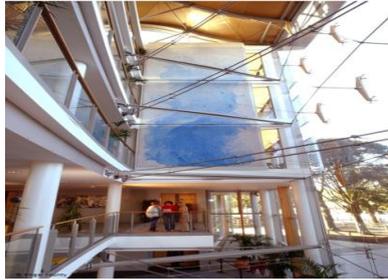
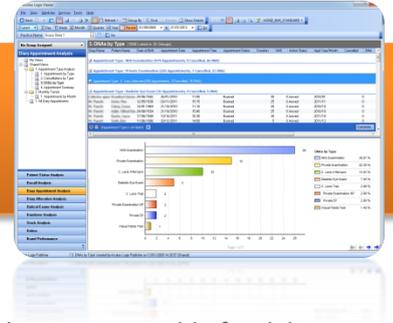


Logix Agile™

Case Study - Fingal County Council



Background

Fingal County Council is recognised as an innovative local authority responsible for delivering a wide range of services to Fingal’s 240,000 citizens. With an annual budget of around €250 million, the council provides over 500 services to businesses and residents throughout the local area including housing, environment, libraries, water and roads.

Implementation

Fingal County Council have employed Logix Agile, Nathean’s agile business intelligence solution, to address their data analysis and reporting needs. Through seamless integration with the department’s Agresso financial system, Logix Agile quickly enabled the team to more easily explore and manipulate huge volumes of financial data.

Peter Whelan, Administrative Officer, Finance, Fingal County Council, said, “Logix empowers the team to easily and effectively explore and analyse the data. Previously, getting answers to complex questions would have taken hours whereas with Logix answers are received in minutes.”

The solution was also rolled out across their HR department, taking only a couple of days to install and configure and the ensuing results were both immediate and impressive. The team were able to undertake detailed analysis of the council’s payroll, allowances, overtime and expenses, allowing the department to make more informed decisions.

More effective procurement decision making

Logix Agile is also delivering value to the procurement department. In 2009 the council set up a new ‘Audit & Efficiency Unit’ whose short term objective was to identify savings and efficiencies throughout the council and whose longer term aim was to realign Fingal’s purchasing practices in order to ensure that ‘value for money’ opportunities were being optimised. Logix Agile played a critical role in helping the unit to identify immediate cost savings and efficiencies including:

- A 33% cost saving in the council’s energy bill: Fingal’s Water Treatment Plant in Leixlip provides 168 million litres of water per day to residents in Fingal and other areas of Dublin. Utilising comparative research produced by Logix, the council were able to go to tender and as a result achieve a 33% reduction in their energy bills.
- A 20% reduction in plant hire costs: By delivering greater transparency of data and costs, Logix helped Fingal optimise usage of its internal fleet, negotiate more competitive prices with its suppliers and return hired vehicles promptly when they were no longer needed.
- The removal of costly administration: Analysis undertaken by Logix highlighted that, on an annual basis, several thousand POs were being raised for supplier invoices of less than €50 which was resulting in a significant overhead payment for each of these invoices.

Quick Facts

Council

Fingal County Council

Headquarters

Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin City

Customer Since

2006

The Solution

Logix Agile™

Key Benefits

- Improved efficiencies throughout the council
- Greater transparency and increased accuracy of data
- Improved debt management and revenue collections
- Enhanced citizen services

Instant Gains

- 33% cost saving in the council’s energy bill
- 20% reduction in plant hire costs
- Removal of costly administration
- Return on Investment within first year

As a result of deploying Logix Agile, data can now be accessed and analysed at a more granular level, for example, by department, product or supplier and compared on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis, allowing more detailed management reports to be produced.

The Audit & Efficiency Unit, Fingal County Council, commented, "For the first time in Fingal's history, we have a data management tool that has enabled us to see in full the expenditure for every single purchase across all eight departments in the council. This information is invaluable and has greatly improved our end to end procurement process, enabling us to make better informed procurement decisions, negotiate more competitive terms with our suppliers and achieve significant cost savings."

Other Insights

Logix Agile is also helping Fingal County Council improve its rates collections and overtime expenditure through greater visibility of Data.

Enhanced Citizen Services

Logix Agile is being used to improve citizen services throughout the Fingal area. Using Logix to undertake an in-depth analysis of private and public housing throughout Fingal has helped the council make decisions on estate management, rental accommodation schemes and managing vacancy levels.

Gaining value from data

Since the initial implementation of Logix Agile in 2007 Gerry Duane, Head of IT, Fingal County Council has been impressed.

"Every business – public or private - needs to understand that data is a major asset when it is managed effectively. We needed a fast, simple and cost-effective BI solution to leverage the value of all the data held across our organisation and Logix has given us this. Our users have expressed real satisfaction with its ease of use and the results it delivers. We can now make better informed decisions not only for the benefit of the council and its staff but ultimately for the people living and working in Fingal."

Logix has allowed us to do so much more with diminishing resources. Our investment has paid itself back within a year and we're looking forward to extending the use of Logix on a wide range of existing and new projects," concluded Duane.

About Nathean Technologies

We are passionate about Agile Business Intelligence and have been delivering innovative data analysis and reporting solutions to customers since 2001. We want people to make better business decisions by getting access to their own data with little or no training.

