

Comhairle Contae Fingal Fingal County Council

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

Thursday, 12th February, 2026

PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Boland, Mark
Butler, Darragh
Corkery, Luke
Dockrell, Eoghan
Johnston, Corina
Kelly, Darren
Maguire, Grainne

Councillors:

Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Leary, Tom
Quinn, Malachy
Smyth, John
Ryan, Brendan

Apologies were received from the following Councillors: James Humphreys

The Area Chair, Councillor Luke Corkery, presided

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mary T. Daly (Director of Services), Brian Murray (Senior Executive Officer), Declan Ryan (Senior Executive Officer), Linda Lally (Senior Engineer), Carmel Brennan (Senior Architect), Linda Ennis (Principle Community Officer), Breffni O'Rourke (Administrative Officer), Natalie Dineen (Administrative Officer), Emma Court (Cycling and Walking Officer) Gerard Curley (Senior Executive Engineer), Rafe Costigan (Senior Community Officer) Caitriona Geraghty (Sports Development Officer), Michael Campbell (Senior Staff Officer), Mary O'Reilly (Senior Staff Officer), David Daly (Assistant Staff Officer), Linda Fanning (Clerical Officer) Jack O'Grady (Clerical Officer)

BSB/41/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday the 15th January 2026.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor C. Boland and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 15th January 2026 be **ADOPTED**.”

BSB/42/26 (Agenda Item No)
QUESTIONS

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan and **RESOLVED** -

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 56 inclusive be **ADOPTED**.”

BSB/43/26 (Agenda Item No 2)
Councillor C. Johnston - Engagement with other Local Authorities - AI106026

BSB/44/26 (Agenda Item No 3)
Councillor C. Johnston - Pedestrian and Cycle Path to Rush and Lusk Train Station - AI106637

BSB/45/26 (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Upgrade at Blake's Cross Junction, Lusk - AI106638

BSB/46/26 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Wildlife, Education and Rehabilitation Centre - Turvey Nature Reserve, Donabate - AI106639

BSB/47/26 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Portrane Road Enhancement Scheme - AI106644

BSB/48/26 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor C. Johnston - Local Transport Plan - Rush - AI106689

BSB/49/26 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor C. Johnston - Update on St. Ita's Hospital Site, Portrane - AI106690

BSB/50/26 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor P. Mulville - Donabate Distributor Road Phase 1 - AI106121

BSB/51/26 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor P. Mulville - Taking into Maintenance Documents - Donabate Distributor Road Phase 1 - AI106122

BSB/52/26 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor P. Mulville - Timeline for Portrane Cliff Walk Completion - AI106702

BSB/53/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Coastal Erosion and Flooding Works - Portrane, Donabate - AI106703

BSB/54/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor P. Mulville - Opening of Broadmeadow Way Cycle and Pedestrian Link - Donabate to Malahide - AI106704

BSB/55/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor P. Mulville - "My Open Library" Service - Donabate Library - AI106705

BSB/56/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Purchase of Martello Tower, Donabate - AI106706

BSB/57/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor L. Corkery - Study of Flora and Fauna - Ward River Valley Park, Swords - AI106177

BSB/58/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Upgrade of Church Road Junction, Swords - AI106178

BSB/59/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor L. Corkery - Report on Active Travel Upgrades - Seatown Road, Swords - AI106181

BSB/60/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor L. Corkery - Report on All-Weather Pitch Project - Swords Celtic - AI106182

BSB/61/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Short-Term Pedestrian Connectivity - Knocksedan, Swords - AI106361

BSB/62/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor L. Corkery - Safe Routes to Schools in Swords - AI106364

BSB/63/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Rolestown Green Space - AI106394

BSB/64/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor M. Quinn - Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Audit in this LEA - AI106186

BSB/65/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Boiler Maintenance in this LEA - AI106187

BSB/66/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor D. Butler - Update on Properties - Abbeylea Green, Swords - AI106307

BSB/67/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor D. Butler - Lord Mayor's Development Connectivity Timeline - AI106658

BSB/68/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor T. Murphy - Housing Voids in this LEA - AI106323

BSB/69/26 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor T. Murphy - Access and Egress to the Green in Balrothery, Balbriggan.

BSB/70/26 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor T. Murphy - Implementation of Safe Routes to School Programme - St. Oliver Plunkett's N.S. Balrothery

BSB/71/26 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor G. Maguire - Update on Structural Works - Balbriggan Library - AI106613

BSB/72/26 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor J. Smyth - Active Travel and Pedestrian Safety Measures - Applewood Educate Together and Community Centre, Swords - AI106542

BSB/73/26 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor J. Smyth - Pedestrian Safety Concerns - Hearse Road, Donabate - AI106604

BSB/74/26 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor J. Smyth - Taking in Charge of Roads Operated by the Dublin Airport Authority - AI106605

BSB/75/26 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor J. Smyth - Arcades/Casinos Operating Outside of Approved Hours in this LEA - AI106607

BSB/76/26 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Renaming of the Donabate Distributor Road - AI106556

BSB/77/26 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Location for Lusk Men's Shed and Lusk ICA - AI106615

BSB/78/26 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Linear Park Cycle Lane Project - Rush - AI106621

BSB/79/26 (Agenda Item No 38)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Upgrade of Blake's Cross Junction, Lusk - AI106622

BSB/80/26 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Sports Hub - Rush Boxing Club - AI106623

BSB/81/26 (Agenda Item No 40)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Primary Care Centre Location - Donabate and Portrane - AI106700

BSB/82/26 (Agenda Item No 41)
Councillor D. Kelly - Ownership of GAA Football Pitch - Saint Finian's Community College, Swords - AI106647

BSB/83/26 (Agenda Item No 42)
Councillor D. Kelly - Update on Well Protection - Lord Mayor's Site, Swords - AI106649

BSB/84/26 (Agenda Item No 43)
Councillor B. Ryan - Disposal of Murtagh's of Ballough, Lusk - AI106665

BSB/85/26 (Agenda Item No 44)
Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Phase 1 of Fingal Coastal Way - Balbriggan to Skerries - AI106697

BSB/86/26 (Agenda Item No 45)
Councillor B. Ryan - Fingal Coastal Way impact on Bus Routes - AI106698

BSB/87/26 (Agenda Item No 46)
Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - The Forge Estate, Lusk - AI106676

BSB/88/26 (Agenda Item No 47)
Councillor M. Boland - Undergrounding of Overhead Cables on Rush Main Street - AI106677

BSB/89/26 (Agenda Item No 48)
Councillor M. Boland - Update on the Provision of the Proposed Rush Sports Hub - AI106678

BSB/90/26 (Agenda Item No 49)
Councillor M. Boland - Update on the Proposed New Junction at Blake's Cross, Lusk - AI106680

BSB/91/26 (Agenda Item No 50)
Councillor M. Boland - E-Car Public Charging Spaces on Main Street in Rush and Main Street in Lusk - AI106681

BSB/92/26 (Agenda Item No 51)
Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - Páirc Na Bláthanna Estate - Rush - AI106682

BSB/93/26 (Agenda Item No 52)
Councillor M. Boland - Update on the Opening of Rogerstown Park - AI106683

BSB/94/26 (Agenda Item No 53)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Commencement Date for Woodside Development, Swords.

BSB/95/26 (Agenda Item No 54)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Commencement of the R132 Connectivity Project

BSB/96/26 (Agenda Item No 55)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Assessment of Traffic Impacts of the R132 Connectivity Project and MetroLink Works.

BSB/97/26 (Agenda Item No 56)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Acquisition of Footpath and Bridge - Knocksedan/Ward River Valley Park, Swords

BSB/98/26 (Agenda Item No 57)
Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor M. Boland and AGREED:

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

BSB/99/26 (Agenda Item No 57b)
Applications for Sports Funding

It was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor J. Smyth and AGREED:

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

BSB/100/26 (Agenda Item No 58)
Proposed Construction of a 13-unit Crisis Accommodation with Associated Staff and Support Accommodation at 30 Clonard Street, Balbriggan (PARTXI/008/25)

Ms. Carmel Brennan, Senior Architect, Ms. Liberty Finnegan, Ms. Emma Reidy and Mr. Aonghus McCarthy presented a report on the Proposed Construction of a 13-unit Crisis Accommodation with Associated Staff and Support Accommodation at 30 Clonard Street, Balbriggan and following discussion the report was Agreed.

BSB/101/26 (Agenda Item No 59)
Proposed Disposals

a Notice of Proposed Disposal of Land and Grant of Wayleave at North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks.

The Report was Noted.

b Notice of Proposed Disposal of Land and Grant of Wayleave at Crowcastle Green, Swords, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks.

The Report was Noted.

c Notice of Proposed Grant of a Non-exclusive Right of Way at Thomondtown, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Donal Butterly and Ann Marie Butterly.

The Report was Noted.

BSB/102/26 (Agenda Item No 60)

Quay Street and Environs, Traffic Management Scheme – Section 38 Non-Statutory Public Consultant Recommendations

Mr. Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Breffni O'Rourke, Administrative Officer and Ms. Naomi Devine and Mr. Robert Kelly, consultants from DBFL gave a presentation on Quay Street and Environs, Traffic Management Scheme – Section 38 Non-Statutory Public Consultant Recommendations. Following a discussion the presentation was Noted.

BSB/103/26 (Agenda Item No 61)

Quiet Streets Applications 2026

Ms. Emma Court, Cycling and Walking Officer gave a presentation on Quiet Streets Applications 2026, Following a discussion the presentation was Noted.

BSB/104/26 (Agenda Item No 62)

Update from Local Link regarding Councillor C. Boland Motion - Presentation from Management of Rural Link Bus Service - AI098714

Mr Richard Sheehy, Manager of TFI Local Link Louth, Meath, Fingal gave a presentation of the Management of Rural Link Bus Services. Following a discussion the presentation was Noted.

BSB/105/26 (Agenda Item No 63)

Correspondence

a E-mail Dated 14th January 2026 from Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion regarding Councillor D. Mulligan Motion - Special School Places in this LEA - AI100551

The Correspondence from the Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion was NOTED.

- b** **E-mail Dated 16th January 2026 from the Minister for Education and Youth regarding Councillor P. Mulville Motion - Foirgneamh Scoile Bhuan Nua do Ghaelscoil Ros Eó - AI105081**

The Correspondence from the Minister for Education and Youth was NOTED.

- c** **E-mail Dated 16th January 2026 from Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion regarding Councillor C. Boland Motion - School Transport Service for Lusk Community College - AI101962**

The Correspondence from the Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion was NOTED.

- d** **E-mail dated 28th January 2026 from the Minister for Education and Youth regarding Councillor E. Dockrell Motion - Update on Progress of Schools - Ballalease North Site, Donabate - AI101937**

The Correspondence from the Minister for Education and Youth was NOTED.

BSB/106/26 (Agenda Item No 64)

Councillor L. Corkery - Construction of Pedestrian Footpath - Jugback Lane, Swords
- AI106359

The Motion in the name of Councillor L. Corkery was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor J. Newman

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and the report was ACCEPTED without discussion.

BSB/107/26 (Agenda Item No)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was AGREED to suspend Standing Orders to deal with an Emergency Motion in the name of Councillors L. Corkery, D. Butler, J. Humphreys, D. Kelly, D. Mulligan, J. Newman, J. Smyth, which was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

To Read:

That this Area Committee - while recognising the importance of projects to be imminently undertaken in Swords by the Planning, Transport and Strategic Infrastructure Department including the R132 Connectivity Project, Main Street Transformation and Seatown Road Active Travel works – calls on the Chief Executive to avoid exacerbating existing traffic gridlocks and negatively impacting quality of life, by staggering timelines for planned roadworks throughout the Swords area.

Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, Operations and Ms. Linda Lally, Senior Engineer gave a verbal update to the motion and following a discussion the motion was Agreed.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was agreed to alter the order of the agenda and take items 66 Upgrade of Water Network - Corballis, Donabate - AI106006, 69 Request to Reinstate the Post Box - Rivermeade Estate, Swords - AI106541 and 78 Donabate Train Station - AI106713 together.

BSB/108/26 (Agenda Item No 66)

Councillor C. Johnston - Upgrade of Water Network - Corballis, Donabate - AI106006

The Motion in the name of Councillor C. Johnston was proposed by Councillor C. Johnston and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and was Agreed without discussion.

BSB/109/26 (Agenda Item No 69)

Councillor J. Smyth - Request to Reinstate the Post Box - Rivermeade Estate, Swords - AI106541

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

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and was Agreed without discussion.

BSB/110/26 (Agenda Item No 78)

Councillor P. Mulville - Donabate Train Station - AI106713

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

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and was Agreed without discussion.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was agreed to further alter the order of the agenda and take items 71 Dog Fouling - Raven's Mill, Rolestown - AI106640 and 76 Timeframe on HAP Property Inspections in this LEA - AI106652.

BSB/111/26 (Agenda Item No 71)

Councillor D. Kelly - Dog Fouling - Raven's Mill, Rolestown - AI106640

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 was Agreed without discussion.

BSB/112/26 (Agenda Item No 76)

Councillor D. Kelly - Timeframe on HAP Property Inspections in this LEA - AI106652

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 was Agreed without discussion.

BSB/113/26 (Agenda Item No 65)

Councillor C. Boland - Report on the Sustainable Swords Strategy - AI102605

The Motion in the name of Councillor C. Boland was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and the report was Accepted without discussion.

BSB/114/26 (Agenda Item No 67)

Councillor T. Murphy - Approved Housing Bodies Vacant Property - Balbriggan Electoral Area - AI106322

The Motion in the name of Councillor T. Murphy was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and the report was Accepted without discussion.

BSB/115/26 (Agenda Item No 68)

Councillor M. Boland - Long-Term Strategic Plan for Footpath - Minister's Road, Lusk - AI106480

The Motion in the name of Councillor M. Boland was proposed by Councillor M. Boland 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/116/26 (Agenda Item No 70)

Councillor B. Ryan - Community Use of Premises - Church Street, Skerries - AI106602

The Motion in the name of Councillor B. Ryan was proposed by Councillor B. Ryan 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/117/26 (Agenda Item No 72)
Councillor D. Butler - Knocksedan Connectivity Working Group - AI106653

The Motion in the name of Councillor D. Butler was proposed by Councillor D. Butler 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/118/26 (Agenda Item No 73)
Councillor P. Mulville/ Councillor E. Dockrell/ Councillor C. Johnston - Tenant Purchase Scheme - Portrane Avenue Tenants - AI106701

It was agreed to defer this motion to the following Area Committee Meeting.

BSB/119/26 (Agenda Item No 74)
Councillor J. Smyth - Permanent Location for Swords Women's Shed - AI106544

It was agreed to defer this motion to the following Area Committee Meeting.

BSB/120/26 (Agenda Item No 75)
Councillor T. Murphy - Update on Bath and Boathouse Rejuvenation, Balbriggan.

It was agreed to defer this motion to the following Area Committee Meeting.

BSB/121/26 (Agenda Item No 77)
Councillor B. Ryan - Skerries Active Travel Plan - AI106693

It was agreed to defer this motion to the following Area Committee Meeting.

The meeting concluded at 16:15

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
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THURSDAY 12th MARCH 2026

ITEM NO. 02

**PROVISION OF BIKE PARKING BAYS - NORTH BEACH CAR PARK,
RUSH - AI106674**

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to providing bike parking bays at the North Beach car park in Rush to promote active travel in the area?”

Reply:

Thank you, Councillor Boland, for your suggestion. The Active Travel unit will review the feasibility of this proposal and if appropriate will arrange for its inclusion on our next tranche of works in that area.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris Senior Executive Engineer Active Travel Unit

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ITEM NO. 03

TAKING IN CHARGE - THE FORGE ESTATE - LUSK - AI107204

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the current position regarding the taking in charge of The Forge Estate in Lusk and whether any financial recourse is available to the Council from the developer as residents have been waiting for a resolution for an extended period of time on this taking in charge process?”

Reply:

The Building Control section have organised to meet the developer on site before the end of this month to walk the estate and determine what works are required to bring it to taking in charge standard. The developer has submitted the majority of required documentation, however there are still some outstanding items.

Should the developer not make any meaningful progress in the coming weeks and months, the Council may consider sequestering the development bond.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Development Dept.

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ITEM NO. 04

UPDATE ON DEFECTIVE BLOCK SCHEME - RUSH AND LUSK - AI107220

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the current Defective Block Scheme and to give a timeline on the implementation of the scheme in Rush and Lusk or an update on whether the Department has been in contact with the Council on this matter?”

Reply:

The Council has recently contacted the Dept for an update on the Council's application to be included on the enhanced defective concrete blocks scheme. To date, the Council has not received any updates.

The Council's understanding is that the amendment to the Act to include Fingal County Council is currently going through the Oireachtas. Once the amended Act becomes law and is enacted, the amended Regulations will follow which will allow Fingal to be included in the scheme.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher Senior Engineer Planning and Development Dept

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ITEM NO. 05

UPDATE ON DERELICT SITES REGISTER IN RUSH TOWN CENTRE - AI107223

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the current properties listed on the derelict sites register in Rush Town Centre and if there is any potential for their purchase by the Council for refurbishment or alternative use as a community facility as part of a revitalisation strategy for the Main Street of Rush?”

Report:

Currently there are 5 no. sites located in Rush Town Centre, listed on the Derelict Sites Register. All of these sites are in private ownership.

Address	Date Placed on Register
Site at 12, 14, 14A, 16, 18, 20 Upper Main Street, Rush	16/06/2019
68 Upper Main Street, Rush	07/03/2025
6 Sandy Road, Rush	23/06/2025
St Maur's Hall, Rush	11/07/2025
89 Lower Main Street, Rush	23/01/2026

Any possible acquisitions of sites by the Council anywhere in the county are commercially sensitive.

The Town Regeneration Office continues to engage with the persons responsible for derelict sites in an effort to reduce dereliction across the County and actively encourages the reporting of potential derelict sites for further investigation.

Source of Reply: Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 06

TAKING IN CHARGE - RAHENNY PARK ESTATE - LUSK - AI107228

Question: Councillor M. Boland

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

Reply:

The developer has been carrying out final works in the estate in recent weeks to bring it to the standard required for taking in charge. Once these works are completed to the satisfaction of Building Control, the estate can progress to be taken in charge.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Development Dept

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ITEM NO. 07

**UPDATE ON DAMAGE TO OLD MILL AND SALMON RUN IN WARD
VALLEY PARK - SWORDS - AI106872**

Question: Councillor D. Butler

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the damage at the Old Mill and Salmon Run caused by Storm Chandra and on how difficult this will be to repair?”

Reply:

The damage caused to the newly constructed fish by-pass located beside the restored Cascades feature at Usher’s Lake in the Ward River Valley following unusually heavy rainfall was relatively minor and superficial and will be fully restored.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 08

PROVISION OF A PEDESTRIAN/CYCLE PATH - SEAVIEW PARK TO QUAY ROAD - PORTRANE - AI107044

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of a pedestrian and cycle path from Seaview Park to Quay Road, Portrane given the safety concerns of pedestrians while walking along this dangerous section of road?”

Reply:

The Active Travel unit is currently developing a walking and cycling scheme from the end of the Donabate Distributor Road along the R126 to Seaview Park in Portrane.

This scheme is advanced stages of options selection and preliminary design and provides for safe walking and cycling in this area.

Further details of this scheme will be briefed to the local Councillors later this year.

The section of road from Seaview Park east towards Tower Bay Beach is very restricted for two-way traffic, and a pedestrian footpath. This section is being considered in tandem with all other options for Active Travel routes within this area.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris Senior Executive Engineer Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 09

PEDESTRIAN PATH - HEARSE ROAD - DONABATE - AI107157

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if there are any proposals under consideration for the provision of a pedestrian path on the Hearse Road in Donabate from Semple Woods Estate to the Kilcrea/Newbridge Demesne junction?”

Reply:

The Council has appointed a design consultant to examine options for improving active travel facilities in Donabate, including by providing a footpath and / or cycle track on the section of the Hearse Road from the Kilcrea Gate of Newbridge Demesne to Semple Woods.

There are significant constraints to be considered on this section of the Hearse Road, with the boundary wall of Newbridge Demesne located on one side of the road, and private property boundaries and houses located close to the road on the other.

Our consultant’s appointment is for ‘Option Selection’ stage only, and so it is not possible at this stage to provide a timeline for delivery of any new walking and cycling facilities. However, a report on feasible options is expected in the coming weeks.

Source of Reply: Linda lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 10

MEETING REGARDING PERMEABILITY PATHS - BEVERTON AND TURVEY ESTATES - DONABATE - AI107158

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the on-site meeting, between Council officials, resident group representatives from the Beverton and Turvey estates and Public Representatives regarding the outstanding issues with the Beverton/Turvey permeability paths will take place?

Reply:

The works in Beverton and Turvey were substantially completed in Q4 2025. There are several outstanding snag items to be addressed on site, but unfortunately, the weather conditions have not been suitable since the start of the year, for the contractor to return.

The ground conditions are still very wet, and it will require a week or two of dry weather to make the ground suitable for navigating machinery without causing excess damage.

A site meeting will be arranged with the relevant stakeholders in advance of the contractor's return to discuss any outstanding issues that are to be addressed as part of these works.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris Senior Executive Engineer Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 11

PROVISION OF PLAYGROUND - OLDTOWN - AI107196

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if discussions have taken place with the Oldtown Community Council for the provision of a much-needed playground in the area and to provide a report on same?”

Reply:

Efforts will be made to convene a meeting with the Oldtown Community Council in the coming weeks as requested. If updated contact details are available for this group, these should be forwarded to the Senior Parks & Landscape Officer.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 12

UPDATE BROADMEADOW WAY GREENWAY - AI107198

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the Broadmeadow Way Greenway project to confirm the cost to date and if this project will be delivered on time and within budget?”

Reply:

Progress on the detailed design phases of the other elements of this project is continuing. Engagement with Irish Rail and with the National Transport Authority is ongoing for the causeway works.

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 causeway has been issued. 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 and the Malahide landward works will take place during 2026 and 2027. 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.

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 early 2028.

A lot of the scheme is yet to be constructed with some tenders underway and more to follow. The tender costs for the project are not yet available. FCC will require gateway approval from the National Transport Authority prior to construction contracts being put in place.

Source of Reply: Linda Lally, Senior Engineer Infrastructure & Transport

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ITEM NO. 13

COASTAL EROSION MEASURES - BURROW BEACH - PORTRANE - AI107236

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to assess the need for emergency measures along the sections of Burrow Beach in Portrane, not included in the recently announced emergency scheme, given the worsening impact of coastal erosion on residential properties along this stretch of beach with a view to having appropriate work carried out as soon as possible?”

Reply:

Monitoring of Coastal Change including erosion along the Burrow Beach in Portrane is ongoing. Significant emergency works have been approved and are planned interim to the implementation of the Coastal Flooding and Erosion Risk Management (CFERM) Plan for which planning approval is currently being sought from An Coimisiún Pleanála. If further emergency works are required, approval along with the necessary funding will be sought from the relevant stakeholders.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 14

UPDATE ON THE HEARSE ROAD TO LISSENHALL UPGRADE - AI107244

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the Hearse Road to Lissenhall upgrade and to include the projected timeline progressing the next stages of this project?”

Reply:

The *‘Donabate Distributor Road Phase 2’* project will improve access from Lissenhall to Donabate and Portrane, for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists.

The development of the *‘Donabate Distributor Road Phase 2’* project will follow the normal lifecycle for capital infrastructure projects, which is divided into 7 phases as follows:

1. Scope and Purpose
2. Concept Development and Option Selection
3. Preliminary Design
4. Statutory Processes
5. Detailed Design and Procurement
6. Construction and Implementation
7. Close-out and Review

The project is currently at Phase 3 of the project lifecycle – Preliminary Design. The emerging preferred route option for the second phase of the Donabate Distributor Road was displayed as part of a round of non-statutory public consultation held last October and November. The feedback received from the public during the consultation period is now being used to inform the design process.

The Council appointed a design consultant to assist it with the initial stages of development, up to Option Selection stage. The Council recently expanded the scope of its consultant's appointment to include progressing the project all the way to the stage where a builder is awarded the works contract to construct the project (i.e. end of Phase 5, *'Detailed Design and Procurement'*).

Work relating to preliminary design, environmental assessment, planning consent and detailed design is expected to be carried out throughout this year, and in subsequent years, as appropriate.

Source of Reply: Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 15

UPDATE ON TURNING ON OF LIGHTS - BREMORE CASTLE - BALBRIGGAN - AI107102

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the turning on of the lights, to the rear of Bremore Castle, along the walkway as a matter of urgency and in the interest of safety?”

Reply:

Public Lighting has been provided along Bells Lane and to the rear of Bremore Castle to facilitate access to the existing all-weather sports pitch up to the curfew time of 10pm. The Public Lighting Section will be contacted to check if there are any ongoing issues with the functioning of these lights and to have these addressed as necessary.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 16

Update on Bremore Castle, Balbriggan - AI107103

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any planned works for Bremore Castle and its environs and to provide a timeline for the opening of same to the public?”

Report:

An integrated design team has been appointed to conduct measured surveys, a full condition report, concepts and outline costings for the development of the site and Bremore Castle including consideration of planning and consent requirements to facilitate access to the greatest extent possible commensurate with the historic design of the building.

It is anticipated that surveys will commence on site shortly and the findings will be delivered in Q3 2026 at which point a funding assessment can be made.

Source of Reply: Pat Boyle, Senior Architect, Architects Department. Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 17

REPLACEMENT OF VOLLEYBALL NET - BALBRIGGAN BEACH - AI107164

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a replacement volleyball net on Balbriggan Beach as the previous one was damaged by the recent storm

Reply:

Fingal Sports Office have provided the Operations Department with a new net and this net will be reinstalled in the next two weeks”.

Source of Reply:

Ian Farrell, Active Cities Coordinator, Sports Department

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ITEM NO. 18

IDENTIFY LOCATION FOR STATE RUN CHILDCARE PROVISION IN THIS LEA - AI107114

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to identify and propose at least one site in this Local Electoral Area to be included in the pilot scheme from the Department of Children, Disability and Equality for State-led early learning and childcare services, in light of the lack of adequate childcare provision within this area?

Reply:

The Council is actively engaging with the Department of Children, Disability and Equality regarding the provision of State-led not-for-profit early learning and childcare services in Fingal as part of the scheme announced in January 2026.

This engagement is aimed at establishing an understanding of the requirements of the Programme in relation to capital investment, operating models and the local structures in relation to the oversight of childcare in the county.

All parts of the county will be included in the discussions and any site that can meet the requirements / criteria will be put forward.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 19

**UPDATE ON COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION - SWORDS -
AI107117**

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress to date regarding provision of further and higher-level college for Swords as agreed in the Development Plan from the previous Council term?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council has provided support to Dublin College of Further and Higher Education, formerly DDLETB, through the site selection process for the new college in Swords.

The Council understands that a preferred site has been selected and negotiations are in progress to agree terms with the landowner for the acquisition of the site.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 20

PROCESSING TIMES FOR MEDICAL PRIORITY HMD1 FORMS IN THIS LEA- AI107120

Question: Cllr. J Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise what the average length of time is for HMD1 applications to be processed and decided upon in this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

The Council does not maintain a record of medical applications awaiting review based on Local Electoral Area or district. The Council receives circa 80 medical applications per month county wide, which are screened, and scheduled for the medical / welfare committee to review.

In 2025 there was a significant increase in medical applications reviewed with 766 applications reviewed in comparison to 2024, during which 435 applications were reviewed.

As there is an increasing number of applications being received for medical/ welfare priority the frequency of medical / welfare meetings has increased. This increase in capacity will help to deal with the number of applications on hand and will help to expedite the waiting times for applications.

Source of Reply:
Liam Burke, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 21

TAKING IN CHARGE - GLEN ELLAN ROAD EXTENSION - SWORDS - AI107169

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of the section of the Glen Ellan Road Extension, between Westmill Estate and Applewood Community Centre/Swords Educate Together National School, and on any discussions with the developer regarding the switching on of traffic lights at this location?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council has not received any taking in charge requests for this road from the developer to date. Building Control have been engaging with the developer and they have stated that they have installed the lights and wiring and they are currently awaiting power supply from the ESB.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Development

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ITEM NO. 22

UPDATE ON PART VIII - LOUGHSHINNY PLAYGROUND - AI107187

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on preparations for the planned Part VIII planning procedure for the Loughshinny playground and to indicate if the previously advised commencement date of Q1 remains the target?”

Reply:

A planning pack for this playground is at an advanced stage of development. Details of the proposed playground will be presented to the relevant Area Committee in the coming weeks with a view to the Part 8 process commencing shortly thereafter.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 23

WASTE MANAGEMENT WITHOUT USE OF A WASTE COLLECTOR IN THIS LEA - AI107188

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive if it is possible for a citizen in this Local Electoral Area to manage their waste in a responsible and civic manner, through the use of civic amenity sites or recycling centres and composting, without the need for a contract with an authorised waste collector?”

Reply:

Yes. Citizens can bring a variety of recyclable materials (free of charge) and bulky waste materials (small charge) to Coolmine Recycling Centre and/or Estuary Recycling Centre where it will be managed in an environmentally responsible manner. Recycling centres are for **household waste only** and commercial waste will not be accepted.

If citizens have Items that they want to get rid of which are in good condition they should consider donating to a charity or selling the items via an online marketplace website, a community noticeboard or an advertisement in the local newspaper.

For additional information on what you can bring to a recycling centre and associated charges, visit: <https://www.fingal.ie/recycling-centres>

Black bin waste (non-recyclable materials) and food waste is not accepted at Fingal County Council Recycling Centres however these materials can be brought to Cappagh Recycling Centre, which is an authorised waste facility, for disposal (€15/car). For information please see: <https://www.panda.ie/panda-ie-cappagh-road-recycling-centre/>

Alternatively, food waste can be reduced and managed in a variety of ways such as:

- Planning food shopping - avoiding packaged fruits and vegetables - buying only what you need
- Learning how you can store and freeze your food
- Home-composting for raw food waste

Stop Food Waste is a national campaign to give information on how to make the most of your food and avoid food waste. For more information please see: <https://stopfoodwaste.ie/>

In terms of compliance with the Fingal County Council Waste Presentation Bye-Laws citizens are advised to keep receipts to show proof of disposal of black bin waste and/or food waste if it is brought to an authorised waste facility.

Bin sharing is another option under the Waste Bye-Laws where two households can come together to share the same bins and waste account.

A bin sharing agreement must be in place signed by both parties with one household having an active bin account in place. A link to the Fingal County Council bin sharing agreement form is available here: <https://www.fingal.ie/waste-bye-laws-project-2023-2026>

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

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ITEM NO. 24

**Update on Tender Process for Roof of the Heritage Centre -
Balrothery - AI107192**

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the tendering process for the remedial works to be carried out to the roof of the Heritage Centre in Balrothery and to provide a brief summary of the scope of the works being tendered for?”

Reply:

The Council is finalising the scope of tender documents for remedial works to the roof of Balrothery Heritage Centre which include roof repairs, minor wall and render replacement to address damp penetration and replacement of steps at the rear of the building.

It is anticipated that the tender will issue for the works in Q2 2026.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 25

**PROGRESSION OF THE PROVISION OF FOOTPATH - R128 FROM
LOUGHSHINNY TO SKERRIES - AI107237**

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline how the provision of a footpath along the R128 from Loughshinny to Skerries will be progressed this year, as the Active Travel Department have concluded that this project is outside the scope of their brief, a major capital project is required as the project is listed for funding in year one of the three-year Capital Plan?”

Reply:

The feasibility study for this project has been completed, and the findings were formally presented to the Area Committee. The assessment identified significant land requirement and cost constraints that would require a large-scale capital investment beyond the scope of current resources. On this basis, the Council will not be advancing this project further at this time.

Source of Reply:

David Storey Director of Services ECAATS

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ITEM NO. 26

**INTERIM COASTAL PROTECTION - PORTRANE BEACH - PORTRANE -
AI107208**

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the interim coastal protection measures (rock armour) that are to be put in place along Portrane Beach?”

Reply:

The detailed design and procurement process for these works is ongoing with a view to having them implemented in the coming weeks.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 27

UPDATE ON ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECTS - RUSH AND LUSK - AI107212

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of the Active Travel projects on the 'tracker' list that are being actively considered for funding in the Rush and Lusk Electoral Area, and to provide a summary of each of these projects that the Department intend to progress during the remainder of this Council term?”

Reply:

The Active Travel Unit have several projects identified on the Tracker for the Rush and Lusk areas, as listed below.

Rush Area

Completed

- Bicycle Parking installations at numerous locations in Rush. -Completed
- Bicycle Repair Station installations. - Completed
- School Street Rush National School – completed.
- Rush South Beach Bawn Road – Preliminary designs completed ongoing efforts to negotiate on land acquisition.

Currently being progressed.

- Connectivity from Kenure Park to Main Street via Ferrans Lane. - Identified for scoping, design and consultation in the 2026 programme of works.

Under assessment for future programme of works subject to appropriate funding and resources.

- Footpath along Park Road Rush - Being assessed for future programme of works.
- Provision of safe walking and cycling Infrastructure from Greenbrook Estate along Brook Lane Rush – Being assessed for future programme of works
- Connectivity from Kenure Park to Main Street via Ferrans Lane. - Identified for scoping, design and consultation in the 2026 programme of works.
- Six Cross Lane Rush, provision of a footpath and a link to the bus stop. - being assessed for future programme of works.
- Palmer Road/Palmer Avenue Junction provision of a pedestrian crossing. - being assessed for future programme of works.
- Channel Road completion of pedestrian footpath – being assessed for future programme of works.

The tidy town group in Rush has put forward a list of proposals. The feasibility of these will be assessed and if appropriate included in future programmes of works, subject to available funding and resources.

Lusk Area

Completed

- Bicycle Parking installations at numerous locations in Lusk. -Completed
- New signalised Crossing to serve the sports hub and schools – Completed.
- SRTS programme at Rush & Lusk Educate Together school. - Completed.

Currently being progressed.

- Footpath and Cycling facilities from Dun Emer Lusk to R132 along Ministers Road. - Being developed under the 2026 programme of works to the Options and Land acquisition stage.

- Provision of bicycle lane from Blakes Cross to the Tesco Warehouse on the R132 – Currently being developed to options and preliminary design by PSI.
- Lusk National School Safe routes to school – being assessed for works programme 2026.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer Active Travel Unit

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ITEM NO. 28

UPDATE ON REVIEW OF ST ITA'S CAMPUS - PORTRANE - AI107218

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the review being carried out on the St. Ita's Hospital Campus in Portrane, to provide details on the objectives of the review and an approximate timeframe for when the recommendations of this review will be issued?”

Reply:

The review comprises the preparation of an updated Feasibility Study for the St. Ita's Hospital Campus to include an examination of future potential uses within the campus. It is envisaged that the project will take in the region of 12 months with the final updated Feasibility Study being completed towards the end of 2026.

Source of Reply: Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning & Development

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ITEM NO. 29

PURCHASE OF MARTELLO TOWER - DONABATE - AI107221

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the Council to purchase the historical Martello Tower near Donabate beach and for an update on any ongoing discussions on this proposal?”

Reply:

The Council recognises the historical value and significance of the Martello Tower in Balcarrick, Donabate and continues to monitor progress of the sale.

It should be noted that no funding stream is available for the acquisition or, given the condition of the building, for any works that would be required to improve and maintain the building. In this context, the asking price is not considered value for money.

While potential funding streams are being investigated, it appears unlikely that the Council will be in a position to proceed with an acquisition of the property.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 30

Update on the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre – The Naul - AI107224

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposal to extend the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre in the Naul and for an update on the progress with regard to this project?”

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 funding assessment.

Source of Reply: 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. 31

UPDATE ON CYCLE LANE ON THE R132 - AI107233

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans to extend the existing cycle lane on the R132 and continue it south of the Blake's Cross junction towards Donabate, and if there are plans to include a cycle lane in any proposal for Minister's Road linking the R132 to Lusk?"

Reply:

The Infrastructure and Transport Department are currently focused on the Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade project and the second phase of the Donabate Distributor Road, amongst other capital transport projects in the Donabate area. There are no current plans to extend the existing cycle lane on the R132 and continue it south of Blake's Cross junction towards Donabate.

The Active Travel Section together with our Property Section have made contact with landowners along Ministers Road linking the R132 to the Regles Estate in Lusk.

The Active Travel Section is currently preparing maps and drawings to allow discussions with these landowners to progress with a view of acquiring the required lands to develop the required infrastructure.

These discussions and negotiations are at the early stages, and further details will be provided in the coming weeks and months.

Source of Reply: Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport Department and Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Department

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ITEM NO. 32

UPDATE ON PHASE 2 EXTENSION OF DONABATE LIBRARY - AI107238

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Phase 2 extension of Donabate Library and the timeframes for progression of this stage of the library?”

Reply:

Phase Two of the Donabate Library project envisages a substantial extension interlinked to the converted building is envisaged which will double the internal area of the existing library.

Fingal County Council have begun project preparation which is currently progressing from concept through feasibility stage and will be appointing a design team to develop the project through the next stages.

The process will also include engagement with the Department of Rural and Community Development, to identify potential funding contribution towards the project.

It is intended to advance the project to enable commencement of a planning process later this year.

Source of Reply:

Lilian Whelan, Acting County Librarian

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ITEM NO. 33

**ROAD WORKS SIGN STUCK IN SLUICE GATE (SALMON RUN AREA) -
SWORDS - AI107231**

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

“To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the road works sign reported lodged in the sluice gate near the salmon run in Swords has been inspected and to advise what action will be taken to remove it?”

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to have this obstruction removed from the Ward River without delay.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 34

INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY AND TRAFFIC GROWTH - SWORDS - AI107241

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline how projected traffic growth arising from ongoing and permitted developments in the Swords area is being factored into Strategic Infrastructure Planning?”

Reply:

Traffic growth arising from ongoing and permitted developments in the Swords area is being factored into Infrastructure & Transport Planning through the relevant national, regional and local policies (such as the National Development Plan 2021-2030, GDA Transport Strategy 2022-2042, National Sustainable Mobility Policy, Climate Action Plan 2023, Spatial Planning and National Roads, Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, GDA Cycle Network Plan, Swords Masterplan, Swords Local Area Plans, etc.) as well as guidance documents such as DMURS, Cycle Design Manual, Permeability in Existing Urban Areas: Best Practice Guide and the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities. The South Fingal Transport Study 2019 also provides recommendations for Swords.

Current policies and plans focus on modal shift; active travel and public transport enhancements rather than increasing road capacity for private vehicles.

Ongoing and permitted developments in Swords provide Traffic Impact Assessments as part of the planning process. Independent Road Safety Audits are carried out at the various stages of the planning process and construction stages. Through development management, ongoing and permitted developments are providing additional safe pedestrian crossings, connectivity links, footpaths, cycle facilities, bus turning facilities, additional bus stops, traffic calming and junction upgrades, etc. to ensure the safety of the vulnerable road users.

Source of Reply: Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Transportation Dept

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ITEM NO. 35

LONG-TERM INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN - CHURCH ROAD TO LISPOPPL CROSS - AI107243

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline if a long-term infrastructure improvement plan exists for Church Road to Lispopple Cross beyond the currently approved resurfacing works?”

Reply:

The road between Church Road in Rolestown and Lispopple Cross on the R125 is not identified on the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and is currently not on the Infrastructure & Transport Department’s Capital Works programme. The zoning in this area is Rural. Any upgrades will be considered as part of the development management process.

Source of Reply: Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Transportation Dept

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ITEM NO. 36

MAINTENANCE AND FLOOD MITIGATION STRATEGY - WARD RIVER/USHERS LAKE CORRIDOR, SWORDS - AI107245

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the current maintenance and flood mitigation strategy for the Ward River/Ushers Lake corridor in the Swords area given the recent damage and flood events?”

Reply:

A significant number of surface water outfalls discharge directly into the Ward River as it flows through the Ward River Regional Park. The completed Ward River Regional Park Development Plan will include improvements to Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) to increase the flood resilience of the park and the wider river corridor. In particular, the proposed constructed wetlands will help to attenuate and slow down surface water flows leading to reduce damage from these flood events.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 37

TAKING IN CHARGE - STEPHENTOWN LINK ROAD - BALBRIGGAN - AI107251

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of the Stephentown Link Road and the timeline for when the road will be completely taken in charge?”

Reply:

A section of Stephenstown Link Road was taken in charge from the junction with the R122 road extending southeast to the entrance to Millfield shopping centre in 2011. Once the Building Control section receives the information and documentation required, the remaining section may be taken into maintenance.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 38

ACTIVATION OF SIGNALISED CROSSING - FLEMINGTON LANE - BALBRIGGAN - AI107253

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise what outstanding works are required at the newly installed signalised crossings at the junction of Flemington Lane in Balbriggan to activate the crossings and the timeline for these works?”

Reply:

Works at the Flemington Junction are at an advanced stage and works are planned to be completed at the junction by the end of Q1. Difficulties were encountered during these works, with wet weather conditions playing a major role over recent weeks.

The traffic signals and public lighting are currently being energised. Works to air utilities have delayed progress, and they are currently in hand with a new chamber being constructed south of the junction in the offline bus stop.

The contractor has arranged for the milling out of the road surface and the new surfacing and line marking to be applied once the utilities are completed in the coming two weeks.

Updates will be provided through our weekly councillor updates.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris Senior Executive Engineer Active Travel Unit

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ITEM NO. 39

TAKING IN CHARGE OF ESTATES WITHIN THIS LEA - AI107254

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of estates not yet taken in charge in this Local Electoral Area and to include how long these estates are in existence?”

Reply:

Please see below the list of estates in this Local Electoral Area along with associated planning permission numbers. This list changes as estates get taken in charge and as new developments commence. It should also be noted that the Council cannot take in charge an estate without a valid taking in charge request.

Development Name	Planning Permission No.
Ballustree, Loughshinny	F14A/0299
Ballygossan Close - Erection of 33 no. Houses + 3 apartments, Skerries	LRD0010/S3
Barnageeragh phase 3, Skerries	F18A/0561, F15A/0258
Brackenwood, Balbriggan	F00A/1464, F05A/0107, F05A/1661
Castleland Park Phase 2, Balbriggan	F07A/1693/E2
Castleland Park/Ave Phase 1, Balbriggan	F04A/0191

Castlemill Apartments, Balbriggan (sewer and wm)	F04A/0030
Coach Road Manor, Balrothery	F94A/0893, F96A/0449
Folkstown Park - Phase 3A & 3B, Balbriggan	F21A/0055, F22A/0526
Glebe Manor, Balrothery	F04A/0373
Hamlet Lane Houses, Balbriggan	F23A/0114
Hampton Gardens, Balbriggan	F05A/0323
Hoar Rock, Skerries	F00A/0521
Homepark Cove, Skerries	F07A/0163
Martello Place, Balbriggan	F11A/0079
Mill Hill Park, Skerries	F20A/0711
Rockabill, Loughshinny	F00A/0294
Taylor Hill, Balbriggan - Phase 2	F19A/0001 F18A/0266 F18A/0449
Taylor Hill, Balbriggan - Phase 2D	F20A/0026
Taylor Hill, Balbriggan - Phase 3	F17A/0690
The Carnival, Skerries	F20A/0156
The Green, Balrothery	F05A/0467
The Sanctuary, Balrothery	F99A/0012

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Development

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ITEM NO. 40

UPDATE ON PORTRANE COASTAL EROSION AND FLOODING PROTECTION SCHEME - AI107274

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the provision of further interim emergency erosion and flood protection works at the Burrow in Portrane and to outline when the works will commence?”

Reply:

Monitoring of Coastal Change including erosion along the Burrow Beach in Portrane is ongoing. Significant emergency works have been approved and are planned for implementation in the coming weeks. These works are interim to the implementation of the Coastal Flooding and Erosion Risk Management (CFERM) Plan for which planning approval is currently being sought from An Coimisiún Pleanála. If further emergency works are required, approval along with the necessary funding will be sought from the relevant stakeholders

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 41

DRAINAGE ISSUE - BALMOSTON SUDS FEATURE - DONABATE - AI107278

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to address the ongoing drainage issues affecting the Balmoston SUDS feature?” (see photo attached)

Reply:

Planning files are assessed in accordance with the Depts Nature Based Management of Urban Rainwater and Urban Surface Water Discharges - A National Strategy 2024. Accordingly, nature-based solutions (NbS) are designed primarily to take in rainwater runoff, store the rainwater or “slow the flow” and, in doing so, remove many of the pollutants before allowing the treated runoff back into the drainage system. The strategy is intended to encourage and inform a softer, greener, more climate adaptive and less polluting approach to urban growth and, thus, promoting more attractive places for living, working and leisure. The pattern of rainfall is changing in Ireland, with increased frequency of more intensive rainfall events. The capacity of soils to absorb and store rainfall varies, depending on soil types, underlying geology and the contours of the area.

Soil absorption not only slows the flow of rainwater into the rivers and streams but also serves to reduce any sediments or pollutants within the surface runoff before it enters the various waterbodies.

The Council has contacted the Developer and Designer in relation to the surface water management design for the Balmoston Development to make enquiries about

the attenuation area at this location. They have confirmed that the attenuation area has worked in accordance with its design -

The design of the attenuation area is fully compliant with the planning permission and Building Regulations applicable to the development.

This development has experienced an abnormal and sustained period of rainfall since before the New Year. The current ponding within the attenuation area is consistent with the system operating as designed during significant rainfall events. In December 2025, following engagement with Building Control, Glenveagh carried out a design risk assessment in conjunction with our consulting engineers and landscape architect. The assessment reviewed expected flood volumes. Based on rainfall data and current site conditions, we believe we are experiencing an event consistent with a 1-in-5-year storm, which would account for flood depths in the order of 274mm within the attenuation area.

Furthermore, the Developer has committed to rectifying the settlement issues in the attenuation area and will undertake the necessary remedial works as soon as weather conditions allow.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher Senior Engineer Planning and Development Dept



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ITEM NO. 42

**UPDATE ON COST/AFFORDABLE RENTAL PROVISION IN THIS LEA -
AI107279**

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the future Cost/Affordable rental provision across this Local Electoral Area, being provided directly by the Council and by the Approved Housing Bodies?”

Reply:

The Council continues to support the approved housing body sector in the provision of cost rental units throughout the County. The Council will continue to review opportunities to supply cost rental homes.

Cost Rental Delivery in this Local Electoral Area*

AHB	Scheme	Total Units	Status
Tuath	Folkstown Balbriggan	50	Delivered
	Semple Woods, Donabate	86	Delivered
	Cobbe Court Donabate	14	Delivered
Respond	Mooretown, Oldtown Swords	36	Delivered
	Mariners Way, Rush	55	Delivered
Cluid	Taylors Hill, Balbriggan	25	Delivered
Circle	Lanestown View, Donabate	29	Delivered
Tuath	Balmoston, Donabate	37	Approved. 20 units delivered Nov 25
	Balmoston Donabate	50	Approved
	Ballygossan Walk , Skerries	14	Approved
Oaklee	Harmans Rest, Turvey, Donabate	119	Approved

*information as at December 2025

Source of Reply: Marina Rennicks, Administrative Officer, Housing Delivery

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ITEM NO. 43

FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT IN THIS LEA - AI107280

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide a new flood risk assessment of all undeveloped residential zoned land across this Local Electoral Area, given the recent heavy flooding and rainfall, which is set to worsen in the future?”

Reply:

Strategic Flood Risk Assessments (sFRA) are produced in accordance with the OPW Guidelines using data sets provided by the OPW and supplemented with any data that the Council has on future flood events. The Council's sFRA is based on the latest release of data from the OPW so it is currently based on the most up-to-date information. There are currently no new data sets available or directions from the OPW to update our sFRA, but should this change, Fingal will act in accordance with OPW/Dept directions. It is acknowledged there have been recent flood events across the country but it is expected time will be required for new data sets to be produced and evaluated by the OPW. The Council's sFRA already shows flood events for medium range and highend climate change impacts as well as 1/100 and 1/1000 (flood zone B and A) events.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher Senior Engineer Planning and Development Dept

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ITEM NO. 44

PROGRESS ON MIGRANT INTEGRATION AND SOCIAL COHESION STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN IN THIS LEA - AI107281

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the actions contained in the Council’s Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy and Action Plan that are relevant to this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

The **Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy 2019-2024** contained 125 actions across 5 pillars. The Strategy concluded in 2024 and a review of the actions from the final year of the Strategy was completed in 2025. All actions reviewed were reported as concluded at that point.

Following this, the Integration Office has continued to deliver programmes and events across the County through the whole of 2025, even after the Strategy formally ended.

A full review of the Strategy is scheduled in our work plan for 2026. Fingal County Council will then develop our next Strategy, informed by the forthcoming national **Migration and Integration Strategy**, which is expected to be published by the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration later this year.

The Strategy will be brought to the Community SPC for consideration.

Source of Reply:

Cormac Healy, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development Department

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ITEM NO. 45

ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL PROVISION IN THIS LEA - AI107288

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans to acquire further land for parks, open space and recreational provision across this Local Electoral Area, given the rapid and ongoing increase in housing and population?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council's adopted open space strategy *“Keeping it Green An Open Space Strategy for Fingal”*, provides a vision for the planning, development, and sustainable management of open spaces on the County. The Council's adopted County Development Plan 2023-2029 includes a wide range of objectives relating to the provision of open space in line with the principles of sustainable development. More specifically, the Development Plan requires that public open space provision in new residential developments must comply with the quantitative and qualitative standards set out in Chapter 14 of the Plan relating to Development Management Standards. Local Area Plans also identify the location of significant future areas of multi-functional Green Infrastructure including public open space. In the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords LEA, the Council has plans to develop new or significantly improved Regional and Local Parks at a number of locations including Bremore, Balbriggan, Castlelands Balbriggan, Ardgillan Demesne, Skerries Town Park, Rogerstown Park, Former Balleally Landfill, Rathmore Park, Lusk, St. Catherine's Park, Rush, Turvey Nature Park and Ballymastone in Donabate, Swords Regional

Park/Broadmeadow Park and Ward River Regional Park, Swords. The Council's 3 Year Capital Programme provides for major new multi-code Recreational Hubs at Bremore, Balbriggan, Rathmore, Lusk, St. Catherine's Rush, Ballymastone Donabate, Miller's Glen/Swords Regional Park and Ward River Regional Park. The Capital Plan also provides for a number of additions to play and outdoor recreational facilities.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 46

UNAUTHORISED WORKS CONTRIBUTING TO FLOODING - SWORDS - AI107282

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive if the Planning Authority has assessed if any unauthorised works, land alterations or drainage interventions on lands at Brackenstown, between Rivervalley and Knocksedan, may be contributing to flooding of adjoining homes at Brookdale Grove, Rivervalley, Swords, and to set out what enforcement powers are available to the Council in such circumstances?”

Reply:

The Council has no knowledge of unauthorised works which may be contributing to flooding of homes at Brookdale Grove, Rivervalley, Swords.

Upon receipt of a completed planning enforcement complaint form, the matters contained within will be investigated to determine if a breach of the Planning code has occurred.

Source of Reply: Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 47

MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION ON PRIVATE LANDS - AI107283

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to clarify if the Council accepts that, notwithstanding private ownership of the lands in question, it has a role under planning enforcement, drainage and flood risk management legislation, where altered land conditions on private lands are contributing to flooding risk for existing residential properties?”

Reply:

Private property is protected under the Constitution and consequently, the Council has limited remit except where there has been a breach of legislation which is managed by the Council, and which also includes access to private property – for example, unauthorised development. In relation to where works which do not require planning permission are carried out and unreasonably cause flood damage to Council property, this may be defined as negligence and resolved through litigation. Otherwise, these are civil matters between property owners. The current flood legislation relates primarily to spatial planning and where there may be flooding impacts.

Regarding Planning Enforcement, each enforcement complaint is managed on a case-by-case basis. Upon receipt of a completed planning enforcement complaint form, the matters contained within will be investigated to determine if a breach of the Planning code has occurred.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Development Department

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 48

SWORDS LEA BIODIVERSITY MOWING MAP - AI107286

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Council will publish the Swords Local Electoral Area Biodiversity Mowing Map for 2026, identifying reduced-mowing areas, wildflower meadows, and ‘Do Not Mow’ pollinator zones, together with the management plan and annual review process for each location?”

Reply:

The Infrastructure and Transport Department are looking to have the mowing map completed later this year. The management of the various types of wildflower meadows and the review process will be discussed and agreed with Operations.

Source of Reply: Hans Visser, Biodiversity Officer, Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

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ITEM NO. 49a

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application.	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Donabate Tidy towns GA-003694	€2983	Entrance stone amendment various garden tools and plants	Y	2024 - €2817.60	€2983
The Priory and Priory Wood Resident's Association GA-003732	€2994	Planter Wood and materials Bedding plants for planters Edger Machine Paint and Painting Materials Room hire for AGM Renewal of public liability insurance	Y	2025 - €2499	€2994

Brookfield Park, Rush Residents Committee GA-003747	€2719	Insurance Plants, planters, living wall Building Materials and supplies Room rental for meetings	Y	2025 - €1543 2024 - €1019	€2719
Balbriggan Dramatic Society GA-003778	€2000	Capital Equipment - Lighting Equipment	N	N/A	€1850
Flemington Park Residents Association GA-003762	€3000	3 Tier platers, Water Butt, Misc Equipment, Plants for Planters, insurance	Y	2025 - €2502	€2888
Ravenswell Residents Association GA-003709	€2216	Defib, Cabinet and Installation Insurance	Y	2025 - €705 2024 - €1257.84	€2217
Donabate Sea Scouts - 63rd Dublin GA-003730	€5000	Camping Trailer	N	N/A	€3000
Taylor Hill Residents Association GA-003720	€3000	Summer & Winter Community Events Table, Chairs and Videography costs Costs of printing flyers	Y	2025 - €3000 2024- €3000	€3000

		Public Liability Insurance Renewal Contribution towards room hire			
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ITEM NO. 49b

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Phoenix of Ballyboughal	€1,500	Red IABA approved Headgear €699.65 Blue IABA approved Headgear €799.60	Y	2025 - €4,000 2024 - €3,577.30	This equipment will benefit youth, teenage, and adult members of the club. The equipment will help to improve safety measures and reduce the

					occurrence of injuries. I recommend allocating the full amount €1,500.
Balscadden FC	€3,965	Replacement & Fix of Ballstop Netting - €3,965	Y	2025 - €1,500	The club are looking to replace and install new Ball Stop Nets. The primary purpose is to prevent footballs from going into the river and the bog surrounding their pitches. I recommend the awarding of €3,965 under the large equipment grant.
Balbriggan FC	€1,494	Training Balls, Match Balls & Cones €1,494	N	N/A	Balbriggan FC are looking to purchase training balls, match balls and cones to support the growing demand of the club's juvenile section. I recommend the awarding of €1,494 under the Essential Equipment Grant scheme.

Balbriggan & Skerries Fishing Club	€1,500	2 recycled benches €1,180.01. Spools of solid wire €35.00. Spools of thread €70.00. Mirco pines squirrel strips €72.00 rabbit zonkers strips €50.00 spanflex €70.00 packets of marabou €60.00 Hooks assorted €108.00 Assorted Dubbing €85.00	Y	2024- €3,000 2025 -€4,000	They seek to purchase two outdoor benches along with fly-tying equipment for member training. The benches will provide safe, durable seating and the fly-tying equipment will be used in their development workshops. I recommend approval of €1,500 the maximum under the scheme.
Aer Lingus Bowls Club	€3,926	Shed €2,450 Bow dry water removal machine €1,476	Y	2025 - €2,023	The roller machine will assist with efficient water removal and regular surface maintenance, which are particularly important given the club's predominantly over-60 membership. The project will improve the facility's safety, accessibility, and long-term sustainability. A contribution of

					€3,926 is recommended.
Aer Lingus Masters Swimming Club	€1,490	SONR Coach Communicator (x10) €1,374.45 Radio headset €5.93 USD Charging hub €33.90 Carrying Sling Bag €16.95 SONR Radio €58.47	Y	2025 - €3,788.40	This technology enables swimmers to receive real-time coaching through bone-conducting audio devices worn under swim caps, significantly improving communication, stroke correction, and overall training efficiency. The equipment will benefit swimmers. The total project cost is €1,490, and funding of €1,490 is recommended to support this coaching development initiative.

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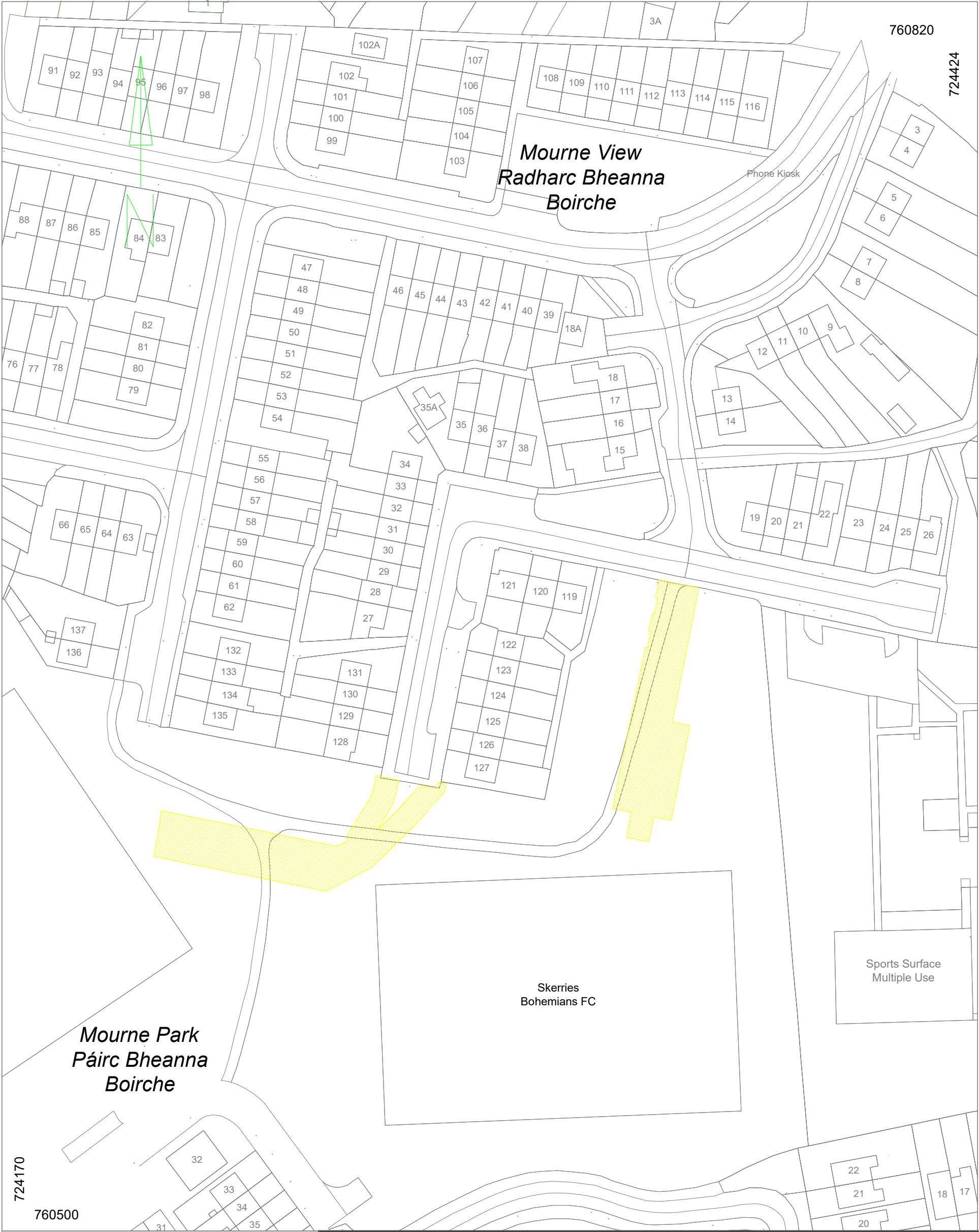
ITEM NO. 50a

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF WAYLEAVE AT MOURNE VIEW, SKERRIES, CO. DUBLIN TO UISCE ÉIREANN

It is proposed to issue Notice under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended), notifying the Council Members of the intention to grant a wayleave at Mourne View, Skerries, Co. Dublin comprising an area of c. 1,708 square metres approximately as shown coloured in yellow on Drawing No. LA-4015-26 dated 25th February 2026 to Uisce Éireann, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Mountjoy, Dublin 1.

A formal notice of disposal in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, will be submitted to the Meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on Monday 13th April 2026.

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Area of Lands Delineated by center of yellow line surrounding the land hatched yellow 1708 m2 140m x 12m wayleaves Folio Numbers DN18477 and DN2285	 Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL Project: Land at Mourne View Skerries Co Dublin Wayleaves to be granted with respect to LD1666 ©Tailte Eireann. All rights reserved. Licence number CYAL50441400	Dwg No: LA-4015-26		O.S.Ref:	
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The Balrothery Active Travel Plan is ready to launch!

- Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening carried out.
 - Screening determined no further steps required.
- Appropriate Assessment Screening carried out.
 - Screening determined no further steps required.
- Strong public interest in Plan Launch



The Plan puts us in the strongest position to deliver lasting change

- Long process, but worth the wait
- Comprehensive and integrated plan
- Evidence-led and value-for-money driven
- Strengthens case for funding from third parties

Lasting solution to key local concerns, including:

- ✓ Speeding / intimidating traffic
- ✓ Narrow, interrupted and obstructed footpaths
- ✓ Congested and unsafe school access
- ✓ Poor access to Glebe Park from R132
- ✓ Insufficient safe crossing points
- ✓ Providing access to local businesses
- ✓ Poor visibility when exiting from 'The Green' to Coach Road



Active Travel Plan Aims

1

Village centre as a destination:

- Facilitate walking and cycling for all
- Support the local economy
- Support community interactions

2

Active travel spine:

- Active travel routes into and from the village centre
- Onward links to public transport and wider cycle networks

3

Gateways into the village:

- Transition points on main roads and at bus stops
- Signal arrival at place where pedestrians have priority



Balrothery Active Travel Framework Diagram



Balrothery Village Centre

- Changes to current traffic circulation to increase space for pedestrians and placemaking
- Increased pedestrian priority at junctions and junction tightening
- Safer exits at side roads (e.g. The Page Green)
- Additional zebra / courtesy crossings to improve pedestrian movement and safety
- New / extended footpaths at identified pinch points and areas of concern
- Placemaking improvements and village centre greening using planters, benches, etc.



Artist's impression of village centre looking south from the pharmacy

Active Travel Spine

Darcystown Road, Ringfort View, Rosepark,
Knightswood and Coach Road

- Road narrowing / pavement widening
- Side-street junction improvements for pedestrians
- Additional crossing points and tactile paving at junctions
- Placemaking improvements including, tree planting and benches
- School entrance speed reduction and placemaking enhancements including seating, cycle parking and trees / greenery
- No-entry from R132 at north of village to reduce traffic volume past school



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Gateways into the Village

Inch Road and R132 to Glebe Park

- Speed reduction measures and reduction in speed limit to 60kph on Inch Road
- Gateway treatment on Inch Road near Balbriggan Rugby Club to signal pedestrian presence
- Widened footpath from village centre to Glebe Park for better separation of pedestrians and vehicles
- Re-configuration of Glebe Park entrance to improve separation between pedestrians and vehicles and improve visibility.
- New pedestrian crossing and footpath to bus stop at the north of the village.



*Example of Shared Surface adjacent Carriageway
(similar to R132)*



Gateway Signage Example

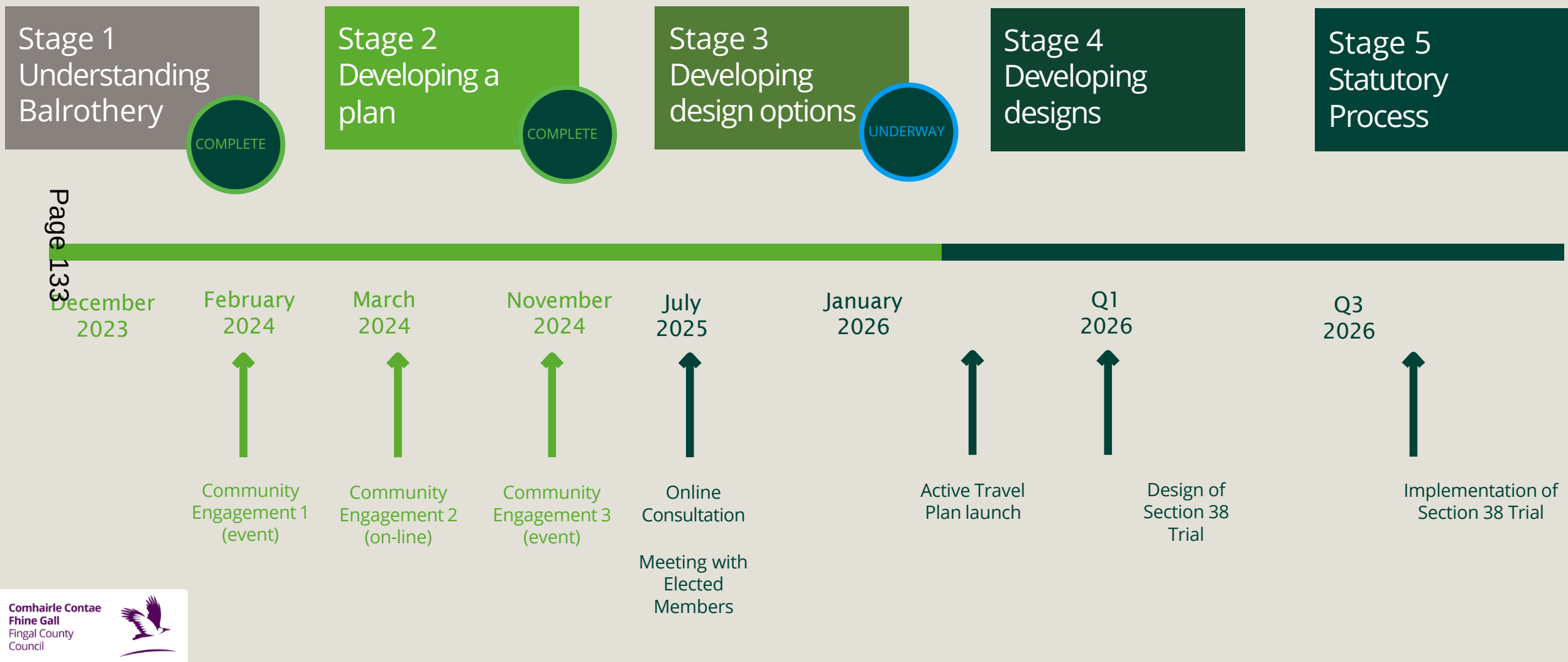


2. Timescales and next steps

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Project Process



What happens next?

- Plan to be launched on Fingal County Council website: <https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/balrothery>
- Design of the temporary section 38 trial, consisting of:
 - One-Way system around village centre,
 - School zone treatment,
 - Restriction of access at northern R132 junction to the village (except buses).
- Construct the trial in Q3, 2026.



Thank You.



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20th February 2026

Your Ref: ACM/BRLS/Item71/September 2025

Dear Ms O hAodha,

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding Rush & Lusk Station.

Iarnród Éireann have been in discussion with Fingal County Council (FCC) regarding the entrance at Rush & Lusk Station. A meeting took place on site on Tuesday 13th January with representatives from Iarnród Éireann in attendance.

Mr Brian O'Malley, Capital Investments Interface Manager – Building & Facilities for Iarnród Éireann has been in direct communication with Ms Leticia Moore, & Mr James Culhane from Fingal County Council who will be able to update you further on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Mary Considine

Chief Executive

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

THURSDAY 12th MARCH 2026

ITEM NO. 53

SOLÁTHAR GAELCHOLÁISTE SA TOGHLIMISTÉAR ÁITIÚIL SEO - AI107168

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

"Go scríobhfaidh an Príomhoifigeach Feidhmiúcháin chuig an Roinn Oideachais agus Óige chun iarracht a dhéanamh Gaelcholáiste dara leibhéal a bhunú i Sord, i bhfianaise ghealltanais an Chláir Rialtais deiseanna oideachais trí mheán na Gaeilge a leathnú, agus ós rud é go bhfuil dhá bhunscoil lán Ghaeilge i gceantar Shoirde agus ceann eile i nDomhnach Bat. "

"That the Chief Executive write to the Department of Education and Youth to request a second-level Gaelcholáiste in Swords, in light of the Programme for the Government's commitment to expanding educational opportunities through the medium of Irish, as there are two primary schools in the Swords area and another one in Donabate."

Report:

If the Motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Youth, 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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THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2026

ITEM NO. 54

PERMANENT LOCATION FOR SWORDS WOMEN'S SHED - AI106544

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

“That the Chief Executive ensures that the Council prioritises the securing of a permanent location for the Swords Women’s Shed, in recognition of the need for such supports within the area and the impactful work they currently engage in.”

Report:

Fingal County Council recognises the importance of providing community facilities to support communities in Fingal and acknowledges the interest that Swords Women’s Shed have in securing a location to support their activities.

The Council adopts a structured approach to the provision of community facilities to support the ever-increasing demand for communities across the county. This approach is needs based and seeks to address those areas in greatest need for prioritisation in the provision of community facilities. The Council’s structured approach includes the consideration of the resource commitments required for the delivery of community facilities, which includes property acquisition costs, redevelopment costs, professional fees, operational costs, ongoing maintenance costs, operational model and ongoing support requirements.

The Council’s structured approach is important in the context of the significant increase in housing provision in Fingal which is accompanied by a parallel increase in demand from new and expanding communities for increased community support and community facilities. The Community Development Division is focusing on the

delivery of projects identified in the Capital Plan which address urgent need in areas yet to receive access to supports within a reasonable distance and on remedial work in existing facilities.

The Council does not have any properties/sites currently available in the Swords area which would serve as a permanent location for Swords Women's Shed. It should also be noted that there are several other community groups/organisations in Swords, who are also seeking premises to support their activities.

The Council is happy to engage with Swords Women's Shed to gather further information on the existing and future needs of the organisation, with a view to incorporating this information into the Council's structured approach and future plans for the provision of community facilities in the context of the overall priority of need for the provision of community facilities across the county.

The Council can also advise Swords Women's Shed on the wider supports available from the Council's Community Development & Inclusion Division.

Source of Report: Cormac Healy, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development.
Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development

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THURSDAY 12th MARCH 2026

ITEM NO. 56

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME - PORTRANE AVENUE TENANTS - AI106701

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville/Councillor E. Dockrell/Councillor C. Johnston

"That the Chief Executive ensure priority consideration is given by the appointed consultant to a Tenant Purchase Scheme for existing HSE tenants along Portrane Avenue, as part of the joint HSE and Council St. Ita's Masterplan process, following the HSE's response to resolution BSB/629/24 (Item 34b, January 2026 Area B Meeting)."

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 Tenant Purchase Scheme does not come within the remit of this planning feasibility study.

Source of Report: Roisin Burke, Director of Services, Planning & Development Department

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THURSDAY 12th MARCH 2026

ITEM NO. 57

DELIVERY OF SAFE FOOTPATH AND CYCLING ACCESS - KNOCKSEDAN TO SWORDS MANOR - AI106962

Motion: Councillor D. Butler

“That the Chief Executive provide a report on what steps would have to be completed in order to deliver a safe footpath and cycling access along the R108 and L2030 (around and not through the Ward Valley Park) from Knocksedan to Swords Manor and to compile proposals to achieve this.”

Report:

To deliver a project of this nature the following steps would be required.

- Feasibility assessment would need to be done to establish both the need and the feasibility of proposed infrastructure
- The project would need to be identified in our development and delivery plans, including a project team owner and appropriate funding streams for planning, design and construction
- Appropriate funding would need to be identified for a capital funding stream.
- Data collection carried out, to include but not limited to, the following. Topographical surveys, traffic, and pedestrian surveys completed.
- An options report, developed to determine the various options for delivering the required results
- Preliminary design to be completed.
- A screening process carried out to determine the environmental impacts and appropriate assessment.
- Statutory process including appropriate planning phases.

- Detailed Design.
- CPO or land acquisition agreements, should land be required
- Engage with other FCC departments to establish the benefits and/or impact this project would have on the movement of people and vehicles in the greater Swords area, both during construction and in its operation.

Source of Report:

Breen Doris Senior Executive Engineer Active Travel Unit

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THURSDAY 12th MARCH 2026

ITEM NO. 58

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT LINKING SWORDS AND BLANCHARDSTOWN -
AI107225**

Motion: Councillor D. Mulligan

“That the Chief Executive writes to the National Transport Authority and Blanchardstown Technological University to seek the provision of appropriate and direct public transport links between Swords and Blanchardstown.”

Report:

If the Motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the National Transport Authority and Blanchardstown Technological University, 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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THURSDAY 12th MARCH 2026

ITEM NO. 59

REQUEST FOR A SAFE CROSSING AT CASTLELAND SHOPPING CENTRE - AI107255

Motion: Councillor M. Quinn

“That the Chief Executive write to the developer of the Castleland Park Estate to request that a safe crossing is put in place to accommodate the children crossing from Castleland Park to the school complex.”

Report:

If the Motion is passed; the terms therein will be forwarded to the developer of the Castleland Park Estate; when a reply is received the Area Committee shall be informed.

Source of Report: Brian Murray, Senior Executive Officer, Planning and Development

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THURSDAY 12th MARCH 2026

ITEM NO. 60

PROVISION OF A GAELCHOLÁISTE FOR SWORDS - AI107112

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

“That this Council agrees to actively work with the Department of Education and IMEASC to identify a suitable site for the building and provision of a Gaelcholáiste in Swords, or the greater Swords area, to meet the growing need for secondary education through Irish in the County of Fingal.”

Report:

If the Motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the Department of Education and IMEASC, 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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