispersal Orders allowing Gardaí to disperse groups involved in anti-social activities.
- Implement Public Space Protection Orders to protect public spaces from anti-social behaviour.
- Strengthen knife crime legislation.
- Legislate to allow Gardaí to remove face masks at protests.
- Enhance funding for community CCTV.
- Continue to fund community watch schemes.
- Create a standalone, dedicated Transport Police, focused on preventing and tackling crime and anti-social behaviour on our city's public transport network.

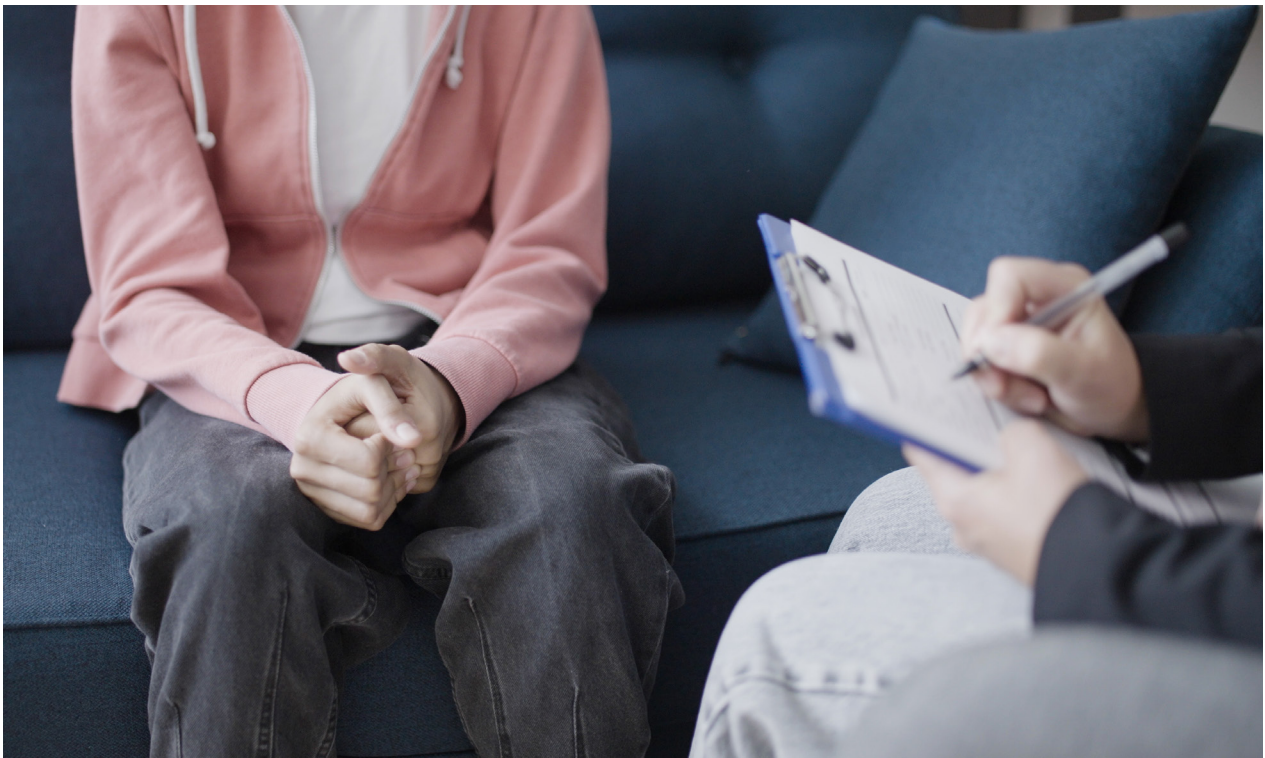


Make our streets safer and cleaner

- Strengthen bail laws.
- Reform legal aid to assess all assets and recover costs from convicted offenders with significant post-conviction assets.
- Establish a Safe Public Places Unit to advise on lighting, design, and safety in public spaces.
- Enhance public safety with better lighting, CCTV, and pedestrian-friendly areas.
- Focus safety measures on women, including improved transport safety and reporting systems.
- Launch a "Clean Streets, Safe Streets" fund for cleaning, bins, and anti-litter initiatives.
- Introduce daily and evening waste collection paired with regular street sweeping.
- Crack down on illegal dumping with more authorised officers and higher fines.
- Manage the herring gull population to curb litter and noise.
- Promote rewilding in local parks for greener urban spaces.
- Enforce stricter animal control laws to protect people and properties.
- Tackle unmuzzled and unleashed dogs in public spaces, recognising that the majority of dog owners are responsible.
- Strengthen enforcement of Fianna Fáil's legislation to seize and destroy illegal scramblers and quad bikes.

Invest in youth services

- Launch a €175m Urban Communities Initiative to revitalise disadvantaged city areas with focused community development and youth programmes delivered by all State agencies.
- Deliver a Youth Services Action Plan within 100 days for strategic improvements in youth services.
- Reform Local Youth Club Grant Scheme and the UBU Scheme to provide multi-annual support and funding for open-access youth work.
- Create a pathway for youth workers to access mental health supports for the young people in their care.
- Strengthen youth mental health services up to age 25, ensuring seamless transitions from CAMHS to adult care.
- Boost staffing in under-18 dual diagnosis services for mental health and addiction treatment.



Tackling drug supply

- Enact tougher sentences for drug suppliers to reflect the harm they cause in our communities.
- Mandate social media platforms to share drug-related information with An Garda Síochána.
- Criminalise tools used in drug trafficking, like 3D printer gun templates and tablet presses.
- Boost Garda oversight of logistics hubs and digital channels used for drug distribution.
- Expand the powers of the Criminal Assets Bureau to seize crime profits.
- Install x-ray body scanners in prisons and upgrade yard netting for better security.

Tackling drug addiction

- Continue to develop our health-led response to drug addiction.
- Support the decriminalisation of the possession of cannabis for personal use, with some conditions, in line with the recommendations of the Citizens Assembly and the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Drugs Use.
- Introduce legislation to require those found in possession of illegal drugs for personal use to attend educational or treatment programmes.
- Support local drug and alcohol taskforces and expand naloxone overdose treatments.
- Ensure that all charities are licensed by the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive to protect service users.

A Liveable City

Fianna Fáil has revitalised Ireland's housing sector since 2020, delivering the highest levels of home construction in a generation through our Housing for All plan. As the driving force behind this transformation, we remain committed to supporting home building, first-time buyers, and renters.

We know many still struggle to buy homes or pay rent, and homelessness remains a critical issue. Housing is our top priority, and we are focused on providing safe, secure homes in Dublin. Our message is clear: more homes, more homeowners. If returned to Government, Fianna Fáil will continue to lead the way in building homes for the future.

To make Dublin a liveable city, Fianna Fáil will:

Tackle vacancy and dereliction to regenerate the city

- Increase Vacancy Refurbishment Grants by €10,000 and extend them to 2030.
- Expand vacant property teams in every Local Authority to repurpose unused properties.
- Streamline CPO and derelict site legislation within 12 months.
- Launch a special Local Authority Mortgage for Vacant Properties.
- Create a €100,000 'Above the Shop' grant to make retail spaces liveable.
- Pilot commercial rates reductions to incentivise 'Above the Shop' living.
- Review the Dublin Local Authorities' Compulsory Purchase Order powers to aggressively address dereliction and long-term vacancies, converting sites into homes across the city.

Build more homes

- Ramp up construction capacity across Dublin.
- Invest €4bn in the LDA and ramp up its targets in Dublin by 2030.
- Recruit 400 additional planning staff to deliver homes faster.
- Establish Land Activation Units in each Local Authority.
- Create a Land Price Register.
- Implement statutory measures to penalise land hoarding.
- Use adaptive re-use through our affordable and social housing funds to renovate old buildings
- Continue the Croi Conaithe scheme to fund higher density new builds within the core city centre.

Continue to help renters

- Double the rent tax credit to €2,000.
- Build more cost rental units.
- Establish First Refusal rights for tenants.
- Introduce a €2,500 tax credit for legal, surveying and valuation fees to help renters become first-time home buyers.
- Roll out the Secure Tenancy Affordable Rental investment (STAR) scheme to increase low-cost affordable rental units.
- Establish a Deposit Protection scheme.
- Establish a Rent Price register.
- Enhance the enforcement powers of the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB).

Increase the number of homeowners

- Extend the Help to Buy scheme to 2030, adding a 'Rent Back Boost' feature when assessing the payment level to help renters buy their first home.
- Expand the First Home Scheme to 2030, expanding it to the purchase of second-hand homes.
- Deliver thousands of affordable homes every year in Dublin.
- Continue to disincentivise investment funds from purchasing family homes.
- Maintain the Croí Cónaithe scheme for new apartment buyers.
- Maintain the Tenant Purchase scheme.
- Expand the Local Authority Affordable Purchase Housing Scheme.

Help owners of defective houses and apartments

- Continue interim remediation for defective apartments.
- Launch Retrospective Payment pilots to protect owners from financial loss.
- Implement full remediation, including retrospective payments, for defective apartments.
- Conduct annual reviews of the scheme.

An Enterprising City

Dublin is a global city and a vital gateway to the European Union, driving Ireland's economic growth. Ireland succeeds when Dublin succeeds. As home to major multinational corporations, it hosts the top 5 global software companies, 9 of the top 10 pharmaceutical companies, and many financial and aviation leaders.

Dublin is the economic engine powering Ireland's global competitiveness, especially in IT, biotech, and information services. Fianna Fáil is committed to preserving this thriving ecosystem, supporting both businesses and workers, and ensuring Dublin remains a top destination for innovation, investment, and entrepreneurship.

Equally important is fostering talent. Nearly half of Ireland's students study in Dublin, and over 43% of Irish graduates work in the city, with an 87% graduate employment rate – well above the EU average. Fianna Fáil is dedicated to building on this success, ensuring a bright future for all who choose to live and work in Dublin.



To make Dublin a city for thriving businesses and fostering talent, Fianna Fáil will:

Support all enterprises for sustainable economic growth

- Keep VAT on gas and electricity bills at 9% for the next five years.
- Introduce a successor to the ICOB/Power Up grants to support hospitality and retail businesses with high energy costs.
- Launch a new €250 million Seed and Venture Capital Scheme.
- Allocate €300m for a Business Support Fund to boost viability.
- Simplify the Business and Enterprise Tax system to better support indigenous businesses and FDI.
- Support family-owned businesses with tax relief and skills training.
- Increase the R&D tax credit's maximum limit under the science test.
- Broaden the R&D tax credit to cover innovation and digitalisation.
- Expand Angel Investment and support business scale-ups.
- Review and reduce SME reporting and paperwork requirements.
- Reduce employers' PRSI by 1.5% on minimum wage workers.
- Continue policies that promote revitalisation and attractiveness of town centres to benefit retailers in our towns and villages.
- Maintain the existing rate of Corporation Tax.
- Support the continued development of the IFSC & Docklands.
- Seek opportunities to host major EU and international events, conferences and agencies in Dublin.
- Explore the Brooklyn Bridge Park regeneration project in New York as a potential regeneration model for Dublin's port area.
- Review the Dublin Local Authorities' Compulsory Purchase Order powers to aggressively address dereliction and long-term vacancies, converting sites into homes across the city.

Foster a culture of entrepreneurship

- Lower the working time requirement for claiming Entrepreneurs Relief.
- Introduce a tapered reduction in Capital Gains Tax for entrepreneurs who stay and scale up their businesses.
- Increase the lifetime limit for Capital Gains Tax Entrepreneur Relief to €5 million.
- Continue the reforms to Angel Investment initiated in Budget 2024.
- Maintain the competitiveness and attractiveness of the Employment Investment Incentive Scheme (EIS).

Cultivate Dublin as a hub for Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digitisation

- Create a 'Virtual IFSC' as a hub for AI research, development, and regulation.
- Position Dublin as a blueprint for AI in other capital cities.
- Simplify and make digital grants and consultancy funding more accessible.
- Help small businesses achieve basic digital intensity, aiming for 90% by 2030.
- Promote the Grow Digital Portal to help businesses assess their digital needs.
- Increase AI training courses for SMEs through Enterprise Ireland.
- Reform funding eligibility for digital grants and consultancy to ensure it is simplified and accessible.

A Connected City

Last year, Dublin's public transport network reached a record 308 million passenger journeys across services like Dublin Bus, Luas, and Iarnród Éireann. Dublin Port also saw a 3% rise in haulage, handling 61% of all Irish vessel arrivals and 1.7 million passengers in 2023. These results reflect our commitment to investing in infrastructure and transport.

To tackle climate change, improve air quality, and boost well-being, we must continue prioritising efficient, accessible, and sustainable public transport. Fianna Fáil will continue ensure Dublin remains a well-connected city for all. We will make public transport free for all children under the age of 15 years old.

To make Dublin a connected city, Fianna Fáil will:

Implement projects to deliver a strategic public transport network

- Deliver Metrolink for Dublin.
- Grow the DART network, with the extension of DART West and DART Southwest.
- Continue to develop DART Coastal North.
- Maximise the potential of the new hourly Dublin-Belfast train.
- Establish a four-track rail line from Dublin Heuston to Kildare, easing congestion and allowing more trains from the south and west to share space with commuter services.
- Allow more weekend services to use the Phoenix Park Tunnel into Dublin city centre.
- Publish an evaluation of BusConnects to ensure the project's promised benefits are achieved.
- Remove the passenger cap at Dublin airport as soon as possible.

Amplify active travel

- Reallocate funding for smaller local active travel projects to Local Authorities.
- Increase investment in greenways, blueways and develop urban trailways.
- Expand the Support the Safe Routes to School programme.
- Ensure that all primary schools have adequate footpath access.
- Continue to build safer cycle routes throughout Dublin to make this a cycling friendly city.

Accelerate the transition to electric and sustainable transport

- Review EV grants and link them to income earnings.
- Ensure Local Authorities include EV charger spaces in town plans.
- Require new commercial car parks to provide chargers.
- Launch a Government of Ireland EV Charger App to show charger locations and availability.



A Caring City

Fianna Fáil is committed to delivering high-quality, accessible health services for all in Dublin. After taking responsibility for Health, we increased funding by 40%, from €18.4bn in 2020 to €25.8bn in 2025. This has led to more staff, more hospital beds, lower patient costs, and expanded services. We will continue this reform to improve access and affordability.

We also aim to build a more caring society in Dublin, with greater support for childcare, pensioners, and a more inclusive environment for all.

To make Dublin a caring city, Fianna Fáil will:

Support children and families

- Increase the Child Benefit payment.
- Increase the Child Support Grant across all welfare payments.
- Extend and target the School Meals Holiday Hunger Project.
- Increase the National Childcare Subsidy reducing parents' fees to €200 per month.
- Provide capital investment to build or purchase state-owned childcare facilities, which can then be leased to community childcare providers.
- Provide more childcare on school sites, including Irish-medium naíonraí.

Reduce waiting times and increase access to care

- Open thousands more hospital beds, making sure that patients have faster access to care.
- Hire thousands more health and social care professionals.
- Double the number of Advanced Nurse Practitioners.
- Increase the number of GPs.
- Increase the number of Consultants in Dublin ED's by a further 50%.
- Expand trauma services in Dublin.
- Build a new large elective hospital in Dublin to reduce waiting times for patients.
- Build the new National Maternity Hospital.
- Deliver the first in-patient Mother and Baby Mental Health Unit.
- Open more enhanced primary care centres.
- Extend Free GP Care to all children aged 12 and under.
- Reduce the Drug Payment Scheme monthly maximum payment from €80 to €40.
- Develop a DEIS-style programme of intensive health supports for disadvantaged communities.

A City of Learning

Fianna Fáil has always championed education as the foundation of social and economic progress. From establishing free secondary schooling and special education supports, to expanding access to university and introducing the free schoolbook scheme, we have led key advancements in Irish education.

Since 2020, we've made the largest ever expansion of the DEIS scheme to support disadvantaged students. We've also reduced the primary pupil-teacher ratio, bringing it to a historic low of 23:1. Ireland now leads in school completion rates and third-level qualifications, with significant improvements in literacy and core educational outcomes. Our commitment to education continues, addressing new challenges to ensure every child has the skills to succeed.

To make Dublin a city of learning, Fianna Fáil will:

Develop smaller classes, stronger schools

- Increase capitation funding by 40% so that schools have more resources for each pupil.
- Establish a new DEIS Plus Scheme to support schools with the highest level of educational disadvantage.
- Target a reduction of the general Pupil Teacher Ratio at primary level to 19:1.
- Continue, expand, and improve the quality of the Free Hot School Meals programme.
- Develop a common application system and standardised admissions time across schools.
- Expand the School Transport Service.
- Enforce a ban on smartphone use throughout the school day to protect students' wellbeing and enhance their learning experience.

Increase the provision of special education

- Reintroduce therapists into schools.
- Hire more special education teachers and special needs assistants.
- Expand the availability of early intervention classes so that those children in need of an early intervention can access it in their local school.
- Expand the free-of-charge Summer Programme for students with special educational needs.
- Continue the establishment of new special schools across Dublin.
- Introduce a centralised application system for children applying for a place in a special school or in a special class within a mainstream school.
- Increase the number of post-primary school places for children with ASD.



Expand Access and Excellence in Further and Higher Education

- Eliminate the core funding gap in the third level sector through use of the National Training Fund.
- Increase the SUSI grant and reform eligibility to enable tiered payments.
- Increase the Student Assistance Fund by €5m.
- Boost the Fund for Students with Disabilities.
- Raise PhD stipends further for students in paid scholarship posts.
- Introduce a €500 placement grant for students on mandatory placements.
- Reduce student contribution fees for apprenticeships in line with reduction for others in higher and further education.
- Introduce a tax credit for apprentices for apprenticeship-related income.
- Increase the Apprenticeship Employer Grant.
- Enhance bursary funding to encourage participation from underrepresented groups in apprenticeships.
- Invest a further €200m in the development of new student accommodation.
- Strengthen regulation on student accommodation rents, building on the ban on 51-week student leases, and ensuring the effectiveness of rent pressure zones (RPZs).

A City of Culture

Dublin's vibrant arts and cultural scene is at the heart of the city's identity, but for many communities, access to arts and culture still remains limited. Fianna Fáil is committed to making arts, music, and sports a central part of everyday life for all Dubliners. We will invest in creating spaces where people can express themselves, and where local artists and creative talents can thrive.

Dublin's tourism sector is another vital part of our economy, with the city leading the country in hotel occupancy, reaching 91% in January 2024 – the highest since 2014. Fianna Fáil will continue to promote Dublin as a premier destination, where our rich cultural heritage offers visitors unforgettable experiences.



To make Dublin a city of culture, Fianna Fáil will:

Support the arts and culture

- Fund the Dublin Night time economy strategy.
- Develop a new multi-year Capital Programme for National Arts Infrastructure.
- Establish an Arts Capital and Equipment Programme to invest in local and community arts.
- Retain the Basic Income for the Artists Scheme and address access issues for disabled artists.
- Mandate each of the National Cultural Institutions to develop a programme for Transition Year students.
- Increase the use of public spaces for cultural animation, such as the 'Love the Lanes' project, employing Dublin-based artists to increase the vibrancy of city markets and community events.
- Fund local arts and community projects and designate distinct 'creative artist zones'.
- Promote Dublin as an international literary capital.
- Bring music back into the bandstands across the city.
- Expand the Public Piano scheme into every large public transport station, such as Connolly, Pearse and Heuston.
- Include art space in regeneration projects.

Improve our built heritage landmarks

- Champion and protect Dublin’s rich built heritage and actively work to reverse the neglect and dereliction of key city structures including the:
 - National Monument on Moore Street,
 - City Fruit and Vegetable Market,
 - Ambassador Cinema, and
 - Former Magdalene Laundry on Sean McDermott Street.

Ag tacú leis an nGaeilge

- Tabharfaimid tacaíocht do dhaoine óga agus forbróimid níos mó rannpháirtíochta óga leis an dteanga trí ardáin siamsaíochta breise a fhorbairt agus tacaíochtaí a mhéadú d’ardáin atá ann cheana féin a fhreastalaíonn ar mhuintir Bhaile Átha Cliath.
- Leanfaimid orainn ag tabhairt tacaíocht do Líonra Gaeilge i gCluain Dolcáin chun é a fhorbairt níos mó.
- Déanfaimid iniúchadh ar leathnú scéim Teanga Tí do theaghlaigh i mBaile Átha Cliath ar mian leo a gcuid leanaí a thógáil trí Ghaeilge agus da bharr, líonra cainteoirí Ghaeilge sa phríomhchathair a fhorbairt níos mó.
- Méadóimid úsáid na gcomharthaí Gaeilge agus na n-ainmneacha cuí Gaeilge ar fhoirgnimh phoiblí agus ar shéadchomharthaí.

A City of Sport

Sport plays a vital role in Dublin, offering numerous benefits that go beyond the playing field. It promotes health and well-being, fosters community connections, and instils a sense of national pride that shapes our identity.

Through sport, we not only improve our physical health but also strengthen the bonds that unite us. Fianna Fáil is committed to ensuring there is ample access to sports facilities across Dublin, so everyone who wants to participate has the support and opportunity to do so.

To make Dublin a city of sport, Fianna Fáil will:

- Support Dublin's sports clubs in securing permanent homes and direct access to sports capital funding for developing pitches and clubhouses.
- Create a €250m Parks & Pitches Fund to acquire land for new parks and playing fields.
- Boost funding for multi-sport facilities shared by local clubs.
- Allow sports bodies to set up Strategic Development Funds for long-term investments.
- Extend charitable status to National Governing Bodies and Local Sports Partnerships.
- Increase urban all-weather community pitches.
- Improve water quality monitoring at sea swimming spots.
- Enhance safety at sea swimming locations with lifeguards and emergency plans.
- Launch a Next Generation Fund for soccer academies.
- Bid for The Open and AIG Women's Open at Portmarnock Golf Club





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