

HIGH LEVEL OBJECTIVE: *'To plan, support and collaborate in the development of services and initiatives which make space for nature and health, reduce our carbon footprint, and allow biodiversity to flourish, revitalising streets and open spaces and the wider environment.'* - Our Balbriggan Strategy

No	Pillar Action	Intended Result	Lead partner	Support partners
Theme 1: Climate Action - A resilient and climate friendly Balbriggan				
1.1	Support Fingal County Council's designated decarbonisation zone for Balbriggan.	Reduce carbon emissions in Balbriggan by supporting the delivery of an Implementation Plan to help achieve the decarbonising zone vision for Balbriggan 2030.	FCC Climate Action Office.	SMART Balbriggan, Codema, FCC Environment, Fingal Active Travel, Balbriggan S.E.C
1.2	Organise online or drop in learning sessions on sustainability, climate action and biodiversity topics aimed at the population and businesses in Balbriggan.	A broader knowledge and understanding in the communities of Balbriggan of the challenges and opportunities for change that encapsulate climate change, biodiversity and other sustainability issues affecting the resilience of the town.	Balbriggan S.E.C.	FCC Environment, FCC Climate Action Office, Fingal Active Travel, FCC Community Dept.
1.3	Create local success stories and establish local 'climate champions' who embody and support climate action.	More volunteers and public participation in 'climate friendly' activities across generations in Balbriggan communities.	B.O.W.W	Fingal Climate Action Office, FCC Communication Dept, SMART Balbriggan.
1.4	Support all schools in Balbriggan to showcase actions on Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity.	An annual week-long event hosted on a rotating basis where the projects of students from all Balbriggan schools are showcased.	Balbriggan Tidy Towns	Balbriggan Schools, FCC Climate Action Office.
Theme 2: Environment and Biodiversity - Protect the Environment and Increase Biodiversity				
2.1	Develop an Urban Greening and Biodiversity Plan for Balbriggan.	Short, medium and long-term actions and targets to increase biodiversity and liveability in the town centre and estates including application to FCC for residential estate.	B.O.W.W	Balbriggan Tidy Towns, FCC Biodiversity, Climate Action, Environment, Operations, Parks, Our Balbriggan Office, SMART Balbriggan.
		Map and prepare a visually appealing online resource focused on Urban Greening and Biodiversity Projects in Balbriggan.		
2.2	Develop a plan with a set of agreed activities that will underpin the continual improvement of Water Quality.	Establishment of a Beach Management Committee, working towards Blue Flag criteria for Balbriggan beach.	FCC Environment Dept	B.O.W.W., Climate Action, Operations, Parks, Bio Diversity Offices, National Parks and Wildlife Services, North West Irish Sea Special Protected Areas (SPA)
2.3	Identify locations of Japanese Knotweed and implement and review a programme of control measures.	Planned control and management of Invasive Species in Balbriggan.	FCC Biodiversity Office	Balbriggan Tidy Towns Committee
2.4	Support the preparation of a wetland and river restoration project for the Bog of the Ring and the Matt river (Bracken River) corridor.	Interventions that will improve flood management, river wildlife restoration and water quality.	FCC Biodiversity Office	B.O.W.W
		Feasibility of nature based solutions such as Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) in the catchment area.		
2.5	Carry out an Urban Bird and Bat Survey in Balbriggan.	Balbriggan map (printed and digital) of birding wildlife.	FCC Biodiversity	SMART Balbriggan, Tidy Towns, B.O.W.W

2.6	Run a primary schools biodiversity programme and public events programme.	Greater engagement and environmental awareness through learning and public events. Minimum of 2 primary schools per year (three year programme)	FCC Biodiversity Office	External facilitator. Balbriggan Tidy Towns
2.7	Support the Balbriggan Tidy Towns Our Nature Festival as a significant educational and family event in Balbriggan that promotes Biodiversity.	Greater publicity and community participation in the Balbriggan Tidy Towns Our Nature Festival.	Balbriggan Tidy Towns	Fingal County Council Climate Action, Biodiversity and Community Departments
Theme 3: Sustainable Mobility - Public transport and active travel measures				
3.1	Support the conducting of surveys, installation of counters, sensors, monitors and signage where appropriate, to assist establish baseline data on active travel usage and air quality.	Periodical publication and comparative analysis of data, increase in cycling (in designated routes), reduction in emissions, increase in air quality.	SMART Balbriggan	FCC Active Travel, Schools, Balbriggan S.E.C
		Increased awareness and use of active travel options.		
3.2	Support and promote community actions such as Fresh Air Friday, walking bus and school streets as well as bike library initiatives in partnership with local schools.	Increase in participation by schools in Active Travel initiatives. Cleaner air, safer and healthier environment.	Balbriggan Tidy Towns & Fingal County Council, Active Travel	Schools/PTA, Smart Balbriggan, FCC Active Travel, SMART Balbriggan
3.3	Advocate for more active travel linkages in the town centre and from other population centres (S, NW) to the town centre and Balbriggan Railway Station.	Improved local bus services, improved cycling and pedestrian routes (corridors) through the town and from new and existing housing density areas (S & NW) to the centre of town.	Balbriggan S.E.C & FCC Active Travel	FCC Active Travel, PSI, FCC Operations, Bus Services, Irish Rail, SMART Balbriggan.
3.4	Continue to focus on improving infrastructure and nurturing a culture of walking and cycling in Balbriggan.	A bike-share scheme and more bike shelters and parking and more resting points (seating & benches).	FCC Active Travel	FCC Operations, Our Balbriggan Office, SMART Balbriggan, Balbriggan Chamber.
<i>Policy Context: Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029; Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030; Balbriggan Sustainable Energy Community Energy Masterplan; Fingal County Council Bathing Water Management Plan for Front Strand Beach, Balbriggan; FCC Active Travel Plan; Balbriggan Active Travel Strategy 2024-2034; Balbriggan Public Realm Strategy 2024-2034.</i>				