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The Government's new 'Housing for All' strategy, which represents the largest ever social housing build programme in Ireland, aims to deliver over 90,000 social homes and 54,000 affordable homes by the end of 2030.



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20 CARLOW REGENERATION

With close to €10m earmarked for key projects identified in 'Project Carlow 2040' under the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund, and combined with match funding by Carlow County Council, this will see a total investment of €13m in the south-east town over the next 20 years.



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24 SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AUTHORITY

Ireland is targeting a 51% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030 to achieve its climate action goals, and William Walsh, CEO of the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), tells 'Council Review' that community action will have a central role to play in Ireland's response to the climate crisis.

29 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Meath County Council is leading the way on embracing and integrating the Sustainable Development Goals, with the heritage town of Trim now awarded a place on the URBACT Global Goals for Cities pilot project, which will seek to localise the goals.



SEAI Chief Executive
William Walsh
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32 CLIMATE CHANGE RISK ASSESSMENT

Projected changes to the Irish climate will have long-lasting implications for archaeological monuments, protected structures, geological heritage sites and historic properties, according to the findings of Fingal's climate change risk assessment report – the first one of its kind in Ireland.

35 DUBLIN INTEGRATION STRATEGY

Dublin City Council has commissioned its new Integration and Intercultural Strategy for 2021-2025, and Mary Lynch, DCC's Integration Officer, says it is now an opportune time to consolidate all efforts to address, facilitate and embrace this growth in diversity.



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42 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARDS

A total of 90 projects from 20 local authorities have been shortlisted for the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2021, and the winners will be announced at an online awards ceremony on 18 November.

48 DUBLIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The summer launch of Dublin City Council's new EU Programme Participation Strategy 2021-2027 coincided with the visit of European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen to Dublin to announce a post-Covid investment package, which showcased that the EU and Ireland are now moving towards recovery.

53 CORK CITY COUNCIL

Cork City Council has launched its draft Development Plan, and the long list of projects currently underway or planned across the city provides a transformative blueprint for Cork to become the fastest growing city in Ireland.



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57 LIMERICK GREENWAY

The Limerick Greenway – the largest tourism project ever undertaken by Limerick City and County Council – stretches for 40km through the county's western heartlands, creating a vital piece of infrastructure for sustainable living, transport and tourism in the region.

60 GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Galway's Draft County Development Plan (2022-2028) has highlighted several sites of strategic importance to both the city and county councils. One is the former Galway Airport site, where there are plans to develop a new state-of-the-art film and TV studio.

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66 EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), which continues to support sustainable employment opportunities, has responded to the pandemic by awarding over €311m to the HSE to support the cost of PPE supplies to the Irish healthcare system.



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70 CONSTRUCTION SAFETY

Any radical reforms of moving the Safe Pass training programme to an online 'test' are not in the best interests of the construction industry, claims safety consultant Declan Gibney. He says that efforts need to be redoubled to raise safety standards and awareness in saving lives and preventing injuries.

77 HOUSEBUILD.IE SERVICE

Since Housebuild.ie went live in February, Ireland's first ever all-in-one marketplace for home-builds and improvements is now providing homeowners with direct access to construction professionals, products and services in one seamless digital hub.

78 EU HOMELESSNESS CRISIS

It is important that the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, local authorities and NGOs firmly grasp the opportunity presented by the European Platform on Combatting Homelessness, according to Wayne Stanley, Head of Policy at the Simon Communities of Ireland.



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81 EUROPEAN FOCUS

The Irish Regions European Office (IREO) will organise a series of seminars across the country later this year to present how effective engagement with the EU will strengthen local communities.

86 AGE-FRIENDLY IRELAND

This summer saw the ministerial launch of a suite of publications to support the joint policy statement 'Housing Options for our Ageing Population', followed by the launch of the first phase of the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme.



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90 FOUR-DAY WORKING WEEK

Fórsa is asking Ireland's local authority chief executives to engage with a new four-day week pilot programme, and the initiative is the latest move in the public service union's campaign for reduced working time without loss of pay for employees or productivity for employers.

95 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN

Representing over 30,000 local authority workers, Fórsa, SIPTU and Connect trade unions have launched the second phase of their local government campaign calling for the implementation of an action plan on local democracy, energy, waste, housing and water.

99 EAST BORDER REGION CHARTER

An innovative charter for cross-border co-operation in the East Border Region, recently launched in Newry, Co. Down, has set out the parameters between the six-member local authorities north and south and outlines the future regional cross-border priorities.



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104 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Government has granted a total of €10m in funding to improve the competitiveness of regional enterprises and to support early-stage development projects, in the wake of COVID-19 and Brexit.

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