

Comhairle Contae Fine Gall Fingal County Council

Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B - Strategic and General Matters)

Thursday, 13th November, 2025

PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Boland, Mark
Butler, Darragh
Corkery, Luke
Humphreys, James
Johnston, Corina

Kelly, Darren

Councillors:

Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
Quinn, Malachy
Smyth, John

Apologies were received from the following Councillors: Grainne Maguire

The Area Chair, Councillor Luke Corkery, presided

Officials Present

Brian Murray (Senior Executive Officer), Declan Ryan (Senior Executive Officer) Roisin Burke (Senior Planner), Deirdre Fallon (Senior Planner), Gene Griffin (Administrative Officer), Breffni O'Rourke (Administrative Officer), Breen Dorris (Senior Executive Engineer), Gemma Carr (Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer), Larry Bergin (Senior Executive Engineer), David T. Byrne (Senior Executive Engineer), Rafe Costigan (Senior Community Officer), Mary O'Reilly (Senior Staff Officer), Michael Campbell (Senior Staff Officer), Owen McGrath (Sports Development Officer), David Daly (Assistant Staff Officer), Linda Fanning (Clerical Officer), Karen O'Neill (Clerical Officer), Jack O'Grady (Clerical Officer)

BSB/544/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday the 9th October 2025.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 11th October 2025 be **ADOPTED**.”

QUESTIONS

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and **RESOLVED** -

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 37 inclusive be **ADOPTED**.”

BSB/546/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Playground - Beresford Estate, Donabate - AI104533

BSB/547/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Johnston - Report on Access to Rush/Lusk Train Station - AI105090

BSB/548/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Johnston - Report on Relocation of Library from Donabate Portrane Community Centre to Ballisk House, Donabate - AI105095

BSB/549/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor C. Johnston - Timeline on Portrane to Donabate Cliff Walk Project - AI105096

BSB/550/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Rahillion Looped Walkway Project, Donabate - AI105097

BSB/551/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor C. Johnston - Progress Report on Ballymastone Educational Hub, Donabate - AI105098

BSB/552/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Johnston - Planning Application for Portrane Coastal Protection Scheme - AI105099

BSB/553/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Blake's Cross Junction Upgrade, Lusk - AI105101

BSB/554/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Taking in Charge - Open Space in Golden Ridge, Rush - AI104866

BSB/555/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor M. Quinn - Taking in Charge - Castlemill Road, Balbriggan - AI104889

BSB/556/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor M. Quinn - Proposed Safety Measures - Scoil Réalt Na Mara, Skerries - AI105030

- BSB/557/25** (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor M. Quinn - List of Vacant One-Bed Housing in this LEA - AI105103
- BSB/558/25** (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor L. Corkery - School Street Initiative - Thornleigh Educate Together
National School, Swords - AI104959
- BSB/559/25** (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor T. Murphy - Safer Routes to School, Balrothery National School -
AI105021
- BSB/560/25** (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor J. Smyth - Upgrade Works at Rivervalley/Rathingle, Swords - AI105035
- BSB/561/25** (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor J. Smyth - Mould/Damp in the Council's Housing Stock - AI105041
- BSB/562/25** (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor J. Smyth - New Build Social Housing in this LEA - AI105104
- BSB/563/25** (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor J. Smyth - Path Changes in the Ward River Valley Park, Swords -
AI105105
- BSB/564/25** (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor D. Butler - Resurfacing of Old Rivervalley All-Weather Pitch - Rivervalley,
Swords - AI105037
- BSB/565/25** (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor G. Maguire - Road Safety Measures - Scoil Réalt na Mara, Skerries -
AI105055
- BSB/566/25** (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor B. Ryan - Cleaning of Laneway - Lambeecher Estate, Balbriggan -
AI105069
- BSB/567/25** (Agenda Item No 23)
Councillor B. Ryan - Issues with Polling Stations in this LEA - AI105084
- BSB/568/25** (Agenda Item No 24)
Councillor B. Ryan - Flavours of Fingal 2026 - AI105091
- BSB/569/25** (Agenda Item No 25)
Councillor P. Mulville - Report on Business on Main Street, Swords - AI105077
- BSB/570/25** (Agenda Item No 26)
Councillor P. Mulville - Diversity of Traders/Businesses on Swords Main Street -
AI105079

BSB/571/25 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Portrane Coastal Erosion and Flooding Protection Scheme Application - AI105080

BSB/572/25 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor P. Mulville - Public Consultation Process for Children's Play Space in Portrane - AI105128

BSB/573/25 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Defective Blocks Scheme for Lusk Residents - AI105107

BSB/574/25 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Resurfacing of Road - Hand's Lane, Lusk - AI105110

BSB/575/25 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Road Safety Review - Semple Woods Estate, Donabate - AI105112

BSB/576/25 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Review of Area between Kenure Woods and the Gaelscoil in Rush - AI105113

BSB/577/25 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Installation of Pathway through Astor Park/Golden Ridge to Kenure Woods, Rush - AI105114

BSB/578/25 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Additional Schools in Donabate - AI105115

BSB/579/25 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Sports Hub for Donabate - AI105116

BSB/580/25 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Community Infrastructure - Lusk - AI105120

BSB/581/25 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Proposed Works along Glen Ellan/Balheary Road, Swords - AI105132

BSB/582/25 (Agenda Item No 38)

Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

It was proposed by Cllr. L. Corkery and seconded by Cllr. J. Newman and AGREED:

“That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Activity Funding Grants Applications in the attached report.”

BSB/583/25 (Agenda Item No 38b)
Applications for Sports Funding

It was proposed by Cllr. L. Corkery and seconded by Cllr. J. Newman and AGREED:

“That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Activity Funding Grants Applications in the attached report.”

BSB/584/25 (Agenda Item No 39)
Quay Street and Environs, Traffic Management Scheme - Section 38 Non-Statutory Public Consultation

Mr. Breffni O'Rourke, Administrative Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Culture Department and Mr. Robert Kelly and Ms. Naomi Devine, Consultants from DBFL Consulting Engineers have members a brief presentation on Quay Street and Environs, Balbriggan Traffic Management Scheme and following this the presentation was Noted.

BSB/585/25 (Agenda Item No 40)
Proposed Disposals

a **Proposed disposal of land at Clonard Road, Flemingtown, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to Phoenix Tower Ireland III Limited**

It was Proposed by Councillor. T. Murphy and Seconded by Councillor C. Boland and the Report was Noted.

b **Proposed lease of land at Balheary Road, Swords, Co. Dublin to Swords Celtic Football Club, Balheary Road, Swords, Co. Dublin**

It was Proposed by Councillor. J. Newman and Seconded by Councillor D. Kelly and the Report was Noted

c **Proposed disposal of land at Skerries Community Centre, Thomas Hand Street, Skerries, Co. Dublin to Gas Networks Ireland, P.O. Box 51, Gasworks Road, Cork**

It was Proposed by Councillor. T. Murphy and Seconded by Councillor C. Boland and the Report was Noted

BSB/586/25 (Agenda Item No 41)
Correspondence

a **Letter dated 3rd October 2025 from NTA regarding Councillor M. Boland Motion - Meeting Between the Council and Iarnród Éireann - Irish Rail and the NTA - AI103995**

The correspondence from the NTA was NOTED.

- b Letter dated 16th October 2025 from SOLAS regarding Councillor L. Corkery Motion - Update on Progress of Swords College of Further Education - AI102390**

The Correspondence from SOLAS was NOTED.

- c Email dated 22nd October 2025 from Uisce Éireann regarding Councillor C. Boland Motion - Invite Uisce Éireann to attend ACM - Upgrade and Delivery of Wastewater Treatment Works**

The Correspondence from Uisce Éireann was NOTED.

BSB/587/25 (Agenda Item No 42)

Councillor D. Kelly - Report on Rivers and Streams - Swords - AI104504

The Motion in the name of Councillor D. Kelly was proposed by Councillor D. Kelly and seconded by Councillor J. Newman.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the report was ACCEPTED

BSB/588/25 (Agenda Item No 43)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Swords Autism Friendly Town - AI105007

The Motion in the name of Councillor D. Mulligan was proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion an AMENDMENT to the Motion was proposed to read:

“That this Committee invites Swords Autism Friendly Town to attend a meeting to discuss how the Elected Members and Council officials can work together to make the local area more inclusive and neuro-affirmative.”

The Amended Motion was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and Seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan and the Amended Motion was Agreed without discussion.

BSB/589/25 (Agenda Item No 44)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Request for School Warden - Scoil Réalt na Mara, Skerries - AI105017A

In the absence of Councillor T. O'Leary, the Motion in the name of Councillor T. O'Leary was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor M. Quinn

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was Agreed.

IT WAS AGREED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS: MEETING WITH FINGALLIANS GAA CLUB - AI105049 AND CONTINUED PROVISION OF PITCHES - FINGALLIANS GAA CLUB, SWORDS - AI105106 TOGETHER.
BSB/590/25 (Agenda Item No 45)

Councillor C. Boland - Meeting with Fingallians GAA Club - AI105049

The Motion in the name of Councillor C. Boland was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor T. Murphy

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

BSB/591/25 (Agenda Item No 50)

Councillor J. Smyth - Continued Provision of Pitches - Fingallians GAA Club, Swords - AI105106

The Report in the name of Councillor J. Smyth was proposed by Councillor J. Smyth and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

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

BSB/592/25 (Agenda Item No 46)

Councillor J. Smyth - Procedures on Casinos and Gaming Arcades - Swords - AI105059

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Smyth was proposed by Councillor J. Smyth and seconded by Councillor M. Quinn

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was Agreed

BSB/593/25 (Agenda Item No 47)

Councillor P. Mulville - Northern Commuter Line - Constant Delays and Overcrowding in this LEA - AI105130

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Mulville, was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

BSB/594/25 (Agenda Item No 48)

Councillor D. Kelly - Primary and Secondary School Delivery Timelines in this LEA -
AI104852

The Motion in the name of Councillor D. Kelly was proposed by Councillor D. Kelly
and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and
CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

BSB/595/25 (Agenda Item No 49)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Improved Safe Access to Scoil Réalt na Mara, Skerries -
AI105017

In the absence of Councillor T. O'Leary, the Motion in the name of Councillor T.
O'Leary was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor M.
Quinn

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and
CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

BSB/596/25 (Agenda Item No 51)

Councillor P. Mulville - Report on Repair and Upkeep at St. Ita's Hospital, Portrane -
AI105131

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Mulville was proposed by Councillor P.
Mulville and seconded by Councillor C. Johnston

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and
CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

The meeting concluded at 17:48

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic and General Matters)

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ITEM NO. 02

FOOTFALL AT SWORDS CASTLE MARKET - AI105134

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report with a month-by-month breakdown of the footfall for Swords Castle Market for 2025?"

Reply:

The Swords Castle Food market operated on the third Saturday of each month from April to October 2025 and was a collaboration between Fingal County Council, Fingal Farmer Group and the Fingal Food Circle. The market was free to enter and provided a mix of local produce and artisan food, hot food, crafts, food themed presentations in the Chapel and entertainment for children. The visitor numbers for each month are set out below.

April	1130
May	2500
June	2325
July	1952
Aug	2110
Sep	1130
Oct	988

Source of Reply: Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 03

SCHOOL STREET AT THORNLEIGH ETNS - AI105136

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the status, next steps and an indicative timeline to deliver a permanent School Street scheme at Thornleigh Educate Together National School?”

Reply:

A trial “School Street” initiative was implemented at Thornleigh ETNS during European Mobility Week. The scheme received positive feedback and is now scheduled to be included in the Active Travel Schools Programme of Works for 2026.

The next steps include:

- Developing the detailed design
- Tendering for EIA and AA screenings
- Arrangement of independent Road Safety Audits
- Non Statutory public consultation
- Section 38 process
- Preparing and issuing the construction tender

Implementation is expected in the third quarter of 2026.

Source of Reply:

Larry Bergin, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 04

CYCLE-PRIORITY STREET - PARK AVENUE, SWORDS - AI105137

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if Park Avenue, Swords meets the DMURS street-environment criteria and the NTA Cycle Design Manual parameters for designation as a cycle-priority and, if not, considered for designation and to identify the criteria not met?”

Reply:

Park Avenue Millers Glen Swords is a residential street within a housing development with access to the Glen Ellan Road to the south and Millers Glen playing pitches and Playground to the North.

While it is not designated as a cycle priority street, it follows the road user's hierarchy, where pedestrians, cyclists and all vulnerable road users have priority over motorised vehicles.

The Active Travel Unit will add this to the Connectivity Tracker and assess it under its multi criteria analysis for a future programme of works. During 2026 we plan to do a call for expressions of interest from residents to implement a “Quiet Street” initiative, following the success of the of the pilot filtered permeability project in Drynam during 2025. Expressions of interest will be assessed under specific criteria and successful projects will be delivered as part of our future programme of works.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 05

INSTALLATION OF PENCIL BOLLARDS - APPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWORDS - AI105138

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of pencil bollards at Applewood Community Centre beside Swords Educate Together National School and Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe?”

Reply:

Swords Educate Together National School and Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe are included in the Active Travel Schools Programme of Works for 2026. The planned works will feature pencil-shaped bollards, kerb-edge bollards, flashing solar “School Ahead” signs, and a buff-coloured road surface. These measures are designed to highlight the school’s location and help prevent footpath parking.

The next steps include:

- Developing the detailed design
- Tendering for EIA and AA screenings
- Arrangement of the Road Safety Audits
- Carrying out non-statutory public consultation
- Completing the Section 38 process
- Preparing and issuing the construction tender
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Implementation is expected in the third quarter of 2026.

Source of Reply: Larry Bergin, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 06

WASTE PRESENTATION BYE-LAWS - SWORDS – AI105140

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive, under the Waste Presentation Bye-Laws, to provide a report on the number of door-to-door compliance visits completed in the Swords Electoral Area, year to date, to households flagged as having no bin contract, presented by townland (Swords, Rolestown, Santry/St. Margaret’s, etc.) and with outcomes i.e. brought into compliance, Fixed Penalty Notices issued, prosecutions?”

Reply:

Phase 2 of the Waste Presentation Bye-laws Project identified approximately 1,600 households in the Swords electoral area as potentially not having a bin service in place. These households were identified through the use of Eircodes whereby waste collectors operating within Fingal provided a list of all households who had an active bin account in place to create a Waste Register. A Reverse Register was then created using customer Eircodes and a GeoDirectory to help identify households who didn't have a bin account for follow up investigation.

Phase 3 of the Waste Presentation Bye-laws Project selected 725 of the 1,600 households in Swords for further assessment to establish how waste was being managed. The remainder of the households will be assessed in 2026.

Two letters were issued asking householders to confirm if they had a bin account in place, if they were bin sharing or bringing their waste to an authorised facility such

as a civic amenity centre that accepts all three waste streams (black, green and brown bin waste).

A total of 400 households in Swords did not respond to the letters and were subsequently scheduled for door-to-door inspections during October and November. Of the 400 households inspected, 106 households were noted to be compliant with the Waste Bye-Laws.

The key findings were as follows:

- 71 Households had a bin/communal bin service.
- 23 Households had a bin sharing agreement.
- 12 Households used Civic Amenity Centres.
- 37 Households - nobody at home but bins visible outside.
- 98 Vacant properties.
- 159 No answer at door.

Additional work is required to follow up on vacant properties, householders who weren't at home during door to door inspections and householders who have yet to provide proof of compliance (bin account number, bin sharing agreement or authorised facility receipts). This work will be undertaken in Q1, 2026.

Every effort is being made to work with householders to ensure that waste is segregated and managed in accordance with the Waste Bye-Laws.

Households who fail to engage with the project and provide proof of compliance will now be subject to enforcement action e.g. a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN), and/or face prosecution in the District Court if found guilty of an offence under the Fingal Waste Presentation Bye Laws 2020.

Source of Reply: Enda Hoey, Senior Executive Scientist, Environment Dept.

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ITEM NO. 07

BIKE SHARE INITIATIVES IN SWORDS AT CHRISTMAS - AI105653

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive, in the context of the free parking initiatives the Council is introducing over the Christmas period in Swords, if consideration can be given to providing equivalent incentives for bike-share schemes operating in Swords, for example, free or discounted unlocks or ride credits for the same periods as the free-parking offers to promoting walking and cycling access to Swords town centre, so that support for local business does not rely solely on encouraging additional private car use and, if not, if the Council will commit to examining such options for future Christmas trading periods?”

Reply:

Bleeper Bike have an offer called ‘The Fingal Pass’ which is available to all Fingal residents with a Bleeper Bike Account. The Fingal Pass offers people their first 30 minutes of every Bleeper Bike Journey free of charge and can be used anywhere that Bleeper bikes are available across Dublin.

Applying for the Fingal Pass is easy, residents just need to apply via the form on Bleepers Website and follow the verification steps (they must have a Bleeper Account) <https://bleeper.jotform.com/form/243113045655349>

Over the next week, the Active Travel Unit will launch our ‘Explore Fingal by Bleeper this Christmas’ campaign across social media which will place a big emphasis on the benefits of using ‘The Fingal Pass’ to complete local journeys over the festive season.

In October, over 94% of Fingal Pass Journeys were under 30mins, making them free of charge for the user. The Fingal Pass is available 12 months of the year and once approved, the pass is automatically applied to every Bleeper Bike Trip.

Bleper Bike have parking zones across Swords, with bikes available from

Rivervalley/Rathingle

Brackenstown Road

Swords Main Street

North Street

Glen Ellan Road

Seatown

Airside

Pinnock Hill

The Pavilions Shopping Centre

Holywell

Source of Reply: Stephen McGinn, Walking & Cycling Officer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 08

UPDATE ON KNOCKSEDAN ESTATE, SWORDS - AI105254

Question: Councillor D. Kelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on a definitive timeline or updated target date for when the necessary works will be completed in Knocksedan Estate and when buyers can realistically expect to move in?”

Reply:

Permission was granted by An Coimisiun Pleanála on 25th June 2025 for residential development of 77 units and a creche facility at Knocksedan Demesne. This permission has a duration of 5 years. There have been no commencement notices received for this development.

Source of Reply:

Fearghal McSweeney AO Planning Enforcement & Seamus Martin AO Bonds and Contributions

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ITEM NO. 09

UPDATE ON WARD VALLEY PARK/KNOCKSEDAN, SWORDS - AI105271

Question: Councillor D. Butler

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update with regard to the Ward Valley Park at Knocksedan and the sections that have been closed off to members of the public over recent months?”

Reply:

Following the acquisition by the Council in recent years of sections of the Ward River Valley around Usher’s Lake, works have been progressing on the restoration of a number of historic features including the long established path network in this part of the valley and vulnerable structures associated with the lake and Brackenstown Walled Garden. These repair and restoration works are exempted development under planning regulations for public park works.

This work is being undertaken in parallel with the preparation of the Ward River Regional Park Development Plan which will require statutory planning approval. Part of the historic path network is located on privately owned lands and the works in this area were progressed by agreement with the owner. This in turn improved access for the public and access for the Council to undertake some of the other restoration works.

A number of months ago a boardwalk section was installed by the Council with the agreement of the landowner on the pathway section located on privately owned land. In recent weeks, the boardwalk deck has been removed by unknown persons

making this section of the pathway less accessible to the public. The Council has written to the landowner seeking permission to reinstate the boardwalk and offering to meet to discuss any relevant issues. A response to this request is awaited and pending this, it is not possible for the Council to intervene further.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 10

UPDATE ON WALLED GARDEN - KNOCKSEDAN, SWORDS - AI105272

Question: Councillor D. Butler

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update with regard to the Walled Garden at Knocksedan?"

Reply:

Works are progressing on the restoration of the two walled gardens which were originally part of the Brackenstown House historic demesne. The main work of rebuilding the walls and restoring/stabilising associated structures is nearing completion. Works over the coming year will focus on restoring the path network to make the gardens accessible and available for use by the local community.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 11

SCHOOL SAFETY AT TAYLOR HILL WALK, BALBRIGGAN - AI105356

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carrying out a traffic assessment at school times with the view to the painting of double yellow lines and installation of pencil bollards along Taylor Hill Walk, near St. George’s National School and Coláiste Ghlór na Mara, Balbriggan?”

Reply:

St. George’s National School and Coláiste Ghlór na Mara are not currently included in the Safe Routes to School programme managed by An Taisce.

FCC Active Travel maintains a Connectivity Tracker, which evaluates requested works under a number of criteria. This in turn informs future works programmes.

St. George’s National School and Coláiste Ghlór na Mara, Balbriggan will be added to the Active Travel Connectivity Tracker for future assessment.

Source of Reply:

Larry Bergin, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 12

UPDATE ON BREMORE CASTLE WORKS, BALBRIGGAN - AI105456

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the projects and timelines in respect to Bremore Regional Park and to include the estimated timeline for public consultation on the project?”

Reply:

Works have recently been completed on the 3 car parks in the park approved through the Part 8 planning process. Further approved works on improvements to Bells Lane are nearing completion. Phase 1 of the Bremore Recreational Hub involved the development of a full-sized grass GAA pitch has been completed and it is planned to procure the works for Phase 2 of the Hub including the all-weather running track and a range of other sporting facilities and related infrastructure during 2026.

As regards the planned and approved works for the park, there are currently no plans to formally consult further with the public in relation to these matters.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 13

TAKING IN CHARGE - KILSOUGH GARDENS, BALBRIGGAN - AI105459

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Kilsough Gardens, Balbriggan?”

Reply:

Kilsough Gardens estate was taken into maintenance on 20th November 2024.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 14

EXTENSION OF WALKWAY ALONGSIDE WARD RIVER PARK, SWORDS - AI105511

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to extending the walkway along the Ward River (which begins at the Castle Shopping Centre and passes alongside the Old Schoolhouse) into the Ward River Valley Park as part of forthcoming development of the park?”

Reply:

The link from the Castle Shopping Centre past the Old Schoolhouse and across Church Road into the Ward River Regional Park via a new feature park entrance is included for in the scope of the Park Development Plan.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 15

WORKS ON HOLYBANKS LANDS, SWORDS - AI105513

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive if the Council is aware of ongoing clearance works at the Holybanks lands in north Swords, and if so, to elaborate on these works and to provide an update on any planning permissions associated with this site?”

Reply:

Permission was granted to Cairn Homes Properties Limited on 9th October 2025 for a Large -Scale Residential Development at Estuary West Lands, at Holybanks. The permission relates to 634 no. residential units, a creche, retail unit and community facilities. The permission has a duration of 7 years.

The Planning Enforcement section will carry out a site inspection to determine if the works referenced are a breach of the Planning code.

Source of Reply:

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 16

PURCHASE OF OPEN SPACE - ST. COLMCILLES COURT, SWORDS - AI105514

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to purchasing the small open space to the rear of the Old Schoolhouse, St. Colmcille's Court, which is used as a makeshift car park, with a view to tarmacking the space and bringing it into safe public use?”

Reply:

The open space to the rear of the Old Schoolhouse, St. Colmcille's Court is in private ownership and currently in use as a car parking area managed by APCOA. The maintenance of the area is the responsibility of the private owner.

The Council has considered the potential acquisition of the site in consultation with internal stakeholders. The proposed acquisition does not align with the Council's strategic priorities as set out in the Council's capital programme. As a suitable funding source has not been identified to support the proposed acquisition, the Council will not be proceeding with an acquisition of the site.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 17

**OWNERSHIP OF MARTELLO TOWER – BALCARRICK DONABATE -
AI105539**

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the ownership of the Martello Tower in Balcarrick, Donabate?”

Reply:

The Council has investigated the ownership of the property, however it is not registered in the Land Registry and the Council has not been able to establish title ownership to date.

The Council recognises the historical value and significance of the Martello Tower in Balcarrick, Donabate.

The Council is consulting with internal stakeholders on the future potential of the Martello Tower, considering the site constraints, the Council’s strategic priorities as set out in the capital programme and the availability of funding whether from DHLGH or other potential funder.

The Council will continue to monitor potential funding streams from central government, as the acquisition and development of the property is contingent upon the availability of funding from a suitable source.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO 18

UPDATE ON PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ROUTE TO KNOCKSEDAN, SWORDS - AI105581

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the provision of a safe, permanent pedestrian access route to Knocksedan, Swords?”

Reply:

In relation to the walkway from Knocksedan to Swords Manor, the R108 and L2030 roads' width limits the provision of walking and cycling infrastructure. Land take would be required to provide this infrastructure along this route. There are no current plans for this link along the public road.

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept is progressing plans to develop the Ward River Regional Park. This is currently at design stage to include pedestrian linkages from Knockedan Demesne to Swords and the Brackenstown Road including Swords Manor, subject to all necessary approvals.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

Mark Finnegan, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure.

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ITEM NO. 19

DETAILS ON WORKS AND CONSTRUCTION - BRACKENSTOWN WOOD AND USHER'S LAKE, SWORDS - AI105582

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the arrangement under which the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department is carrying out conservation and construction works in Brackenstown Woods and at Usher’s Lake?”

Reply:

Following the acquisition by the Council in recent years of sections of the Ward River Valley around Usher’s Lake, works have been progressing on the restoration of a number of historic features including the long established path network in this part of the valley and vulnerable structures associated with the lake and Brackenstown Walled Garden. These repair and restoration works are exempted development under planning regulations for public park works. This work is being undertaken in parallel with the preparation of the Ward River Regional Park Development Plan which will require planning approval.

Part of the historic path network is located on privately owned lands and the works in this area were progressed by agreement with the owner. This in turn improved access for the public and access for the Council to undertake some of the other restoration works.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 20

VACANT AND DERELICT BUILDINGS – NORTH STREET, SWORDS – AI105583

Question: L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to refurbish any of the vacant and derelict buildings on North Street, Swords, with a view to creating new homes?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council have commenced work at North Street, Swords on the refurbishment, conversion and extension of a semi-derelict 19th century townhouse and its surrounding site, which will deliver an additional 13 homes to North Street in the heart of Swords. The Council’s policy of ‘Town Centre First’ is bringing existing, under-utilised and derelict housing stock back into use.

Urban regeneration is an important step to accelerate delivery on Housing.

Source of Reply:

Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 21

TAKING IN CHARGE - THE FORGE ESTATE - LUSK - AI105526

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of The Forge Estate, Lusk and to provide a list of outstanding items to be completed prior to taking in charge?”

Reply:

The developer recently began uploading information relating to this estate for review. While the developer is moving slowly, it is positive that they are engaging and providing information. Once all required documentation is provided and reviewed, the Building Control section will meet the developer on site to walk the estate and identify all works required to bring the estate to the taking in charge standard.

If the developer does not continue to engage consistently, Fingal County Council will consider sequestering the development bond.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 22

TAKING IN CHARGE - RAHENNY PARK ESTATE - LUSK - AI105527

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Rahenny Park Estate, Lusk and to provide a list of outstanding items to be completed prior to taking in charge?”

Reply:

Members of the Building Control team recently met the developer on site to discuss the recommendations of a Road Safety Audit which was completed for the estate. The developer is now in the process of implementing these recommendations. Once this is complete and Building Control is satisfied, the estate can progress to be taken in charge.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 23

REPORT ON THE AMOUNT LEVIED UNDER THE DERELICT SITES ACT IN RUSH AND LUSK - AI105528

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report in tabular format on the total amount levied under the Derelict Sites Act each year since 2020 for Rush and Lusk, the total amount received each year, the current level of arrears since 2020 and the number of properties registered on the Derelicts Sites Register for Rush and Lusk?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council commenced raising derelict sites levies in January 2025. From January 2025 a yearly derelict sites levy has been raised in respect of all urban land on which a market value had been determined and the land stands entered on the Derelict Sites Register on the first day of January of that financial year. The details of these for the Rush and Lusk local electoral area are outlined in the table below:

2025	AREA	No. of Sites	Levy Amount @ 7% Of Market Value	Total Levy Collected
	Rush	1	€98,000	€0
	Lusk	0	€0	-

A total of 6 no. sites in the Rush/Lusk LEA which are currently on the Derelict Sites Register will be levied in January 2026.

Source of Reply: Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 24

ENFORCEMENT NOTICES ON CRECHE SITES - LUSK - AI105529

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report in tabular format showing if any enforcement notices have been issued since 2020 on planning permissions for a number of vacant sites in Lusk that had originally been conditioned as creche sites such as the Forge development, Lusk Village development and Rahenny Park development?”

Reply:

A warning letter, pursuant to Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, was issued on 25th June 2025 in relation to this matter at The Forge, Lusk, Co. Dublin. Investigations remain open and ongoing by the Planning Enforcement section.

Source of Reply:

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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CRECHE SITE LOCATIONS LUSK

Lusk Village Childcare Site - McGarryll Reilly Developer



Rahenny Park Childcare Site

F23A/0183 – Rejected change from Childcare site to Housing



The Forge Childcare Site – Dwyer Nolan Developer



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ITEM NO. 25

BIODIVERSITY TRAIL WITHIN LUSK SPORTS HUB - PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS - AI105531

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for Lusk Tidy Towns to work with the Biodiversity Team in Fingal with the intention of developing a biodiversity trail within Lusk Sports Hub and also connecting Lusk public green spaces and promoting environmental awareness?”

Reply:

The design of the proposed Lusk Recreational Sports Hub includes the use of native & pollinator friendly plant species. A Biodiversity Officer can liaise with Lusk Tidy Towns regarding future ecological works in Rathmore Park and to identify opportunities for local biodiversity improvement activities.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 26

LANEWAYS NOT TAKEN IN CHARGE - CASTLEVIEW ESTATE, SWORDS - AI105555

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to detail why the laneways in Castleview Estate in Swords were not taken in charge during the standard process?”

Reply:

The roads and services in Castleview estate were taken in charge in 2008. The laneways/passageways to the side and rear of houses were not taken in charge. These laneways were not put forward by the developer at the time as they were never intended to be taken in charge.

Source of Reply: Aaron O’Callaghan, Executive Engineer, P&SI

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ITEM NO. 27

TAKING IN CHARGE - COMYN MANOR, SWORDS - AI105556

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Comyn Manor, Swords and to detail any reasons which may cause a delay in the process?”

Reply:

The Building Control section have just recently reviewed the final items of documentation provided by the developer. The taking in charge drawing is currently being finalised and after this, the estate will be advertised and put forward for consideration to be taken in charge. It is anticipated that the estate will be presented for voting on to be taken in charge in Q1 2026.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 28

ONGOING CLOSURE OF PLAYGROUND - SAINT CRONAN'S WELL, SWORDS - AI105557

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Council is aware of the reasons why the playgrounds in Saint Cronan's Well Estate remain closed and if in doing so, the developer is in breach of planning conditions?"

Reply:

The Parks and Green Infrastructure Division has snagged the open space and playgrounds in St. Cronan's Well and has provided this list to the developer. The developer has been contacted again on this matter requesting an update on the required works on the playgrounds as well as an update on when they will be open to the public.

Source of Reply: Gemma Carr, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Division

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ITEM NO. 29

PRIVATE RENTAL INSPECTION IN THIS LEA – AI105558

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to detail in tabular form the number of private rental inspections carried out in this Local Electoral Area and the outcomes relating to same?”

Reply:

According to our records there have been 1637 private rental inspections in this LEA, of which 1371 dwellings were inspected.

AREA Balbriggan, Rush, Lusk, Swords	Dwelling Inspections	Compliant on Inspection	Improvement Letters	Compliant after Improvement Letter	Improvement Notice	Prohibition Notice
Total	1371	29	1329	279	0	0

Source of Reply:

Matthew Farrelly, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 30

HOME BASED MECHANICS OPERATING IN THIS LEA - AI105559

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive, in light of a number of complaints received regarding mechanics operating out of their homes in this Local Electoral Area, to advise on the legislation in relation to this and the implications this has on numerous cars being parked in residential areas?”

Reply:

Under the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Planning Enforcement section can investigate matters of this nature to determine if a breach of the Planning code has occurred. Each enforcement complaint is managed on a case-by-case basis. Warning letters and Enforcement notices are issued in respect of alleged unauthorised development or alleged breaches of Planning Permissions throughout the county. Site inspections by Planning Inspectors are then undertaken to ascertain the enforcement action to be initiated.

Source of Reply:

Fearghal McSweeney. Administrative Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Development

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ITEM NO. 31

NUMBER OF VACANT/UNOCCUPIED SOCIAL HOMES IN SWORDS - AI105561

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the number of vacant or unoccupied social housing units in the Swords Local Electoral Area, detailing the length of time of each vacancy and reasons for delays in re-letting?"

Reply:

There are currently No. 47 vacant units in the Swords Local Electoral Area.

Casual Voids	47
0- 6 months	26
6 – 12 months	10
12 months +	11

Vacant period durations vary for several reasons including timeframes for surrender processes, clearing of belongings, inspections, programming of works, procurement, works duration, remediation, fire damage, utilities, allocation processes, Garda checks and refusals of offers.

Source of Reply: Emma Maxwell Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 32

DOG WARDEN PATROLS IN SWORDS - AI105562

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the regularity of dog warden patrols in the Swords area with a particular focus on Park Avenue Millers Glen/Millers Glen Regional Park?”

Reply:

The Dog Wardens carry out daily patrols at various and differing locations within the Swords area, including Millers Glen, Ward Rivervalley park and Balheary park.

On foot of complaints received, the Dog Wardens are instructed to increase their patrols in particular locations to try and identify breaches of legislation.

Source of Reply:

Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, ECAATS Department

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ITEM NO. 33

LAUNCH OF SWORDS SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH GROUP - AI105564

Question: Councillor J. Smith

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the Swords Substance Abuse and Mental Health Group will be relaunched in light of the increasing need for addiction services within this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

Swords Substance Abuse and Mental Health Group is a current member of Fingal PPN. While the group is not under the remit of Fingal County Council and is a pillar of the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force, the community team in Swords will reach out to the committee to establish what supports are required.

Source of Reply:

Linda Ennis, Principal Community Officer, Housing & Community Development Department

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ITEM NO. 34

INSTALLATION OF DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AND PENCIL BOLLARDS - TAYLOR HILL WALK, BALBRIGGAN - AI105576

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of double yellow lines and pencil bollards along Taylor Hill Walk, Balbriggan, in an effort to prevent the recurring issues of the obstruction of the roadway during school drop off and collection times and concerns raised by residents regarding potential lack of access for emergency services?”

Reply:

St. George’s National School and Coláiste Ghlór na Mara are not currently included in the Safe Routes to School programme managed by An Taisce.

FCC Active Travel maintains a Connectivity Tracker, which evaluates requested works under a number of criteria. This in turn informs future works programmes.

St. George’s National School and Coláiste Ghlór na Mara, Balbriggan will be added to the Active Travel Connectivity Tracker for future assessment.

Source of Reply:

Larry Bergin, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 35

ACQUISITION OF LAND NEAR BALDONGAN GRAVEYARD - AI105577

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to acquire land in the vicinity of Baldongan graveyard as currently there is no possibility of parking safely when visiting the graves of loved ones?"

Reply:

The Council has considered the request for the acquisition of land in the vicinity of Baldongan graveyard for the purposes of providing additional parking. The proposal requires the acquisition of land from private landowners and a funding source to support an acquisition has not been identified.

There are 88 no. plots in Baldongan graveyard, there are no further plots available for sale and the Council has no plans to extend the graveyard to provide additional plots.

The Council will review current parking arrangements at this location for the purpose of identifying any potential improvements that could be made to enhance parking for visitors.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Cultural Development, Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 36

**OWNERSHIP OF DISUSED QUARRY - THOMASTOWN RESERVIOR
- AI105578**

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the ownership of the disused quarry across from the Thomastown reservoir and, if not already in Council ownership, could it be acquired for biodiversity purposes?”

Reply:

Property Services confirm that the land at this location is in the ownership of Fingal County Council.

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department will review the site and consider an ecological study in 2026 to determine the potential use of the site for biodiversity purposes. The Council will provide an update to the Council Members when this is complete.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 37

REPORT ON FLAVOURS OF FINGAL 2026 - AI105592

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the slimmed down Flavours of Fingal 2026 event in Newbridge House, Donabate and to indicate the changes versus 2025 and the corresponding cost reductions?”

Reply:

Following extensive engagements with stakeholders and with Members through various committees, the reorganisation of the Events Programme is well advanced.

The 2026 Events program, including Farming & Food and Equestrian events in Newbridge House, is currently being developed and planned by the Events Team in consultation with stakeholders.

The program will be brought to Members in February 2026.

Source of Reply: Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 38

TIMELINE FOR LOUGHSHINNY PLAYGROUND - AI105596

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the timeline for the Part VIII planning process for the planned playground at Loughshinny and the approximate timeline for delivery of the project?”

Reply:

It is planned to seek statutory planning approval for the playground in the 1st quarter of 2026 and to progress the procurement and development of the play facility immediately thereafter.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 39

UPDATE ON THE EV CHARGING BAYS - SKERRIES MILLS - AI105613

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the status of the planned Electric Vehicle (EV) charging bays at Skerries Mills car park, to indicate a timeline for their installation and commissioning and to indicate if they will be high-powered for faster charging speeds?"

Reply:

We are working with ePower and the ESB to secure the power supplies required to power the fast chargers which will be installed at Skerries Mills. It is anticipated that installation will be Q2 2026. There will be an approximate 6-week lead time between installation and go live. They will be high powered fast chargers.

Source of Reply:
Ronan O'Reilly, Executive Engineer, Environment Department

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ITEM NO. 40

REPORT ON AUDIT OF SPORTS FACILITIES - AI105587

Question: Councillor C. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the Audit of Sports Facilities across the rural areas of this Committee’s Electoral Area?”

Reply:

The final sports Facilities Audit will be presented to members in early 2026. The report will cover the entirety of Fingal County Council and provides insights at settlement (as defined in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029), Local Electoral Area and county levels across five facility categories: Pitch Sports, Indoor Activities, Outdoor Activities, Water Activities and Other Activities.

Source of Reply:

Emily Crawley, Sports Programme Administrative Manager

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ITEM NO. 41

CONSERVATION AND REFURBISHMENT OF THE 1798 MEMORIAL CROSS – OLDTOWN - AI105588

Motion: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to undertake or advise on an appropriate funding stream for the conservation and refurbishment of the 1798 memorial cross located at the Grange on the Oldtown/Ballyboughal Road?"

Report:

There is no specific funding scheme within the Council for the maintenance of commemorative memorials and Fingal's Naming & Commemorative Memorial Policy does look for the cost of ongoing maintenance for new commemorative memorials to be a consideration when proposing a memorial *"7.9 Fingal County Council will not be responsible for future maintenance and upkeep of plaques promoted by a private individual or group and/or erected on privately owned structure/land. The proposers should include details on the provision of ongoing upkeep and maintenance of the memorial."*

The 1798 memorial is one of the older commemorative memorials in Fingal and is a distinctive Celtic Cross on an inscribed base within a low railed enclosure.

The Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2026 offered by the Heritage Council is a potential source of funding (grants between €500 to max €25,000).

Conservation works are eligible under the scheme for buildings, monuments, collections or objects. It also accepts applications for workshops and training events, digital heritage projects, and surveys. Applications will open in early 2026 (Jan/Feb) and information can be found

<https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/funding/heritage-funding-opportunities/community-heritage-grant-scheme>

Fingal's Conservation Office has a Stitch in Time Grant (grants between €100 to max €2,500) is generally for protected structures or buildings within Architectural Conservation Area and would not be for the upkeep of recent commemorative memorials. However, an application could be considered under the scheme for the 1798 memorial subject to a case being made providing a short history of the erection of the cross, an outline of the works required to it and specification for these, along with a quotation. The Stitch in Time Grant is currently open for 2026 applications.

Fingal's Community Activities Funding (max €3000 per group) is linked to activities, rather than conservation/refurbishment.

Source of Report:

Helena Bergin, Senior Executive Architectural Conservation Officer

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ITEM NO. 42

VOLLEYBALL EQUIPMENT FOR DONABATE BEACH - AI105601

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for volleyball equipment to be positioned at Donabate beach, similar to the permanent volleyball equipment that has been a success in Balbriggan?”

Reply:

The permanent volleyball equipment that was installed in Balbriggan was funded through a specific grant funding scheme through Sport Ireland. If the scheme becomes available again, we can look to apply with a view to funding volleyball equipment at Donabate beach.

Source of Reply:
Emily Crawley, Sports Programme Administrative Manager

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THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 43

PAINTING OF COMMUNITY CENTRE IN THE NAUL - AI105607

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to painting the exterior front wall of the community centre in the Naul, which is located near Rooney's Garage and Serenity Beauty?"

Reply:

The Council will carry out an inspection of the front wall of the community centre in the Naul and assess whether any works are required and within the available budget.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 44

UPDATE ON THE CLIFF WALK FROM DONABATE TO TOWER BAY, PORTRANE - AI105608

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the plans to upgrade the cliff walk between Donabate and Tower Bay, Portrane and if this project can be accelerated and considered a priority given the large volume of people throughout Fingal who now regularly use this walkway?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council has appointed a multi-disciplinary consultancy firm to provide engineering services for the initial phases of the Portrane to Donabate cliff walk project. The initial two phases will involve establishing Scope and Purpose for the project followed by Concept Development and Option Selection. Currently, the project is at the Option Selection stage with potential route options being assessed to identify the preferred route alignment. This work is expected to be completed in the coming weeks. The scope of the consultant's current appointment does not include completion of subsequent project phases. Completion of subsequent project phases will be subject to planning approval to proceed, continued funding and further consultancy appointments, as appropriate.

In the meantime, the Operations Department will endeavour to maintain the path surface and associated fencing. It will not be possible to carry out any intermediate

or temporary drainage works as this would involve excavation and earth movement which requires the appropriate planning permissions and AA screening.

Source of Reply:

Ciaran Markey, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 45

UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF RUSH SPORTS HUB - AI105610

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress of the Rush Sports Hub and the next steps regarding this project in the coming months?”

Reply:

The Council is in ongoing discussions with local sports clubs regarding their needs and desires for enhanced local facilities in advance of progressing the design and statutory planning approval process for the proposed Hub. A further briefing meeting with the clubs will be arranged in early 2026.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 46

UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF LUSK SPORTS HUB - AI105611

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Lusk Sports Hub, details on the remaining phases that must be completed and the approximate timeframe for when this hub will be open to the public?”

Reply:

The Lusk Recreational Sports Hub at Rathmore Park is currently at Works Tender Preparation stage and expected to be published in the coming weeks. Subject to the successful completion of the procurement stage and the availability of a contractor, it is expected that works will commence on-site by Q3 2026 and take approximately 12 months to complete.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 47

ACTIVE TRAVEL PLAN -DONABATE PENINSULA - AI105630

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of an Active Travel Plan for the Donabate Peninsula given the growing population and the many projects under consideration, proposed and planned for the area?”

Reply:

The Active Travel Unit and the Planning & Strategic infrastructure dept are currently working on several large projects within the Donabate Peninsula. The Active Travel unit will look at further areas for inclusion with Active Travel plans on future programmes of work as we move forward and secure appropriate funding from the NTA.

Other Plans are being developed with Town First plans, etc, and these are also linked into Active Travel initiatives within any specific area.

Current Projects in the Donabate Peninsula include the following;

- **Donabate to Portrane R126 Walking and Cycling project:**

The Active Travel Unit is currently working on a project to improve walking and cycling infrastructure between Donabate distributor road and Seaview Park in Portrane. This project is at the concept design and options selection stage, and the project team is currently reviewing the options report. We will be liaising with the elected members of this committee regarding the proposals for this project in early 2026. This project will be brought forward to the planning phase in early 2026. Subject to approvals and available funding from the NTA, these works will go forward for construction in 2027.

- **Donabate Permeability Phase 1:**

The Active Travel Unit has recently completed the provision of walking and cycling facilities through the open space in Beaverton and connectivity into Turvey and through the Ballisk Gate and access to the Railway station.

- **Bike Parking:**

The Active Travel unit continued through 2025 with the installation of bike parking facilities throughout the county including the Donabate /Portrane area. These works will continue throughout next year as we receive and evaluate requests and review where the demand continues to grow.

- **Donabate Pedestrian Bridge:**

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department and its appointed contractor, Jons Civil Engineering Limited (JCEL), have completed construction work on the Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge over the Dublin to Belfast railway line. The new bridge opened to the public in October of this year.

The new pedestrian and cycle bridge will facilitate greater connectivity between Newbridge Demesne, Donabate Village and new residential developments on either side of the railway.

- **Donabate Distributor Road Phase 2 and Donabate Active Travel Routes:**

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department has appointed a leading multi-disciplinary consultancy firm, to assist the Council in delivering a number of major projects with the objective of improving transport infrastructure, active travel infrastructure, and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula.

The projects include Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road, which aims to improve access to Donabate and Portrane for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists. A number of potential route options have been assessed, and the emerging preferred route option has now been determined. The emerging preferred route option for Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road went on public display in October and November of this year, with a high level of engagement from members of the public and affected landowners. Fingal County Council will liaise with affected landowners as we progress with work on the preliminary design in the new year.

The projects also include various Active Travel Routes, which aim to provide segregated walking and cycling facilities on a number of routes to increase connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists travelling across the Donabate-Portrane peninsula. Some of these routes will be located on existing roads,

such as: Hearse Road; Main Street; Portrane Road; New Road/Balcarrick Road and the R132 between the M1-Lissenhall Interchange and Blakes Cross Junction.

Other routes will be provided to cater exclusively for pedestrians and cyclists away from existing roads. These include: a new walking and cycling route through Ballymastone to link to the coastal area of Donabate, and; an upgrade of the existing coastal walking and cycling route between Donabate beach and Portrane. The Active Travel Routes are currently at the Option Selection stage with potential route options being assessed to identify the preferred route alignment.

- **Fingal Coastal Way:**

The Fingal Coastal Way is a flagship initiative aimed at delivering a high-quality, safe, and environmentally sensitive coastal walking and cycling route. Once completed, it will connect Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Rush, Loughshinny, Skerries, and Balbriggan.

Following a public consultation on various route options, an Emerging Preferred Route was identified for further consultation and progression to the preliminary design stage.

The P&SI Department are working towards completion of preliminary design phase of the TII funded project.

- **Broadmeadow Way**

Progress on the detailed design phases of the other elements of this project is continuing.

A stage 1 Tender assessment has been completed in advance of a 2-stage tender process to establish a framework for works contractors for the various landward works contracts. The landward elements of the Broadmeadow Way in Donabate i.e. from Newbridge Demesne, through Kilcrea lands to the east side of Corballis railway underpass will be delivered through this framework.

Construction of this environmentally and technically challenging project has been divided into different works packages which will be delivered in stages:

Construction of the Broadmeadow Estuary Bridge took place in 2024. Works are complete.

The tender for the construction of the greenway along the Northern Causeway is being finalised and this will be issued during 2025. It is expected that construction of the Northern Causeway will not be completed until 2027

Construction of the greenway along the Southern Causeways will commence during the summer months of 2026.

Construction of the Donabate landward works will take place during 2026 and 2027.

Due to the seasonal constraints of working within the estuary, along with the technical challenges of building on the Northern Causeway, it is expected that the opening of the Broadmeadow Way will be in 2027.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris: Senior Executive Engineer: Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Department

Ciaran Markey: A/Senior Executive Engineer: Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 48

PRIMARY CARE CENTRE- DONABATE - AI105631

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on discussions with the HSE regarding the provision of a Primary Care Centre for Donabate and to include details of the site and timeline for the delivery of this project?”

Reply:

The Council meets regularly with HSE officials in respect of the HSE’s requirements for site for health services in the county and any HSE owned properties or land that may be available for acquisition by the Council.

The Council will raise the matter of a Primary Care Centre for Donabate at its next scheduled meeting with the HSE and request an update on the project for circulation to the Elected Members.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 49

UPGRADE OF TURVEY AVENUE, DONABATE - AI105632

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to upgrading Turvey Avenue Donabate to include the provision of lights and pedestrian and cycle paths given the increasing population?”

Reply:

The County Development plan (CDP) sets out proposed road schemes across the County. The Donabate Distributor Road Phase 2 is set out as an objective in the CDP and included in the Capital works programme, as in the proposed upgrade of Blakes Cross. Both projects are currently undertaken by the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department, with resources being focused on these schemes.

The upgrade of Turvey Avenue Donabate to include the provision of lights and pedestrian and cycle path is not currently included in the CDP as an objective nor in the Capital works programme, and as such, the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department are not proposing to undertake this scheme.

Source of Reply: Linda Lally, A/Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 50

ACQUISITION OF MARTELLO TOWER – BALCARRICK DONABATE - AI105633

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to acquiring the Martello Tower in Balcarrick in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage given that it is a recorded national monument and heritage site with huge historical importance to Donabate and wider Fingal area?”

Reply:

The Council recognises the historical value and significance of the Martello Tower in Balcarrick, Donabate.

The Council is consulting with internal stakeholders on the future potential of the Martello Tower, considering the site constraints, the Council’s strategic priorities as set out in the capital programme and the availability of funding whether from DHLGH or other potential funder.

The Council will continue to monitor potential funding streams from central government, as the acquisition and development of the property is contingent upon the availability of funding from a suitable source.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 51

DONABATE LOCAL AREA PLAN - AI105636

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the Council's obligations in respect of the objectives and facilities outlined in the statutory Donabate Local Area Plan 2016-2026 given that this plan is due to lapse in March 2026 and will be downgraded to an advisory document in nature?”

Reply:

The Donabate Local Area Plan was adopted in 2016 and extended to 2026 in 2021. The Donabate LAP provides a long term framework for development for the area in conjunction with the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029.

On its expiration the Donabate Local Area Plan, the Development Plan will form the statutory basis on which applications will be assessed. The Local Area Plan will continue form a framework for development in the area and Fingal County Council will continue to seek the implementation of the policies and objectives of the Plan.

Source of Reply:

Róisín Burke, Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 52

TAKING IN CHARGE - PALMER AVENUE, RUSH - AI105637

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the taking in charge of Palmer Avenue Estate in Rush and to include a timeline for the completion of same?”

Reply:

Building Control has recently appointed consulting engineers to bring developments throughout the county, including Palmer Avenue, to the taking in charge standard. Information is currently being collated and provided to the consultants so that they can begin their review and snag Palmer Avenue at the start of 2026.

Once the estate has been snagged, the consultant will then procure a contractor to carry out the works, and it is anticipated that works can then commence in Q1/Q2 2026.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 53

LANDS ADJACENT TO MARTIN’S LANE, DONABATE – AI105639

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline what plans, if any, are under consideration for lands in Council ownership adjacent to Martin’s Lane, off the Portrane Road, Donabate?”

Reply:

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department has appointed a leading multi-disciplinary consultancy firm, to assist the Council in delivering a number of major projects with the objective of improving transport infrastructure, active travel infrastructure, and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula.

The projects include various Active Travel Routes, which aim to provide segregated walking and cycling facilities on a number of routes to increase connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists travelling across the Donabate-Portrane peninsula. One of these routes will be located on Portrane Road and Martin’s Lane in order to improve connectivity for people walking and cycling to the Donabate Distributor Road and the planned Ballymastone Recreational Hub. This project is currently at Option Selection Stage.

The wetland between Martins lane and the Donabate Distributor road is to be restored in 2026 by the Biodiversity team.

Source of Reply:

Ciaran Markey: A/Senior Executive Engineer: Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

Hans Visser, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, PSI

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ITEM NO. 54

SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING R132, BLAKES CROSS/R129- AI105641

Question: Councillor Paul Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise on what immediate measures could be taken to introduce effective traffic calming and to provide a safe pedestrian crossing, suitable for children, on the R132 at Blake’s Cross near the R129 junction?”

Reply:

The Active Travel unit completed new walking and cycling infrastructure in 2024 along the R132 from Blakes Cross north to Quickpenny Lane which included works at the junction of the R132 and the R129.

These works included traffic calming measures and amendments to the speed limits along the R132. Traffic islands were introduced at various intervals along the route to provide for safe refuge for vulnerable road users who wished to cross the road at various intervals and control traffic speeds.

Fingal County Council is not aware of any significant change in the usage of this road network. The design aligns with all current codes and standards and has been through a number of independent road safety audits.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 55

R132 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REFUGE ISLAND - AI105642

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to confirm why the previously proposed pedestrian safety refuge island, near the R129 junction, as shown on the approved R132 Blake’s Cross to Minister’s Road, Lusk Protected Cycle Lanes scheme was removed or not implemented?”

Reply:

The refuge island close to the Junction of the R129 and the R132 north of Blakes Cross was not included due to the layout of the road and the restrictions it imposed for larger vehicles turning in or out of the R129 onto the R132. This was highlighted in the detailed design process, and the necessary changes were made to the design at that stage.

Source of Reply: Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 56

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT - THE BURROW PORTRANE - AI105647

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of planning enforcement cases currently being investigated in and around the Burrow, Portrane and the steps being taken to progress these enforcement cases?”

Reply:

The Planning Enforcement section is actively pursuing enforcement matters in the Burrow, Portrane area.

There are currently 19 ongoing investigations in this area at various stages of the Planning Enforcement process. 19 warning letters and 8 Enforcement Notices have been issued. 5 files have been referred to the Law Department, with legal proceedings ongoing on one file and concluded in favour of the Council on 4 files with only the discharging of costs remaining outstanding.

Source of Reply:

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 57a

FOREST LITTLE ROAD & BARBERSTOWN ROAD, SWORDS

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

Statutory Notice has been given in the press of the Council's intention to consider the making of a declaration that the road set out hereunder be public roads. No objections have been received and it is recommended that the road be taken in charge.

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1808

Taking In Charge – Forrest Little Road & Barberstown Road TIC.

DED: Swords, TL: Swords.

Road Name		Length	Description
Naul Road, Forrest Little Road,		1454m	From the junction of Cloghran Roundabout, turn onto Naul Road and head West for 1454m To the junction of Forrest Road,
		82.7m	Turn right onto Forrest Road and head North for 82.7m to end of TIC.
		997m	From the junction of Forrest Road and Naul Road turn right and head West for 997m to the R108 roundabout,
		99.8m	Take the second exit and head North for 99.8m to end of TIC.

Dunbro Lane & Kilreesk Road,		2266m	From the junction of Naul Road and the R108 roundabout take the first exit and head West for 2266m to the junction Dunbro Lane and Kilreesk Road.
		450m	From the junction of Dunbro Lane and Kilreesk Road turn right and head North for 450m To end of TIC.
		123m	From the junction of Dunbro Lane and Kilreesk Road continue West for 123m to end of TIC.
Dunbro Lane,		Total= 5472.5m	

Road Name	Length	Description
Kinsealy Manor	62m	From the junction of Chapel Road and Kinsealy Manor, turn right and head South for 30m, turn right and head west for 62m, turn left and head South for 55m, turn left and head East for 58m to outside No.30.
	30m	
	62m	
	55m	
	58m	
	70m	From outside No.27 Kinsealy Manor head South for 70m, turn left 40m, turn left at No.15 Kinsealy Manor and head North for 48m, turn left and head East for 56m.
	40m	
	48m	
	56m	
Gandon Lane	65m	From outside No.15 Kinsealy Manor head East for 65m, turn left onto Gandon Lane and head North for 92m to end of Junction at Chapel Road.
	92m	
Beechwood Road	130m	From outside No.11 Beechwood Road, head East for 130m, turn left and head North for 55m, turn left and head West for 123m to outside No.12 and end of junction.
	55m	
	123m	
	25m	Outside No.3 Beechwood, head North for 25m to end of junction.
	30m	From outside No.10 Beechwood, head North for 30m to junction of Chapel Road,
	Total= 1001m	

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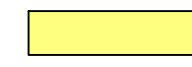
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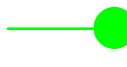
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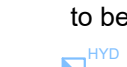
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Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.



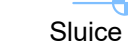
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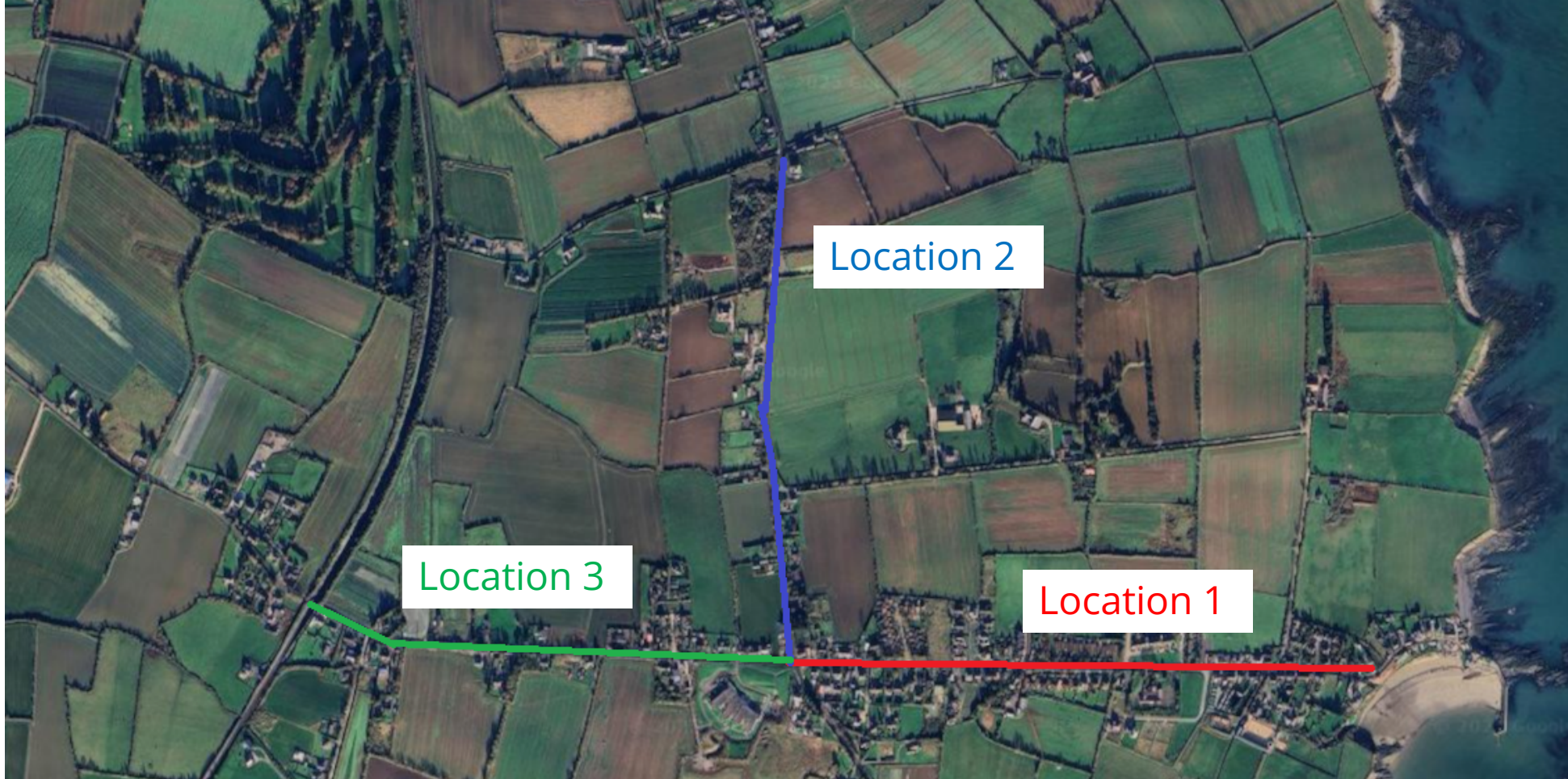
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LOUGHSHINNY



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LOCATION 1 - LOUGHSHINNY HARBOUR TO R128



- **Current**

- Varying cross sections
- Footpaths for some parts

- **Challenges**

- Residential properties both sides
- Environmental Concerns
- Utilise poles and drainage

- **Possible Intervention**

- Traffic Calming
- Road Markings and Signage
- Quiet Streets / Low Traffic neighbourhoods





LOCATION 2 - R128 TOWARDS SKERRIES

- **Current**

- Regional Road
- Narrow pinch points along the route

- **Challenges**

Narrow Bridge

Large level difference between carriageway and adjoining lands

- Mature Hedgerows along boundary at many locations
- Substantial land take required.
- Limitations due to Environmental issues, land requirements and Costs.
- **Conclusion & Recommendation.**
- Major Capital scheme required.



LOCATION 3 - R128 TO BALDONGAN



- **Current**

- Footpath along first part of the route
- Mainly residential on southern side and agricultural on northern side

- **Challenges**

- Narrow carriageway
- Utility Poles and wires
- Narrow cross section at railway bridge
- Limitations due to Environmental issues, land requirements and Costs.
- Railway crossing.

- **Conclusion & Recommendation**

- Major Capital scheme required.





Thank You

Go raibh maith agaibh

Any Questions?

From: councilmeetings <councilmeetings@water.ie>
Sent: 05 November 2025 11:46
To: Corporate Services <Corporate.Services@fingal.ie>
Cc: councilmeetings <councilmeetings@water.ie>
Subject: NoM M71 WW Capacity and meeting request

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Dear Liz,

I am writing to you today regarding your correspondence on behalf of the Members of Fingal Council, regarding the following: "That the Chief Executive write to Uisce Éireann requesting a comprehensive report on the water infrastructure capacity of this Committee's area, detailing the number of domestic connections which Uisce Éireann advise are available for connection to their systems up to 2029."

Your Uisce Éireann reference number for same was 40789.

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

As part of Uisce Eireann's commitment to support growth and development, we publish annual water supply and wastewater treatment capacity registers on our website to inform forward planning activities, by indicating the ability of the Uisce Éireann treatment and production infrastructure to accommodate growth, estimated using a standardised methodology.

Capacity registers for treatment plants in Fingal are up to date on our website and valid at time of publication. It's important to note however that the capacity available in supplies and at treatment plants changes regularly based upon changing demand or loads received from new and existing customers. Our registers are an indication of available capacity based on available information at the date of issue and are subject to change. Capacity registers should not be taken as confirmation that capacity is available for a particular development.

In all instances any person or developer considering progressing a development should immediately contact the Uisce Eireann Connection and Developer Services team who will provide an up-to-date view and greater level of detail in relation to the availability of capacity in an area. It is also important to understand that capacity registers provide water supply or wastewater treatment capacity information only and do not provide an indication of network capacity. In cases where a new development is planned, upgrades to the water or wastewater network in that area may be required. Uisce Eireann can assess whether the network can support a new development during the connections application process.

All relevant information on the Pre-Connection Enquiry and Connection Application process is available on the Uisce Eireann website. All new Connections are subject to Uisce Éireann's Connections Charging Policy and at all times the issue of a connection offer is a matter for

the discretion of Uisce Éireann. Given the wide range of factors that influence the nature and pace of growth in any given area, it is not possible to predict the exact type of development that will happen in the coming years or the specific combination of domestic and non-domestic demand for water supply and wastewater treatment in Fingal. For that reason and the reasons outlined above we cannot give a figure for the number of domestic connections that can be made up to 2029. Uisce Eireann is fully committed to working with all stakeholders to provide the necessary water and wastewater infrastructure to support housing and growth aligned to government targets up to 2030 and beyond.

Uisce Eireann attended a workshop for all Councillors in Fingal County Council in January 2025 where an detailed update was provided on upgrades to water and wastewater infrastructure in Fingal and the Greater Dublin Area.

This is part of a series of annual water services workshops which Uisce Eireann is delivering in each local authority.

Outside of this annual engagement with Councillors, ongoing updates on specific projects are available on our website and are also provided through direct emails from project teams to stakeholders and elected representatives and through press releases to local media at key project milestone.

Any questions from Councillors in relation to specific projects can be submitted at any time through our local representative support desk.

Uisce Eireann has submitted its next Capital Investment Plan to 2030 for consideration to our economic regulator the CRU (Commission for Regulation of Utilities) to set out how we plan to meet the objectives of the governments water services policy statement across a range of priorities.

Recognising the specific need to support the governments commitments in relation to housing delivery, Uisce Eireann is also working on a separate proposal for additional government funding to specifically support housing and growth which will be submitted to government in the coming months.

"We would like to thank you for your correspondence, I trust that this update provides clarity to both you and your (District) members.

Should you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us on the details below.

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

Regards,

John

John Noone

LRSD / ERSD Analyst

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12th November 2025

Ref: ACM/BRLS/55/March2025

Dear Ms O hAodha,

I refer to your correspondence dated 8th of April and 2nd of July 2025 in relation to a motion which was adopted at the March meeting of the Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk/ Swords Area Committee.

Please note we have received a record number of public representative queries and Parliamentary Questions in the first half of this year which has led to a delay in responses to some queries. I therefore apologise for the lengthy delay in responding to this particular matter.

On receipt of your correspondence, we raised this particular matter with Go Ahead Ireland. They have confirmed that the Mourne View Road is required to turn back buses operating the 33a route, which terminates in Skerries. This is not a new arrangement. There is no suitable alternative turnaround facility available in this area.

I trust that the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Creegan

Hugh Creegan,
Chief Executive (Interim).

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THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 61

ACCESS TO KNOCKSEDAN FROM USHER'S LAKE - AI105580

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

"That the Chief Executive provide a timeline for the re-opening of access to Knocksedan via Usher's Lake, including the opening of both Ó' Ceallaigh Bridge and the smaller boardwalk which was recently removed in mysterious circumstances."

Report:

Following the acquisition by the Council in recent years of sections of the Ward River Valley around Usher's Lake, works have been progressing on the restoration of a number of historic features including the long established path network in this part of the valley and vulnerable structures associated with the lake and Brackenstown Walled Garden. These repair and restoration works are exempted development under planning regulations for public park works.

This work is being undertaken in parallel with the preparation of the Ward River Regional Park Development Plan which will require statutory planning approval. Part of the historic path network and related structures are located on privately owned lands and the works in this area were progressed by agreement with the owner. This in turn improved access for the public and access for the Council to undertake some of the other restoration works.

A number of months ago a boardwalk section was installed by the Council with the agreement of the landowner on the pathway section located on privately owned

land. In recent weeks, the boardwalk deck has been removed by unknown persons making this section of the pathway less accessible to the public. The Council has written to the landowner seeking permission to reinstate the boardwalk and offering to meet to discuss any relevant issues. A response to this request is awaited and pending this, it is not possible for the Council to intervene further. The members will be kept informed of any developments in relation to this matter.

Source of Report: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 62

INVESTIGATION INTO OLD GRAVEYARD - CLOGHRAN, SWORDS- AI104951

Motion: Councillor D. Kelly

“That the Chief Executive arrange for an investigation to be carried out into the graveyard behind the Coachman's Inn as residents in the area are concerned that there are plans for a hotel to be built in the vicinity of the graveyard.”

Report:

Planning permission F25A/0209E for a hotel to the rear of Coachman's Inn was granted on 15th October 2025. As per the internal consultee report, the subject site has been previously developed and is located on much lower ground on the other side of Stockhole Lane where historic maps show the presence of quarries. As such, there is no perceived impact on the church and graveyard (DU014-009001/2).

Source of Report: Christine Baker, Heritage Officer, P&SI

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ITEM NO. 63

Foirgneamh Scoile Bhuan Nua do Ghaelscoil Ros Eó - AI105081

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

“Go scríobhfaidh an Príomhfheidhmeannach chuig an Roinn Oideachais maidir le stádas reatha foirgneamh scoile buan nua do Ghaelscoil Ros Eó.”

“That the Chief Executive write to the Department of Education regarding the current status of a new permanent school building for Gaelscoil Ros Eó”

Report:

“Má ghlactar leis an Rún, cuirfear na téarmaí atá ann ar aghaidh chuig an Roinn Oideachais, agus nuair a gheofar freagra cuirfear an Coiste Ceantair ar an eolas.”

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

Source of Report:

Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 64

EXISTING OR PROPOSED RING-ROADS - SWORDS - AI105269

Motion: Councillor D. Butler

“That the Chief Executive report on and provide maps regarding existing or proposed ring-roads around Swords from Lissenhall to the Brackenstown Road and the Naul Road and Knocksedan on the southern side and to include any proposals for an improved road network around the Naul Road and Knocksedan.”

Report:

The County Development Plan (CDP) sets out proposed road schemes across the County. In the Swords Area the CDP lists the Swords Western Distributor Road and the Swords outer relief road. Both indicative road alignments are shown on Map 8 of the CDP. https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2023-08/Sheet8%20Swords%202023%20-%202029_0.pdf

The Swords Outer Relief road is not included in the Capital works programme and as such the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department are not commencing this project.

The Swords western Distributor Road is included in the Capital Works Programme and the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department have recently appointed consultants and have commenced work on the first phase of the scheme, namely from Millers Glen to Lissenhall and the R132.

Source of Report: Linda Lally, A/Senior Engineer, P & SI

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ITEM NO. 65

INITIATE MEETING BETWEEN THE COUNCIL THE NTA AND IARNRÓD ÉIREANN - AI105532

Motion: Councillor M. Boland

“That the Chief Executive initiate contact with both the NTA and Iarnród Éireann about road improvement works outside the Rush/Lusk train station on foot of receiving the letter from the NTA to Councillor Mark Boland, (see letter attached), where they stated they are willing to engage with the Council and Iarnród Éireann on this future project.”

Report:

Irish Rail has an objective to make improvements to the junction of the eastern carpark as part of the Dart Coastal North Railway Order. No works are proposed to the junction with the western carpark. The planned works will result in a safer access and egress and will include an offline relocated bus stop and new footpaths. The new access road will be perpendicular to the main road, R128, and will be moved further away from the existing railway overbridge and will have improved visibility for exiting the car park. FCC will engage with the NTA and Iarnród Éireann regarding the junction at the western carpark.

Source of Report: Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, PSI

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Ciara O'hAodha, Senior Executive Officer,
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3 October 2025

Ref: Motion in relation to the entrance to the Rush and Lusk Train Station

Dear Ms. hAodha,

I refer to your correspondence dated 15 October 2025 in relation to a motion passed at a recent meeting of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee meeting regarding the entrance to the Rush and Lusk train station.

The resolution of the issues with the vehicular entrance to the Rush and Lusk train station is primarily a road realignment project, which would involve land acquisition. It is not a project that the NTA could take the lead on, given our particular remit.

However, I confirm that we are willing to engage with other parties – Fingal County Council and Iarnród Éireann – as required, in the event that the road project is being progressed.

I trust that the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Creegan

Hugh Creegan,
Chief Executive (Interim).

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ITEM NO. 67

REPORT ON PROGRESS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF SÉAMUS ENNIS CENTRE, NAUL - AI105575

Motion: Councillor C. Boland

“That the Chief Executive present a report on the progress made, to date, for the further development of the Séamus Ennis Centre in terms of a playground and further expansion of the Centre and if the Architects brief will include facilities appropriate to the community needs of Naul residents.”

Report:

Works are ongoing on the development of Naul Village Park which is located to the rear of the Seamus Ennis Centre. The Park includes a major new playground themed to reflect its location beside the Centre. Other amenities in the Park include a Community Garden, Car Park, extensive amenity planting and accessible path linking the park to the Seamus Ennis Centre. It is currently anticipated that the park will be completed in mid 2026.

As regards possible centre development and expansion, an integrated design team will conduct measured surveys, a full condition report on the existing Seamus Ennis Arts complex, and concepts for the redevelopment of the site including neighbouring lands and outbuildings. It is anticipated that the findings will be delivered in Q3 providing the basis for a feasibility assessment.

Source of Report: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Parks & Green Infrastructure. Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Cultural Development. Pat Boyle, Senior Architect, Architects Department.

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ITEM NO. 68

MEETING TO PROVIDE UPDATE ON ST. ITA'S CAMPUS - AI105594

Motion: Councillor E. Dockrell

"That the Chief Executive arrange a meeting between local Councillors and Council Officials to provide an update on the St. Ita's Campus Masterplan, which would enable local Councillors to have an input from the outset of this project and provide feedback on the views of the local community."

Report:

A consultant team has been appointed to prepare an updated Feasibility Study for St. Ita's Hospital lands, Portrane, Co. Dublin. The interdisciplinary team led by Deloitte includes experts in the field of project management, quantity surveying, conservation architecture and urban design.

This feasibility study will consider the appropriate, viable and sustainable use of the protected structures (and other important structures within the study area), together with measures to ensure the ongoing future maintenance, management and conservation of these structures and the wider St. Ita's Demesne lands.

The updated feasibility study will make recommendations for the formulation of a framework (or masterplan) which would inform how the options tabled within the study would be brought forward.

An update on the Study for the members can be facilitated in the New Year.

Source of Report: Róisín Burke, Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept.

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ITEM NO. 70

Foirgneamh Scoile Bhuan nua do Ghaelscoil na Mara - AI105082

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

“Go scríobhfaidh an Príomhfheidhmeannach chuig an Roinn Oideachais maidir le stádas reatha foirgneamh scoile buan nua do Ghaelscoil na Mara, Domhnach Bat.”

“That the Chief Executive writes to the Department of Education regarding the current status of a new permanent school building for Gaelscoil na Mara, Donabate.”

Report:

“Má ghlactar leis an Rún, cuirfear na téarmaí atá ann ar aghaidh chuig an Roinn Oideachais, agus nuair a gheofar freagra cuirfear an Coiste Ceantair ar an eolas.”

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

Source of Report:

Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 71

Uisce Éireann Issues at Knocksedan Estate – AI105254A

Motion: Councillor D.J. Kelly

“That the Chief Executive write to Uisce Éireann to advise on what specific issues remain outstanding in relation to the final connections in Knocksedan Estate.”

Report:

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

Source of Report:

Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 72

CONNECTION OF PATHWAY - WARD VALLEY PARK/KNOCKSEDAN - AI105270

Motion: Councillor D. Butler

“That the Chief Executive report on the proposed pedestrian/Active-Travel bridge across the Ward Valley Park and if the woodland pathway leading to this bridge can connect to the estate of Knocksedan (that would provide a much safer pathway than having to go through the valley).”

Report:

It is planned that the proposed Brackenstown Bridge will provide a walking & cycling link from the River Valley area of Swords on the Southern side of the Ward River to Swords Manor on the Northern side of the valley. An options assessment for the location of this bridge has been undertaken followed by site investigations and the preparation of a preliminary design for the bridge which will be subject to further environmental assessment.

Brackenstown Bridge is being planned and designed as an integral part of the Ward River Valley Regional Park Development Plan and statutory planning approval for the bridge will be sought as part of this plan. Links to the bridge on both sides of the Valley will be included in the Park Development Plan and will provide connections to residential areas on both sides of the Valley.

Source of Report: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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