



Fingal Public Participation Network

Briefing Document

PPN Representation roles on the following committees:

1. Arts, Community, Culture and Sports Strategic Policy Committee
2. Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism Strategic Policy Committee
3. Environment and Water (including Climate Change) Strategic Policy Committee
4. Housing Strategic Policy Committee
5. Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee
6. Transport Strategic Policy Committee
7. Joint Policing Committee (Community Safety)
8. Fingal Sports Partnership Committee

Deadline: 5pm Monday 25th March 2019

What is the Fingal Public Participation Network?

Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN) is a network of over 700 community groups in the Fingal administrative area. The PPN facilitates participation and enables engagement between local government and communities. PPNs are an initiative of the Department of Rural and Community Development.

What are SPCs, the JPC and the Fingal Sports Partnership?

SPCs: Strategic Policy Committees

SPCs are committees of Fingal County Council. The membership of an SPC is made up of Councillors, PPN Representatives (Members of the Community) and Sectorial Interests (i.e. Trade Unions, Chamber of Commerce, etc.). An SPC is administered by Fingal County Council officials. The role of an SPC is to develop, monitor and respond to Strategic Policy within a thematic area of work of the Council. Here is a list of SPCs and the number of seats the PPN has on each:

Arts, Community, Culture and Sports Strategic Policy Committee

- 2 Seats

Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism Strategic Policy Committee

- 2 Seats

Environment and Water (including Climate Change) Strategic Policy Committee

- 2 Seats

Housing Strategic Policy Committee

- 3 Seats

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee

- 2 Seats

Transport Strategic Policy Committee

- 2 Seats

All these SPCs focus their work on relevant strategic policy within the remit and influence of the Council.

JPC: Joint Policing Committee

The Joint Policing Committee offers an opportunity to develop greater consultation, cooperation and accountability between An Garda Síochána, Local Authorities and elected local representatives, with the participation of the community and voluntary sector, on the management of policing and crime issues. The PPN has 7 seats on the Joint Policing

Committee.

Fingal Sports Partnership Committee

Fingal Sports Partnership is the Local Sports Partnership for the Fingal area. The key aims of this committee are to increase participation in sport, and to ensure that local resources are used to best effect. The PPN has 1 seat on this Fingal Sports Partnership.

Why is the PPN looking for nominations?

The PPN is responsible for nominating community representation onto a range of Council committees. Most of these nominations take place through PPN Linkage Groups.

The PPN has supported 26 representatives on the SPCs and JPC over the past 5 years. These representatives' terms are now coming to an end in line with the local elections.

The PPN is now seeking to fill its allocation of seats on the SPCs, the JPC and the Fingal Sports Partnership for the new term of committees which commence after the local elections on 24th May 2019.

What is the role of a PPN Representative on these Committees?

The role of the PPN Representative is to represent the community of Fingal (through their Linkage Group). They are answerable to their Linkage Group, the PPN Secretariat and the PPN Plenary.

PPN Representatives input into the creation of PPN Policy Positions and proactively identify opportunities for the PPN and Linkage Group to influence decision makers.

Who is eligible for nomination?

Any member organisation can nominate any of their members to contest for a seat as a PPN Representative. The nominee cannot be involved in electoral politics. Further information on this is available on the nomination form.

What is the time Commitment?

Term Length: 3 Years

Committee Meetings:

4 per year. SPCs meet at 4pm to 6pm. The JPC meets at 9.15am to 11am.

Linkage Group Meetings:

4/5 per year. They meet at 7pm in County Hall. Usually on a Tuesday or Thursday.

PPN Representative Forums/Training:

2 per year. They meet at 7pm. Usually on a Tuesday or Thursday.

PPN Plenary Meetings:

2 Per Year. Evening time. Usually on a Wednesday in May and November.

On-going:

On-going administration and communication between meetings.

Induction and Initial Training:

All successful nominees will be required to participate in a once off 2 day induction and training session on 11th and 12th May 2019.

How will I be supported?

If your nomination is successful and you become a PPN Representative, you will be supported on an on-going basis by the PPN Staff, your Linkage Group and the Secretariat.

All PPN Representatives are entitled and encourage to claim for mileage expenses, including parking and tolls where applicable, from the PPN.

What are PPN Linkage Groups?

Linkage Groups are thematic networks of the PPN. They are made up of community groups with common interests from across Fingal. Linkage Groups meet 4 or 5 times per year. Every PPN Representative who sits on a Council Committee belongs and reports to a PPN Linkage Group. Linkage Groups mandate the PPN Representative. Linkage Groups also work to influence policy as independent networks.

The PPN currently has 5 Linkage Groups:

- Planning and Strategic Infrastructure and Housing and Transport
- Environment and Water
- Community Safety
- Social Inclusion, Rural Development and Youth and Economic Development and Tourism
- Arts, Community, Heritage and Sport

When and where do the elections take place?

Elections take place at 7pm in County Hall Swords on the following dates:

2nd April: Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism

9th April: Planning, Transport and Housing
16th April: Climate Change, Environment and Water
23rd April: Community Safety / Joint Policing Committee
25th April: Arts, Community, Heritage and Sports / Fingal Sports Partnership

What is the election process?

25th February 2019: Nominations Open

25th March 2019: Nominations Close.

26th, 27th, 28th March: Nominations verified.

29th March 2019: Eligible nominations circulated to Linkage Groups and PPN Members.

2nd April to 25th April 2019: Elections take place on various dates.

If the number of nominations matches or is less than the number of seats available: the nominees are co-opted without election. It is possible for the Linkage Group to decide to re-open nominations and postpone elections.

If the number of nominations exceeds the number of seats available: an election is held. Members of the PPN who are in attendance at that particular Linkage Group meeting can vote (one vote per organisation). Voting is by single transferable vote.

8th May 2019: Successful nominees are ratified by the PPN Plenary.

11th and 12th May: Successful nominees attend mandatory induction and training.

How do I nominate myself or make a nomination?

Nominations can be made on the official nomination form available at www.fingalppn.ie/elections.

Further Information

For further enquiries email ppn@fingal.ie or call 01 890 6235