

**Comhairle Contae Fingal
Fingal County Council**

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

Wednesday, 3rd September, 2025

PRESENT

Guerin, Jimmy
Healy, David
Hopkins, Joan

O'Brien, Eoghan
Tormey, Aoibhinn

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Cathal Haughey.

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer); Aoife Lawler (Senior Executive Officer);
Roisin Burke (Senior Planner); Larry Bergin (Senior Executive Engineer); Laura
Burke (Senior Executive Engineer); Fearghal McSweeney (Administrative Officer);
Chloe Farrell (Principle Sports Officer); Michael Campbell (Senior Staff Officer);
Sarah Jane Moonan (Senior Staff Officer).

HMB/144/25 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

HMB/145/25 (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 4th of June 2025**

Minutes of the Howth-Malahide Area Committee Meeting held on the 4th of June 2025 which had been circulated were **CONSIDERED**.

It was then **PROPOSED** by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor D. Healy and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Howth-Malahide Area Committee Meeting held on the 4th of June 2025 be **ADOPTED**.”

HMB/146/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **RESOLVED**:

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

HMB/147/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Drumnigh Manor Overbridge - AI103694

HMB/148/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes to Portmarnock and Malahide - AI103695

HMB/149/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Haughey - Crèche/Childcare Facilities in Howth/Malahide LEA - AI103698

HMB/150/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Tuckett's Lane, Howth - AI103699

HMB/151/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Access to Balscadden Beach - AI103715

HMB/152/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Taking in Charge of Streamstown Meadow and Clairville Lodge - AI103716

HMB/153/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Haughey - Howth Harbour Festival Stalls - AI103717

HMB/154/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor C. Haughey - Ownership of Earnon's Wood Estate - AI103732

HMB/155/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor D. Healy - Water Quality Testing at Ireland's Eye and Balscadden - AI103758

HMB/156/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor D. Healy - Results of Water Quality Testing at Ireland's Eye and Balcadden - AI103759

HMB/157/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor D. Healy - Update on Reply - Weekend Dart Timetables - AI103819

HMB/158/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor D. Healy - Update on Reply - Noise Action Plan and Transport Infrastructure Ireland - AI103820

HMB/159/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor D. Healy - Update on Kilbarrack Industrial Estate Masterplan - AI103821

HMB/160/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor D. Healy - Electric Vehicle Charging at Car Parking Spaces provided by Public Sector Bodies - AI103822

HMB/161/25 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor D. Healy - Update on Pre-Planning - Stapolin Square - AI103824

HMB/162/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Racecourse Park Project Commencement - AI103809

HMB/163/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Biodiversity and use of Weed Killer in Schools - AI103813

HMB/164/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Crèche in Robswall

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was

CONSIDERED. Mr. Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer read the report into the record.

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

HMB/165/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Tuckett's Lane

It was **AGREED** to take item 29 with this item.

HMB/166/25 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor D. Healy - Report on Tuckett's Lane Park - AI103842

The Motion, in the name of Councillor D. Healy, was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey.

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

Ms. Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department read the report into the record.

Following discussions the report was **NOTED**.

HMB/167/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Proposed Disposals:

- a **Notice of Proposed Disposal of Land and Grant of Wayleave at Baldoye Racecourse Park, Baldoye, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks**

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

HMB/168/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Stapolin Educate Together School Warden Request

Mr Larry Bergin, Senior Executive Engineer gave a presentation to the Members.

Following discussion it was **AGREED** to bring this item to the December meeting as a headed item.

The report was **NOTED**.

HMB/169/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Correspondence

- a **E-mail dated 16th July 2025 from Uisce Éireann regarding Councillor C. Haughey - Motion - Report on Water Outages Howth/Malahide LEA - AI099860**

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

- b **E-mail dated 6th August 2025 from TII regarding Councillor D. Healy - Motion - Noise Action Plan Implementation - AI101652**

It was **AGREED** to defer this item to the next meeting and to have the relevant staff attend.

- c **Letter dated 25th August 2025 from the National Transport Authority (NTA) regarding Councillor D. Healy – Motion – Dart Timetable at Weekends in the Howth / Malahide Area - AI102971**

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

MOTIONS

HMB/170/25 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor D. Healy - Claremont Beach Overbridge - AI102714

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

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

Ms. Laura Burke, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department read the report into the record.

Following discussion, the motion was **AGREED**.

HMB/171/25 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Update on Swimming Pool for Howth/Malahide - AI103004

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

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

It was **AGREED** that Ms. Chloe Farrell, Principal Sports Officer will request a copy of the assessors report and arrange to circulate it to the members on agreement from St. Michaels House.

It was also **AGREED** to write a letter to the HSE to enquire what the plans are for this facility and issue a copy of this correspondence to St Michaels House and the relevant State Departments responsible for sport, disability, and health.

Following discussion, the motion was **AGREED**.

HMB/172/25 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Pedestrian Bridge over Railway - Drumnigh Manor - AI103810

Councillor B. McDonagh had asked Councillor D. Healy to bring this Motion to the floor, in his absence.

The Motion, in the name of Councillor B. McDonagh, 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**.

Ms. Laura Burke, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department read the report into the record.

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

HMB/173/25 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Naming of the Park in Seabury - AI103803

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

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

Ms. Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services Department read the report into the record.

Following discussion, the motion was **AGREED**.

HMB/174/25 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Howth Public Realm Overhaul - AI103023

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

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

Ms. Roisin Burke, Senior Planner, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department read the report into the record.

Following discussion, the motion was **AGREED**.

The Meeting concluded at 16.18.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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**HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
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WEDNESDAY 1st OCTOBER 2025

ITEM NO. 02

Installation of Gates in Laneways in Bayside – AI104343

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Planning Enforcement Department of Fingal has been contacted about gates being installed by residents on Council laneways around Bayside, restricting others from using the laneways and if there are any active or closed Planning Enforcement files about same?”

Reply:

There are no open or closed planning enforcement files at this location in relation to this matter.

Source of Reply:

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 03

**UPDATE ON WALKWAY FROM WATERSIDE TO FELTRIM ROAD -
AI104344**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed walkway between the Waterside Estate and the schools on the Feltrim Road?”

Reply:

The walkway from Waterside to Feltrim Road is part of a planning permission within the school site itself under Planning Reference F23A/045. It is to be delivered by the Department of Education and has not yet commenced construction.

Source of Reply:

Laura Burke, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 04

**Temporary Benches along Portmarnock to Baldoyle Greenway
and Baldoyle Promenade - AI104374**

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install two or three temporary benches along the Portmarnock to Baldoyle Greenway/Promenade while awaiting permanent Greenway/Parks works?”

Reply:

The design consultants for the Racecourse Park have been asked to bring forward the seating options for the park. Once that selection is completed, the Council can progress the installation of seating along the greenway.

Source of Reply:

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

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ITEM NO. 05

UPDATE ON BALDOYLE COMMUNITY HALL - AI104378

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the Part 8 will be before the Council for the upgrade to Baldoyle Community Hall and the replacement of the portacabins which are currently housing much needed childcare facilities in the area?"

Reply:

Baldoyle Community Hall is one of a number of Fingal County Council owned Community buildings currently within a planned programme for upgrade and refurbishment. Statutory planning approval is required for the project to take account of proposed extensions and childcare use.

A number of revisions and additions to the planning pack to address information gaps are being finalised to facilitate the internal planning review process. Given the scale of investment being undertaken, it is crucial that the finalised architectural design and planning proposal has taken on board the full multi-disciplinary input from Fingal County Council specialists and from our external consultants. Subject to satisfactory screening determinations being received for Environmental Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment it is intended to publish the Part 8 public consultation in Q1 2026 which should allow planning confirmation in Q2 2026.

The intention is to have the Baldoyle Community Hall refurbishment tendered and ready for commencement on site in 2026 post receipt of planning approval. Current estimates for this project show an investment of approximately €2 million with onsite refurbishment works expected to take up to 12 months to complete. Prior to commencement of major refurbishment works the council will continue to assist and address urgent repairs and general maintenance at Baldoyle Community Hall and Montessori buildings.

Source of Reply:

Naomi Weir, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department

Pat Boyle, Senior Architect, Architects Department

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ITEM NO. 06

RACECOURSE PARK WORKS FOR PEDESTRIAN AND SAFE CYCLING - AI104373

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the plans for new entrances at Racecourse Park, will include the removal of the remaining 3 kissing gates and the reconfiguration of the entrance at Grange Road (both sides) to allow safe cycling and pedestrian crossing at Seagrang Park?”

Reply:

The new designs for all entrances into the Racecourse Park do not include any kissing gates. The entrance to the park from the Grange Road will be reconfigured. A road crossing is planned across the Grange road with a new entrance into Seagrang Park to allow for easy access for pedestrians and cyclists from one park to the other.

Source of Reply:

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

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ITEM NO. 07

REPORT ON SOCIAL HOUSING IN CLAREMONT HOWTH - AI104379

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report of the types of homes in Claremont, Howth, detailing, 1, 2 and 3 bed, and the cost to the Council for the purchase of each unit?”

Reply:

The Claremont Scheme in Howth will deliver a total of 51 social homes under a Part V Agreement, comprising the following mix:

- 2 studio apartments
- 33 one-bedroom apartments
- 16 two-bedroom apartments

The cost of these units is currently under negotiation with the Quantity Surveyor from Fingal County Council. As these discussions are ongoing, the unit pricing is considered commercially sensitive and cannot be disclosed.

Source of Reply:

Shauna Hughes, Senior Staff Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 08

STATION ROAD PORTMARNOCK PATH AND CYCLE LANES - AI104376

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the land at the R124 end of Station Road has been Compulsory Purchase Ordered by the Council for the intended pedestrian and cycling infrastructure?”

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 non-statutory public consultation report and preferred route drawings were published on the Fingal website in September, following a successful non-statutory public consultation earlier this year resulting in over 150 submissions. The Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Scheme is now progressing to phase 3 of the project, preliminary design with a view to preparing a planning application. The land at the R124 end of Station Road has not been Compulsory Purchase Ordered by the Council for the intended pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, however land ownership shall be looked at in detail in the coming phase of the project. The requirement for an application for Compulsory Order of land to An Coimisiún Pleanála to facilitate the scheme will be considered following the close out of phase 3 of the project.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, A/Senior Engineer, P & SI Department

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ITEM NO. 09

COMPLETION DATE OF FOOTPATH FROM CHAPEL ROAD - AI104382

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there is a completion date for the footpath on Chapel Road junction to Educate Together Malahide, to facilitate active travel?”

Reply:

Currently, Fingal County Council has no active projects between the Chapel Road junction and Malahide Educate Together National School.

Malahide Educate Together is one of seven schools included in Round 3 of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programme. SRTS is administered by An Taisce, grant-funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA), and delivered by Fingal County Council.

An Taisce is presently working with the schools selected for Round 3 of the Fingal SRTS programme. Once delivery plans have been completed and handed over, Fingal County Council will review the proposals and undertake an options selection process. This will be followed by preliminary and detailed design, public consultation, and progression towards the construction of any approved interventions. This process is expected to take some time, with works anticipated to commence in 2027.

SRTS projects typically include interventions such as “school zones,” which may feature buff-coloured road surfacing, line marking, pencil bollards, signage, and junction tightening. These projects are carried out under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act and do not involve works requiring Part 8 planning approval or the compulsory purchase of private lands.

The Operations Department are currently progressing footpath installation works on Chapel Road in front of Cheeky Monkeys Playschool. The contractor is appointed and on-site and it is envisaged work will be completed during Q4/2025.

In addition, the Operations Department are in the process of appointing a consultant to carry out a feasibility and options report on upgrading the Posie Row/Malahide Road junction. Please note the scope is design related only, and the brief is to examine possible solutions that could be implemented at this location. This will be summarised in a feasibility and options report which will provide design options along with estimated costings and next steps.

Source of Reply:

Larry Bergin, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Department.
James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 10

BALDOYLE CIRCLE PUBLIC CONSULTATION - AI104386

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise how much was budgeted for the Baldoyle Circle and what date we can expect a public consultation to commence?”

Reply:

The Active Travel unit propose to appoint a design team in early 2026 with a view to setting up public consultation at the earliest stage to inform designs. Once preferred designs are in place, detailed construction costs will be prepared and funding sources will be sought.

Source of Reply:

Shane McMorrow, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel.

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MEETING OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

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ITEM NO. 11a

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application.	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Malahide Pipe Band GA-003588	€1,320.00	Beginner Bagpipes x2 (in € from £ quote)	Y	2024 - €961.00 2025 - €1,359.00	€1,320.00
Baldoyle Family Resource Services CLG GA-003574	€3,000.00	Chess tutor Music facilitator Yoga/Mindfulness	Y	2023 - €480.00 2024 - €1,000.00 2024 - €1,100.00	€3,000.00
Howth Sutton Autism Friendly Community GA-003615	€780	Public Liability Insurance Directors and Officers Insurance	Y	2025 – €1148	€780

Howth Bridge Club GA-003607	€460	40 packs of playing cards 14 sets of bidding inserts Delivery	Y	2024 – €819	€460
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Dear Ms. O hAodha,

Thank you for your correspondence of 2 July 2025 in relation to the above. The position in relation to your enquiry is as follows.

At the outset, I can advise that the amended European Communities (Environmental Noise Regulations) 2018 (S.I. No. 549) deal with the requirements to prepare noise action plans to be developed for the purpose of managing environmental noise issues and their effects, including noise reduction, if necessary.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the national authority for overseeing the implementation of these Regulations.

The local authorities in their role as designated Action Planning Authorities, are responsible for making and approving noise action plans.

The finalised action plan is the responsibility of the respective local authority. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) has no role in the implementation of such plans under the Regulations.

Specifically, in relation to the Howth/Malahide area, the designated action planning authority is Fingal County Council. All Environmental Noise related issues are a matter for Fingal County Council.

However, TII are working collaboratively to facilitate local authority-proposed and funded noise mitigation measures on the national road network.

TII endeavours to facilitate meeting requests with Fingal County Council delegations, which are representative of the Council and Executive, to discuss significant national road issues of interest to the Council. TII is not in a position to facilitate requests for meetings with Area Committees.

Accordingly, should Fingal County Council wish TII to facilitate such a meeting, a request, outlining the specific issues to be discussed, proposed attendees and suitable dates, should be forwarded by the Council to the undersigned.

Notwithstanding the above, TII Network Management and Environmental Policy and Compliance Sections are meeting with representatives of the four Dublin Local Authorities in relation to their Noise Action Plans and their Priority Important Areas on 8 August. For clarity, a representative from Fingal County Council shall be attending this meeting, and it is expected that the recent council motion will be discussed during this meeting. I hope that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Begley

**Regulatory & Administration Executive
Transport Infrastructure Ireland**



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ITEM NO. 13

UPDATE ON PLANNING ENFORCEMENT OLD PORTMARNOCK – AI104345

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive provide an update on all planning applications and enforcement files in relation to the property, Old Portmarnock, (details provided).”

Report:

The following table sets out all planning applications made to the Council to date at this location:

Planning Permission Register Reference:	Decision:
F19A/0572	Refuse Permission
F20A/0222	Refuse Permission
F23A/0520	Withdrawn
F23A/0601	Refused Retention
F25A/0092E	Withdrawn

Planning Enforcement also carried out an investigation into planning matters at this address. Following the issuing of a warning letter, an Enforcement Notice was issued on 3rd December 2024. A site inspection in July 2025 and subsequent Planner review found matters at this location to be considered exempt development as per Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and Schedule 2, Part 1, Class 1 and Class 14(f) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended. The file was subsequently closed.

Source of Report:

Niamh Reid, Administrative Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 14

**OPENING DATE FOR THE EDUCATE TOGETHER SCHOOL -
MALAHIDE - AI103754**

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

“That the Chief Executive write to the Department of Education to advise on the expected opening date of the new Malahide Educate Together school.”

Report:

If the Motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the Department of Education; when a reply is received the Area Committee shall be informed.

Source of Report:

Ciara OhAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 15

GREENWAY LINK BETWEEN CLAREMONT ROAD AND THE WEST PIER - AI104188

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

“That this Area Committee recommends the inclusion of the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan Greenway link between Claremont Road and the West Pier in the Capital Programme.”

Report:

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department is focused on the delivery of an extensive work programme as provided for in the Capital Programme.

Having regard to the significant work programme underway in the delivery of projects in the Howth/Malahide area and across the County, together with the allocation of resources committed to delivering those projects, including those delivered by colleagues in the Active Travel Department, the inclusion of this project in the Capital Programme cannot be facilitated at this time.

Source of Report:

Linda Lally, A/Senior Engineer, P & SI Department

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ITEM NO. 16

DUNE EROSION MEETING BURROW BEACH - AI104372

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive arrange for a meeting to take place between residents and officials from Parks and Green Infrastructure division regarding the document sent by residents regarding dune erosion, as was discussed at the January Area Committee Meeting?”

Report:

Staff from the Council are available to attend a meeting with local residents in relation to their concerns regarding dune erosion at Burrow Beach. If the residents would like to suggest several times/dates times that suit them, the Council will confirm the arrangements accordingly.

Source of Report:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Parks & Green Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 17

SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS - MALAHIDE - AI103755

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

“That the Chief Executive write to the Department of Education regarding the lack of special educational needs class places in Malahide.”

Report:

If the Motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the Department of Education; when a reply is received the Area Committee shall be informed.

Source of Report:

Ciara OhAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 18

PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS ON LANEWAYS - AI104314

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

“That this Area Committee, noting the improvements approved for Wildcat Lane in Skerries, recommends that provision be made in the Council Budget and/or Capital Programme for public realm improvements to laneways and pedestrian accesses in the Howth/Malahide area including the accesses from Burrow and Claremont Roads to Burrow Beach.”

Report:

The Active Travel Unit welcomes suggestions for connectivity and permeability improvements countywide, including in this local electoral area. These suggestions are managed using a connectivity/permeability tracker, where they are assessed and scored against a number of criteria.

Where suggestions meet the assessment criteria, and an applicable works programme has been identified, they are brought forward for execution and appropriate funding is sought from available sources.

Source of Report:

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