

Comhairle Contae Fine Gall Fingal County Council

Minutes of Howth/Malahide Area Committee
(Services A - Operational Matters)

Wednesday, 5th March, 2025

PRESENT

Councillors

Guerin, Jimmy
Haughey, Cathal
Healy, David

Councillors

O'Brien, Eoghan
Tormey, Aoibhinn

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Joan Hopkins and Councillor Brian McDonagh.

The Area Chairperson, Councillor A. Tormey, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Karen Gallagher (Senior Engineer), James Culhane (Senior Executive Engineer), Niamh Russell (Administrative Officer), Therese Casey (Executive Parks and Landscape Officer), Karen Leeson (Senior Executive Engineer), Barbara Ryan (Senior Staff Officer),

HMA/26/25 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

HMA/27/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services A Operational Matters) Meeting held on Wednesday the 5th of February 2025

Minutes of Meeting of Howth Malahide Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held on 5th February 2025 which had been circulated, were **Considered**.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor D. Healy and **RESOLVED**:

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Committee Meeting (A) 5th February 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

HMA/28/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor D. Healy and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 14 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

HMA/29/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Tree at St Sylvester's Villas - AI100609

HMA/30/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Haughey - Illegal Parking in front of Portmarnock Primary Care Centre - AI100610

HMA/31/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Removal of Tree Behind Property - Melrose Park, Kinsealy - AI100803

HMA/32/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor C. Haughey - Replacement of Trees Removed on Baskin Lane/Malahide Road - AI100830

HMA/33/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor C. Haughey - Pruning of Trees behind Seagrang Road, 129586/24 - AI100831

HMA/34/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor C. Haughey - Traffic Calming Measures - Blackwood Lane - AI100832

HMA/35/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor E. O'Brien - List of Parklets Provided in the Howth/Malahide Local Electoral Area - AI100826

HMA/36/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor E. O'Brien - List all Parklets that have been Removed in Howth/Malahide to Date - AI100827

HMA/37/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Footpath Buildouts in this Local Electoral Area - AI100828

HMA/38/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Improvement of Rosbeg Court Entrance - AI100837

HMA/39/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Illegal Footpath Parking outside Kingsford Medical - Portmarnock - AI100838

HMA/40/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Footpath Closure - Seaview Avenue, Baldoyle - AI100840

HMA/41/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Repair Lamp 111 - Seacliff Avenue - AI100842

HMA/42/25 (Agenda Item No)

VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair Councillor A. Tormey requested that Agenda Item No 16 and 18 be taken before Agenda Item no 15.

This was **AGREED** by the members.

MOTIONS

HMA/43/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Playground Extension for Kettle's Park - AI100584

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor E. O'Brien was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor D. Healy.

The report was read into the record by Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer.

Following discussion the Motion was **NOTED**.

HMA/44/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor C. Haughey - Trees on Private Property near Electricity Wires - AI100829

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien.

The report was read into the record by Karen Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer.

Following discussion the Motion was **NOTED**

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

HMA/45/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor A. Tormey - Report on Blue Lights Repair Work in this Local Electoral Area - AI100624

The attached business, in the name of Councillor A. Tormey was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor C. Haughey.

The report was read into the record by Karen Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer.

Following discussion the report was **NOTED**.

HMA/46/25 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor D. Healy - Report on Safety Improvements - Tramway and Balglass Road Junction - AI100570

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor D. Healy was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien.

The report was read into the record by James Culhane Senior Executive Engineer.

Following discussion the report was **NOTED**.

HMA/47/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Report on Plan for Removal of Parklets in this Local Electoral Area - AI100599

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor E. O'Brien was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor C. Haughey.

The report was read into the record by Niamh Russell Administrative Officer.

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

The Meeting concluded at 17.15hrs.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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ITEM NO. 02

PATH SWEEPER FOR HOWTH MALAHIDE - AI101046

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to ensure that the path sweeper is fully servicing all of the Howth/Malahide area, as there have been complaints about the cleanliness of Howth Village, so that sweeping does not end on Harbour Road but continues throughout the village?"

Reply:

The paths are swept with the mini sweeper as far as the end of Harbour Road. The paths are too narrow to sweep on Main Street, Howth with the mini sweeper therefore the paths at this location are swept by hand. The footpaths on Main Street Howth will be swept by hand in early April.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 03

PROCESS FOR ADDITIONAL PAY AND DISPLAY PARKING IN THIS LEA - A1101067

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to set out the process which would be used to create one or more pay and display parking control areas in this Local Electoral Area?"

Reply:

The process for introducing a new Pay & Display location in the County is as follows:

The Operations Department will assess suitability of the location for the introduction of a Pay and Display scheme once it has first been established that there is a demonstrable and clear desire/need in favour of a Scheme by:

1. Local Residents.

This may take the form of a number of written requests or a signed petition from all residents of the road submitted to the Council.

2. The Operations Department

The Operations Department consider that the introduction of a scheme would improve the turnover of visitors/customers of businesses in an area.

Once a petition is received or the Operations Department feel there is a need for Pay and Display Parking a traffic/parking survey will be carried out to assess the nature and extent of the parking issue in the area; whether the implementation of Pay and Display parking control is considered appropriate; the suitability of the area, including road widths; and the capacity to accommodate a Pay & Display

parking control scheme. Assessment of the location and relevant drawings are carried out by the Operational Area Team.

The introduction of a pay parking scheme is then brought to the Area Committee for agreement by Members to proceed, followed by public consultation.

A report on the result of the public consultation on the proposed introduction of a parking scheme will then be brought to the Area Committee in which the proposed Scheme is located for approval. If the Scheme is approved by the Members, it will then be presented at Full Council for final approval to introduce the Scheme.

It should be noted that if a scheme is approved for a location, the residents and businesses in this area are responsible for ensuring they hold valid parking permits. Visitor parking permits are also required for residences. It is important to also note that any member of the public that pays for parking can legally park in a Pay & Display location in a residential area.

Source of Reply:

Barbara Ryan, Senior Staff Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 04

ADJUSTING OF BYE-LAWS FOR PAY AND DISPLAY PARKING IN THIS LEA - AI101068

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to set out the process used to adjust the Parking Bye-Laws to address parking control challenges in the Howth/Malahide area on Sundays and Bank Holidays?"

Reply:

Provisions for the making of bye-laws, the amendment and revocation of bye-laws are regulated by Part 19 of the Local Government Act 2001 – 2014. Fingal County Council are currently undergoing a review of the current Parking Control Bye-Laws which were adopted by the Council and came into operation on the 1st September 2020. The procedure for the making of bye-laws is provided for under Section 200 of the Local Government Act 2001 to 2014.

As part of this review, a full consultation process will take place in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001. Submissions will be welcomed from Elected Representatives and members of the public during this period of consultation. All submissions will be considered prior to presenting a report and final draft of the Bye-Laws to the Full Council for adoption.

Source of Reply:

Niamh Russell. Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 05

REPORT ON CO-OPERATION IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PARKING IN HOWTH - AI101069

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on any discussions which have taken place with Howth Harbourmaster and/or the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to co-operation in the management of parking in Howth over the last decade?"

Reply:

The Operations Department met with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) in November 2021 to discuss progressing a pay parking scheme in Howth. It was noted at this meeting that not all of Howth is within the control of the Council, with the majority of parking availed of by the public, free of charge, located within the Harbour area. Paid parking could only be implemented within the Harbour area by the Department of Agriculture Food and Marine (DAFM) under the Fishery Harbour Centres (Rates and Charges) Order 2012.

The Operations Department are currently undergoing a review of the Fingal Parking Control Bye-Laws, and the introduction of a pay parking scheme for Howth was raised again at a briefing on the draft bye-Laws with Elected Members on the 12th March 2025.

The Operations Department met with the DAFM on 25th March 2025 and briefed the DAFM that the Council would be reviewing existing bye-laws and reviewing parking in Howth.

A follow up meeting with the DAFM will be scheduled with a view to progressing parking in Howth.

Source of Reply:

Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 06

**PROGRESS REPORT ON ROAD VERGES AT THE HOLE IN THE WALL
ROAD/MAYNE ROAD JUNCTION - AI101266**

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the development of a planting plan for the road verges at the Hole in the Wall Road/Mayne Road Junction as discussed at this Area Committee in December 2024?"

Reply:

Tree planting has started along the verges on the Hole in the Wall Road. Two of the roads will be planted in March/ April 2025 and the remaining two road verges will be planted in November 2025.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 07

PLANTING ON RED ARCHES ROAD - AI101267

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given, in light of the ash dieback which is evident in the area, to interplant another species of tree in the avenue planting of ash trees on Red Arches Road?"

Reply:

A phased removal of the Ash trees along the Red Arches Road will commence next winter. The existing trees are planted very close together. As a result, it is proposed to remove every second Ash tree to allow sufficient light for the new planting.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 08

**REPLACE MISSING BOLLARD - ST. LAWRENCE ROAD, HOWTH -
AI101269**

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to replace the missing bollard on the pavement outside St. Joseph's, St. Lawrence Road, Howth?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will replace the bollard in the coming fortnight.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 09

**SURVEY PROGRESS OF EXISTING CYCLE LANES IN THIS LEA-
AI101645**

Question: Councillor D. Healy

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise on what progress is being made on the surveying of cycle lanes over 5 years old in this Local Electoral Area as discussed at the budget meeting of this Council?”

Reply:

The Operations Department are surveying the existing cycle lanes that are at least five years old within the LEA. Once this process is completed a tender will be organised to carry out any necessary repair works in 2025.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 10

REPAIR FOOTPATH - YELLOW WALLS ROAD, MALAHIDE - AI101168

Question: Councillor B. McDonagh

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to urgently repair a path outside (details supplied) Yellow Walls Road, Malahide?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will carry out repair works on the footpath in Q3 2025.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 11

**COMPLAINTS ABOUT BENCHES - BALDOYLE AND SUTTON -
AI101641**

Question: Councillor B. McDonagh

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Council is aware of complaints regarding the benches installed on the promenade between Baldoyle and Sutton being uncomfortable and if consideration can be given to review their suitability before installing more?"

Reply:

The benches were not installed by Fingal County Council and will be removed.

Source of Reply:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 12

REMOVAL OF VEGETATION - STRANDMILL - AI101642

Question: Councillor B. McDonagh

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to remove the ivy and brambles on the wall at the rear green in Strandmill?"

Reply:

The removal of ivy and brambles on the green in Strandhill will be listed for the 2025/26 Winter Works Programme.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 13

CUT DOWN TREES AT MALAHIDE CASTLE - AI101390

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise why a number of trees have been cut down around Malahide Castle, particularly the area at the top of Lady's Acre, adjacent to the Fingal greenhouse and sheds, and whether these will be replaced?"

Reply:

As part of the ongoing Woodland Management Plan for Malahide Demesne, an external Arborist was commissioned to carry out a survey of all the trees. The most recent survey was carried out in 2024. Tree works involving the removals of dead and diseased trees were carried out because of the recommendations in this report.

The survey also recommended the removal of the poplar trees around the depot, glasshouses and Lady Acre, as the trees had become dangerous. Following numerous storms in recent times, a large limb of a poplar tree fell and badly damaged one bay of the half acre glasshouse. These trees became a health and safety issue due to their proximity to the working glasshouse and the adjacent public footpath. It is planned to replace these trees later in the year as part of a new planting scheme.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 14

LIGHTING FOR BROOMFIELD CARPARK - AI101388

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to make contact with the three sports clubs who use Broomfield sports facilities regarding lighting in the carpark, as none of the clubs say they have outstanding electrical documentation they need to send to the Council?"

Reply:

A site meeting was held on Thursday 2nd May 2024 with the clubs that use Broomfield carpark, to discuss several items ranging from line marking, car park surface, lighting and general access.

The list of actions agreed at that meeting were received from the President of the Malahide Regional Bridge Club on 10th May 2024. This included the actions the clubs needed to undertake in relation to the existing external lighting and what they needed to provide to the Council for review, before any lighting works to the carpark can be considered.

Fingal County Council do not own or maintain any of the existing external lighting assets here.

The Council has not received any documentation relating to the electrical installation or the existing external lighting from the clubs. If the clubs can submit this documentation, it will be reviewed.

Source of Reply:

Karen Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 15

**PRUNE BACK OVERGROWTH WALKWAY BETWEEN DUNGRIFFIN
VILLAS AND BALGLASS ROAD - AI101389**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to prune the growth on the walkway between Dungriffin Villas and Balglass Road, known locally as the "70 steps", as was previously carried out by the Council?"

Reply:

A meeting was held with residents in Dungriffin Villas, and it has been agreed to remove the growth on the walkway in the coming weeks due to health and safety concerns.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 16

REPAIR LOOSE MANHOLE - ST MARGARET'S ROAD - AI101391

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repair the loose manhole on Castle Terrace, at the end of St Margaret's Road onto Main Street."

Reply:

The Operations Department will replace the loose manhole cover in the coming weeks.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 17

**INSPECTION AND REPAIR OF BOUNDARY WALL CRACKED BY TREE
ROOTS - SEABURY, MALAHIDE - AI101637**

Question: Councillor E. O'Brien

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to have the garden wall at (details supplied) Castle Lawns, Seabury, Malahide, inspected with a view to it being repaired as it has been cracked by tree roots at this property?"

Reply:

In the case of possible wall damage, Fingal County Council require the homeowner to submit a Structural Engineer's Report supporting this claim for assessment.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 18

ENGAGE WITH SCHOOL BOARD REGARDING STAPOLIN EDUCATE TOGETHER SCHOOL SAFETY ZONE - AI101044

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

“That the Chief Executive re-engage with the school board around the safety issues outside Stapolin Educate Together, specifically concerning zebra crossings, footpath to be built, additional yellow lines on corners, one way system, enforcement of illegal parking and school wardens.”

Report:

Fingal County Council carried out an on-site meeting on 10/08/2023 which included representatives from the Active Travel Section, Operations Department, School, Elected Members and other parties.

Since that meeting the Operations Department of Fingal County Council have carried out the following items.

- Installation of yellow Zig Zag Road Markings along the school frontage
- Installation of School Keep Clear Markings along the school frontage
- An additional SLOW ZONE Sign has been placed entering Longfield Road for the Myrtle Avenue Junction
- Vehicle Actuated Signage as part of 2024 POW

The proposed 24-hour one-way system was discussed at the meeting, but this was not agreed to be implemented by the Operations Department. Since the meeting, the school has implemented a voluntary one-way system for school times, and

parents are adhering to it. A permanent 24-hour one-way system is not required at the location.

Myrtle Road, Myrtle Square and Longfield Road at Stapolin Educate Together are listed for patrol by Fingal Parking Wardens on a rotational basis, and as resources allow. These locations were added to the enforcement roster in September 2023. Since then, 65 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued to vehicles found to be parked illegally.

The Road Safety Section assessed whether a school traffic warden could be deployed outside the school. However, upon investigation it was determined that sections of the footpath and parking spaces along Myrtle Road are not taken in charge by Fingal County Council. Due to this a school traffic warden crossing cannot be deployed as it is only possible to install school traffic wardens on public roads as outlined in the Roads Act (1961).

There is a proposal located at the Grange Building Providers storage yard to develop this into residential apartment units. This has now received planning permission under ABP reference ABP-319292-24. One of the conditions of the development is to provide a pedestrian footpath and cycle lane that runs along the red line boundary of the site. This will provide connectivity along the southern side of Myrtle Road and will be in line with DMURS. In addition, this will connect the southern section of Myrtle Road from the junction with Longfield Road to the national school.

Source of Report:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 19

CONSULT WITH THE HOWTH HARBOURMASTER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD – PAY AND DISPLAY PARKING IN HOWTH – AI101070

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

“That the Chief Executive consult with the Howth Harbourmaster and the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine with a view to preparing integrated proposals for pay and display parking control in Howth for discussion with this Area Committee and public consultation.”

Report:

The Operations Department are currently undergoing a review of the Fingal Parking Control Bye-Laws. As part of this review, the introduction of a pay parking scheme in Howth is being examined.

Not all of Howth is within the control of the Council, with the majority of parking availed of by the public, free of charge, located within the Harbour area. The Council propose to proceed with developing a scheme for pay parking but can only do so within the public parking areas which are within the functional remit of the Council.

Pay parking can only be implemented within the Harbour area by the Department of Agriculture Food and Marine (DAFM) under the Fishery Harbour Centres (Rates and Charges) Order 2012.

The introduction of a pay parking scheme for Howth was raised again at a briefing on the draft bye-Laws with Elected Members on the 12th March 2025.

The Operations Department met with the DAFM on 25th March 2025 and the Council briefed the DAFM that the Council would be reviewing existing bye-laws and reviewing parking in Howth.

A follow up meeting with the DAFM will be scheduled with a view to parking in Howth.

Source of Report:

Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 20

IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON SEAMOUNT ROAD - AI101393

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive take action to improve pedestrian safety on Seamount Road, including the installation of footpaths, additional public lighting, speed ramps and/or other appropriate traffic calming measures.”

Report:

Seamount Road is a cul-de-sac road with a speed limit of 30 km/h. There is existing footpath infrastructure along Seamount Road. The current parking along the road acts as a passive traffic calming measure which aligns with DMURS. There is also vehicle actuated signage (VAS) and line marking present on the road.

At the eastern end of the cul-de-sac there is existing estate known as Jameson Orchard adjacent to which there is an active planning enforcement file. Once this enforcement process is completed, the Operations Department will carry out a detailed assessment to determine if any measures can be introduced. Once these items have been carried out, any pedestrian enhancement measures will be considered under a future Programme of Works.

The existing public lighting on Seamount Road is mounted on the ESB Networks poles. A detailed assessment will be carried out to determine if additional lighting is required, however, there are limited areas where any potential additional lighting could be added along this road.

Source of Report:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department
Karen Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 21

**INSTALLATION OF ZEBRA CROSSING - REDFERN AVENUE -
AI101643**

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

“That the Chief Executive installs a zebra crossing on Redfern Avenue between the junction of Wheatfield Road and Wendall Avenue and the entrance to Martello Court or at the nearest appropriate point on Redfern Avenue.”

Report:

The Operations Department will carry out a road traffic assessment along this road section. The zebra crossing options available will be examined based on above assessment and on-site conditions.

Source of Report:

Benjamin O’ Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 23

REPLACEMENT OF CONCRETE SURFACE - REDFERN AVENUE - AI101644

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

“That the Chief Executive replace the concrete surface on Redfern Avenue with a surface matching Wendall Avenue.”

Report:

Redfern Avenue is included as part of the 2025 Programme of Works. The works will involve the inlay of surface course, regulating course and a geogrid layer due to the concrete surface. It should be noted that utility companies must excavate the road to repair and upgrade their services prior to the POW resurfacing scheme. This utility work will be carried out during Q2/2025. POW Resurfacing Works will be carried out during Q3/2025.

Source of Report:

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