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15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES WEBSITE

A new website has been developed by the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) to provide clear, accessible and user-friendly information on the 1,100 services provided by local authorities across the country.

18 AILG PRESIDENT

Bringing power back to local government and ensuring that elected representatives are properly equipped to deal with the challenges they face are some of issues topping the agenda of the President of the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG). Cllr Nicholas Crossan talks to 'Council Review' about his priorities during his one-year term of office.

25 WEATHER IMPACT REGISTER APP

The Weather Impact Register (WIRE) App has been developed by the Climate Action Regional Offices as a GIS-based tool to assist all local authorities to record and review the impacts of weather events and climate trends in their own areas over the coming months.

26 GOOD PRACTICE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local authority projects ranging from climate action, virtual public consultations to citizen interaction were showcased at the Good Practice in Local Government seminar, hosted by the National Oversight and Audit Commission and the Local Government Management Agency, as part of Innovation Week 2021 in November 2021.

29 COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE HUBS

A new national Quality Standards Framework for Ireland's enterprise hub, co-working and remote working sector is now in place. The new framework now provides a professional standard for over 350 enterprise hubs, plus co-working and remote working locations nationwide across the public and private sectors.

34 SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) can play an important role in improving water quality and could be part of the answer to Ireland's growing wastewater and pollution issues, according to John McPeake, Wavin Ireland's Technical Sales Manager. He says that leadership is needed to bring the stakeholders together to highlight the long-term benefits.

39 DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

A new website is showcasing Donegal as the ideal location for tech entrepreneurs, companies, organisations and investors to locate to and set up in. Led by the Donegal Digital public-private partnership of 14 organisations, companies and institutions, whose shared objectives are to increase digital research and innovation and build strong digital communities across the county.

40 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARDS

Cork City Council was crowned 'Local Authority of the Year' and also scooped three individual category awards at the Excellence in Local Government Awards ceremony in November 2021. A total of 16 category awards were presented overall.

47 AGE FRIENDLY PROGRAMMES

Despite Covid, 2021 was an exceptionally productive year as the Age Friendly Ireland shared service expanded its programming and staff numbers, with significant achievements including the launch of the Healthy Age Friendly Programme in nine sites around the country.

48 INNOVATION IN POLITICS AWARDS

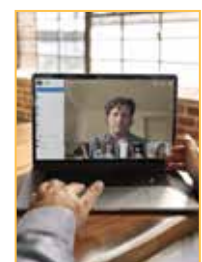
Ireland's gender equality initiative – SHE (See Her Elected) – took home the European Innovation in Politics Award in the Democracy Category last December. This is the first time that an Irish project has won an Innovation in Politics award, which was presented in recognition of the team's work to increase the representation of women from rural areas in local politics.



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54 THE HOUSING AGENCY

The introduction of new measures to make homes more affordable is at the heart of the Government’s ambitious housing plans, according to Bob Jordan, CEO of The Housing Agency. He says the Agency will be on hand to assist local authorities by providing information, advice and expertise in the delivery of these new schemes and initiatives.



EU Innovation in Politics Award
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59 SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

South Dublin County Council has put plans in the pipeline to deliver 620 new homes at Killinarden in Tallaght. The integrated mixed tenure five-year development is heavily weighted towards the provision of affordable purchase homes, in response to the growing demand in the area as highlighted through the SDCC’s Affordable Homes Portal.

61 MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL

Home builders and housing developers in County Meath are being asked to consider offering unbuilt houses or apartments with planning permission to local authorities under an advance purchase turnkey arrangement.



Bob Jordan, Housing Agency CEO
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63 SOCIAL JUSTICE IRELAND

Having argued for years that housing subsidies such as the Housing Assistance Payment and Rental Accommodation Scheme have not worked, Social Justice Ireland’s latest study ‘Housing and Poverty 2022’ provides further proof of that, writes Colette Bennett, Economic and Social Analyst.

65 HEALTHY HOMES IRELAND

A new forum has been established to ensure there is no compromise between health and energy efficiency in new build homes and to address the health problems caused by existing low-quality homes. Healthy Homes Ireland now aims to promote a greener and healthier living environment in Ireland’s homes.



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66 LAND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The Land Development Agency (LDA) has been working with partners to progress proposals for a major urban rejuvenation project in Limerick City. ‘The Colbert Quarter’ sets out a framework for the transformation of the areas around Colbert Station to deliver potentially 2,800 homes with commercial, cultural, public spaces alongside sustainable transport options, writes Dearbhla Lawson, LDA’s Head of Strategic Planning.



Land Development Agency
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69 EIB CLIMATE SURVEY

Most Irish people (72%) feel that climate change has an impact on their daily lives, while only 41% think that Ireland will succeed in drastically reducing its carbon emissions by 2050. These are some of the findings from the 2021-2022 Climate Survey by the European Investment Bank (EIB).

73 ENNIS 2040 STRATEGY

Clare County Council’s new economic and spatial strategy aims to drive the economic, social and physical development of Ennis over the next 20 years, and to provide a basis for targeted investment, balanced economic growth and a sustainable spatial pattern of development with quality of life at its core.



Ennis 2040 Strategy Launch by Leo Varadkar
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74 LOUGH DERG TOURISM

The development of the Inis Cealtra Visitor Experience – a landmark tourism project on the banks of Lough Derg in East Clare – has taken a significant step forward with the recent announcement of plans for a proposed new Inis Cealtra (Holy Island) Visitor Centre in the heart of Mountshannon Village.

76 DUBLIN CITY EDGE PROJECT

A unique urban regeneration partnership between South Dublin County Council and Dublin City Council has seen the development of the City Edge Project, which is set to become one of Europe’s largest urban regeneration initiatives.

78 SOUTH DUBLIN DODDER GREENWAY

South Dublin County Council has built three new pedestrian and cycle bridges, in conjunction with the bridges phase of the Dodder Greenway initiative, which forms a major part of the council’s ‘Cycle South Dublin’ strategy.

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