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More than €270K for Fingal recycling – Kennedy

FINGAL COUNTY Council has netted a top-up payment of €271,600 from the Government to operate its recycling facilities, Fianna Fail Deputy Michael Kennedy has revealed.

Deputy Kennedy said: “Fingal County Council has rolled out one of the most comprehensive recycling programmes in the country, with green and black bins available to residents. Brown bins are being piloted to many areas in the county, whilst compost bins are available to buy. Landfill and bulk collection are also provided at a small cost, and four civic amenity centres are dotted around Fingal, as well as an enormous network of bring-banks in many neighbourhoods.”

“Unfortunately for Fingal, recycling can be an expensive business, and costs are escalating at all times. The cost of operating the bring banks and civic amenity facilities specifically are large, which is why the Minister for Environment has provided over €270K in funding to off-set their running costs.”

“As part of the Environment Fund - which has been established with the proceeds of the Plastic Bag and Landfill Levies - €4m has been allocated in support local authorities nationwide with their recycling programmes. I welcome Fingal’s allocation and congratulate the Environment Department on its hard work.”

“It is clear that the people of North County Dublin are willing to recycle and act collectively to tackle our waste issues,” concluded Deputy Kennedy.