



The future of Balbriggan is set to be transformed through a €20m plus rejuvenation plan - an ambitious new vision for the town, which will be shaped by your views.

Over the next few years our town has the chance to develop into Our Balbriggan, a seaside town with fantastic amenities that will provide a sustainable future for its population.

The spotlight is now firmly on our area - and everyone has the chance to get involved, have their say and imagine the possibilities for Balbriggan.

The €10m capital fund allocated to support the Balbriggan's Strategy over the next three years is a real and sustained commitment to the town and the people of the area have the opportunity to shape and influence the order of priorities.

The transformation is already beginning, with free town centre Wi-Fi, new Skate Park and Heritage Trail just a few of the initiatives due to be unveiled in a short period of time.

But the plan goes much deeper than public spaces and amenities. It will involve every area of our lives - employment, education, skills, local economy and enterprise and community affairs and integration.

Balbriggan is the youngest town in the country, housing development and population growth has at times ran apace, with amenities playing catch up.

With the rejuvenation plan we have the chance to take stock and create Our Balbriggan - a town which is shaped by the needs of its residents and a new shared identity created, reflective of the old identity and embracing the new.

Over the next few weeks there will be a series of café-style meetings and opportunities to drop in and see the plan both in person and on Balbriggan.ie.

But more importantly, every resident is being asked to Get Involved and have their say via a simple online survey which can be found on Balbriggan.ie or the #ourbalbriggan social media platforms.

This is our chance to shine, this is Our Balbriggan - imagine the possibilities if we get involved.



See page four to find out how you can 'Get Involved in Our Balbriggan'

In addition to the €10million allocated for the implementation of the Balbriggan Strategy an additional capital sum, in excess of €10million, has also been allocated for the completion of the Balbriggan to Skerries Greenway, development of Bremore Castle into a premier visitor destination, development of Bremore Regional Amenity Park, and upgrades to cycle ways and connectivity in the town.

In a few years' time the centre of the town will have been transformed into a restful and attractive place with public amenities flowing from the River Bracken and the Millpond Park through Quay Street down to a completely reimagined Harbour which will be the envy of the country.

Get involved in shaping the future of Our Balbriggan

An initial €10 million rejuvenation scheme represents the start of Our Balbriggan - a three-year vision for the future of the town which you can help shape over the next few weeks.

A Balbriggan Leadership Group was established in May 2018 to formulate ambitious improvements for the area that will be delivered upon.

Real money is being put behind a comprehensive rejuvenation scheme for the area - and the Our Balbriggan survey will allow the people of the town to have a say in prioritising a range of improvements.

From Monday November 26th onwards, you can view the proposed plans and vision for Balbriggan at a number of venues in the area (see page four) or maybe attend one of the planned World Café events.

Most importantly, make sure that you fill in the survey either in person at the above events, in Balbriggan Library, or online at Balbriggan.ie. Keep an eye out on social media for the survey link.

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Balbriggan is a seaside area of natural beauty that will shine over the next few years - and you can see the possibilities on these pages.

It is fitting that next year will see Balbriggan star as the featured town in RTE TV's Operation Transformation, as 2019 will also be the start of a positive programme of change for the town.



Leadership group members, Cllr Malachy Quinn, Cllr Grainne Maguire, Cllr Tony Murphy



An artist's impression of the new skate park in Millpond Park which will open in early 2019



A large event/market space off Quay Street will contain a linear park at the heart of Balbriggan alongside the Bracken River. It will feature tiered seating for events and stall structures for weekly markets, with the historical stone structure of the Railway Viaduct and Balbriggan Harbour as a spectacular backdrop.



A vibrant market space situated under the arches of the remarkable Railway Viaduct, with the addition of freestanding stall structures for weekly and seasonal markets. The RNL Boathouse as a café space with additional seating, paving and lighting.



A revamped Railway Street vista will provide a fresh welcome to the town. Highlighting Balbriggan as a visitor destination, opening up the historical train station and bringing into use the station master's house with accompanying trees, planting, paving, artwork and signage.



An exciting new harbour experience will create a lively waterfront, linking numerous tourism and leisure opportunities.



The Bracken River will be an integral part of the rejuvenation plan, flowing through the town and framing the new public places. This new landmark corner at the main street will provide the entry to a revamped Mill Pond public park, built around the river with new generous civic spaces, pedestrian and cycle ways.

SO WHERE DID THE DRAFT BALBRIGGAN STRATEGY COME FROM?

A total in excess then of €20 million, has been committed to Balbriggan, over the next three years in the Fingal County Councils Capital Budget 2019-2021.

With the full weight of the community behind these initiatives, ambitious and significant change will be achieved.

Now is the time for the community to get involved, your insights will help shape and influence the future of the town.

It's all happening, so make sure you get involved

The period from November 26th to December 14th will be vital to the future of Our Balbriggan.



During that time a public survey will be conducted at a number of locations throughout the area, online at balbriggan.ie and through our social media channels on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, where you should look out for #ourbalbriggan - and join the conversation.

You can also view the plans and take the survey at the Our Balbriggan consultation area which will be open in Balbriggan Library from November 23rd to December 14th.

The Balbriggan Leadership Group have come up with suggestions to rejuvenate the area, but we want to hear what you think and to listen to the plans and priorities that you may have. The timetable below shows when you can view the plans for the area and have your say.

This is Balbriggan's time to shine, and over the next few years the area will be rejuvenated as a seaside town with fantastic natural assets and a young educated population which will serve as a beacon to businesses to locate here.

It's Our Balbriggan, so Get Involved, view the plans, take the survey and imagine the possibilities.

To join the conversation at our World Cafe events please email ourbalbriggan@fingal.ie for free tickets



'Our Balbriggan' Public Consultation - Timetable

	Monday 26th Nov	Tuesday 27th Nov	Wednesday 28th Nov	Thursday 29th Nov	Friday 30th Nov	Saturday 1st Dec	Sunday 2nd Dec	Monday 3rd Dec	Tuesday 4th Dec
World Café Events Launch			7pm-9pm Bracken Court						7pm-9pm Bracken Court
Drop In/ Survey		2pm - 5pm Bracken Court	2pm - 5pm Bracken Court	5pm - 9pm Flemington Community Centre	5pm - 9pm Bracken Court	2pm - 5pm Millfield Shopping Centre	2pm-5pm Millfield Shopping Centre		2pm-5pm Bracken Court
Leafleting/ Pop Up	9am - 2pm Local business, community facilities etc	6am - 8am & 5.30pm-7.30pm Railway Station	8am - 10am Railway Station		7am - 9am Railway Station				

'Our Balbriggan' consultation area in Balbriggan Library throughout the online survey period, dedicated computer and assistance.

