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Thursday, 20th November 2025

To Each Member of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)** will be held **Hybrid** in the **Council Chamber - Grove Road, Blanchardstown/MS Teams** at **3.30 pm** on **Thursday, 27th November, 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 Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 23rd of October 2025

QUESTIONS

2 Councillor S. Shovlin - Solutions for Blind Spot - Tinkers Hill - AI104824

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to implementing measures to help address the blind spot for traffic at the junction at the bottom of Tinkers Hill, from the Lucan direction, which conceals oncoming cars?"

3 Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Public Lighting - Huntington Lodge - AI105228

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the public lighting at Huntington Lodge, including when it will be operational?"

4 Councillor H. Redwood - Basketball Facilities for Carpenterstown - AI104877

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing any plans to develop outdoor basketball facilities in the Tir na nÓg park in the Carpenterstown area, since there are currently no outdoor courts within walking distance for local residents and yet significant new residential developments are taking place in the area?"

5 Councillor J. Walsh - Installation of Name Signs/Name Stones - Blanchardstown Village - AI105250

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of place name signs or name stones at the entrance to Blanchardstown Village?"

6 Councillor J. Walsh - Timeframe for Reduction of Urban Speed Limit in this LEA - AI105361

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the process and timescale for the reduction of speed limits on urban roads in this Local Electoral Area?"

7 Councillor J. Walsh - Faded Traffic Signs - Luttrell Park Heath, Riverwood - AI105367

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report indicating when the faded traffic signs in Luttrell Park Heath, Riverwood Road will be repainted or replaced?"

8 Councillor J. Walsh - Black Capping on Pedestrian Lights - Diswellstown Roundabout - AI105368

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide for black capping to be installed on the flashing pedestrian lights at the Diswellstown roundabout, similar to the capping on the pedestrian lights at Coolmine roundabout?"

9 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Persistent Sewage Odour - Church Road Mulhuddart - AI105264

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on any planned measures to address the sewage odour on Church Road which has been a long running issue for residents in the area?"

10 Councillor A. Donnelly - Clearing of Shrubbery - Allendale Roundabout - Ongar Distributor Road - AI105305

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to clear the shrubbery on the Ongar Distributor Road at the lights before the Allendale Roundabout on the Clonsilla side?"

11 Councillor A. Donnelly - Clearing of Shrubbery - Clonsilla Link Road - Ongar Distributor Road - AI105307

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to cutting back the shrubbery that is narrowing the path from the Clonsilla Link Road to the Hartstown Link Road on the Ongar Distributor Road as the path is a shared space and the narrowing of the pedestrian side is hazardous to residents?"

12 Councillor A. Donnelly - Maintenance of Junction - Hartstown Road and Hartstown Link Road - AI105320

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to maintaining the corner of the Hartstown Road and the Hartstown Link Road, as it is a pinch point for pedestrians due to overgrowth at the traffic lights?"

13 Councillor A. Donnelly - Inspection for Repair Works of MUGA - Millennium Park - AI105321

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to inspect the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) in the Millennium Park with a view to remedial or repair works as water pools each time it rains?"

14 Councillor A. Donnelly - Dog Fouling - Hansfield Park Playground - AI105354

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing what action is being taken to deal with the constant problem of dog fouling in Hansfield Park playground?"

15 Councillor A. Donnelly - Extended Opening Hours of Coolmine Recycling Centre - AI105355

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing how the extended opening hours of Coolmine Recycling Centre is currently operating?"

16 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Installation of Yellow Box - Corduff Park Estate - AI105362

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the installation of a yellow box on the Blackcourt Road by the entrance into Corduff Park Estate?"

17 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Update on Plans for Tyrrelstown Park - AI105363

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any plans for Tyrrelstown Park?"

18 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Clearing of Cycle Path - Blackcourt Road - AI105364

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to clearing the cycle paths of leaves at the side of the ramps on Blackcourt Road, as some parts are treacherous to cyclists?"

19 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Installation of Guard Rail - Mount Garrett, Tyrrelstown Park - AI105365

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of a knee-high/guard rail along the green area between Mount Garrett Grove and Tyrrelstown Park, as residents have raised ongoing concerns about motorists parking along this green area, which has resulted in the obstruction of driveways, preventing safe entering and exiting of properties and long term damage to the green area?"

MOTIONS

20 Councillor J. Walsh - Overflow Parking in Bramley and Park Manor - AI104837

"That the Chief Executive addresses the persistent problems with overflow car parking in Bramley Avenue, Garth Close and Park Manor by installing double yellow lines at the entrance to the estates on the Carpenterstown Road and engaging with residents to consider measures to restrict overflow parking."

21 Councillor M. McCamley - Road Exit Times at Waterville Estate - AI105308

"That the Chief Executive liaise with the National Transport Authority and/or Council engineers to improve road exit times at Waterville Estate, where residents are queuing for twenty minutes or more every morning to access the Snugborough Road."

22 Councillor A. Donnelly - Keeping Paths and Roads Clear in this LEA - AI105309

"That the Chief Executive ensures paths and roads in this Local Electoral Area are safe for residents at crossing points, the decision to stop sweeping leaves in estates from October to January is not practical and certainly not safe for residents."

23 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Meeting for Tyrrelstown Park - AI105363A

"That the Chief Executive requests a meeting of all stakeholders in Tyrrelstown Park to discuss a plan for the future of the park, including parking facilities, secure storage for their equipment, and public toilets."

24 Councillor A. Donnelly - Lighting in Hansfield Park Playground - AI105315

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to installing lighting in Hansfield Park playground and the pathways towards the playground, as residents are unable to use this facility after 5pm for almost six months of the year."

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Fingal County Council
BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR
AREA COMMITTEE
(Services A – Operational Matters)
Thursday 23rd October 2025

A meeting of the Members of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) was held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Blanchardstown, at 3.30pm on Thursday 23rd October 2025

PRESENT

John Burtchaell
Eimear Carbone Mangan
Kieran Dennison
Breda Hanaphy
Angela Donnelly
Tom Kitt
Mary McCamley
Gerard Sheehan
JK Onwumereh
Patrick Quinlan
Helen Redwood
Siobhan Shovlin
Ellen Troy
John Walsh
Ted Leddy

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mary T. Daly (Director of Services); Vanessa Carey (Senior Executive Officer); Deirdre Sinclair (Administrative Officer); Niamh Russell (Administrative Officer) Karen A. Gallagher (Senior Executive Engineer); Hugh James (Senior Executive Engineer); Quintin Greally (Executive Engineer); Barbara Ryan Senior Staff Officer); Loura Darcy (Assistant Parks & Landscape Officer); Ronan Davis (Staff Officer); Elaine Tobin (Assistant Staff Officer)

The following agenda items were considered during the meeting:

CMA/197/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A Operational Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 25th of September 2025

Minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held in the Council Chambers on Thursday

25th September 2025 which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record.

It was proposed by Councillor JK. Onwumereh and seconded by Councillor Ellen Troy and **RESOLVED**:

"That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) Hybrid Meeting held on Thursday 25th September 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

CMA/198/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **RESOLVED**:

That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 02 to 17 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

CMA/199/25 (Agenda Item No 2)
Councillor S. Shovlin - Repair of Street Lights near St. Catherine's Park - AI104333

CMA/200/25 (Agenda Item No 3)
Councillor S. Shovlin - Clonsilla Shop Front Footpath Improvements - AI104673

CMA/201/25 (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor S. Shovlin - "Bulbs not Bonfires" Campaign in this LEA - AI104723

CMA/202/25 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor J.K. Onwumereh - Installation of Pedestrian Crossing at Hampton Wood Drive on St. Margaret's Road - AI104347

CMA/203/25 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor H. Redwood - Cleaning of Old Porterstown Road and Keenan Bridge - AI104389

CMA/204/25 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Christmas Tree for Ongar - AI104767

CMA/205/25 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Precautions to Prevent Damage to Ice Rink in Millennium Park - AI104769

CMA/206/25 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Complaints regarding New Lighting in this LEA - AI104770

CMA/207/25 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Trimming of Shrubbery at Stonebridge Boundary Wall - AI104778

CMA/208/25 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Update regarding Lighting at Willow Wood Green/Stonebridge Road Footpath - AI104779

CMA/209/25 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Christmas Tree Drop Off Locations in this LEA - AI104780

CMA/210/25 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor G. Sheehan - Installation of Barriers at Meadow Copse Road - AI104771

CMA/211/25 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Removal of Undergrowth - Westway View and Westway Grove - AI104793

CMA/212/25 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Removal of Rubbish - Lanesborough Park Area - AI104794

CMA/213/25 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Repair of Broken Path - Blanchardstown Road North - AI104796

CMA/214/25 (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Installation of Signage - Sheephill Avenue and Westway - AI104797

OPERATIONAL NEW WORKS, ETC

CMA/215/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

Draft Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2025

A Presentation was given to the Elected Members on the Draft Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2025

Following Discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the report

CMA/216/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Porterstown Road Proposed Traffic Calming Measures

A Presentation was given to the Elected Members on the Porterstown Road Proposed Traffic Calming Measures

Following Discussion, the Committee **APPROVED** the report.

MOTIONS

CMA/217/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Councillor T. Leddy - Installation of Yellow Box - Fairhaven - AI103577

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor T. Leddy was proposed by Councillor T. Leddy and seconded by Councillor M. McCamley

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

Following Discussion, the Committee **ACCEPTED** the report

CMA/218/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Timeline for Replacement Ramps - Blackcourt Road - AI104285

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor B. Hanaphy was proposed by Councillor B. Hanaphy and seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

Following Discussion, the Committee **ACCEPTED** the report

CMA/219/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Proposal for Improvements to Coolmine Woods - AI104698

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

Following Discussion, the Committee **ACCEPTED** the report

CMA/220/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor T. Leddy - Improved Walking/Cycling Infrastructure - Edmund Rice College - Castleknock - AI103684

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor T. Leddy was proposed by Councillor T. Leddy and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

Following Discussion, the Committee **ACCEPTED** the report

CMA/221/25 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Provision of Raised Tables at Ongar Village - AI104777

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

Following Discussion, the Committee **ACCEPTED** the report

The Meeting concluded at 16.50hrs.

AREA CHAIRPERSON **DATED**

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ITEM NO. 02

SOLUTIONS FOR BLIND SPOT – TINKERS HILL - AI104824

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to implement measures to help address the blind spot for traffic at the junction at the bottom of Tinkers Hill, from the Lucan direction, which conceals oncoming cars?"

Reply:

The road layout at this junction is determined by the topography at this location.

There is a significant height difference between Tinkers Hill Road and Lower Road. This makes it difficult to transition from one road to another and prevents Tinkers Hill Road from entering the Lower Road as a T-junction.

Regarding the use of mirrors at this location, Fingal County Council does not approve the use of traffic mirrors on the public road as they are deemed a Traffic hazard to road users. They can affect drivers' visibility because they reflect headlamps or sunshine, dazzling the driver at night or during other times of the day.

Source of Reply:
Quintin Greally, Executive Traffic Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 03

UPDATE ON PUBLIC LIGHTING – HUNTINGTON LODGE - AI105228

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the public lighting at Huntington Lodge, including when it will be operational?"

Reply:

Huntington Lodge is a private estate and is not in the charge of Fingal County Council. The provision of any public lighting within this estate, including ensuring it is operational and maintained, is a matter for the management company for the estate or the developer if there is no management company in place.

Any proposed public lighting for this estate must comply with the planning conditions for the development, meet the Council's taking in charge requirements, and must be submitted to the Council for review and approval before being installed.

Source of Reply:
Karen Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 04

BASKETBALL FACILITIES FOR CARPENTERSTOWN – AI104877

Question: Councillor H. Redwood

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing any plans to develop outdoor basketball facilities in the Tir Na nÓg Park in the Carpenterstown area, since there are currently no outdoor courts within walking distance for local residents and yet significant new residential developments are taking place in the area?"

Reply:

There is no provision in the Capital Programme for a multi-use games area (Basketball and Football) at Tir na nÓg park. The nearest outdoor Courts are located at Diswellstown (650m) or Sycamore open space (750m). During 2025, play equipment was installed in Tir na nÓg Park to create a play along the way trail which has proven successful. This followed works in 2024 which saw the footpath network in the Park upgraded to improve accessibility for walking and cycling.

Going forward, a MUGA or half MUGA would complement this park and in this regard, consideration will be given to include it in a future Capital Programme of Works.

Source of Reply:
Stephen Johnson, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 05

INSTALLATION OF NAME SIGNS/NAME STONES - BLANCHARDSTOWN VILLAGE - AI105250

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask if the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of place name signs or name stones at the entrances to Blanchardstown Village?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council do not provide name stone signs for Villages or Housing Estates. Name stones are funded by the residents themselves.

If the residents decide to proceed with the installation of a "Welcome" name stone for their Village, it is advised that they contact the Operations Department to discuss location, dimension, material etc, prior to purchasing the stone.

Source of Reply:
Michael Tynan, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 06

TIMEFRAME FOR REDUCTION OF URBAN SPEED LIMIT IN THIS LEA – A105361

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the process and timescale for the reduction of speed limits on urban roads in this Local Electoral Area?"

Reply:

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 26th June 2025.

In order to commence the work on the Phase 2 Urban Core Areas, all local authorities were awaiting a Circular and technical guidance to issue from the DoT. These were issued on the 16th October 2025 in conjunction with the Minister directing all local

authorities to start the Phase 2 process. The objective is to have the 30km/h speed limits in built-up and urban areas operational by 31st March 2027.

As previously advised, the introduction of these 30kph speed limit changes will be implemented by local authorities, through the adoption of special speed limit bye-laws, rather than by changing default limits. A special speed limit is a speed limit set locally by each local authority and must be in accordance with Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland Guidelines (now updated). As outlined in section 9 of the Roads Traffic Act 2004 the making and adoption of special speed limit requires statutory public consultation and is a reserved function of the council.

Similar to other local authorities, Fingal County Council Engineers are currently examining the technical guidance issued to commence Phase 2 of this process.

Country wide, the speed limit changes will come into effect on the dates specified by each local authority in their new bye-laws. Signs showing the new speed limits will be installed at appropriate locations, so that all road users are aware of any change.

Source of Reply:
Quintin Greally, Executive Traffic Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 07

FADED TRAFFIC SIGNS – LUTTRELL PARK HEATH, RIVERWOOD - AI105367

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report indicating when the faded traffic signs in Luttrell Park Heath, Riverwood Road will be repainted or replaced?"

Reply:

The Traffic Section will inspect the signs over the coming weeks.

If required, the signs will be replaced in Q1 of 2026, subject to funding being available.

Source of Reply:
Quintin Greally, Executive Traffic Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 08

BLACK CAPPING ON PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS – DISWELLSTOWN ROUNDABOUT - AI105368

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide for black capping to be installed on the flashing pedestrian lights at the Diswellstown roundabout, similar to the capping on the pedestrian lights at Coolmine roundabout?"

Reply:

The Beacon Shrouds/covers will be installed on the Beacons in the coming weeks, before the end of 2025.

Source of Reply:
Quintin Greally, Executive Traffic Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 09

PERSISTENT SEWERAGE ODOUR – CHURCH ROAD MULHUDDART - AI105264

Question: Councillor J. Burtchaell

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on any planned measures to address the sewage odour on Church Road which has been a long running issue for residents in the area?"

Reply:

The issue of sewerage odour along Church Road comes under the remit of Uisce Eireann. A representation on behalf of the Councillor will issue to Uisce Eireann in this regard.

Source of Reply:
Deirdre Sinclair, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 10

CLEARING OF SHUBBERY – ALLENDALE ROUNDABOUT – ONGAR DISTRIBUTOR ROAD - AI105305

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to clear the shrubbery on the Ongar Distributor Road at the lights before the Allendale Roundabout on the Clonsilla side?"

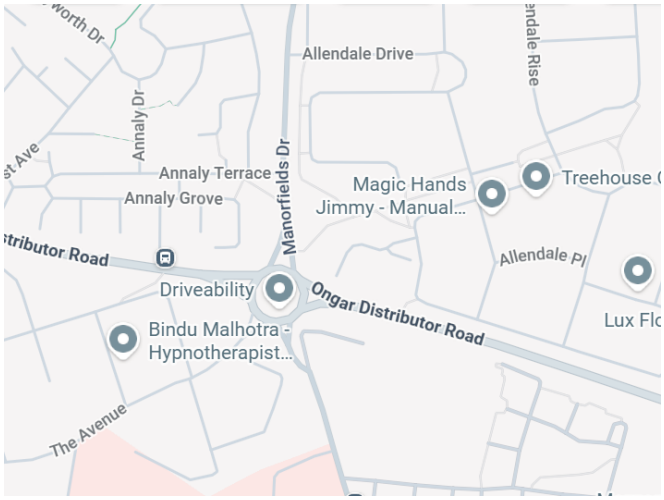
Reply:

The Briars will be flailed back at this location in our 2025/2026 Winter Works Programme. The area will continue to be monitored on an ongoing basis.

Source of Reply:
Michael Tynan, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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Narrowed path on the ODR at the traffic lights at Allendale roundabout.





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ITEM NO. 11

CLEARING OF SHUBBERY – CLONSILLA LINK ROAD – ONGAR DISTRIBUTOR ROAD - AI105307

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to cutting back the shrubbery that is narrowing the path from the Clonsilla Link Road to the Hartstown Link Road on the Ongar Distributor Road as the path is a shared space and the narrowing of the pedestrian side is hazardous to residents?"

Reply:

The shrubbery at these locations will be flailed back in our 2025/2026 Winter Works Programme. The area will be monitored on an on-going basis.

Source of Reply:
Michael Tynan, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 12

MAINTENANCE OF JUNCTION – HARTSTOWN ROAD AND HARTSTOWN LINK ROAD - AI105320

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to maintaining the corner of the Hartstown Road and the Hartstown Link Road, as it is a pinch point for pedestrians due to overgrowth at the traffic lights?"

Reply:

This location is listed to be flailed as part of the 2025/2026 Winter Works Programme.

Following completion of this work, a further assessment of the location will be undertaken.

Source of Reply:
Michael Tynan, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 13

INSPECTION FOR REPAIR WORKS OF MUGA – MILLENNIUM PARK – AI105321

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to inspect the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) in the Millennium Park with a view to remedial or repair works as water pools each time it rains?"

Reply:

Both MUGAs in Millennium Park are listed for refurbishment works in 2026 under the Capital Programme. Drainage testing will form part of this to relieve the issues in poor weather.

Other works will include a new surface, underlay shock pad, and removal of the old surface.

Source of Reply:
Stephen Johnson, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 14

DOG FOULING – HANSFIELD PARK PLAYGROUND - AI105354

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing what action is being taken to deal with the constant problem of dog fouling in Hansfield Park playground?"

Reply:

Numerous complaints have been received from the public in relation to dog fouling in this playground.

In response, Operations staff have carried out power washing in the playground on three separate occasions in the last 4 weeks, notably on the 30/10/25, 5/11/25, 10/11/25 and 11/11/25. Rangers have also been removing dog waste from the playground that has not been smeared on the surfaces.

Due to the ongoing issues, we have also installed additional signage at the entrance to the playground and ranger inspections of the area have been increased. The Dog Warden and Litter Wardens have also been informed.

However, since 11th November, this activity appears to have ceased.

Source of Reply:
Colin Gilhooley, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 15

EXTENDED OPENING HOURS OF COOMINE RECYCLING CENTRE - AI105355

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing how the extended opening hours of Coolmine Recycling Centre is currently operating?"

Reply:

The operating hours of the Coolmine Recycling Centre was extended in June 2025. A formal review has not yet been undertaken as it's normal practice to review an enhancement of a service over a full operating year.

However, it would appear, that citizens are generally supportive of the extension of operating hours at the re-cycling centre and see it as a positive improvement to the overall service.

Source of Reply:
Michael Tynan, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 16

INSTALLATION OF YELLOW BOX - CORDUFF PARK ESTATE - AI105362

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the installation of a yellow box on the Blackcourt Road by the entrance into Corduff Park Estate?"

Reply:

The area will be inspected over the coming weeks both at AM and PM peak times. If a yellow box is required at this location, it will be added to the road lining list.

Lining works have ceased for this year and this request will be considered for 2026.

Please note the yellow boxes on public roads are subject to approval from An Garda Siochána.

Source of Reply:
Quintin Greally, Executive Traffic Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 17

UPDATE ON PLANS FOR TYRRELSTOWN PARK - AI105363

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any plans for Tyrrelstown Park?"

Reply:

The following list below is an overview of works planned as part of the Capital Programme for Tyrellstown Park during 2026 – 2028:

- Provision of a mains and foul connection, if feasible (Application to be submitted to Uisce Eireann at beginning of 2026)
- Drainage works and improvements to GAA and cricket pitches
- Widening and overlay of footpaths on Park perimeter
- Playground upgrades (New equipment and improved layout)
- Fencing installation at Mount Garrett
- Creation of a new park Boundary and entrance at The Crescent/The Avenue from Kilmartin

During 2025, the Council replaced an eco-toilet within Tyrellstown Park at a significant cost which impacted the overall budget. Following this, the Council have met with representatives from the Cricket club and the Soccer club and have agreed to explore an opportunity for a toilet facility which may be used by the clubs. This is subject to costs proposed by Uisce Eireann.

A deputations meeting has been scheduled for 27th November, prior to this Area Committee, with Tyrrelstown Residents Association, where a lot of these issues are being discussed.

Source of Reply:
Stephen Johnson, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 18

CLEARING OF CYCLE PATH – BLACKCOURT ROAD - AI105364

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to clearing the cycle paths of leaves at the sides of the ramps on Blackcourt Road, as some parts are treacherous to cyclists?"

Reply:

These works are listed to take place in our 2025/2026 Winter Works Programme and the area will continue to be monitored.

Source of Reply:
Michael Tynan, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 19

INSTALLATION OF GUARD RAIL – MOUNT GARRETT, TYRRELSTOWN PARK - AI105365

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of a knee-high/guard rail along the green area between Mount Garrett Grove and Tyrrelstown Park, as residents have raised ongoing concerns about motorists parking on this green area, which has resulted in the obstruction of driveways, preventing safe entering and exiting of properties and long term damage to the green area?"

Reply:

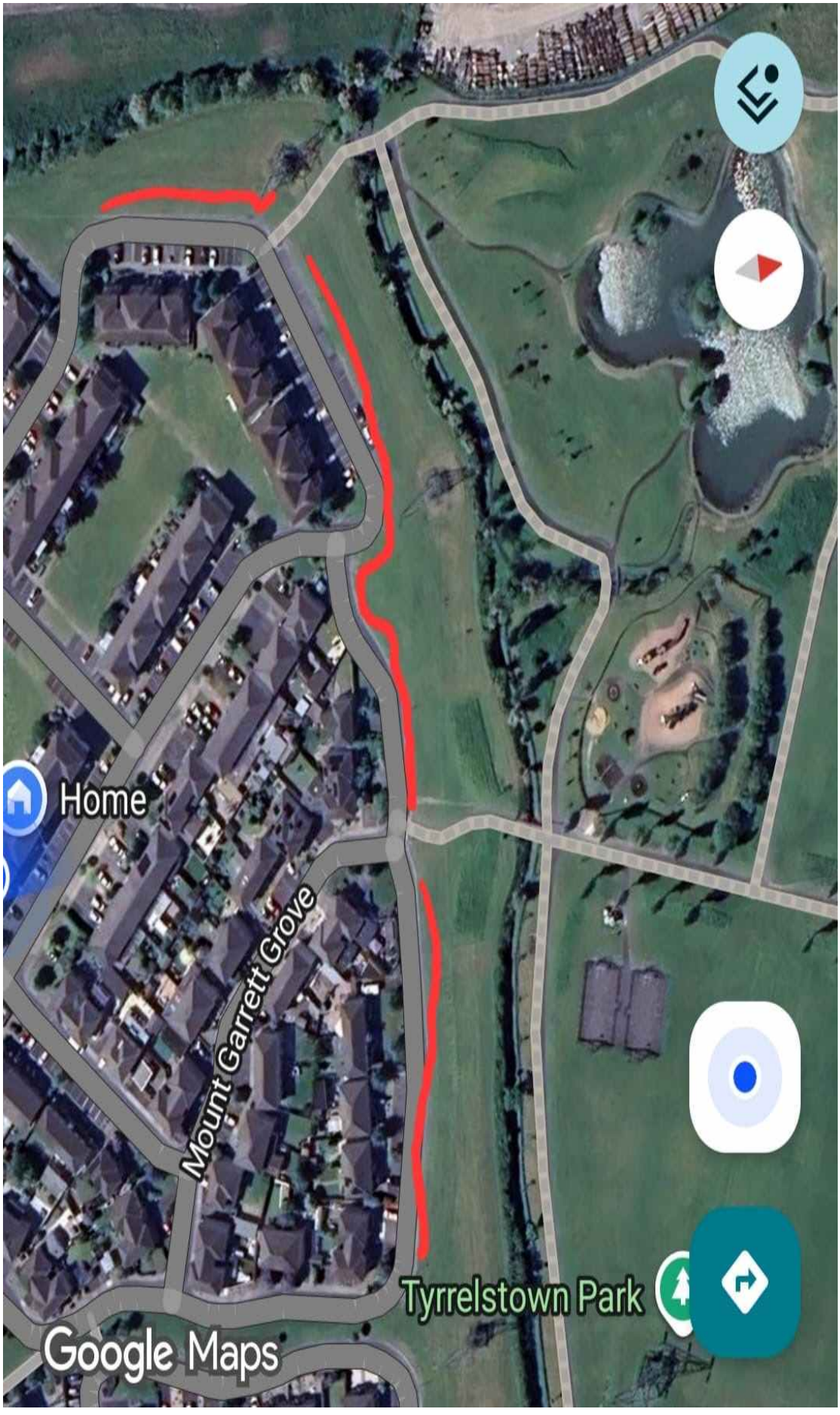
It is proposed to erect a 1-meter high mesh fence along this area which will extend for approximately 200 meters.

Hedging works will also take place as part of the 2025/2026 Winter Programme of Works.

Source of Reply:
Colin Gilhooley, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 20

OVERFLOW PARKING IN BRAMLEY AND PARK MANOR - AI104837

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh

"That the Chief Executive addresses persistent problems with overflow car parking in Bramley Avenue, Garth Close and Park Manor by installing double yellow lines at the entrance to the estates on the Carpenterstown Road and engaging with residents to consider measures to restrict overflow parking."

Report:

As committed, the Operations Department installed double yellow lines at the estate entrance of Bramley Avenue and Park Manor in October 2025.

Bramley Avenue and Park Manor are public estates and are taken in charge by Fingal County Council. Provided the parking vehicles are taxed and insured, any member of the public can park their vehicle on the roads in these estates, provided their vehicle is parked legally.

The Operations Department has engaged directly with the residents of Bramley Avenue. The Traffic Section advised that they would not be in favour of adding further double yellow lines in the estates, as this would take away residents parking and could lead to speeding in the estate.

The Operations Department advised that there is an option of Pay and Display parking for the estate, which could be given consideration to by the residents of these estates.

Source of Report:
Quintin Greally, Executive Traffic Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 21

ROAD EXIT TIMES AT WATERVILLE ESTATE - AI105308

Motion: Councillor M. McCamley

"That the Chief Executive liaise with the National Transport Authority and/or Council engineers to improve road exit times at Waterville Estate, where residents are queuing for twenty minutes or more every morning to access the Snugborough Road."

Report:

Fingal County Council manage the traffic lights at the junction of Aisling Height and Waterville. This junction operates on the Traffic Management system MOVA.

Dublin City Council manage the traffic lights at the junction of the Snugborough Road and Waterville. This junction operates on the Traffic Management system SCATS.

MOVA and SCATS are adaptive traffic management systems which respond to real time traffic demands and adjust signals where appropriate. All movements at each Junction have to run during the cycle time which is divided between all traffic movements as efficiently as possible for the junction.

The Snugborough Road is given priority at each junction as it is the main road.

Since September, the volume of traffic on the roads has increased significantly. Most mornings, the N3 has traffic congestion from exit 4 (Clonee) on the M3 through to Cabra. This traffic congestion can cause traffic at junction 2 of the N3 to back up

Snugborough Interchange slip road, the Snugborough Interchange and the Snugborough Road.

If there is no free road space on the Snugborough Road and in particular, around the Snugborough junction, then this will have a negative impact on traffic trying to exit both of the Waterville junctions onto the Snugborough Road.

Notwithstanding the above, the Traffic Section has given additional green time to both of the Waterville junctions onto the Snugborough Road.

An inspection of the area was carried out on the 20th of November from 07:50 – 08:50 to see how traffic was behaving after applying the changes. Traffic was moving well at both junctions during the inspection. Traffic was accessing Snugborough Road from the Waterville junctions within two cycles of the traffic lights, equating to a wait of approximately 2-3 minutes.

Fingal County Council will continue to monitor the traffic lights at these junctions to re-evaluate the sequencing of the junction to ensure it is at its maximum efficiency.

Source of Report:
Quintin Greally, Executive Traffic Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 22

KEEPING PATHS AND ROADS CLEAR IN THIS LEA - AI105309

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

"That the Chief Executive ensures paths and roads in this Local Electoral Area are safe for residents at crossing points, the decision to stop sweeping leaves in estates from October to January is not practical and certainly not safe for residents."

Report:

The Operations Department in this LEA sweeps and cleans the roads and footpaths all year round. There is no suspension of this work between October and January. In actual fact, more resources (two crews) are added to the cleaning crews during this period. Two large sweepers, two small sweepers and a cycle lane sweeper work all year round, cleaning the roads, footpaths and cycle lanes.

The issue during the October to January period is the quantity of leaves that fall and the knock-on effects of this. Because of the large quantity of leaves the sweepers collect, they become full much quicker than normal and so must return to the Depot to empty. They then return to their route and repeat the process. This results in these machines only being able to cover a fraction of the ground they would normally cover, outside this time of year.

Additionally, the leaves that fall frequently block drains and gullies, which must be cleared quickly, to reduce the risk of surface flooding. This means that cleaning crews

must be diverted from the work they were doing in order to attend these. This considerably reduces the time available for sweeping and cleaning. Adverse weather conditions can also hamper the leaf cleaning/sweeping rota.

Because of this, we manage the resources we have as well as we can during the October to January period. Priority is given to public areas, pedestrian areas with large footfalls, approaches into towns and villages and regional roads. The size, quantity, and distribution of trees within this LEA varies considerably. There are areas within this LEA with a significant volume of large mature trees, which shed a vast quantity of leaves. These areas take more time to clear than others. Where we identify roads, footpaths and crossing points with excessive leaf coverage, these areas will be added to the roster for cleaning/sweeping.

The CRM system is also used to identify and action hot spots, if and when they occur. If a member of the public identifies an area or areas with an excessive coverage of leaves, then they should inform the Operations Department, and the area can be added to the roster to be done sooner.

In addition, biodegradable bags and skip bags are available to residents' groups/associations and tidy towns groups, to carry out a leaf clear in their estates. The Council is very grateful to all citizens who participate in the collection of leaves across the County. The bags can be collected by arrangement.

The Environment Department also administers the Community Composting and Leaf Mould Initiative whereby Leaf Mould Cages are made available to community organisations and neighbourhood associations who are carrying out large scale leaf clearance in their housing estates. This gives them the opportunity to turn collected leaves into compost for use within their communities. This is an annual project and is available upon application to the Environment Department. Information can be found on the following link: https://www.fingal.ie/community-composting-and-leaf-mould-initiatives.

Source of Report:
Hugh James, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 23

MEETING FOR TYRELLSTOWN PARK - AI105363A

Motion: Councillor B. Hanaphy

"That the Chief Executive requests a meeting of all stakeholders in Tyrellstown Park to discuss a plan for the future of the Park, including parking facilities, secure storage for their equipment and public toilets."

Report:

The Operations department regularly meets with the sports clubs that use Tyrellstown Park and are aware of their concerns regarding the issues raised in the Motion.

Park Future: The Operations department has the following projects proposed for the 2026 – 2028 Capital Program:

- Provision of a mains and foul connection if feasible. (Application to be submitted to UE at start of 2026)
- Drainage works and improvements to GAA and cricket pitches
- Widening and overlay of footpaths on Park perimeter
- Playground upgrades (New equipment and improved layout)
- Fencing installation at Mount Garrett
- Creation of a new park Boundary and entrance at The Crescent/The Avenue from Kilmartin

Parking facilities: Currently, there are no plans for Fingal Operations department to provide parking at Tyrellstown Park. Fingal are aware of the issue of some users parking at Mount Garrett entrance and damaging the grass areas. Measures will be put in place here to try and mitigate this issue. The Council will continue to work with the Sports clubs to address any issues which may become apparent from limited capacity for parking.

Secure storage: Fingal County Council recently met with one of the clubs here to provide them with more storage for large outdoor equipment such as goalposts etc. Clubs should be mindful that any grants etc. they receive for equipment must be stored in their own facilities off-site or their own facility onsite, which was installed with prior agreement.

Toilets: An eco-toilet was installed in October of 2023. The Eco toilet was chosen due to the large capital cost needed to make a foul and mains connection within the park. This was vandalised on two occasions during 2024. In early 2025, it was damaged by fire, and a completely new unit was required. The new unit was subsequently burnt out two weeks later. It was decided not to replace this unit again as it came at a significant capital cost which had not been budgeted for. Due to recent housing developments, there may now be scope to provide wastewater and mains connection to the park.

Source of Report:
Stephen Johnson, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 24

LIGHTING IN HANSFIELD PARK PLAYGROUND - AI105315

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to installing lighting in Hansfield Park playground and the pathways towards the playground, as residents are unable to use this facility after 5pm for almost six months of the year."

Report:

There are currently eighty-four public playgrounds across the entire Fingal area. All playgrounds are designed and constructed under the European Standards EN1176. Lighting or the need for it is not considered within EN1176 Playground Standards as it is not recommended that playgrounds are lit and used after dark.

The Independent Playground Inspector has explained that the provision of lighting does not make the play units safe for use as the lighting will cause shadowing on the ground surface and may increase the risk of trips and falls.

The Council has sought advice from its insurance section through its insurer IPB who have also confirmed that provision of lighting of public playgrounds for use after daylight hours is not permitted.

Source of Report:
Aileen O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department
Karen Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting, Operations Department

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