

The Green Party/Comhaontas Glas adopted the following 7 principles by consensus at its foundation:

1. The impact of society on the environment should not be ecologically disruptive.
2. Conservation of resources is vital to a sustainable society.
3. All political, social and economic decisions should be taken at the lowest effective level.
4. Society should be guided by self-reliance and co-operation at all levels.
5. As caretakers of the Earth, we have the responsibility to pass it on in a fit and healthy state.
6. The need for world peace overrides national and commercial interests.
7. The poverty of two-thirds of the world's family demands a redistribution of the world's resources.

DEMOCRACY, TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Transparency and participation are vital to collectively making the transition to a post-fossil fuel economy. To face these challenges we need honest engagement, good ideas, a sense of common purpose and a commitment to fairness.

My own website reflects this approach. Detailed information on all the topics in this leaflet can be found at www.davidhealy.com

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ABOUT DAVID

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On Fingal County Council David has led the Council's engagement with climate change issues, including the transition to warmer energy efficient housing and the development of the Council's Climate Action Plan. He has driven the development of segregated cycle facilities including the northern section of the Sutton to Sandycove route and the Baldoyle to Portmarnock Greenway.

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PRIORITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS



CLIMATE ACTION

The current government has a terrible climate record, continuing to invest in high carbon infrastructure. We need more Green TDs to drive action from the next government.

Fingal and Dublin City Councils, in response to Green Councillors' campaigns, have adopted Climate Change Action Plans. These will reduce the emissions from the Councils' own activities and make changes needed to enable businesses and citizens to transition to a low carbon future. Our current Dáil team has driven the increased engagement of the Oireachtas with climate change including the Citizens' Assembly discussion on Climate Action. A strong Green team in the new Dáil is needed to ensure real action to protect the climate.



TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS

I and other Greens have been working for a better bus network, improved DART services and quality walking and cycling infrastructure. We are continuing to develop the coastal cycle route but much remains to be done.

Green TDs will work to ensure the necessary investment in new greenways and in redesigning existing roads and streets to prioritise walking, cycling and public transport.

We can make better places to live and improve public health by providing a quality environment for walking and cycling.

Developing public transport will bring social, economic and environmental benefits and we are committed to ensuring a 2:1 ratio of transport investment favouring public transport.



CLEAN WATER

Decades of underinvestment in sewage collection and treatment mean that our beaches are often polluted by sewage especially due to overflows after heavy rain. Ireland is in breach of EU environmental law.

At local, national, and EU level, Green representatives are cooperating to press national government to make the necessary investment in sewage treatment.

HOUSING

The housing crisis is a shameful legacy of the Government. We should be investing heavily in public cost-rental housing. This housing would be open to all, with rents set on the basis of the cost of providing the accommodation, not by the fluctuations of the rental market. Those who currently qualify for social housing or HAP would also access cost-rental housing, with a rental subsidy.

Experience in other countries such as in Vienna has been that cost rental public housing counteracts the upward pressure on rents in a speculative housing market such as we have.



PROTECTING NATURE

The Climate Emergency is matched by the Biodiversity Emergency. Our actions are creating the 6th mass extinction.

We are committed to redesigning our economy to reduce our footprint on the planet, leaving room for Nature. This includes shifting to a circular economy and ensuring financial incentives drive businesses to protect Nature and not destroy it.

