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Friday, 30 May 2025

**To Each Member of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area
Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)**

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)** will be held Hybrid in the **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords** at **2.00 pm** on **Thursday, 12th June, 2025** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

**Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
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A G E N D A

- 1 **Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) Meeting held on Thursday, 8th May 2025**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor P. Mulville - Designation of Bathing Area at Tower Bay, Portrane - AI102491**

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there has been any progress in designating Tower Bay in Portrane as an official bathing area, as it is a very popular swimming location?"

- 3 **Councillor P. Mulville - Road Repairs - Blake's Cross to Turvey Avenue - AI102492**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repairing the R132 from Blake's Cross to Turvey Avenue on the southbound lane as the road surface is broken up in sections and is particularly hazardous for cyclists?"

- 4 **Councillor P. Mulville - 'No Right Turn' Signage - Chapel Lane, Swords - AI102566**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide more prominent signage to highlight the 'No Right Turn' from Chapel Lane onto Swords Main Street?"

- 5 **Councillor P. Mulville - Additional Public Seating Benches in this LEA - AI103223**

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to provide further seating benches at public open spaces, playgrounds, coastal areas and cemeteries across the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area, in line with the adopted Age Friendly Strategy?"

- 6 **Councillor P. Mulville - Portrane Litter Bin Emptying Schedule - AI103224**

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the weekly public litter bin emptying schedule for Portrane and in particular if the public litter bins are emptied on Sundays?"

7 Councillor P. Mulville - Traffic Safety Plan - Donabate Beach - AI103228

"To ask the Chief Executive if a summer-time traffic safety plan is being considered for the Corballis/Balcarrick area, in association with An Garda Síochána, given the ongoing hazardous parking associated with visitors to Donabate beach, with many motorists continuing to park their cars illegally in the vicinity of the beach, leading to unacceptable health and safety challenges for local residents?"

8 Councillor P. Mulville - Provision of On-Site attendants for Public Toilets at Donabate Beach - AI103230

"To ask the Chief Executive, given the very poor state of the public toilets at Donabate beach, to consider the provision of on-site toilet attendants for the summer-time bathing period, which can be accompanied by a small charge to the public, e.g. 20 cents?"

9 Councillor M. Boland - Updating of Signalised Pedestrian Crossing - Palmer Ave, Rush - AI102647

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to improving and updating the crosswalk at Palmer Avenue, Rush, including the installation of a signalised pedestrian crossing, in light of a recent serious accident involving a child, and that tangible measures are put in place to prevent future accidents?"

10 Councillor M. Boland - Painting of New Road Markings - The Forge Estate and Chapel Farm Estate, Lusk - AI103007

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the painting of new 'SLOW' line road markings on the Dublin Road at the pedestrian crossing at the entrance to The Forge Estate and Chapel Farm Estate in Lusk to encourage cars to slow down and allow pedestrians to cross the road?"

11 Councillor M. Boland - Installation of Litter Bin - Green Space, Dublin Road Roundabout, Lusk - AI103008

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install an additional litter bin at the green space at the Dublin Road Roundabout in Lusk which has seen an increase in use as a local community space where many residents walk their dogs daily and an additional litter bin should be considered to encourage correct disposal of dog waste?"
(see attached photo)

12 Councillor M. Boland - Installation of "Children at Play" and "Slow Down" Signs - The Forge Estate, Lusk - AI103009

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing much needed 'Children at Play' and 'Slow Down' signs at the entrance to The Forge Estate in Lusk?"

13 Councillor M. Boland - Request for Safety Assessment - Rush/Lusk Train Station - AI103010

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out a full safety assessment on the stretch of road outside the Rush/Lusk Train Station, where ongoing concerns have been raised about pedestrian and traffic safety after yet another car accident, and if measures such as improved lighting, clearer road markings, traffic calming, or pedestrian infrastructure can be considered to make the area safer for all users?"

14 Councillor M. Boland - Increase of Street Sweeping - Main Street, Rush - AI103011

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to an increase to the summer 2025 maintenance and street sweeping schedule for Rush Main Street and side streets as they see an increase in tourists and visitors to the town over the summer months?"

15 Councillor M. Quinn - Baby Changing Facility within Public Toilets in Balbriggan and Skerries - AI102732

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of a baby changing table within the new public toilet in Balbriggan and the existing toilet in Skerries?"
(recommended area attached in photo)

16 Councillor M. Quinn - Assessment of Footpaths - Chapel Gate, Balbriggan - AI103058

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to assessing the public footpaths in Chapel Gate Estate in Balbriggan, in particular the area outside (details supplied) within the estate?"

17 Councillor M. Quinn - Tree Assessment at Clonard Court, Balbriggan - AI103105

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a tree assessment to be undertaken at the (details supplied) as the sight line

is affected by the extent of the branches of the tree and if consideration can also be given to the street tree at this location?"

18 Councillor J. Smyth - Vehicle Access to Miller's Glen Regional Park, Swords - AI102942

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the issues regarding the vehicle gates at Miller's Glen Regional Park and if consideration can be given for them to remain open during the day to avoid dangerous and illegal parking on the adjacent roads?"

19 Councillor J. Smyth - Bottle Filling Stations at Swords Manor Football Club - AI102944

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of a water bottle filling station adjacent to Swords Manor Football Club house as a similar amenity is available at the River Valley pitches and this would be utilised considerably over the coming months?"

20 Councillor J. Smyth - Road Markings on the L2300 Adjacent to Boroimhe Estate - AI103148

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to review the current road markings on the L2300 Road adjacent to Boroimhe Estate, as residents are reporting a need for additional yellow boxes to exit onto L2300, and that the broken white line be changed to a continuous line as motorists are engaging in dangerous overtaking which has led to significant collisions?"

21 Councillor J. Smyth - Park Avenue Parking Enforcement - AI103149

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install signage, double yellow lines or other enforcement measures around the junction of Park Avenue and Brackenstown Road adjacent to the textured/wheelchair crossing, as there is persistent illegal parking occurring on most school days and this is impeding access for disabled pedestrians?"

22 Councillor L. Corkery - Bicycle Lane Cleaning in this LEA - AI102973

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the cleaning schedules for bicycle lanes in this Local Electoral Area?"

23 Councillor L. Corkery - Installation of Speed Ramps - Longview Avenue, Swords - AI102975

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing ramps along Longview Avenue in Miller's Glen to tackle speeding as the existing chicane is not sufficient for slowing down cars at the lower end of the Avenue?"

24 Councillor L. Corkery - Removal of Sycamore Tree in this LEA- AI102977

"To ask the Chief Executive, with reference to the present Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy, if a large sycamore tree in this Local Electoral Area could be considered for removal if its roots are visibly lifting the grass verge and cracking a boundary wall?"

25 Councillor L. Corkery - Engagement with Other Local Authorities Regarding Environmentally Friendly Weedkilling - AI102980

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Operations Department has engaged with other Local Authorities as it seeks to identify environmentally friendly methods of dealing with weeds in housing estates in this Local Electoral Area?"

26 Councillor T. O'Leary - Request for Large Solar Street Litter Bin - Strand Street, Skerries - AI103073

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install a new large solar-powered litter bin in the vicinity of 31 Strand Street, Skerries, near Gerry's Fresh Food Shop, to cater for the substantial footfall there, as the nearest bin is some distance away and the area is particularly littered around lunchtime?"

27 Councillor T. O'Leary - Repair of Footpath - Strand Street, Skerries - AI103074

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repair the trip hazard directly outside the door of 33 Strand Street, Skerries (Martin Scully Hairdresser)?"

28 Councillor T. O'Leary - Update on Resurfacing Works - Balbriggan Street, Skerries - AI103075

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the planned resurfacing of Balbriggan Street, Skerries?"

29 Councillor G. Maguire - Examination of Street Signs in Cardy Rock, Balbriggan - AI103100

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration could be given to examine all street signs within the Cardy Rock development with a view to replacing or painting same where necessary?"

30 Councillor B. Ryan - Cutting Back of Trees in this LEA - AI103161

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to request that any utility company or bus company that needs to, or requests permission to cut back trees in this Local Electoral Area that may be affecting their service, to trim them in a holistic way that preserves their shape?"

31 Councillor B. Ryan - Provision of Bus Shelter in Skerries - AI103163

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide a bus shelter at bus stop number 3815 at Northcliffe Heights/Mourne View, Skerries, under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme 2025?"

32 Councillor T. Murphy - Examination of Footpaths in Balbriggan Graveyard - AI103181

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examine the footpaths in Balbriggan graveyard with a view to repairing the broken sections that are causing trip hazards and are particularly dangerous for senior citizens visiting the graveyard?"

33 Councillor T. Murphy - Private Bus Parking Bays in Balbriggan - AI103182

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise how many bus parking bays are in Balbriggan in the context of accommodating the increased need due to the new Lark Theatre, The Victory Garden, Bremore Castle and other tourist attractions which would benefit from bus parking spaces?"

34 Councillor T. Murphy - Installation of Railing at Chapel Gate Estate in Balbriggan - AI103186

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install the agreed railing in Chapel Gate Estate along the lower wall, that separates the Harry Reynolds Road from the estate, that is being used as a route for people who are travelling through the estate and do not live there?"

35 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Litter Bin along Donabate to Portrane Cliff Walk - AI103189

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of a litter bin along the middle section of the Donabate to Portrane cliff walk given the increase in litter and dog fouling along the walkway with litter bins available at both access points only which are full on a regular basis?"

36 Councillor C. Johnston - Turvey Avenue Road Resurfacing Works - AI103190

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the road resurfacing works on Turvey Avenue will commence and the timeline for completion of same?"

37 Councillor C. Johnston - Horse Fouling Signage - Balcarrick Beach, Donabate. AI103191

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of horse fouling prevention signage in line with the Beach and Foreshore Byelaws 2006 at Balcarrick Beach, Donabate?"

38 Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Calming Measures - Corballis Road, Donabate - AI103192

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of traffic calming measures in next year's Works Programme along the Corballis Road, Donabate in the vicinity of the Corballis cottages given the safety concern of local residents with an increase in traffic along this section of road with children crossing from the trekking centre on a regular basis?"

39 Councillor C. Johnston - Replacement Bins - Naul Village - AI103194

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to replace the existing bins in Naul Village, adjacent to the Daybreak Shop and Cafe at the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre, with solar powered compactor bins given these bins are regularly at capacity and to reduce regular litter issues which arise from these overflowing bins?"

40 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Pedestrian Crossing - Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI103197

"To ask the Chief Executive to give consideration in next year's Works Programme to the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Turvey Avenue, Donabate in the vicinity of the junction of Turvey Avenue/The Square, given the increase in pedestrians accessing Newbridge Demesne at this junction along this dangerous section of road and with further increases in pedestrian and vehicular traffic anticipated with the opening of the Aldi Store along this road before the end of this year?"

41 Councillor C. Boland - Request for Addition Ramps on the R108 - AI103208

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to assessing the existing road speed cushions on the R108 outside Ballyboughal GAA grounds and sublimated with two additional ramps to discourage the current practice of excessive speeding by motorists?"

42 Councillor E. Dockrell - Review of Traffic Congestion - Main Street, Rush - AI103212

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Council's plans to review traffic congestion on Rush Main Street, in particular the removal/re-positioning of car park spaces to alleviate some traffic congestion?"

43 Councillor E. Dockrell - Water Filling Station - Donabate Distributor Road - AI103215

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include a water filling station on the footpath along the Donabate Distributor Road?"

44 Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on Rolestown Roadworks - AI103235

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the planned road repair works in the greater Rolestown area?"

45 Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on Planned Road Resurfacing in the Swords Area - AI103240

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the planned road resurfacing works in the Swords area, specifically those listed for Rathbeale Road and Murrough Road, including expected timelines and any associated Traffic Management measures?"

46 Councillor D. Mulligan - Report on Public Lighting in Swords - AI103241

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on any public lighting upgrade works currently underway or planned in Swords, including locations where old lighting is being replaced with energy-efficient alternatives and a timeline for completion?"

47 Councillor D. Mulligan - Traffic and Parking in Swords Town Centre - AI103242

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on measures being considered or implemented to address ongoing traffic congestion and illegal parking in Swords Town Centre (and surrounding estates) and particularly around Main Street and key commuter routes?"

48 Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on Parks and Open Spaces in the Swords Area - AI103244

"To ask the Chief Executive for details on any upcoming maintenance, upgrades, or development projects for parks and open spaces in the Swords area, including Ward River Valley Park and Balheary Park?"

49 Councillor J. Humphreys - Landscaping Improvements at Open Space facing Elmwood Park, Swords - AI103259

"To ask the Chief Executive if the green space facing Elmwood Park, Swords, can be included for landscaping improvements and if a low-level (knee-high) fence or other suitable boundary can be installed around its perimeter to prevent unauthorised vehicular access due to the removal the bollards?"

50 Councillor J. Humphreys - Provision of Bus Terminus at Miller's Glen, Swords - AI103261

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on any engagement the Executive has had with the National Transport Authority regarding the provision of a bus terminus at Miller's Glen?"

51 Councillor J. Humphreys - Pedestrian Crossing at Applewood Community Centre - AI103264

"To ask the Chief Executive if the installation of a pedestrian crossing between the Applewood Community Centre and the newly opened

stretch of road is due to be completed prior to the taking in charge process, or whether such a crossing was ever included in the approved plans, if it was not, will the Executive consider including it in a future Programme of Works to improve road safety for residents and school children in the area?"

**OPERATIONAL
NEW WORKS, ETC.**

52 Programme of Works 2025 Update

53 National Speed Limit Review Update

54 Special Speed Limit Bye Law - Moylaragh Road - Balbriggan

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55 Councillor T. O'Leary - Relocation of Skerries Sailing Club Slipway - AI102259

"That this Committee agrees that consideration be given to the request from Skerries Sailing Club that the existing slipway on Harbour Road be relocated to align with the exit/entrance to the Skerries Sailing Club boatyard to facilitate safer and more efficient launching of boats and that this proposal be included in the upcoming Skerries health check process and any funding applications that may emerge from that."

MOTIONS

56 Councillor J. Smyth - Town Notice Board for Swords - AI103139

"That the Chief Executive request the relevant department to install a Town Notice Board on behalf of the Swords Tidy Towns group in an appropriate central area of the town."

57 Councillor B. Ryan - Identifiable Benches within this LEA - AI103156

"That the Chief Executive install and promote identifiable benches around this Local Electoral Area to be designated as benches of hope, friendship or talking benches to encourage mental health awareness and conversations in our public spaces".

58 Councillor C. Boland - Deployment of Vehicle Actuated Technology to improve Advance Warning of Rural Crossroads in this LEA - AI103169

"That the Chief Executive undertakes a review of rural crossroads in this Local Electoral Area with a view to deploying the type of technology that is used with Vehicle Actuated Signs to highlight and enhance road signage visibility in advance of a junction by mounting it on a background that flashes when a vehicle approaches."

59 Councillor T. Murphy - Balbriggan Beach Management Team - AI103180

"That the Chief Executive set up a Balbriggan Beach Management Team as soon as possible, set out the terms of reference and invite all relevant stakeholders to engage in a new process which will deliver an action plan to create a beach environment that all stakeholders and beach users would be proud of."

60 Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Pedestrian Crossing at Palmer Road/Avenue Junction, Rush - AI103195

"That the Chief Executive carry out an assessment of the junction at Palmer Road and Palmer Avenue in Rush with a view to considering the provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location in next year's Works Programme given the number of children crossing the road to access schools and other amenities at this busy junction with poor sight lines resulting in difficulties for motorists trying to see oncoming traffic from Palmer Avenue onto Palmer Road."

61 Councillor D. Mulligan - Inclusive Play Equipment in this LEA - AI103225

"That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive investigates the feasibility of upgrading playground equipment to be inclusive, with a particular focus on locations within the Swords Local Electoral Area, that are near adapted housing for individuals with additional support needs."

62 Councillor P. Mulville - Clearing of cut grass on path across the Eden Grove Green Space. AI103237

"That the Chief Executive take steps to ensure that the path across the Eden Grove green space, Beaverstown, Donabate, is cleared, e.g. by a leaf blower, each time the grass is cut, as the path's surface has been left slippery and hazardous, with a number of pedestrians having

slipped on the wet grass.”

63 Councillor J. Smyth - Accessibility Issues - Abbeyvale Paths - AI103145

“That the Chief Executive instruct the relevant department to carry out a review of the appropriateness of the paths in and around the Abbeyvale estate in particular from Abbeyvale Lawn to the entrance of the estate in light of reports by disabled members of the public that these paths are inaccessible for those who require the use of wheelchairs and or other mobility aids”.

64 Councillor B. Ryan - Provision of Directional Signage - Killalane, Skerries - AI103162

“That the Chief Executive provide directional signage around Carney's Tree, located at the junction of Killary Grove and Killalane, as several near misses have been observed due to motorists taking a right turn off Killary Grove towards Balrothery, on the righthand side of the tree.”

66 Councillor D. Mulligan - Footpath Access for Wheelchair Users on Brackenstown Road, Swords - AI103226

“That the Chief Executive provide a clear plan to address the serious lack of appropriate footpath access for wheelchair users on Brackenstown Road.”

67 Councillor P. Mulville - Public Seating Benches in this LEA - AI103239

“That the Chief Executive bring a report on any future proposals to remove or relocate public seating benches, at locations across the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area, including the background/justification for the proposed removal/relocation of seating and the report to be for the consideration and approval of the Elected Members.”

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**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)

Thursday, 8th May, 2025

PRESENT

Boland, Cathal
Boland, Mark
Butler, Darragh
Corkery Luke
Dockrell, Eoghan
Humphreys, James
Johnston, Corina
Kelly, Darren Jack

Maguire, Grainne
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Leary, Tom
Quinn, Malachy
Ryan, Brendan
Smyth, John

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Tom O'Leary, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mary T Daly (Director of Service), Deirdre Sinclair (A/Senior Executive Officer), Karen Gallagher (Senior Engineer), Rosemary Gibney Sherry (Administrative Officer), Niamh Russell (Administrative Officer), Aileen O'Connor (Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer), Paul Graham (Senior Executive Engineer), Leticia Moore (Executive Engineer), Shane Sutton (Parks and Landscaping Officer), (Executive Engineer), Megan Devaney (Senior Staff Officer), Conor Sheehan (Staff Officer), Alvean Finnegan (Assistant Staff Officer), Laura Doyle (Clerical Officer).

BSA/224/25 (Agenda Item No)

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 13th March 2025

Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held on the 10th April 2025, which had been circulated were submitted, **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor Kelly and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) Meeting held on 10th April 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”.

BSA/225/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor Humphries and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No 51, Questions numbered 02 to 65 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

BSA/226/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor D. Butler - Additional Improvements to Roscall Junction - AI101956

BSA/227/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor P. Mulville - Number of Litter Bins across this LEA - AI102006

BSA/228/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor P. Mulville - Installation of Benches - Burrow Road, Portrane - AI102008

BSA/229/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor P. Mulville - Outdoor Table Tennis/Chess - Portrane and Donabate
Beaches - AI102009

BSA/230/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor P. Mulville - Road Repairs - Rahillion Corner - AI102479

BSA/231/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor P. Mulville - Bike Lane Cleansing Vehicles in this LEA - AI102481

BSA/232/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor P. Mulville - Update on 'No Mow May' in this LEA - AI102484

BSA/233/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor P. Mulville - Need for Traffic Calming Measures - Northern Approach into
Balbriggan/R132 - AI102489

BSA/234/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor P. Mulville - Pedestrian/Cycle Path Maintenance - R132/Blakes Cross to
Minister's Road - AI102490

BSA/235/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor G. Maguire - Road Resurfacing - Hampton Cove, Balbriggan - AI102329

BSA/236/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor G. Maguire - Installation of Public Lighting - White Hart Road, Balbriggan -
AI102398

BSA/237/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor G. Maguire - Maintenance of Pocket Park, Balbriggan - AI102401

BSA/238/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor G. Maguire - Landscaping Works - Pocket Park, Balbriggan - AI102401A

BSA/239/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor G. Maguire - Improvement of Sightlines - Junction at Flemington Road/Clonard Road - AI102440

BSA/240/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor J. Smyth - Frequency of Grass Cutting - Thornleigh/Castleview Estates, Swords - AI102362

BSA/241/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor J. Smyth - Repairs/Improvements to Holywell North Playground, Swords - AI102412

BSA/242/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor J. Smyth - Update on Works on Footpaths - Old Mooretown Estate, Swords - AI102416

BSA/243/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor J. Smyth - Concerns over Overgrown and Damaged Trees - Old Mooretown Park/Road and Pine Grove Park, Swords - AI102417

BSA/244/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor J. Smyth - Installation of Ramps - Royal Oak Estate, Santry - AI102418

BSA/245/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor J. Smyth - Installation of Additional Litter Bins - Royal Oak Estate, Santry - AI102419

BSA/246/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor J. Smyth - Update on JC's Junction Traffic Flow - AI102421

BSA/247/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor L. Corkery - Provision of Additional Litter Bins - Swords Regional Park - AI102393

BSA/248/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor L. Corkery - Landscaping Works - Miller's Avenue, Swords - AI102394

BSA/249/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor L. Corkery - Installation of Bollards - Ward River Valley Park, Swords - AI102396

BSA/250/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor L. Corkery - Closing Times of Park Gates in this LEA - AI102448

BSA/251/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor J. Newman - Update on Lack of Toilets in Swords Public Parks -
AI102399

BSA/252/25 (Agenda Item No)
Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Footpath Restoration Works - Church Street,
Skerries - AI102431

BSA/253/25 (Agenda Item No)
Councillor B. Ryan - Immediate/Short-Term Measures for Safer Traffic Movement -
Ardgillan Castle - AI102433

BSA/254/25 (Agenda Item No)
Councillor B. Ryan - Provision of Safe Pedestrian Crossing - Ardgillan Demesne -
AI102438

BSA/255/25 (Agenda Item No)
Councillor B. Ryan - Provision of Safety Crossing - Charlie Moore Memorial Park,
Balbriggan - AI102439

BSA/256/25 (Agenda Item No)
Councillor B. Ryan - Report on Playing Pitches without Changing Facilities -
Balbriggan - AI102446

BSA/257/25 (Agenda Item No)
Councillor B. Ryan - Installation of Benches in Balbriggan - AI102562

BSA/258/25 (Agenda Item No)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Request for Traffic Calming Audit - Oldtown - AI102474

BSA/259/25 (Agenda Item No)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Road Upgrades/Resurfacing/Improvements for
Naul, Garristown, Oldtown and Ballyboughal - AI102478

BSA/260/25 (Agenda Item No)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Request for Painting of Wall at Junction of R129 and R108 -
AI102488

BSA/261/25 (Agenda Item No)
Councillor M. Quinn - Grass Cutting Rota - Westbrook Estate, Balbriggan - AI102500

BSA/262/25 (Agenda Item No)
Councillor M. Quinn - Gully Clearing at Westbrook Rise, Balbriggan - AI102501

BSA/263/25 (Agenda Item No)
Councillor M. Quinn - Litter Bin at Wheelchair Accessibility Pathway/Swimmers
Shelter, Balbriggan Beach - AI102502

BSA/264/25 (Agenda Item No)
Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Cleaning - Balscadden Old Cemetery -
AI102528

- BSA/265/25** (Agenda Item No)
Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Trimming of Foliage- Corballis, Donabate - AI102529
- BSA/266/25** (Agenda Item No)
Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Footpath Repairs - Portrane Road, Donabate - AI102530
- BSA/267/25** (Agenda Item No)
Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Litter Bin - The Links, Donabate - AI102531
- BSA/268/25** (Agenda Item No)
Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Deep Cleaning of Public Toilets - Donabate - AI102532
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Councillor C. Johnston - Paved Area - Longstone Park, Portrane - AI102539
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Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Beach Swim Shelters - Rush - AI102548
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Councillor M. Boland - Installation of Public Recycling Bins - AI102538
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Councillor M. Boland - Resurfacing of Roadway - Rush to Lusk on the R128 - AI102541
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Councillor M. Boland - Installation of Water Re-fill Stations - Lusk Village - AI102542
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Councillor M. Boland - Update on Installation of Footpath - Pairc Na Bláthanna, Rush - AI102543
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Councillor M. Boland - Update on Installation of Link Footpath - Brook Lane and Kenure Gate, Rush - AI102544
- BSA/276/25** (Agenda Item No)
Councillor M. Boland - Installation of Extra Litter Bin near the Site of St. Joseph's School - Rush - AI102545
- BSA/277/25** (Agenda Item No)
Councillor M. Boland - Repairing Potholes - Park Road, Rush to Kilbush Nurseries - AI102547
- BSA/278/25** (Agenda Item No)

Councillor M. Boland - Installation of "Children at Play" or "Slow Down" Signs - Dun Emer, Lusk - AI102549

BSA/279/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor T. Murphy - Road Inspection - Railway Street/Convent Lane, Balbriggan - AI102558

BSA/280/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor T. Murphy - Cleaning of Drains - Railway Street, Balbriggan - AI102559

BSA/281/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor T. Murphy - Repairs to Ramps - Hampton Cove Entrance, Skerries Road - AI102560

BSA/282/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor T. Murphy - Installation of Disabled Parking Bay - Primary Care Centre, Balbriggan - AI102561

BSA/283/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor T. Murphy - Illegal Parking on Footpaths in Balbriggan - AI102564

BSA/284/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor T. Murphy - Installation of New Benches - Moylaragh Park/Mill Pond Park/Bremore Park, Balbriggan - AI102565

BSA/285/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Blue Public Lights - Swords LEA - AI102567

BSA/286/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Plans for Double Yellow Lines - Castlevue and Aston Broc, Swords - AI102569

BSA/287/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Dedicated Tree and Hedge Maintenance Team - AI102571

BSA/288/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Maintenance of Archaeological Park – Litter Bin Provision - AI102572

BSA/289/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Audit of Playgrounds in Swords – Condition, Policy Alignment, and Future Provision - AI102573

BSA/290/25 (Agenda Item No)

Traffic Calming Schemes Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area

The attached report by the Manager which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**.

Ms. Karen Gallagher gave the attached presentation to the meeting.

Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

BSA/291/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor D. Butler - Dangerous Parking Issues - Well Road, Swords - AI101914

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Butler was proposed by Councillor Butler, seconded by Councillor Kelly.

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the report.

BSA/292/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Safety Assessment - R108 Junction of R125, Roganstown - AI101990

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Mulligan was proposed by Councillor Mulligan, seconded by Councillor Newman.

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the report.

BSA/293/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Removal of Excess Signposts and Poles - Rush Main Street - AI101932

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Dockrell was proposed by Councillor Dockrell, seconded by Councillor Johnston.

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the report.

BSA/294/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor M. Quinn - Installation of Dog Waste Bins on our Main Streets across this LEA - AI102166

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Quinn was proposed by Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Smyth.

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the report.

BSA/295/25 (Agenda Item No)
Councillor G. Maguire - Car Parking - Balbriggan - AI102375

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Maguire was proposed by Councillor Maguire, seconded by Councillor Quinn.

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the report.

BSA/296/25 (Agenda Item No)
Councillor J. Smyth - Double Yellow Lines - Castlevue Heights/Aston Avenue,
Swords - AI102414

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Smyth was proposed by Councillor Smyth, seconded by Councillor Quinn.

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the report.

BSA/297/25 (Agenda Item No)
Councillor B. Ryan - Programme of Works 2025 in this LEA - AI102447

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Ryan was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor M. Boland.

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the report.

BSA/298/25 (Agenda Item No)
Councillor P. Mulville - Pedestrianisation of Laneway - Brook Pub, Portrane -
AI102477

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Mulville was proposed by Councillor Mulville, seconded by Councillor Dockrell.

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the report.

BSA/299/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor C. Johnston - Dog Off Leash Area - Newbridge Demesne, Donabate - AI102546

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Johnston was proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Dockrell.

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the report.

BSA/300/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor D. Butler - Installation of Seating - Ward Valley Park, Swords - AI101920

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Butler was proposed by Councillor Butler, seconded by Councillor O'Leary.

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the report.

BSA/301/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Request for Footpath/Lighting - R132/R129, Blake's Cross - AI102469

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Dockrell was proposed by Councillor Dockrell, seconded by Councillor Corkery.

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the report.

The Meeting concluded at 3.06 pm

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ITEM NO. 02

**DESIGNATION OF BATHING AREA AT TOWER BAY, PORTRANE -
AI102491**

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there has been any progress in designating Tower Bay in Portrane as an official bathing area, as it is a very popular swimming location?”

Reply:

Under European and Irish law, Irish Local Authorities must identify bathing waters each year so that these areas can be monitored to ensure they meet stringent microbiological water quality standards. In some cases, the formally identified bathing areas are also the areas where local authorities focus their resources providing lifeguards during the summer season. The consultation is currently live on the Consult Portal until Friday 26th September 2025.

The criteria which applied when Tower Bay was previously lifeguarded was a lot less stringent for the formal identification of bathing waters. Current issues of concern which provide an obstacle to the formal designation of Tower Bay as an ‘identified’ bathing water are:

- The requirement to carry out water sampling at high tide in a safe environment which does not pose a health and safety risk to water

samplers, and therefore water samplers cannot safely descend those steps once protective clothing has been donned.

- Safe access for beach users to the beach and the bathing water. The beach area at Tower Bay is not universally accessible.
- Safety issues present due to tidal flows observed around the rocky areas of the beach - more suited to experienced open sea swimmers. The beach is prone to strong currents and, when prevailing winds are from the southeast, large breaking waves form. If a formal designation of a bathing water were to take place, this would inadvertently give less competent swimmers the assurance that the waters were safe for swimming.
- Accessibility for Emergency Services - issues with removing a casualty from the beach and could require assistance from RNLI / ICG. No easy access for ambulance crews onto the beach or off the beach with a casualty.
- This location is more suited to competent swimmers and may attract novice swimmers if formally identified.

When all the foregoing issues are taken into consideration, Tower Bay, Portrane, fails to meet the required standard to receive formal bathing water designation. There is a "Competent Swimmers Only" and 'Strong Currents' signage on site currently. The information board also identifies swimming hazards on the map.

Source of Reply: Ms. M Mongey, Water Safety Development Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 03

ROAD REPAIRS - BLAKE'S CROSS TO TURVEY AVENUE - AI102492

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to road repairs on the R132 from Blake’s Cross to Turvey Avenue on the southbound lane as the road surface is broken up in sections and is particularly hazardous for cyclists?”

Reply:

This section of road is currently subject to an ESB road opening licence, and permanent works have already commenced. These repair works are being carried out off-peak to minimise disruption to traffic and ensure a smoother flow during peak hours.

The works will continue until completion, addressing the issues with the broken surface and improving safety for all road users, including cyclists.

Source of Reply: Mr. B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 04

'NO RIGHT TURN' SIGNAGE - CHAPEL LANE, SWORDS - AI102566

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide more prominent signage to highlight the ‘No Right Turn’ from Chapel Lane onto Swords Main Street?”

Reply:

The signage and associated line marking on Chapel Lane, Swords conforms with the Traffic Signs Manual. Any illegal turning movements are enforcement issues and should be reported to An Garda Síochána.

Source of Reply: Mr. J Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 05

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SEATING BENCHES IN THIS LEA - AI103223

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to provide further seating benches at public open spaces, playgrounds, coastal areas and cemeteries across the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area, in line with the adopted Age Friendly Strategy?"

Reply:

The Council receives regular requests for additional public seating in the public realm of this LEA. As each request is received the area team will then assess the suitability of the locations selected.

Any agreed locations are usually added to the list in the next phase of bench installs within the annual programme of works. If there are any specific areas where the local elected representatives feel additional benches are required, the request can be forwarded to the area Operations team through the members rep system.

Source of Reply: Ms. A O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 06

PORTRANE LITTER BIN EMPTYING SCHEDULE - AI103224

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the weekly public litter bin emptying schedule for Portrane and in particular if the public litter bins are emptied on Sundays?”

Reply:

All public bins are emptied seven days a week in Portrane and staff deal with any litter issues when they arise.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Connell, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 07

TRAFFIC SAFETY PLAN - DONABATE BEACH - AI103228

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if a summer-time traffic safety plan is being considered for the Corballis/Balcarrick area, in association with An Garda Síochána, given the ongoing hazardous parking associated with visitors to Donabate beach, with many motorists continuing to park their cars illegally in the vicinity of the beach, leading to unacceptable health and safety challenges for local residents?”

Reply:

Traffic management plans (TMP) are put in place for known events such as construction projects or events such as the Swords 10k or Malahide Concerts for example. TMPs must be in accordance with Chapter 8 under the Traffic Signs Manual. For certain TMPs, temporary road closures are required to aid or complement a TMP. A separate process is outlined for this under section 75 of the Roads Traffic Act 1993 to temporarily close a road. Public consultation is required to carry out for temporary road closures.

It is not feasible to have static traffic management plans for Donabate beach for the entire summer season. This is due to several factors such as:

- Feasibility of planning a TMP in advance

- Weather
- Estimated number of attendees
- Access

An Garda Síochána have separate powers to respond to dynamic traffic scenarios.

Source of Report: Mr. J. Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 08

PROVISION OF ON-SITE ATTENDANTS FOR PUBLIC TOILETS AT DONABATE BEACH - AI103230

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive, given the very poor state of the public toilets at Donabate beach, to consider the provision of on-site toilet attendants for the summer-time bathing period, which can be accompanied by a small charge to the public, e.g. 20 cents?”

Reply:

The cleaning and maintenance service for all public conveniences county-wide is managed by an external Contractor Healthmatic, appointed by the Council.

Operations have recently met with the contractor regarding the level of service expected under the contract, particularly the public toilets at beaches, during the Summer season.

There is no provision, under the current contract, for on-site toilet attendants or a charging mechanism for the public.

In relation to Donabate beach toilets, the Council have recently received a number of complaints, many of them as a result of vandalism i.e. sand and other items being deliberately put into toilets, thus causing blockages and overflows.

Source of Reply: Ms. D Sinclair, A/Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department & Ms. R Gibney Sherry, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 09

UPDATING OF SIGNALISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - PALMER AVE, RUSH - AI102647

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to improving and updating the crosswalk at Palmer Avenue, Rush, including the installation of a signalised pedestrian crossing, in light of a recent serious accident involving a child, and that tangible measures are put in place to prevent future accidents?”

Reply:

Following assessment of the location, it was noted that the limited availability of road space at the junction of Palmer Road and Palmer Avenue poses significant challenges in accommodating traffic management infrastructure without the need for public road widening. The upgrade of this junction requires a holistic approach and land acquisition. In addition, Palmer Avenue is not currently taken in charge by Fingal County Council. It is not on the Operations annual Programme of Works or the 2025-2027 Capital Programme of Works.

There is currently a Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS) on the Palmer Road approach to the junction acting as a warning measure to traffic of the presence of pedestrians in the area.

Source of Reply: Ms. L Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

Mr. J Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 10

PAINTING OF NEW ROAD MARKINGS - THE FORGE ESTATE AND CHAPEL FARM ESTATE, LUSK - AI103007

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the painting of new ‘SLOW’ line road markings on the Dublin Road at the pedestrian crossing at the entrance to The Forge Estate and Chapel Farm Estate in Lusk to encourage cars to slow down and allow pedestrians to cross the road?”

Reply:

Road markings request has been included in the list of programme of works.

Source of Reply: Ms. L Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 11

INSTALLATION OF LITTER BIN - GREEN SPACE, DUBLIN ROAD ROUNDAABOUT, LUSK - A1103008

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install an additional litter bin at the green space at the Dublin Road Roundabout in Lusk which has seen an increase in use as a local community space where many residents walk their dogs daily and an additional litter bin should be considered to encourage correct disposal of dog waste?” (see attached photo)

Reply:

The area in question has been examined and the one bin is deemed adequate for the open space.

There are more bins on the ring road to deal with litter issues. All public bins are emptied seven days a week.

Source of Reply: Mr. M Hackett, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 12

**INSTALLATION OF “CHILDREN AT PLAY” AND “SLOW DOWN”
SIGNS - THE FORGE ESTATE, LUSK - AI103009**

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing much needed ‘Children at Play’ and ‘Slow Down’ signs at the entrance to The Forge Estate in Lusk?”

Reply:

The Forge Estate Lusk is not fully taken in charge. Slow Zone 30km/h Children at Play sign are currently installed at the entrance of Forge Avenue.

Source of Reply: Ms. L Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 13

REQUEST FOR SAFETY ASSESSMENT - RUSH/LUSK TRAIN STATION - AI103010

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out a full safety assessment on the stretch of road outside the Rush/Lusk Train Station, where ongoing concerns have been raised about pedestrian and traffic safety after yet another car accident, and if measures such as improved lighting, clearer road markings, traffic calming, or pedestrian infrastructure can be considered to make the area safer for all users?”

Reply:

The section of public road outside the Rush/Lusk train station has the following measures in place.

- Footpaths on both sides of the public road.
- Signalised pedestrian crossing.
- Line marking and signage.
- Anti-Skid Epoxy Resin Surfacing in advance of pedestrian crossing.
- There is existing public lighting along the R128, and near the two entrances to the train station. This lighting is to an acceptable standard for a road of this type and there are no plans to install additional lighting on the R128 at

this location. The lighting at the entrances to the train station on Station Lane on the Rush side and the entrance to the carpark on the Lusk side, are under the control of Irish Rail, and it is a matter for them to ensure these areas are appropriately lit.

The entrance/exit point from the Lusk/Rush train station is in ownership of Irish Rail. As noted in previous correspondence about this issue in general, substantial works are required in order to upgrade the existing access and egress at this junction which would include land take and planning permission to implement a solution if required.

Source of Reply: Mr. J Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department
Ms. K Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting, Operations Department



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ITEM NO. 14

INCREASE OF STREET SWEEPING - MAIN STREET, RUSH - AI103011

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to an increase to the summer 2025 maintenance and street sweeping schedule for Rush Main Street and side streets as they see an increase in tourists and visitors to the town over the summer months?”

Reply:

The areas outlined are swept each week by the small road sweeper. There is no current capacity to increase the frequency at this location.

Source of Reply: Mr. M Hackett, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 15

**BABY CHANGING FACILITY WITHIN PUBLIC TOILETS IN
BALBRIGGAN AND SKERRIES - AI10273**

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of a baby changing table within the new public toilet in Balbriggan and existing toilet in Skerries?” (recommended area attached in photo)

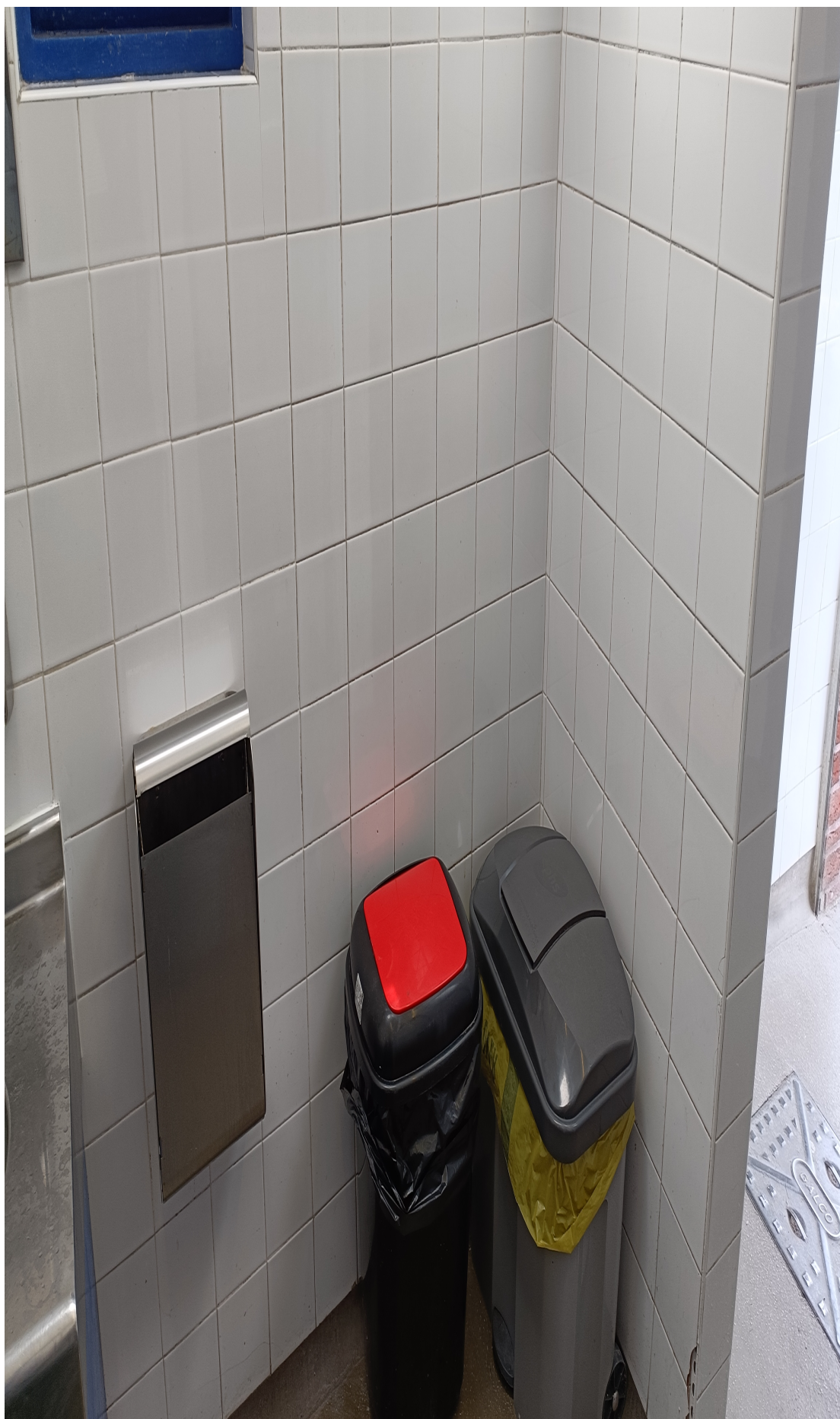
Reply:

The availability of space for a baby changing table in Skerries South Strand toilets has been examined and a unit is now on order and will be installed as soon as it is delivered.

The toilets in Balbriggan are currently being re-furbished as part of the Our Balbriggan project and when opened, will have a baby changing unit.

Source of Reply: Mr. R Gibney Sherry, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 16

ASSESSMENT OF FOOTPATHS - CHAPEL GATE, BALBRIGGAN - AI103058

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to assessing the public footpaths in Chapel Gate Estate in Balbriggan, in particular the area outside No. 78 to No. 89 within the estate?”

Reply:

These locations will be assessed and any repair works identified will be added to the Area Inspectors maintenance programme.

Source of Reply: Mr. J Dowler, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 17

TREE ASSESSMENT AT CLONARD COURT, BALBRIGGAN - AI103105

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a tree assessment to be undertaken at the (details supplied) as the sight line is affected by the extent of the branches of the tree and if consideration can also be given to the street tree at this location?”

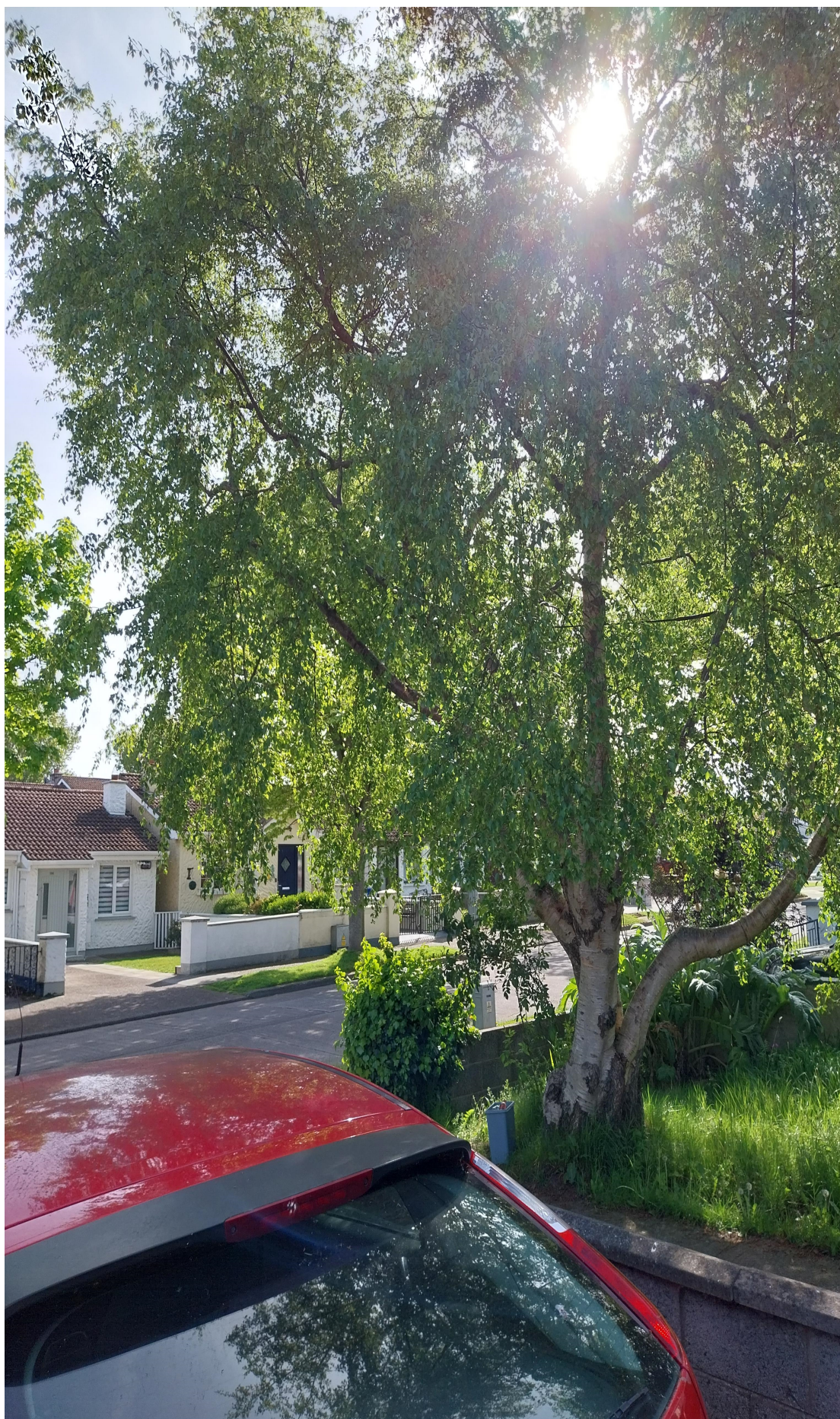
Reply:

The tree, as indicated by the photo supplied within the Area Committee Meeting question is located on private property and is not currently presenting a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road or pathway, nor does it obstruct or interfere with the safe use of a public road or pathway and so does not meet the criteria for the serving of a Section 70 Notice.

The street trees at this address appear to be in good physiological and structural condition and so, currently do not require any works.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Downey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 18

**VEHICLE ACCESS TO MILLER'S GLEN REGIONAL PARK, SWORDS -
AI102942**

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the issues regarding the vehicle gates at Miller's Glen Regional Park and if consideration can be given for them to remain open during the day to avoid dangerous and illegal parking on the adjacent roads?"

Reply:

The vehicle gates at this location are now open from 8am to 10pm every day.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Connell, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 19

BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS AT SWORDS MANOR FOOTBALL CLUB - AI102944

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of a water bottle filling station adjacent to Swords Manor Football Club house as a similar amenity is available at the River Valley pitches, and this would be utilised considerably over the coming months?”

Reply:

The Operations department have been in contact with Uisce Éireann regarding a new water connection point at this section of the park. This is to supply drinking water for the proposed installation of a water refill station in the vicinity of the MUGGA, Playground and Sports Pitches general area. The actual water station unit was included for supply as part of the recent tender process, so once the location is agreed with Uisce Éireann, the unit can be installed.

Source of Reply: Mr. S Sutton, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 20

**ROAD MARKINGS ON THE L2300 ADJACENT TO BOROIMHE ESTATE
- AI103148**

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to review the current road markings on the L2300 Road adjacent to Boroimhe Estate as residents are reporting a need for additional yellow boxes to exit onto L2300 and that the broken white line be changed to a continuous line as motorists are engaging in dangerous overtaking which has led to significant collisions?”

Reply:

The Traffic section will carry out a review and on-site assessment of the road markings and traffic movements at peak times. If deemed appropriate, line marking works will be carried out at the entrances from Boroimhe estate.

Source of Reply: Mr. J Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 21

PARK AVENUE PARKING ENFORCEMENT - AI103149

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install signage, double yellow lines or other enforcement measures around the junction of Park Avenue and Brackenstown Road adjacent to the textured/wheelchair crossing as there is persistent illegal parking occurring on most school days and this is impeding disabled pedestrians access?"

Reply:

At present, there is existing double yellow lines installed at the junction of Park Avenue/Brackenstown Road. It should also be noted under Section 36 2 (k) from the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations that a vehicle shall not be parked ..." in a manner in which it will interfere with the normal flow of traffic, or which obstructs or endangers other traffic...".

These parking enforcement items should be referred to An Garda Síochána for their attention.

Source of Reply: Mr. J Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 22

BICYCLE LANE CLEANING IN THIS LEA – AI102973

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the cleaning schedules for bicycle lanes in this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

All cycle lanes in the Swords area are swept at least twice every week and any other issues are dealt with as they arise.

All cycle lanes in the Balbriggan area are swept once a week and any other issues are dealt with as they arise.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Connell and Mr. Hackett, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 23

INSTALLATION OF SPEED RAMPS - LONGVIEW AVENUE, SWORDS - AI102975

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing ramps along Longview Avenue in Miller's Glen to tackle speeding as the existing chicane is not sufficient for slowing cars at the lower end of the Avenue?”

Reply:

There is a significant amount of traffic calming measures in place along Longview Avenue which includes the following.

- Chicanes along key sections of Longview Avenue
- Raised tables junction
- Line Marking and Signage

These measures align with the Traffic Management Guidelines and Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS).

There is limited scope to install further traffic calming measures (ramps) due to the geometrical layout of Longview Avenue due to the presence of existing driveways.

Source of Reply: Mr. J Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 24

REMOVAL OF SYCAMORE TREE IN THIS LEA - AI102977

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive, with reference to the present Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy, if a large sycamore tree in this Local Electoral Area could be considered for removal if its roots are visibly lifting the grass verge and cracking a boundary wall?”

Reply:

In line with the ‘Forest of Fingal’ Tree Strategy, the council will only consider tree removal where there is a risk to public health and or infrastructure which cannot otherwise be mitigated. Removal of the tree will be a last resort, except in circumstances where the tree is of low value or easily replaced. The Council will also seek to explore engineering options to reduce trip hazards or damage to property, before root pruning or tree removal, through internal consultation within the Operations Department.

In general, issues with cracked boundary walls are dealt with by the Council Insurance Section where they will require a report by an appropriately qualified professional, such as an arborist or an engineer to verify any damage to property such as a garden wall is being caused by tree roots.

In relation to any specific tree, if the address giving its exact location is provided, an assessment can be carried out.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Downey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 25

ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES REGARDING ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY WEEDKILLING - AI102980

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Operations Department has engaged with other Local Authorities as it seeks to identify environmentally friendly methods of dealing with weeds in housing estates in this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

In relation to the general overall Pesticide policy currently being operated by Fingal Council, the Council has used several non-chemical weed control alternatives over the last number of years, including some vinegar-based solutions, hot steam/foam applicators and mechanical brushing techniques. All systems tried have a noticeably short reaction time and will result in increasing the labour input to match the reapplication visits required. Traditional herbicide applications would require one to two visits annually, while a vinegar-based solution applied via traditional knapsack applicator will require a minimum of approximately 10 applications during the growing season.

The Council has been liaising with the other local authorities since 2021 as part of a National Scientific Assessment of Alternatives to Herbicide Use in the Maintenance of Amenity Public Open Spaces.

Source of Reply: Ms. A O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 26

REQUEST FOR LARGE SOLAR STREET LITTER BIN - STRAND STREET, SKERRIES - AI103073

Question: Councillor T. O'Leary

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install a new large solar-powered litter bin in the vicinity of 31 Strand Street, Skerries near Gerry's Fresh Food Shop to cater for the substantial footfall there, as the nearest bin is some distance away and the area is particularly littered around lunchtime?"

Reply:

There are no current plans for the installation of Solar bins. There are adequate bins in the village to deal with the litter with a six-day service which deals with the emptying of the bins and any litter issues which may arise.

As a rule, Council bins are not located near shops but further down the road as it is the responsible of shop owner to provide adequate bins outside their shop and to maintain these bins.

Source of Reply: Ms. R. Gibney Sherry, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 27

REPAIR OF FOOTPATH - STRAND STREET, SKERRIES - AI103074

Question: Councillor T. O'Leary

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repair the trip hazard directly outside the door of 33 Strand Street, Skerries (Martin Scully Hairdresser)?”

Reply:

These works will be listed for repairs and carried out dependent on the availability of resources and funding.

Source of Reply: Mr J Dowler, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 28

**UPDATE ON RESURFACING WORKS - BALBRIGGAN STREET,
SKERRIES - AI103075**

Question: Councillor T. O'Leary

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the planned resurfacing of Balbriggan Street, Skerries?”

Reply:

These works are currently at tender stage.

Source of Reply: Mr. J Dowler, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 29

**EXAMINATION OF STREET SIGNS IN CARDY ROCK, BALBRIGGAN -
AI103100**

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration could be given to examine all street signs in Cardy Rock with a view to replacing or painting same where necessary?”

Reply:

An assessment will be carried out and any signs for upgrade/replacement will be listed in the Depot Maintenance Works Programme.

Source of Reply: Mr. M Hackett, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 30

CUTTING BACK OF TREES IN THIS LEA - AI103161

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to request that any utility company or bus company that needs to, or requests permission to cut back trees in this Local Electoral Area that may be affecting their service, to trim them in a holistic way that preserves their shape?”

Reply:

The Fingal Tree Officer will arrange to facilitate a meeting with the utility companies that are engaging contractors to carry out works on street trees involving overhead wires to ensure that proper arboricultural practices are adhered to.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Downey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 31

PROVISION OF BUS SHELTER IN SKERRIES - AI103163

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide a bus shelter at bus stop number 3815 at Northcliffe Heights/Mourne View, Skerries, under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme 2025?”

Reply:

A bus shelter at the location referred to in the question will be included for consideration under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme.

Source of Reply: Ms. D Sinclair, A/Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 32

**EXAMINATION OF FOOTPATHS IN BALBRIGGAN GRAVEYARD -
AI103181**

Question: Councillor T. Murphy

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examine the footpaths in Balbriggan graveyard with a view to repairing the broken sections that are causing trip hazards and are particularly dangerous for senior citizens visiting the graveyard?”

Reply:

The footpaths have been inspected and localised repairs will be carried out where required. These works are listed for depot maintenance works.

Source of Reply: Mr. M Hackett, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 33

PRIVATE BUS PARKING BAYS IN BALBRIGGAN - AI103182

Question: Councillor T. Murphy

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise how many bus parking bays are in Balbriggan in the context of accommodating the increased need due to the new Lark Theatre, The Victory Garden, Bremore Castle and other tourist attractions which would benefit from bus parking spaces?”

Reply:

The Operations Department do not hold records for bus parking bays in Balbriggan, nor have any plans or records relating to the provision of new bus parking bays.

The parking records we do have are relating Pay & Display parking, free standard parking and accessible parking bays.

Source of Reply: Ms. L Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 34

INSTALLATION OF RAILING AT CHAPEL GATE ESTATE IN BALBRIGGAN - AI103186

Question: Councillor T. Murphy

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install the agreed railing in Chapel Gate Estate along the lower wall that separates the Harry Reynolds Road from the estate that is being used as a route for people who are travelling through the estate and do not live there?”

Reply:

The proposal to install a railing at this location is not included as part of the 2025 Programme of Works. This proposal would require some consultation with the homeowners immediately adjacent to this wall as the proposed railings would involve attachment to some private boundary walls.

This project could be considered for inclusion as part of a future programme subject to budgets and resources available.

Source of Reply: Ms. D Sinclair, A/Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 35

**PROVISION OF LITTER BIN ALONG DONABATE TO PORTRANE
CLIFF WALK - AI103189**

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of a litter bin along the middle section of the Donabate to Portrane cliff walk given the increase in litter and dog fouling along the walkway with litter bins available at both access points only which are full on a regular basis?”

Reply:

There is a litter bin at the junction that leads to St. Ita's Hospital. All public bins are emptied 7 days a week. It is not proposed to provide any further bins along this route.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Connell, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 36

TURVEY AVENUE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS - AI103190

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the road resurfacing works on Turvey Avenue will commence and the timeline for completion of same?”

Reply:

These works will be undertaken as part of the 2025 Programme of Works.

Source of Reply: Mr B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 37

**HORSE FOULING SIGNAGE - BALCARRICK BEACH, DONABATE.
AI103191**

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of horse fouling prevention signage in line with the Beach and Foreshore Byelaws 2006 at Balcarrick Beach, Donabate?”

Reply:

The Council’s current Beach and Foreshore Bye Laws 2006 state that horses are permitted on beaches at specified times during the bathing season and any time on weekdays during the months of January, February, March, April, May, September, October, November, & December, except on weekends and Public Holidays – between the hours of 11.00am and 8.00pm. Horses are prohibited in special protection areas and special areas of preservation as except where bridle paths are provided.

Signage is in place at this beach with the times allowed to walk horses and rules stated in the bye laws. The sign does not refer specifically to fouling. The person in charge of a horse/pony on a beach/foreshore is responsible for removal of its waste and disposing of it correctly.

Source of Reply: Ms. R. Gibney Sherry, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 38

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - CORBALLIS ROAD, DONABATE - AI103192

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of traffic calming measures in next year's Works Programme along the Corballis Road, Donabate in the vicinity of the Corballis cottages given the safety concern of local residents with an increase in traffic along this section of road with children crossing from the trekking centre on a regular basis?”

Reply:

There is limited scope to install traffic calming measures such as ramps along the section of road known as Corballis Cottages due to the lack of public lighting.

The area will be examined in more detail to determine suitable line marking and signage measures. If deemed appropriate it will be considered under a future Programme of Works.

Source of Reply: Mr. J. Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 39

REPLACEMENT BINS - NAUL VILLAGE - AI103194

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to replace the existing bins in Naul Village adjacent to the Daybreak Shop and Cafe at the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre with solar powered compactor bins given these bins are regularly at capacity and to reduce regular litter issues which arise from these overflowing bins?”

Reply:

There are no current plans for the installation of further Solar bins. There are adequate bins in the village to deal with the litter with a six-day service which deals with the emptying of the bins and any litter issues which may arise.

As a rule, Council bins are not located near shops but further down the road and it is the responsible of shop owner to provide adequate bins outside their shop and to maintain these bins.

Source of Reply: Ms. R. Gibney Sherry, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 40

PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - TURVEY AVENUE, DONABATE - AI103197

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to give consideration in next year's Works Programme to the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Turvey Avenue, Donabate in the vicinity of the junction of Turvey Avenue/The Square given the increase in pedestrians accessing Newbridge Demesne at this junction along this dangerous section of road with further increases in pedestrian and vehicular traffic anticipated with the opening of the Aldi Store along this road before the end of this year?”

Reply:

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure (P&SI) project team investigated the feasibility of including a signalised crossing in the vicinity of St Patrick's Square as part of the Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement project. Investigations determined that in order to line up with pedestrian desire lines, the most appropriate location for this pedestrian crossing lies outside of the red line boundary for the Part 8 consented development on Turvey Avenue. Accordingly, a new signalised pedestrian crossing could not be included in this location as part of the footpath enhancement project. There is, however, a new uncontrolled pedestrian crossing which has been provided as part of the Footpath enhancement project. The Turvey Avenue Project has now been completed.

However, the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure project team commissioned a consultant to prepare a preliminary design of a new pedestrian crossing in the appropriate location near St Patrick's Square. The provision of this signalised pedestrian crossing is not included in any current Programme.

The Operations section will liaise with PSI section regarding the design to determine feasibility and preliminary costings.

Source of Reply: Mr. J. Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 41

REQUEST FOR ADDITION RAMPS ON THE R108 - AI103208

Question: Councillor C. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to assessing the existing road speed cushions on the R108 in the area of the GAA grounds and sublimated with two additional ramps to discourage the current practice of excessive speeding by motorists?”

Reply:

The existing ramp is included in the 2025 Programme of Works for Traffic Calming Ramp Replacements. As the 2025 Programme has already been approved, there are currently no plans to include additional traffic calming ramps. However, this request could be considered as part of a future Programme of Works, subject to approval and the associated statutory process.

Source of Reply: Ms. L Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 42

**REVIEW OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION - MAIN STREET, RUSH -
AI103212**

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Council's plans to review traffic congestion on Rush Main Street in particular the removal/re-positioning of car park spaces to alleviate some traffic congestion?”

Reply:

The removal/re-positioning of Pay and Display parking bays are currently being reviewed by Fingal Traffic Section.

Source of Reply: Ms. L Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 43

WATER FILLING STATION - DONABATE DISTRIBUTOR ROAD - AI103215

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include a water filling station on the footpath along the Donabate Distributor Road?”

Reply:

Fingal will have a total of 33 public drinking water stations by the end of 2025. The locations chosen are all associated with busy areas where people congregate for active recreation purposes. The initial aim for installing public drinking stations was to reduce the need for single use plastics in areas of high active recreation and in turn reduce litter in plastic bottles. The water usage levels, and overall running costs of the units are being measured as part of a planning strategy to extend the current installation scheme. To warrant getting a water station installed, there would have to be a need identified based on projected usage.

Source of Reply: Ms. A O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 44

UPDATE ON ROLESTOWN ROADWORKS - AI103235

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the planned road repair works in the greater Rolestown area?”

Reply:

There are currently no road repair works in the greater area included in any Programme of Works. Routine localised repairs will be carried out as and when necessary.

Source of Reply: Mr. P Graham, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 45

UPDATE ON PLANNED ROAD RESURFACING IN THE SWORDS AREA - AI103240

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the planned road resurfacing works in the Swords area, specifically those listed for Rathbeale Road and Murrough Road, including expected timelines and any associated Traffic Management measures?”

Reply:

The following list is an update of the 2025 Programme of Road Resurfacing Works in the Swords Area. Note that neither Rathbeale Road nor Murrough Road is included in this year’s Programme of Works.

- The Green, Swords: This resurfacing project has been completed.
- Jugback Lane, Swords: The contractor has been appointed, and works are scheduled to begin once the school term finishes to avoid disruption.
- Seatown Park, Swords: This resurfacing project has been completed.
- Brackenstown Road, Swords: The contractor has been appointed, and works are scheduled to begin once the school term finishes to avoid disruption
- Longlands, Swords: This resurfacing project has been completed.

- Balheary Road, Swords: Work on this road is currently on hold pending the completion of Active Travel and road opening licensing works. Once these necessary works are complete, we will proceed with the agreed resurfacing under the Programme of Works.
- Colm Cilles Court, Swords: Resurfacing works on this road will follow once other scheduled works are completed.

Source of Reply: Mr B. Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 46

REPORT ON PUBLIC LIGHTING IN SWORDS - AI103241

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

“To ask the Chief Executive for a report on any public lighting upgrade works currently underway or planned in Swords, including locations where old lighting is being replaced with energy-efficient alternatives and a timeline for completion?”

Reply:

The following public lighting works for the Swords area are planned under the 2025 Programme of Works:

	Proposed Works	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Glasmore Park Entrance, Swords	Upgrade 2 no. lanterns at entrance to Glasmore Park.		December 2025
Gartan Drive, Swords	Installation of additional lighting and associated ducting	Complete	
The Nurseries, Swords	Installation of additional light and associated ducting	Complete	

Forest Road, Swords - phase 2	Upgrade to existing lighting in the area	Works Commenced	December 2025
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All public lighting that is owned and maintained by Fingal County Council is LED. This upgrade project was completed in April 2024. Any lighting that is not LED, is not in the charge of Fingal County Council, and are private installations.

Source of Reply: Ms. K Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 47

TRAFFIC AND PARKING IN SWORDS TOWN CENTRE - AI103242

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update on measures being considered or implemented to address ongoing traffic congestion and illegal parking in Swords Town Centre (and surrounding estates) and particularly around Main Street and key commuter routes?”

Reply:

As part of the 2025 Programme of Works, the following junctions were upgraded to MOVA-Controlled traffic light systems.

- Rathbeale Road/Watery Lane Junction
- R125/Balheary Road Junction

The upgrade of these junctions on key arterial routes into Swords will improve traffic flow and general congestion in the short to medium term.

Main Street in Swords is proposed to be upgraded as part of Sustainable Swords Strategy. This is being progressed by the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure section.

Fingal Parking Wardens patrol Swords Main Street and surrounding areas on a daily basis. The Wardens issue fines to vehicles which are found to be parked illegally. Illegal parking outside of pay parking locations can be reported to howmaloparea@fingal.ie, and the location will be listed for additional parking enforcement.

**Source of Reply: Mr. J. Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department
Ms. N. Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.**

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ITEM NO. 48

UPDATE ON PARKS AND OPEN SPACES IN THE SWORDS AREA - AI103244

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

“To ask the Chief Executive for details on any upcoming maintenance, upgrades, or development projects for parks and open spaces in the Swords area, including Ward River Valley Park and Balheary Park?”

Reply:

In addition to the maintenance upgrades listed in the 2025 Programme of Works, the Operations Department will also be undertaking additional works as follows:

The Ward River Valley Park –

- Maintenance upgrades to include, the installation of wildlife and wayfinding signage at numerous locations,
- Further landscape improvements adjacent to the Learn To Cycle track with pollinator planting schemes and tree planting, and upgrades to the numerous pedestrian access entrance points along Brackenstown road and Swords Manor.
- Further projects within the Ward River Valley Park being coordinated by the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure department are ongoing including restoration of built/heritage structures and ground investigations in preparation of the future Park Development Project and the resurfacing of

the small all-weather pitch adjacent to the recently developed larger All-Weather Pitch.

Balheary Park –

- An upgrade of the recreation area in Balheary park is planned on the existing vacant hard surface area adjacent to the skatepark. Works have been deferred here due to potential civil works required adjacent to this area associated with three separate utility company's projects, but it is hoped that this upgrade plan will be finalised over the coming weeks and progressed this summer.
- These works may also include the installation of additional pathways in close proximity.
- Volunteer tree planting has taken place over the past three years in a section of the park also, and this may be continued next winter also.

Source of Reply: Mr. S Sutton, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 49

LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS AT OPEN SPACE FACING ELMWOOD PARK, SWORDS - AI103259

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive if the green space facing Elmwood Park, Swords, can be included for landscaping improvements and if a lowlevel (knee-high) fence or other suitable boundary can be installed around its perimeter to prevent unauthorised vehicular access entering due to the removal the bollards?”

Reply:

Landscape improvements have taken place on this open space over the past two years including Tree planting, bulb planting and the creation of wildflower areas. A section of bollards was previously installed at the Elmwood Park boundary of the open space to restrict access onto the open space. Over the past number of years the condition of some bollards deteriorated resulting in subsequent removal, with the remaining bollards removed last winter.

The Operations department are not aware of a regular issue with vehicle access onto open space and it should be noted that access can be gained onto the same open space from the St Cronan’s estate boundary. There are no current plans to reinstate the bollards at this location, but further tree planting is planned to take place as part of next tree planting program.

Source of Reply: Mr. S Sutton, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 50

**PROVISION OF BUS TERMINUS AT MILLER’S GLEN, SWORDS -
AI103261**

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update on any engagement the Executive has had with the National Transport Authority regarding the provision of a bus terminus at Miller’s Glen?”

Reply:

Correspondence has been issued to the National Transport Authority on this matter on foot of a representation from an elected member. A response to this correspondence has not yet been received; however, when a response is received it will be relayed to the Area Committee.

Source of Reply: Ms. D Sinclair, A/Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 51

**PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT APPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE -
AI103264**

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive if the installation of a pedestrian crossing between the Applewood Community Centre and the newly opened stretch of road is due to be completed prior to the taking in charge process, or whether such a crossing was ever included in the approved plans, If it was not, will the Executive consider including it in a future Programme of Works to improve road safety for residents and school children in the area?”

Reply:

The Operations section will liaise with the Taken in Charge section to determine if any pedestrian crossing was planned to be installed along this section of the estate.

Fingal County Council cannot install any infrastructure on roads that are not taken in charge. The road would have to be formally taken in charge before any consideration could be given to installing a pedestrian crossing under a future Programme of Works.

Source of Reply: Mr J. Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 52

PROGRAMME OF WORKS 2025 UPDATE

An update on the Programme of Works 2025 will be provided to the Committee.

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Progamme of Works 2025

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Roads Footpaths & Drainage

Restoration Improvement - €1,220,000

Restoration Maintenance - €847,000

Special Works Footpaths & Drainage - €420,000

Total - €2,487,000



Restoration Improvement

Balbriggan/Skerries/Rush-Lusk/Rural Villages

ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
1	Bremore Castle Estate Balbriggan, (phase 2)	Local Road	€102,000	Works completed.
2	St Maur's, Rush	Local Road	€94,500	Works completed.
3	Balbriggan Street, Skerries	Local Road	€74,000	Currently being Tendered. Worked planned for Q3 pending successful appointment of contractor.
4	Fancourt Road, Balbriggan	Regional Road	€145,000	Contractor appointed. Planned for Q3.
5	Ballymundan, Oldtown	Local Road	€98,000	Drainage works commenced. Resurfacing works to follow.
6	Quickpenny Lane, Lusk	Local Road	€59,000	Commencement date 16th of June.
		Subtotal	€572,500	

Restoration Improvement Swords / Donabate / Portrane / Santry



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
1	The Green, Swords	Local Road	€32,000	Works Completed
2	Jug Back Lane, Swords	Local Road	€134,500	Tendered, waiting on schools to close before work commences.
3	Seatown Park, Swords	Local Road	€192,000	Works Completed
4	Brackenstown Road Swords, (Phase 2)	Local Road	€102,000	Tendered, waiting on schools to close before work commences.
5	Longlands, Swords	Local Road	€60,000	Works Completed
6	Quay Road, Portrane	Regional Road	€50,000	Works Completed
7	Balheary Rd, Swords	Local Road	€60,000	Not Tendered due to other works currently on road, expected Q4.
8	Colmcille's Court, Swords	Local Road	€17,000	Not Tendered, expected Q4.
		Subtotal	€647,500	



Restoration Maintenance

ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
Balbriggan/Skerries/Rush-Lusk/Rural Villages				
1	Ballough, Man O War	Local Road	€126,000	Contractor appointed. Planned for Q3.
2	Baldongan, Skerries	Local Road	€174,000	Contractor appointed. Planned for Q3.
Page 137	Sniperstown Road, Garristown	Local Road	€200,000	Contractor appointed. Planned for Q3.
		Subtotal	€500,000	
Swords / Donabate / Portrane / Santry				
1	Rath Lane, Kilsallaghan	Local Road	€125,000	Works Commenced, expected Q3.
2	Balcultry, Kilsallaghan	Local Road	€161,000	Works Commenced, expected Q3.
3	Ballymadrough, Donabate	Local Road	€61,000	Works Commenced, expected Q3.
		Subtotal	€347,000	

Special Works – Footpath and Drainage

Balbriggan/Skerries/Rush-Lusk/Rural Villages



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
1	Borranstown, Garristown	Drainage	€50,000	Design stage. Meeting to take place with affected landowners. Planned for Q4.
2	Stephenstown bypass, Balbriggan	Footpath & Cycle Lane	€25,000	Design stage. Meeting to take place with affected landowners. Planned for Q4.
3	Lambeacher, Balbriggan	Footpath	€25,000	Works due to commence in June.
4	Clonnard Court, Balbriggan	Footpath	€25,000	Works due to commence in June.
5	Northcliffe Heights, Skerries	Footpath	€25,000	Works commenced. 50% completed.
6	Greenlawns, Skerries	Footpath	€25,000	Works commenced. 80% completed.
		Subtotal	€175,000	

Special Works – Footpath and Drainage Swords / Donabate / Portrane / Santry



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
1	Quay Road, Portrane (Opposite Green Area)	Drainage and Footpath	€40,000	Works Completed FCC Direct Labour
2	Towerbay, Portrane	Slip Form Kerb & Footpaths	€80,000	Works Completed
3	Hearse Road, Donabate (Kilcrea Gate to DDR)	Footpath	€30,000	FCC Direct Labour
4	Burrow Road, Portrane	Footpath & Kerb	€50,000	FCC Direct Labour, works ongoing on site
5	Seatown Road, Swords (Phase 2)	Footpath & Kerb	€45,000	Not Tendered, expected Q4.
		Subtotal	€245,000	



Traffic

Total - €480,000



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
	Traffic Signals			
1	Junction R122 and R108, Naul	Junction Improvement and Zebra Crossing	€80,000	Works Commenced
2	Stephenstown, Balbriggan	Signalized Pedestrian Crossing	€60,000	Works Ongoing
	Traffic Calming			
1	R108 and R122 Naul	Flat Top Ramps 2x	€12,000	Works Commenced
2	Bremore Cottages/ Dun Saithne View/Flemington Lane, Balbriggan	Standard Round Top Ramp x10	€40,000	Tender Preparation Ongoing
3	Chapel Green, Lusk	One-way System, Kerb Build Out	€30,000	Tender Preparation Ongoing
4	R108, Ballyboughal	Ramp Replacement	€4,000	Tender Preparation Ongoing



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ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
	Vehicle Activated Signs			
1	R129, Roscall	1 No. Speed Reader Sign	€4,000	Tendered
	New Lining			
1	BRLS North		€10,000	Tendered
		Total	€240,000	



Swords / Donabate / Portrane /Santry

ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
	Traffic Signals			
1	T564 Existing Signalised Junction Upgrade Balheary Rd/R125 (Firestation) Swords	Essential Upgrade To MOVA	€105,000	Works Complete
2	T564 Existing Signalised Junction Upgrade Rathbeale Road / Watery Lane, Swords	Essential Upgrade To MOVA	€106,000	Works Complete
	Traffic Calming			
1	Portrane Road, Donabate	Bus Friendly Ramp X 1 with Tactile	€5,000	Tender Preparation Ongoing
2	Links Road RAB @ Gaelscoil Na Mara, Donabate	Standard Round Top Ramp X 1 with Tactile	€4,000	Tender Preparation Ongoing
3	Cianlea, Swords	Standard Round Top Ramps X 2	€8,000	Tender Preparation Ongoing
4	Holywell Zebra Crossing at Spar	Raising Existing Zebra Crossing - Round Top Ramp X 1	€4,000	Tender Preparation Ongoing



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ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
	Vehicle Activated Signs			
Page 144 1	Castlefarm Killsallaghan R122 along the 50km/h section	1 No. Speed Reader Sign	€4,000	Tendered
	New Lining			
1	BRLS South		€4,000	Works Ongoing
		Total	€240,000	



Parks and Open Spaces

Total - €496,000



Balbriggan/Skerries/Rush-Lusk/Rural Villages

ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
	Balbriggan			
1	Hastings Estate	Plastering Walls	€15,000	Works Completed
2	Castlelands	New Fence along Laneway	€13,000	Works Completed
3	Curran Park	Fencing Installation	€6,000	Will commence after nesting season
4	Millfield Roundabout	Landscaping Upgrade	€8,000	Works Completed
5	St. Paul's Crescent	Plinth Wall and Railings	€25,000	Works Completed
		Balbriggan Subtotal	€67,000	



Balbriggan/Skerries/Rush-Lusk/Rural Villages

ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
	Skerries			
1	Ballygossan Park	Landscaping and Upgrade of Existing Entrance Beds	€2,500	Contractor due on site mid July
2	Churchfields / Graveyard boundary	Fencing x 2 Locations	€20,000	Location 1– works competed Location 2 – met with contractor
3	Townsparks / Selskar	Upgrade of Paths	€20,000	Works Completed
4	Hamilton Monument	Cleaning of Sign and Re-Lettering at Strand Street	€3,000	Contractor due on site end of June
5	Skerries Orchard	Signage and Planting	€3,000	Works Commenced – waiting on group to decide on final text
6	Off Barnageeragh Road (The Green)	Bollards/Concrete Plinth & Path	€10,000	Contractor due on site start of July
		Skerries Subtotal	€58,500	



Balbriggan/Skerries/Rush-Lusk/Rural Villages

ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
	Rush			
1	South Beach	Landscaping and Upgrade of Existing Entrance Beds	€25,000	Works commenced Phase 1 – civil works due to be complete week ending 21/06 Phase 2 – Landscaping will commence end of June
2	South Beach	Upgrade Bollards	€6,000	Works commenced
3	South Beach	Picnic Benches	€2,500	Listed for in house
4	Harbour Park	Water Refill Station & Civil Works	€5,000	Will commence Q4
5	Shore Road	Refurbishment of Existing Replanting Scheme	€2,000	Works completed
6	Kenure Park	Chess Tables Installation	€4,000	Ordered – 8 week lead in time
		Rush Subtotal	€44,500	



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ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
	Lusk			
1	Orlynn Park Tennis Court	Concrete Plinth Installation	€12,000	Works Completed
2	Orlynn Park	Stone Goal Compound Installation	€2,500	Works Completed
3	Orlynn Park The Avenue / Old Dublin Road	New Boundary/Bollards Installation	€15,000	Works Completed
4	Orlynn Park / Station Road	Preparation of Area for Planting at Shops on Station Road	€2,000	Works Completed
5	Treen Hill	Upgrade of Planting Bed on Corner	€5,000	Project not going ahead Unforeseen Issues – project more complex, machinery required for landscape works and therefore a traffic management plan required. Funds diverted to Orlynn Park / Station Road project.
6	Location TBC	Chess Tables Installation	€4,000	Ordered – 8 week lead in time
		Lusk Subtotal	€40,500	



Balbriggan/Skerries/Rush-Lusk/Rural Villages

ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
	Garristown			
1	Location to be finalised with Community Groups	Stone Planter	€5,000	Works completed
		Garristown Subtotal	€5,000	
	Oldtown			
1	Planters	Provision of 5 Planters	€5,000	Project changed to cobble edged flower bed – contractor due on site end of June
		Oldtown Subtotal	€5,000	
	Ballyboughal			
1	Community Garden Installation	Landscaping Signs and Seating	€20,000	Works to commence end of Q3
		Ballyboughal Subtotal	€20,000	

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ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
	Naul			
1	Weston Close	Installation of Stone Bed at Entrance and Landscaping Works	€10,000	Contractor due on site end of June.
		Naul Subtotal	€10,000	
	Balrothery			
1	Knightswood	Landscaping Works	€7,000	Works Completed
2	Glebe Park Community Centre	Landscaping Works	€2,000	Works Completed
		Balrothery Subtotal	€9,000	
	Balscadden			
1	Locations TBC	Provision of Plants for Planters	€1,000	Ongoing.
		Balscadden Subtotal	€1,000	

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ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
	Loughshinny			
1	Swim Area	Installation of Bench	€2,000	Bench ordered (10 week lead in)
2	Location to be discussed with Tidy Towns Group	Pollinator Bulb / Wildflower Area	€2,000	Will be done under countywide bulb tender
	Loughshinny Subtotal		€4,000	
	LEA General Improvements			
1	Locations TBC	Supply and Installation of Benches	€10,000	Works Ongoing
	LEA General Improvements Subtotal		€10,000	
	Balbriggan/Skerries/Rush-Lusk/Rural Villages	Subtotal	€274,500	



Swords / Donabate / Portrane / Santry

ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
	Swords			
1	Swords Town Park (or similar prominent park location)	Installation of 1 Water Refill Station (Swords Tidy Towns collaboration)	€7,000	Location to be identified with STT. Expected Q3 completion.
2	Swords Village (locations to be agreed with Swords Tidy Towns)	Supply of Water Butt Units	€1,000	Units purchased. STTs to confirm. certify locations Works Commenced
3	River Mall, Pinnock Hill, Carlton Court and Rathbeale Road	Landscape Improvement Projects with Swords Tidy Towns	€5,000	Works Commenced. Further meetings required prior to completion.
4	Seatown Road / Terrace adjacent to FCC Car park	Landscaping Project to include bollard replacement improvements	€15,000	Works Commenced.



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ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
	Swords Continued			
5	Swords Manor Estates - Cul De Sacs At Berwick Grove And Abbeyvale Lawn	Landscaping Improvements	€5,000	Works Commenced at Berwick grove and completion within 2 weeks.
6	Holywell Drive	3v3 Basketball / Half MUGA	€35,000	Meetings required. Expected Q4 completion.
7	Cianlea Estate - Phase 2	Landscaping Improvements. <i>Site meeting in May/June to agree details of proposal.</i>	€7,500	Meetings required to identify works required.
8	Brackenstown Road / Avenue - Phase 2	Landscaping Project to include Tree Planting and Service Box Artwork with Resident Group.	€1,500	Expected Q3 completion. Further meeting required.
9	Rivermeade Estate - Phase 2	Landscaping Project and Service Box Artwork with Resident Group	€5,000	Expected Q3 completion.
		Swords Subtotal	€82,000	

Swords / Donabate / Portrane /Santry



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
	Donabate			
1	Village Enhancements - Main St & Donabate Village entrance	Landscape project to include pollinator planting and hard landscaping	€15,000	Meeting has taken place. Tendered and works to commence over coming weeks.
Page 155	Village Enhancements - St Patrick's Terrace - Phase 3	Completion of works at centre of the Open space	€7,500	Further meeting required.
3	The Priory Estate Entrance	Landscaping Project with Pollinator Planting and boundary treatment improvements. Meeting required with DTT & the resident group to agree proposal.	€10,000	Ongoing & completion in coming weeks. Name stone relocated with boundary planting complete.
4	Landscape improvement projects with DTT	Landscaping improvements at The Hand, Somerton Entrance and Ballisk Lane	€7,000	Meeting has taken place. Plans to be finalised. Early Q3
5	Beach Swim Shelter	Provision of Swim Changing Open Shelter at Beach	€20,000	Meeting has taken place.
		Donabate Subtotal	€59,500	



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
	Portrane			
1	Beach Frontage	Phase 3 - Completion of works at seafront open space - Burrow Road/ Quay Road Junction to include Seating and Planting schemes	€7,500	Works Ongoing. Planting schemes complete. Seating proposal for further discussion with group.
2	Longstone Park	Landscape Project - Resurface paved area to include Planters and Bench	€20,000	Meeting has taken place with group. Proposals to be drawn up for further discussion. Expected Q3 completion
3	Seaview Estate - Embankment -Phase 1	Landscape Project - Raised Wall to incorporate Seating and a Planting Scheme	€20,000	As above.
4	Landscape improvement projects with Portrane Village Group	Landscaping Improvements at Longstone and Portrane Pocket Park	€7,500	Tendered. Works to commence over coming weeks.
		Portane Subtotal	€55,000	

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ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
	Santry			
1	Landscape Project with Santry Tidy Towns group	Landscape Project as per Biodiversity Action Plan	€7,500	Meeting required to finalise plans. Possibility of Bulb planting with Q4 completion.
2	Royal Oak / Swords road Entrance Greenway	Boundary Treatment & Pedestrian Access Improvements	€5,000	Works Ongoing. Corral installed with knee rail for install imminently.
3	Artwork Projects	Service Box Artwork	€2,500	Q3.
		Santry Subtotal	€15,000	
	LEA General Improvements			
1	Benches in Open Spaces	Supply & install of benches	€10,000	Commenced with many locations complete.
		LEA General Improvement Subtotal	€10,000	
Swords / Donabate / Portrane /Santry Total			€221,500	



Public Lighting

Total - €135,750

Public Lighting



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
1	Chapel Close Green / Bremore Green Pedway, Balbriggan	New lighting scheme through green area linking Chapel Close to Covetown/Bremore	€27,000	Works Ongoing Waiting for new ESB Supply Connection
2	Glasmore Park Entrance, Swords	Upgrade 2 lanterns at entrance to Glasmore Park	€1,250	Scheduled for Q3
Page 3 159	Turvey Avenue - between Beresford Estate and Waterleaf, Donabate	New lighting scheme between Beresford Estate and Waterleaf	€30,000	Works Completed in April
4	Garton Drive, Swords	Installation of additional light and associated ducting	€7,500	Works Completed in March
5	The Nurseries, Swords	Installation of additional light and associated ducting	€7,500	Works Completed in March
6	Rush Harbour, Rush	New lighting scheme on the Harbour in Rush	€15,000	AA Screening required Tender stage to carry out AA Screening.



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRESS
7	Kenure Woods Park Entrance, Rush	New Decorative lighting Scheme at Park Entrance	€20,000	Works Completed in March
Page 160	Village Road Roundabout, Lusk	Installation of additional light and associated ducting between Raheny Lane and Raheny roundabout	€5,500	Works Completed in February
	9 Forest Road, Phase 2, Swords	Upgrade to existing lighting in the area	€16,500	Works Commenced Additional lighting required. Locations of additional lights/poles being finalised. Install scheduled for Q4
	10 New Haggart Cottages, Balleally West	Upgrade to existing lighting in the area	€5,500	Works Commenced Estimated Completion Q3
		Total	€135,750	

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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ITEM NO. 53

NATIONAL SPEED LIMIT REVIEW UPDATE

A presentation will be given to the Committee.

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National Speed Limit Implementation Update

Balbriggan/Rush/Lusk/Swords ACM

12th June 2025

Summary



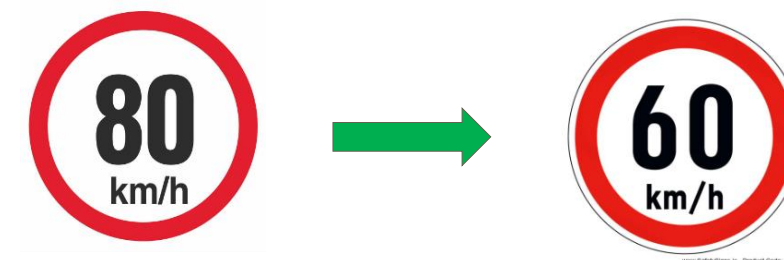
- New legislation passed in April 2024 under Roads Traffic Act 2024.
- All stems from Programme for Government commitment for a National Speed Limit Review & to reduce road fatalities in Ireland
- Other policy documents such as Road Safety Strategy and EU/International commitments e.g. TEN-T.
- Focus on changing **speed limits** on public roads including.
 - 80 km/h to 60 km/h on Rural Local Roads
 - 100 km/h to 80 km/h on National Secondary Roads
 - 50 km/h to 30 km/h in Urban Areas
- The national speed limit implementation will be broken into 3 no. Phases
 - Phase 1. Rural Local Roads
 - Phase 2. Urban Areas and National Secondary Roads
 - Phase 3. Other Special Circumstances, such as schools



Phase One Local Rural Roads



- New default speed limit is **60 km/h** on **rural local** roads (previous default speed limit was 80 km/h).
- This default speed limit commenced nationally on **07/02/2025** by Ministerial Order.
- No special Special Speed Limit Bye Laws required to implement default 60km/h.
- Note what roads are not included as part of Phase 1:



- Regional Rural Roads
- Urban Roads both urban and local
- National Secondary Roads
- National Primary Roads
- Motorways

Refer to Table 1 for breakdown

- 133 new 60 km/h speed signage were installed across the county
- Works were carried out by Operations Outdoor Crews.
- Signage and pole data based on available FCC Signage Database.

Phase 1 Breakdown						
<i>Electoral Area</i>	<i>No. of 60 km/h Signs</i>	<i>No. of 80km/h Repeater Signs</i>	<i>No. of Gateway Signage</i>	<i>No. of Rural Speed Limit Signs</i>	<i>No. of New Poles</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Cas/Mul	28	7	3	3	19	
Bal/Swords	105	14	10	15	103	
Howth/Mal	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	133	21	13	18	122	

Phase 2 – Urban Areas and National Secondary Roads



- New default speed limits for urban core areas was proposed to be 30 km/h – This has now changed.
- New default speed limit will be **80 km/h** (previous default speed limit was 100 km/h) for national secondary roads by Ministerial Order.
- Target date for this based on Department Circular was 30/06/2025 but now has been pushed out by DoT – No target date has been set at present.
- Initial workshop carried out between LA's and Department of Transport
- What has changed is that urban speed limit zones will be developed as part of this process and speed limits within this zone will be introduced as special speed limit bye laws.



Phase 2 – Urban Speed Limit Zones



- Identify Urban Speed Limit Zone (USLZ)
- Once USLZ is determined, identify urban core for 30 km/h speed limit e.g. town centre.
- Identify other speed limits within USLZ i.e. arterial roads for 50 km/h or public transport routes.
- Identify school locations within USLZ for potential 30 km/h speed limit.
- Implement urban speed limits as bye-laws in accordance with Setting and Managing Guidelines for Speed Limits in Ireland and s.9 of the Road Traffic Act (2004).

Phase 2 – Urban Speed Limit Zones – Next Steps



- Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland (2015) need to be officially updated.
- Circular to be published from DoT to give official guidance to each local authority.
- Assessment of each village and town in county required.
- Once complete – workshops to be held with each area committee.
- Non-Statutory Public Consultation – 2 weeks
- Finalise Maps
- Once complete carry out bye-law process in accordance with section 9 of the Roads Traffic Act (2004).

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Area	Town/Village/Built Up Area
Howth/Malahide	7
Balbriggan/Rush/Lusk/Swords	16
D15	9
Total	32

Default Speed Limit and Special Speed Limit



- Default speed limit set out in primary legislation was previously as per below.
 - A default speed limit for a rural area is 80km/h.
 - A default speed limit for an urban area is 50 km/h.
- Under legislation changes introduced in the Roads Traffic Act 2024 these default speed limits have been changed by Ministerial Order to:
 - 60 km/h for Local Rural Roads.
 - 80 km/h for National Secondary Roads.
- A special speed limit is a speed limit set locally by each local authority and must be in accordance with Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland Guidelines.
 - As outlined in section 9 of the Roads Traffic Act 2004 the making and adoption of special speed limit requires statutory consultation and is a reserved function of the council.

Phase 3 Other Special Circumstances i.e. Schools

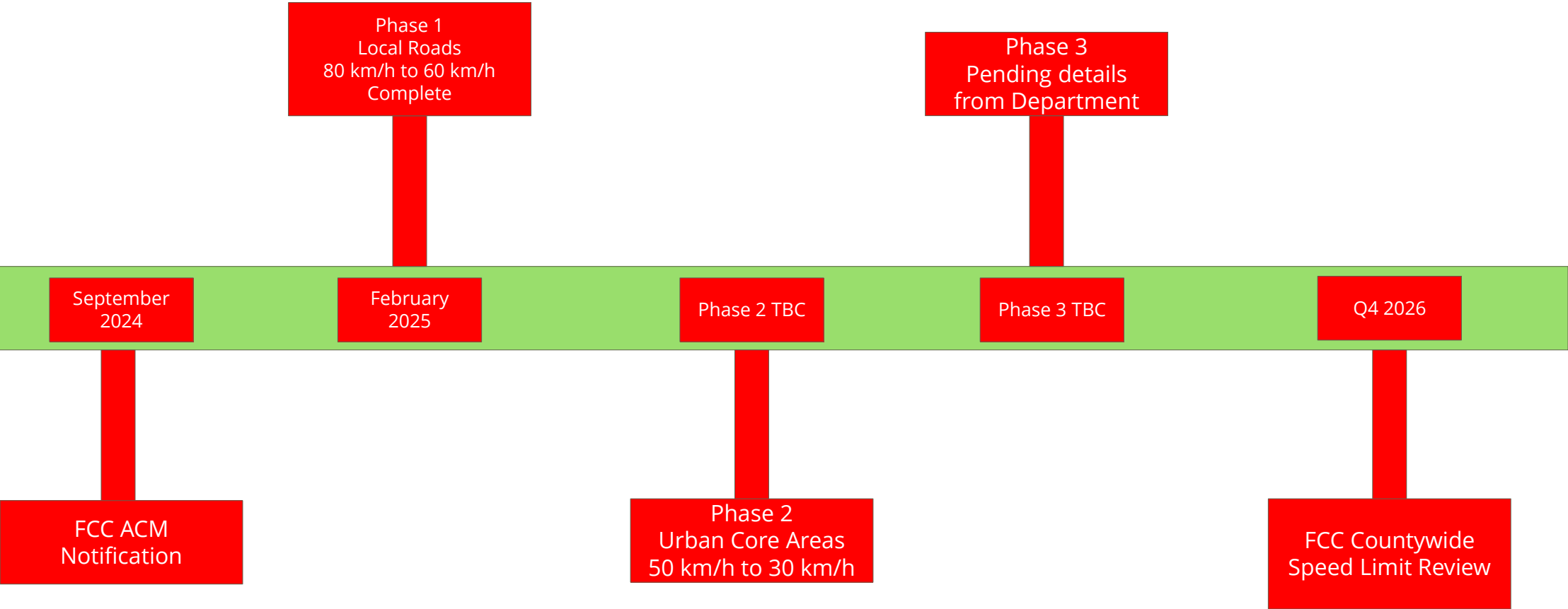


- Further detail to be issued on this but it would mainly for schools i.e. Safer Routes to School (SRTS) or other special cases i.e. sport clubs etc.
- No timeline has been issued from Department of Transport on this phase.
- Further detail will be circulated once available.

Speed Limit Implementation Update 2025



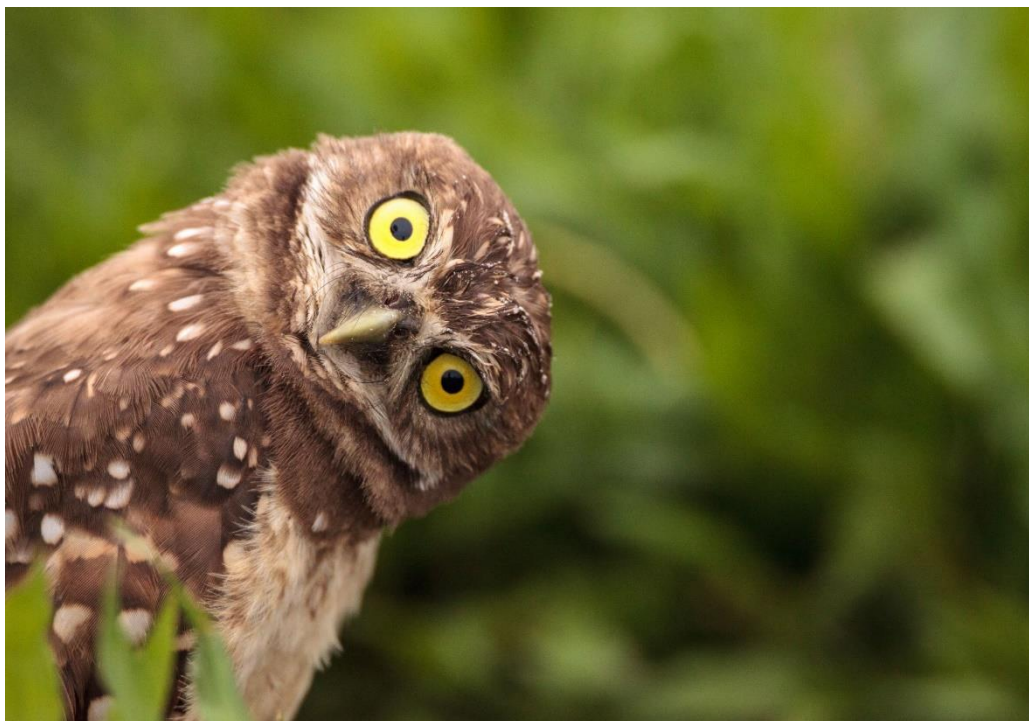
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ITEM NO. 54

**SPECIAL SPEED LIMIT BYE LAW - MOYLARAGH ROAD -
BALBRIGGAN**

A presentation will be given to the Committee.

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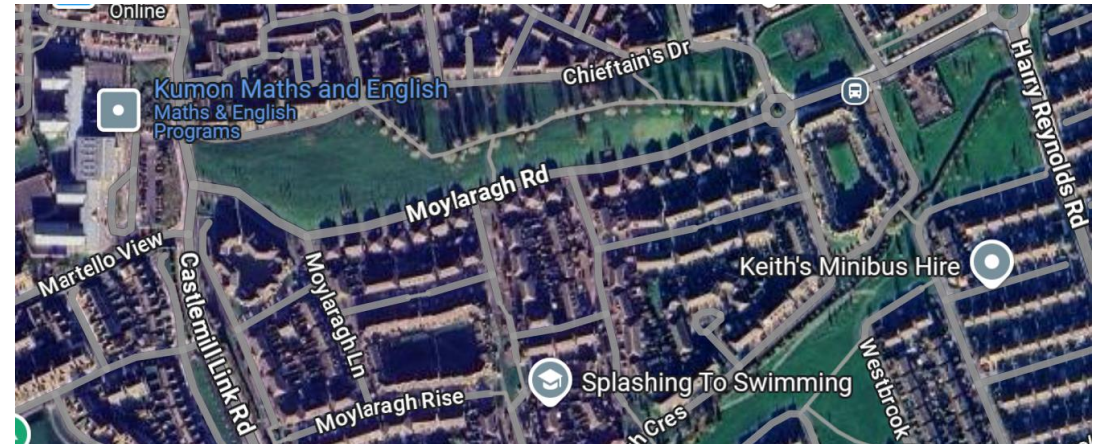
Moylaragh Road – Balbriggan – Special Speed Limit Balbriggan/Rush/Lusk/Swords ACM

12th June 2025

Moylaragh Road – Special Speed Limit Bye Law - Background



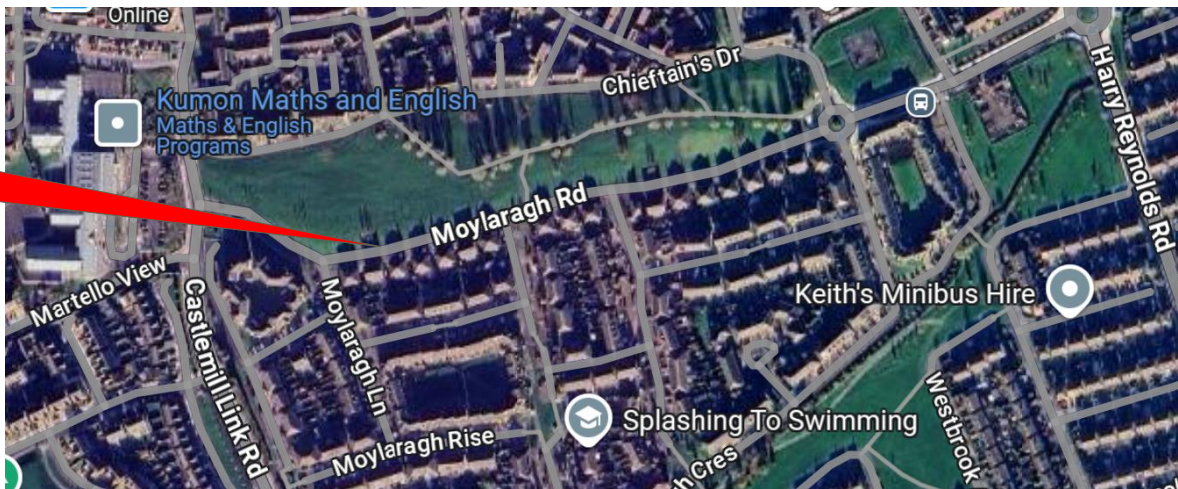
- A speed limit appeal submission was submitted to Fingal County Council to examine the existing speed limit on Moylaragh Road, Balbriggan.
- Current speed limit is 50 km/h.
- Road was examined against Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland Guidelines (2015).
Result of examination outlined that a reduction in speed limit was merited as set out against the criteria in the guidelines.
- As a result, Fingal County Council must introduce a Special Speed Limit Bye Law in order to lower the speed limit.
- This must be done in accordance with section 9 of the Roads Traffic Act (2004).
- Statutory public consultation is required as part of this process.



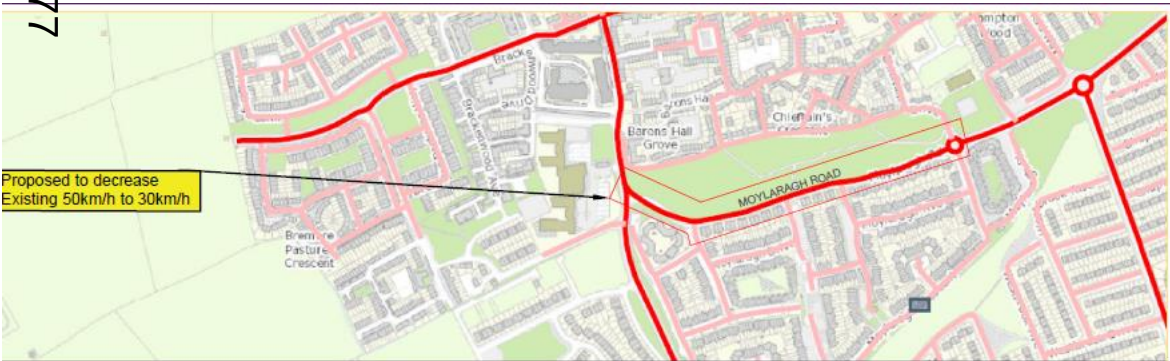
Location of Proposed Speed Limit Reduction 50 km/h to 30 km/h



Location of proposed speed limit reduction



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Map 2a 30 km/h 40 km/h 50 km/h 60 km/h 80 km/h 100 km/h 120 km



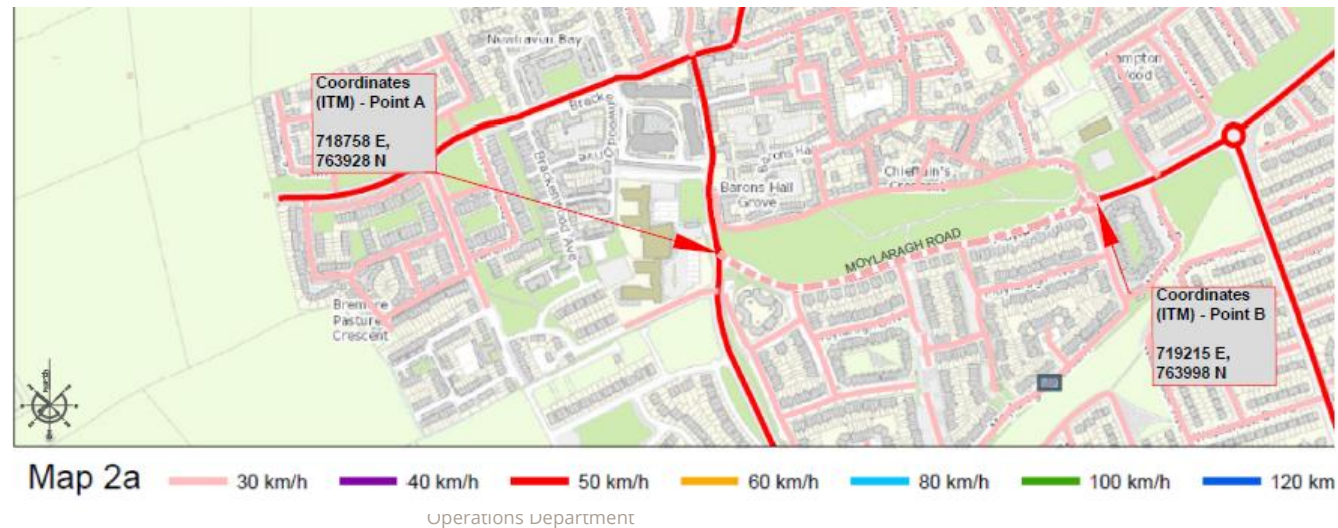
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Next Steps

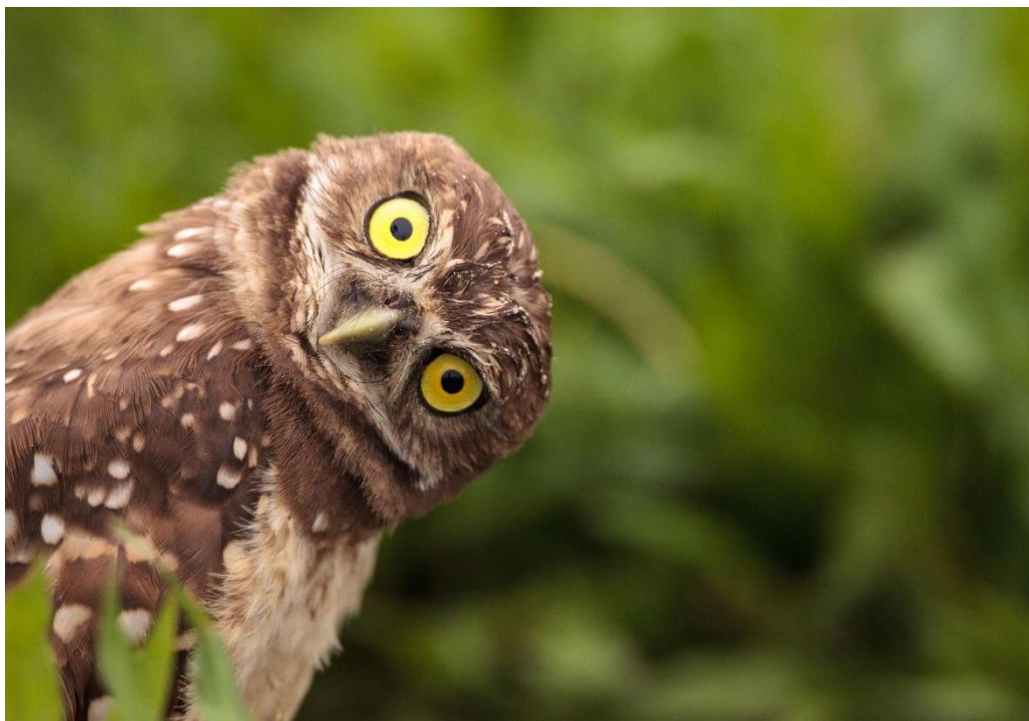


- Proceed to carry out statutory public consultation as per legislation.
- Consult with An Garda Síochána
- Present back to BLRS ACM – September 2025
- Full Council Meeting – October 2025
- Implement Speed Limit Change – Q4 2025 i.e. Maps and Signage

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MOTION NO. 61

RELOCATION OF SKERRIES SAILING CLUB SLIPWAY - AI102259

Motion: Councillor T. O'Leary

“That this Committee agrees that consideration be given to the request from Skerries Sailing Club that the existing slipway on Harbour Road be relocated to align with the exit/entrance to the Skerries Sailing Club boatyard to facilitate safer and more efficient launching of boats and that this proposal be included in the upcoming Skerries health check process and any funding applications that may emerge from that.”

Report:

Firstly, the existing slipway on Harbour Road, Skerries is a public slipway and not for the sole use of the sailing club.

Apart from the significant costs in moving this slipway (estimated to be in the region of €500k to €1M) the following would also be required.

- Site Investigations and bathymetric surveys of the area
- Ecology, Nature and environmental studies & reports
- Tidal/current modelling
- Detailed engineering design
- Planning Approval
- Granting of foreshore licences from DAFM

In light of the above, Council has no plans to re-locate this slipway.

Source of Report: Mr. C Keenan, Senior Engineer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 56

TOWN NOTICE BOARD FOR SWORDS - AI103139

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

“That the Chief Executive request the relevant department to install a Town Notice board on behalf of the Swords Tidy Towns group in an appropriate central area of the town.”

Report:

The use of ‘Notice Boards’ has become largely outdated with the presence of social media in today's world. Notice Boards require constant updating to ensure that the information is up to date for them to become an effective means of correspondence.

The Council is aware that some of the Tidy Town's groups in Fingal have availed of grant funding initiatives for procuring old style ‘Notice Boards’ and the Operations Department have assisted with site selection and installation. If Swords Tidy Towns wish to suggest a location the Operations Department can assist with installation.

The ongoing Swords Cultural Quarter redesign will not include for this type of signage, however the ‘Rock Garden’ park or Swords Town Park may be suitable options. It would be the responsibility of the Tidy Towns Committee to update the information and manage the notice board.

Source of Report: Ms. A O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 57

IDENTIFIABLE BENCHES WITHIN THIS LEA - AI103156

Motion: Councillor B. Ryan

“That the Chief Executive install and promote identifiable benches around this Local Electoral Area to be designated as benches of hope, friendship or talking benches to encourage mental health awareness and conversations in our public spaces”

Report:

The Council is open to discussing this proposal with any of the various mental health organisations that would usually initiate this type of proposal. The Council notes that there have been similar initiatives in the UK and Northern Ireland under the ‘Chatty Bench’ project initiative.

The design of any public seating must be made from materials that are robust enough to survive in the public realm. The Council generally ensures that they are long enough to cater for at least 3 persons and comfortable enough to sit on, ideally with arm and back rests, particularly in areas that have good views. It is hoped that when the design is good that the users will feel comfortable enough to sit and chat to anyone that chooses to sit beside them.

A project of this nature would involve liaising with multiple stakeholders and the Operations Department would be happy to be part of this process but would

require guidance from the specialist and dedicated mental health organisations to proceed.

Source of Report: Ms. A O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 58

**DEPLOYMENT OF VEHICLE ACTUATED TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE
ADVANCE WARNING OF RURAL CROSSROADS IN THIS LEA -
AI103169**

Motion: Councillor C. Boland

“That the Chief Executive undertakes a review of rural crossroads in this Local Electoral Area with a view to deploying the type of technology that is used with Vehicle Actuated Signs to highlight and enhance road signage visibility in advance of a junction by mounting it on a background that flashes when a vehicle approaches.”

Report:

The Traffic Engineer will be happy to liaise with the Councillor to select a suitable junction to trial this proposal.

Source of Report: Ms. L. Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 59

BALBRIGGAN BEACH MANAGEMENT TEAM - AI103180

Motion: Councillor T. Murphy

“That the Chief Executive set up a Balbriggan Beach Management Team as soon as possible, set out the terms of the reference and invite all relevant stakeholders to engage in a new process which will deliver an action plan to create a beach environment that all stakeholders and beach users would be proud of.”

Report:

The Operations Department are working with the Biodiversity Team in Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department to co-ordinate a Beach Management Group for Balbriggan Beach.

Invitations will be sent to all relevant stakeholders in the town to nominate a member from each group to join the ‘Balbriggan Beach Management Group’. To commence the process, a public consultation meeting is planned for the 26th June from 7-9pm in the Bracken Court Hotel. This meeting will focus on what people like about the beach, how they use it and what their vision for this space might be. A consultant has been engaged to co-ordinate this public consultation engagement process.

This initial public consultation engagement process will feed into and form part of the Beach Management Plan which will guide the Council on all Operational and Environmental matters relating to Balbriggan Beach. Once the potential members of the Balbriggan Beach Management Group have been identified a more detailed timeline can be developed and agreed with the group on the steps to develop and implement a beach management plan for Balbriggan.

Source of Reply: Ms. A O'Connor, Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer, Operations Department & Mr. H Visser, Biodiversity Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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MOTION NO. 60

REQUEST FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT PALMER ROAD/AVENUE JUNCTION, RUSH - AI103195

Motion: Councillor C. Johnston

"That the Chief Executive carry out an assessment of the junction at Palmer Road and Palmer Avenue in Rush with a view to considering the provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location in next year's Works Programme given the number of children crossing the road to access schools and other amenities at this busy junction with poor sight lines resulting in difficulties for motorists trying to see oncoming traffic from Palmer Avenue onto Palmer Road."

Report:

Following assessment of the location, it was noted that the limited availability of road space at the junction of Palmer Road and Palmer Avenue poses significant challenges in accommodating traffic management infrastructure without the need for public road widening. The upgrade of this junction requires a holistic approach and land acquisition. In addition, Palmer Avenue is not currently taken in charge by Fingal County Council. It is not on the annual Programme of Works or the 2025-2027 Capital Programme of Works.

There is currently a Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS) on the Palmer Road approach to the junction acting as a warning measure to traffic of the presence of pedestrians in the area.

**Source of Report: Ms. L. Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.
Mr. J. Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department**

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MOTION NO. 61

INCLUSIVE PLAY EQUIPMENT IN THIS LEA - AI103225

Motion: Councillor D. Mulligan

“That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive investigates the feasibility of upgrading playground equipment to be inclusive, with a particular focus on locations within the Swords Local Electoral Area, that are near adapted housing for individuals with additional support needs.”

Report:

The Council is currently carrying out an audit of the existing 73 public playgrounds in the Fingal area. The accessibility, inclusivity, play value and condition of the existing playgrounds are all being assessed. The Council would be interested in engaging with any of the local disability stakeholder organisations that use these facilities.

The Operations Department will liaise with the Councils Accessibility Officer, and it will be arranged to write formally to the Fingal based organisations for input. This will assist with any specific needs that are not catered for currently.

Source of Report: Ms. A O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 62

CLEARING OF CUT GRASS ON PATH ACROSS THE EDEN GROVE GREEN SPACE. AI103237

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

“That the Chief Executive take steps to ensure that the path across the Eden Grove green space, Beaverstown, Donabate, is cleared, e.g. by a leaf blower, each time the grass is cut, as the path’s surface has been left slippery and hazardous, with a number of pedestrians having slipped on the wet grass.”

Report:

The Council always endeavours to leave the open spaces as clean as possible following maintenance being carried out, however, during periods of wet and warm weather the additional grass growth can cause issues. The maintenance operator has an enormous volume of grass areas to get through and just keeps moving to the next location.

While there is not a staff resource to follow all grass cutting machinery with a path sweeper, the Council will be more mindful to try and ensure that additional efforts can be made during these weather events. However, there may be a time difference between the two maintenance operations occurring and is dependent on staff resources at the time.

Source of Report: Mr. C Connell, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 63

ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES - ABBEYVALE PATHS - AI103145

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

“That the Chief Executive instruct the relevant department to carry out a review of the appropriateness of the paths in and around the Abbeyvale estate in particular from Abbeyvale Lawn to the entrance of the estate in light of reports by disabled members of the public that these paths are inaccessible for those who require the use of wheelchairs and or other mobility aids”.

Report:

During the Planning Stage for this area, no particular accessibility issues were highlighted. Traditionally, dropped-kerb areas in front of individual properties have been deemed sufficient use for access, serving disabled members of the public, as well as those with prams, bicycles etc.

However, we acknowledge there is scope to improve the accessibility. Although there is currently no specific budget provision for a footpath scheme within Abbeyvale estate, the route from Abbeyvale Lawn to the entrance of the estate will be reviewed with a view to providing additional dropped kerbing at strategic locations to improve accessibility.

Source of Report: Mr. B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 71

PROVISION OF DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE - KILLALANE, SKERRIES - AI103162

Motion: Councillor B. Ryan

“That the Chief Executive provide directional signage around Carney's Tree, located at the junction of Killary Grove and Killalane, as several near misses have been observed due to motorists taking a right turn off Killary Grove towards Balrothery, on the right hand side of the tree.”

Report:

Junction road markings renewal and directional signage works have been scheduled for the location to further assist traffic approaching the junction.

Source of Report: Ms. L Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 73

FOOTPATH ACCESS FOR WHEELCHAIR USERS ON BRACKENSTOWN ROAD, SWORDS - AI103226

Motion: Councillor D. Mulligan

“That the Chief Executive provide a clear plan to address the serious lack of appropriate footpath access for wheelchair users on Brackenstown Road.”

Report:

Initial assessments have been carried out, and it has been identified that while there are several locations where footpath access for wheelchair users can be improved, there is also one section of Brackenstown Road where no footpath exists at all.

We are currently in the process of compiling a list of these locations and the necessary improvements, including the construction of new footpaths where required, to be included in a future General Works Programme.

Source of Report: Mr. B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 67

PUBLIC SEATING BENCHES IN THIS LEA - AI103239

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

“That the Chief Executive bring a report on any future proposals to remove or relocate public seating benches, at locations across the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area, including the background/justification for the proposed removal/relocation of seating and the report to be for the consideration and approval of the Elected Members.”

Report:

The Council regularly receives requests from residents or local elective representatives for both the addition and/or removal of seating in a variety of public realm locations. In most incidences there are absolutely no issues with works proceeding, however occasionally, for any number of reasons, there may be objections to the proposed seat installation/removal. It is almost impossible for the Council to always know the full background for these requests, and it is usually when the staff arrive on site to carry out the works that the full story becomes apparent.

Ordinarily, the elected members would not want to be part of this process, and the Council is not aware of large-scale countywide issues relating to this works process. It may be simpler to address the issues locally as they occur and this usually results in a successful outcome.

Source of Report: Ms. A O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.