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Friday, 31 October 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, 13th November, 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 the 9th of October 2025.**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor M. Quinn - Public Lighting Assessment at Ashfield Rise, Balbriggan - AI103757**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the assessment of the public lighting from (details supplied) Ashfield Rise, which was undertaken following a request from Deputy O'Reilly?"

- 3 **Councillor M. Quinn - Meeting to Review Installation of Gate - New Haven Court, Balbriggan - AI105027**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange an onsite meeting at New Haven Court, to review the installation of a gate, similar to the existing gates in the estate (pictures attached)?"

- 4 **Councillor M. Quinn - Parking at Chapel Street and Tara Court, Balbriggan at School Times - AI105029**

"To ask the Chief Executive, following the recent line repainting and street improvements outside of St. Peter and Pauls School, Balbriggan, if consideration can be given for the Council to engage with the Community Gardai to encourage responsible parking both outside the school and within the Tara Court Estate at school times?"

- 5 **Councillor P. Mulville - Adjustment of Waiting Time for Pedestrian Lights - Skerries Community Centre - AI104597**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the waiting time at the pedestrian traffic lights outside Skerries Community Centre to be shortened, as there is a very long delay from pushing the button to the lights changing to the "Green Man" for pedestrians to cross?"

- 6 **Councillor P. Mulville - Request for Signage - Skerries Tunnel - AI104598**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of appropriate signage at the Skerries tunnel noting that the

tunnel in and out of Skerries is wide enough for two-way traffic flow for standard size vehicles, as cars can often be observed waiting for traffic to stop on one side even though there is enough road width to pass?"

7 Councillor P. Mulville - Pedestrian Hazard near Blake's Cross, Lusk - AI104952

"To ask the Chief Executive if urgent consideration can be given to conduct a pedestrian safety assessment around the hazardous situation facing pedestrians including children going from the Airport View homeless family emergency accommodation centre to the bus stop on the other side of Blake's Cross, which is currently a very unsafe route which people have no choice but to walk along, namely a road with no path and a main junction with no pedestrian crossing?"

8 Councillor P. Mulville - Deisiú Sclaigeanna - Carr-chlós Ghaelscoil Ros Eó - AI105076

"Chun a fiafraí den Phríomhfheidhmeannach an féidir na poill sa bhóthar agus an dromchla míchothrom i gclós páirceála Ghaelscoil Ros Eó a dheisiú?"

9 Councillor P. Mulville - Public Street Lighting - Grey Square, Portrane - AI105121

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to review the public street lighting at Grey Square in Portrane, as only one light is currently working?"

10 Councillor P. Mulville - Removal of Briars and Brambles on Footpath from Lusk to Train Station - AI105122

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the briars and brambles to be cut back along the footpath from Lusk to the train station on a regular basis, as the pathway is narrow and hazardous?"

11 Councillor P. Mulville - Cycle Path Cleansing Schedule - Donabate Distributor Road - AI105123

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an outline on the current cleansing schedule for the cycle paths along both sides of the Donabate Distributor Road?"

12 Councillor L. Corkery - Installation of Double Yellow Lines - Bride's Glen Park, Swords - AI104956

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of double yellow lines at the entrance to Bride's Glen Park from Bride's Glen Avenue in Swords to prevent the dangerous parking of cars at this entrance?"

13 Councillor L. Corkery - Cleaning Schedule - Tower Bay Toilets, Portrane - AI104960

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the cleaning schedule for the public toilets at Tower Bay, Portrane?"

14 Councillor L. Corkery - Scheduled List of Works - Rolestown - AI104961

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the list of works scheduled for road improvements in Rolestown under the Fingal Capital Programme?"

15 Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Resurfacing Plans - Brackenstown Avenue, Swords- AI104962

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans to resurface Brackenstown Avenue, following confirmation of these planned works in December 2024?"

16 Councillor J. Smyth - Drain Clearing Schedule for Swords - AI104993

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the planned drain clearing schedule for Swords and the surrounding areas over the coming winter months in preparation for the winter storm period?"

17 Councillor J. Smyth - Clearing of Drains - Bunbury Gate/Brides Glen, Swords - AI104994

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to clearing the drains in Bunbury Gate and Brides Glen estates as a matter of priority due to the high level of debris and vegetation that is currently blocking many of these drains?"

18 Councillor J. Smyth - Update on Bus Shelter - Applewood, Swords - AI104995

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the expected installation of new improved bus shelters on the R125 adjacent to the Holywell Estate can be expected?"

19 Councillor G. Maguire - Provision of Salt Buckets - The Hastings, Balbriggan - AI105056

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update in relation to the provision of salt buckets that have been requested from The Hastings Estate in Balbriggan?"

20 Councillor G. Maguire - Public Lighting - Covetown Balbriggan - AI105057

"To ask the Chief Executive, following the installation of the welcomed public lighting on the green, if consideration could be given for the lighting to be extended further along the path into Covetown, Balbriggan?"

21 Councillor B. Ryan - Funding for Upgrade of Roads and Footpaths - Mourne View Estate, Skerries - AI105070

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide funding for a much-needed upgrade to the roads and footpaths in the Mourne View Estate in Skerries, in the upcoming Programme of Works?"

22 Councillor B. Ryan - Upgrade of Footpaths and Roadways - Lambeecher Estate, Balbriggan - AI105072

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide funding to upgrade the footpaths and roadway in Lambeecher Estate, Balbriggan, in the upcoming Programme of Works?"

23 Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Pedestrian Crossing - Skerries Point Shopping Centre - AI105073

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans to address the problem of the badly located pedestrian crossing at Skerries Point Shopping Centre, which has been highlighted on many occasions?"

24 Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Blocked Ditches to be Cleared - R122, Naul - AI105074

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to clearing the blocked ditches on the south side of the R122 at the bend east of Naul Village given the ongoing issue of flooding to properties on the north side of the R122 at the Naul and Reynoldstown townlands, as the ditches still remain blocked and surface water continues to flow across the road in periods of rain?"

25 Councillor C. Johnston - Extension to Naul Cemetery - AI105075

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to extending the Naul cemetery in the coming year as it is almost at full capacity and there are only two remaining grave spaces in the graveyard?"

26 Councillor C Johnston - Provision of Speed Limit Signage - Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI105083

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of appropriate speed limit signage on Turvey Avenue as there is no speed limit signage from the roundabout at the R132 travelling to Donabate which is causing confusion for motorists who are unsure of the current speed limit on this busy road?"

27 Councillor C. Johnston - Landscape Enhancement Works - The Spires, Donabate - AI105087

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to including the necessary finance in next year's Programme of Works for landscape enhancement works around and within the feature on the public open space in The Spires Estate in Donabate?"

28 Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Reinstatement of Footpaths - Garristown - AI105092

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to reinstating the footpaths outside the Mace shop and "Fancy That" coffee shop in Garristown Village which are in poor condition and in need of repair?"

29 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Litter Bins - Garristown - AI105093

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the

provision of litter bins on the upper section of the main street in Garristown close to the school and further down the hill from the Mace shop on Naul Road in Garristown?"

30 Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Cleaning, Re-lettering and Relocating of Garristown Village Stone - AI105094

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to cleaning and re-lettering the Garristown Village Millennium Stone and to relocating it closer to the street bench?"

31 Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Widening of Entrance - Bring Bank, Garristown - AI105100

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to widening the entrance to the Bring Bank in Garristown village, to facilitate additional car parking spaces (to compensate for loss of spaces directly outside the butcher shop)?"

32 Councillor E. Dockrell - Repair of Footpath - Garristown - AI105108

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the footpath in front of the Mace garage and the footpath outside "Fancy That" coffee shop in Garristown for repair as part of next year's Programme of Works?"

33 Councillor E. Dockrell - Widening of Entrance - Garristown Graveyard - AI105109

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to reviewing the entrance to the graveyard in Garristown to allow for extra width and parking spaces (which would compensate for spaces lost outside the butchers)?"

34 Councillor E. Dockrell - Repair of Footpath - Main Street, Lusk - AI105111

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repairing the footpath in front of the derelict cottage on the Main Street in Lusk?"

35 Councillor E. Dockrell - Repairs to Bronze Statue of Seamus Ennis in Naul Village - AI105117

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a

professional clean and re-seal the bronze statue of Seamus Ennis in Naul Village in the coming months, in recognition of the upcoming 25th anniversary of TSEAC, as the legs of the statue are in poor condition?"

36 Councillor E. Dockrell - Installation of VAS Sign - Naul Village - AI105118

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) to be installed to the south of Naul Bridge upon entering Naul Village from the north when approaching the village from County Meath?"

37 Councillor E. Dockrell - Cleaning of Village Millennium Stone, Garristown - AI105119

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to have the Village Millennium Stone in Garristown cleaned and relocated closer to the street bench?"

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38 Councillor L. Corkery - Ashton Broc Residents Meeting - AI104721

"That the Operations Department arrange a meeting with Ashton Broc residents to discuss a range of issues relating to road safety in the vicinity of the estate."

MOTIONS

39 Councillor D. Kelly - Installation of Road Studs in this LEA - AI104505

"That the Chief Executive place reflective road studs (cat's eyes) on regional and local roads in this Local Electoral Area, where public lighting is not available as a safety measure for the public."

40 Councillor C. Boland - Road Markings in the Rush/Lusk LEA - AI104581

"That the Chief Executive ensure that the road markings be refreshed, renewed or provided as necessary on the rural road network in the rural areas of the Rush/Lusk Local Electoral Area."

41 Councillor D. Butler - Preparation of Traffic Plan - Pavilions Shopping Centre, Swords - AI104722

"That the Chief Executive prepare a Traffic Plan for the roads around the Pavilions Shopping Centre, that takes into account the traffic chaos around the Malahide roundabout, particularly at weekends and explain how this can be addressed in the short-term and going forward if the R132 is reduced to one lane."

42 Councillor T. Murphy - Dangerous Car Park Entrance - The Green - Balrothery - AI104910

"That the Chief Executive arrange to put measures in place to ensure that the entrance and exit at the car park at The Green, Balrothery is made safer for all car park users."

43 Councillor L. Corkery - Pop-Up Garda Station in Swords Manor Area - AI104958

"That the Chief Executive engage with Swords Garda Station to explore the possibility of trialling a 'Pop-Up Garda Station' for the Swords Manor area similar to an initiative previously trialled in the Docklands area of Dublin City to enhance public safety and engagement."

44 Councillor D. Mulligan - Installation of Handrail - Hilltown Park/Rivervalley Road, Swords - AI105004

"That the Chief Executive advise if a handrail can be installed at the steps to Hilltown Park from the Rivervalley Road entrance."

45 Councillor M. Quinn - Pavement Surface Assessment along the Main Thoroughfare in Balbriggan Town Centre - AI105036

"That the Chief Executive carry out an assessment of the pavement surface dressing in Balbriggan Town Centre to improve the slip resistance of the pavements and to make the report available to this Area Committee."

46 Councillor J. Smyth - Anti-Social Behaviour in Santry Demesne - AI105039

"That the Chief Executive ask the relevant departments to liaise with the Gardai in relation to increased anti-social behaviour in Santry Demesne and park including examining what environmental changes or deterrents could be implemented to reduce such incidents occurring around the tunnel/underpass that runs under Northwood

Avenue.”

47 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Temporary Access Measures - Ballymastone Access Road, Donabate - AI105071

“That the Chief Executive, as a matter of urgency, arrange for an inspection with a view to provide temporary measures i.e. install temporary traffic lights and/or cutting back of hedges to facilitate safer access to the Ballymastone Sports grounds in Donabate given the serious health and safety concerns of parents and club members as the current access road is too narrow with vehicles unable to pass each other safely, with 30-minute wait times, at busy periods to access the sports grounds.”

48 Councillor P. Mulville - Road Surface and Footpath Repairs - Longstone Park, Portrane - AI105125

“That the Chief Executive give consideration to road surface and footpath repairs for Longstone Park, Portrane, as many sections of the estate’s roads are in a poor condition.”

49 Councillor C. Boland - Road Speed Limits in this LEA - AI104652

“That the Chief Executive make an objective comparison on road traffic accidents since the introduction of the revised speed limits across this Local Electoral Area.”

50 Councillor L. Corkery - Additional Road Traffic Calming Measures - Meadowbank, Swords - AI104964

“That the Chief Executive consider the provision of additional traffic calming measures on Meadowbank Road between the entrances to the playground and the pond that forms part of Miller's Glen Regional Park?”

51 Councillor D. Mulligan - Water Filling Station - Swords/Malahide Estuary - AI105005

“That the Chief Executive examine the possibility of providing a water filling station along the Swords to Malahide Estuary route.”

52 Councillor T. Murphy - Prohibition on use of Bikes, E-scooters and E-bikes on Upper Walkway, Balbriggan Beach - AI105020

“That the Chief Executive prohibit the use of bicycles, e-bikes, and

electric scooters on the upper embankment walkway of Balbriggan front beach, on safety grounds, due to the limited width of the pathway and erect appropriate signage at both points of entry."

53 Councillor M. Quinn - Activation of Traffic Lights at Clonard Boulevard Road, Balbriggan - AI105028

"That the Chief Executive writes to the ESB to request the connection of the traffic signalling lights as a priority as it is essential to the safety of the pupils of the Stephenstown School Complex."

54 Councillor P. Mulville - Improvement and Enhancement of Paved Area - Longstone Park - AI105126

"That the Chief Executive take steps to improve and enhance the public paved area in Longstone Park, Portrane, which is in need of maintenance?"

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**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

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

Thursday, 9th October, 2025

PRESENT

Boland, Cathal
Butler, Darragh
Dockrell, Eoghan
Humphreys, James
Johnston, Corina
Maguire, Grainne
Murphy, Tony

Mulligan, Dean
Newman, Joe
O'Leary, Tom
Quinn, Malachy
Ryan, Brendan
Smyth, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor M. Boland, Councillor Kelly, and Councillor Mulville.

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Luke Corkery, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Áine Donlon Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer), Karen Gallagher (Senior Engineer), Niamh Russell (Administrative Officer), Paul Graham (Senior Executive Engineer), Brian Rochford (Executive Engineer), Joseph Dowler (Executive Engineer), Barbara Ryan (Senior Staff Officer), Megan Devaney (Senior Staff Officer), Claudiu Dima (Executive Engineer), Conor Sheehan (Staff Officer), Alvean Finnegan (Assistant Staff Officer), Laura Doyle (Clerical Officer).

BSA/459/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of the Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 11th of September 2025

Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held on the 11th September 2025, which had been circulated were submitted, **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor Smyth and seconded by Councillor Ryan and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) Meeting held on 11th September 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”.

BSA/460/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor Corkery and seconded by Councillor Quinn and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No 51, Questions numbered 02 to 46 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

BSA/461/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor M. Boland - Hidden Disability Parking Spaces in this LEA - AI103988

BSA/462/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor M. Boland - Reinstatements following Road Openings - AI103991

BSA/463/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor M. Boland - Provision of Cats Eyes from Reynoldstown Crossroads to Naul Village - AI104565

BSA/464/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor M. Boland - Re-Painting of Road Markings - Hedgestown School, Jordanstown, Lusk - AI104566

BSA/465/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor M. Boland - Solutions to Dangerous Crossroads - Palmer Avenue, Rush - AI104567

BSA/466/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor M. Boland - Parking Space Removal - Rush Main Street - AI104568

BSA/467/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor P. Mulville - Resurfacing - Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI104048

BSA/468/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor P. Mulville - Re-Painting of Temporary Public Toilets - Portrane Green, Portrane - AI104050

BSA/469/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor P. Mulville - Road Surface Repairs - Dun Emer, Lusk - AI104052

BSA/470/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor P. Mulville - Improvements to Balheary Skate Park - Swords - AI104056

BSA/471/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor P. Mulville - Upgrade of Footpaths - Donabate - AI104401

BSA/472/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor P. Mulville - Provision of Double Yellow Lines - Oaklands Avenue, Swords
- AI104594

BSA/473/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor P. Mulville - Improvements to Potholes/Dips in the Road - Lusk Town
Centre - AI104595

BSA/474/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor P. Mulville - Repair of Potholes - Minister's Road/Treen Hill - AI104596

BSA/475/25 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor C. Johnston - Extending and Upgrading Footpath - Naul Village -
AI104438

BSA/476/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Pedestrian Crossing - Naul - AI104525

BSA/477/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Pedestrian Crossing - New Road, Donabate -
AI104527

BSA/478/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Road Markings - Clonard/Balscadden Junction
- AI104529

BSA/479/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Councillor C. Johnston - Upgrade of Donabate Beach Car Park - AI104530

BSA/480/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor C. Johnston - Refurbishment of Donabate and Portrane Public Toilets -
AI104532

BSA/481/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Beach Swim Shelter and Shower Facilities -
The Brook, Portrane - AI104535

BSA/482/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor C. Johnston - Resurfacing of Beach Lane, Portrane - AI104547

BSA/483/25 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor M. Quinn - Re-painting of Yellow Boxes in Balbriggan - AI104487

BSA/484/25 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor M. Quinn - Traffic Assessment at Hamilton Road, Balbriggan - AI104488

BSA/485/25 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor M. Quinn - Resurfacing of High Street, Balbriggan - AI104489

- BSA/486/25** (Agenda Item No 27)
Councillor J. Smyth - Bonfire Diversion Projects in this LEA - AI104496
- BSA/487/25** (Agenda Item No 28)
Councillor J. Smyth - Road Safety Assessment - Jugback Terrace, Swords - AI104497
- BSA/488/25** (Agenda Item No 29)
Councillor J. Smyth - Measures to deal with Unsafe Parking - Rathbeale Court, Swords - AI104498
- BSA/489/25** (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor J. Smyth - Update on Holywell Community Garden - AI104501
- BSA/490/25** (Agenda Item No 31)
Councillor D. Kelly - Update on Saint Cronan's Abbey, Swords - AI104507
- BSA/491/25** (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor C. Boland - Provision of Bus Shelters in the Rush/Lusk LEA - AI104536
- BSA/492/25** (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor C. Boland - Installation of Public Light - Knightstown, Lusk - AI104538
- BSA/493/25** (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor C. Boland - Electrical Connection for Christmas Tree Lights - Ballyboughal - AI104578
- BSA/494/25** (Agenda Item No 35)
Councillor B. Ryan - Sale of Used Grave Plots in the Balbriggan LEA - AI104557
- BSA/495/25** (Agenda Item No 36)
Councillor B. Ryan - Footpath Improvements in Skerries Town Park - AI104559
- BSA/496/25** (Agenda Item No 37)
Councillor B. Ryan - Emergency Access to Red Island, Skerries - AI104560
- BSA/497/25** (Agenda Item No 38)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Removal of Kissing Gate - The Links Estate/Donabate Village Estate, Donabate - AI104576
- BSA/498/25** (Agenda Item No 39)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Resurfacing of Harlockstown Lane, Wimbletown, Ballyboughal - AI104579
- BSA/499/25** (Agenda Item No 40)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Safety Inspection - Delvin Banks/R122 - AI104580
- BSA/500/25** (Agenda Item No 41)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Safety Inspection - Prospect Hill, Donabate - AI104582

BSA/501/25 (Agenda Item No 42)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Resurfacing of Road - Newtown Lane, Garristown -
AI104583

BSA/502/25 (Agenda Item No 43)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Report on Tree Planting in this LEA - AI104587

BSA/503/25 (Agenda Item No 44)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Re-check for Blue LED Lights - Swords LEA - AI104609

BSA/504/25 (Agenda Item No 45)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Criteria included in Bus Stop Enhancement Programme -
Swords - AI104612

BSA/505/25 (Agenda Item No 46)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Clarification for Planning Applications for Bus Stop
Enhancement Programme - AI104613

BSA/506/25 (Agenda Item No 47)
Draft Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2025

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

Ms. Niamh Russell gave the attached presentation to the meeting.

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

BSA/507/25 (Agenda Item No 48)
Councillor J. Newman - Parking Issues - Brackenstown Village - AI104462

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Newman was proposed by Councillor Newman, 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/508/25 (Agenda Item No 49)
Councillor J. Smyth - Measures to Curtail Anti-Social Behaviour Associated with
Halloween - Lioscian/Cianlea, Swords - AI104493

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

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

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

BSA/509/25 (Agenda Item No 50)

Councillor D. Kelly - Installation of Road Studs in this LEA - AI104505

In the absence of Councillor Kelly the following Motion in the name of Councillor Kelly is to be **MOVED** and listed on the Agenda for the next Balbriggan / RushLusk / Swords (Services A – Operational Matters) Area Committee Meeting to be held on 13th November 2025.

BSA/510/25 (Agenda Item No 51)

Councillor P. Mulville - Removal of Vegetation - Naul Graveyard - AI104506

In the absence of Councillor Mulville, the attached Motion in the name of Councillor Mulville was proposed by Councillor Dockrell, and 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/511/25 (Agenda Item No 52)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Pedestrian Crossing - Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI104531

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/512/25 (Agenda Item No 53)

Councillor C. Boland - Road Markings in the Rush/Lusk LEA - AI104581

In the absence of Councillor C. Boland the following Motion in the name of Councillor C. Boland is to be **MOVED** and listed on the Agenda for the next Balbriggan / RushLusk / Swords (Services A – Operational Matters) Area Committee Meeting to be held on 13th November.

BSA/513/25 (Agenda Item No 54)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Completion of Footpath - Dun Emer, Lusk - AI104585

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/514/25 (Agenda Item No 55)

Councillor J. Newman - Cycleway Bollards Maintenance - Rivervalley, Swords - AI104480

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Newman was proposed by Councillor Newman, 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/515/25 (Agenda Item No 56)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Resurfacing of Road - Ballyboughal Village - AI104590

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

The Meeting concluded at 4.33 pm

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ITEM NO. 02

PUBLIC LIGHTING ASSESSMENT AT ASHFIELD RISE, BALBRIGGAN - AI103757

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the assessment of the public lighting from (Details Supplied) 126-130 Ashfield Rise, which was undertaken following a request by Deputy O'Reilly?”

Reply:

The assessment of the public lighting has not yet been completed. It will be completed as part of the preparations and costings of works to be considered for the 2026 Programme of Works.

If following this assessment, an upgrade of the existing lighting is deemed necessary and possible, it will be designed and costed and added to the list for consideration for inclusion in a future programme of works, subject to available finances.

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

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ITEM NO. 03

**MEETING TO REVIEW INSTALLATION OF GATE - NEW HAVEN
COURT, BALBRIGGAN - AI105027**

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange a meeting on site to review the installation of a gate at New Haven Court, similar to the existing gates in the Estate (pictures attached)?”

Reply:

Installation of a gate at this estate is not viable as this is a public footpath linking the estate to the main footpath network along Flemington Lane. The existing gates in other areas in this estate are under a management company & not in Fingal Co Council charge.

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

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ITEM NO. 04

PARKING AT CHAPEL STREET AND TARA COURT, BALBRIGGAN AT SCHOOL TIMES - AI105029

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive, following up on the recent line repainting and street improvements outside of St. Peter and Pauls School, Balbriggan, if consideration can be given for the Council to engage a communication piece with the community Gardai to encourage responsible parking both outside the school and within the Tara Court estate at school times?”

Reply:

Operations Department have liaised with An Garda Síochána in relation to reported parking issues and enforcement measures outside of St. Peter and Pauls School, Balbriggan. Following the site meeting and observations, footpath works were carried out in August 2025, including a new uncontrolled crossing points and concrete build out works. No further works are planned for this location at this time. Operations Department will continue to monitor this location for future improvements as deemed appropriate.

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

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ITEM NO. 05

ADJUSTMENT OF WAITING TIME FOR PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS - SKERRIES COMMUNITY CENTRE - AI104597

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the pedestrian waiting time at the pedestrian traffic lights outside Skerries Community Centre to be shortened, as there is a very long delay from pushing the button to the lights changing to the “Green Man” for pedestrians to cross?”

Reply:

The site located outside Skerries Community Centre R127 is listed for refurbishment works to be complete in due course. Throughout the works, the pedestrian waiting time will be reviewed and adjusted as deemed appropriate and safe for road users.

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

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ITEM NO. 06

REQUEST FOR SIGNAGE - SKERRIES TUNNEL - AI104598

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of appropriate signage at the Skerries tunnel noting that the tunnel coming in and out of Skerries is wide enough for two-way traffic flow for standard size vehicles, as cars can often be observed waiting for traffic to stop on one side to go through even though there is enough road width to pass under?”

Reply:

Following assessment, it was found that the installation of such signage could lead to misguidance with regard to the actual width of the tunnel and inappropriate driver behaviour which could pose as a traffic safety hazard.

The request for signage is deemed not warranted at this time.

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

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ITEM NO. 07

PEDESTRIAN HAZARD NEAR BLAKE'S CROSS, LUSK - AI104952

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if urgent consideration can be given to a pedestrian safety assessment around the hazardous situation facing pedestrians including children going from the Airport View homeless family emergency accommodation centre to the bus stop on the other side of Blake’s Cross, which is a very unsafe route that people have no choice but to walk along, namely a road with no path and a main junction with no pedestrian crossing?”

Reply:

Due to site constraints at this location, the provision of a footpath would require the appropriate planning consultation, detailed design, acquisition of private lands, culminating in a significant level of capital investment, for which there is no provision in the current Capital Programme 2026-2028.

With regards to public lighting, there is existing public lighting on the R129 between the Airport View Hotel on the R129 and the R132 junction. There are four (4) no. lights along here, as shown in Figure 1 below.

Public lighting can only be installed on Fingal County Council's own public lighting columns mounted in footpaths with appropriately available electrical supplies, or on ESB Networks Low Voltage (LV) poles that are located at the road edge.

The existing lighting at this location is mounted on all available ESB Networks LV poles, and is to an acceptable standard for a road of this type.

There are no plans to make any changes to the existing lighting here.



Figure 1 Location of all public lighting between the Airport View Hotel on the R129 and the junction with the R132

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

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ITEM NO. 08

DEISIÚ SCLAIGEANNA - CARR-CHLÓS GHAELSCOIL ROS EÓ - AI105076

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“Chun a fhiafraí den Phríomh-fheidhmeannach an feidir carr-chlós Ghaelscoil Ros Eó a dheisiú mar gheall ar cé chomh briste lán de phoill is atá an dromchla?”

“To ask the Chief Executive if the car park at Gaelscoil Ros Eó can be repaired because of the potholes and uneven surface?”

Reply:

Tar éis imscrúduithe, fuarthas amach go bhfuil an carrchlós seo nach bhfuil sé "tógtha i gceannas" ag Comhairle Contae Finne Gall. Dá bhrí sin, ní bheadh aon sainchúram ag an Roinn Oibríochtaí aon deisiúcháin a dhéanamh.

Upon investigation, the car park at this location is not Taken in Charge by Fingal County Council, therefore it would not be under our remit for the Operations Department to carry out any repairs.

Source of Reply: Ms. M Devaney, A/Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 09

PUBLIC STREET LIGHTING - GREY SQUARE, PORTRANE - AI105121

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to review the public street lighting in the Grey Square in Portrane, only one light is currently?”

Reply:

There are two (2) no. public lights in Grey Square Portrane.

A survey will be carried out at this location to assess the existing lighting levels. If following this assessment, the area in question is deemed to require additional lighting, a lighting scheme will be designed and costed and added to the list for consideration for inclusion in a future Programme of Works, subject to available finances.

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

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ITEM NO. 10

**REMOVAL OF BRIARS/BRAMBLES ON FOOTPATH FROM LUSK TO
TRAIN STATION - AI105122**

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the briars and brambles to be cut back along the footpath from Lusk to the train station on a regular basis, as the pathway is narrow and hazardous enough?”

Reply:

All protruding vegetation onto the footpath network is cut on a regular basis throughout the year as part of the flail maintenance works.

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

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ITEM NO. 11

**CYCLE PATH CLEANSING SCHEDULED - DONABATE DISTRIBUTOR
ROAD - AI105123**

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an outline on the current cleansing schedule for the cycle paths along both sides of the Donabate Distributor Road?”

Reply:

The cycle paths at this location are swept along with the main routes in Donabate and Portrane on a schedule of every 2/3 weeks.

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

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ITEM NO. 12

INSTALLATION OF DOUBLE YELLOW LINES - BRIDE'S GLEN PARK, SWORDS - AI104956

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of double yellow lines to prevent the dangerous parking of cars at the entrance to Bride's Glen Park from Bride's Glen Avenue in Swords?”

Reply:

Bride's Glen, Swords, is not a through road so it is not used as a short cut for commuting motorists. The roads are primarily used by residents of the estate and if issues of parking are taking place it is by residents or visitors to residents within the estate.

Restricting parking on the road will reduce parking for visitors and resident parking outside resident's homes and may also result in displacing the issue of parking to another section of the road or another nearby road within the estate.

In addition, providing double yellow lines will result in the removal of passive traffic calming by way of the on-street parking, which may result in increased speeds.

It is also impractical from a funding and maintenance perspective to provide Double Yellow Lines in housing estates in a piecemeal fashion. Furthermore, An

Garda Síochána are not in favour of the introduction of piecemeal lining throughout the country, as it becomes unenforceable which leads to the Double Yellow Lines being ignored by the public.

Under Section 36 (2) of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, An Garda Síochána have powers of enforcement which do not require the installation of statutory signage or road markings. The following regulations apply in a general context and do not require the installation of statutory signage or road markings.

Section 36 (2) of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations:

A vehicle shall not be parked -

(c) within 5 metres of a road junction

(g) in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from a premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises

(i) on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip

(k) in a manner in which it will interfere with the normal flow of traffic, or which obstructs or endangers other traffic

An Garda Síochána have powers of enforcement for abandoned vehicles and dangerous parking. Any issues of parking are enforcement issues under the rules of the road which should be reported to An Garda Síochána.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Dima, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 13

CLEANING SCHEDULE - TOWER BAY TOILETS, PORTRANE - AI104960

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the cleaning schedule for the public toilets at Tower Bay, Portrane?”

Reply:

The cleaning schedule for the public toilets at Tower Bay is on a twice a day seven days a week rota. Any issues that arise with the condition of the public toilets can be reported to balswooparea@fingal.ie to be addressed as soon as possible.

Source of Reply: Ms. M Devaney, A/Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 14

SCHEDULED LIST OF WORKS - ROLESTOWN - AI104961

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the list of works scheduled for road improvements in Rolestown under the Fingal Capital Programme?”

Reply:

The Capital Roads Programme is specifically for the re-surfacing, strengthening or similar upkeep of Regional Roads when they have become deteriorated. The R125 (Swords to Ashbourne Rd) is the Regional Road that serves and passes through Rolestown. There are currently no works identified for the R125 in the vicinity of Rolestown. However, following the new developments in Rolestown village works on Rolestown Drive will be considered under the 2026 Capital Roads Programme.

**Source of Reply: Mr. P Graham, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department
Mary T. Daly, Director of Operations.**

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ITEM NO. 15

**UPDATE ON RESURFACING PLANS - BRACKENSTOWN AVENUE,
SWORDS- AI104962**

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans to resurface Brackenstown Avenue, following confirmation of these planned works in December 2024?”

Reply:

Road resurfacing at this location will be considered in the context of a future Programme of Work. However, this will be subject to funding being made available and other road surfacing demands in the area.

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

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ITEM NO. 16

DRAIN CLEARING SCHEDULE FOR SWORDS - AI104993

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the planned drain clearing schedule for Swords and the surrounding areas over the coming winter months in preparation for the winter storm period?”

Reply:

Operations commence cleaning of the gullies in Q3 each year to remove accumulated build up of leaves in advance of heavy rainfall etc. A fixed schedule is not maintained, as it would not be practical given the number of gullies that exist. Also when Operations receive a report of a blocked gully, the entire street is inspected, and any necessary clearance work is carried out.

Any issues with gullies can be reported to balswooparea@fingal.ie for inspection.

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

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ITEM NO. 17

CLEARING OF DRAINS - BUNBURY GATE/BRIDES GLEN, SWORDS - AI104994

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to clearing the drains in Bunbury Gate and Brides Glen estates as a matter of priority due to the high level of debris and vegetation that is currently blocking many of these drains?”

Reply:

The gullies at both locations were inspected and subsequently cleared on the 6th November 2025.

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

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ITEM NO. 18

UPDATE ON BUS SHELTER - APPLEWOOD, SWORDS - AI104995

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the expected installation of new improved bus shelters on the R125 adjacent to the Holywell Estate can be expected?”

Reply:

The programme of works submitted by Fingal County Council under the National Transport Authority's Bus Stop Enhancement Programme does not include the provision of bus shelters. Currently the scope primarily addresses the upgrade of sub-standard bus stops, focusing on kerbing, hardstanding, seating and signage improvements.

The installation of shelters is managed separately by a licensed supplier on behalf of the NTA and is subject to planning permission. The NTA has indicated that its newly appointed supplier is still in the mobilisation phase, and shelters are sourced internationally. At present, no definitive timeline for delivery can be confirmed.

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

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ITEM NO. 19

**PROVISION OF SALT BUCKETS - THE HASTINGS, BALBRIGGAN -
AI105056**

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to the provision of salt buckets that have been requested from The Hastings Estate in Balbriggan?”

Reply:

The plinths for the salt buckets to be situated on have now been installed at the agreed locations. The procurement process of the salt bins themselves is currently underway, and it is hoped that the installation of the bins in situ will take place in the coming weeks.

Source of Reply: Ms. M Devaney, A/Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 20

PUBLIC LIGHTING - COVETOWN BALBRIGGAN - AI105057

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

"To ask the Chief Executive, following on from the installation of the welcomed public lighting on the green, if consideration be given for the lighting to be extended further along the path into Covetown, Balbriggan?"

Reply:

Public Lighting has been installed on two paths across the green, between Covetown/Bremore Court to the north of the green, Chapel Close to the south of the green, and Chapel Grove to the west side of the green. There is also existing lighting in Covetown, and there are no plans to install any further lighting in this area.

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

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ITEM NO. 21

**FUNDING FOR UPGRADE OF ROADS AND FOOTPATHS - MOURNE
VIEW ESTATE, SKERRIES - AI105070**

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide funding for a much-needed upgrade to the roads and footpaths in the Mourne View Estate in Skerries, in the upcoming Programme of Works?”

Reply:

These works will be considered for inclusion in the context of preparation of a future Programme of Works in order of priority and subject to available funding.

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

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ITEM NO. 22

UPGRADE OF FOOTPATHS AND ROADWAYS - LAMBEECHER ESTATE, BALBRIGGAN - AI105072

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide funding for an upgrade to the footpaths and roadway in the Lambeecher Estate in Balbriggan, in the upcoming Programme of Works?”

Reply:

A number of these footpaths have been replaced over the previous 18 months work programmes. Notwithstanding this, these works will be considered for inclusion in the context of preparation of a future programme of works in order of priority and subject to available funding.

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

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ITEM NO. 23

UPDATE ON PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - SKERRIES POINT SHOPPING CENTRE - AI105073

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans to address the problem of the badly located pedestrian crossing at Skerries Point Shopping Centre, which has been highlighted on many occasions?”

Reply:

The Operations Department are not aware of any agreed plan with regard to the pedestrian crossing located at Barnageeragh Road/Kellys Bay which is fully operational and installed at a suitable location in accordance with traffic management guidelines.

It is important to note that the relocation of a site is considered as a new signalized pedestrian crossing. The selection of new locations are prioritized by road safety concerns and for areas where traffic signals are not present.

The location has been noted for consideration in a future programme of works.

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

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ITEM NO. 24

REQUEST FOR BLOCKED DITCHES TO BE CLEARED - R122, NAUL - AI105074

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to clearing the blocked ditches on the south side of the R122 at the bend east of Naul Village given the ongoing issue of flooding to properties on the north side of the R122 at the Naul and Reynoldstown townlands as the ditches still remain blocked and surface water continues to flow across the road in periods of rain?”

Reply:

The Council acknowledges the ongoing issue of flooding along the R122 at the Naul and Reynoldstown Townlands. Arrangements will be made to have the blocked ditches on the south side of the R122 at the bend east of Naul Village cleared in the coming weeks, subject to suitable weather and ground conditions.

Source of Reply: Mr. O Byrne, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 25

EXTENSION TO NAUL CEMETERY - AI105075

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to extending Naul cemetery in the coming year as the cemetery is almost at capacity and there are only two remaining grave spaces at the graveyard?"

Reply:

Provision has been made in the 2026-2028 Capital Budget for capital investment to extend the Naul Graveyard, with the intention that the works will be carried out in 2026 to alleviate grave space issues as soon as possible. Plans to extend the Naul Graveyard are currently under way.

Source of Reply: Ms. M Devaney, A/Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 26

PROVISION OF SPEED LIMIT SIGNAGE - TURVEY AVENUE, DONABATE - AI105083

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of appropriate speed limit signage on Turvey Avenue as there is no speed limit signage along Turvey Avenue from the roundabout at the R132 travelling to Donabate which is causing confusion for motorists who are unsure of the current speed limit on this busy road?"

Reply:

The current layout includes appropriate signage as specified in the Fingal County Council Speed Limit Bye Laws, however, a site visit by the Traffic Engineer will be carried out at the requested location in the coming weeks.

Source of Reply: Mr. Claudiu Dima, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 27

**LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT WORKS - THE SPIRES, DONABATE -
AI105087**

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to including the necessary finance in next year's Programme of Works for landscape enhancement works around and within the feature on the public open space in The Spires Estate in Donabate?"

Reply:

Landscape enhancements works have taken place at the entrance to The Spire estate and within the open spaces in collaboration with the resident representative for the area, and the Donabate tidy towns group. 300m² of pollinator friendly bulbs have been planted on two green spaces with tree planting also planned as part of this season's tree planting program.

It has also been proposed to include a second phase on enhancement works on the main open space which would include hedge planting and this will be listed for consideration as part of the next year's Programme of Works.

We thank the resident and TidyTown's representatives for their collaboration to date on these projects.

Source of Reply: Shane Sutton, Executive parks & Landscape Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 28

**REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF FOOTPATHS - GARRISTOWN -
AI105092**

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to reinstating the footpaths outside the Mace shop and “Fancy That” coffee shop in Garristown Village which are in poor condition and in need of repair?”

Reply:

These works will be listed as part of the Roads Inspector’s general maintenance programme and carried out in order of priority and resources.

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

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ITEM NO. 29

PROVISION OF LITTER BINS - GARRISTOWN - AI105093

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of litter bins on the upper section of the main street in Garristown close to the school and further down the hill from the Mace shop on Naul Road in Garristown?”

Reply:

New litter bins have been ordered and are scheduled for delivery in the new year. Provision will be made for the installation of additional bins at the upper section of Main Street, Garristown upon their arrival.

Source of Reply: Mr. O Byrne, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 30

**REQUEST FOR CLEANING, RE-LETTERING AND RELOCATING OF
GARRISTOWN VILLAGE STONE - AI105094**

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to cleaning and re-lettering the Garristown Village Millennium Stone and to relocating it closer to the street bench?”

Reply:

The Millenium stone cannot be moved as the grass cutting equipment require adequate space to maintain the grass area between the seat and the stone. The cleaning and re-lettering of the Millennium stone will be listed for consideration in a future works programme.

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

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ITEM NO. 31

**REQUEST FOR WIDENING OF ENTRANCE - BRING BANK,
GARRISTOWN - AI105100**

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to widening the entrance way to Bring Bank in Garristown village to facilitate additional car parking spaces (to compensate for loss of spaces directly outside the butcher shop)?”

Reply:

Operations have no plans for widening the entrance way as the land on either side of the entrance to the Bring Bank in Garristown is privately owned and does not fall under the remit of Fingal County Council. Any proposals to widen the entrance at this location would require both land acquisition and planning permission.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Sheehan, A/Senior Staff Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 32

REPAIR OF FOOTPATH - GARRISTOWN - AI105108

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to including the footpath in front of the Mace garage and the footpath outside “Fancy That” coffee shop in Garristown for repair as part of next year’s Programme of Works?”

Reply:

These works will be listed as part of the Roads Inspector’s general maintenance programme in order of priority and resources.

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

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ITEM NO. 33

WIDENING OF ENTRANCE - GARRISTOWN GRAVEYARD - AI105109

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to reviewing the entrance up to graveyard in Garristown to allow for extra width and parking spaces (which would compensate for spaces lost outside the butchers)?”

Reply:

The land on either side of the entrance to the graveyard in Garristown is privately owned and does not fall under the remit of Fingal County Council. Any proposals to widen the entrance at this location would require both land acquisition and planning permission. The Operations Department currently has no plans to undertake such works.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Sheehan, A/Senior Staff Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 34

REPAIR OF FOOTPATH - GARRISTOWN - AI105108

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to having the cracks repaired in the footpath in front of the derelict cottage on the Main Street in Lusk?"

Reply:

These works will be listed as part of the Roads Inspector's general maintenance programme in order of priority and resources.

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

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ITEM NO. 35

**REPAIRS TO BRONZE STATUE OF SEAMUS ENNIS IN NAUL VILLAGE
- AI105117**

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a professional clean and re-seal the bronze statue of Seamus Ennis in Naul Village in the coming months, in recognition of the upcoming 25th anniversary of TSEAC, as the legs of the statue are in poor condition?”

Reply:

The Operations Department will coordinate with the Arts Office to engage a qualified specialist to undertake the cleaning and restoration of the bronze statue of Séamus Ennis in Naul Village. The scheduling of these works will be arranged in consultation with the Arts Office.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Sheehan, A/Senior Staff Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 36

INSTALLATION OF VAS SIGN - NAUL VILLAGE - AI105118

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a VAS sign to be provided south of Naul Bridge upon entering Naul Village from the north when approaching the village from County Meath?"

Reply:

The location has been noted for consideration in a future programme of works.

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

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ITEM NO. 37

**CLEANING OF VILLAGE MILLENIUM STONE, GARRISTOWN -
AI105119**

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to have the Village Millennium Stone in Garristown cleaned and relocated closer to the street bench?”

Reply:

The Millennium stone cannot be moved as the grass cutting equipment require adequate space to maintain the grass area between the seat and the stone. The cleaning and re-lettering of the Millennium stone will be listed for consideration in a future works programme.

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

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MOTION NO. 38

ASHTON BROC RESIDENTS MEETING - AI104721

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

"That the Operations Department arrange a meeting with Ashton Broc residents to discuss a range of issues relating to road safety in the vicinity of the Estate."

Report:

The Operations Department is willing to organise a meeting with the representatives of Ashton Broc Residents Association to discuss the road safety concerns. It would be appreciated if a brief could be provided in advance of the site meeting outlining the specific issues identified, to allow for appropriate preparation and constructive engagement with the representatives.

Source of Report: Mr. Claudiu Dima, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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MOTION NO. 39

INSTALLATION OF ROAD STUDS IN THIS LEA - AI104505

Motion: Councillor D. Kelly

"That the Chief Executive place reflective road studs (cat's eyes) on regional and local roads in this Local Electoral Area, where public lighting is not available as a safety measure for the public."

Report:

Over the past couple of years when re-surfacing regional and local roads the Council have also been installing reflective road studs (both centre-line and edge-of-cariageway studs) as a matter of routine. We intend to continue this practice going forward where appropriate.

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

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MOTION NO. 40

ROAD MARKINGS IN THE RUSH/LUSK LEA - AI104581

Motion: Councillor C. Boland

“That the Chief Executive ensure that the road makings be refreshed, renewed or provided as necessary on the rural road network in the rural area of the Rush/Lusk Local Electoral Area.”

Report:

The maintenance and improvement of the road network, including the renewal of road markings, are prioritised based on factors such as road safety, traffic volumes, and available budget. The request for the provision of renewed road markings on the rural road network in the Lusk/Rush Local Electoral Area will be considered as part of a future Programme of Works, subject to funding and resources.

Source of Report: Ms L Moore, Executive Engineer and Mr J Dowler, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 41

PREPARATION OF TRAFFIC PLAN - PAVILIONS, SWORDS - AI104722

Motion: Councillor D. Butler

“That the Chief Executive prepare a Traffic Plan for the roads around the Pavilions, that takes into account of the traffic chaos around the Malahide roundabout, particularly at weekends and explain how this can be addressed in the short-term and going forward if the R132 goes down to one lane with traffic coming from all over North County Dublin.”

Report:

As part of the Swords Pavillions Shopping Centre planning permission, the following works were undertaken.

- a) Widening of Malahide Road from the development entrance to the roundabout at the N1 including provision of adequate footpaths on both sides; b) Signalisation of N1/Malahide Road roundabout;
- c) Adequate pedestrian access from the Swords side including a pedestrian crossing at the western boundary of the site;
- d) Matters relating to the overall traffic management of Swords insofar as they directly relate to the proposed development.

In relation to the traffic signals at the specified location, the signals on the Malahide Road Roundabout were previously examined to ensure they are operating as efficiently as possible. The R132 / Malahide Road Roundabout is operating under MOVA control and automatically optimising based on traffic flows, congestion and importance factors. MOVA (Microprocessor Optimised Vehicle Actuation) is a fully adaptive traffic signal control strategy that uses real-time data to maximize the efficiency of traffic-light-controlled junctions & roundabouts. It works by adjusting signal timings to reduce delay and congestion, detectors to monitor traffic flow. The contractor has reported to FCC, notifying that the traffic lights are operating at peak efficiency.

The Operations Department is upgrading several of the existing signalised junctions to achieve better efficiency and flows of traffic in and around Swords.

Unfortunately, there is some additional traffic congestion associated with the Temporary Road Closure on Seatown Road, to facilitate the construction of the Swords Cultural Quarter and adjacent new Housing Projects. These issues will be alleviated after the projects are delivered.

Also, in relation to the mentioned roundabout, Fingal County Council Planning and Strategic Infrastructure (PSI) section is leading a major 3km upgrade of the R132 to improve connectivity for the town of Swords, with a strong emphasis on safer, more accessible facilities for pedestrians and cyclists along the R132.

The R132 Connectivity Project will deliver vital enhancements to both the safety and usability of the R132, increasing sightlines for drivers and making it easier and safer for people to travel along and across the route, where the speed limit is currently 80km/h. It is proposed to reduce the speed limit to 50km/h as part of this project.

The benefits of the changes to the R132 will be improved safety for all road users, especially vulnerable road users, better connectivity between the East and West communities of Swords, and improved access to local Active Travel routes and sustainable public transport links such as bus stops, Bus Connects and MetroLink.

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

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MOTION NO. 42

DANGEROUS CAR PARK ENTRANCE - THE GREEN - BALROTHERY - AI104910

Motion: Councillor T. Murphy

“That the Chief Executive arrange to put measures in place to ensure that the entrance and exit of the car park at The Green, Balrothery is made safer for all car park users.”

Report:

The Green, Balrothery roadway and car park are not currently taken in charge by Fingal County Council. The Operations Department will liaise with Active Travel to further discuss this motion as part of the Active Travel Strategy for Balrothery.

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

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MOTION NO. 43

POP-UP GARDA STATION IN SWORDS MANOR AREA - AI104958

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

“That the Chief Executive engage with Swords Garda Station to explore the possibility of trialling a 'Pop-Up Garda Station' for the Swords Manor area similar to an initiative previously trialled in the Docklands area of Dublin City to enhance public safety and engagement.”

Report:

This initiative was a collaboration between An Garda Síochána, the National College of Ireland, North Wall Business and Community Watch and the Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum. It came about after discussions with these key stakeholders and the Garda Commissioner and was part of the Dublin City High Visibility Policing Plan.

The forum for consideration of this initiative in the Fingal area is the Local Community Safety Partnerships. It is hoped that the Partnerships will be in place by end of Q4 2025.

Source of Report: Ms. Á Donlon Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 44

INSTALLATION OF HANDRAIL - HILLTOWN PARK/RIVERVALLEY ROAD, SWORDS - AI105004

Motion: Councillor D. Mulligan

“That the Chief Executive advise if a handrail can be installed on the steps to Hilltown Park from the Rivervalley Road entrance.”

Report:

A request was previously received to consider improvements to the pedestrian route from this cul-de-sac to Rivervalley road. The location was subsequently assessed with options drafted for consideration to improve accessibility in addition to the existing steps.

The creation of a new pathway from Hilltown Park onto the adjacent open space and linking to the pathway on River Valley road appears to be the preferred option. The initial section of a new pathway would be a no-dig construction to protect adjacent trees with the remaining section of pathway extending onto the open space to achieve a suitable gradient.

A further assessment will be acquired to determine if the addition of handrails to the existing steps is feasible. These works can be included for consideration as part of a future Programme of Works subject to resources and budget available.

Source of Report: Shane Sutton. Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 45

PAVEMENT SURFACE ASSESSMENT ALONG THE MAIN THOROUGHFARE IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN CENTRE - AI105036

Motion: Councillor M. Quinn

“That the Chief Executive carry out an assessment of the pavement surface dressing to improve the slip resistance of the pavements within Balbriggan Town Centre and a report be made available to this Area Committee.”

Report:

There are sections of pavement within Balbriggan Town Centre that are comprised of granite pavement slabs and have been a longstanding existing issue, particularly in Georges Square and sections of Drogheda Street.

A periodic deep cleaning maintenance of the pavement will be implemented as part of the Area’s General Maintenance programme in an effort to restore and maintain the pavement slabs’ slip resistance.

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

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MOTION NO. 46

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN SANTRY DEMESNE - AI105039

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

“That the Chief Executive ask the relevant departments to liaise with the Gardai in relation to increased anti-social behaviour in Santry Demesne and park including examining what environmental changes or deterrents could be implemented to reduce such incidents occurring around the tunnel/underpass that runs under Northwood Avenue.”

Report:

The Operations Department are in regular contact with An Garda Síochána in Santry regarding the reported incidents of anti-social activity in the park and particularly the underpass bridge location.

Consultations with contractors regarding potential physical alterations to the underpass area have also been carried out, however, it is apparent that any physical alterations would have little or no impact in reducing the potential of people gathering at this location.

The Council will continue to liaise with AGS and the management company of Northwood Business Park to mitigate incidents of anti-social behaviour. Anti-social behaviour incidents should always be reported to An Garda Síochána.

Source of Report: Shane Sutton. Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations department

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MOTION NO. 47

PROVISION OF TEMPORARY ACCESS MEASURES - BALLYMASTONE ACCESS ROAD, DONABATE - AI105071

Motion: Councillor C. Johnston

“That the Chief Executive, as a matter of urgency, provide temporary measures to facilitate safer access to the Ballymastone Sports grounds in Donabate given the serious health and safety concerns of parents, clubs and club members as the current access road is too narrow with vehicles unable to pass each other safely with 30-minute wait times at busy periods to access the sports grounds.”

Report:

Following consultation with my colleagues in the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Section, I am advised that the Council will arrange to meet the relevant clubs in the near future to consider interim access improvements pending the completion of Ballymastone Sport Hub. The construction project is due to commence in early 2026 which will deliver significant and improved parking and accessibility to the site.

The Operations Department have carried out hedge cutting in the last two weeks to improve the visibility and facilitate safer vehicle movement along the route.

Source of Report: Ms. Á Donlon Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department

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MOTION NO. 48

ROAD SURFACE AND FOOTPATH REPAIRS - LONGSTONE PARK, PORTRANE - AI105125

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

“That the Chief Executive give consideration to road surface and footpath repairs for Longstone Park, Portrane, as many sections of the estate’s roads are in a poor condition.”

Report:

Footpath improvement works have previously been carried out in Longstone Park. If there is a specific area of concern, we would be happy to inspect it further.

Regarding the road surface, it would be advisable to address any outstanding footpath repairs or road opening licensing issues before proceeding with resurfacing. Once these matters have been resolved, the road surface will be considered as part of future maintenance and resurfacing programmes.

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

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MOTION NO. 49

ROAD SPEED LIMITS IN THIS LEA - AI104652

Motion: Councillor C. Boland

“That the Chief Executive make an objective comparison on road traffic accidents since the introduction of the revised speed limits across this Local Electoral Area.”

Report:

All Local Authorities are following the same process for the National Speed Limit Implementation with the focus on increasing road safety by altering the speed limits on public roads.

The National Speed Limit Implementation is being rolled out on a country-wide basis led by the Department of Transport (DoT). This has been broken into three phases:

- Phase 1 Local Rural Roads
- Phase 2 Urban Core Areas and National Secondary Roads
- Phase 3 Other Areas (e.g. Schools & other special circumstances)

The most recent update was presented to this Area Committee on the 12th of June 2025 in relation to the National Speed Limit Implementation. Fingal County Council is now currently progressing on Phase 2 of the Speed Limit Review.

In relation to an objective comparison of road accidents rates, Fingal County Council does not record general road traffic collisions on public roads. General road traffic accidents or minor incidents are recorded by An Garda Síochána.

At present each Local Authority is unable to access general road collision data related information on public roads due to GDPR related issues. The Department of Transport (DoT) and the Road Safety Authority (RSA) is working on data sharing policies and procedures for road collision data.

Until this process has been completed by the DoT/RSA, each local authority is unable to make an objective comparison on road traffic accident rates.

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

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MOTION NO. 50

ADDITIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - MEADOWBANK, SWORDS - AI104964

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

“That the Chief Executive consider additional traffic calming measures on Meadowbank Road between the entrances to the playground and the pond that forms part of Miller's Glen Regional Park?”

Report:

According to our Taken in Charge GIS system, Fingal County Council have not taken in charge all sections of the specified road.

There are existing speed limit signs and additional traffic calming measures in and around Meadowbank Road. The specified area is a new development and was designed following the current standards.

Speeding is an enforcement issue and if noticed, it should be reported to An Garda Síochána.

Source of Report: Mr. Claudiu Dima, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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MOTION NO. 51

WATER FILLING STATION - SWORDS/MALAHIDE ESTUARY - AI105005

Motion: Councillor D. Mulligan

“That the Chief Executive examine the possibility of providing a water filling station along the Swords to Malahide Estuary route.”

Report:

Fingal will have a installed a total of 33 public drinking water stations by the end of 2025. The locations chosen are primarily 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 in line with Fingal County Council’s Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.

The water usage levels and overall running costs associated with the units are currently being measured as part of a planning strategy to extend the current installation scheme. To warrant the installation of any new water stations it is imperative that in the first instance a projected usage is identified.

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

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MOTION NO. 52

PROHIBITION ON USE OF BIKES, E-SCOOTERS AND E-BIKES ON UPPER WALKWAY, BALBRIGGAN BEACH - AI105020

Motion: Councillor T. Murphy

“That the Chief Executive prohibit the use of bicycles, e-bikes, and electric scooters on the upper embankment walkway of Balbriggan front beach, on safety grounds, due to the limited width of the pathway and erect appropriate signage at both points of entry.”

Report:

Road traffic signs have been warranted for installation at the referred locations.

The use of E-scooters and E -bikes are prohibited on pedestrian walkways. As this is a very busy pedestrian walkway, it will be arranged to install signage to remind users at the entrance and exit locations.

Source of Reply: Ms. L Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department. & Ms. Aileen O’ Connor, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer

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MOTION NO. 53

ACTIVATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT CLONARD BOULEVARD ROAD, BALBRIGGAN - AI105028

Motion: Councillor M. Quinn

“That the Chief Executive writes to the ESB to request the connection of the traffic signalling lights as a priority as it is essential to the safety of the pupils of the Stephenstown School Complex.”

Report:

Civil works have been completed, and a notification of completion has been sent to ESB Networks to proceed with the next stage of the unmetered connection application. The Operations Department have been liaising closely with ESB to have the traffic lights commissioned as soon as possible. At this stage, ESB has not provided a confirmed timeline. Operations will write to the ESB again.

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

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MOTION NO. 54

IMPROVEMENT AND ENHANCEMENT OF PAVED AREA - LONGSTONE PARK - AI105126

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

“That the Chief Executive take steps to improve and enhance the public paved area in Longstone Park, Portrane, which needs maintenance and sprucing up?”

Report:

The Operations Department will endeavour to commence works on this hard surface area over the coming weeks. An initial meeting has taken place and a proposal for the area is currently being drafted up. The proposals can be communicated to relevant Elected Representatives prior to works commencing. Delays on the proposals to date relate to the existing trees and services in the area.

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

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