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Fingal cleans up at Local Government Awards - Kennedy

FIANNA FAIL Dublin North Deputy Michael Kennedy has congratulated Fingal County Council for its performance at last night's (8th November 2007) Local Government Award, where the council scooped awards Social and Community Development and Waste Management.

Deputy Kennedy said: "Fingal County Council received awards in the Social and Community Development category for its School Model project, which is a progressive approach to school planning introduced last year in partnership between the council and the Department of Education. The programme aims to accelerate the delivery of schools whereby council secures school sites for the Department of Education within the planning of local area. As a former Fingal councillor, I am delighted that the foresight myself and other councillors had in setting aside school sites has borne fruit."

"Recognition of Fingal County Council's work in this area illustrates an appreciation on a wider scale for effective and efficient school planning. This award shows that the provision of schools, together with housing and infrastructure is the way forward, especially in areas like Fingal which is Ireland's fastest growing and youngest county."

"Fingal County Council also received an award for its bulky waste collection, illustrating once again the progressive approach that Fingal used when dealing with recycling and waste management."

"I would like to congratulate Fingal County Council on these awards, especially all of the Department heads and staff responsible for enacting these vital projects and services," Deputy Kennedy concluded.