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**To Each Member of the Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility
Management SPC Strategic Policy Committee**

Dear Member

A meeting of the **Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management
SPC Strategic Policy Committee** will be held in the **Council Chamber -
County Hall, Swords** at **4.30 pm** on **Tuesday, 9th December, 2025** to
consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services

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A G E N D A

- 1 **Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on Monday 22nd September 2025**
- 2 **Draft Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws for Recommendation to Corporate Policy Group**
- 3 **Fingal County Council Road Safety Plan 2025-2027**

MOTIONS

- 4 **Councillor J. Hopkins - Public Street Benches - AI105205**
 "That the Chief Executive review the policy relating to public benches for streets in towns and villages in Fingal, in recognition that benches contribute to urban comfort by offering respite for pedestrians as such, the policy should commit to a minimum number of street benches per kilometre."
- 5 **M. Lenehan - Visibility and Prioritisation of Footpath Remediation Works in Fingal**
 "That the Chief Executive develops and adopts a policy to provide the public with clear and accessible information regarding planned footpath remediation works throughout the County."

Comhairle Contae Fingall Fingal County Council

Minutes of Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management SPC Strategic
Policy Committee

Monday, 22nd September, 2025

PRESENT

Bean, Sunni
Butler, Darragh
Hopkins, Joan
Johnston, Corina

Lenehan, Michael
O'Donnell, Siobhan
Quinlan, Patrick

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Paul Mulville.

The Chairperson, Councillor Darragh Butler, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mary T Daly (Director of Operations), Vanessa Carey (Senior Executive Officer), Aine Donlan Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer), Karen Gallagher (Senior Engineer), Deirdre Sinclair (Administrative Officer), Conor Sheehan (Staff Officer), Ronan Davis (Staff Officer).

TSPC/42/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of the Minutes of the Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management SPC held on Tuesday 3rd of June 2025

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Transportation/Mobility Management SPC held on the 3rd of June 2025

It was proposed by Councillor D. Butler and seconded by Councillor P. Quinlan
and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 3rd of June 2025 be **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**”

TSPC/43/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Review of Casual Trading Byelaws 2021

A presentation was given to the members by Deirdre Sinclair, Administrative Officer, providing an update on the Review of Casual Trading Bye Laws.

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

TSPC/44/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Universal Access to Public Realm (Specifically Footpaths)

The Motion in the name of Councillor Hopkins was proposed by Councillor Hopkins seconded by Councillor Butler.

Motion:

“That the Chief Executive publish our policy relating to universal access to the Public Realm (specifically footpaths) and explain how we ensure that policy is being adhered to.”

Report:

The Council do not have a specific policy relating to universal access to the public realm but rather look at best practice guidance instead.

Universal Design & Part M of the building regulations is key policy governing access to the built environment for disabled persons in Ireland.

Our Engineers would already refer to the Irish Wheelchair Association’s Best Practice Access Guidelines which goes into specifics around street and built environment design, for example when installing new accessible blue badge parking spaces.

Fingal County Council’s Access Officer have noted that there are a few guidance manuals which we usually refer to also. As best practice under the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), we would tend to lean a lot on what guidance Disabled Persons Organisations (DPO) produce. One such guidance manual is Voice of Vision

Impairment's Manual for Accessible Public Spaces as it has been authored by people who are blind or visually impaired.

Secondly, there is an executive summary of the Universal design approach for the Urban Environment in Ireland. This provides guidance on how to make the streetscape more universally accessible for all. These are a branch of the National Disability Authority and as such would be highly regarded for their guidance material.

Finally, there is a Universal Design Walkability Audit Tool made available by the National Transport Authority to assist Local Authorities or indeed local groups when conducting walkability audits in terms of key items to look for. The Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) already informs a lot of how we plan the public realm and connectivity of footpath users, and this could be referred to also.

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

The Meeting concluded at 5:10pm.

CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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**MEETING OF PUBLIC REALM, TRANSPORTATION/MOBILITY
MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMEBER 2025

ITEM NO. 02

**DRAFT FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL PARKING CONTROL BYE-LAWS
FOR RECOMMENDATION TO CORPORATE POLICY GROUP**

A presentation will be given to the Committee.

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MEETING OF PUBLIC REALM, TRANSPORTATION/MOBILITY MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2025

MOTION NO. 04

PUBLIC STREET BENCHES - AI105205

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins:

“That the Chief Executive review the policy relating to public benches for streets in towns and villages in Fingal, in recognition that benches contribute to urban comfort by offering respite for pedestrians as such, the policy should commit to a minimum number of street benches per kilometre.”

Report:

The Operations Department presents its proposed Annual Programme of Works for consideration by the Elected Members at their respective Area Committee Meetings at the start of every year. The extent of the Programme is determined by the allocation of funding made by the members at the Council’s Annual Budget Meeting and taking into consideration staff resources available.

Each Operational Area has capacity within their respective Programme of Works to consider the provision of public seating benches when requested and do so in an ad hoc manner. All requests received for the provision of public benches are individually assessed to ensure that the location in the first instance is suitable for the installation of a bench and that it is in an area that would benefit the wider community. The majority of requests can usually be accommodated successfully.

The Council have no plans to develop a policy in relation to the provision of public seating benches as the matter is specific to individual requests and subject to

budgetary and resource restrictions, and as such does not require the development of an overarching policy.

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

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MEETING OF PUBLIC REALM, TRANSPORTATION/MOBILITY MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2025

MOTION NO. 05

VISIBILITY AND PRIORITISATION OF FOOTPATH REMEDIATION WORKS IN FINGAL

Motion: M. Lenehan:

“That the Chief Executive develops and adopts a policy to provide the public with clear and accessible information regarding planned footpath remediation works throughout the County.”

Report:

The Operations Department presents its proposed Annual Programme of Works for consideration by the elected members at their respective Area Committee Meetings at the start of every year. This includes planned footpath remediation works. The extent of the Programme is determined by the allocation of funding made by the members at the Council's Annual Budget Meeting, as well as by that which can reasonably be achieved by the staff resources available.

The 2026 Programme of Works will be brought to each respective Area Committee in January 2026 for approval by Elected Members.

Alongside the Annual planned Programme of Works, unplanned minor works are also carried out on an ad hoc and emergency basis within budgetary constraints as part of the respective Area Engineers' General Maintenance Programme.

When footpath works are due commence, the Elected Members for the affected location are notified and public notices are also issued on the Council's social media channels.

Source of Report: Ms. Áine Donlon Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Operations Dept.