

Community Affairs & Integration

An ambitious, confident and inclusive community where all people can realise their full potential

	Higher Level Objective	Lead Agency	Partner Agency	Actions
1.a	Young People & Families: Increased social spaces for young people.	Fingal County Council Foróige	Foróige Daughters of Charity Child & Family Service - DOCCFS Community Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a new social space for young people. Increase the level of universal Youth Services. Develop quality outdoor multi-use games areas. Develop quality play and exercise facilities for younger and older age groups. Complete the Skatepark facility.
1.b	Young People & Families: Support families and early years to develop and prosper in a healthy, inclusive environment.	Empower, TUSLA - Child & Family Agency, DOCCFS Fingal County Council	Aster Family Support, Daughters of Charity Empower, TUSLA - Child & Family Agency, DOCCFS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen existing family support services, including increasing the number of parenting courses available for parents of young children and teenagers. Research early child care places available and develop responses to any gaps. Develop a calendar of early years learning supports & play programmes for 0-6 yrs, parents/guardians, early childcare settings.
2.a	People & Place: Develop events and initiatives designed to promote active places, opportunities for greater integration and healthy sustainable communities.	Fingal County Council	Community & Business Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase support and ambition for existing festivals e.g. Summerfest, St. Patrick's Day and the Festival of Fire. Develop in partnership with local groups Food, Arts and Early Years festivals, and increase the number of sporting activities and health promotion events. Publish a Public Arts programme. Develop a social Innovation fund. Develop a place making activities fund. Publish annual calendar of festivals, events and activities. Develop a Healthy Balbriggan plan which includes a Sli na Slainte. Develop a bio-diversity plan.
2.b	People & Place: Develop landmark sporting, arts and social facilities.	Fingal County Council	Arts Council Department of Arts, Culture & Gaeltacht Community & Business Interests, Private sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a swimming pool and multipurpose leisure centre. Actively pursue and acquire where feasible space in the town for arts, theatre, and exhibition space. Develop an outdoor basketball facility.
2.c	People & Place: Promote Balbriggan's diversity and difference.	All social, public, commercial partners	The Department of Justice and Equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the Government's National Migrant & Integration Strategy at a local level. Implement the Fingal Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy, develop a local action plan.
2.d	People & Place: Increased feelings of safety & wellbeing.	An Garda Síochána, Fingal County Council	Community & Business interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a Balbriggan Community Policing Forum. Increase visibility of Community Gardaí. Improve levels of vacancy, eyesores, graffiti, poor lighting, dumping/litter.