

## Comhairle Contae Fingall Fingal County Council

Minutes of Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services B - Strategic & General Matters)

**Wednesday, 4th June, 2025**

### **PRESENT**

#### **Councillors:**

Haughey, Cathal  
Healy, David

#### **Councillors:**

Hopkins, Joan  
McDonagh, Brian  
O'Brien, Eoghan

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Jimmy Guerin and Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey.

The appointed Area Chairperson, Councillor Cathal Haughey, presided.

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer); Catherine O'Donovan (Senior Executive Officer); John Daly (Senior Engineer); Grainne Carroll (Administrative Officer); Geraldine O'Hanlon (Senior Community Officer); Nuala Casey (Sports Development Officer); Sarah Jane Moonan (Senior Staff Officer).

**HMB/113/25** (Agenda Item No )

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

It was **AGREED** at the start of the meeting that Councillor C. Haughey would chair the meeting in Councillor A. Tormey absence.

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

**HMB/114/25** (Agenda Item No 1)

### **Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services B - Strategic and General Matters) Meeting held on Wednesday the 7th of May 2025**

Minutes of the Howth-Malahide Area Committee Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 which had been circulated were **CONSIDERED**.

It was then **PROPOSED** by Councillor E. O'Brein, seconded by Councillor C. Haughey and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Howth-Malahide Area Committee Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 be **ADOPTED**.”

**HMB/115/25** (Agenda Item No )

### **QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey, seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 - 18 be **ADOPTED**.”

**HMB/116/25** (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor D. Healy - Update on Sutton-Malahide Greenway - AI101655

**HMB/117/25** (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor D. Healy - Update on Vacant Commercial Properties in this LEA - AI102387

**HMB/118/25** (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor D. Healy - Update on Vacant Residential Properties in this LEA - AI102388

**HMB/119/25** (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor D. Healy - Vacant Residential Properties in this LEA - AI102389a

**HMB/120/25** (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor D. Healy - Vacant Commercial Properties in this LEA - AI102389b

**HMB/121/25** (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor D. Healy - Childcare in Portmarnock - AI102948

**HMB/122/25** (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor J. Hopkins - LDA Deal to Purchase Stapolin Lands Baldoyle - AI102093

**HMB/123/25** (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Clothes Banks in this LEA - AI102516

**HMB/124/25** (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Number of Social Homes Available in this LEA - AI102519

**HMB/125/25** (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Project Costs - Tuckett's Lane, Howth - AI102520

**HMB/126/25** (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Building of Social Homes - Howth - AI102521

**HMB/127/25** (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Litter Policy for Private Owners of Shops in this LEA - AI102522

**HMB/128/25** (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Update on Public Consultation for Kinsealy/Portmarnock Greenway - AI103003

**HMB/129/25** (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Walkway from Drumnigh Manor to Portmarnock Train Station - AI102955

**HMB/130/25** (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project - AI102990

**HMB/131/25** (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor C. Haughey - Portmarnock Adventure Club Land - AI102991

**HMB/132/25** (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Kinsealy to Portmarnock Walking and Cycling Scheme - AI102995

**HMB/133/25** (Agenda Item No 19)

#### **Applications for Funding**

##### **a     Applications for Community Funding**

The attached report, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **AGREED**:

"That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the funding set out in the foregoing report."

##### **b     Applications for Sports Funding**

The attached report, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh and **AGREED**:

"That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the funding set out in the foregoing report."

**HMB/134/25** (Agenda Item No 20)

**Draft Litter Management Plan Public Consultation Report**

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Catherine O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, John Daly, Senior Engineer and Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sport Department.

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

**HMB/135/25** (Agenda Item No 21)  
**Stapolin Educate Together School Warden Request**

It was agreed to defer this item.

**HMB/136/25** (Agenda Item No 22)  
**Feltrim Active Travel Plan – Project Update**

It was agreed to defer this item.

### **MOTIONS**

**HMB/137/25** (Agenda Item No 23)  
**Councillor D. Healy - Claremont Beach Overbridge - AI102714**

It was agreed to defer this item.

**HMB/138/25** (Agenda Item No 24)  
**Councillor C. Haughey - Power Outages Kinsealy - AI102956**

The Motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey, was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins.

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

**HMB/139/25** (Agenda Item No 25)  
**Councillor J. Hopkins - Update on Swimming Pool for Howth/Malahide - AI103004**

It was agreed to defer this item.

**HMB/140/25** (Agenda Item No 26)  
**Councillor E. O'Brien - Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge across the Railway Line in Malahide - AI103046**

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

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

**HMB/141/25** (Agenda Item No 27)

**Councillor D. Healy - Dart Timetable at Weekends in the Howth/Malahide Area - AI102971**

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

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

**HMB/142/25** (Agenda Item No 28)

**Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Malahide/Portmarnock Educate Together School - AI102999**

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

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

**HMB/143/25** (Agenda Item No 29)

**Councillor J. Hopkins - Howth Public Realm Overhaul - AI103023**

It was agreed to defer this item.

The Meeting concluded at 18.05.

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**AREA CHAIRPERSON**

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## **COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **HOWTH MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic & General Matters)**

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

#### **ITEM NO. 02**

#### **UPDATE ON DRUMNIGH MANOR OVERBRIDGE - AI103694**

##### **Question: Councillor C. Haughey**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Drumnigh Manor overbridge?”

##### **Reply:**

Improvement works to existing overpass railway bridge OBB21 (which is currently grassed and formerly used as a cattle pass) will facilitate a safe and direct active travel route from Drumnigh Manor to Portmarnock Train Station and beyond via a new linear park which runs north-south, parallel to the railway track within the Saint Marnock’s Bay/Sky Lark Development.

The bridge is located over the Dublin to Belfast Railway line c500m south of Portmarnock Train Station. It is in the ownership of Irish Rail and is currently fenced off and not in use.

The proposed improvement works involve re-surfacing the existing bridge deck with an SMA surface and this will become a shared two-way footpath/cycleway.

The legal agreements with the landowner to the west including access for construction are expected to be finalised in early September.

Engagement with the landowner to the east has recommenced and the legal agreement/license for access is being progressed.

The bridge works license agreement with Irish Rail is being finalised and it is expected that the agreement will be executed shortly.

Subject to the necessary legal agreements being in place the contractor shall be appointed. As part of Irish Rail requirements 4 weeks' notice is required to be given to Irish Rail from appointment of contractor to commencement of works over the Railway. Works will take up to three weeks to complete.

**Source of Reply:**

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

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**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

#### **ITEM NO. 03**

#### **UPDATE ON KINSEALY WALKING AND CYCLING ROUTES TO PORTMARNOCK AND MALAHIDE - AI103695**

##### **Question: Councillor C. Haughey**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Kinsealy to Portmarnock/Malahide Walking and Cycling Scheme, including any estimated timelines?”

##### **Reply:**

The Kinsealy Walking and Cycling scheme aims to provide a high-quality walking and cycling routes between Kinsealy and Portmarnock train station, and between Kinsealy and Malahide Castle and gardens. These two walking and cycling routes will form a link from Kinsealy to sustainable transport at Portmarnock and Malahide train stations.

A successful non-statutory public consultation concluded in January 2025 and this yielded more than 150 submissions on the proposed walking & cycling scheme from Kinsealy to Portmarnock train station. These submissions have been categorised and analysed and used to inform the process to progress from the Emerging Preferred Route stage to the Preferred Route stage. The Options Report (concluding Phase 2) will be available at the end of September 2025.

The preliminary design and environmental screening (Phase 3) will commence in Q4 of 2025, followed by the statutory process (Phase 4) required to deliver this part of the project.

##### **Source of Reply:**

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

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**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

#### **ITEM NO. 04**

#### **CRÈCHE/CHILDCARE FACILITIES IN HOWTH/MALAHIDE LEA – AI103698**

#### **Question: Councillor C. Haughey**

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the number of crèche/childcare facilities in the Howth/Malahide Local Electoral Area that are built but not in operation and for the number of crèches or childcare facilities that planning permission has been granted for?”

#### **Reply:**

**The following have been granted permission from January 2024 to present:**

| <b>Planning Reference</b> | <b>Decision Date</b> | <b>Location</b>                                                                                                             | <b>Commencement Date</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| F24A/0812E                | 31/10/2024           | Lands at Auburn House (Protected Structure) and, Little Auburn off the R107 Malahide Road/Dublin Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin | 24/07/2025               |
| F24A/1010E                | 13/05/2025           | Lands in the Townland of Kinsaley including part of the grounds of Lamorlaye,, Back Road, Malahide,, Co.Dublin              | No CN Received           |
| LRD0043/S3E               | 24/01/2025           | Lands to the south of Back Road and                                                                                         | No CN Received           |

|            |            |                                                                         |                |
|------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
|            |            | to the east of Kinsealy Lane, Kinsaley, Broomfield, Malahide, Co.Dublin |                |
| LRD0046/S3 | 01/07/2025 | Former Teagasc Research Centre, Malahide Road, Kinsealy, Dublin 17,     | No CN Received |

Commencement notices and Completion Certificates are submitted on Building Control Management System (BCMS). BCMS is a national portal managed by the National Building Control Office and information is not retained by electoral area. For this reason it is not possible to give an accurate answer to the number of creches built but not in operation.

**Source of Reply:**

Niamh Reid, Administrative Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure  
Seamus Martin, Administrative Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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**HOWTH MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING  
(Services B – Strategic & General Matters)**

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

**ITEM NO. 05**

**UPDATE ON TUCKETT'S LANE, HOWTH – AI103699**

**Question: Councillor C. Haughey**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Council's plans for the site at Tuckett's Lane Park and to detail any actions or plans to resolve the boundary discrepancies between residents and Fingal County Council at this site?"

**Reply:**

Fingal County Council are finalizing revised costings which will be submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for approval as the costs exceed the amount previously approved for the scheme.

**Source of Reply:**

Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

#### **ITEM NO. 06**

#### **UPDATE ON ACCESS TO BALSCADDEN BEACH - AI103715**

##### **Question: Councillor C. Haughey**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Consultant's Assessment Report of the existing stairs at Balscadden beach and if there has been any progress made regarding the preferred option?”

##### **Reply:**

While the site and the stair are owned by a third party, Fingal County Council engaged a multidisciplinary consultancy firm to assess the existing stairs, to establish the likely causes of deterioration and to examine whether measures could be undertaken in the short term to improve the situation and to enhance safety for users.

The Consultants have indicated that monitoring, together with localised works such as underpinning, repairs to concrete surfaces and new handrails, would offer the most practicable approach in the short term.

Given the location of the site, screening for Appropriate Assessment was further commissioned to determine whether such works could give rise to significant effects on the Natura 2000 site.

The assessment is expected later this month, which will allow Fingal to further evaluate the proposal and consider if there is an appropriate and feasible way forward, having regard to the private ownership and potential legal implications.

##### **Source of Reply:**

Paula Sereda, Senior Executive Architect, Architects on behalf of Active Travel

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### HOWTH MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

#### ITEM NO. 07

#### UPDATE ON TAKING IN CHARGE OF STREAMSTOWN MEADOW AND CLAIRVILLE LODGE - AI103716

##### **Question: Councillor C. Haughey**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on engagements with the landowner and Uisce Éireann, in advance of the taking-in-charge application for Streamstown Meadow and Clairville Lodge, including any details on the pumping station at this location?”

##### **Reply:**

###### Streamstown Meadow:

No engagement with Uisce Éireann (UÉ) is required for Streamstown Meadow as this development was carried out under a self-lay agreement between the Developer and UÉ and therefore Fingal County Council would not be responsible for the TIC of their assets. The developer is finalising the Road Safety Audit at present and will carry out any remaining outstanding works over the next few months.

###### Clairville Lodge:

The developer is currently working through planning compliance submissions to Fingal County Council in advance of completing required road access works to the foul sewer pumping station. Once planning compliances have been approved, Building Control will engage with Uisce Éireann in regard to the pumping station.

##### **Source of Reply:**

Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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### **HOWTH MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (SERVICES B – STRATEGIC & GENERAL MATTERS)**

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

#### **ITEM NO. 08**

#### **HOWTH HARBOUR FESTIVAL STALLS - AI103717**

##### **Question: Councillor C. Haughey**

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are plans to expand the number of stalls at the Howth Harbour festival, as this year two-thirds of applications for stalls were rejected?”

##### **Reply:**

The number of stalls for the Howth Maritime Festival has already been increased by one third this year. This is now the maximum number of stalls suited to this festival to ensure a mixed variety of activities for all attendees including free family fun, maritime activities, local seafood village, autism quiet zone, live music and family food village.

Any further increase in stalls would impact on space available for free family fun entertainment.

##### **Source of Reply:**

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

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**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

#### **ITEM NO. 09**

#### **OWNERSHIP OF EARNAN'S WOOD ESTATE - AI103732**

##### **Question: Councillr C. Haughey**

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if Earnan's Wood estate has been taken in charge by Fingal County Council, and therefore is responsible for its upkeep and if not, can clarity be provided on who owns the estate?"

##### **Reply:**

Earnan's Wood is a Council Estate comprising of 26 housing units.

The Estate is currently in the process of being taken into maintenance by the Operations Department.

In the meantime, the Housing Department will liaise with the Operations Department to implement interim measures addressing any issues until the estate is formally brought into maintenance.

##### **Source of Reply:**

Joan Kernan, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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### HOWTH MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

#### ITEM NO. 10

#### WATER QUALITY TESTING AT IRELAND'S EYE AND BALSCADDEN – AI 103758

##### **Question: Councillor D. Healy**

“To ask the Chief Executive if the results of water testing at Ireland’s Eye and Balscadden can be uploaded online when received by the Council?”

##### **Reply:**

Ireland’s Eye and Balscadden are not “identified” bathing waters and are therefore not on the scheduled bathing water calendar.

However, in 2025 Fingal County Council aims to test these waters twice during the bathing water season subject to available resources.

The results for the most recent water quality samples taken at these locations on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025 have met the standard for “excellent” water quality (Table 1).

Table 1

| Date    | Beach Name    | E. coli<br>MPN/100ml | Enterococci<br>CFU/100ml |
|---------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 12/8/25 | Balscadden    | <10                  | <1                       |
| 12/8/25 | Ireland’s Eye | <10                  | <1                       |

Fingal County Council will arrange for the sampling results to be uploaded onto the Fingal County Council website. Fingal County Council arrange for the publication of water quality results from our identified bathing waters with the Environmental Protection Agency on the national website [www.beaches.ie](http://www.beaches.ie) annually before the start of each bathing season.

##### **Source of Reply:**

Rita McGrath, Executive Scientist, Environment

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### HOWTH MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

#### ITEM NO. 11

#### RESULTS OF WATER QUALIFY TESTING AT IRELAND'S EYE AND BALSCADDEN – AI103759

**Question: Councillor D. Healy**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the results of water quality testing at Ireland’s Eye and Balscadden over the last 10 years?”

**Reply:**

Sampling of water quality at Balscadden Beach and Ireland’s Eye began in August 2015. These locations continue to be sampled twice during each bathing season, subject to available resources, but are not part of scheduled monitoring for classification purposes as per Bathing Water Quality Regulations, 2008. All lab results are provided to the Environmental Protection Agency through their EDEN (Environmental Data Exchange Network) monitor. All individual samples collected have results of ‘excellent’ water quality. The results are provided below as follows:

| Date       | Location       | E. coli   | Enterococci | Individual Sample |
|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|
|            |                | MPN/100ml | CFU/100ml   | Assessment result |
| 05/08/2015 | Balscadden Bay | <10       | 2           | Excellent         |
| 05/08/2015 | Ireland's Eye  | <10       | 2           | Excellent         |
| 27/06/2016 | Balscadden Bay | <10       | <1          | Excellent         |
| 27/06/2016 | Ireland's Eye  | <10       | <1          | Excellent         |
| 26/10/2016 | Balscadden Bay | 31        | 4           | Excellent         |
| 26/10/2016 | Ireland's Eye  | 20        | 4           | Excellent         |
| 09/05/2017 | Balscadden Bay | <10       | <1          | Excellent         |
| 09/05/2017 | Ireland's Eye  | 30        | 2           | Excellent         |
| 19/07/2017 | Balscadden Bay | <10       | 4           | Excellent         |
| 19/07/2017 | Ireland's Eye  | <10       | <1          | Excellent         |

|            |                |     |    |           |
|------------|----------------|-----|----|-----------|
| 16/05/2018 | Balscadden Bay | 63  | 8  | Excellent |
| 16/05/2018 | Ireland's Eye  | 20  | 10 | Excellent |
| 11/07/2018 | Balscadden Bay | <10 | <1 | Excellent |
| 12/07/2019 | Balscadden Bay | 10  | <1 | Excellent |
| 12/07/2019 | Ireland's Eye  | 10  | 1  | Excellent |
| 19/08/2019 | Balscadden Bay | 20  | <1 | Excellent |
| 19/08/2019 | Ireland's Eye  | <10 | 1  | Excellent |
| 15/07/2020 | Balscadden Bay | <10 | 1  | Excellent |
| 15/07/2020 | Ireland's Eye  | <10 | 1  | Excellent |
| 24/08/2020 | Balscadden Bay | 10  | 2  | Excellent |
| 24/08/2020 | Ireland's Eye  | <10 | 2  | Excellent |
| 14/06/2021 | Balscadden Bay | <10 | <1 | Excellent |
| 14/06/2021 | Ireland's Eye  | <10 | <1 | Excellent |
| 26/07/2021 | Balscadden Bay | 10  | <1 | Excellent |
| 26/07/2021 | Ireland's Eye  | <10 | <1 | Excellent |
| 20/06/2022 | Balscadden Bay | <10 | <1 | Excellent |
| 20/06/2022 | Ireland's Eye  | <10 | <1 | Excellent |
| 29/08/2022 | Balscadden Bay | 10  | 2  | Excellent |
| 29/08/2022 | Ireland's Eye  | <10 | 5  | Excellent |
| 09/08/2023 | Balscadden     | 52  | 6  | Excellent |
| 09/08/2023 | Ireland's Eye  | 10  | 3  | Excellent |
| 15/08/2023 | Balscadden     | 10  | 4  | Excellent |
| 15/08/2023 | Ireland's Eye  | 10  | 1  | Excellent |
| 12/08/2025 | Balscadden     | <10 | <1 | Excellent |
| 12/08/2025 | Ireland's Eye  | <10 | <1 | Excellent |

**Source of Reply:**

Rita McGrath, Executive Scientist, Environment

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### HOWTH MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

#### ITEM NO. 12

#### UPDATE ON REPLY - WEEKEND DART TIMETABLES - AI103819

##### **Question: Councillor D. Healy**

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what response has been received to correspondence to be sent to the National Transport Authority and Iarnród Éireann in relation to weekend Dart timetables following the June meeting of this Area Committee?"

##### **Reply:**

As agreed at the June Area Committee Meeting, a letter was issued to the National Transport Authority (NTA) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2025, regarding weekend DART timetable.

A reply to this correspondence was received on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025 from the National Transport Authority (NTA). In their response, the NTA have advised on the below:

*The NTA and Iarnród Éireann Timetable Joint Working Group may agree a new timetable in advance of deployment of the new DART fleet and will include the Howth/Malahide Area Committees motion in their considerations.*

A copy of the correspondence is included under Agenda Item 23c for the September Howth / Malahide Area Committee Meeting (Services B).

##### **Source of Reply:**

Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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### **HOWTH MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic & General Matters)**

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

#### **ITEM NO. 13**

#### **UPDATE ON REPLY - NOISE ACTION PLAN AND TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IRELAND - AI103820**

##### **Question: Councillor D. Healy**

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what response has been received to this Committee's request to meet Transport Infrastructure Ireland to discuss implementation of the Noise Action Plan as regards road noise impacts in the Howth/Malahide area?"

##### **Reply:**

As agreed at the May Area Committee Meeting, a letter was issued to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2025, regarding a meeting invitation to TII to discuss the implementation of the Noise Action Plan 2024 – 2028 for the Dublin Agglomeration as regards the Howth/Malahide Area, in particular priority areas 7 and 10.

A reply to this correspondence was received on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025 from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

A copy of the correspondence is included under Agenda Item 23b for the September Howth / Malahide Area Committee Meeting (Services B).

##### **Source of Reply:**

Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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### **HOWTH MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic & General Matters)**

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

#### **ITEM NO. 14**

#### **UPDATE ON KILBARRACK INDUSTRIAL ESTATE MASTERPLAN - AI103821**

##### **Question: Councillor D. Healy**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on progress in relation to the preparation of the Kilbarrack Industrial Estate Masterplan, which was specified in the County Development Plan in tandem with rezoning the land to Metro and Rail Economic Corridor?" (For reference, please see the list of plans being developed in the following 24 months as approved at the July 2023 Council meeting.)

##### **Reply:**

Work on the Kilbarrack Industrial Estate has not yet commenced. While it was approved as one of several Plans to be progressed following adoption of the Development Plan, initial works have yet to begin. At present, several other Plans are underway, and the Kilbarrack Masterplan is scheduled to commence following completion of these Plans.

##### **Source of Reply:**

Róisín Burke, Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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**ITEM NO. 15**

**ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING AT CAR PARKING SPACES  
PROVIDED BY PUBLIC BODIES – AI103822**

**Question: Councillor D. Healy**

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what engagement there has been with public sector bodies which have car parking spaces in the Howth/Malahide Area with a view to the provision of electric vehicle charging opportunities to the public at times when their car parking spaces area not needed?"

**Reply:**

There has been no engagement with public sector bodies in Fingal to provide electric vehicles charging opportunities at sites such as public sector body parking (assumed as staff or depot car parking).

The current roll out of EV charging points by the Council is being done in conjunction with ZEVI and is focusing on council owned sites.

Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland (ZEVI) within the Department of Transport is tasked with supporting consumers, the public sector, and businesses to make the switch to zero emission vehicles including the provision charging points.

**Source of Reply:**

Ronan O' Reilly, Executive Engineer, Environment Department

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#### **ITEM NO. 16**

#### **UPDATE ON PRE-PLANNING - STAPOLIN SQUARE - AI103824**

##### **Question: Councillor D. Healy**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to the holding of pre-planning meetings with the Land Development Agency in relation to their proposed application for Stapolin Square?"

##### **Reply:**

A pre planning meeting with the Land Development Agency was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025 in relation to proposed amendments to the previously permitted Strategic Housing Development (An Coimisúin Pleanála Ref. ABP-310418-21 / Fingal County Council Ref. SHD/011/20) on the lands at Baldoyle, including Stapolin Square. This meeting represented the Section 247 meeting, which is the first stage of the Large-scale Residential Development application process.

##### **Source of Reply:**

Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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**ITEM NO. 17**

**RACECOURSE PARK PROJECT COMMENCEMENT - AI103809**

**Question: Councillor J. Hopkins**

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the work on Racecourse Park will commence?"

**Reply:**

Consultants have been appointed to undertake the detailed design and prepare the tenders for the construction phase. It is envisaged that the first phase of the park development works between Grange Road and Red Arches Road will commence in Q3 2026.

**Source of Reply:**

Hans Visser, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Parks & Green Infrastructure Division.

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**ITEM NO. 18**

**BIODIVERSITY AND USE OF WEED KILLER IN SCHOOLS - AI103813**

**Question: Councillor J. Hopkins**

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise what the policy is in relation to biodiversity and the use of weed killer in schools and what action can be taken if policy not complied with, it relates to specific incident in a Howth Primary school?”

**Reply:**

The use of herbicide on school grounds is a matter for the school and not the County Council.

**Source of Reply:**

Hans Visser, Senior Executive Biodiversity Officer, Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

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**ITEM NO. 19**

**CRECHE IN ROBSWALL**

Following referral of this matter from Development Management to the Planning Enforcement section, a warning letter, pursuant to Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, was issued on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Investigations remain open and ongoing at present.

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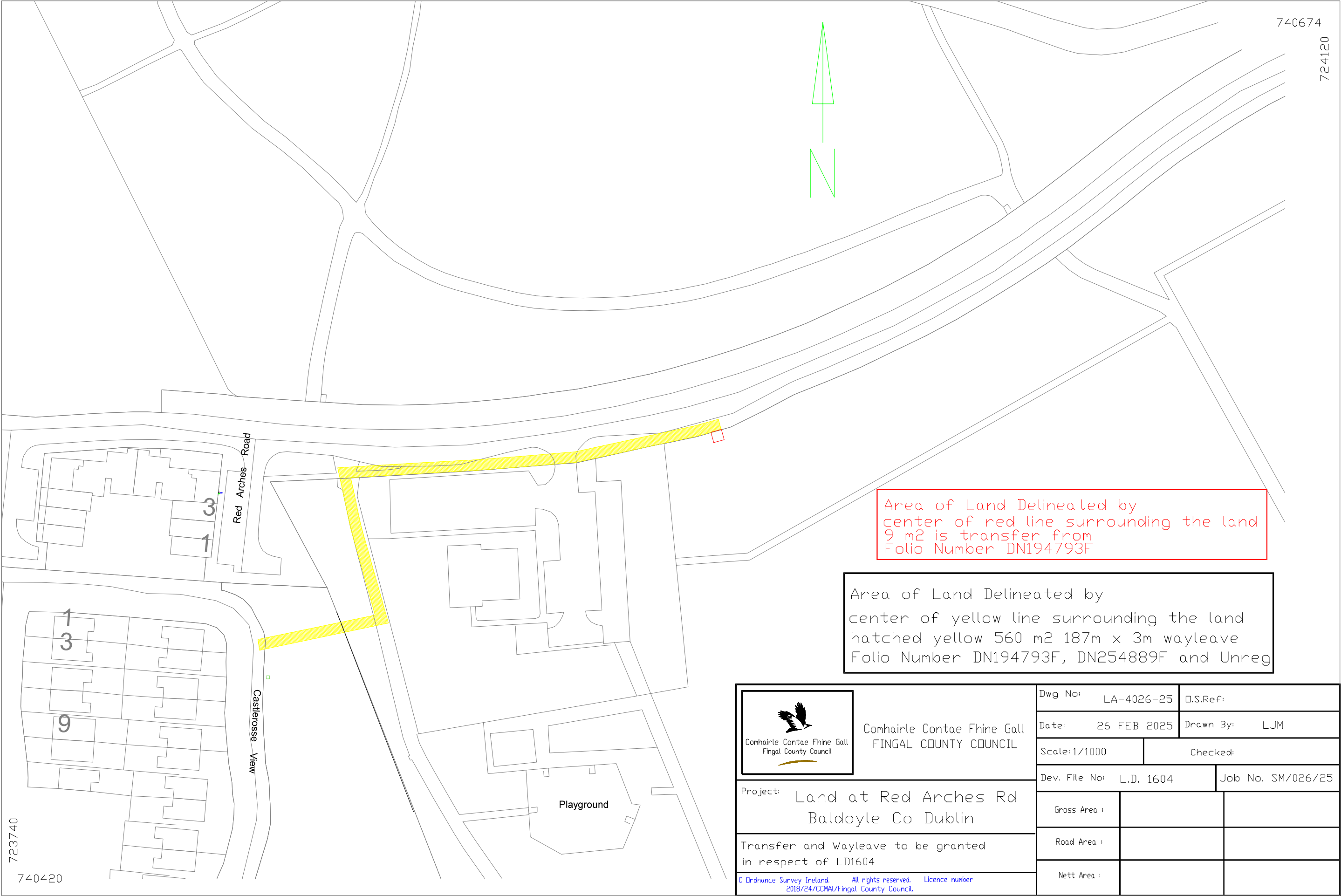
**ITEM NO. 21a**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND AND GRANT OF  
WAYLEAVE AT BALDOYLE RACECOURSE PARK, BALDOYLE, CO.  
DUBLIN TO ESB NETWORKS**

It is proposed to dispose of Council owned land comprising an area of 9 square meters approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LD-4026-25 dated 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and to grant a permanent wayleave comprising an area of 560 square meters approximately as shown coloured in yellow on Drawing No. LD-4026-25 dated 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at Baldoyle Racecourse Park, Baldoyle, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks.

A formal notice of disposal in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, will be submitted to the Meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

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9 m2 is transfer from  
Folio Number DN194793F

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hatched yellow 560 m2 187m x 3m wayleave  
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**ITEM NO. 22**

**STAPOLIN EDUCATE TOGETHER SCHOOL  
WARDEN REQUEST**

# Current conditions



- Taking in charge



## Works to date



- Site visits
- Initial meetings with landowners
- Internal meetings
- Meeting with the school

## Next steps



- Develop outline drawings
- Resolve taking in charge
- Traffic counts
- Options selection and design

## Next steps



- Screenings & Road Safety Audit
- Section 38/Part 8
- Procurement
- Construction



## **ITEM NO. 22**

# **STAPOLIN EDUCATE TOGETHER SCHOOL WARDEN REQUEST**

Dear Nikki,

I am writing to you today regarding your correspondence on behalf of the Members of Fingal County Council, regarding report on water Outages in Howth / Malahide area.

Your Uisce Éireann reference number for same was 31893.

I am pleased to advise that my colleagues in our Asset Operations Team at Uisce Éireann have reviewed your query and the following response has become available:

Since June 2024 to present there has been 2 Planned & 4 Unplanned Outages where Howth was mentioned. There has been 10 Planned & 29 Unplanned where Malahide was mentioned for the same period. There was 322 unplanned outages in Fingal during 2024

We would like to thank you for your correspondence, I trust that this update provides clarity to both you and your (District) members. Should you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us on the details below.

Thank you for using Uisce Éireann's dedicated Council Meetings mailbox.

**Regards,**

**John**

**John Noone**

LRSD / ERSD Analyst

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25<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**Ref: ACM/HMB/27/June 2025**

Dear Ms O hAodha,

I refer to your correspondence dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 in relation to a motion which was adopted at the June meeting of the Howth and Malahide Area Committee.

Passenger numbers across Public Service Obligation (PSO) services reached an all-time high of more than 343 million journeys—an increase of 32 million compared to 2023. This significant growth marks the second consecutive year of record-breaking figures. In 2024 passenger numbers on DART services exceeded 21 million for the first time since 2019. This year passenger numbers are on track to exceed those of 2019. To date patronage on DART services is 5% greater than for the same period in 2024.

Currently the entire DART fleet and driver complement is fully deployed to operate the existing levels of service with weekends used for additional access time to fleet and infrastructure for on-going regular maintenance. The provision of additional services or capacity will require more fleet and drivers to implement.

As new DART fleet becomes available, the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Iarnród Éireann will standardise the length of DART trains throughout the day which will in turn add capacity to the network. However, Iarnród Éireann do operate “Special” additional DART services at peak demand times in summertime for scheduled events such as the Howth Roots & Blues Festival and concerts in the Malahide area.

In respect of DART+, the following is worth noting.

- in the short term, the first order for the purchase of 95 additional DART+ carriages (comprised of mainly battery-electric, with some electric carriages) have started to arrive for testing prior to entry into service, with the majority earmarked for the northern line between Dublin and Drogheda. We can confirm that, subject to the granting of the requisite authorisations, the BEMU (Battery Electric Multiple Units) trainsets are expected to enter service on the Dublin to Drogheda line in late 2026.

- in the longer term, the DART+ Coastal North project aims to improve DART services on the existing DART line North of Dublin City with the current focus on increasing capacity. A Railway Order for DART+ Coastal North was lodged in July 2024 which commenced the formal planning process. Please note that An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP) recently approved the Railway Order application for DART+ Coastal North. A period of detailed design on the project will now commence as well as procurement. Subject to funding being allocated it is anticipated that construction will be in the region of three years.

In terms of taking your request into consideration, the NTA and Iarnród Éireann Timetable Joint Working Group may agree a new timetable in advance of deployment of the new DART fleet and will include the Howth/Malahide Area Committees motion in their considerations.

I trust that the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

*Hugh Creegan*

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Hugh Creegan,  
Chief Executive (Interim).

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### HOWTH MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

#### ITEM NO. 24

#### CLAREMONT BEACH OVERBRIDGE - AI102714

##### **Motion: Councillor D. Healy**

“That this Area Committee recommend the provision of a pedestrian bridge over the railway between the apartments on the Techrete site and Claremont Beach, for which a condition was included in Planning Permission SHD/009/19, be included in the Capital Programme.”

##### **Report:**

As part of the ABPs decision to grant permission on the Techcrete site (reg ref: SHD/009/19) the developer was conditioned to agree a special contribution under section 48 2(c) with the Council. This has now been agreed. Whilst the inclusion a special contribution was conditioned, the bridge was not included in the planning permission.

The delivery of the proposed bridge would be challenging considering its proposed location adjacent to Clarmont beach and the railway, with significant environmental issues to navigate, whilst ensuring with the proposed development would be inclusive of all users including buggies and wheelchair access.

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department is focused on the delivery of an extensive work programme as provided for in the approved Capital Programme. The inclusion of a feasibility study to further understand the deliverability of the proposed bridge shall be considered as part of the Capital Programme review.

##### **Source of Report:**

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

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### HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE SERVICES B – STRATEGIC AND GENERAL MATTERS

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#### ITEM NO. 25

#### UPDATE ON SWIMMING POOL FOR HOWTH/MALAHIDE - AI103004

##### **Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins**

“That the Chief Executive provide an update on talks or plans with Saint Michael’s House with respect to re-opening the swimming pool in Baldoyle for the provision of swimming lessons for school children in the Howth/Malahide Area.”

##### **Report:**

Fingal County Council reached out to Director of Services in St Michaels House in 2024 about their current empty pool in Baldoyle. Their response was the pool was extremely old and they had assessors out to the pool, there is a huge amount of electrical upgrades required that would need to be rectified before reopening the pool and that St Michael's House receive no funding from the HSE to support the pool being operational and St Michaels House are not currently in a position to spend money on it.

##### **Source of Report:**

Chloe Farrell, Principal Sports Officer, Sport

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#### **ITEM NO. 26**

#### **PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER RAILWAY - DRUMNIGH MANOR - AI103810**

##### **Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh**

“That the Chief Executive report on the pedestrian bridge over the railway line at Drumnigh Manor.”

##### **Report:**

Improvement works to existing overpass railway bridge OBB21 (which is currently grassed and formerly used as a cattle pass) will facilitate a safe and direct active travel route from Drumnigh Manor to Portmarnock Train Station and beyond via a new linear park which runs north-south, parallel to the railway track within the Saint Marnock's Bay/Sky Lark Development.

The bridge is located over the Dublin to Belfast Railway line c500m south of Portmarnock Train Station. It is in the ownership of Irish Rail and is currently fenced off and not in use.

The proposed improvement works involve re-surfacing the existing bridge deck with an SMA surface and this will become a shared two-way footpath/cycleway.

The legal agreements with the landowner to the west including access for construction are expected to be finalised in early September.

Engagement with the landowner to the east has recommenced and the legal agreement/license for access is being progressed.

The bridge works license agreement with Irish Rail is being finalised and it is expected that the agreement will be executed shortly.

Subject to the necessary legal agreements being in place the contractor shall be appointed. As part of Irish Rail requirements 4 weeks' notice is required to be given to Irish Rail from appointment of contractor to commencement of works over the Railway. Works will take up to three weeks to complete.

**Source of Report:**

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

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#### **ITEM NO. 27**

#### **NAMING OF THE PARK IN SEABURY - AI103803**

##### **Motion: Councillor E. O'Brien**

"That the Chief Executive arrange for the naming of the park in Seabury, adjacent to Old Yellow Walls Road, in honour of the late Philip Lynch to recognise the immense contribution he made to the upkeep of the area."

##### **Report:**

If this motion is passed, the terms therein will be forwarded to the Naming and Commemorative Committee for consideration, in line with the Naming and Commemorative Memorial Policy, at the next meeting of the Committee. Additional information and a formal application may be required.

##### **Source of Report:**

Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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#### ITEM NO. 28

#### HOWTH PUBLIC REALM OVERHAUL - AI103023

##### **Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins**

“That the Chief Executive make a provision for the complete overhaul of the public realm of Howth from the DART station entrance, along Harbour Road to Howth Village and Balcadden beach.”

##### **Report:**

Table 2.19 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 sets out a list of Framework Plans to be prepared over the life of the Development Plan and includes within this table a Framework Plan for Howth (FP10.C) Sheet 10.

Framework Plans are advisory in nature, with a long-term vision allowing sufficient flexibility to manage change depending on the particular circumstances presenting, including societal, economic, environmental and cultural. These Plans are informed by research and baseline data and identify opportunities for future development as well as possible constraints.

As referred to previously, enhancement/re-design of the area in front of Howth DART station is complex due to land ownership issues. The public road is in the charge of Fingal County Council and the area directly in front of the station is owned by CIE. Separately, ownership of land accommodating the bus stop is unregistered.

Taking the foregoing into consideration, the Howth Framework Plan envisaged under FP10.C provides the appropriate mechanism to formulate a cohesive public realm enhancement scheme for the area, the boundaries of which are defined on Development Plan Map Sheet 10.

##### **Source of Report:**

Róisín Burke, Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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#### **ITEM NO. 29**

#### **REPORT ON TUCKETT’S LANE PARK – AI103842**

##### **Motion: Councillor D. Healy**

“That the Chief Executive report to this Area Committee on any plans or options that are under consideration for the Tuckett’s Lane Park site for which housing was approved under Part 8 in 2019.”

##### **Report:**

Fingal County Council are finalising revised costings which will be submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for approval as the costs now exceed the amount previously approved for the scheme.

##### **Source of Report:**

Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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