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Friday, 8th March 2024

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 via MS Teams ONLY on Thursday, 14th March, 2024 on conclusion of the Services "A" meeting to 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 the 8th February 2024
- 2** Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) Special meeting held on Thursday the 7th March 2024

QUESTIONS

- 3** Councillor A. Henchy - Update on Active Travel Projects - Donabate/Portrane - AI093387
 "To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on projects completed in 2023 and what active travel projects are planned for Donabate/Portrane in 2024?"
- 4** Councillor A. Henchy - Wi-Fi at Newbridge House - AI095066
 "To ask the Chief Executive, in advance of the busy Spring/Summer season at Newbridge House, Donabate and in preparation for the Flavours of Fingal County Show, if there has been any upgrade or investment in the Wi-Fi infrastructure in and around Newbridge House, given the poor service last year?"
- 5** Councillor A. Henchy - Primary Health Care Centre - Donabate/Portrane - AI095070
 "To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any discussions that have taken place with the HSE with a view to the building of a modern Primary Care Centre to meet the current and future needs of the fast-growing Donabate/Portrane communities?"
- 6** Councillor A. Henchy - Unfinished Road and Surfacing at Cobbe Court, Donabate - AI095075
 "To ask the Chief Executive to give consideration to investigating the

unfinished road and surfacing at Cobbe Court, a new residential estate at the edge of Donabate Village, as this estate has been finished for almost a year and it is essential that it is completed in accordance with the planning permission?"

7 Councillor A. Henchy - Hearse Road Network, Donabate - AI095077

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration could be given for the Active Travel Department to carry out an inspection of the Hearse Road network, from the Kilcrea back gates into Newbridge House and Park and the new Semple Woods housing development, where there is currently no footpath along this section of the road, with a view to providing footpaths, given how busy this section is on the approach to Donabate Village?"

8 Councillor A. Henchy - Phase 2 Donabate Distributor Road Project - AI095079

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project to improve access to Donabate and Portrane from the M1 Lissenhall Interchange for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists?"

9 Councillor A. Henchy - Update on Coastal Protection Works in this LEA - AI095082

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update and projected timelines for the planning applications for coastal protection works for The Burrow Peninsula and Rush South Beach, to address problems relating to coastal change in the Outer Rogerstown Estuary, having regard to the recent introduction of new planning requirements to approval for marine based projects?"

10 Councillor P. Mulville - Affordable Purchase Housing Schemes in this LEA - AI094488

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the current and future plans for further Affordable Purchase Housing Schemes across the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area?"

11 Councillor P. Mulville - Taking in Charge - Racecourse Green, Lusk - AI094639

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Taking in Charge of Racecourse Green, Lusk, in particular the green spaces

which are not currently being properly maintained and whether consideration is being given to provide a playground for children in the estate?"

12 Councillor P. Mulville - Local Swimming Pool Facilities - North County - AI094686

"To ask the Chief Executive, following the previous pilot trial of the hugely popular pop-up Pool at the Donabate/Portrane Community Centre and the strong demand for swimming pool facilities to be provided across the North County on a permanent basis, if the sports and recreational facilities audit will give consideration to this and the timeframe for same?"

13 Councillor P. Mulville - General Landscaping - The Paddocks, Donabate - AI094951

"To ask the Chief Executive, further to representation R24\33329, for a comprehensive response to issues raised by the Paddocks Residents Association, Portrane Road, Donabate in relation to general landscaping (see attached)?"

14 Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Footpath at Cobbe Court - Donabate - AI094959

"To ask the Chief Executive, further to Question 22, January Area B meeting, for an update on the provision of the section of footpath at Cobbe Court along the Portrane Road, as per planning permission granted (F17A/0274) and whether there is any further progress being made on this by Tuath Housing and the developer and if not, the reason for the delay?"

15 Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Cobbe Court Street Lighting - AI094960

"To ask the Chief Executive, further to Question 25, January Area B meeting, to provide an update and the reason why the street lighting in Cobbe Court, Portrane Road, Donabate, is still not working and if this matter can be raised again with Tuath Housing with a view to having this issue addressed as a matter of urgency?"

16 Councillor P. Mulville - Illegal Dumping and Littering - Donabate - AI094976

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to urgently remove the persistent illegal dumping and littering at (details supplied), Donabate and if measures can be taken to prevent this re-occurring, CCTV should be considered here as per the new regulations?"

17 Councillor B. Dennehy - Commercial Development - Main Street, Rush - AI094493

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise of any contact that has been made regarding the proposed commercial development on Main Street, Rush and the Council?"

18 Councillor B. Dennehy - Planning Permission F21A/0455 Upper Main Street, Rush - AI095071

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed report on the current status of planning permission F21A/0455 upper Main Street, Rush to include details of the following items, last engagement with the Council regarding commencement of development, the value and number of outstanding vacant and derelict site levies against the site and the implication of the new RTZ Tax on the site along with the percentage of the site that will be included in the new RTZ Tax?"

19 Councillor B. Dennehy - Public Lights Works - Lusk Graveyard - AI095073

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to have the public lighting at the Round Tower and beside the graveyard in Lusk repaired and brought back into action?"

20 Councillor B. Dennehy - Contact or Application Received to Purchase the Council 17 sqm Owned Land, Rush- AI095083

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on any contact or application received to purchase the Council's 17 sqm owned land between Brookfield Estate and Golden Ridge Estate, Rush?"

21 Councillor B. Dennehy - Feasibility of Providing an Active Travel Route through Farren's Lane, Rush - AI095091

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examine and report on the feasibility of providing an active travel route from the Main Street in Rush to eventually allow access into Kenure Park,

Rush?"

- 22** Councillor J. Humphreys - Electric Car Chargers - Swords - AI094496
 "To ask the Chief Executive to provide information on the policy regarding electric car chargers on the kerb for households in Swords that do not have a driveway?"
- 23** Councillor J. Humphreys - Planning Permission for Electric Car Chargers - Swords - AI094496A
 "To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the proper procedure for applying for planning permission for electric car chargers in Swords?"
- 24** Councillor J. Humphreys - Planning Enforcement Electric Car Chargers - Swords - AI094496B
 "To ask the Chief Executive to clarify if it is the position of planning enforcement that electric car chargers cannot be installed in Swords?"
- 25** Councillor J. Humphreys - Taking Ownership of Compulsory Purchase Orders in this LEA- AI094499
 "To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Compulsory Purchase Orders in this Local Electoral Area and an indicative date when the Council could potentially take ownership?"
- 26** Councillor J. Humphreys - Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála for the Donabate and Rush Coastal Protection Scheme - AI095088
 "To ask the Chief Executive to outline the reasons for the delay in submitting the Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála for the Donabate and Rush Coastal Protection Scheme as the households immediately affected by the effects of erosion are becoming totally disillusioned and the ongoing delay is putting the prospect of Government funding further down the line given the effect of global warming across the County?"
- 27** Councillor J. Humphreys - Taking in Charge - Rathbeale Grove, Swords - AI095102
 "To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Taking in Charge of Rathbeale Grove, Swords?"

28 Councillor J. Humphreys - Taking in Charge - Land at Archaeological Park, Swords - AI095104

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Taking in Charge of the plot of land attached to the Archaeological Park, between Rathbeale Road and Glen Ellan Road in Swords?"

29 Councillor T. O'Leary - Swimming Pool Feasibility Study - Castlelands, Balbriggan - AI094915

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Feasibility Study for a swimming pool at Castlelands, Balbriggan, detailing if the Consultants have been appointed to carry out the agreed and funded feasibility study, who the Consultants are and when they will report back to the Council?"

30 Councillor T. O'Leary - Update on Paths Loughshinny Scoping Costing - AI094931

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on progress on the scoping and costing referred to in Motions AI092296 and AI092520, which were recently passed, requesting scoping and costing of two separate paths at Loughshinny, for inclusion in the next Capital Budget?"

31 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Feasibility Study for Swimming Pool at Castlelands, Balbriggan - AI094919

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress of the proposed feasibility study for the provision of a swimming pool at the Castlelands site in Balbriggan and if clarity can be given to whether the feasibility study, while included in the capital spending plan, will not commence until the results of the Sports and Recreational facilities audit are complete in Q2 of 2024?"

32 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Taking in Charge - Knightsgate Estate, Rush - AI094945

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Taking in Charge of the Knightsgate Estate in Rush and to clarify if the estate cannot be Taken in Charge until the condition regarding the provision of the childcare facility is fulfilled?"

33 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Lusk Sports Hub, Rathmore Park, Lusk - Planning Application Update - AI094946

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update and timeline for making the application to An Bord Pleanála for sporting facilities at Lusk Sports Hub at Rathmore Park, Lusk?"

34 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Multi Purpose Arts, Community and Youth Centre in the Ballymastone Area, Donabate - AI094996

"To ask the Chief Executive, further to the recent meeting with representatives from the Donabate Community Group Crossroads, regarding the provision of a site for a Multi-Purpose Arts, Community and Youth Centre in the Ballymastone Area which is Council Policy since 2019 and an objective in the Donabate LAP, will a site be identified for this project which will be required to cater for an increase in population to 20,000 before the next meeting with the group and before all the suitable land is built upon or planning permission granted?"

35 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - F21A/0455 - Update on Rush Main Street Development - AI095022

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the progress in getting the developer of Planning Permission F21A/0455 on site, the application was granted on the 12th of September 2022 and what communications have there been with the developer regarding the commencement of the building of the development?"

36 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Taking in Charge - Racecourse Green, Lusk - AI095060

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Taking in Charge of Racecourse Green in Lusk?"

37 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Playground, Station Road Development, Lusk - AI095061

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline and update on the Taking in Charge/opening of the playground in the new Station Road development near Lidl in Lusk?"

38 Councillor K. Power - Update on Loughshinny Paths - Baldungan to Loughshinny Cross - AI094954

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Motion AI092296

which was unanimously passed at a recent Area Committee Meeting?"

39 Councillor K. Power - Update on Loughshinny Paths - Skerries and Loughshinny - AI094955

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Motion AI092520 which was unanimously passed at a recent Area Committee Meeting?"

40 Councillor K. Power - Update on Castlelands Swimming Pool Site, Balbriggan - AI094978

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an updated report on the feasibility study works on the potential swimming pool site in Castlelands, Balbriggan?"

41 Councillor D. Butler - Update on St. Columcille's Drive, Swords - AI094988

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on what properties are owned by the Council on St. Columcille's Drive and what development plans the Council have for the properties on this road (considering the neighbouring apartment works taking place on Seatown Road)?"

42 Councillor B. Ryan - CI Zoned Land Development, Ballisk - AI095002

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on discussions, if any, with the owner of the CI zoned land in Ballisk, Donabate (adjacent to Educate Together National School) regarding development at this location and if it is intended to provide independent living accommodation for senior citizens on this site?"

43 Councillor B. Ryan - Feasibility Study for a Public Swimming Pool at Castlelands, Balbriggan - AI095004

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the unacceptable delay in getting the Feasibility Study underway for a public swimming pool at Castlelands, Balbriggan, which has been budgeted for?"

44 Councillor B. Ryan - Preparation for Repair and Maintenance of St. Peter's Church in Balrothery - AI095005

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration could be given to arrange for the preparation of a repair and maintenance programme for the historic St. Peter's Church in Balrothery?"

45 Councillor B. Ryan - Small Business Trading Balbriggan LEA - AI095012

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the key steps being taken to support small businesses in the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area in their efforts to keep trading successfully in a difficult trading environment?"

46 Councillor B. Ryan - Taking in Charge - Balrothery Court Estate, Balbriggan - AI095018

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange for the completion of the process of having the green space in the Balrothery Court Estate Taken in Charge as the roads in the estate have already been Taken in Charge?"

47 Councillor B. Ryan - Road Safety Measures, Skerries - AI095021

"To ask the Chief Executive if any progress has been made in relation to the request made at the recent (08/02/24) Deputations meeting to bring together the Twinlite Developer, Uisce Eireann, the Planning Department and local representatives in an attempt to expedite the outstanding road safety measures at Shenick Road/Miller's Lane/Sherlock Terrace/Downside Heights and Ballygossan danger points?"

48 Councillor G. Maguire - Resurfacing Balbriggan Football Club Car Park - AI095030

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for the resurfacing of Balbriggan Football Club car park in the interest of safety?"

49 Councillor G. Maguire - Feasibility Study - Swimming Pool - North Fingal - AI095031

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to the feasibility study that is long overdue in respect of the provision of a swimming pool for North Fingal?"

50 Councillor T. Murphy - MUGA Report - "Our Balbriggan" - AI095034

"To ask the Chief Executive why, in the town with the youngest population, there is no Multi-Use Game Area and if it could be considered in a suitable location under the "Our Balbriggan" project?"

51 Councillor B. Manton - Update on Pop Up Pool - Swords - AI095047

"To ask the Chief Executive if any progress has been made in relation to providing a pop-up pool in Swords, bearing in mind that a motion was passed at Full Council Meeting to progress these across the County?"

52 Councillor B. Manton - Thrive Project - Swords - AI095050

"To ask the Chief Executive if it is planned to put any project in Swords forward for funding from this European Funded Project, Thrive Project?"

53 Councillor B. Manton - Timeline of One-Way System - Balheary Road - AI095051

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the construction of the one-way system at Balheary Bridge will commence?"

54 Councillor A. Graves - Process Time for HMD Medical Form in this LEA - AI095049

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the timeframe for a review of a HMD Medical Form by the Council in this Local Electoral Area, as historically this has been three months but now constituents are being advised that it can take up to a year or longer, has the process time been extended and if so, why?"

55 Councillor A. Graves - Safety Concerns - Corduff School, Lusk - AI095054

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out a safety audit in relation to the new cycleway and road layout for Corduff School in Lusk as parents are concerned for the safety of their children during drop off and collection times because the new cycle lane has made it extremely dangerous as the children have to cross the lane and parents are opening cars into the path of oncoming traffic (photo attached)?"

56 Councillor A. Graves - Occupants in Council Properties in this LEA - AI095058

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the process in relation to occupants in Council properties in this Local Electoral Area who have

previously applied to be added to a tenancy, who have not received a response and are paying rent, if the tenant passes away and they are subsequently advised that the application has been unsuccessful as there are adult children who have lived all their lives in Council properties who are not on the tenancy and when their parent(s) passes away what happens to them and will the Council evict occupants in these cases?"

COMMUNITY BUSINESS

57 Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE BUSINESS

58 Notification of Application by Fingal County Council under Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended to An Bord Pleanála in respect of the development of a new Active Recreational Hub located at Rathmore Park, Lusk, Co. Dublin.

59 Declaration of Roads/Taking in Charge

a Taking in Charge - Golden Ridge Phase 2, Rush.

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

60 Proposed Disposals

a Proposed granting of a permanent wayleave on land at Bremore, Balrothery, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks

GENERAL BUSINESS

61 Correspondence

a Letter from HSE regarding Need for Subsidised Nursing Staff Accommodation at St. Ita's Hospital Campus

MOTIONS

62 Councillor B. Manton - Future Assessment for Insulation in Rivermeade Estate - AI093625

"That the Chief Executive strongly recommends to the daa that the Rivermeade Estate be included in any future assessment for insulation as a matter of urgency due to the estate not being considered in the last round."

63 Councillor A. Graves - Approved Housing Bodies Meeting with Elected Representatives of this LEA - AI093616

"That this Committee agrees to invite representatives of the Approved Housing Bodies (AHB's) to a meeting with members of this Area Committee to discuss the roles of both the AHB and the Council and where responsibilities lie in respect of both, it will also afford the opportunity to be updated on future plans."

64 Councillor K. Power - Historical/Heritage Museum Skerries - AI094148

"That the Chief Executive identify and develop a suitable location in Skerries for the establishment of a Skerries History/Heritage Museum."

65 Councillor P. Mulville - Flying of Palestine Flag on Public Buildings in this LEA - AI094254

"That this Committee calls for the Palestinian flag to be flown or displayed at all public Council buildings in the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area including County Hall, Libraries, Community Centres and all other Council offices and for the Council to provide flags to each facility for this purpose."

66 Councillor D. Mulligan - Invitation to the Palestine Ambassador to a Civic Reception, County Hall, Swords - AI094450

"That the Chief Executive, on behalf of this Area Committee, invite the Palestine Ambassador to Ireland to a civic reception/ceremony in County Hall, Swords as a show of solidarity and appreciation to the people of Palestine at this extraordinarily difficult time."

67 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Crèche Provision - Lusk and Rush - AI093634

"That the Chief Executive, given a number of revised planning permissions seeking to omit childcare facilities from developments in

both Rush and Lusk, to outline what measures can be taken at Council level to guarantee the provision of these much-needed facilities in tandem with the increasingly expensive housing units that Developers provide, often to young families, while they simultaneously look to have the facilities that will service these families removed from their granted permissions."

68 Councillor A. Henchy - Provision of Playground - Portrane Village - AI093374

"That the Chief Executive provide a sense of urgency, through public consultation and engagement with local community groups, to explore all options at the Councils disposal that will allow for the design and build of a large playground at a desired location within the heart of Portrane Village given the time that has elapsed without providing this much needed amenity in Portrane."

69 Councillor B. Dennehy - Pedestrian route from the South Beach to the Bawn Road, Rush - AI093662

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on the current measures being carried out for delivering the pedestrian route from the South Beach, Rush to the Bawn Road, Rush."

70 Councillor T. O'Leary - New Open Space Playing Pitch at Hamilton Hill, Skerries - AI094455

"That the Chief Executive arrange a meeting with Skerries Town Football Club and Skerries Athletics Club to explore a collaboration by both clubs at the open space, Hamilton Hill, Skerries which is due to be Taken in Charge by the Council?"

71 Councillor T. Murphy - Swimming Pool Feasibility Study - Castlelands, Balbriggan - AI095025

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on the Castlelands swimming pool Feasibility study which should be concluded in time for the outcome to be considered in the 2025 budget."

72 Councillor B. Manton - Purchase of Building - Rathbeale Road, Swords - Community Development - AI093629

"That the Chief Executive consider purchasing the building on Rathbeale Road Swords, Eircode K67X7X3, as a community building for use by Women's Shed, Swords Karate Club and The Elders as the

building is easily accessed by cycling, walking and public transport and would greatly benefit groups in the Brackenstown/Swords area."

73 Councillor A. Graves - Meeting with St. Margaret's/The Ward/FORUM Group - AI093633

"That the Chief Executive and the Area Committee Members, in follow-up to the meeting with the daa, agree to meet with representatives of the St Margaret's/The Ward and FORUM Group and afford them the opportunity to make a presentation and give a briefing, in much the same format as the daa meeting, as the members of this Committee are representing the areas that are most affected by aircraft noise."

74 Councillor D. Mulligan - Apartheid Free Area in this LEA - AI094451

"That the Chief Executive makes this Area Committee area apartheid free, by writing to all local rate payers asking them to halt the purchase of goods and services produced either in Israel or by Israeli companies, until a ceasefire has been reached or until Israel complies with International law."

75 Councillor P. Mulville and Councillor A. Henchy - Turvey Pedestrian/Cycle Network - AI094484

"That this Committee calls for a study of the Turvey pedestrian/cycle network to be carried out, to look at how permeability can be improved across the Turvey area, with a view to bringing forward an Active Travel scheme for public consultation."

76 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Erection of Plaque Commemorating the Johnny Cash Concert in Rush - AI094355

"That the Chief Executive make provision for the erection of a plaque commemorating the concert of Johnny Cash in Rush on October 20th 1963 where he appeared in the local Palladium, Lower Main Street, i.e. Johnny Cash, 1932–2003, Singer/Songwriter, appeared at The Palladium Rush, October 20th 1963, the erection of such items cannot be countenanced until a person has passed away for 20 years, Mr. Cash passed away in 2003."

77 Councillor T. O'Leary - Uisce Éireann Upgrade Works - Shenick Road/Golf Road, Skerries - AI094436A

"That the Chief Executive write to Uisce Éireann to provide an update on the completion of the upgrade works so that the Land Development Agency and the private Developer can implement their planning permission as soon as possible to upgrade the junction at Shenick Road/Golf Road to improve pedestrian and road safety at this junction."

78 Councillor K. Power - Castlelands Pool Feasibility - AI094726

"That the Chief Executive commit to providing the necessary funding to the Castlelands pool feasibility in the Capital Works Budget."

79 Councillor T. Murphy - Bath Road Car Park Surface - AI095027

"That the Chief Executive complete the correct blacktop surface on Bath Road car park as a matter of urgency."

80 Councillor B. Dennehy - Enforcement Action, Daly's Lane, Rush - AI095068

"That the Chief Executive provide this Committee with a report on the current status of enforcement actions being taken on a domestic house on Daly's Lane, Rush which has previously been reported to the Council Enforcement section."

Comhairle Contae Fingall Fingal County Council

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

**Held on Thursday 8th February 2024 in the Council Chamber, County Hall,
Swords at 2pm**

PRESENT

Councillors:

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

Councillors:

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

The Area Chairperson Councillor Ian Carey, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Brian Murray (Senior Executive Officer), Nikki Halleran (Senior Executive Officer), Naomi Weir (Senior Executive Officer), Aoife Sheridan (Senior Executive Officer), Conor Molony (Financial Management Accountant), Malachy Bradley (Senior Planner), Roisín Burke (Senior Planner), Deirdre Fallon (Senior Planner), Colin Gallagher (Senior Engineer), Declan Ryan (Town Regeneration Officer), Breen Doris (Senior Executive Engineer), Mark Finnegan (Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer), Gerald Curley (Senior Executive Engineer), Shane Satall (Senior Executive Engineer), James Culhane (Senior Executive Engineer), Joseph Dowler (Executive Engineer), Ellen Clarke (Project Liaison Officer), Cathrina

Murphy (Senior Community Officer), Ciaran Staunton (Administrative Officer), Fearghal McSweeney (Administrative Officer), Stephen McGinn (Cycling and Walking Officer), Emma Court (Cycling and Walking 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).

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Area Chairperson, Councillor I. Carey, at the start of the meeting reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting. Councillor Carey also informed the members that the March Area Committee would not be held in the Council Chamber due to scheduled maintenance works. Corporate Services to update members further in advance of the meeting.

BSB/67/24 (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 the 11th of January 2024

Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 11th January 2024 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor J. Newman, seconded by Councillor C. Boland and **RESOLVED:** –

“That the minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 11th January 2024 be **ADOPTED.**”

BSB/68/24

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy seconded by Councillor P. Mulville and **RESOLVED:-**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 56 inclusive be **ADOPTED.**”

- BSB/69/24** (Agenda Item No 2)
Councillor A. Henchy - Vacant Homes Rush/Lusk LEA - AI092648
- BSB/70/24** (Agenda Item No 3)
Councillor A. Henchy - Inclusion of Donabate in Rush/Lusk LEA - AI092653
- BSB/71/24** (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor A. Henchy - Assessment of Laneways - Seaview Park, Portrane - AI093354
- BSB/72/24** (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor A. Henchy - Car Parking Portrane Avenue - AI093364
- BSB/73/24** (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor A. Henchy - Update on Donabate to Portrane Greenway/Cycleway - AI093365
- BSB/74/24** (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor A. Henchy - Oldtown Infrastructure Upgrades - AI093371
- BSB/75/24** (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor A. Henchy - Coastal Erosion/Risk of Flooding Portrane - AI093378
- BSB/76/24** (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor P. Mulville - Delay in Occupying Lanestown View, Donabate - AI093688
- BSB/77/24** (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor P. Mulville - Dog Warden Enforcement - Donabate Beach and Cliff Walk - AI094144
- BSB/78/24** (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor P. Mulville - Aircraft Noise, Lusk - AI094472
- BSB/79/24** (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor P. Mulville - Safe Cycle Route - Rush/Lusk Railway Station - AI094473
- BSB/80/24** (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor P. Mulville - The Paddocks Completion - Donabate - AI094474

- BSB/81/24** (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor P. Mulville - Coastal Erosion and Flooding Protection Works at Portrane and Rush - AI094475
- BSB/82/24** (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor P. Mulville - Affordable Housing at Ballymastone - AI094476
- BSB/83/24** (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Affordable Housing on New Rush Site - AI094164
- BSB/84/24** (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Installation of Cats Eyes - R132 Lusk - AI094166
- BSB/85/24** (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Taking in Charge - Knightsgate Estate Rush - AI094349
- BSB/86/24** (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Walkway between Bawn Road and the South Beach Car Park, Rush - AI094351
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- BSB/88/24** (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Phase 1 Projects in the Donabate Local Area Plan - AI094412
- BSB/89/24** (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Study on use of St Ita's Hospital Complex in conjunction with the HSE - AI094413
- BSB/90/24** (Agenda Item No 23)
Councillor A. Graves - Walkway Access to Swords Community College - AI094292
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Councillor A. Graves - PFAS Chemicals - Dublin Airport - AI094308
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Councillor G. Maguire - Tours to Bremore Castle - AI094342
- BSB/93/24** (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor G. Maguire - Bremore Castle Completion and Plans for Cottage -
AI094343

BSB/94/24 (Agenda Item No 27)
Councillor G. Maguire - Bathing Water Quality - Balbriggan - AI094345

BSB/95/24 (Agenda Item No 28)
Councillor B. Ryan - The Moorings Cove Estate, Skerries - AI094363

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Councillor B. Ryan - Balbriggan Beach - EPA Update - AI094364

BSB/97/24 (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor B. Ryan - Sanctuary Guest House, Homeless Hub at Balrothery -
AI094365

BSB/98/24 (Agenda Item No 31)
Councillor B. Ryan - Current Council Tenants Downsizing - Mourne View, Skerries
- AI094368

BSB/99/24 (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor B. Ryan - Open Space at The Mill, Rahillion, Donabate - AI094376

BSB/100/24 (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor T. Murphy - Rapid Build Homes, Oberstown - AI094379

BSB/101/24 (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor T. Murphy - Provision of an All-Weather Pitch Balrothery - AI094381

BSB/102/24 (Agenda Item No 35)
Councillor B. Manton - Greenspace Maintenance Schedule - St. Cronan's
Cottages, Swords - AI094398

BSB/103/24 (Agenda Item No 36)
Councillor B. Manton - Community Hall Rolestown - AI094403

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Councillor B. Manton - Taking in Charge - Thornleigh Estate - AI094404

BSB/105/24 (Agenda Item No 38)
Councillor B. Manton - Cycle Lanes, Rivervalley, Swords Accidents - AI094406

BSB/106/24 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor B. Manton - New Rolestown Local Area Plan Timeline - AI094415

BSB/107/24 (Agenda Item No 40)

Councillor T. O'Leary - New Pedestrian Crossing - Skerries Rail Bridge
Roundabout - AI094433

BSB/108/24 (Agenda Item No 41)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Update on Planning Permission for Roundabout and
Active Travel Measures, Skerries - AI094436

BSB/109/24 (Agenda Item No 42)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Taking in Charge - Barnageeragh Cove Phase 2 - AI094449

BSB/110/24 (Agenda Item No 43)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), Hamilton Hill - AI094449A

BSB/111/24 (Agenda Item No 44)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Upgrade at Flooded Pitches Skerries Community Centre
(GAA Soccer) - AI094453

BSB/112/24 (Agenda Item No 45)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Dog Warden Fines in this LEA - AI094440

BSB/113/24 (Agenda Item No 46)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Update Active Travel Rivervalley - AI094443

BSB/114/24 (Agenda Item No 47)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Safer Routes to Schools in this LEA - AI094444

BSB/115/24 (Agenda Item No 48)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Approved Housing Bodies in this LEA - AI094445

BSB/116/24 (Agenda Item No 49)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Approved Housing Bodies Breakdown - AI094447

BSB/117/24 (Agenda Item No 50)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Tenants in Situ in this LEA - AI094448

BSB/118/24 (Agenda Item No 51)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Delay of Semple Woods Crèche - AI094480

BSB/119/24 (Agenda Item No 52)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Sensory Room at Ballisk House, Donabate - AI094481

BSB/120/24 (Agenda Item No 53)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Sustainable Swords Project - AI094483

BSB/121/24 (Agenda Item No 54)

Councillor B. Dennehy - Application to Buy Council Property Rush - AI094486

BSB/122/24 (Agenda Item No 55)

Councillor B. Dennehy - Taking in Charge - Land alongside Kenure Park, Rush - AI094489

BSB/123/24 (Agenda Item No 56)

Councillor B. Dennehy - Taking in Charge - Palmer Avenue Estate, Rush - AI094490

BSB/124/24 (Agenda Item No 57)

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

a) Applications for Community Funding

It was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and AGREED:

"That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community and Remedial Works Funding in the attached report."

BSB/125/24 (Agenda Item No 58)

Declaration of Roads/Taking in Charge

a) Taking in Charge - Barnageeragh Cove, Skerries, Co. Dublin

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

b) Taking in Charge - Vauxhall Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

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

BSB/126/24 (Agenda Item No 59)

Part 8 of the PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (as amended).
Proposed Development of a Car & Bicycle Parking Facility at Bremore Castle,
Balbriggan, Co Dublin

A presentation was given to the Members by Mr. Mark Finnegan, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.

Following discussion on this item, questions were raised by the Members and responded to, the following Motion was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor G. Maguire:-

"That this Area Committee accept the Part VIII proposal on Bremore Castle carpark with the provisions of permanent coach parking to be included in the design."

Following discussion the Motion was **AGREED**.

BSB/127/24 (Agenda Item No 60)

Proposed Disposals

a) Notice of Proposed Disposal of lands at Stephenstown Industrial Estate to Hannon Pharma Link Warehousing

It was proposed by Councillor G. Maguire and seconded by Councillor I. Carey and **RESOLVED**:

"That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** the proposed disposal of lands at Stephenstown Industrial Estate to Hannon Pharma Link Warehousing."

BSB/128/24 (Agenda Item No 61)

Walking & Cycling Officers Operational Plan 2024

A presentation was given to the Members by Mr. Stephen McGinn and Ms. Emma Court, Cycling and Walking Officers from Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Department.

Following the presentation and discussion, questions were raised by the Members and responded to. The Members thanked Mr. McGinn and Ms. Court for the presentation.

The presentation was **NOTED**.

BSB/129/24 (Agenda Item No 62)

Councillor B. Dennehy - Small Section of Footpath along Park Road, Rush -
AI093370

The Motion in the name of Councillor B. Dennehy was proposed by Councillor B. Dennehy and seconded by Councillor A. Henchy.

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

BSB/130/24 (Agenda Item No 63)

Councillor T. Murphy - Foul Infrastructure Works and the Harry Reynolds
Cycleway, Balbriggan - AI093648

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

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

BSB/131/24 (Agenda Item No 64)

Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Update on Lusk Sports Hub - AI093555

The Motion in the name of Councillor R. O'Donoghue, was proposed by Councillor R. O'Donoghue and seconded by Councillor B. Dennehy.

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

BSB/132/24 (Agenda Item No 65)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Skerries Quay Street, Hoar Rock Fingal Coastal Way -
AI093591

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

BSB/133/24

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

During the discussion it was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude Item 65.

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

BSB/134/24 (Agenda Item No 67)

Councillor A. Henchy - Interdepartmental Group for Redevelopment at St. Ita's
Portrane - AI093339

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

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

BSB/135/24 (Agenda Item No 71)

Councillor J. Newman - Development of Swords to Malahide Greenway -
AI094309

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

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

BSB/136/24 (Agenda Item No 78)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Four Acres Park for Skerries - AI094149

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 **ACCEPTED** without discussion.

The Meeting concluded at 4.13pm

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

Comhairle Contae Fine Gall Fingal County Council

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

**Held on Thursday 7th March 2024 in the Council Chamber, County Hall,
Swords at 6pm**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Butler, Darragh
Carey, Ian
Dennehy, Brian
Henchy, Adrian

Councillors:

Humphreys, James
Manton, Brigid
Mulville, Paul
O'Donoghue, Robert
O'Leary, Tom

The Area Chairperson Councillor Ian Carey, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Matthew McAleese (Director of Services), Roisín Burke (Senior Planner), Brian Murray (Senior Executive Officer), Dónall Ó'Ceallaigh (Senior Executive Planner), Anne Collender (Senior Staff Officer), Daiga Ancikovska (Staff Officer), David Daly (Assistant Staff Officer), Linda Fanning (Clerical Officer).

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Area Chairperson, Councillor I. Carey, at the start of the meeting reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

DONABATE FRAMEWORK PLAN

BSB/137/24

Item No. 1: Chief Executive's Recommendation (1) - Strategic Aims and Objectives of Donabate Framework Plan

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy and seconded by Councillor P. Mulville.

"It is recommended that the text of Section 2.3 of the Draft Donabate Framework Plan be amended to read as follows:

These aims are underpinned by a series of strategic objectives which support the sustainable principles set out as follows:

- encourage the creation of a vibrant core town centre area, attractive for both the new and existing local community and visitors to the area.
- develop a framework for providing a high standard of architecture and urban design which will introduce a dynamic/vibrancy to the character and attractiveness of the area.
- encourage sustainable transport with safe and direct routes for pedestrians and cyclists to and from residential areas to the village core, the train station, schools, community centre, Newbridge Demesne, sports clubs and the beaches.
- maximise the potential of the unique natural, cultural, built and coastal heritage of the area.
- be substantially achievable in a ~~15 to 20~~ 10 year time frame."

Following discussion the recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/138/24

Item No. 2: Councillor P. Mulville

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

"That it be clarified in relation Page 9 on the Chief Executive's Report on Submissions and Observations received on the Draft Donabate Framework Plan where it states that "with regard to the provision of indoor spaces, it should be noted that the relocation of the existing library from the existing Community Centre to a new library on the Educate Together Recreational Hub site will provide for additional indoor space for people of all ages in the town.", that the

library is being relocated to the existing Ballisk House, not to the recreational hub site.”

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/139/24

Item No. 3: Councillor P. Mulville

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

“That clear timelines be provided for each of the cycle and walking networks shown on page 6 of the draft Donabate Framework Plan.”

Following discussion the recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/140/24

Item No. 4: Chief Executive’s Recommendation (2) – 5.3.1 ‘Designing Places for People’

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy and seconded by Councillor P. Mulville.

“It is recommended that additional text be added to Section 5.3.1 Designing Places for People on page 17 of the Draft Donabate Framework Plan document:

5.3.1 Designing Places for People

The strategy proposes uses and designs for key spaces in Donabate that are oriented to the varied needs of the people of the town.

The strategy aims to create a pedestrian priority town centre, and to define places where people of all ages can meet, and places to enhance their experience of the town.

Existing spaces are redefined, and new spaces are suggested. It is intended that the spaces can play host to a wide range of one-off and regular events, including incidental play spaces for children, age appropriate spaces for teenagers to enjoy, places for farmers’ markets, garden festivals, cultural festivals, parades and other community gatherings and places that are accessible and inclusive.”

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/141/24

Item No. 5: Chief Executive's Recommendation (3) – 6.1 'Donabate Village Green'

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor A. Henchy.

"It is recommended that Section 6.1 Donabate Village Green, on page 20 of the Draft Plan, additional text be added to the Key Project 1 table as follows:

Key Project 1 – Donabate Village Green

Redefine the edges of the green space with new planting / hedging and trees where appropriate ***while retaining the existing mature trees at the park where possible.***

Provide for a wild meadow area to provide for increased biodiversity in accordance with the principles of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan.

Provide for a small event space with seating to the front of the park facing onto Main Street.

Incorporate new signage / artwork to signal Donabate and potential signage/ interpretation of the town.

Consider the creation of a raised table crossing Main Street to knit the space with the surrounding area.

Consider incorporating utilities to accommodate a market or events.

Consider an interactive water feature ***if appropriate*** as well as new paths, places to sit and play within the space."

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/142/24

Item No. 6: Councillor A. Henchy

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

"Include a new action at Key Project 1 – Donabate Village Green – engage and consult with adjoining residents as part of any detailed design process."

Following discussion the recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/143/24**Item No. 7: Chief Executive's Recommendation (4) – 6.2 'St. Patrick's Square'**

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy and seconded by Councillor P. Mulville.

"It is recommended that additional text is included after the second paragraph in Section

6.2 St. Patrick's Square on page 21 of the Draft Donabate Framework Plan document.

The requirement to protect and provide for the functioning of St. Patrick's Church as an active parish church will form a key consideration for any potential design proposals for this space. In the interests of clarity, any and all works or uses to be carried out on the grounds of St. Patrick's Church shall be subject to agreement with St. Patrick's Parish to ensure the safety and security of both the church grounds and church services."

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/144/24**Item No. 8: Councillor P. Mulville**

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

"That the following be inserted as an additional action point under Key Project 2 – St. Patrick's Square "In relation to the provision of an appropriate name for the proposed new civic amenity space to the front of the church, possible names, to be bilingual, will be discussed and agreed with St. Patrick's Parish."

Following discussion the recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/145/24**Item No. 9: Chief Executive's Recommendation (5) – 6.3 'The Hand Pocket Park'**

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy and seconded by Councillor P. Mulville.

Councillor C. Boland informed the meeting that he had a potential conflict of interest in this matter and withdrew from the meeting.

“It is recommended that additional text be added to the table in Section 6.3 on page 23 of the Draft Plan as follows:

Key Project 3 – the Hand Pocket Park

Improve and expand the existing public space at the Hand to allow for greater use by the community

Set back the boundary to the existing Irish Water pump house to create additional space and consider reducing the carriageway width to adjoining roads.

Provide a new boundary treatment with the pumping station to include railing, planting and bench seating.

Provide additional seating within the space that can also provide an incidental space for play and events.

If appropriate, provide for the erection of a monument at this location to commemorate the local history of Donabate having regard to the requirements for public art set out in the Fingal County Development Plan

Rationalise or relocate the existing wirescape and lampposts where possible while ensuring the area is well lit at night

Incorporate utilities to accommodate pop up food trucks, or small events.

Consider extending the space to the full width of the adjoining streets, by creating a raised table crossing at Beaverstown Road to Ballisk, Main Street, Portrane Road.”

Following discussion the recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/146/24

Item No. 10: Councillor A. Henchy

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

“That the Chief Executive’s Recommendation for Key Project 3 is edited to read: ***If appropriate, provide for, within the first 12 months, the erection of a monument at this location to commemorate the role Donabate played in the creation of an Irish State and do this with all relevant stakeholders, including the Fingal Old IRA Commemorative Society and local history of Donabate having regard to the requirements for public art set out in the Fingal County Development Plan.***”

Following discussion the Motion was **AGREED**.

BSB/147/24

Item No. 11: Chief Executive's Recommendation (5) – 6. 4 'Educate Together Recreational Hub'

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy and seconded by Councillor P. Mulville.

"It is recommended that additional text be added to Section 6.4 Educate Together Recreational Hub on page 24 of the Draft Donabate Framework document:

Key Project 4 – Educate Together Site

Create an **inclusive** multi-functional recreational space to provide for a meeting point, sheltered space / pavilion for performance, ~~playing-pitches~~ **a multi-sport playing surface**, playground, seating.

Ensure the provision of a broad range of age-appropriate play opportunities for older children and teenagers.

Allow for paths to cross the park to match desire lines, and connections from Beaverstown Road, Portrane Road.

Remove existing roundabout and car parking and provide a link road to create pedestrian priority and a continuous pedestrian route to the community centre

Make use of sustainable urban drainage solutions including appropriate planting to address potential surface water issues"

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/148/24

Item No. 12: Councillor P. Mulville

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

"That the following be inserted as an additional action point under "Key Project 4 – Educate Together Site", Page 24: "Support the provision of a safe pedestrian crossing from Glaslinn/ Cobbe Court across the Portrane Road."

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/149/24**Item No. 13: Councillor P. Mulville**

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

“That the following be inserted as an additional action point under “Key Project 5 – Community Centre Public Space”, Page 25: “Support the provision of dished kerbing on the Paddocks side of the path into the Community Centre, to allow buggy and wheelchair access up onto the path.”

Following discussion the recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/150/24**Item No. 14: Councillor A. Henchy**

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

“That the Chief Executive commits to the delivery of youth, arts, culture and heritage spaces within the reclaimed space, which is currently occupied by the library, at the Community Centre.”

Following discussion the recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/151/24**Item No. 15: Councillor A. Henchy**

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

“Over the lifetime of the Framework Plan, that the Chief Executive gives priority to the construction of a large extension to the existing community centre in order to facilitate the growing needs of our youth, arts, culture and heritage groups. The next ten years will see a substantial growth of the population of Donabate and it is essential we plan for and develop a purpose built Multi-Functional arts, cultural, heritage and youth centre for current and future residents of the peninsula. The placing of a youth and cultural building alongside the schools, the existing community centre, which is operating at capacity, and the new library is a logical strategy to develop a community and civic hub at this location.”

Councillor A. Henchy proposed the following Amended Motion, which was seconded by Councillor P. Mulville.

“That within the early stages of the adoption of DFP, the CE commits to undertaking a strategic collaborative and evidence based appraisal of all Community facilities across Donabate/Portrane with a view to facilitating a wholly justified extension / expansion of the existing Donabate Portrane Community Centre in order to accommodate and address the serious deficit in indoor accommodation for the arts, heritage and culture groups and the associated growth in this activity within Donabate/Portrane noting that the population of the area already is in excess of 11,000 and is set to rapidly expand to in excess of 20,000 over the short term within the next decade.”

Following discussion the Amended Motion was **WITHDRAWN**.

Following further discussion the proposed text below by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

“Over the lifetime of the Framework Plan and following the findings of the Community Facilities and Social Infrastructure Audit for the County (as provided for under Objective CIOSO1 of the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029), the Council will consider the construction of a large extension to the existing community centre in order to facilitate the growing needs of our youth, arts, culture and heritage groups.”

BSB/152/24

Item No. 16: Councillor R. O'Donoghue

The Motion in the name of Councillor R. O'Donoghue, was proposed by Councillor R. O'Donoghue and seconded by Councillor P. Mulville.

“That this committee amends the Donabate Framework Plan to include the provision of a Multi functional Arts, Community and Youth Facility and as such recommends that a site be designated in the Ballymastone or surrounding area which is required to cater for a population of 20,000 within the LAP and to note this is council policy and an objective in the Donabate Local Area Plan.”

Councillor R. O'Donoghue proposed the following Amended Motion, which was seconded by Councillor P. Mulville.

"That this committee amends the Donabate Framework Plan to support the provision of a Multi-functional Arts, Community and Youth Facility and as such recommends that a site be designated in the Ballymastone or surrounding area which is required to cater for a population of 20,000 within the LAP and to note this is council policy and an objective in the Donabate Local Area Plan."

Following discussion the Amended Motion was **WITHDRAWN**.

Following further discussion the recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/153/24

Item No. 17: Councillor P. Mulville and Councillor R. O'Donoghue

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Mulville and Councillor R. O'Donoghue, was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor R. O'Donoghue.

"That a new sub-section be added in under "8. Streets and Spaces" as set out below:

8.4 Multi-functional Arts, Community and Youth Facility

There is a clear need to provide for non-sporting and indoor activities in the plan to cater for the significant population increase in the Donabate area. Currently, existing arts and cultural groups are struggling to find spaces to conduct weekly activities and are using facilities not fit for purpose. There are also groups that have ceased activities due to lack of facilities in the area. This is unacceptable and untenable for a rapidly growing town in Fingal.

There are limited youth services on the peninsula and a dearth of activities for non-sporting children. Crosscare Youth Service have been actively looking for suitable premises on the peninsula for six months but cannot find a home. They are already engaging with young people from Donabate who have to travel to Swords to avail of their services. With 31% of Donabate Portrane population under 19 years this is a cause for serious concern. It is our responsibility as a community and FCC's responsibility as our council, to ensure the facilities are there for our young people now and in the future.

This plan aims to encourage the creation of a vibrant core town centre, attractive for both the new and existing local community and visitors to the area. This cannot be achieved if most residents must leave the peninsula for art/culture/

non-sporting youth activities on a weekly basis for themselves and their children. The lack of facilities is forcing locals to travel outside the community to pursue standard interests – e.g. music lessons, exhibitions, youth groups etc.

The lack of options for non-sporting recreational activities – concerts, cinema, shows etc at weekends means that most residents go outside the area for their social activities and recreation. Not only does it make the area less desirable to live in and certainly less vibrant it is also a significant loss to the local economy who could benefit from these activities.

The provision of a Multi-functional Arts, Community and Youth Facility is an objective of the local area plan for lands at Donabate 2016.

Action points:

The Donabate Framework Plan supports the urgent provision of town centre space for Crosscare Youth Service to provide a much needed local youth outreach service.

The Donabate Framework Plan supports the provision of a Multi-functional Arts, Community and Youth Facility and commits to identify a site to provide for this as a matter of priority.”

Following discussion the Chief Executive proposed the following text would be added under 8.4 Multi-functional Arts, Community and Youth Facility:

“The Donabate Framework Plan supports the provision of town centre space for youth services to provide a much needed local youth outreach service.

The Donabate Framework Plan supports the provision of a Multi-functional Arts, Community and Youth Facility for Donabate.”

Following discussion the recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/154/24

Item No. 18: Chief Executive’s Recommendation (7) – 7.2 ‘The Square and Hearse Road’

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy and seconded by Councillor P. Mulville.

“It is recommended that additional text is included in Section 7.2 The Square and Hearse Road on page 28 of the Draft Donabate Framework Plan document:

Connecting Space 2 – The Square and Hearse Rd

New paving and reduced carriageway at the junction between Hearse Road and the entrance to The Square.

Removal of existing traffic signage (subject to road safety considerations) and rationalisation of wirescape

Installation of appropriate street furniture including heritage signage and high quality bollards

Provide for appropriate tree and bed planting

Consider the installation of seating and low level lighting

Address the lack of continuity of footpaths at this location and the associated poor and inappropriate paving materials

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

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Item No. 19: Chief Executive's Recommendation (8) – 7.4 'The Bridge'

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy and seconded by Councillor P. Mulville.

"It is recommended that additional text be added to the table in Section 7.4 The Bridge on page 30 of the Draft Framework Plan:

Connecting Space 4 – The Bridge

Create a more pedestrian friendly environment on and in the approach to the Bridge

Remove railings on both sides of the road at the Bridge

Resurface the junction from the Bridge to the front of Smyth's pub with high quality road paving materials

Provide for additional pedestrian crossings and provide for reductions the carriageway widths where appropriate

Ensure that all improvements will have full regard to any and all requirements relating to pedestrian and road user safety at this location

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/156/24**Item No. 20: Councillor A. Henchy**

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

"That the Chief Executive, in the final Plan, include an action, that within 6 months of its agreement that there is a forum set up and a meeting held, which comprises Fingal County Council, Irish Rail, Town Centre Landowners and the Community Council/Donabate Portrane Liaison Committee, with a view to agreeing a detailed design framework for town centre zoned lands located between the Main Street, the Train Station and Smyths public house and surrounds."

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/157/24**Item No. 21: Chief Executive's Recommendation (9) – 8.3 'Historic Spaces'**

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy and seconded by Councillor P. Mulville.

"It is recommended that additional text is added to Section 8.3 Historic Spaces on page 37 of the Draft Donabate Framework Plan as follows:

The Square and access to the Square from both Hearse Road and Turvey Avenue retains historic elements that need to be valued, protected and maintained, including the historic boundaries, historic structures defining the edges of the spaces and routes, the Square defined grassed area, and stone kerbs.

As stated above, there is currently an important pedestrian connection from Ballisk Lane to the nearby Beverton Estate which is located to the west of the railway line, outside the boundary of the Draft Framework Plan area. However, at present there is currently a gate which restricts pedestrian access via this connection after 10:30pm. In the interests of permeability in the area, scope exists to consider the opening of this access on a 24 hour basis. Any such opening will be carried out by the Council in consultation with residents local stakeholders as appropriate.

It is also recommended that additional text is added to the table at the end of Section 8.3 Historic Spaces (also on page 37 of the Draft Donabate Framework Plan) as follows:

Historic Streets / Spaces – Principles for Improvement

Maintain and restore historic paving and kerbs where they survive.

Retain or reinstate edges, cobbles and grass verges where possible in the Square.

Investigate the repositioning of car parking to the front of St. Patricks Church (COI).

Require the input of a conservation professional with relevant conservation expertise and experience for any works to or in proximity to a protected structure

Consider the opening of the existing pedestrian access to Ballisk Lane from the Beverton Estate on a 24 hour basis"

Following discussion the recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/158/24

Item No. 22: Councillor A. Henchy

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

"That the Chief Executive, in the final plan, include an additional action which looks at permeability and access to the train station from all areas of the Village, in particular access from the Turvey area, and the town centre area."

Following discussion the recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/159/24

A request to take Motions 23, 24, 25 and 26 together was **AGREED**.

BSB/160/24

Item No. 23: Councillor A. Henchy

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

"That there is an additional action for an audit of the existing footpath and cycle network within the Plan boundary and that this is carried out with a view to appointment of a design team to deliver improved and segregated infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists and other vulnerable road users."

Following discussion the recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/161/24**Item No. 24: Councillor A. Henchy**

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

"Prior to any changes to traffic movement around the village, that the Chief Executive carries out a robust and detailed traffic movement study which considers the Village Centre and its surrounds in its totality and all road users, including drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, etc and there is a scientific evidence base for any proposed changes."

Following discussion the recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/162/24**Item No. 25: Councillor A. Henchy**

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

"That the traffic appraisal proposed as an action of the Framework Plan contains an audit of car parking spaces and includes details in relation to the number of spaces, the location of the spaces and whether they are in public or private ownership."

Following discussion the recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/163/24**Item No. 26: Councillor A. Henchy**

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

That the junctions at Scrumdiddley's and Ballisk are assessed in the early stages of the implementation of the Plan with a view to upgrading and improving both these junctions, with an emphasis on making both of these safer.

Following discussion the recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/164/24**Item No. 27: Councillor A. Henchy**

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

“That the Chief Executive, in the final Plan, include an action, for the provision of community CCTV in the town centre.”

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/165/24**Item No. 28: Councillor A. Henchy**

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

“That an action for additional tree planting is included. Additional tree planting is required throughout the Village Centre to encourage biodiversity and ‘green’ our village. This relates to the provision of trees outside of the proposed public realm spaces, a detailed landscaping plan should be developed for the town centre, between the proposed public realm spaces.”

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/166/24**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude at 8.30pm.

BSB/167/24**Item No. 29: Councillor A. Henchy**

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

“That the Chief Executive, in the final Plan, include an action, for the undergrounding of the all utilities and services in the town centre.”

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/168/24**Item No. 30: Councillor P. Mulville**

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

“That the Urban Framework Plan includes the need for more bus shelters and public lighting at bus stops.”

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/169/24**Item No. 31: Councillor A. Henchy**

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

“That the Chief Executive, in the final Plan, include an action, for the provision of a shop front improvement scheme for the town centre, this scheme should provide for detailed design advice for shop and business owners and ensure a consistency of design across the town centre.”

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/170/24**Item No. 32: Councillor A. Henchy**

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

“That the Chief Executive in the early stages of the new Donabate Urban Framework plan provides for at the appropriate locations at the entry points to Donabate and in consultation with the local Tidy Towns well designed and high specification signage welcoming people to Donabate.”

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/171/24**Item No. 33: Councillor A. Henchy**

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

“That the Chief Executive, in the final Plan, include an action, for the provision of a heritage and cultural mapping and signage scheme. Schemes which have been launched in Castleknock and Balbriggan should be considered”

<https://www.fingal.ie/events/heritage-week-castleknock-balbriggan-digital-trails-launch-monday-august-14>

Following discussion the recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/172/24**Item No. 34: Councillor P. Mulville**

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

“That the following be inserted on Page 44 at the end of subsection 10.2 Key Stakeholders:

“There will be close consultation with Disabled Persons Organisations prior to and during implementation of this plan.”

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/173/24**Item No. 35: Chief Executive’s Recommendation (10) – 10.4 ‘Funding Opportunities’**

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor A. Henchy.

“It is recommended that text be deleted from Section 10.4 Funding Opportunities on page 44 of the Draft Donabate Framework Plan document as follows:

10.4 Funding Opportunities

~~Full implementation will require a combination of pro-active approaches including significant private investment, and/or sponsorship.”~~

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/174/24

Item No. 36: Councillor A. Henchy

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

“That the Chief Executive commit to the provision of sufficient funding and resources from European, National and Regional pathways to achieve the aims and actions contained in the Donabate Framework Plan and those contained in the Local Area Plan, with a timeline of deliverable results beginning from the first 12 months.”

Following discussion the recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/175/24

Item No. 37: Chief Executive’s Recommendation(11) – 10.6 ‘Schedule of Actions’

It is recommended that the text “Undertake a Transport Appraisal” in Table 10.6 Schedule of Actions be amended to read “Undertake a Transport Appraisal (including an examination of carriageway, cycleway and footpath quality, safety and accessibility and also including a review of relevant speed limits in the immediate area of the project).”

This Item was **WITHDRAWN**.

BSB/176/24

Item No. 38: Councillor A. Henchy

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

“That the Chief Executive commits to, and convenes within 3 months of the Member's approval of the DFP, an implementation team coordinated by SEO/SP/SE or cognate grade, the purpose of which would be to oversee the ongoing implementation of the DFP. This implementation team shall have a

primary focus of bringing forward, in bundle format, design proposals and implementation timelines for the following:

In the short term, the FCC owned lands within Donabate town centre, namely

- A. The Hand Pocket Park and associated proposals for Public Monument/Sculpture,
- B. The Donabate Village Green and Event Space with seating to the front of the Park facing onto Main Street,
- C. The raised table within road space and pedestrian areas at Donabate Main Street.
- D. The Square/Hearse Road - Public Realm Space,
- E. The Bridge Public Realm Space adjacent to the railway line.

In the medium term, (i) St. Patrick's Church Grounds, (ii) The Donabate/Portrane Community Centre extension/proposals to provide more inclusive/additional community recreational accommodation."

Following discussion the recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/177/24

Item No. 39: Councillor A. Henchy

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

"That the final Plan includes a list of all who submitted an observation at every stage of the process."

Following discussion the recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

BSB/178/24

Item No. 40: Chief Executive's Recommendation (12) – 'Minor and Typographical Errors'

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor A. Henchy.

"It is recommended to make changes where necessary throughout the Draft Framework Plan document to correct any minor factual or typographical errors which may have arisen."

The recommendation by the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

The meeting concluded at 8.21pm.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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MEETING

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ITEM NO. 03

UPDATE ON ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECTS - DONABATE/PORTRANE
- AI093387

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on projects completed in 2023 and what Active Travel projects are planned for Donabate/Portrane in 2024?”

Reply:

- Bike Parking:

The Active Travel unit has continued through 2023 in the installation of bike parking facilities throughout the county including the Donabate /Portrane area. These works will continue throughout 2024 as we received and evaluate requests received and review where the demand continues to grow.

- Protected cycle network:

The Active Travel Unit is currently reviewing the options for a segregated walking and cycleway along the R126 from the end of the Donabate Distributor Road to Seaview Park Portrane. The route is being looked at in the context of re-apportioning of existing road space to allow for safe

access for vulnerable road users. The proposal will be presented to the members once it is finalised later in the year. Subject to environmental screening, we intend to progress through consultation phase in 2024. This will allow us to move to construction phase by 2025, subject to funding and statutory approvals.

- **Permeability and Connectivity:**

The Active Travel Unit is continuing to evaluate permeability and connectivity suggestions in the area which, if feasible, can be provided through future works programme. The team is currently managing the construction of a footpath along the Beaverstown Road in Donabate which will join up with existing footpaths in the area to provide continuity for pedestrians along this section of road.

- **Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement Project**

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure project team have appointed a works contractor, Priority Construction, to deliver this Footpath Enhancement project on Turvey Avenue, in Donabate. As part of this project, a new footpath is currently being built on the northern side of the road where no footpath previously existed. The new footpath will provide a continuous and safe walking route along Turvey Avenue for pedestrians travelling to and from Donabate Village and train station, increasing pedestrian connectivity and improving pedestrian safety. The project also includes drainage improvements, widening of an existing footpath nearby, resurfacing of the road and provision of new line markings, speed ramps and signage. Works are currently progressing on site and are due to be completed summer 2024.

- Donabate Pedestrian Bridge

This project involves the construction of a pedestrian and cycle bridge over the Dublin-Belfast railway line, approximately 200m south of Donabate Railway Station. The provision of a pedestrian and cycle route between Donabate and Newbridge Demesne is an objective of Fingal County Council's Donabate Local Area Plan (LAP) 2016 and is in line with the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. In line with those policy objectives, in 2019 Fingal County Council approved the Part 8 planning permission for this project and the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept has entered into a legal agreement with CIE and Irish Rail in that regard. The bridge will facilitate a safe and segregated cycling and pedestrian route by providing a new link for existing and new residents, connecting developing areas of Corballis East and West with the village and Newbridge Demesne. The project is being led by the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department in partnership with Irish Rail and with grant funding from the National Transport Authority. Construction is expected to commence on this project within the coming months, pending finalisation of third-party licence agreements for access through private lands either side of the bridge.

- Broadmeadow Way Greenway

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department proposes to develop the Broadmeadow Way Greenway, a new greenway (shared footpath and cycleway) between Malahide Demense and Newbridge Demense via the railway causeway along the Malahide Estuary. This proposed greenway would be c. 6km in length and is a long-standing objective of Fingal County Council. It was granted planning permission in 2020 and detailed design, land acquisition and advanced works contracts

are ongoing on this extremely unique and challenging project. The project is being led by the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department in partnership with Irish Rail and with grant funding from the National Transport Authority.

Design options for the northern causeway have been developed using recently acquired ground investigation data from the ground investigation (GI) contract conducted over the summer months. These options will then be workshopped with the NTA and Irish Rail to seek approval to proceed with single preferred design option that meets the project objectives and ensure the safety and integrity of the railway causeway.

Tender competitions are complete for a number of sub-elements of the project. Irish Rail have awarded the following contracts which will allow the construction of the main bridge across the estuary:

- OHLE strengthening works to the foundations of the overhead electrical systems associated with the Dart which must be completed in advance of the bridge and ramp construction awarded to Global Rail Services Ltd. Works on this element are on site at the moment.
- Manufacture and supply of precast concrete units for the 12-span 180m long precast bridge deck units awarded to Shay Murtagh Precast Ltd.
- Main estuary bridge Civil Engineering Contract awarded to Jons Civil Engineering Ltd. These works will commence in May 2024 and the main estuary bridge will be complete by end of September 2024.

The Underwater Archaeology Unit in the Department of Local Government and Heritage have requested that Fingal County Council undertake an underwater archaeology desktop assessment as part of planning and foreshore commitments. A tender competition was for this piece of work was issued to the market and Archaeological Management Solutions were

awarded the contract. The study is due to be completed by the end of March.

Various ecological surveys are being undertaken pre-construction, during construction and post construction.

The Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage has advised that the Minister has approved the granting of the Foreshore Lease, Licence and Consent and the application has now been referred to the Chief State Solicitor's Office for drafting and execution. This is the final step for Foreshore Licence Approval.

Progress on the detailed design phases of the various elements that form this project continue. Works contracts in Donabate, Malahide and the northern and southern causeway will take place in 2024, 2025 and 2026. It is expected that the greenway will be complete in 2026.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

Linda Lally/Nicola Humphreys, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 04

WI-FI- AT NEWBRIDGE HOUSE – AI095066

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

"To ask the Chief Executive, in advance of the busy Spring/Summer season at Newbridge House, Donabate and in preparation for the Flavours of Fingal County Show, if there has been any upgrade or investment in the Wi-Fi infrastructure in and around Newbridge House, given the poor service last year?"

Reply:

Additional connectivity solutions have been procured for the Flavours of Fingal County Show. This includes improved WIFI service and the introduction of a mobile mast to boost the cellular service.

These enhancements will improve WiFi service and provide reliable and high-speed internet access, allowing visitors to stay connected, share their experiences on social media, and access event-related information seamlessly. This is especially valuable in today's digital age where connectivity is integral to the event experience.

The introduction of a temporary mobile mast to boost cellular service is also a significant improvement. It will ensure that traders can maintain consistent mobile network coverage, regardless of the crowd size or location within the event grounds. This is essential for communication, safety, and convenience during the event.

These connectivity solutions demonstrate a commitment to providing a modern and accessible experience for everyone attending the Flavours of Fingal County Show. By investing in technology infrastructure, organisers are creating an environment where visitors can fully engage with the event and make the most of their time there.

Source of Reply: Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 5

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTRE - DONABATE/PORTRANE - AI095070

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any discussions that have taken place with the HSE with a view to the building of a modern Primary Care Centre to meet the current and future needs of the fast growing Donabate/Portrane Communities?"

Reply:

A letter issued to the HSE on the 16th of October 2023 outlining the terms of the motion directly related to the above question which was passed at the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee meeting on the 12th of October 2023. A response was received advising that the correspondence has been referred to the HSE Parliamentary Affairs division. A follow up letter was issued by Corporate Services on the 8th of January 2024 and we await a response. When received a copy will be made available to the Members of this Area Committee.

Source of Reply: Nikki Halleran, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 6

UNFINISHED ROAD AND SURFACING AT COBBES COURT, DONABATE -
AI095075

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

“To ask the Chief Executive to give consideration to investigating the unfinished road and surfacing at Cobbe Court, a new residential estate at the edge of Donabate Village, as this estate has been finished for almost a year and it is essential that it is completed in accordance with the planning permission?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council's building control section have engaged with the developer on a number of issues related to this development, but the issue of road surfacing remains unresolved. This has now been referred on to Fingal County Council's Planning Enforcement section to investigate and take appropriate actions if required.

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



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ITEM NO. 7

HEARSE ROAD NETWORK, DONABATE - AI095077

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration could be given for the Active Travel Department to carry out an inspection of the Hearse Road network from the Kilcrea back gates into Newbridge House and Park and the new Semple Woods housing development where there is currently no footpath along this section of the road, with a view to providing footpaths, given how busy this section is on the approach to Donabate Village?"

Reply:

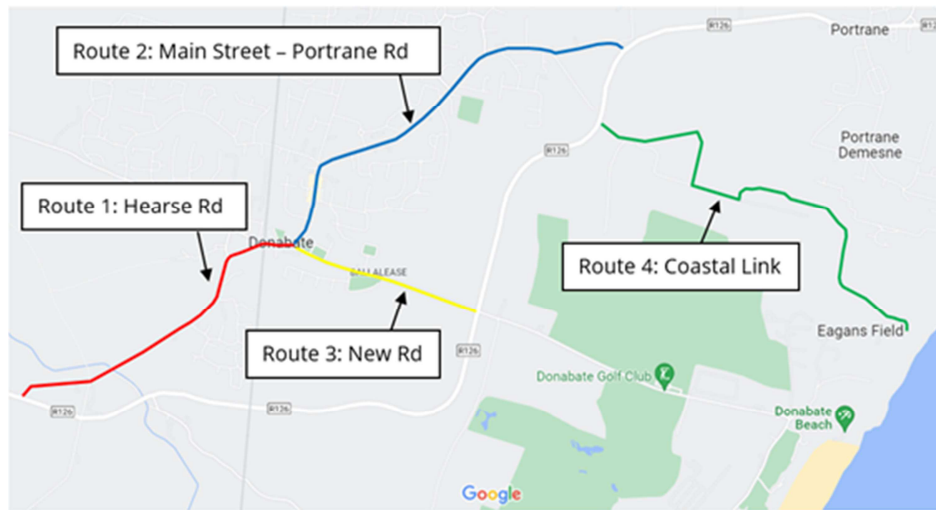
Fingal County Councils Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department intends to provide new, high-quality walking and cycling infrastructure to increase connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists travelling on Hearse Road, Main Street and Portrane Road, New Road (Balcarrick Road), Ballymastone to the coastal area of the Donabate peninsula, as shown on the map, below. The cliff walk will also be

upgraded to a high-quality walking and cycling link from Tower Bay carpark, Portrane to the carpark at the Shoreline Hotel, Donabate

The NTA funding allocation for 2024 will be used to progress these projects through the early stages of development, such as feasibility and options selection phases.

Similar planning, design and environmental work will be carried out for two other road schemes located nearby, namely, the Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade and a large-scale road improvement scheme of Hearse Road between the Lissenhall Interchange and the start of the Donabate Distributor Road. All schemes are being progressed through initial project phases which typically take several years from start to finish.

A Fingal County Council project team is in place and Roughan O'Donovan Engineering Consultants have been appointed to assist Fingal County Council with initial phases such as feasibility and options selection phases of the project. These initial phases of the project include local consultation, various surveys and engineering assessments. Data-gathering, traffic modelling and concept development is underway with further stages of option assessment and preliminary design work to follow on during 2024. Subsequent years will see work progress on environmental assessment and statutory processes such as planning consent and land acquisition, if required. Subject to planning consent, funding approval, etc., construction is targeted for 2026.



Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, A/Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 8

PHASE 2 DONABATE DISTRIBUTOR ROAD PROJECT - AI095079

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project to improve access to Donabate and Portrane from the M1-Lissenhall Interchange for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists?"

Reply:

It is an objective of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 to upgrade the Hearse Road between the Lissenhall Interchange and the start of the existing Donabate Distributor Road considering all modes of transport. Accordingly, there is funding allocated within the Fingal Capital Programme 2024-2026 for the Donabate Distributor Road Phase 2 Upgrade which will run from the Lissenhall Interchange to the start of the existing Donabate Distributor Road.

A Fingal County Council project team is in place and Roughan O'Donovan Engineering Consultants have been appointed to assist Fingal County Council with initial phases such as feasibility and options selection phases of the project. These initial phases of the project include local consultation, various surveys and engineering assessments. Data-gathering, traffic modelling and concept development is underway with further stages of option assessment and preliminary design work to follow on during 2024. Subsequent years will see work progress on environmental assessment and statutory processes such as planning consent and land acquisition, if required. Subject to planning consent, funding approval, etc., construction is targeted for 2026.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, A/Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 9

UPDATE ON COASTAL PROTECTION WORKS IN THIS LEA – AI095082

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update and projected timelines for the planning applications for coastal protection works for The Burrow Peninsula and Rush South Beach, to address problems relating to coastal change in the Outer Rogerstown Estuary, having regard to the recent introduction of new planning requirements to approval for marine based projects?”

Reply:

The Council is awaiting the results of a Maritime Area Consent (MAC) from the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA). This application has been made in the first instance in relation to the proposed coastal protection works planned at The Burrow, Portrane. A Maritime Area Consent (MAC) provides a gateway into the planning system and confers a right on the applicant to occupy a part of the maritime area, conditional on securing other necessary approvals which in this case would involve Bord Pleanála approval of the planned works. If a MAC is approved, the Council will proceed to apply for statutory planning approval for the planned

coastal protection works. As the requirement for a MAC is relatively new, it is difficult to confidently predict how soon a result can be expected and how this process will impact the further timelines for the project.

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

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ITEM NO. 10

AFFORDABLE PURCHASE HOUSING SCHEMES IN THIS LEA- AI094488

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the current and future plans for further Affordable Purchase Housing Schemes across the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area?”

Reply:

The Council will be launching the portal for affordable sales of 21 new homes in Balleally Rise, Lusk on Tuesday, 12th March at 12 noon. There are plans for the launch of affordable sales of 86 new homes in Balmoston, Donabate (Phase 1), 16 new homes at various locations in North County and a further 96 new homes in Aster Park, Rush before the end of May. The website page - <https://www.fingal.ie/AffordableHousing> - will be kept up to date on all schemes and when they will become available.

Source of Reply: Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer, Housing Delivery

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ITEM NO. 11

TAKING IN CHARGE - RACECOURSE GREEN, LUSK - AI094639

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Taking in Charge of Racecourse Green, Lusk, in particular the green spaces which are not currently being properly maintained and whether consideration is being given to provide a playground for children in the estate?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council's building control section are currently in the process of reviewing documentation and will also carry out inspections of the estate in the coming weeks. It is hoped to put this estate forward for taking in charge by Q3 2024. The building control section can only take in charge what has been granted as part of the planning permission for the development.

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

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ITEM NO. 12

LOCAL SWIMMING POOL FACILITIES - NORTH COUNTY -
AI094686

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive, following the previous pilot trial of the hugely popular pop-up Pool at the Donabate/Portrane Community Centre and the strong demand for swimming pool facilities to be provided across the North County on a permanent basis, if the sports and recreational facilities audit will give consideration to this and the timeframe for same?”

Reply:

The results of the Sports and Recreational facilities audit, which will be completed shortly and will be presented to the area committees in Q2 2024.

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.

This audit is 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.

Source of Reply:

Gerard Reardon, Principal Sports Officer, Sports Department

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ITEM NO. 13

GENERAL LANDSCAPING - THE PADDOCKS, DONABATE - AI094951

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive, further to representation R24\33329, for a comprehensive response to issues raised by the Paddocks Residents Association, Portrane Road, Donabate in relation to general landscaping (see attached)?”

Reply:

The builder of the Paddocks estate is currently on site and is progressing with the outstanding works in relation to roads and services.

The Building Control Section is liaising with the developer in relation to the underground services - the location and depth of which are directly impacting on the open space levels and tree planting in this estate. The developer has committed to lowering the level of existing man-holes and the open space itself and the path from the Paddocks estate to the Community Centre has been installed based on the instructions of developer's engineer taking into consideration safe crossing of the road at this location.

Source of Reply Gemma Carr, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

General Landscaping:

As discussed on site, the developer Aljaco LTD has made numerous planning applications and amended applications associated with the Paddocks lands. As a result, a number of site plan and landscape plan variations exist. As far as we are aware no full and final landscape plan for the entirety of the paddocks development to its current as build and permitted layout has ever been submitted to FCC.

As per ABP decision to grant (ref: ABP-302365-18, FCC ref: F18A/0302) condition 4, 'The site shall be landscaped in accordance with a comprehensive scheme of landscaping, details of which shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development.' From speaking with the parks team, it is evident Aljaco LTD did not submit an amended site plan for approval to FCC prior to commencing development and have not been engaging with the FCC parks team to ensure conditional compliance is or has been achieved.

As discussed on site and as agreed by FCC parks team, the level and quality of landscaping installed in the paddocks falls far short of the standard expected from FCC and below the standards we the residents were informed we were getting when purchasing our homes. FCC have said they will draft an updated landscape plan (in consultation with the RA for the Paddocks) to put forward to the developer. FCC suggested a draft of this would be available ahead of a proposed teams meeting on the week starting December 4th.

See below list of items of agreed items to be included on FCC landscape plan.

- Additional tree planting in amenity area or private gardens (At developers' expense)

- Planted screening to amenity area number one, to screen the amenity area from the new development behind.
- Amenity area number 2 in the centre of the estate which is currently vaulted, was shown as flat on landscape sections we want this flattened, this is an ideal green area for children to play with excellent sight line and passive security. The developer maintains that this area is vaulted due to the invert levels of a drain to the back of the amenity area, this is not true. We request trees be planted at either end of this amenity area to provide wind screening and to improve the green factor of the development.
- FCC are to investigate service runs under each green area outside homes, the developer said no trees were planted in this area due to services, if this statement turns out to be factual, we request FCC insist on either tree pits being retrofitted or shrub planting be installed.
- Existing trees next to amenity area number one have not been surveyed, we request they are surveyed as part of the TIC handover.

Kind regards,

The Paddocks Residents Association

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ITEM NO. 14

UPDATE ON FOOTPATH AT COBBE COURT - DONABATE - AI094959

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive, further to Question 22, January Area B meeting, for an update on the provision of the section of footpath at Cobbe Court along the Portrane Road, as per planning permission granted (F17A/0274), and whether there is any further progress being made on this by Tuath Housing and the Developer and if not, the reason for the delay?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council’s building control section have engaged with the developer on a number of issues related to this development but the issue regarding the footpath remains unresolved. This has now been referred on to Fingal County Council’s Planning Enforcement section to investigate and take appropriate actions if required.

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

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ITEM NO. 15

UPDATE ON COBBE COURT STREET LIGHTING- AI094960

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive, further to Question 25, January Area B meeting, to provide an update and the reason why the street lighting in Cobbe Court, Portrane Road, Donabate, is still not working and if this matter can be raised again with Tuath Housing with a view to having this issue addressed as a matter of urgency?”

Reply:

Tuath Housing have confirmed a contract was signed with the provider for street lighting on 5th December 2023 and all documentation is currently with the ESB. The ESB have yet to confirm a connection date. Tuath Housing property services team are progressing matters with the ESB to have sight of a connection date.

Source of Reply: Marina Rennicks, Administrative Officer, Housing Delivery

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ITEM NO. 16

ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTERING - DONABATE - AI094976

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to urgently remove the persistent illegal dumping and littering at (details supplied), Donabate and if measures can be taken to prevent this reoccurring, CCTV should be considered here as per the new regulations?”

Details: Barnewall estate, Beaverstown Road, Donabate – along the fence and over the fence into the woodland area

Reply:

The litter warden has investigated the illegal dumping and littering at this site and has advised that the area is not easily accessible. We are linking in with the relevant departments to determine the most appropriate course of action to resolve this issue and will follow up with a report.

The Council is now examining the CCTV Codes of Practices to determine the actions necessary for the use of CCTV in detecting offences under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 and the Waste Management Act 1996 and all requests for CCTV will be considered for suitability and feasibility.

Source of Reply:

Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department

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ITEM NO. 17

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT - MAIN STREET, RUSH - AI094493

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise of any contact that has been made regarding the proposed commercial development on Main Street, Rush and the Council?”

Reply:

No Commencement notice has been received and no contacts have taken place regarding the proposed commercial development.

Source of Reply: Seamus Martin, Administrative Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 18

**PLANNING PERMISSION F21A/0455 UPPER MAIN STREET, RUSH -
AI095071**

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed report on the current status of planning permission F21A/0455 upper Main Street, Rush to include details of the following items, last engagement with the Council regarding commencement of development, the value and number of outstanding vacant and derelict site levies against the site and the implication of the new RTZ Tax on the site along with the percentage of the site that will be included in the new RTZ Tax?"

Reply:

Planning permission was granted as per Ref. Ref. F21A/0455 for development which consists of a commercial development of 2,561 sqm that will include demolition of the properties at nos. 10 (rear part only), 12, 14a, and 16 Upper Main Street and the construction of the following elements:

- Block 1 (2,808 sqm) to include single storey supermarket (discount food store - unit 1) measuring 1,808 sqm gross (1,314 sqm net trading area) including a subsidiary licensed area which will be used for the display and sale of intoxicating liquor, including wines, beers and spirits for consumption off the premises; as well as 2 no. single sided internally illuminated signs (total 6.9 sqm) mounted on the north (5.1 sqm) and west (1.8 sqm) elevation on the anchor.
- Block 2 (672 sqm) to include raising ridge height of nos. 18 and 20 Upper Main Street and change of use of the 2 no. two storey residential dwellings with new and internal modifications to create a new commercial block with two storey extension to rear to create 4 no. commercial units including of (unit 2 (111 sqm) at first floor level restaurant and signs (2.5 sqm) with (113 sqm) circulation, ancillary and restaurant terrace unit 3 (247 sqm) new post office retail unit of (124 sqm) at ground level with signage at ground floor (5.0 sqm), and first floor level office use of (123 sqm) unit 4 (96 sqm) retail and signs (5.0 sqm) and unit 5 (95 sqm), plus ancillary space.
- Change of use, repair of the single storey thatched cottage (34 sqm) with a previously approved extension (25 sqm) at 14 Upper Main Street (which is a protected structure) to a public exhibition hall (59 sqm). The development will also consist of an ESB substation (22 sqm) and car parking for 133 cars and 26 no. bicycle spaces all at surface level; 1 no. 4.1 m high double sided projecting internally illuminated sign (5.1 sqm) at the entrance off Upper Main Street; as well as all other associated signage, landscaping, including new public plaza to Upper Main Street, and site development works. Vehicular and pedestrian access to the commercial development is off Upper

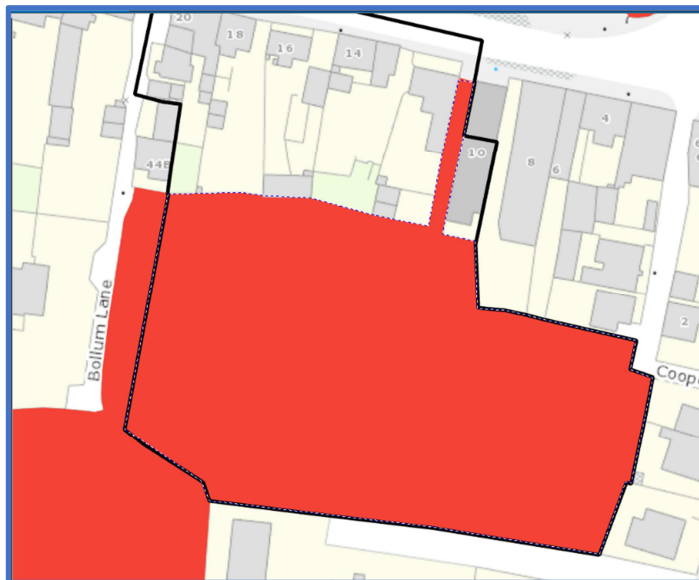
Main Street with secondary pedestrian accesses off Bollum Lane and Cooper's Bank.

The final grant of permission issued on 11th November 2022. No commencement notice has been received to date.

At present, no derelict sites levy has been charged on the properties at Upper Main Street Rush. The site in question is on the Derelict Sites Register and this file is being progressed under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990.

No. 12 Upper Main Street Rush is on the Vacant Sites Register (VS/0128). This site was placed on the VSR on the 29/09/2021. The market valuation is currently under appeal with the Valuation Tribunal. As such, there has been no demand for payment issued in accordance with Section 13 (8) of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 (as amended). The site was valued at €350,000. If this valuation remains unchanged the levy that will be due on the site is €24,500 per year from 2022. (7% of the market value).

The RZLT FCC Annual Draft Map for 2025 (February 2024) is provided below. The lands to the rear (south) of the subject buildings are on the RZLT Draft Map. Based on the site boundary indicated in F21A/0455, 0.61 hectares of the lands are on the RZLT Draft Map. All information relating to the RZLT and making a submission on same is at <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/residential-zoned-land-tax-annual-draft-map>



Source of Reply:
Róisín Burke, Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 19

PUBLIC LIGHTS WORKS - LUSK GRAVEYARD - AI095073

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to have the public lighting at the Round Tower and beside the graveyard in Lusk repaired and brought back into action?”

Reply:

The Pole lighting has been repaired. The Spotlights used for illuminations are only used as part of an event such as St Patricks Day etc.

Source of Reply:
Paul Barnes, Events Manager

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ITEM NO. 20

CONTACT OR APPLICATION RECEIVED TO PURCHASE THE COUNCIL
17 SQM OWNED LAND, RUSH – AI095083

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise on any contact or application received to purchase the Council’s 17 sqm owned land between Brookfield Estate and Golden Ridge Estate, 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 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. 21

FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING AN ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTE
THROUGH FARREN'S LANE, RUSH - AI095091

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examine and report on the feasibility of providing an Active Travel route from the Main Street in Rush to eventually allow access into Kenure Park, Rush?”

Reply:

The Active Travel Unit have included this proposal on our Permeability and Connectivity Tracker which assesses the feasibility of the proposal through a multi criteria analysis. The team will liaise with the Planning Strategic and Parks section to establish if this link can be developed into Kenure Park as part of the ongoing development in that area.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 22

ELECTRIC CAR CHARGERS - SWORDS - AI094496

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide information on the policy regarding electric car chargers on the kerb for households in Swords that do not have a driveway?”

Reply:

The Fingal County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 supports the provision of electric vehicle charging points Policy CAP27 and Objective EEO30 refers.

Furthermore, Development Plan standards require that all multi-unit residential developments shall incorporate EV charging points at 20% of the proposed parking spaces and appropriate infrastructure (e.g. ducting) to allow for future fit out of a charging point at all parking spaces. All other parking spaces, including in residential developments, should be constructed to be capable of accommodating future charging points as required.

This is a requirement for all new housing developments that are assessed by the Planning Authority to ensure that the underground ducting is in place for both designated and undesignated spaces.

There are exempted development provisions for Electric Vehicle Charging Points under the Regulations in Statutory Instrument no. 115 of 2021, which exempts specified EV charging infrastructure for both 'off-street' and 'on-street' provisions from the requirement to obtain planning permission subject to specified conditions and limitations. These limitations protect the public road and footpath from haphazard works that could constitute a traffic hazard. If these conditions and limitations are not met, then an application for planning permission is required. If a complaint in relation to the installation of EV infrastructure is received, then planning enforcement will investigate.

The four Dublin Local Authorities have completed a strategic strategy on the provision of EV infrastructure. This has allowed us to examine how the four Councils can best facilitate the provision of electric vehicle-charging infrastructure across the Dublin region and the scale of investment required.

The 4 Dublin authorities are currently engaged with key stakeholders regarding the recommendations in the strategy and the roll out of EV infrastructure which will include neighbourhood (bollard/public lighting) and destination chargers in towns and villages across Fingal.

It is anticipated that the roll out of the infrastructure for destination chargers and neighbourhood chargers will commence however the timing and exact location of these chargers needs to be identified in consultation with EBS networks.

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

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ITEM NO. 23

**PLANNING PERMISSION FOR ELECTRIC CAR CHARGERS - SWORDS -
AI094496A**

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the proper procedure for applying for planning permission for electric car chargers in Swords?”

Reply:

The Fingal County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 supports the provision of electric vehicle charging points Policy CAP27 and Objective EEO30 refers.

Furthermore, Development Plan standards require that all multi-unit residential developments shall incorporate EV charging points at 20% of the proposed parking spaces and appropriate infrastructure (e.g. ducting) to allow for future fit out of a charging point at all parking spaces. All other parking spaces, including in residential developments, should be constructed to be capable of accommodating future charging points as required.

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

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ITEM NO. 24

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ELECTRIC CAR CHARGERS - SWORDS -
AI094496B

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to clarify if it is the position of planning enforcement that electric car chargers cannot be installed in Swords?”

Reply:

Planning enforcement investigations in relation to electric car chargers are dealt with on a case by case basis, taking into account the relevant categories of exempted development as set out in Planning Legislation.

Source of Reply:

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 25

TAKING OWNERSHIP OF COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS IN THIS LEA- AI094499

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Compulsory Purchase Orders in this Local Electoral Area and an indicative date when the Council could potentially take ownership?”

Reply:

There are currently 8 no. active Compulsory Purchase Orders with a total of 61 no. active plots, or properties in the case of Housing CPO's, within each of the CPO's set out below in the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Local Electoral Area:

Donabate Distributor Road	9 Plots
Park Road, Rush	6 Plots
Broadmeadow Way	5 Plots
Bremore Castle, Balbriggan	2 Properties
Portrane Road Footpath	30 Plots
Turvey Avenue, Donabate	7 Plots
Orlynn Park, Lusk	1 Property
Barnwall Court, Balbriggan	1 Property

The plots within the above-listed CPO's are at various stages of the CPO process. It is not possible to provide an indicative timeframe for completion of each of the CPO's as there are a number of factors affecting completion of various plots ranging from legal to financial compensation to the personal circumstances of the owners of the land on whom the CPO was served. The Council endeavours to progress the completion of all plots within CPO's at the earliest opportunity. All other CPO's in the area have been completed and the Council is in possession of the relevant plots/properties.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 26

PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA FOR THE DONABATE AND RUSH COASTAL PROTECTION SCHEME - AI095088

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the reasons for the delay in submitting the Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála for the Donabate and Rush Coastal Protection Scheme as the households immediately affected by the effects of erosion are becoming totally disillusioned as the ongoing delay is putting the prospect of Government Funding further down the line given the effect of global warming across the County?"

Reply:

The Council is awaiting the results of a Maritime Area Consent (MAC) from the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA). this application has been made in the first instance in relation to the proposed coastal protection works planned at The Burrow, Portrane. A Maritime Area Consent (MAC) provides a gateway into the planning system and confers a right on the applicant to occupy a part of the maritime area, conditional on securing other necessary approvals which in this case would involve Bord Pleanála approval of the planned works. If a MAC is approved

the Council will proceed to apply for statutory planning approval for the planned coastal protection works.

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

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ITEM NO. 27

TAKING IN CHARGE - RATHBEALE GROVE, SWORDS - AI095102

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Taking in Charge of Rathbeale Grove, Swords?"

Reply:

The Property Services Section is awaiting receipt of title of ownership from the developer of Rathbeale Grove in order for this open space to be formally taken in charge by the Council.

Source of Reply:
Gemma Carr, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

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ITEM NO. 28

TAKING IN CHARGE - LAND AT ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK, SWORDS -
AI095104

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Taking in Charge of the plot of land attached to the Archaeological Park, between Rathbeale Road and Glen Ellan Road in Swords?"

Reply:

The Property Services Section is currently engaging with the land-owner's solicitor in order to acquire this piece of land.

Source of Reply:

Gemma Carr, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

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ITEM NO. 29

SWIMMING POOL FEASIBILITY STUDY - CASTLELANDS,
BALBRIGGAN - AI094915

Question: Councillor T. O'Leary

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Feasibility Study for a Swimming pool at Castlelands, Balbriggan, detailing if the consultants have been appointed to carry out the agreed and funded feasibility study, who are the Consultants and when will they report back to the Council?"

Reply:

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.

The council have recently commenced the process to procure of consultant who will be responsible for the design and project management of the project.

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.

Source of Reply:

Gerard Reardon, Principal Sports Officer, Sports Department

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ITEM NO. 30

UPDATE ON PATHS LOUGHSHINNY SCOPING COSTING -
AI094931

Question: Councillor T. O'Leary

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on progress on the scoping and costing referred to in Motions AI092296 and AI092520, which were recently passed, requesting scoping and costing of two separate paths at Loughshinny, for inclusion in the next Capital Budget?"

Reply:

Active travel infrastructure is being delivered and supported by the Active Travel unit (in Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel dept), the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept and the Operations dept. More specifically, the Active Travel team is currently delivering a full programme of works in north County Dublin, funded & resourced by the National Transport Authority which is focused as much as possible on rapid-build projects and the reallocation of existing road space to active travel means.

This proposal in Loughshinny does not form part of the current Active Travel works programme which was announced in February 2024. Additional infrastructure proposals beyond our current works programme are considered for feasibility, benefits, alignment with FCC strategic policy,

funding and the appropriate team to deliver. As such the paths at Loughshinny, aswell as other projects, will be considered by the Active Travel unit multi-criteria analysis for inclusion in this or other department's future works programmes.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 31

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR SWIMMING POOL AT CASTLELANDS,
BALBRIGGAN - AI094919

Question: Councillor R. O'Donoghue

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress of the proposed feasibility study for the provision of a swimming pool at the Castlelands site in Balbriggan and can clarity be given to whether the feasibility study, while included in the capital spending plan, will not commence until the results of the Sports and Recreational facilities audit are complete in Q2 of 2024?”

Reply:

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.

The council have recently commenced the process to procure of consultant who will be responsible for the design and project management of the project.

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.

Source of Reply:

Gerard Reardon, Principal Sports Officer, Sports Department

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ITEM NO. 32

TAKING IN CHARGE - KNIGHTSGATE ESTATE, RUSH - AI094945

Question: Councillor R. O'Donoghue

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Taking in Charge of the Knightsgate Estate in Rush and to clarify if the estate cannot be Taken in Charge until the condition regarding the provision of the childcare facility is fulfilled?"

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

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ITEM NO. 33

LUSK SPORTS HUB, RATHMORE PARK, LUSK - PLANNING APPLICATION
UPDATE - AI094946

Question: Councillor R. O'Donoghue

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update and timeline for making the application to An Bord Pleanála for sporting facilities at Lusk Sports Hub at Rathmore Park, Lusk?”

Reply:

A Planning Application for the development of the Rathmore Park Recreational Hub in Lusk will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála in the coming weeks.

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

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ITEM NO. 34

MULTI PURPOSE ARTS, COMMUNITY AND YOUTH CENTRE IN
BALLYMASTONE AREA, DONABATE – AI094996

Question: Councillor R. O'Donoghue

"To ask the Chief Executive, further to the recent meeting with representatives from the Donabate Community Group Crossroads, regarding the provision of a site for a Multi-Purpose Arts, Community and Youth Centre in the Ballymastone Area which is Council Policy since 2019 and an objective in the Donabate LAP, will a site be identified for this project which will be required to cater for an increase in population to 20,000 before the next meeting with the group and before all the suitable land is built upon or planning permission granted?"

Reply:

The Council met with representatives of the Donabate Portrane Crossroads Committee in January 2024 to discuss the Group's request for a site for a Multi-Purpose Arts, Community and Youth Centre and the Group's vision for the future.

The Council advised the Group that data would be required on the needs and requirements of the groups which were referenced in the Group's presentation

before potential sites could be identified for consideration. The Group advised that they were in the process of collecting data and that they would then prepare a business case for the Council's consideration.

The Group is to contact the Council when this exercise is complete to arrange a further meeting.

It should be noted that the development of Ballisk House will provide for the relocation of Donabate Library from the Donabate Portrane Community and Leisure Centre and will release valuable space within the community centre. It is intended that this space will then be available for community use, by multiple groups of all types including groups in the arts and other disciplines and will function as a multipurpose community space available to community groups catering for all ages. The Community Development Office is working with the Board of Management of the Centre to progress this in a manner that ensures best use of this part of the building in due course. The Arts Office will input into any potential use of the space for the Arts.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

Naomi Weir, Senior Executive Officer, Community Development

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ITEM NO. 35

F21A/0455 - UPDATE ON RUSH MAIN STREET DEVELOPMENT - AI095022

Question: Councillor R. O'Donoghue

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the progress in getting the Developer of Planning permission F21A/0455 on site, the application was granted on the 12th of September 2022 and what communications have there been with the developer regarding the commencement of building of the development?"

Reply:

No Commencement notice has been received and no contacts have taken place regarding the proposed commercial development.

Source of Reply: Seamus Martin, Administrative Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 36

TAKING IN CHARGE - RACECOURSE GREEN, LUSK - AI095060

Question: Councillor R. O'Donoghue

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Taking in Charge of Racecourse Green in Lusk?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council's building control section are currently in the process of reviewing documentation and will also carry out inspections of the estate in the coming weeks. It is hoped to put this estate forward for taking in charge by Q3 2024.

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

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ITEM NO. 37

PLAYGROUND, STATION ROAD DEVELOPMENT, LUSK - AI095061

Question: Councillor R. O'Donoghue

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline and an update on the Taking in Charge/opening of the playground in the new Station Road development near Lidl in Lusk?"

Reply:

The Council has recently received Deed of Dedication documentation for this site and our Property Services Section are working to have the legal taking in charge process concluded as soon as possible.

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

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ITEM NO. 38

UPDATE ON LOUGHSHINNY PATHS – BALDUNGAN TO
LOUGHSHINNY CROSS - AI094954

Question: Councillor K. Power

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Motion AI092296 which was unanimously passed at a recent Area Committee Meeting?"

Reply:

Active travel infrastructure is being delivered and supported by the Active Travel unit (in Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel dept), the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept and the Operations dept. More specifically, the Active Travel team is currently delivering a full programme of works in north County Dublin, funded & resourced by the National Transport Authority which is focused as much as possible on rapid-build projects and the reallocation of existing road space to active travel means.

This proposal in Loughshinny does not form part of the current Active Travel works programme which was announced in February 2024. Additional infrastructure proposals beyond our current works programme are considered for feasibility, benefits, alignment with FCC strategic policy, funding and the appropriate team to deliver. As such the paths at Loughshinny, as well as other projects, will be considered by the Active

Travel unit multi-criteria analysis for inclusion in this or other department's future works programmes.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 39

UPDATE ON LOUGHSHINNY PATHS – SKERRIES AND
LOUGHSHINNY - AI094955

Question: Councillor K. Power

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Motion AI092520 which was unanimously passed at a recent Area Committee Meeting?"

Reply:

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Source of Reply:

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ITEM NO. 40

UPDATE ON CASTLELANDS SWIMMING POOL SITE,
BALBRIGGAN - AI094978

Question: Councillor K. Power

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an updated report on the feasibility study works on the potential swimming pool site in Castlelands, Balbriggan?"

Reply:

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.

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The council have recently commenced the process to procure of consultant who will be responsible for the design and project management of the project.

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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.

Source of Reply:

Gerard Reardon, Principal Sports Officer, Sports Department

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ITEM NO. 41

UPDATE ON ST. COLUMCILLE'S DRIVE, SWORDS - AI094988

Question: Councillor D. Butler

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on what properties are owned by the Council on St. Columcille's Drive and what development plans the Council have for the properties on this road (considering the neighbouring apartment works taking place on Seatown Road)?”

Reply:

The Council own one property on St. Colmcille's Drive which is tenanted. There are no development plans for properties on this road.

Source of Reply: Aoife Lawler, SEO, Housing

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ITEM NO. 42

CI ZONED LAND DEVELOPMENT, BALLISK - AI095002

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on discussions, if any, with the owner of the CI zoned land in Ballisk, Donabate (adjacent to Educate Together National School) regarding development at this location and if it is intended to provide independent living accommodation for senior citizens on this site?"

Reply:

The land in question is not subject to any live planning permission. There are no current pre planning discussions underway between the site owner and the Council.

Source of Reply: Deirdre Fallon, A/Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 43

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AT
CASTLELANDS, BALBRIGGAN - AI095004

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the unacceptable delay in getting the Feasibility Study underway for a public swimming pool at Castlelands, Balbriggan, which has been budgeted for?"

Reply:

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.

The council have recently commenced the process to procure of consultant who will be responsible for the design and project management of the project.

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.

Source of Reply:

Gerard Reardon, Principal Sports Officer, Sports Department

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ITEM NO. 44

**PREPARATION FOR REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF ST. PETER'S
CHURCH IN BALROTHERY - AI095005**

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration could be given to arrange for the preparation of repair and maintenance programme for the historic St. Peter's Church in Balrothery?"

Reply:

Representatives from the Council's Architects Department visited the site in September 2023 to review the building condition.

Issues requiring repair were identified particularly damp ingress, resulting in loose internal plaster was noted at the northwest corner. Remedial works including repair to internal plasterwork, decayed external harl finish and to open joints to the stone façade, replacement of damaged downpipe and re-bedding of dislodged stone barge capping are proposed to address the immediate maintenance issues. The tender package is now in development to carry out these maintenance and repairs to the property.

The Council is working to identify an appropriate funding stream for the project.
Once funding has been identified the project will then proceed to tender stage.

Source of Reply:
Pat Boyle, Architects Department

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ITEM NO. 45

SMALL BUSINESS TRADING BALBRIGGAN LEA – AI095012

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the key steps being taken to support small businesses in the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area in their efforts to keep trading successfully in a difficult trading environment?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council is committed to the sustainable economic growth of Fingal and promoting the economic viability of our towns and villages. The Council adopted an Economic Development Strategy 'Future Fingal' for the county in February, which sets out objectives to support the local economy to 2040. The Strategy has an objective to support vibrant places and through collaboration to implement targeted solutions to boost economic activity. There are also objectives in the Strategy to grow and attract business, to support enterprises of all sizes to locate in Fingal and to help businesses grow and thrive in an environment which promotes engagement and collaboration.

As part of the Economic Development Strategy the Council is also preparing a county wide Marketing Plan to promote Fingal as a business location and to encourage business to engage with the Council when locating and developing their business in

Fingal. The Council has engaged with Fingal Chamber and the Balbriggan Chamber, among others, for their input into the Council's Marketing Plan.

Under the Economic Development Strategy an Economic Forum will be established to foster communication and collaboration between key economic stakeholders and the Council. It is envisaged that the Economic Forum will consider the opportunities and challenges facing the business community in Fingal and collaborate to deliver suitable supports in the county to stimulate economic activity in the local economy.

The Local Enterprise Office provides a comprehensive first-stop-shop service to entrepreneurs and small businesses, including business mentoring and advice on starting and growing a small business, financial supports and providing training and networking opportunities. Entrepreneurs and small businesses are encouraged to engage with Fingal LEO to access a wide range of supports to assist them to develop and implement their business concepts.

The 'Look for Local' and 'Shop Fingal' campaigns have encouraged consumers to look local when shopping for products, services and experiences and aimed to raise awareness of the benefits of spending in your local area. These campaigns supported business on reopening after the Covid-19 pandemic and consideration will be given to further campaigns to encourage citizens to shop locally.

The Economic Development Strategy's objectives also build on and complement the high-level objectives and related actions set out in the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan for the Local Economy Pillar which include Enterprise, Industry, Accessibility & Connectivity. The public realm projects under the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan aim to improve the quality of the public realm, encourage resident and visitor dwell times and stimulate private investment in Balbriggan town.

The Council has run a number of Shopfront Improvement and Streetscape Enhancement measures over the last 3 years and there has been strong engagement with businesses in the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area to draw down funding to improve

their business premises and create a stimulus for local tradespeople to deliver the improvements. Other such targeted schemes will continue to be offered by the Town Regeneration Office in the future.

The BEAT Centre in Balbriggan offers 22,000 square feet of space at highly competitive rates for start-ups, entrepreneurs and developing enterprises with individual office, work-space, light industrial units, remote-working space and meeting and training rooms available to business along with a range of services including networking opportunities and links to Fingal LEO.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development
Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development
Oisin Geoghegan, Head of Enterprise, Local Enterprise Office.

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ITEM NO. 46

**TAKING IN CHARGE - BALROTHERY COURT ESTATE, BALBRIGGAN -
AI095018**

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange the completion of the process of having the green space in the Balrothery Court Estate Taken in Charge as the roads in the estate have already been Taken in Charge?”

Reply:

The onus is on the developer of a residential development to request for the open space area to be taken in charge by the Council. The developer of Balrothery Court has not yet contacted the Council to have this land taken in charge.

Source of Reply:

Gemma Carr, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

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ITEM NO. 47

ROAD SAFETY MEASURES, SKERRIES - AI095021

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive if any progress has been made in relation to the request made at the recent (08/02/24) Deputations meeting to bring together the Twinlite Developer, Uisce Eireann, the Planning Department and local representatives in an attempt to expedite the outstanding road safety measures at Shenick Road/Miller's Lane/Sherlock Terrace/Downside Heights and Ballygossan danger points?"

Reply:

P&SI Transport Planning requested Twinlite and the LDA to meet with Council officials & Councillors to discuss the delivery of the required infrastructure as per planning permission F20A/0324, following on from the Deputation meeting held on the 8th of February. In response P&SI transport planning were informed that both developers were initially meeting separately (this week) and would subsequently revert to the Council. The P&SI Transport Planning section will keep the members informed on any updates as received from either Twinlite and the LDA, and will continue to seek to meet with both developers.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, A/Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 48

RESURFACING BALBRIGGAN FOOTBALL CLUB CAR PARK - AI095030

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for the resurfacing of Balbriggan Football Club car park in the interest of safety?”

Reply:

The Council has recently arranged for a contractor to upgrade the interim surface on the car park at Bath Road, Balbriggan. Work is proceeding to procure the permanent works on the car park surface in tandem with the works at the Bremore Castle car park and Bremore Recreational Hub car park later this year.

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

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ITEM NO. 49

FEASIBILITY STUDY - SWIMMING POOL - NORTH FINGAL -
AI095031

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to the feasibility study that is long overdue in respect of the provision of a swimming pool for North Fingal?"

Reply:

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.

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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.

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Source of Reply:

Gerard Reardon, Principal Sports Officer, Sports Department

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ITEM NO. 50

MUGA REPORT – “OUR BALBRIGGAN” - AI095034

Question: Councillor T. Murphy

"To ask the Chief Executive why, in the town with the youngest population, there is no Multi-Use Game Area and if it could be considered in a suitable location under the “Our Balbriggan” project?"

Reply:

The Our Balbriggan programme office is currently working with the Council's Operations Department to identify suitable locations for outdoor equipment, including games equipment. Works planned in 2024 include Calisthenics and Outdoor Door Gym Equipment in Millpond Park and at a location adjacent to the Bremore GAA All Weather Pitch. Bespoke seating suitable for younger and older people is planned for the Craoibhin Park/Charlie Moore Memorial Park area as part of a “Reimagining Elderhood”, a collaboration between the Balbriggan Men's Shed and Transition Year Students from Loretto Secondary School Balbriggan, overseen by Islander Architects.

Under the Bremore Regional Park Development Project which received planning permission in June 2021, the Balbriggan Sports and Recreational Hub, Central Zone Open Spaces, new Coastal Park includes a 5 a-side all weather pitch and

two 9 a-side pitches , an Athletics Track, Basketball Court (Full & Half), Tennis Court, Skate Bowl and other outdoor gym equipment.

Source of Reply: Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 51

UPDATE ON POP UP POOL - SWORDS - AI095047

Question: Councillor B. Manton

"To ask the Chief Executive if any progress has been made in relation to providing a pop-up pool in Swords, bearing in mind that a motion was passed at Full Council Meeting to progress these across the County?"

Reply:

Fingal County in partnership with Swim Ireland have identified a number of possible locations in Balbriggan for the provision of a pop up. These sites are currently under assessment.

Swim Ireland have indicated there is currently only one pop-up pool available to Fingal County and the future provision in Swords will be considered if additional pools become available.

Source of Reply:

Gerard Reardon, Principal Sports Officer, Sports Department

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ITEM NO. 52

THRIVE PROJECT - SWORDS - AI095050

Question: Councillor B. Manton

“To ask the Chief Executive if it is planned to put any project in Swords forward for funding from this European Funded Project, Thrive Project?”

Reply:

The Southern Regional Assembly has announced the opening of a competitive call for proposals under THRIVE. THRIVE is a new European Regional Development Fund grant scheme for local authorities under the Southern, Eastern and Midland Regional Programme 2021-2027.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Projects may only be proposed for publicly owned vacant or derelict heritage buildings.
- Projects must be located within National Planning Framework and Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2019 – 2031 designated settlements.

- Projects should have been identified through locally developed plans and public consultation to establish most viable reuse for the building's renewal.
- Projects must be within towns and demonstrate that the renovation, renewal, and adaptive reuse of the property will assist in creating town centres that function as viable, vibrant, and attractive locations for people to live, work and visit while also functioning as the business, service, social, cultural and recreational hub for the local community.
- THRIVE is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union. All applicants must comply with the relevant EU regulations as outlined in the Application Guidelines and Application Form. Failure to do so will render the application ineligible for funding.

Definition – “Heritage Building”:

Heritage buildings under the scheme are classified as structures that form part of the architectural heritage and have unique architectural, historical, archaeological, or artistic qualities, or its links to the cultural and economic history of a place.

Strands/ Measures:

Grant amounts are offered at 100%.

- Strand 1: Grant amounts of between €40K and €200K towards integrated urban strategies and project pipeline development. Application Deadline is 5th April 2024
- Strand 2: Grant amounts of between €2 Million and €7 Million towards the renovation and adaptive reuse of vacant or derelict heritage buildings in public control or ownership. Application Deadline is 3rd May 2024.

The only areas that are eligible for Fingal County Council are the existing built-up areas of Swords which is designated a key town, and areas of Dublin City and Suburbs under the administrative control of Fingal County Council, for example Sutton, Howth, Blanchardstown, Clonsilla etc.

The Town Regeneration Office is currently looking at several potential properties in Swords and elsewhere that could be considered for an application under Thrive, subject to eligibility criteria being met.

Source of Reply: Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 53

TIMELINE OF ONE-WAY SYSTEM - BALHEARY ROAD - AI095051

Question: Councillor B. Manton

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the construction of the one-way system at Balheary Bridge will commence?”

Reply:

The Active Travel Unit together with their consultants CSEA are working on the final elements of the detailed design and tender documents for the works on Newtown Bridge Balheary Road.

Subject to Contractor availability it is intended to bring these works to construction phase before the end of Q2 this year.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 54

PROCESS TIME FOR HMD MEDICAL FORM IN THIS LEA - AI095049

Question: Councillor A. Graves

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the timeframe for a review of a HMD Medical Form by the Council in this Local Electoral Area, as historically this has been three months but now constituents are being advised that it can take up to a year or longer, has the process time been extended and if so why?”

Reply:

The policy is to review all HMD medical forms received within a 3-month timeframe to ensure all documentation is received and if necessary, seek additional information. Following this, the documents are prepared to bring to the Medical Committee. We endeavor to complete this as quickly as possible but there has been a significant increase in the number of medical applications being received by Housing Support. The Medical Committee meet every 2 weeks to discuss applications.

Source of Reply: Clare Brannelly, A/Administrative Officer, Housing Support & Lettings

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ITEM NO. 55

SAFETY CONCERNS - CORDUFF SCHOOL, LUSK - AI095054

Question: Councillor A. Graves

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration could be given to carry out a safety audit in relation to the new cycleway and road layout for Corduff School in Lusk as parents are concerned for the safety of their children during drop off and collection times because the new cycle lane has made it extremely dangerous as the children have to cross the lane and parents are opening cars into the path of oncoming traffic (photo attached)?”

Reply:

The Active Travel project team have had ongoing meetings with the school representatives to review their concerns. Alterations to the design has been agreed through recent meetings and correspondence with the school management in this area.

This is currently a construction site, and the project is not yet complete in this area. It is planning that the outstanding works in this area will be complete over the coming eight weeks subject to weather conditions.

As with all projects a full independent road safety audit has been carried out on the design element and a further RSA will be conducted on

completion of the scheme and any safety issues that arise will be addressed by the design team and contractor at that stage.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel



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ITEM NO. 56

OCCUPANTS IN COUNCIL PROPERTIES IN THIS LEA - AI095058

Question: Councillor A. Graves

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the process in relation to occupants in Council properties in this Local Electoral Area who have previously applied to be added to a tenancy, who have not received a response and are paying rent, if the tenant passes away and they are subsequently advised that the application has been unsuccessful as there are adult children who have lived all their lives in Council properties who are not on the tenancy and when their parent(s) passes away what happens to them and will the Council evict occupants in these cases?”

Reply:

Each Transfer of Tenancy application received is reviewed and assessed taking into consideration the applicant's housing need, rent account status, anti-social behaviour record, eligibility for housing support and good estate management.

In the case of succession of tenancy, where an eligible applicant would be overaccommodated and the dwelling underutilised based on the information provided, the Housing Department engages with the applicant with a view to sourcing alternative suitable accommodation in accordance with their needs or to provide housing advice and support.

Source of Reply: Glenda Robertson, Senior Staff Officer, Housing

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ITEM NO. 57(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: -

ACTIVITY 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
One Voice Singers	€ 444.00	Microphone, Amp	YES	2023- € 600.00	€ 444.00

Swords GA 002951					
Skerries Mills Community Garden GA 002979	€ 999.26	Banner, printed material, Insurance, face paints, Air dry Clay, Rental of 10 Gazebo's	NO	N/A	€ 999.00
Lusk Cleaning Group GA 002955	€ 4,250.00	planting and materials for same	YES	2023- € 2,499.60	€ 2,000.00
St. Cathrine's Residents Association GA 002962	€ 3,000.00	Wood chippings, Events tent, Community Garden sign, Insurance, Community bench	YES	2023- € 3,000.00	€ 3,000.00
Ravenswell Residents Association GA 002969	€ 1,400.00	Residents Insurance, Shed to store lawnmower, Water Butts, Flower planters	YES	2023-€ 270.00 2021-€ 1,278.40	€ 1,350.00
Oldtown Community Council GA 002947	€ 2,954.00	Hall insurance, Projector, Screen, Shelving, Leaf blower, PA system, Pole hedge trimmer	YES	2022-€ 3,000.00 2021-€ 1,580.00	€ 2,896.20
Loughshinny Community Association GA 002973	€ 2,366.64	2 Echo hedge trimmer, 1 Echo loop handle trimmer	NO	N/A	€ 2,367.00
Rush Senior Citizens GA 002970	€ 2,438.00	Insurance, Hi-Vis Vests, Hot Drinks Flasks, Trips, Printer	YES	2023 -€ 2,057.00	€ 2,438.00
Skerries Tidy Towns	€ 3,000.00	Insurance, Pollinator plants	NO	N/A	€ 3,000.00

GA 002975		Plants for Floraville Park			
Swords I.C.A. GA 002964	€ 537.00	20 Canvas & easel, The Works, 7 sets of 3 canvases, 4 packs of Artist brushes, 3 bottles PVA Glue, 20 Quilling Sets, 12 tubes of Acrylic paint, 20 Embroidery	NO	N/A	€ 537.00

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
Skerries Bowling Club GA 002957	€ 11,322.00	Make good all water damage to building New cladding to front of building, 4" water rail to stop water penetration Remove replace interior plasterboard wall Replace 2 windows, 2 rads, paint interior 22665.95.	YES	2023- € 3,000.00 2022-€ 2,000.00 2019-€ 2,000.00	€ 11,332.00



Proposed Recreational Sports Hub

Rathmore Park

Lusk

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Section 177AE Application





Description of Proposed Works

- New all-weather floodlit training area measuring 74m x 28m (suitable for GAA Go Games Activity) including ball wall (20m x 5m)
- All-weather floodlit soccer sized pitch measuring 100m x 64m
- All weather floodlit 8 lane running track
- Additional bicycle & car parking spaces (30no. each)
- Teen Space
- Landscaping – pollinator friendly species & trees
- Ancillary works: fencing incl. ball stop, storage/changing facilities, drinking water fountain, park furniture



Features



Proposed Layout

Rathmore Rd, Lusk Recreational Hub

Summary of Proposed Works

- 8 Lane, 400 Metre All-Weather Running Track & Sports Pitch
- All-Weather GAA Games Area
- Ball Wall
- Car Park- 24 Spaces (including 4 No Blue Badge Spaces & 8 EV Spaces)
- Cycle parking & Bike EV Charging
- 8 No. Floodlights
- 1.5m High Fence around All-Weather Track
- Associated Path Network

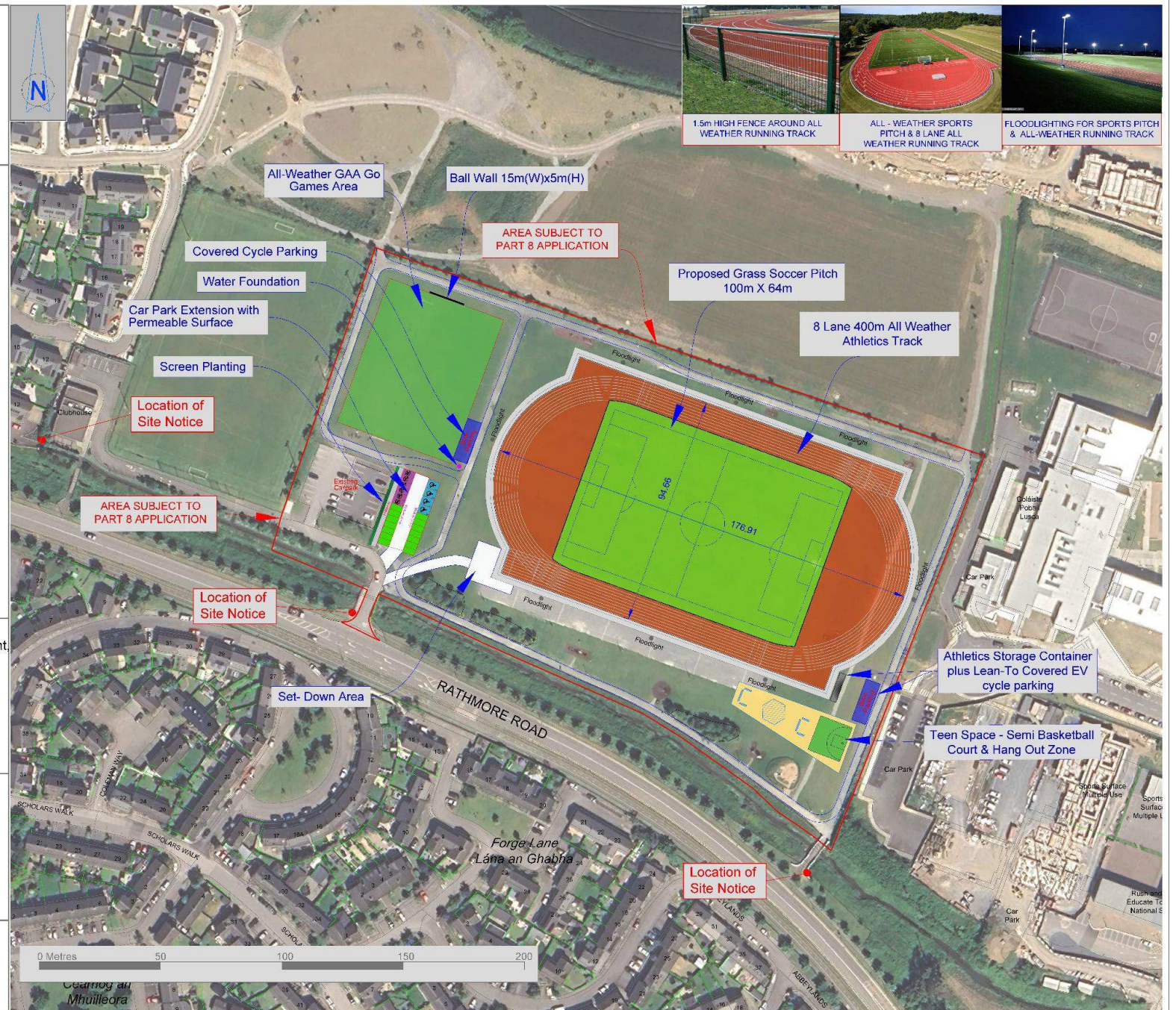
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Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department,
Parks & Green Infrastructure Division,
County Hall,
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Matthew McAleese
Director of Services

Kevin J. Halpenny
Senior Parks Superintendent

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Timeline

- **March:** Finalise Planning Application Pack including Natura Impact Statement (Appropriate Assessment), EIAR Screening, Flood Risk Assessment, drawings & documents.
- **April:** Lodge with An Bord Pleanála, public notices, prescribed bodies
- Decision from An Bord Pleanála (TBC)
- Procurement of works subject to grant of permission (TBC)

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ITEM NO. 59(a)

GOLDEN RIDGE, PHASE 2, RUSH

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

Statutory Notice has been given in the press of the Council's intention to consider the making of a declaration that the road set out hereunder be public roads. No objections have been received and it is recommended that the road be taken in charge.

Road Schedule

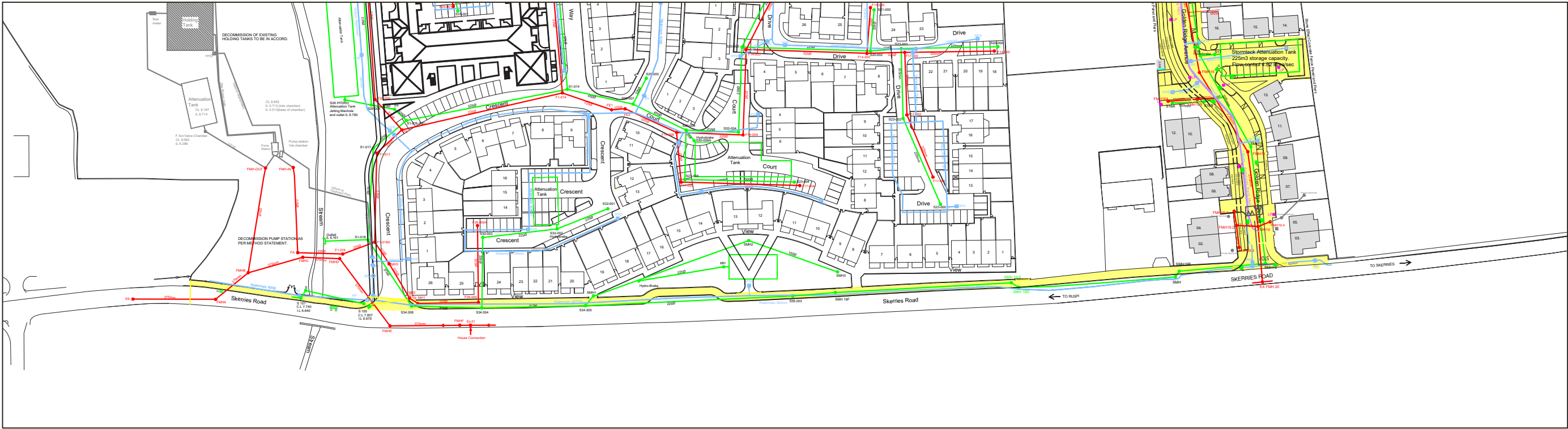
BC Number – 1741
Taking In Charge – Golden Ridge Phase 2
ED: Rush, TD: Rush

Road Name	Length	Description
Golden Ridge Avenue	284m	From the junction of Skerries Road turn left onto Golden Ridge Avenue head West for 214m to T-Junction of Golden Ridge Walk and Golden Ridge Green. From the junction of House No.16 turn North for 32m to the North boundary wall. From the junction of House No.25 and House No.18 turn North for 38m to the

		north boundary wall.
Golden Ridge Walk	135m	From the T-junction of Golden Ridge Avenue and Golden Ridge Green head North for 70m to the T-Junction of Golden Ridge Mews. From the T-junction of Golden Ridge Avenue and Golden Ridge Green head West for 65m to the west boundary wall.
Golden Ridge Close and Mews	103m	From start point at House No. 21, head South for 23m, pass T-Junction of Golden Ridge Square, head West for 80m to the west boundary wall.
Golden Ridge Square	23m	From outside No.7on Golden Ridge Square, head West for 23m to the T-Junction of Golden Ridge Mews.
Golden Ridge Green	176m	From the T-Junction of Golden Ridge Golden Ridge Avenue and Golden Ridge Walk, head South for 40m to the T-Junction outside House No.5. From T-Junction outside House No.5 head West for 78m to the west boundary wall at House No.11 and House No.12. From T-Junction outside House No.5 head East for 58m to the east boundary wall.

Golden Ridge Drive	120m	From T-Junction outside House No.4 Southwest for 120m to the boundary of Golden Ridge Phase 1.
	Total Length: 841m	

FOUL SEWER				SURFACE WATER SEWER			
MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER	MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
F11B	16.070	15.189	225mm	S11B	16.050	14.679	225mm
F11	16.370	15.025	225mm	S11	16.390	14.479	225mm
F10	16.560	14.888	225mm	S10	16.470	14.339	225mm
F8	16.910	14.687	225mm	S8	16.810	14.184	225mm
F5	16.600	14.240	225mm	S5	16.550	13.770	225mm
F3	15.550	13.976	225mm	S3	15.530	13.473	225mm
F2	14.770	13.120	225mm	S2	14.760	12.639	225mm
F4-014	12.970	11.575	225mm	HB	14.280	12.278	225mm
F12	16.730	15.333	225mm	S7-015	12.890	11.500	225mm
F10	16.560	14.888	225mm	Continues To Phase 1			
F9	17.940	16.084	225mm	S12	16.750	14.849	225mm
F8	16.910	14.888	225mm	S10	16.470	14.339	225mm
F6B	17.810	15.884	225mm	S9	17.960	16.124	225mm
F6	17.150	15.418	225mm	S8	16.810	14.184	225mm
F5	16.600	14.240	225mm	S6B	17.830	15.846	225mm
F4A	16.050	14.555	225mm	S6	17.120	15.418	225mm
F4	15.790	14.230	225mm	S5	16.550	13.770	225mm
F3	15.550	13.976	225mm	S7	16.180	14.017	225mm
Connection For Future Development				S5	16.550	13.770	225mm
FMH15	15.530	14.133	225mm	S4A	16.040	14.476	225mm
FMH14	15.320	13.889	225mm	S4	15.750	14.093	225mm
FMH16	14.390	12.634	225mm	S3	15.530	13.473	225mm
FMH18	13.770	12.031	225mm	ATT MHB	14.370	12.700	450mm
FMH19	13.330	11.481	225mm	ATT MHA	14.350	12.390	450mm
EX FMH	12.240	10.244	225mm	HB	14.280	12.278	450mm
Pumped Rising Main				Connection For Future Development			
F7	16.180	14.522	100mm	SMH 15	15.490	14.090	225mm
F5	16.600	14.240	225mm	SMH 14	15.360	13.584	225mm
F19.3	13.525	12.780	150mm	S16	14.430	12.844	225mm
F19.2	13.645	12.860	150mm	SMH 18	13.780	12.036	225mm
F19.1	13.420	11.600	150mm	SMH 19	12.840	11.193	225mm
F19.4	13.475	12.255	150mm	SMH 19B	12.010	10.948	225mm
F16A	14.245	12.997	150mm	SMH34.001	11.950	10.920	225mm
F16B	14.145	12.705	150mm	SMH36.001	11.963	10.330	225mm
				SMH34.001	12.012	10.310	225mm
				Continues To Phase 2			
				S17	14.500	12.900	450mm
				S16	14.430	12.884	225mm
				SMH 13	15.680	13.983	225mm
				SMH 14	15.360	13.584	225mm



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Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge		
Watermain System proposed to be taken in charge		
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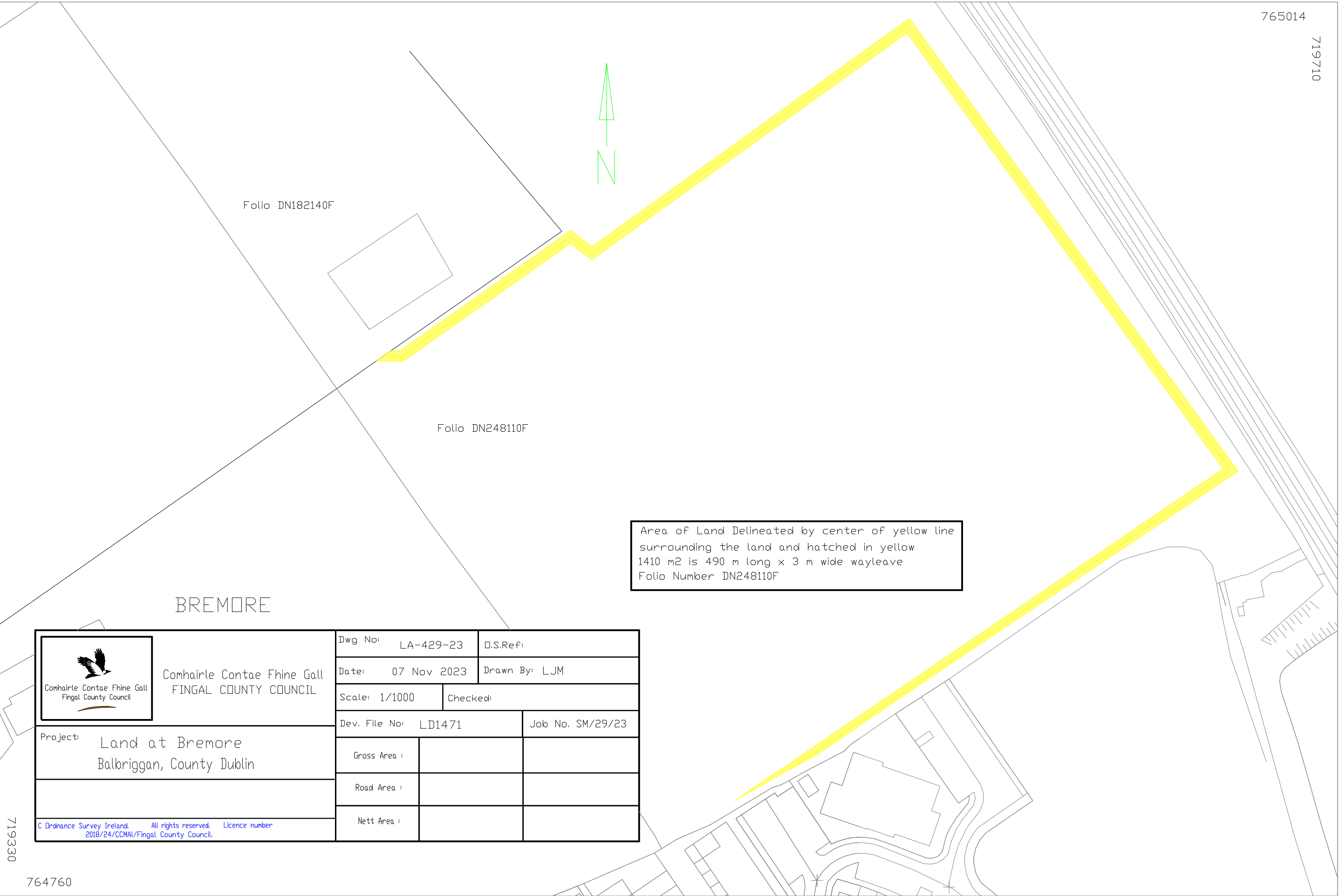
ITEM NO. 60(a)

**PROPOSED GRANTING OF A PERMANENT WAYLEAVE ON LAND AT
BREMORE, BALROTHERY, CO. DUBLIN TO ESB NETWORKS**

ESB Networks is seeking to acquire a permanent wayleave over 1,410 square meters approximately of Council land at Bremore, Balrothery, Co. Dublin.

It is proposed to dispose of land comprising of 1,410 square meters approximately as shown coloured yellow on Map No. LA-429-23 dated 7th November 2023, contained within Folio DN248110F at Bremore, Balrothery, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks.

A formal notice of disposal in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, will be submitted to the forthcoming meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on Monday 8th April 2024.



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	Project: Land at Bremore Balbriggan, County Dublin		Date: 07 Nov 2023		Drawn By: LJM	
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Agenda Item 61a

Ms Nicola Halleran,
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Corporate Services
Fingal County Council,
County Hall, Main Street,
Swords, Co. Dublin
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13th February 2024

REPDR/23/07176 - Fingal County Council - CEO REF: 10010 - Proposals for subsidised Nursing Staff accommodation at St. Ita's Hospital Campus

'The following Motion was agreed by the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee meeting held on Thursday 12th October 2023.

"That the Chief Executive write to the Health Service Executive to request they work with the Council to bring forward proposals for Subsidised Nursing Staff accommodation at St Ita's Hospital Campus, Portrane, ideally re-utilising the current vacant historical buildings." I would be obliged for your comments on the Motion in due course. Yours faithfully, Nicola Halleran, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

Dear Ms Halleran,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Due to the recent industrial action by management and administrative grade staff in Forsa union in the HSE, there were delays in the processing and answering of Representations. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

St Ita's Hospital, Portrane, Co Dublin, is an active health campus. It contains a large number of old vacant buildings that are no longer fit for the provision of modern health care services. An exercise has been undertaken to identify areas of the site that are surplus to the requirements of the HSE, including a number of the original and historical red brick buildings. The HSE has identified ongoing need for a number of the original buildings over the last number of years and these buildings have been renovated and repurposed and put back into use.



Discussions in this regard have been held with a number of Government Departments and their agencies, including the specific question of further potential re-purposing of surplus elements at St Ita's Hospital. These discussions are ongoing and have yet to be concluded. The HSE has transferred the first number of vacant houses on Portrane Avenue, which gives access to the hospital, to Fingal County Council for the provision of housing, and is in the process of transferring lands adjacent to the Southern boundary to facilitate a proposed upgrade of the Cliff way.

The HSE is not considering the repurposing of any part of St Ita's Hospital directly for the provision of subsidised accommodation for nursing staff.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Brian O'Connell', positioned above a horizontal line.

Brian O'Connell
Interim National Director
Capital & Estates

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ITEM NO. 62

FUTURE ASSESSMENT FOR INSULATION IN RIVERMEADE ESTATE -
AI093625

Motion: Councillor B. Manton

“That the Chief Executive strongly recommends to the daa that the Rivermeade Estate be included in any future assessment for insulation as a matter of urgency due to the estate not being considered in the last round.”

Report:

If the Motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the daa and 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. 63

APPROVED HOUSING BODIES MEETING WITH ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS LEA - AI093616

Motion: Councillor A. Graves

“That this Committee agrees to invite representatives of the Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) to a meeting with members of this Area Committee to discuss the roles of both the AHB and the Council and where responsibilities lie in respect of both, it will also afford the opportunity to be updated on future plans.”

Report:

Cluid Housing Association have delivered secure, high-quality homes in partnership with Fingal County Council, including schemes in Balbriggan, Rush and Lusk. An invitation to present at this Area committee has been issued to Cluid to discuss their role in housing delivery.

Source of Report:
Marina Rennicks, Administrative Officer, Housing Delivery

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ITEM NO. 64

HISTORICAL/HERITAGE MUSEUM SKERRIES - AI094148

Motion: Councillor K. Power

“That the Chief Executive identify and develop a suitable location in Skerries for the establishment of a Skerries History/Heritage Museum.”

Report:

Skerries and the surrounding area is already home to a number of Council developed visitor attractions including Skerries Mills, Ardgillan Castle, and Bremore Castle which preserve, interpret, and make publicly accessible local history and heritage.

Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024-2029 includes a strategic objective to develop and enhance the range, quality and availability of tourism products and visitor experiences through ongoing product and experience development to ensure an authentic visitor experience, and these attractions and their ongoing development, for instance the Red Barn project at Skerries Mills, will be key to facilitating this.

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ITEM NO. 65

FLYING OF PALESTINE FLAG ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN THIS LEA -
AI094254

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

“That this Committee calls for the Palestinian flag to be flown or displayed at all public Council buildings in the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area including County Hall, Libraries, Community Centres and all other Council offices and for the Council to provide flags to each facility for this purpose.”

Report:

A motion was passed by the full council at its meeting in November 2023 for the Palestinian Flag to be flown over council offices. The Palestinian flag is in place at County Hall Swords and Civic Offices Blanchardstown since December 2023. Corporate Services have commenced work on drafting a flag protocol for Fingal.

Source of Report:

Nikki Halleran, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 68

PROVISION OF PLAYGROUND - PORTRANE VILLAGE - AI093374

Motion: Councillor A. Henchy

“That the Chief Executive provide a sense of urgency, through public consultation and engagement with local community groups to explore all options at the Councils disposal that will allow for the design and build of a large playground at a desired location within the heart of Portrane Village given the time that has elapsed without providing this much needed amenity in Portrane.”

Report:

A scoping review is underway to identify the most suitable locations for a public playground of an appropriate size in Portrane having regard to the requirements of the adopted “*Space For Play – A Play Policy for Fingal*”. When the most suitable location has been identified and assessed, engagement with the local community will proceed in advance of the relevant statutory planning process.

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

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ITEM NO. 70

**NEW OPEN SPACE PLAYING PITCH AT HAMILTON HILL, SKERRIES -
AI094455**

Motion: Councillor T. O'Leary

“That the Chief Executive arrange a meeting with Skerries Town Football Club and Skerries Athletics Club to explore a collaboration by both clubs at the open space, Hamilton Hill, Skerries which is due to be Taken in Charge by the Council?”

Report:

Staff from the Council's Parks & Green Infrastructure Division are available to meet with Skerries Town Football Club and Skerries Athletics Club to update them on the taking in charge process for the lands at Hamilton Hill and to further explore their ideas for the future use of the lands.

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

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ITEM NO. 77

UISCE ÉIREANN UPGRADE WORKS - SHENICK ROAD/GOLF ROAD,
SKERRIES - AI094436A

Motion: Councillor T. O'Leary

“That the Chief Executive write to Uisce Éireann to provide an update on the completion of the upgrade works so that the Land Development Agency and the private Developer can implement their planning permission as soon as possible to upgrade the junction at Shenick Road/Golf Road to improve pedestrian and road safety at this junction.”

Report:

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

Source of Report:

Nikki Halleran, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

