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Monday, 11th December 2023

To Each Member of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee
(Services B - Strategic and General Matters)

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B - Strategic and General Matters) will be held Hybrid in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords at 2.00 pm on Thursday, 14th December, 2023 consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Nikki Halleran
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services

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A G E N D A

- 1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 9th of November 2023**

QUESTIONS

- 2 Councillor A. Henchy - Re-painting of the Donabate/Portrane Community Centre - AI091588**
 "To ask the Chief Executive, while welcoming the recent works to re-paint the front of the Donabate/Portrane Community Centre, to consider sourcing additional funding to allow for all of the building to be repainted?"
- 3 Councillor A. Henchy - Satellite Garda Clinic at Donabate Library - AI091592**
 "To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given, when planning for the renovation, upgrade and relocation of the Donabate Library into Ballisk House Donabate, that talks also take place with An Garda Síochána with a view to exploring the space within this building for the establishment of a satellite Garda Clinic to serve the growing needs of the Donabate and Portrane Community?"
- 4 Councillor A. Henchy - Update on Broadmeadow Donabate to Malahide Greenway - AI091607**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update including timelines on the construction and completion of the Broadmeadow Donabate to Malahide Greenway?"
- 5 Councillor A. Henchy - Concerts in Newbridge House Donabate - AI091611**
 "To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the staging of concerts at Newbridge House in Donabate offering a different

dimension to the offerings staged at Malahide Demesne and Swords Castle?"

6 Councillor A. Henchy - Continuous Footpath on Beaverstown Road - AI092108

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the provision of a continuous footpath on the Beaverstown Road, in particular the section between the entrance to the Cois Inbhir Estate and the Rogerstown Estuary?"

7 Councillor A. Henchy - Update on the re-opening of the Pedestrian Walkway Loop - Rahillion/Carr's Mill - Donabate - AI092121

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the Rahillion/Carr's Mill pedestrian walkway loop will be re-opened to the public, as it has been closed for several weeks?"

8 Councillor A. Henchy - Extend Community Car Service to Donabate/Portrane - AI092614

"To ask the Chief Executive, in light of the successful Community Car Service provision that is in operation in the town of Skerries, that a similar model is adapted to serve the Donabate/Portrane area and to provide as much information as possible on both the service and how it operates?"

9 Councillor P. Mulville - Playgrounds/Play Facilities in this Local Electoral Area - AI092695

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline, in tabular format, the number of playgrounds/play facilities in this Local Electoral Area which have been granted planning permission as part of residential developments, but which have not yet commenced, been completed or made operational, including the location of same and the relevant planning reference and to provide a report on the steps being taken to address the matter?"

10 Councillor P. Mulville - Provision of Public Five-a-Side Pitches Donabate/Portrane - AI092817

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans for the provision of public five-a-side pitches in Donabate/Portrane and the wider North County area?"

11 Councillor P. Mulville - Bus Connects Network Redesign Programme in this LEA - AI092888

"To ask the Chief Executive, further to Question 47 November 2023 Area B meeting, to advise whether the Council is being kept apprised by the National Transport Authority (NTA) on a regular basis regarding the rollout of the Bus Connects Network Redesign Programme

(<https://busconnects.ie/cities/dublin/new-dublin-area-bus-network/>), for bus routes in the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area and if so, what is the latest information received by the Council from the National Transport Authority (NTA)?"

Note: this question is referring to the Network Redesign Programme, and not the Core Bus Corridor scheme
(<https://busconnects.ie/cities/dublin/core-bus-corridors/>)

12 Councillor P. Mulville - Plans for a Wildlife Hospital and Visitor Centre - St. Ita's Hospital, Portrane - AI093178

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on discussions between the Council, Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland and the Health Service Executive regarding plans for the Wildlife Hospital and Visitor Centre at St. Ita's Hospital, Portrane?"

13 Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Ballymastone Recreational Hub - AI093179

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the current position regarding the Ballymastone Recreational Hub, to outline progress on works since the sod-turning in August and the projected timelines around Phases 1 and 2 of the Recreational Hub, including what will be done as part of each phase?"

14 Councillor P. Mulville - Ballymastone Affordable Homes - AI093180

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide assurances to prospective affordable home buyers and confirm that the prices for the affordable homes at Ballymastone to be constructed by Glenveagh are still "locked in" and guaranteed to be €250,000 for a two-bedroom home and €270,000 for a three-bedroom home, as previously agreed?"

15 Councillor P. Mulville - Pollution Turvey Villas, Donabate - AI093363

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange a

meeting urgently with residents of Turvey Villas, Donabate, in order to provide them with every possible assistance and support in helping them resolve the pollution matters?"

16 Councillor B. Dennehy - Update on Taking in Charge - Knightsgate Estate in Rush - AI092697

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an updated report on the Taking in Charge of the Knightsgate Estate in Rush?"

17 Councillor B. Dennehy - Construction/Refurbishment work at Rush Multi-Purpose Youth Centre, Rush - AI093295

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for the completion of construction/refurbishment work at Rush Multi-Purpose Youth Centre, Rush?"

18 Councillor B. Dennehy - Acquiring of Council Lands - Brookfield Park Estate, Rush - AI093297

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise of any request to acquire the 17 sqm of land in the possession of the Council between Brookfield Park Estate and the Golden Ridge Development, Rush?"

19 Councillor B. Dennehy - Cycle/Walkway from the South Beach Car Park, Rush to The Bawn Road, Rush - AI093336

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Committee with an update on the provision of a cycle/walkway from the South Beach car park, Rush to The Bawn Road, Rush?"

20 Councillor B. Dennehy - Update on Taking in Charge of Palmer Avenue Estate, Rush - AI093375

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an up-to-date report on the progress of the Taking in Charge of Palmer Avenue Estate, Rush?"

21 Councillor B. Dennehy - Landscape Plan for the Cois Srutháin Estate, Ballyboughal - AI093379

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for the delivery of the Landscape Plan for the Cois Srutháin Estate in Ballyboughal?"

22 Councillor B. Dennehy - Update on Active Travel Route Rush - AI093381

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the delivery of the Active Travel route from the entrance of Kenure Park, Rush to the proposed new school site alongside St. Maur's GAA, Rush?"

23 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Public Lighting Installation - R132, Corduff - AI092870

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to having the area on the R132, where the new cycle track is being installed, evaluated for the installation of public lighting as parts of the roadway where the new track is being constructed are dark and installation of lighting would aid in the usage of the infrastructure?"

24 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Dividing Fencing between Gardens in Longstone Park, Portrane - AI093129

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the dividing fencing between the gardens at the rear of (details supplied) Longstone Park, which were removed during recent maintenance works, will be reinstated given the residents have always had individual gardens for their recreational space?"

25 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Station Road Development Commercial Units, Lusk - AI093241

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update regarding communications between the developer of the new Town Centre on Station Road in Lusk and the Council about proposed alterations to the commercial units, given that there are planning conditions regarding:

1. The provision of the new Civic Plaza with additional C1 Open Space allocated in the new park described in F18A/0645 & F16A/0646 and shared link between Scholars Walk and Loughcommon Lane shall implemented within 1 year of the expiry of the parent permission F15A/0565 and F19A/0633 by 29th October 2023, and prior to the commencement of the residential units within Blocks 5A and 5B. (which I note has expired recently)

2. The Community creche building and retail premises in Block 5A and 5B shall be implemented within 3 years by 29th October 2025, and prior to the commencement of the residential units within Blocks 5A

and 5B

Given the developer is not in the ownership of the lands associated with the provision of the civic space and parts of the associated commercial aspect of the development, will the Chief Executive comment on how this Committee may come to deliver these much needed commercial units for the town of Lusk?"

26 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Update on Taking in Charge - Knightsgate, Rush - AI093243

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress towards taking the Knightsgate Estate in Rush into the Council's charge?"

27 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Coastal Defence Portrane/Rush - AI093244

"To ask the Chief Executive, in respect of the worsening impact of coastal erosion on homes and properties, why the projected timescale for the submission of the planning application for the Coastal Defence proposals for Portrane and Rush has consistently not been met and to confirm when this planning application will be submitted to the Board?"

28 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Update on Donabate Pedestrian Cycle Bridge - AI093277

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an updated progress report on the Donabate Pedestrian Cycle Bridge over the Dublin to Belfast line at Corballis which is an objective in the Local Area and Development Plans and conditioned in the planning permission for the Semple Woods Development?"

29 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Green Space and Attenuation Tanks, Rush and Lusk - AI093305

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline if this process is in line with the Development Plan and Government guidelines to provide Class 1 or Class 2 Open Space on top of attenuation tanks for water, see Knightsgate in Rush and the Lusk Sports Hub?"

30 Councillor K. Power - Update on Naul Safe Routes to School - AI093198

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the timeline for the provision of the Safe Routes to School in the Naul?"

31 Councillor B. Manton - Insulation Project at Rivermeade Estate regarding Airport Noise - AI093205

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise why Rivermeade has not been included in any insulation project by daa when the estate is so badly affected by the aircraft noise?"

32 Councillor B. Ryan - Timeline for Proposed Swimming Pool at Castlelands, Balbriggan - AI093230

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the process and timelines for the delivery of the promised indoor swimming pool at Castlelands, Balbriggan?"

33 Councillor B. Ryan - Taking in Charge - Chieftain's Way Estate, Balbriggan - AI093231

"To ask the Chief Executive to list the outstanding works and their indicative timelines for completion as part of the Taking in Charge process in the Chieftain's Way Estate, Balbriggan?"

34 Councillor B. Ryan - Nameplate - Saint Catherine's Graveyard, Portrane - AI093232

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to consulting with local historians in the Donabate/Portrane area in regard to erecting an appropriate nameplate on the gates of Saint Catherine's graveyard in Portrane?"

35 Councillor B. Ryan - Tourism based projects in the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area - AI093233

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate what tourism-based projects would be open for consideration on lands zoned High Amenity in the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area?"

36 Councillor B. Ryan - Taking in Charge at The Mill, Rahillion, Donabate - AI093255

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the reason for the delay in the Taking in Charge of the public open space at The Mill, Rahillion, Donabate and will she undertake to expedite the process as it is

unacceptable that this fantastic amenity has been closed off to the public since July 2023?"

37 Councillor B. Ryan - Taking in Charge - Glaslinn Estate, Donabate - AI093256

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the Taking in Charge process of Glaslinn Estate, Donabate and a projected time scale for same and to confirm if the developer has submitted proposals acceptable to the Council which address outstanding issues within the estate?"

38 Councillor B. Ryan - Lack of Four Bedroom Houses for Housing Applicants in the Balbriggan LEA - AI093274

"To ask the Chief Executive, if consideration can be given, with the lack of availability of four-bedroom houses to offer to housing applicants when they reach the offer zone which is an additional barrier to housing of larger families, to fast track delivery of four-bedroom houses in the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area?"

39 Councillor A. Graves - Maintenance of Council Property - Turnapin Cottages, Cloghran, Dublin 17 - AI093239

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange for repairs to the wall at (details supplied) Turnapin Cottages as it is a cause of concern in relation to public safety and the property is in Council ownership?"

40 Councillor A. Graves - Clearing of Overgrowth - Knocksedan Woods, Brackenstown, Swords - AI093263

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange for the Council owned lands behind Knocksedan Woods to be cleared of the overgrowth and a timeline for same, as the residents are responsible for the estate and cannot paint the boundary walls and railings until the area is cleared on the park side of the wall (Photos attached)?"

41 Councillor A. Graves - Tenant In-Situ in the Electoral Area of Swords - AI093270

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to modify the reference in relation to the necessity for Housing Assistance Payment on the Tenant In-Situ form as it is causing confusion in the Electoral Area of Swords?"

- 42 Councillor T. Murphy - Outdoor Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)/Basketball Court Investment - Northwest Balbriggan - AI093273**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to invest in an outdoor Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)/Basketball court for Northwest Balbriggan in order to offer a hangout space and help eliminate antisocial behaviour?"

- 43 Councillor T. Murphy - Power Supply - Bremore Castle, Balbriggan - AI093276**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange an appropriate power supply at Bremore Castle grounds to facilitate all the events that are taking place in the coming year so as to eliminate the need to hire generators that are extremely expensive and are not environmentally friendly?"

- 44 Councillor T. Murphy - Derelict Sites in Balbriggan - AI093280**

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise how many derelict sites are on the register in the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area and what the Local Authorities role is in bringing these properties back to an acceptable standard?"

- 45 Councillor T. Murphy - Marketing Strategy for Stephenstown Business Park - AI093281**

"To ask the Chief Executive, given the recent land acquisition in Stephenstown Business Park, what marketing strategy is being considered in order to attract new businesses to this area?"

- 46 Councillor G. Maguire - Update - Lease 98th Scout Group - AI093306**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to the request for a lease to 98th Scout Group in Skerries, which needs to be completed as it has been ongoing for some time?"

- 47 Councillor I. Carey - Leaf Mould Cages - Holywell, Swords - AI093307**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to providing leaf mould cages for residents in Holywell, Swords to allow them to manage leaf litter in the area?"

48 Councillor I. Carey - Scrap Metal Removal - Rose Cottage, Ward River Valley - AI093309

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to hiring contractors to remove the large pieces of scrap metal found in the recently cleared area of Cherry Laurel in the Ward River Valley, near the Rose Cottage entrance?"

49 Councillor I. Carey - Developer to Clean Up Lord Mayor's Site, Swords - AI093314

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to request that the owners of the Lord Mayor's site in Swords clean up the area, it is becoming increasingly run down, litter is building up significantly and it is fast becoming a public health hazard?"

50 Councillor I. Carey - Link between Swords Manor and Swords Community College - AI093315

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed walking and cycling link between Swords Manor and Swords Community College?"

51 Councillor I. Carey - Timeline on Newtown Bridge/Balheary Walking/Cycling Upgrade - AI093316

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the timeline for the delivery of the walking and cycling upgrade on Newtown Bridge, near Swords Celtic?"

52 Councillor I. Carey - Update on Miller's Glen/Rathbeale Road Opening - AI093317

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the opening of the road between Miller's Glen and the Rathbeale Road?"

53 Councillor I. Carey - Plastics on the Broadmeadow Greenway - AI093319

"To ask the Chief Executive if an assessment of the litter/plastic debris present on the Broadmeadow Greenway has been carried out as part of works to the area, it has been reported that significant volumes of plastic waste were present in the area prior to building works, is this something that has been dealt with as part of the construction?"

- 54** Councillor D. Mulligan - Tenants In-Situ in this LEA - AI093322
 "To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the number of Tenants In-Situ Schemes granted in this Local Electoral Area?"
- 55** Councillor D. Mulligan - Choice Based Letting in this LEA - AI093323
 "To ask the Chief Executive how many applicants is each Choice Based Letting receiving on average within this Local Electoral Area?"
- 56** Councillor D. Mulligan - Playgrounds in Estates not Taken in Charge in this LEA - AI093325
 "To ask the Chief Executive if any new housing developments within this Local Electoral Area are insured to complete and utilise playground facilities before the Taken in Charge process?"
- 57** Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Turvey Avenue Enhancement Project - AI093335
 "To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the works on the Turvey Avenue Enhancement Project, which includes the provision of a 115m long footpath where no footpath currently exists, on the northern side of Turvey Avenue, adjacent to the entrance to Turvey Drive housing estate, will commence and the anticipated duration of these works?"
- 58** Councillor J. Humphreys - Taking in Charge - Thornleigh, Swords - AI093348
 "To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the Taking in Charge of Thornleigh, Swords will be occurring this month as indicated during the Deputation meeting with residents?"
- 59** Councillor J. Humphreys - Taking in Charge of Hedgerow at Rowan Hill - AI093349
 "To ask the Chief Executive if the restoration of the hedgerow beside the Rowan Hill development will be included in the Taking in Charge process as the protection of it is a planning condition?"
- 60** Councillor J. Humphreys - BoxUp Pilot Scheme in this LEA - AI093350
 "To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the assessment of the "BoxUp" pilot scheme, when the review is due to be completed, when the deadline is to ensure enough is ordered to successfully

rollout across this Local Electoral Area for this spring?"

61 Councillor J. Humphreys - Carpark Canopies in this LEA - AI093351

"To ask the Chief Executive if solar car park canopies were explored for installation on Council owned car parks in this Local Electoral Area to meet the Council objective "to expand the availability of EV charge points in towns and villages" as set out in the Climate Action Plan 2019 -2024?"

62 Councillor J. Humphreys - Cycle Counter in this LEA - AI093352

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to install cyclist counters across this Local Electoral Area, and if so, can consideration be given to installing these at the recently completed Active Travel Projects and for cyclist counters to be included in all future projects?"

63 Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Taking in Charge - Comyn Manor, Swords - AI093353

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update to the Taking in Charge of Comyn Manor, what work is outstanding and can an indicative timeline be given?"

64 Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Seatown Active Travel Route - AI093356

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Seatown Active Travel route?"

65 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

a Applications for Community Funding

PLANNING AND
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66 Playground Audit Briefing

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67 Financial assistance to Approved Housing Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme - Call for CAS 2017 to provide units of living accommodation in the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords living area

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68 Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

GENERAL BUSINESS

69 Correspondence

a Letter from NTA regarding Bus Service to Miller's Glen (Pages

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70 Councillor I. Carey - Holywell Connectivity - AI093318

"That this Committee calls for works to be designed to provide an effective walking and cycling link between Holywell and Swords Main Street."

MOTIONS

71 Councillor T. Murphy - Glebe Park Car Park Issues - AI091483

"That the Chief Executive requests upgrades to Glebe Park car park as per the Glebe Park Masterplan, in particular for Sports Clubs and park users during football and tennis matches, where the lack of spaces is causing issues for people attending events and the local Gardaí have been notified to address parking concerns."

72 Councillor D. Mulligan - Request for ANCA to add Noise Station South Swords - AI091562

"That the Chief Executive request that ANCA and any relevant bodies who have responsibility in creating/adding noise monitoring stations, add at least one additional permanent station and one additional mobile station to South Swords, particularly within the townlands adjoining the Forest Road including Boriomhe/Ridgewood no further north than Rivervalley/Rathingle boundary."

73 Councillor C. Boland - Progress on Enforcement Files Backlog in this LEA - AI091575

"That the Chief Executive provides an update on what progress has been made in dealing with the backlog of Enforcement files in this Local Electoral Area."

74 Councillor B. Dennehy - Update on Rush Sports Campus - AI091577

"That the Chief Executive provide this Committee with an update on the delivery of the Rush Sports Campus to include the acquisition of land required and the location of the campus and items brought forward by the Clubs that are required."

75 Councillor J. Newman - Rebuild Historical Well at Cultural Quarter - AI091794

"That the Chief Executive ensures that the historical well discovered in the Council car park at the Courthouse in Swords is re-built within the confines of the new Library."

76 Councillor A. Graves - Archaeological Discoveries - Swords Cultural Quarter - AI092034

"That the Chief Executive acknowledges the huge historical loss of both wells discovered during the preparation works for the Swords Cultural Quarter and puts a formal arrangement in place to engage with all stakeholders with an historical interest, with a view to finding the best solution in locating the wells in an appropriate setting in keeping with their historic value to Swords."

77 Councillor A. Henchy - Thanks and Soft Opening at Flavours of Fingal - AI091614

"That the Chief Executive, in the first instance, fully recognise and congratulate the Council's Events team for their outstanding efforts in staging so many events across the County over the summer months, especially, the concerts at Malahide, Swords Castle, the County Show, Flavours of Fingal at Newbridge House and Park Donabate, in forward planning for next year, can a soft opening to Flavours of Fingal on the Friday evening be considered for all of those with additional needs and their carers so that they too can fully enjoy the magnificent event that is Flavours of Fingal."

78 Councillors K. Power and Councillor B. Ryan - Provision of Path Loughshinny - AI092296

"That the Chief Executive conduct an assessment and feasibility study on the provision of a path from Baldungan to Loughshinny Cross to ascertain the costs with a view to including this project in the next Capital Works Budget."

Comhairle Contae Fingall Fingal County Council

Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B - Strategic and General Matters)

Thursday, 9th November, 2023

PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Butler, Darragh
Carey, Ian
Graves, Ann
Dennehy, Brian
Henchy, Adrian
Humphreys, James
Maguire, Grainne

Councillors:

Manton, Brigid
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
O'Donoghue, Robert
O'Leary, Tom
Power, Karen
Ryan, Brendan

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor J. Newman.

The Area Chairperson Councillor Ian Carey, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Betty Boardman (County Librarian), Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks and Landscape Officer), Roisin Burke (Senior Planner), Malachy Bradley (Senior Planner), John Daly (Senior Engineer), Sinéad Murphy (Senior Engineer), Brian Murray (Senior Executive Officer), Declan Power (Senior Executive Officer), Nicola Halleran (Senior Executive Officer), Gerard Reardon (Principal Sports Officer), Nuala Casey (Sports Development Officer), Rafe Costigan (Senior Community Officer), Breen Doris (Senior Executive Engineer), Hans Visser (Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer), Mark Finnegan (Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer), Martin Byrne (Senior Executive Engineer), Paul Barnes (Event Manager), Fearghal McSweeney (Administrative Officer), Natalie Dineen (Administrative Officer), Michael Campbell (Senior Staff Officer), Anne Collender (Senior Staff Officer), Daiga Ancikovska (Staff Officer), David Daly (Assistant Staff Officer), Linda Fanning (Clerical Officer), Louise McAuley Baker (Clerical Officer).

VISITOR

Mr. Alan Sullivan, Senior Ecologist, Rivus Limited.

BSB/546/23**NOTICE OF EMERGENCY MOTION**

The Area Chair Councillor I. Carey notified the Members that he had received an Emergency Motion which he advised was in order and would take it later in the meeting.

BSB/547/23 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 12th October 2023

Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on 12th October 2023 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor J. Humphreys, seconded by Councillor A. Henchy and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B meeting held on 12th October 2023 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

BSB/548/23**QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and **RESOLVED**–

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 53, Questions 2 – 58 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

BSB/549/23 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor A. Henchy - Donabate Portrane Community Centre - AI090318

BSB/550/23 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor A. Henchy - Slí na Sláinte Route - Donabate and Portrane - AI090321

BSB/551/23 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor A. Henchy - Installation of Plaque/Stone at Fr. Ted TV Show Site - AI090342

BSB/552/23 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor A. Henchy - Update on Turvey Nature Reserve - AI090347

BSB/553/23 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor A. Henchy - Update on Donabate Infrastructural Improvement Contracts - AI091574

- BSB/554/23** (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor A. Henchy - Ballisk House (Credit Union Building) Donabate - AI091580
- BSB/555/23** (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor A. Henchy - Update on Part VIII's Donabate - AI091586
- BSB/556/23** (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor D. Butler - Provision of Lighting and Trees at Belvedere Green, Brackenstown, Swords, Co. Dublin - AI092339
- BSB/557/23** (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor D. Butler - Brackenstown Community Centre (2008) Proposals - AI092348
- BSB/558/23** (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Progress Report on Portrane to Donabate Cliff Walk - AI092510
- BSB/559/23** (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Update on the Taking in Charge - Racecourse Green, Lusk - AI092530
- BSB/560/23** (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Update on the Taking in Charge Process - Knightsgate, Rush - AI092532
- BSB/561/23** (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Update on Lusk Sports Hub - AI092569
- BSB/562/23** (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Taking in Charge - The Forge Estate - AI092597
- BSB/563/23** (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Update on Rush Town Centre Development - AI092598
- BSB/564/23** (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor G. Maguire - Resurfacing and Lighting of Balbriggan Football Club Car Park - AI092531
- BSB/565/23** (Agenda Item No 18)
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BSB/597/23 (Agenda Item No 50)

Councillor P. Mulville - Coastal Erosion and Flooding Protection Works at Portrane and Rush - AI092686

BSB/598/23 (Agenda Item No 51)

Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Derelict Site at The Emerald (former Post Office) Donabate - AI092689

BSB/599/23 (Agenda Item No 52)

Councillor P. Mulville - Swords Youth Services – Crosscare - AI092692

BSB/600/23 (Agenda Item No 53)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Update on Pitch Refurbishment Works at Skerries Community Centre - AI092659

BSB/601/23 (Agenda Item No 54)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Flooding at Skerries Tennis Club - AI092664

BSB/602/23 (Agenda Item No 55)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Update on New Traffic Measures Shenick Junction and Skerries Roundabout - AI092690

BSB/603/23 (Agenda Item No 56)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Taking in Charge of Land in Swords - AI092681

BSB/604/23 (Agenda Item No 57)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on R132 Project - AI092687

BSB/605/23 (Agenda Item No 58)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Opening of the Glen Ellan Extension Road - AI092688

BSB/606/23 (Agenda Item No 59)

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

a) Applications for Community Funding

Applications for Activity Funding

It was proposed by Councillor G. Maguire and seconded by Councillor K. Power and AGREED:

“That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Activity Funding in the attached report.”

Application for Sport Funding

It was proposed by Councillor G. Maguire and seconded by Councillor K. Power and AGREED:

“That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Sports Funding in the attached report.”

BSB/607/23 (Agenda Item No 60)

Declaration of Roads/Taking in Charge

a) Taking in Charge – Glen Ellan Road Extension, Swords, Co. Dublin

The report was **NOTED** and **AGREED**.

BSB/608/23 (Agenda Item No 61)

Wildlife Enhancement Scheme Ward River

Mr. Alan Sullivan, Senior Ecologist, Rivus Limited, gave a presentation on the results of the ecological study of the Ward River and made recommendations on how the wildlife value of the Ward River can be enhanced.

Following a discussion, the presentation was **NOTED**.

BSB/609/23 (Agenda Item No 62)

Part 8 of the PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (as amended). Proposed development of Public Car Park at Bremore Castle Balbriggan.

Mr Mark Finnegan, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer of the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department, gave a presentation for noting by the Area Committee on the Part 8 proposed development of public car park at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan.

Following a discussion, the presentation was **NOTED**.

BSB/610/23 (Agenda Item No 63)

Proposed Disposals:

a) Proposed Grant of Wayleave at Balheary, Swords, Co. Dublin to Mainscourt Solar DAC

Mr. Michael Campbell, Senior Staff Officer of the EETCD gave a report for noting by the Area Committee on the proposed grant of Wayleave at Balheary, Swords, Co Dublin to Mainscourt Solar DAC.

The report was **NOTED**.

BSB/611/23 (Agenda Item No 64)

Councillor I. Carey - Trial Containment Booms to Assess Macro Plastic Pollution in Swords Rivers - AI092149

The Motion in the name of Councillor I. Carey was proposed by Councillor I. Carey and seconded by Councillor K. Power.

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED** and following discussion the report was **NOTED**.

BSB/612/23

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was proposed by the Area Chair, Councillor I. Carey and **AGREED** to vary the agenda to take Item No. 66 at this point.

BSB/613/23 (Agenda Item No 66)

Councillor P. Mulville - Major Works at Corballis Public Golf Links - AI089327

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Mulville was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor C. Boland.

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED** and following discussion the report was **NOTED**.

BSB/614/23 (Agenda Item No 65)

Councillor A. Henchy - Proposed Traffic and Safety Improvements - Donabate - AI087896

The Motion in the name of Councillor A. Henchy was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy and seconded by Councillor P. Mulville.

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED** and following discussion the report was **NOTED**.

BSB/615/23

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was **AGREED** to suspend Standing Orders to deal with an Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor K. Power which was proposed by Councillor K. Power and seconded by Councillor A. Henchy.

To Read:

“That the Executive provide an update on progress to date concerning a wildlife sanctuary offering at St Ita's and Turvey and commit to meeting officials from Wild life Rehabilitation Ireland within the next two weeks to progress the issue.”

An amendment to the Emergency Motion was received to read as follows:-

“In light of a deadline for clarity set for 26 November in relation to buildings for a potential wild life sanctuary at St Ita's, that the Executive commit to seeking a meeting officials from Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland and the HSE within the next two weeks to clarify the situation.”

The amended Motion in the name of Councillor K. Power was proposed by Councillor K. Power and seconded by Councillor A. Henchy.

The amendment to the Motion was AGREED and following a discussion, the amended motion was **PASSED**.

BSB/616/23 (Agenda Item No 75)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Call to Acquire Land in Skerries for Playing Fields - AI092514

The Motion in the name of Councillor T. O'Leary, was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor I. Carey.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated was **NOTED** without discussion.

BSB/617/23 (Agenda Item No 76)

Councillor G. Maguire - Report on Marram Grass - Balbriggan Beach - AI092538

The Motion in the name of Councillor G. Maguire, was proposed by Councillor G. Maguire and seconded by Councillor I. Carey.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated was **NOTED** without discussion.

BSB/618/23 (Agenda Item No 77)

Councillor T. Murphy - Removal of Court House, Balbriggan - AI090329

The Motion in the name of Councillor T. Murphy, was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor I. Carey.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated was **NOTED** without discussion.

The Meeting concluded at 6.05 pm.

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ITEM NO. 02

RE-PAINTING OF DONABATE/ PORTRANE COMMUNITY CENTRE -
AI091588

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

“To ask the Chief Executive, while welcoming the recent works to re-paint the front of the Donabate/Portrane Community Centre, to consider sourcing additional funding to allow for all of the building to be repainted?”

Reply:

The Community Department will support the local board of management to source suitable funding from external sources to allow for the building to be repainted.

Source of Reply:

Janet Ivers, Senior Community Officer, Community and Sports Department

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ITEM NO. 03

SATELLITE GARDA CLINIC AT DONABATE LIBRARY – AI091592

Question: A. Henchy

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given, when planning for the renovation, upgrade and relocation of the Donabate Library into Ballisk House Donabate, that talks also take place with An Garda Síochána with a view to exploring the space within this building for the establishment of a satellite Garda Clinic to serve the growing needs of the Donabate and Portrane Community?”

Reply

Space within Ballisk House, particularly in the first phase of the development of the re-located library, will be dedicated to shelving, circulation, public seating and areas for library events and activities. We would be happy to accommodate Garda clinics on a regular basis in the Library as part of a scheduled programme of community activities.

Source of Reply:

Betty Boardman, County Librarian, Economic Enterprise Tourism and Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 04

UPDATE ON BROADMEADOW DONABATE TO MALAHIDE GREENWAY
- AI091607

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update including timelines on the construction and completion of the Broadmeadow Donabate to Malahide Greenway?”

Reply:

The project team in the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has been working hard through 2023 to de-risk and find solutions to the technical, environmental, legal and stakeholder issues that have arisen on this unique and challenging project. There remains a number of risk items that will require active risk management. Considerable efforts throughout 2023 mean that site investigation and advance works contracts, which lie on the project critical path, were able to proceed. Progress milestones to the end of 2023 include:

- Key landowner legal agreements were finalised, and an access track was constructed to provide a crucial link which will provide unencumbered

access to the estuary northern causeway allowed the necessary ground investigation works on the causeway to proceed.

- Ground investigation was carried out on the northern causeway during the summer months. These investigations inform the detailed design of the greenway on the northern causeway.
- The detailed design for the estuary viaduct and ramp is complete. The procurement process for the materials contract and works contract is underway.
- The Donabate landward design elements are being finalised.
- The Section 10 foreshore application is at an advanced stage, and we await further correspondence from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding the publication of the foreshore application.

Given the numerous technical, legal and environmental risks on this project, including a number of which sit with third parties external to Fingal County Council, the outline programme which is subject to change is estimated as follows:

- Detailed design works for the various works packages: 2023 - ongoing
- Advance works contracts including rail security fencing and utilities: early 2024
- Land acquisition accommodation works agreements, legal issues, foreshore consent: 2023 - ongoing
- Procurement of main works contracts: ongoing
- Landward works packages: 2023-2025

- Main works packages across estuary: 2024, 2025, 2026 during summer months

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 05

CONCERTS IN NEWBRIDGE HOUSE - DONABATE - AI091611

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the staging of concerts at Newbridge House in Donabate offering a different dimension to the offerings staged at Malahide and Swords Castle?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council is open to approaches from Promoters and Event Organisers to hold appropriately sized events in parks and open spaces. Once contact is made, the Events and Operations team will liaise and examine the proposal with the initial emphasis on the suitability of local site conditions and any possible constraints at the proposed venue.

Source of Reply:

Mr P. Barnes, Event Manager, Tourism Development

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ITEM NO. 06

CONTINUOUS FOOTPATH ON BEAVERSTOWN ROAD - AI092108

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the provision of a continuous footpath on the Beaverstown Road, in particular the section between the entrance to the Cois Inbhir Estate and the Rogerstown Estuary?"

Reply:

The Active Travel team has been in negotiations with the property owner along this section of road. The project team is currently developing the required documentation and plan to tender for a works contractor in Q1 of 2024.

Source of Reply:
Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 07

UPDATE ON THE RE-OPENING OF THE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY LOOP
- RAHILLION/CARR'S MILL - DONABATE - AI092121

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the Rahillion/Carr's Mill pedestrian walkway loop will be re-opened to the public, as it has been closed for several weeks?"

Reply:

"The open space at Carr's Mill is not taken in charge by Fingal County Council. The developer of Rahillion estate has temporarily closed off the walkway to the public and has been carrying out soil improvement works in this area. The Parks and Green Infrastructure Division and Property Section are working with the developer in relation to the completion of outstanding works and hand over of this land to Council which is expected shortly. In this regard, closing documents have issued to the developer for execution and the return of these documents is awaited to allow for the taking in charge of these lands."

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 08

EXTEND COMMUNITY CAR SERVICE TO DONABATE/PORTRANE - AI092614

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

“To ask the Chief Executive, in light of the successful Community Car Service provision that is in operation in the town of Skerries, that a similar model is adapted to serve the Donabate/Portrane area and to provide as much information as possible on both the service and how it operates?”

Reply:

The Community Car which is located in Skerries also serves the surrounding areas of Rush, Lusk, Donabate and Portrane. Currently the demand for the service is higher than the available capacity and we are looking at potential locations around the Donabate area that would be suitable for locating a community car. This would help to increase the capacity of the service, but also reduce the amount of time volunteers would be required to give as the majority are living in the Skerries area.

The Skerries community car is a free to use service and run in partnership with Local Link and Go Car, it is a volunteer led local transport initiative that see's members of the community volunteer their time to ensure that people at risk of social exclusion or with limited access to public transport can be brought to medical appointments, local shops or social occasions.

The public make bookings through Local Link by phone or email that are then assigned to an available volunteer. The volunteer then books the community car through the Go Car App. The Skerries community car currently has approximately 100 bookings per month.

The community car has proved to be a very successful initiative since its introduction and we are looking at ways to expand the service across the county.

Source of Reply:

Marion O'Connor, Administrative Officer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 09

**PLAYGROUNDS/PLAY FACILITIES IN THIS LOCAL ELECTORAL AREA -
AI092695**

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline, in tabular format, the number of playgrounds/play facilities in this Local Electoral Area which have been granted planning permission as part of residential developments, but which have not yet commenced, been completed or made operational, including the location of same and the relevant planning reference and to provide a report on the steps being taken to address the matter?”

Reply:

Details of the play facilities conditioned for provision through the Development Management process and which are anticipated for delivery over the next two years are included the Playground Audit Briefing. This briefing is included as a Headed Item at the December Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Services B meeting.

Source of Reply:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 10

**PROVISION OF PUBLIC FIVE-A-SIDE PITCHES DONABATE/PORTRANE -
AI092817**

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans for the provision of public five-a-side pitches in the Donabate/Portrane and the wider North County area?”

Reply:

The Council has planning approval for a major recreational hub at Ballymastone incorporating all-weather facilities which are adaptable for five-a-side use.

Source of Reply:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 11

**BUS CONNECTS NETWORK REDESIGN PROGRAMME IN THIS LEA –
AI092888**

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive, further to Question 47 November 2023 Area B meeting, to advise whether the Council is being kept apprised by the National Transport Authority (NTA) on a regular basis regarding the rollout of the Bus Connects Network Redesign Programme

(<https://busconnects.ie/cities/dublin/new-dublin-area-bus-network/>), for bus routes in the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area and if so, what is the latest information received by the Council from the National Transport Authority (NTA)?”

Note: this question is referring to the Network Redesign Programme, and not the Core Bus Corridor scheme (<https://busconnects.ie/cities/dublin/core-bus-corridors/>)

Reply:

The consultation for the Bus Connects Swords scheme was completed recently in September. The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department have not received a recent update, however in time it is likely ABP will publish the responses from the applicant, NTA, to each submission made in relation to the planning application for Swords.

With regards to the rollout of the Bus Connects Network Redesign Programme, the Council is not being kept apprised by the National Transport Authority (NTA) regarding the rollout of the Bus Connects Network Redesign Programme.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 12

PLANS FOR A WILDLIFE HOSPITAL AND VISITOR CENTRE - ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL, PORTRANE - AI093178

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on discussions between the Council, Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland and the Health Service Executive regarding plans for the Wildlife Hospital and Visitor Centre at St. Ita’s Hospital, Portrane?”

Reply:

The Council has met with representatives of Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland to discuss ideas for a Wildlife Hospital at St Ita’s and Turvey. The lands at St Ita’s are in the ownership of the HSE. The Council is supportive of the Wildlife Hospital being developed at Turvey given the synergy of their proposals with the Council’s wider proposals to develop a nature education centre at Turvey Nature Park.

Source of Reply:
Hans Visser, Biodiversity Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 13

UPDATE ON BALLYMASTONE RECREATIONAL HUB - AI093179

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the current position regarding the Ballymastone Recreational Hub, to outline progress on works since the sod-turning in August and the projected timelines around Phases 1 and 2 of the Recreational Hub, including what will be done as part of each phase?”

Reply:

In recent months the focus at Ballymastone Recreational Hub has been on the now completed accommodation work to allow for the undergrounding of overhead high tension electricity lines at Phase 1 of the project to proceed. The initial contract of the restricted procedure for Phase 1 works is due in January of next year and this procurement framework, when established will be used to advance the other works at the Hub during 2024. It is planned to provide a comprehensive briefing on the project to all relevant stakeholders in January.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 14

BALLYMASTONE AFFORDABLE HOMES - AI093180

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide assurances to prospective affordable home buyers and confirm that the prices for the affordable homes at Ballymastone to be constructed by Glenveagh are still "locked in" and guaranteed to be €250,000 for a two-bedroom home and €270,000 for a three-bedroom home, as previously agreed?"

Reply:

Prices will be verified following indexation, which is due to take place in December 2023 and will be based on a discount from the market value rather than on the prices listed in the contract.

Source of Reply:

Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer and Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 15

POLLUTION TURVEY VILLAS, DONABATE - AI0903363

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange a meeting urgently with residents of Turvey Villas, Donabate, in order to provide them with every possible assistance and support in helping them resolve the pollution matters?”

Reply:

Due to a continuous pollution event in Turvey, Fingal County Council served notice in accordance with Section 12 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977 and (as amended), on the Management Company representing the Turvey Villa Residents and also on the owners of the land where the polluting matter from Turvey Villa's has been discharged to.

Prior to the serving of this notice, Fingal County Council had met Management Company reps on site on several occasions, and on each occasion urged the Management Company to cease discharging the sewage in a manner that was causing pollution while they were seeking to find a long-term solution, however the pollution of waters did not cease.

The Management Company and associated landowners were then given very clear directions of what measures Fingal County Council deems to be necessary to be carried out to prevent polluting matter enter waters.

It is Fingal County Council's position the pollution of waters must cease and in that regard Fingal County Council is available to discuss any proposed remediation measures.

Source of Reply:

David T. Byrne, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment

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ITEM NO. 16

UPDATE ON TAKING IN CHARGE - KNIGHTSGATE ESTATE IN RUSH -
AI092697

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an updated report on the Taking in Charge of the Knightsgate Estate in Rush?”

Reply:

There are some outstanding issues which are delaying the Taking in Charge of Knightsgate Estate. Once these issues are resolved, the Council will put this estate forward for Taking in Charge.

Source of Reply:
Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 17

CONSTRUCTION/REFURBISHMENT WORK AT RUSH MULTI PURPOSE
YOUTH CENTRE, RUSH – AI093295

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for the completion of construction/refurbishment work at Rush Multi-Purpose Youth Centre, Rush?"

Reply:

The contractor is on site and the project is progressing steadily under a monitored works programme. It is expected that the works on the building will be completed by end of June 2024.

Source of Reply:

Tricia Matthews, Administrative Officer, Community Development

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ITEM NO. 18

AQUIRING OF COUNCIL LANDS – BROOKFIELD PARK ESTATE,
RUSH – AI093297

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise of any request to acquire the 17 sqm of land in the possession of the Council between Brookfield Park Estate and the Golden Ridge Development, Rush?”

Reply:

The Council has not received to date any request to acquire land between Brookfield Park Estate and the Golden Ridge Development in Rush.

A request for the disposal of Council property at this location, when lodged in writing to the Property Services Section, will be considered in accordance with established procedures for the disposal of Council owned property.

Property Services will consider the request and carry out due diligence to determine if the property can be disposed to the interested party. It should be noted that the Council received a request for a Letter of Consent from the LRD planning applicant to include the property in the LRD Planning Application and this request was granted following internal consultation.

If a disposal is proceeding the Council will progress the matter through established procedures and bring the disposal to the Council Members for approval through the statutory process set out in Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.

Source of Reply:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 19

CYCLE/WALKWAY FROM THE SOUTH BEACH CAR PARK, RUSH TO THE
BAWN ROAD, RUSH - AI093336

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Committee with an update on the provision of a cycle/walkway from the South Beach car park, Rush to The Bawn Road, Rush?

Reply:

The Active Travel team together with our property section have had several meetings with the landowners in this area over the last few months. The Project Team has progressed with some concept designs for further discussions with the landowners and these discussions and further meetings are being scheduled for the coming weeks.

Pending agreement with the landowners we may be in a position to progress this project to the next stages of land acquisition and detailed design.

Source of Reply:
Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 20

**UPDATE ON TAKING IN CHARGE OF PALMER AVENUE ESTATE, RUSH -
AI093375**

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an up-to-date report on the progress of the Taking in Charge of Palmer Avenue Estate, Rush?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council have sequestered the bond and is preparing to tender these works with the aim of having works completed in early 2024. The Council will have to procure the Contractor, manage the works, ensure that both Health & Safety and Procurement legislation is complied with and ensure that the Works Contract is managed. Once all the remedial works are complete, the Council will generate the TIC maps and documentation to commence the statutory process.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 21

LANDSCAPE PLAN FOR THE COIS SRUTHÁIN ESTATE, BALLYBOUGHAL
- AI093379

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline on the delivery of the Landscape plan for the Cois Srutháin Estate in Ballyboughal?"

Reply:

The Cois Srutháin Estate was taken in charge recently with the roads and services. The area was handed over in a clean and tidy condition. The Open space is formed by a natural riverbank and floodplain. The developer planted 13 trees along the main road boundary. The existing power lines above the flood plan restrict the tree planting in other locations of this open space. There is an existing biodiversity plan for this estate and Tidy Towns along with Fingal County Council's Operations Department will be involved in implementing this plan and in maintaining the landscape.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 22

UPDATE ON ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTE RUSH - AI093381

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the delivery of the Active Travel route from the entrance of Kenure Park, Rush to the proposed new school site alongside St. Maur's GAA, Rush?"

Reply:

There are no plans or allocated funds for the provision of an active travel route at this location. Whilst the Department of Education have plans to relocate the school to park road, this would be subject to planning approvals.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 23

PUBLIC LIGHTING INSTALLATION - R132, CORDUFF - AI092870

Question: Councillor R. O'Donoghue

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to having the area on the R132, where the new cycle track is being installed, evaluated for the installation of public lighting as parts of the roadway where the new track is being constructed is dark and installation of lighting would aid in the usage of the infrastructure?"

Reply:

Public Lighting was considered as part of the assessment and options of the overall project. The area is mainly a rural setting, and the major junctions and intersections are light by existing public lighting. (Junction at Murtagh's, Ministers Road, Corduff School and junction with the R129).

It is not feasible to provide public lighting along the full length of the project in a rural area and this could create possible light pollution in a rural setting.

Source of Reply:
Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 24

DIVIDING FENCING BETWEEN GARDENS IN LONGSTONE PARK,
PORTRANE - AI093129

Question: Councillor R. O'Donoghue

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the dividing fencing between the gardens at the rear of (details supplied) Longstone Park, which were removed during recent maintenance works, will be reinstated given the residents have always had individual gardens for their recreational space?"

Reply:

The Housing Department will arrange to have the fences re-instated and as this is a communal area, access for all residents will continue to be facilitated.

Source of Reply:

Joan Kernan, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 25

**STATION ROAD DEVELOPMENT COMMERCIAL UNITS, LUSK -
AI093241**

Question: Councillor R. O'Donoghue

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update regarding communications between the developer of the new Town Centre on Station Road in Lusk and the Council about proposed alterations to the commercial units, given that there are planning conditions regarding:

1. The provision of the new Civic Plaza with additional C1 Open Space allocated in the new park described in F18A/0645 & F16A/0646 and shared link between Scholars Walk and Loughcommon Lane shall implemented within 1 year of the expiry of the parent permission F15A/0565 and F19A/0633 by 29th October 2023, and prior to the commencement of the residential units within Blocks 5A and 5B. (which I note has expired recently)

2. The Community creche building and retail premises in Block 5A and 5B shall be implemented within 3 years by 29th October 2025, and prior to the commencement of the residential units within Blocks 5A and 5B

Given the developer is not in the ownership of the lands associated with the provision of the civic space and parts of the associated commercial aspect of the development, will the Chief Executive comment on how this Committee may come to deliver these much needed commercial units for the town of Lusk?”

Reply:

The civic plaza and commercial development was granted under F15A/0565 and F19A/0633. There was then an Extension of Duration application which was granted 06/09/2022. The conditions of the Extension of Duration permission stated:

The provision of the new civic plaza with additional Class 1 Open Space allocated in the new park described in F18A/0645 & F16A/0646 and shared link between Scholars Walk and Loughcommon Lane shall be implemented within 1 year of the expiry of the parent permission F15A/0565 and F19A/0633 by 29th October 2023, and prior to the commencement of the residential units within Blocks 5A and 5B.

The community (creche building) and retail premises in Blocks 5A and 5B shall be implemented within 3 years by 29th October 2025, and prior to the commencement of the residential units within Blocks 5A and 5B.

The residential units within Blocks 5A and 5B shall be extended for 5 years only, up to and including the 30th October 2027 and shall expire thereafter. All works shall be completed by that date to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority.

It is a requirement of the planning permissions relevant to these lands to deliver these facilities.

Source of Reply:
Malachy Bradley, Senior Planner, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 26

UPDATE ON TAKING IN CHARGE - KNIGHTSGATE, RUSH - AI093243

Question: Councillor R. O'Donoghue

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress towards taking the Knightsgate Estate in Rush into the Council’s charge?”

Reply:

There are some outstanding issues which are delaying the Taking in Charge of Knightsgate Estate. Once these issues are resolved, the Council will put this estate forward for Taking in Charge.

Source of Reply:
Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 27

COASTAL DEFENCE PORTRANE/RUSH - AI093244

Question: Councillor R. O'Donoghue

“To ask the Chief Executive, in respect of the worsening impact of coastal erosion on homes and properties, why the projected timescale for the submission of the planning application for the Coastal Defence proposals for Portrane and Rush has consistently not been met and to confirm when this planning application will be submitted to the Board?”

Reply:

The Council is working to develop planning applications for coastal protection works for The Burrow Peninsula and Rush South Beach to address problems related to coastal change in the Outer Rogerstown Estuary. This is inevitably a complex process due to the number of stakeholders involved (both local and national) and due to the sensitivity of the sites and the designations which apply for the protection of these areas. Notwithstanding these issues and the recent introduction of new planning requirements relating to approval for marine based projects, the Council is preparing to make the first planning submission for these coastal protection works in early 2024. A detailed briefing will be provided to the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group before the end of this year.

Source of Reply:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 28

UPDATE ON DONABATE PEDESTRIAN CYCLE BRIDGE - AI093277

Question: Councillor R. O'Donoghue

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an updated progress report on the Donabate Pedestrian Cycle Bridge over the Dublin to Belfast line at Corballis which is an objective in the Local Area and Development Plans and conditioned in the planning permission for the Semple Woods Development?”

Reply:

Following a number of years of careful design development and liaison by the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure project team, with the project consultants and with Irish Rail, the technical approval documentation for the construction of a new pedestrian and cycle bridge over the Dublin to Belfast Railway line at Corballis, Donabate was approved by Irish Rail and subsequently sent to and approved by Commission for Railway Regulation for final review. The new bridge will facilitate a safe and segregated pedestrian and cycle route and will enhance

connections between the development lands at Corballis, Donabate Village, the railway station and Newbridge Demesne. Heads of terms have been agreed and necessary licence agreements are being finalised with the owners of adjacent lands to facilitate access to and construction of the bridge. The procurement process for a main contractor for the works is nearing completion with a view to appointing a contractor for the works once the necessary licence agreements are in place.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 29

**GREEN SPACE AND ATTENUATION TANKS, RUSH AND LUSK -
AI093305**

Question: Councillor R. O'Donoghue

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline if this process is in line with the Development Plan and Government guidelines to provide Class 1 or Class 2 Open Space on top of attenuation Tanks for water, see Knightsgate in Rush and the Lusk Sports Hub?”

Reply:

The open spaces in question have been developed and taken in charge in line with Council's and national requirements in relation to Sustainable Drainage Systems SuDS

Source of Reply:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 30

UPDATE ON NAUL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL - AI093198

Question: Councillor K. Power

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the timeline for the provision of the Safe Routes to school in the Naul?”

Reply:

The Safe Routes to School programme is administered by An Táisce, is financed, and governed through the NTA and implemented by the Local Authority. The funding selection process is managed by An Táisce. Following a call out for expressions of interest from schools in 2020, An Táisce formed a shortlist of school that have been successful. The SRTS programme is being rolled out on a phased basis following the shortlist. We are currently working on Round 1 and Round 2 schools that were announced by An Táisce. Separate to the SRTS programme, all active travel projects in the vicinity of schools are considering the inclusion of front-of-school interventions where possible.

The process is as follows:

- Schools submitted expression of Interest to An Táisce
- An Táisce select the schools to go forward for implementation.
- An Táisce carry out the various surveys to inform the delivery plan and requirements of the school.
- The Delivery plan is issued to the NTA for approval and is sent to the Local Authority.
- On receipt of the delivery plan the Local Authority then initiates the design process for the overall solution.
- The Local Authority manage the design and construction phase with support from An Táisce and the NTA who finance the project.

The Naul School did not submit an expression of interest in the SRTS Programme and as such is not included in our current SRTS delivery plan. We are currently unclear as to An Táisce's plans to do a future call out for expressions of interest in this programme.

FCC Active Travel and Operations teams are working with the Naul school to help improve accessibility and safety close to the school. As part of their works programme the Operations Dept has planned to install speed ramps close to the school to help in controlling traffic speeds. Our Active Travel walking and cycling officers have engaged with the school to assist the school in setting up walking buses to and from the school and encourage a more active travel mode of commuting to the school.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 31

INSULATION PROJECT AT RIVERMEADE ESTATE REGARDING AIRPORT
NOISE – AI093205

Question: Councillor B. Manton

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise why Rivermeade has not been included in any insulation project by daa when the estate is so badly affected by the aircraft noise?”

Reply:

The grant of planning permission for the north runway at Dublin Airport included a scheme for the insulation of homes most affected by aircraft noise arising from the development (the Residential Noise Insulation Scheme). Eligibility for this scheme is available for homes that are located within a defined ‘initial eligibility contour’. This contour does not include Rivermeade. The planning permission also made provision for a review of the forecasted initial eligibility contour every two years from the date of opening of the north runway to ensure that future eligibility would be based on actual noise levels as averaged over a comparable period of the day and year. The initial eligibility

contour can be viewed in the Maps section of the website of the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority (ANCA) www.fingal.ie/aircraftnoiseca.

A regulatory decision by ANCA during 2022 made provision for an additional insulation scheme for homes most affected by night-time aircraft noise from the airport. Although this scheme made provision for homes that were forecast to experience higher levels of nighttime noise than areas such as Rivermeade, the planning decision that includes the regulatory decision is currently under appeal to An Bord Pleanála. The scheme implementation and extent are dependent on a decision by that authority.

An insulation scheme was also introduced by daa for homes impacted by aircraft noise from the south runway prior to the north runway opening (the Home Sound Insulation Programme). The eligibility for this scheme was based on 2016 noise impacts and is also available for inspection in the Maps section of the ANCA website.

Source of Reply:

Nikki Halleran, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 32

TIMELINE FOR PROPOSED SWIMMING POOL AT CASTLELANDS,
BALBRIGGAN - AI093230

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the process and timelines for the delivery of the promised indoor swimming pool at Castlelands, Balbriggan?”

Reply:

The Fingal Sports and Physical Activity Plan 2023 to 2028 which will provide Fingal's strategic direction in relation to sports and physical activity over the next five years was agreed by the members at the council meeting in November.

Alongside this plan, a facilities audit of Sport and Recreational facilities across the County commenced at the end of the summer and it is expected to take eight months to complete. This audit is examining sport and physical activity facilities across the county both public and private. It is focusing on current and projected needs across Fingal in relation to a wide range of sports and leisure activities including swimming. The results from this audit will provide evidence-based data which will inform future decision-making on the provision of Sports and Physical Activities Infrastructure thus ensuring available resources are allocated appropriately. These two projects are being undertaken against the backdrop of a potential national policy/strategy review by the Department of

Sport whereby it is anticipated that further direction will emerge nationally on the provision and funding of swimming pool facilities.

In parallel to these two projects, the Council, in recognition of the identification of a site in Castlelands, Balbriggan for the provision of an indoor swimming pool in the Castlelands Masterplan in 2021 has commenced a project to develop an indoor swimming pool facility on this site. This comprehensive piece of work is at an early stage and the project will be subject to obtaining the necessary planning consents and securing the required funding. It is anticipated that the Council will commence the procurement of a design and project management consultant in the coming months to inform this project and an important part of this process will be consultation and liaison with key stakeholders including the community, Elected Representatives, Department of Sport, Swim Ireland and the LDA. The LDA is developing infrastructure and housing at the Castlelands site and the plan to develop the swimming pool would be integrated with the development of housing and amenities on the lands. The cost of feasibility study, business planning and design assessments for the development of an indoor swimming pool facility at Castlelands, Balbriggan was included in the Council's 2024 - 2026 capital plan.

The results of the Sports and Recreational facilities audit, which will be completed the first half of 2024, will help inform the assessment of need for swimming facilities for the County. Elected Members will be kept informed of progress on these various projects and initiatives.

Source of Reply:

David Storey, Director of Services, Environment Climate Action & Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 33

TAKING IN CHARGE - CHIEFTAIN'S WAY ESTATE, BALBRIGGAN -
AI093231

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to list the outstanding works and their indicative timelines for completion as part of the Taking in Charge process in the Chieftain's Way Estate, Balbriggan?”

Reply:

This estate was taken in charge at the full Council meeting in September 2022.

Source of Reply:
Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 34

NAMEPLATE - SAINT CATHERINE'S GRAVEYARD, PORTRANE -
AI093232

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to consulting with local historians in the Donabate/Portrane area in regard to erecting an appropriate nameplate on the gates of Saint Catherine's graveyard in Portrane?”

Reply:

Poorly located and inappropriate signage type can have a negative visual impact on the character of an historic graveyard. Signage on graveyard walls and gates is not recommended in order to avoid visual and physical impacts. A tappable signage post featuring St Catherine's church and graveyard and a QR code is scheduled for installation by the footpath outside the entrance, which will provide legibility and interpretation.

Source of Reply:
Christine Baker, Heritage Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 35

TOURISM BASED PROJECTS IN THE BALBRIGGAN LOCAL ELECTORAL
AREA - AI093233

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to indicate what tourism-based projects would be open for consideration on lands zoned High Amenity in the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

As per the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029, the objective of the High Amenity zoning is to protect and enhance high amenity areas and the vision seeks to protect these highly sensitive and scenic locations from inappropriate development and reinforce their character, distinctiveness and sense of place.

Tourism-based projects permitted in principle on lands zoned High Amenity include Agri-Tourism, Bed and Breakfast, Farm Shop, Guest House, Holiday Home/Apartments, Office Ancillary to Permitted Use, Open Space, and Restaurant/Café.

Bed and Breakfasts and guest houses are only permitted where they are ancillary to the use of a dwelling as a main residence, farm shops, where the bulk of the produce is produced on the farm, holiday homes where the development involves conversion of a protected structure and restaurant/cafes where ancillary to tourism uses or conversion of protected or vernacular structures where appropriate.

Any such projects must follow the statutory planning process.

Source of Reply:

Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development & Róisín Burke, Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 36

TAKING IN CHARGE AT THE MILL, RAHILLION, DONABATE - AI093255

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the reason for the delay in the Taking in Charge of the public open space at The Mill, Rahillion, Donabate and will she undertake to expedite the process as it is unacceptable that this fantastic amenity has been closed off to the public since July 2023?”

Reply:

The Council’s legal advisors have confirmed that closing documents for the taking in charge of these lands have issued to the Vendor for execution and return of these documents is awaited.

Source of Reply:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 37

TAKING IN CHARGE - GLASLINN ESTATE, DONABATE - AI093256

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to report on the Taking in Charge process of Glaslinn Estate, Donabate and a projected time scale for same and to confirm if the developer has submitted proposals acceptable to the Council which address outstanding issues within the Estate?”

Reply:

The Council is engaging with the developer of Glaslinn who has some remaining outstanding works to complete in this estate. The Developer also needs to upload taking in charge information for the Council's review. The completion of these works and the uploading of the information is dependent on the developer.

Source of Reply:
Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 38

LACK OF FOUR-BEDROOM HOUSES FOR HOUSING APPLICANTS IN
THE BALBRIGGAN LEA - AI093274

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive, if consideration can be given, with the lack of availability of four-bedroom houses to offer to housing applicants when they reach the offer zone which is an additional barrier to housing of larger families, to fast track delivery of four-bedroom houses in the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area?"

Reply:

The Council are acquiring a number of properties in the Balbriggan LEA. When vacant properties become available for purchase, the Council consider the properties and engage with the vendors. The Council are engaging with the owner of a four-bedroomed house at the moment with a view to purchasing same.

Source of Reply:

Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer and Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 39

MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL PROPERTY - TURNAPIN COTTAGES,
CLOGHRAN, DUBLIN 17 - AI093239

Question: Councillor A. Graves

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange for repairs to the wall at (details supplied) Turnapin Cottages as it is a cause of concern in relation to public safety and the property is in Council ownership?"

Reply:

The Housing Department will arrange for a technical inspection to be carried out as soon as possible.

Source of Reply:

Joan Kernan, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 40

**CLEARING OF OVERGROWTH - KNOCKSEDAN WOODS,
BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS - AI093263**

Question: Councillor A. Graves

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange for the Council owned lands behind Knocksedan Woods to be cleared of the overgrowth and a timeline for same, as the residents are responsible for the Estate and cannot paint the boundary walls and railings until the area is cleared on the park side of the wall (Photos attached)?”

Reply:

A check will be undertaken to ascertain if the areas in question have been taken in charge and further action will be taken in line with this assessment. It should be noted that areas of woodland in the Ward River Regional Park adjoining Knocksedan Woods will be the subject of woodland management works and this may well address the concerns expressed by these residents.

Source of Reply:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.









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TENANT IN-SITU IN THE ELECTORAL AREA OF SWORDS - AI093270

Question: Councillor A. Graves

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to modify the reference in relation to the necessity for Housing Assistance Payment on the Tenant In-Situ form as it is causing confusion in the Electoral Area of Swords?"

Reply:

The team have carried out a review of the Expression of Interest form and have made some updates to make it more straightforward for applicants.

Source of Reply:

Glenda Robertson, Senior Staff Officer and Carla O'Hanlon, Staff Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 42

**OUTDOOR MULTI USE GAMES AREA (MUGA)/BASKETBALL COURT
INVESTMENT - NORTHWEST BALBRIGGAN - AI093273**

Question: Councillor T. Murphy

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to invest in an outdoor Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)/Basketball court for Northwest Balbriggan in order to offer a hangout space and help eliminate antisocial behaviour?”

Reply:

An analysis of locations suitable for the provision of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) in Northwest Balbriggan will be undertaken having regard to the provisions of the adopted Fingal Open Space Strategy.

Source of Reply:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 43

POWER SUPPLY - BREMORE CASTLE, BALBRIGGAN - AI093276

Question: Councillor T. Murphy

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange an appropriate power supply at Bremore Castle grounds to facilitate all the events that are taking place in the coming year so as to eliminate the need to hire in generators that are extremely expensive and are not environmentally friendly?”

Reply:

A “Three Phase” electricity supply has been provided to Bremore Castle which is adequate to provide power for a wide range of events and activities. An analysis of how best to measure the energy provided and to assess and apportion the relevant costs will be undertaken in the near future and arrangements made accordingly.

Source of Reply:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 44

DERELICT SITES IN BALBRIGGAN - AI093280

Question: Councillor T. Murphy

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise how many derelict sites are on the register in the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area and what the Local Authorities role is in bringing these properties back to an acceptable standard?”

Reply:

There is currently one site in the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area known as “DeBruns” on the Derelict Sites Register. The rear of “DeBruns” Site is currently being demolished in advance of being redeveloped through the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Project

The Local Authority has a role in bringing derelict sites back to an acceptable standard through the Derelict Sites Act 1990. In line with the Derelict Sites Act 1990, as amended, the local authority can place a levy on the responsible owner for a site on the Derelict Sites Register until the site is no longer considered Derelict as defined by the Act. The Local Authority may also acquire by agreement or compulsorily any derelict site situated within their functional area.

The Derelict Sites function has recently been assigned to the Town Regeneration Office in order that a priority focus will be applied to the removal of dereliction across the county.

Source of Reply:

Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 45

MARKETING STRATEGY FOR STEPHENSTOWN BUSINESS PARK – AI093281

Question: Councillor T. Murphy

“To ask the Chief Executive, given the recent land acquisition in Stephenstown Business Park, what marketing strategy is being considered in order to attract new businesses to this area?”

Reply:

The Council is preparing an Economic Development Strategy for the county, following consultation with various stakeholders in recent months. A key element of the Strategy is the preparation of a Marketing Plan for Fingal to attract investment and promote employment in the county.

The Council is currently consulting with key stakeholders to gather their input into the overall Marketing Plan, which will include an approach which focuses specifically on the Stephenstown lands as one of the Council’s major industrial landbanks. This process will include the IDA, Fingal Chamber and Balbriggan Chamber. The Marketing Plan will consider marketing approaches to various investment sectors, marketing channels and resources required for implementation. It is anticipated that the Marketing Plan will be finalised in Q1 2024. The Council will then move forward with the implementation of the Plan.

In addition, the Council’s URBACT EcoCore Project, which focuses on sustainable economic development of industrial land along strategic transport corridors, has identified a need for the Council to build capacity in the areas of marketing and branding. Over the next 2 years, as part of this project, the Council will consider best practice from its European Partners in this field to inform and develop the marketing strategy for the Stephenstown lands.

Source of Reply:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 46

UPDATE – LEASE 98TH SCOUT GROUP - AI093306

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to the request for a lease to 98th Scout Group in Skerries, which needs to be completed as it has been ongoing for some time?”

Reply:

The Property Services Section is reviewing the request from the 98th Scout Group in Skerries for a lease. It is anticipated that the matter will be progressed in Q1 2024.

Source of Reply:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 47

LEAF MOULD CAGES – HOLYWELL, SWORDS - AI093307

Question: Councillor I. Carey

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to providing leaf mould cages for residents in Holywell, Swords to allow them manage leaf litter in the area?”

Reply:

The Environmental Awareness Section provided a leafmould initiative for Fingal residents, which took place in October/November 2023. Cages and implements were provided to 40 groups and 150 leaf cages were set up in areas of high leaf fall. The initiative was promoted widely. The initiative is now complete for 2023 and it is anticipated that it will be run again in 2024.

Source of Reply:

Sinéad Fox, Community Climate Action Coordinator, Environment

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ITEM NO. 48

SCRAP METAL REMOVAL - ROSE COTTAGE, WARD RIVER VALLEY -
AI093309

Question: Councillor I. Carey

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to hiring contractors to remove the large pieces of scrap metal found in the area recently cleared of Cherry Laurel in the Ward River Valley, near the Rose Cottage entrance?”

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to have the scrap metal in question removed from the site.

Source of Reply:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 49

DEVELOPER TO CLEAN UP LORD MAYOR'S SITE, SWORDS - AI0903314

Question: Councillor I. Carey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to request that the owners of the Lord Mayor's site in Swords clean up the area, it is becoming increasingly run down, litter is building up significantly and it is fast becoming a public health hazard?"

Reply:

The Litter Wardens will investigate and engage with the owners of the Lord Mayor's Site and advise them of their obligations under the Litter Management Act, to keep the outside of the premises litter free and will issue warnings/fines if owners fail to comply with these obligations.

Source of Reply:
Catherine O'Donovan: Senior Executive Officer: Environment

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ITEM NO. 50

**LINK BETWEEN SWORDS MANOR AND SWORDS COMMUNITY
COLLEGE - AI093315**

Question: Councillor I. Carey

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed walking and cycling link between Swords Manor and Swords Community College?”

Reply:

The land between Abbeyvale Court and Swords Community College is not in the ownership of FCC. This land is in private ownership with planning permission in place. The current status for planning permission for this land, planning reference SHD/012/21, is “Grant Perm w Conditions” with An Bord Pleanála.

This development planning permission includes a pedestrian and cycle connection between the distributor road in Mooretown which leads to Swords Community College and Broadmeadow Community NS and Abbeyvale Court. This will be installed as part of the development in due course.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Acting Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 51

TIMELINE ON NEWTOWN BRIDGE/BALHEARY WALKING/CYCLING
UPGRADE - AI093316

Question: Councillor I. Carey

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the timeline for the delivery of the walking and cycling upgrade on Newtown Bridge, near Swords Celtic?”

Reply:

The Project Team has been working over the last few months to complete the detailed design and tender documents for this project. We are currently working through the final governance pieces to allow us to go out to tender for the works contract in early 2024.

It is programmed that we will have a contractor on site by early spring 2024 to carry out the required works on the ground.

Source of Reply:
Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 52

UPDATE ON MILLER'S GLEN/RATHBEALE ROAD OPENING - AI093317

Question: Councillor I. Carey

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the opening of the road between Miller’s Glen and the Rathbeale Road?”

Reply:

This road is not taken in charge by Fingal County Council and is currently under the control of the Developer of adjacent lands. The Transportation Planning section has consulted with the Developer of the Oldtown Mooretown lands and understand that there are no immediate plans to fully open this section of road for safety reasons. The Developer is constructing phase 2C of the LAP lands with an estimated 18-month programme. Thereafter phase 5 will be constructed, however timelines have not been given for this element of the development. There is a significant proportion of permitted development within the LAP lands situated either side of this road both under construction and yet to be constructed. This road is currently providing construction access only.

Source of Reply:
Linda Lally , Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 53

PLASTICS ON THE BROADMEADOW GREENWAY – AI093319

Question: Councillor I. Carey

“To ask the Chief Executive if an assessment of the litter/plastic debris present on the Broadmeadow Greenway has been carried out as part of works of the area, it has been reported that significant volumes of plastic waste were present in the area prior to building works, is this something that has been dealt with as part of construction?”

Reply:

The Broadmeadow Way is a proposed 6km cycling and walking greenway running between Donabate and Malahide. It will provide a high-quality active travel and recreational route that will run, in part, along the mainline Dublin-Belfast railway causeway. For the estuary crossing, all of the proposed greenway base is already in place and has been for many years by way of the weir maintenance access track which runs from Bissets Strand to the southern abutment of the railway bridge, the shoulder of the northern causeway to the northern estuary bank. An Bord Pleanála granted permission for the proposed

Broadmeadow Way in May 2020, subject to eight conditions which can be found in the following link <https://www.pleanala.ie/anbordpleanala/media/abp/cases/orders/304/d304624.pdf>.

Advance works contract was recently undertaken to facilitate the greenway, namely ground investigation works and temporary access track from Kilcrea Road to Malahide Estuary, which enabled access for the ground investigation (GI) works. In advance of these works commencing, an assessment was carried out to assess whether the proposed works, including the construction of the proposed access track, and completion of GI works to inform the consented Broadmeadow Way Greenway, individually or in-combination with other plans or projects, and in view of best scientific knowledge, were likely to have a significant effect on any European site(s). The screening exercise was completed in compliance with the relevant European Commission guidance, national guidance, and current case law. Through the assessment, which considered the effects from the proposed works and the potential in-combination effects with other plans or projects, it was determined that the proposed works are not likely to have significant effects on European sites.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 54

TENANTS IN-SITU IN THIS LEA - AI093322

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the number of Tenants In-Situ Schemes granted in this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

In the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area, there are currently 63 properties at various stages of the TIS Acquisition Scheme process.

The update for each LEA is as follows:

TIS status/LEA	Balbriggan	Rush/Lusk	Swords	Total
Sale agreed	2	1	2	5
Conveyancing	18	5	18	41
Sale closed	7	4	6	17

Source of Reply:

Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer and Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 55

CHOICE BASED LETTING IN THIS LEA - AI093323

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

“To ask the Chief Executive how many applicants is each Choice Based Letting receiving on average within this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

Choice Based Lettings is open to all applicants enabling them to express an interest in a property. All properties are available to applicants irrespective of their area of choice. 91 properties located within the Swords/Balbriggan area, since the introduction of the CBL portal in December 2021, have been advertised on the portal. The total number of expressions of interest in the advertised properties in this Local Electoral Area is 11,325. On average 122 expressions of interest per advert.

Source of Reply :

Clare Brannelly, A/Administrative Officer, Housing Support & Lettings.

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ITEM NO. 56

**PLAYGROUNDS IN ESTATES NOT TAKEN IN CHARGE IN THIS LEA -
AI093325**

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

“To ask the Chief Executive if any new housing developments within this Local Electoral Area are insured to complete and utilise playground facilities before the Taken in Charge process?”

Reply:

The insurance of a public playgrounds conditioned through the planning and development management process which are not taken in charge by the Council is a matter for the relevant developer. Public playgrounds are often provided and insured for public use by the relevant developer in advance of their being taken in charge and this arrangement is in line with good planning practice and hence is encouraged and facilitated by the Council. It is not acceptable that playgrounds are provided and not made available for public use pending the completion of the taking in charge process.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 57

UPDATE ON TURVEY AVENUE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT – AI093335

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the works on the Turvey Avenue Enhancement Project, which includes the provision of a 115m long footpath where no footpath currently exists, on the northern side of Turvey Avenue, adjacent to the entrance to Turvey Drive housing estate, will commence and the anticipated duration of these works?”

Reply:

A tender competition for the procurement of a works contractor to build the new section of footpath along Turvey Avenue is complete. A works contractor has been appointed with construction work to commence on site in January 2024.

Source of Reply:
Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 58

TAKING IN CHARGE - THORNLEIGH, SWORDS - AI093348

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the Taking in Charge of Thornleigh, Swords will be occurring this month as indicated during the Deputation meeting with residents?”

Reply:

The Council has only just received the drawings from the bondholders consultant. We are checking, correcting and having them changed into Taking in Charge drawings. Furthermore, the Bondholders contractor is currently carrying out the last of the remedial works and should be completed by Christmas.

The Council intends to advertise the Taking in Charge of this estate early in the new year and hope to present the estate to the Councillors for consideration in Q1.

Source of Reply:
Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 59

TAKING IN CHARGE OF HEDGEROW AT ROWAN HILL - AI093349

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive if the restoration of the hedgerow beside the Rowan Hill development will be included in the Taking in Charge process due to the protection of it being a planning condition?”

Reply:

This matter will be reviewed in the context of the relevant planning conditions and any necessary actions regarding tree and hedgerow protection will be pursued.

Source of Reply:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 60

BOXUP PILOT SCHEME IN THIS LEA - AI093350

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the assessment of the “Boxup” pilot scheme, when the review is due to be completed, when the deadline is to ensure enough is ordered to successfully rollout across this Local Electoral Area for this spring?”

Reply:

Under the Council’s participation in the “Active Cities Dublin’ project, a pilot project involving the provision of lockers for sports equipment (Box Up) is currently underway in the Ruah & Skerries. Following an assessment of this pilot, in Quarter 1 2024, the Council will decide if this scheme merits an extension across the county with an estimated cost of 25,000 euro per unit. Should a decision be made to extend this project all available funding streams will be investigated.

Source of Reply:

Ian Farrell FCC ‘Active Cities’ Coordinator/Gerard Reardon Principal Sports Officer

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ITEM NO. 61

CARPARK CANOPIES IN THIS LEA - AI093351

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive if solar car park canopies were explored for installation on Council owned car parks in this Local Electoral Area to meet the Council objective “to expand the availability of EV charge points in towns and villages” as set out in the Climate Action Plan 2019 -2024?”

Reply:

The provision of solar car park canopies was not explored for car parks as part of the roll out of new EV Charging Infrastructure.

The provision of solar car park canopies is usually included as part of rapid hub charging centres which it is anticipated will be provided by the private sector or in partnership with local authorities.

Source of Reply:
David Storey, Director of Services, ECAATS

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ITEM NO. 62

CYCLE COUNTER IN THIS LEA - AI093352

Question: J. Humphreys

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to install cyclist counters across this Local Electoral Area, and if so, can consideration be given to installing these at the recently completed Active Travel Projects and for cyclist counters to be included in all future projects?"

Reply:

FCC have several different counter systems in operation across the county, both before and after projects are delivered. The Active Travel section together with Operations are assessing the systems that are on the road network at present to ensure that they can be operated and maintained to provide the required data for all traffic, cyclists and pedestrian counts.

NTA collate some active travel counter data in a central system. We are engaging with them on any plans to include additional such counters.

Source of Reply:
Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 63

UPDATE ON TAKING IN CHARGE - COMYN MANOR, SWORDS -
AI093353

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update to the Taking in Charge of Comyn Manor, what work is outstanding and can an indicative timeline be given?”

Reply:

The Council is engaging with the Developer who is still working through the outstanding snags. The Developer has indicated that it will be at least the end of January 2024 before these works are completed. Once the works are complete and the TIC documentation is updated, the Council can begin the statutory process.

Source of Reply:
Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 64

UPDATE ON SEATOWN ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTE - AI093356

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Seatown Active Travel route?”

Reply:

The Project Team have been working over the last few months to complete the detailed design and tender documents for this project. We are currently working through the final governance pieces to allow us to go out to tender for the works contract in early 2024.

It is programmed that we will have a contractor on site by early spring 2024 to carry out the required works on the ground from the R132 down to the estuary.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 65(a)

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

Applications for funding under the Council's Community Funding Scheme have been received from the organisations listed below. It is proposed to make funding available to these organisations, in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amount set out hereunder: -

REMEDIAL WORKS FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Ballyboughal Boxing Club GA 002769	€ 30,000.00	Skip hire, steel work, timber roof, roof & insulate, electric works, plumbing, windows and doors, plaster and insulate, carpentry works, painting & decorating & clean up	YES	2022 € 3,000.00 2021 - € 2,000.00	€ 30,000.00



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Space for Play

A Play Policy for Fingal

Audit of Play Facilities Balbriggan/ Rush/ Lusk/ Swords ACM December 2023

Playground Audit

Background

- *"Fingal County Council will ensure through auditing of existing and proposed development that play provision will be equitably distributed throughout the County"*
- (Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal)



National Play Policy 2004

Recommended level of play provision:
1 Playlot/10,000 population

Fingal Play Provision

currently:
1 Playlot/2,430 population

Play Space and Public Open Space Hierarchy and Accessibility Standards

Play space hierarchy	Public Open Space hierarchy	Accessibility standards
	Class 1 Public Open Space	Distance from homes
Destination Playgrounds	Regional Park e.g. Newbridge Demesne	15km
Neighbourhood Playgrounds NEAP (Neighbourhood Equipped Area of Play)	Neighbourhood Park e.g. Skerries Town Park	1,500m
Local Park LEAP (Local Equipped Area of Play)	Local Park e.g. Swords Town Park	1,000m
	Class 2 Public Open Space	
Small Park LEAP	Small Park e.g. Ridgewood	500m
Pocket Park LAP (Local Area of Play)	Pocket Park	200m

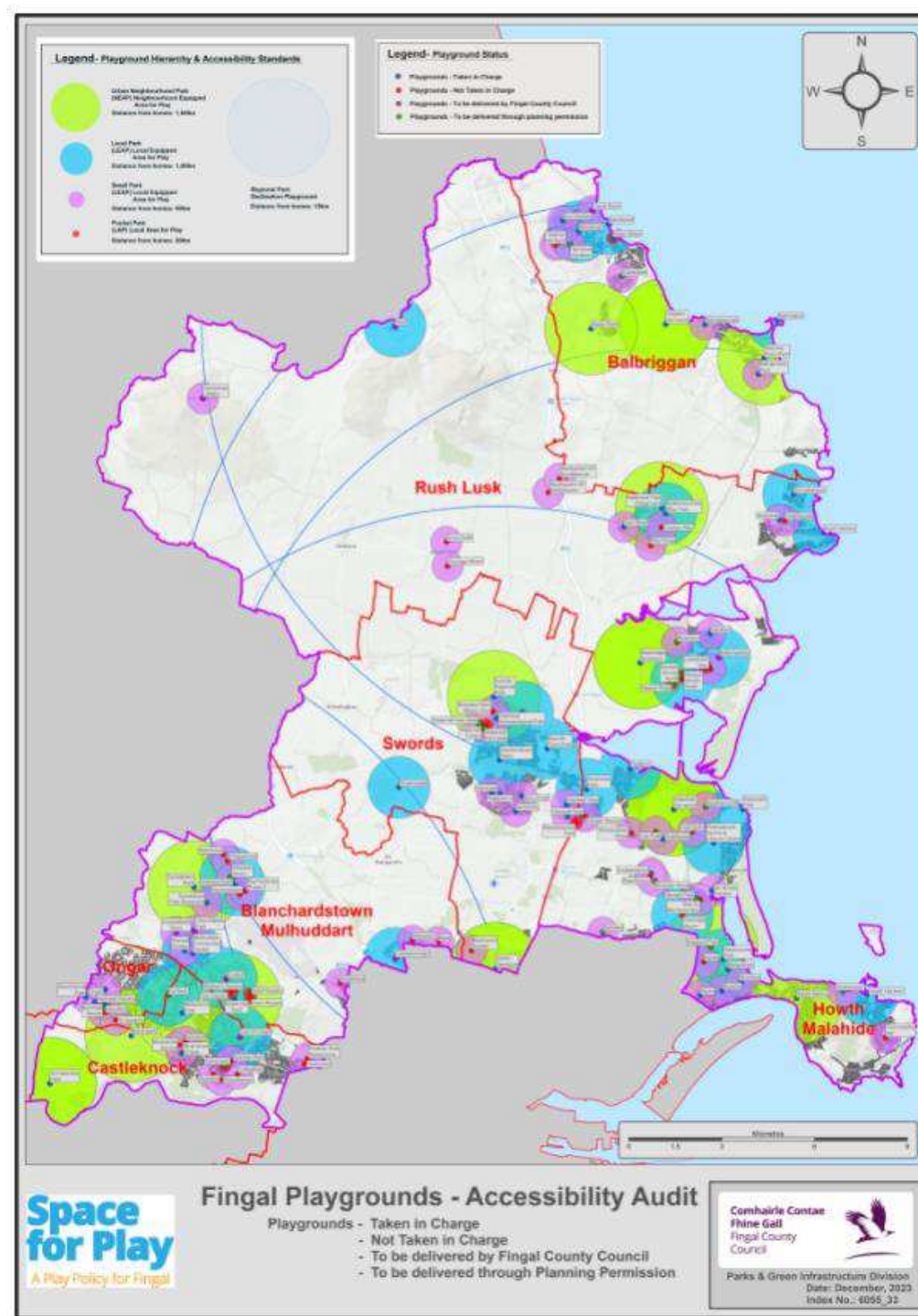
Play Space Hierarchy and Accessibility Standards



Playground Status – Countywide

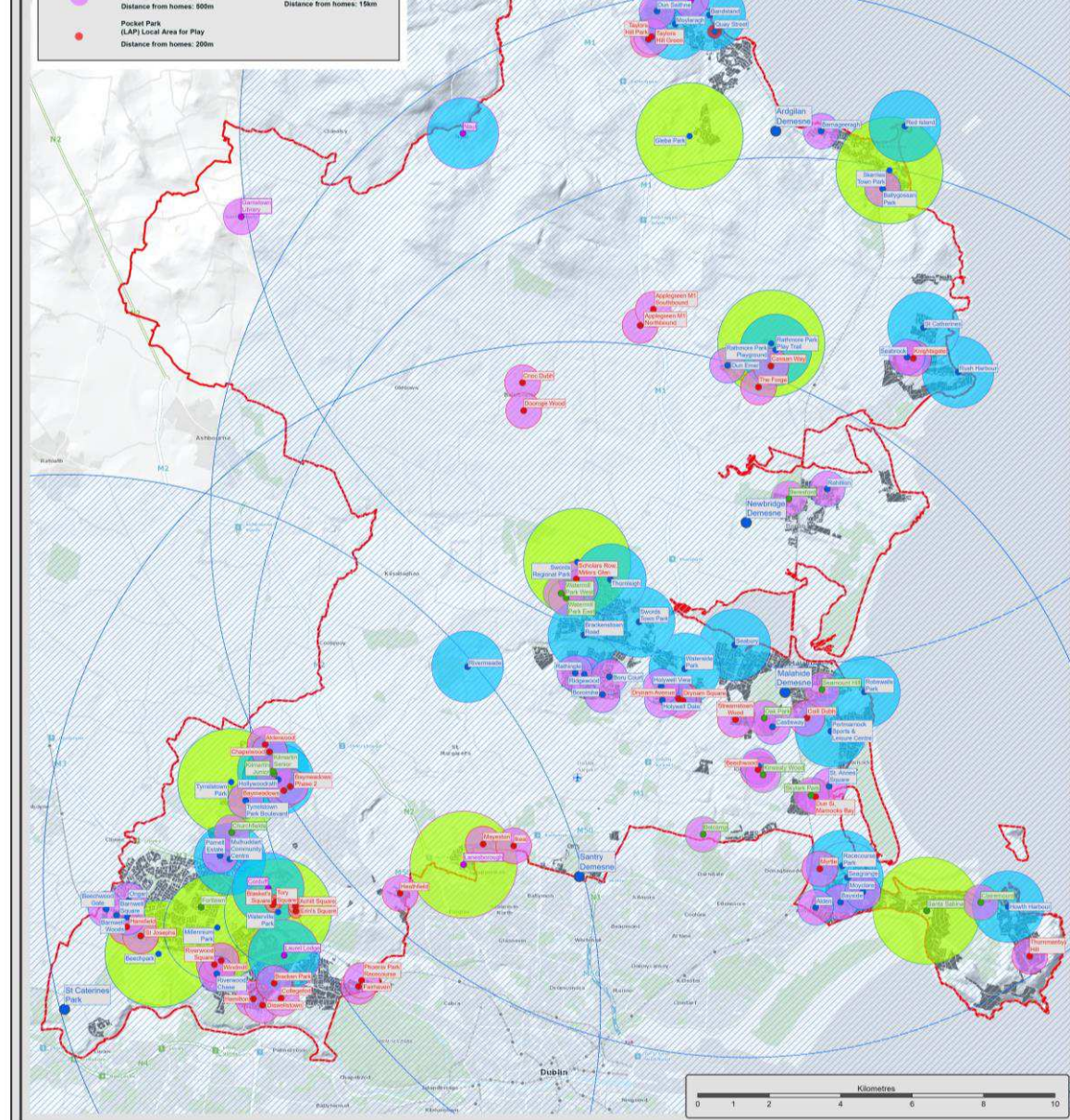
- Playgrounds Taken in Charge: 60
- Playgrounds Not Taken in Charge: 46
- Playgrounds Planned by FCC: 9
- Playgrounds to be delivered through Development Management (within next 2 years) 21
- Total: 136

(Note: June 2023 Total =119)*



Playground Audit Review

- Review of ACM items from 2019-2023 with specific reference to play provision for each LEA
- ACM items with specific locations for new playgrounds referred to by Councillors were identified and mapped
- Assessment of new locations in relation to Fingal's Play Policy's accessibility standards





Playground Status –Balbriggan / Rush / Lusk / Swords LEA

- Playgrounds Taken in Charge: 31
- Playgrounds Not Taken in Charge: 15
- Playgrounds planned by FCC: 4
- Playgrounds to be delivered through Development Management (within next 2 years) 8

Total: 58



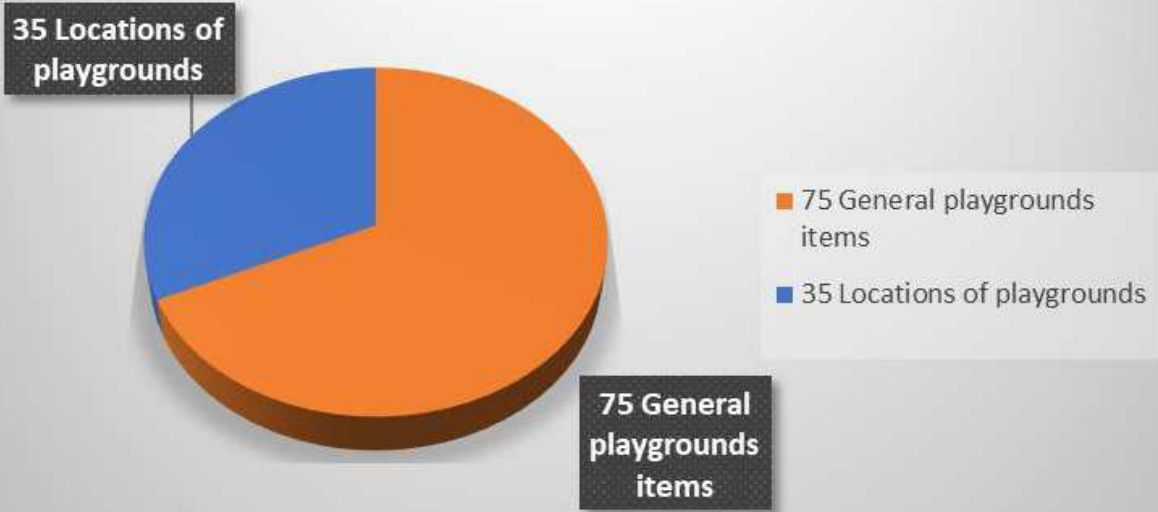
Balbriggan/ Rush/ Lusk/ Swords LEA

No. of ACM items with locations for new playgrounds

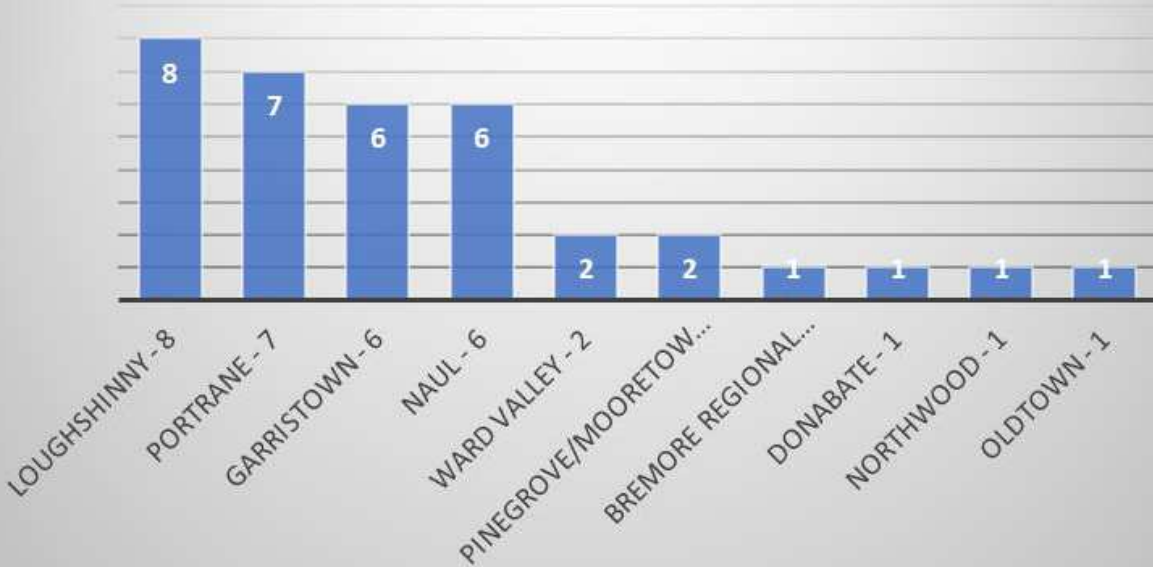
- Loughshinny – 8
- Portrane (Longstone Park) - 7
- Garristown - 6
- Naul - 6
- Ward Valley – 2
- Pinegrove/ Mooretown/ Castlefarm/ Broadmeadows area – 2
- Bremore Regional Park- pocket park – 1
- Donabate – 1
- Northwood – 1
- Oldtown – 1

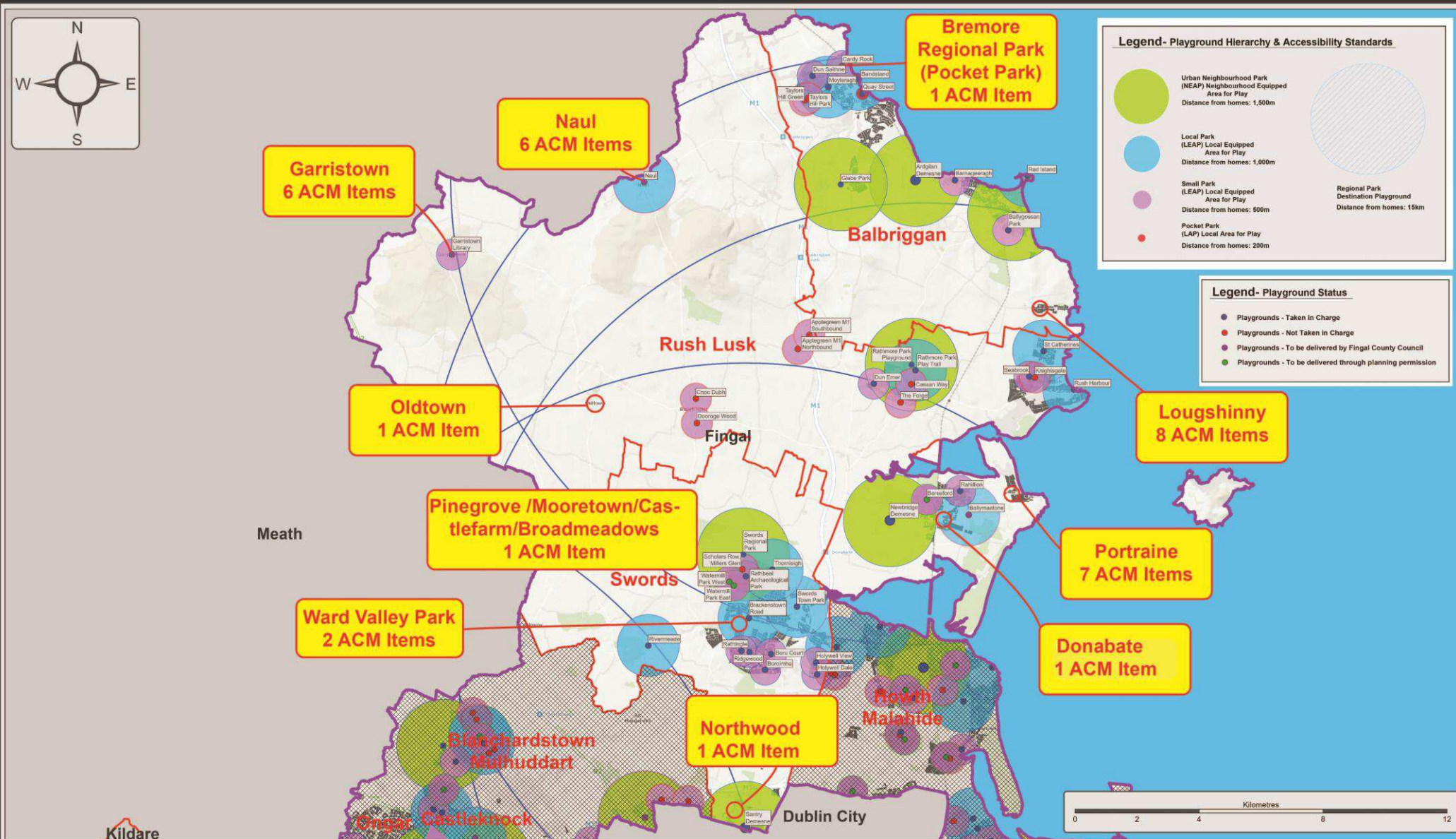
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Balbriggan/ Rush/ Lusk/ Swords 110 ACM items from 2019-2023



Locations of playgrounds





Assessment of new playground locations in relation to Fingal's Play Policy

(Balbriggan / Rush / Lusk / Swords LEA)

Location of new playground and no. of ACM items	Demand	Accessibility Audit gap	Comments
Garristown (6)	√	√	Part 8 approved. At detailed design stage
Naul - (6)	√	√	Part 8 approved. Specialist contractor appointed.
Brimore Regional Park- pocket park – (1)	√	√	Part 8 approved. Specialist contractor appointed.
Loughshinny – (8)	√	√	In progress - Land being acquired
Ward Valley – (2)	√	√	In progress – Destination playground in Regional Park
Portrane (Longstone Park) - (7)	√	√	Possible location for new play space
Oldtown – (1)	√	√	Possible location for new play space
Donabate – (1)	√	X	Adequate play provision at this location - 4 constructed, 5 planned within 2 years
Northwood – (1)	√	X	Adequate play provision at this location – 2 constructed
Pinegrove/ Mooretown/ Castlefarm/ Broadmeadows area – (2)	√	X	Adequate play provision at this location – 15 constructed, 2 planned

Part 8 approved- Play Space at Naul





Part 8 approved - Play Space at Garristown

Part 8 approved - Play Space at Bremore Regional Park – Cardy Rock



Part 8 approved- Ballymastone Recreational Hub playground

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Ballymastone Recreational Hub - Images

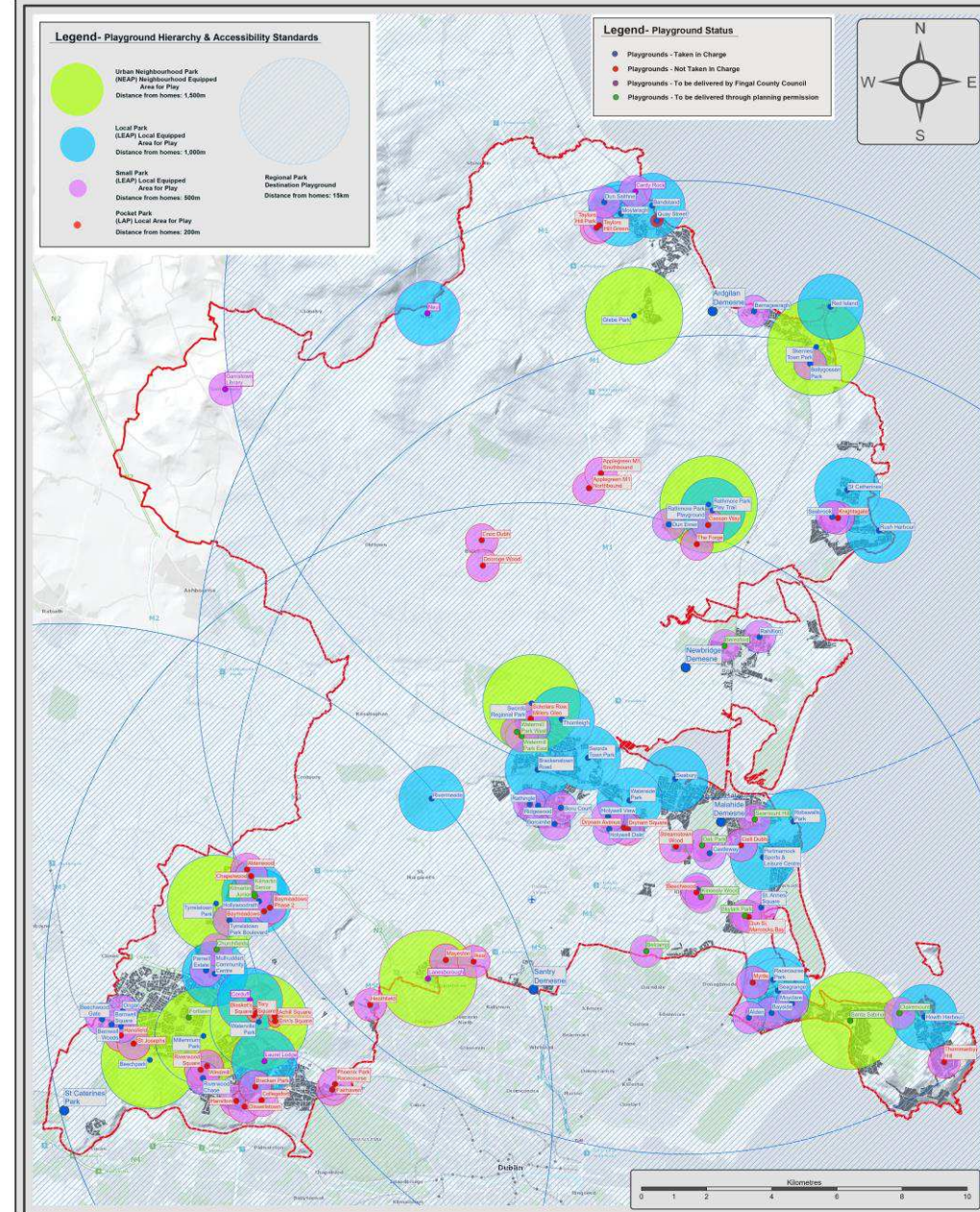


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Conclusion

- The audit shows that Fingal is well served in relation accessibility standards for play provision
- The audit identifies a small number of gaps for retrospective play provision:
 - *Loughshinny, Portrane, Oldtown, Hartstown Park, Hazelbury Park*
- Additional play provision can also be provided at a modest scale within housing estates– (Local Areas of Play) through the Operational Works Programme



Fingal Playgrounds Accessibility Audit

Playgrounds - Taken in Charge
- Not Taken in Charge
- To be delivered by Fingal County Council
- To be delivered through Planning Permission

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THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2023

ITEM NO. 67

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO APPROVE HOUSING BODIES UNDER THE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME – CALL FOR CAS 2017 TO PROVIDE UNITS OF LIVING ACCOMMODATION IN THE BALBRIGGAN/RUSH- LUSK/SWORDS LIVING AREA

The Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government Circular: Housing 30/2017, advised of the availability of capital funding for the construction or acquisition of social housing to cater for the priority groups under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) such as homeless persons, elderly persons, and people with a disability, with a particular emphasis, but not exclusively, on moving people with a disability from a congregated setting to community living. All proposals must comply with the terms of the CAS scheme as set out in memorandum VHU 2/02 and must reflect actual housing need as identified in the latest Housing Needs Assessment.

Applications received from Approved Housing Bodies are considered by the Council. Applications have been received for the following projects in the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area and the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage is committed to providing funding under the Capital Assistance Scheme for these projects:

<i>Approved Housing Body</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Category of Need</i>	<i>No. of Housing Units of Accommodation</i>	<i>Approved Funding €</i>
DePaul	Boroimhe Laurels, Swords, Co. Dublin	Homeless	1	€339,048.75

DePaul	Crescent Forster Way, Swords, Co. Dublin,	Homeless	1	€251,838.50
DePaul	Beverton Court, Donabate, Co. Dublin	Homeless	1	€259,635.50
Peter McVerry Trust	Lymewood, Northwood, Santry, Dublin 9	Care Leavers	1	€324,953.71
Hail	Boroimhe Hawthorns, Swords, Co. Dublin	Homeless	1	€374,388.76
DePaul	Ballisk Court, Donabate, Co. Dublin	Homeless	1	€232,185.50
DePaul	Holywell Villas, Feltrim Hall, Swords, Co. Dublin	Homeless	1	€296,711.14
Focus	Kelly's Bay Moorings, Skerries, Co. Dublin	Homeless	1	€298,453.74
Focus	Cooldriona Court, Swords, Co. Dublin	Homeless	1	€227,153.74
Focus	Holywell Rise, Swords, Co. Dublin	Homeless	1	€253,230.00
Focus	Baron's Hall Grove, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Homeless	1	€205,131.26

The housing bodies listed in the above table are Approved Voluntary Housing Bodies for the purpose of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992. Under Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, the Council may give financial assistance to approved voluntary organisations to provide housing accommodation, or any substitute property up to a similar amount, in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Act, 1992.

These loans are subject to mortgage agreements on the properties for a term of 30 years. Under the Capital Assistance Scheme, repayments on the loans will be waived by the Council for as long as the terms and conditions outlined in the mortgage agreements are complied with to the satisfaction of the Council. A capital grant for the full amount of each loan will be received from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.



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Ref: Motion60/B/R/L/S/October 2023

6th November 2023

Dear Ms Halleran,

I refer to your correspondence dated 16th October 2023 regarding a motion raised at the Balbriggan/Rush/Lusk/Swords area meeting on the 12th October 2023

A new service, route 22, is planned for this area under the BusConnects Network redesign programme. It would run from the City Centre via Swords town centre then Balheary Road and the full length of Glen Ellan Road. It would replace route 41c and extend the network further.

The original intention was to turn around at the western end of Glen Ellan Road but this option is no longer available. We are therefore working with Fingal County Council officers to identify a suitable alternative point. The service is currently planned to commence in 2025 subject to funding availability and the necessary resources being in place, primarily drivers.

I trust that the above is of assistance and clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Graham
Chief Executive

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(Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2023

ITEM NO. 71

GLEBE PARK CAR PARK ISSUES - AI091483

Motion: Councillor T. Murphy

“That the Chief Executive upgrades Glebe Park car park as per the Glebe Park Masterplan, in particular for Sports Clubs and park users during football and tennis matches, where the lack of spaces is causing issues for people attending events and the local Gardaí have been notified to address parking concerns.

Report:

An Active Travel study for Balrothery is due to commence in the coming weeks and this will examine how best to link the car park to the wider active travel network. The study will look at the entrance to the park/car park and this will inform a revised layout for the car parking.

Source of Report:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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THURSDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 2023

ITEM NO. 72

REQUEST FOR ANCA TO ADD NOISE STATION SOUTH SWORDS –
AI091562

Motion: Councillor D. Mulligan

“That the Chief Executive request that ANCA and any relevant bodies who have responsibility in creating/adding noise monitoring stations, to add at least one additional permanent station and one additional mobile station to South Swords, particularly within the townlands adjoining the Forest Road including Boriomhe/Ridgewood no further north than River Valley/Rathingle boundary.”

Report:

The Aircraft Noise Competent Authority (ANCA) has reported that the airport authority for Dublin Airport (daa) is the authority responsible for installing and operating the network of aircraft noise monitors in the communities around Dublin Airport. The locations and data from these can be viewed on the WebTrak public web portal (<https://webtrak.emsbk.com/dub1>).

In 2022, ANCA issued a direction to daa that required the number of noise monitors in the communities around the airport to be increased from seven to twenty-five. The Direction requires the airport authority to install these on a phased basis by August 2024. It is expected, however, that the programme will be completed in advance of this date and seventeen locations now have monitors in place. The twenty-five units include two mobile monitors that can be rotated between communities that do not have a permanent noise monitor. Swords was one of the first communities to receive a noise monitor through the expansion programme.

Although there is a defined programme underway at present, both in terms of scope and delivery time, individuals or community groups may contact daa to request additional monitors in their area or make a request to participate in the rotation of temporary monitors.

If the Motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the daa, when a reply is received the Area Committee shall be informed.

Source of Report:

Nikki Halleran, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 73

**PROGRESS ON ENFORCEMENT FILES BACKLOG IN THIS LEA -
AI091575**

Motion: Councillor C. Boland

“That the Chief Executive provides an update on what progress has been made in dealing with the backlog of Enforcement files in this Local Electoral Area.”

Report:

A complete lean sigma 6 review of the planning enforcement processes was undertaken by the staff this year and was completed in March. This was followed by an update of the procedures' manuals.

The Enforcement Section commenced in 2023 the mapping of all enforcement files from 2016 to date. Currently 92% of the mapping has taken place.

An electronic searchable register has been developed in conjunction with our IT department and is available to view at the public counter. The register contains details of redacted warning letters, section 153 decisions and enforcement notices issued. Currently all 2023, 2022 and 40% of 2021 open files have been placed on the electronic register and work is ongoing by the staff on getting all open files onto this electronic register.

A full review of open files with expired Enforcement Notices issued was undertaken. Up-to-date site inspections and up-to-date references in some cases were undertaken. These files were closed (Section 153 CE Order) if the notices were complied with, or Section 157/Section 160 Orders prepared for the commencement of legal proceedings.

The planning inspectors have undertaken 486 inspections and a further 355 reinspections over the course of the year to date. This has allowed for an ongoing review of open files and investigation of new enforcement files as they arise.

The review of all open files continues and the position for the period January to November 2023 compared to the same period in 2022 for the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords LEA and County Wide is as follows: -

	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/ Swords LEA		Full County		
At 31/11/2023	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
Miscellaneous queries	153	141	298	208	284
Enforcement Files opened	112	147	320	228	283
Enforcement Files Closed	60	190	101	70	330
Warning letters Issued	82	149	289	203	298
Enforcement Notices Issued	9	14	28	23	76
Section 157's issued	0	0	3	2	3
Section 160's issued	1	11	11	1	17

Each enforcement complaint is managed on a case-by-case basis. Warning letters and Enforcement Notices are issued in respect of alleged unauthorised development or alleged breaches of Planning Permissions throughout the county. Site inspections by Planning Inspectors are undertaken to ascertain the enforcement action to be initiated. In some cases, investigations are more protracted and involved and can take a number of site inspections to establish the level of enforcement action required. In certain cases, further information may be sought and issues that arise can be of a highly technical nature requiring specialist consultant expertise. Files can remain open for regular monitoring requiring a number of visits and files remain open where legal costs are being discharged.

There are 35 files at various stages of the legal proceedings process and are either being resolved through legal proceedings, are in the Court system or in a legal realm having been referred to the Law Department to initiate legal action.

Source of Report:

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2023

ITEM NO. 74

UPDATE ON RUSH SPORTS CAMPUS - AI091577

Motion: Councillor B. Dennehy

"That the Chief Executive provide this Committee with an update on the delivery of the Rush Sports Campus to include the acquisition of land required and the location of the campus and items brought forward by the clubs that are required."

Report:

An area of land measuring approximately 2 Hectares (5 Acres) adjoining St. Catherine's Park in Rush has recently been acquired by the Council. The lands have been acquired for the purpose of developing a multi-code recreational sports hub at this location in line with relevant Development Plan objectives. A further area of land is due for transfer to the Council which will extend the area available for the hub to approximately 3.6 Hectares (9 Acres). Discussions are ongoing with local landowners regarding the acquisition of further open space zoned lands required for the development of the Hub and further briefings on this matter will be provided in due course.

Source of Report: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2023

ITEM NO. 75

REBUILD HISTORICAL WELL AT CULTURAL QUARTER- AI091794

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

“That the Chief Executive ensures that the historical well discovered in the Council car park at the Courthouse in Swords is re-built within the confines of the new Library.”

Report:

Following many years in planning and preparation, preparatory work at the site for Fingal’s new county library, arts and cultural centre commenced earlier this year.

The site was excavated, under licence from the National Monuments Service and under the supervision of the archaeologist on site. The stone-lined wells discovered on the site clashed with the foundations of the proposed building and could not be preserved in situ without significantly constraining the site for development and compromising its intended use.

In line with archaeological advice, the features were preserved by record whereby a full written, drawn, photographic, detailed survey and 3D model has

been undertaken. Stones were individually numbered and carefully removed by the archaeologist for storage and possible future use elsewhere. Following excavation, the features were backfilled to the specifications of the structural engineer.

A full report will be made available by the archaeologist in due course on the archaeological resolution of the site. It is intended that information on the archaeological resolution of the site and findings will be made available within the completed building, both within the Local Studies & Archive and also given prominence through the display of 3d scan information on a digital screen.

The main well feature measures approx. 2.5m in diameter and was 1.5m deep. The proposed spaces internally within the new library do not lend themselves to the display of such a large feature which would place restrictions on the usability for library accommodation.

The stones which formed the lining of the well are segregated and will be stored by the Council pending identification of a new location to recreate the feature. Investigations are ongoing to locate a possible outdoor location for this large feature within the Cultural Quarter area.

The intention is that the stone feature will be accurately reassembled for visibility near its original location. The commitment given to local area members to revert to them once possible location has been identified remains.

Source of Report:
Betty Boardman, County Librarian.

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THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2023

ITEM NO. 76

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES - SWORDS CULTURAL QUARTER
AI092034

Motion: Councillor A. Graves

“That the Chief Executive acknowledges the huge historical loss of both wells discovered during the preparation works for the Swords Cultural Quarter and puts a formal arrangement in place to engage with all stakeholders with an historical interest, with a view to finding the best solution in locating the wells in an appropriate setting in keeping with their historic value to Swords.”

Report:

Following many years in planning and preparation, enabling work at the site for Fingal’s new county library, arts and cultural centre commenced earlier this year.

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THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2023

ITEM NO. 77

THANKS AND SOFT OPENING AT FLAVOURS OF FINGAL - AI091614

Motion: Councillor A. Henchy

“That the Chief Executive, in the first instance, fully recognise and congratulate the Council’s Events team for their outstanding efforts in staging so many events across the County over the summer months, especially, the concerts at Malahide, Swords Castle, the County Show, Flavours of Fingal at Newbridge House and Park Donabate, in forward planning for next year, can a soft opening to Flavours of Fingal on the Friday evening be considered for all of those with additional needs and their carers so that they too can fully enjoy the magnificent event that is Flavours of Fingal.”

Report:

In partnership with the Fingal Food Network, we are currently exploring piloting a specialist food and drink event on Friday evening at Flavours of Fingal which can accommodate patrons with additional needs. We cannot expand into Friday daytime as this would interfere with the build of the show.

We will also liaise with event partners including Fingal Farmers and Fingal Harriers to add to the already successful facilities for those with additional needs, including more targeted areas and activities.

Source of Report:

Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

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THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2023

ITEM NO. 78

PROVISION OF PATH LOUGHSHINNY – AIO92296

Motion: Councillors K. Power and B. Ryan

“That the Chief Executive conduct an assessment and feasibility study on the provision of a path from Baldungan to Loughshinny Cross to ascertain the costs with a view to including this project in the next Capital Works Budget.”

Report:

The Active Travel team is currently delivering a full programme of works in north County Dublin. This programme of works is funded by the National Transport Authority and as such is directed to focus as much as possible on rapid-build projects and the reallocation of existing road space to active travel means. All additional infrastructure proposals would need to be assessed by the teams in ECAAT and/or other appropriate FCC departments for the feasibility of such proposals and their alignment with FCC strategic policy and funding.

This does not form part of the current works programme but will be considered for future programmes.

Source of Report:
Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

