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€366K for Fingal water services – Kennedy

FINGAL COUNTY Council has been allocated over €360,000 by the Department of the Environment for the operation and maintenance of the county's water supplies.

Deputy Kennedy said: "There has been significant investment in the county's water infrastructure in the last few years - including last's month's cash injection of €81m for the development of water services in North County Dublin – and with this level of investment comes increased maintenance and running costs."

"The Government has allocated €5m in 2007 to cover additional costs arising from the increased investment, with a further €10m being ring-fenced to provide supports local authorities. Under this fund, Fingal's allocation tops €360,000."

"I warmly welcome any move to assist the local authority in its fight to further develop our water supply and to keep it safe. Unfortunately for my constituents in Knocksedan in Swords where the water was contaminated with E Coli, there have been too many first-hand experiences relating to poor quality water. Residents there have seen the health implications and the inconvenience resulting from inadequate water services."

"Thankfully, this issue has been resolved, but it really brings home the message that water is precious and must be treated, conserved and safe at all costs. With this funding, the job of keeping the county's water supply in its best condition should be made easier," concluded Deputy Kennedy.