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Friday, 27th February 2026

**To Each Member of the
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar
Area Committee (Services B - Strategic & General Matters)**

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B - Strategic & General Matters)** will be held **Hybrid** in the **Council Chamber - Grove Road, Blanchardstown/MS Teams** at **3.30 pm** on **Thursday, 5th March, 2026** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours Faithfully

**Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services**

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A G E N D A

- 1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Blanchardstown - Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B (Strategic and General) Meeting Held on Thursday the 5th of February 2026**

QUESTIONS

- 2 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Report on Data Centres in this LEA - AI106739**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report in tabular format listing the location of all the data centres and the maximum power capacity expressed in megawatts (MW) of each centre that is currently operating in this Local Electoral Area?"

- 3 Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Audit on Boarded-up Homes in this LEA - AI106803**

"To ask the Chief Executive to conduct an audit on the number of boarded-up homes in this Local Electoral Area and to confirm what plans are being considered to bring these homes back into active use for families in emergency accommodation and those who are homeless".

- 4 Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Update on Taking in Charge in Tyrrelstown - AI106873**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on which estates and communities in Tyrrelstown have been taken in charge, and to confirm, in particular, if Curragh Hall is currently taken in charge?"

- 5 Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Update on Taking in Charge of Brandon Square, Tyrrelstown - AI106874**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Brandon Square in Waterville?"

6 Councillor M. McCamley - Garda Request for Tyrrelstown Plaza - AI106850

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to liaise with An Garda Síochána, requesting that they patrol the area around the Block D, Tyrrelstown Plaza area, as groups of youths are interfering with the fire alarms and emergency fire exit doors?"

7 Councillor M. McCamley - Update on Community Building at Apurva Charity, Powerstown - AI106979

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed community building, including a Hindu Temple, for Apurva Charity at Powerstown, which was discussed in February 2025, regarding the disposal of land?"

8 Councillor M. McCamley - Update on Taking in Charge of Brandon Square - AI106980

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Brandon Square?"

9 Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Appointment of Contractor for Castlefield Hall - AI106876

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the appointment of a contractor to carry out the storm/foul network repairs and the final resurfacing in Castlefield Hall?"

10 Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Clonsilla Framework Plan - AI107014

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report and advise on what steps, if any, have been taken to progress elements of the Clonsilla Framework Plan which are achievable in the shorter term?"

11 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Report on CCTV at Mick Walsh Park - AI106950

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the timeline for the installation of CCTV cameras in Mick Walsh Park?"

12 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Update on Refurbishments in Corduff Park - AI107090

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update and timeline of when

the refurbishments will be completed in Corduff Park?"

13 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Update on Re-opening of Hollywood Road - AI107091

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the re-opening of Hollywood Road, including the proposed re-opening date?"

14 Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Taking in Charge of Castlefield Hall - AI107053

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge process for Castlefield Hall?"

15 Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Taking in Charge of Phibblestown Wood - AI107054

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge process for Phibblestown Wood?"

16 Councillor A. Donnelly - Report on CBL Applications in this LEA - AI107082

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on Choice Based Lettings (CBL) in this Local Electoral Area for 2025, and year to date, including how many homes were advertised, their location and how many applications were received?"

17 Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Hazelbury Park Play Area - AI107084

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Hazelbury Park play area?"

18 Councillor A. Donnelly - Provision of Farmers Market in Clonsilla - AI107087

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of a farmers market in Clonsilla, a site that has been suggested is the v-shaped roads at St Mary's Church, Clonsilla?"

19 Councillor A. Donnelly - Report on Christmas Market in Dublin 15 - AI107088

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on progress made to deliver a Christmas Market in Dublin 15 in 2026?"

20 Councillor A. Donnelly - Junction Upgrades at Hartstown/Huntstown - AI107089

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the commencement of work on the planned junction upgrades on the Hartstown/Huntstown loop?"

21 Councillor J. Walsh - Enforcement of Planning on Unauthorised Drone Bases - AI107074

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an outline of any enforcement measures taken in relation to unauthorised drone bases, since January 2024, and the outcome of enforcement in each instance?"

22 Councillor J. Walsh - Update on Royal Canal Greenway - AI107075

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the timeline and progress of the Royal Canal Greenway, including the likely timeframe for submission of the Environment Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and the planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála?"

23 Councillor J. Walsh - Vacant and Derelict Housing in Dublin 15 - AI107076

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of vacant homes and derelict buildings in Dublin 15 during 2023, 2024 and 2025?"

24 Councillor J. Walsh - New All-Weather Pitch in Hamilton Park - AI107077

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the planning and delivery of a new all-weather pitch in Hamilton Park?"

25 Councillor G. Sheehan - Update on Drone Regulation in Dublin 15 - AI107078

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the regulation of drones in Dublin 15?"

26 Councillor T. Leddy - Blanchardstown Shopping Centre Development - AI107093

"To ask the Chief Executive if any development levies have been paid to the Council, by Blanche Retail Nominees Limited, following the

granting of permission for the Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) in February 2023.”

27 Applications for Funding.

a Applications for Community Funding

GENERAL BUSINESS

28 Correspondence.

- a Email from Private Secretary of Helen McEntee TD received 30th January 2026 regarding Cllr Doyle Motion Repair of Car Park at Sacred Heart of Jesus National School**
- b Email from Private Secretary of Darragh O'Brien TD received 30th January 2026 regarding Cllr Burtchaell Motion Tyrrelstown to Ongar/Hansfield Bus Route**
- c Email from National Transport Authority dated 4th February 2026 regarding Cllr Burtchaell Motion Inadequate Bus Services in Tyrrelstown and Hollystown**
- d Email from Private Secretary of Darragh O'Brien TD dated 18th February 2026 regarding Cllr Donnelly Motion Airport Bus for Dublin 15**

MOTIONS

29 Councillor S. Shovlin - Halloween Events for Dublin 15 - AI106071

“That the Chief Executive consider suitable Halloween events for the Dublin 15 area in the future, taking inspiration and ideas from other parts of the county that successfully hold similar events for all ages.”

30 Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Residence Car Park Allocation - Church Fields - AI106436

“That the Chief Executive urgently consider the need to implement a fixed residence car park allocation at Church Fields in Dublin 15 to address the emerging conflict regarding the usage of available car park spaces by some car owners, to the detriment and displeasure of other car owners, who can't find a car parking space when needed.”

31 Councillor P. Quinlan - Motocross Area in this LEA - AI106496

“That the Chief Executive seeks to acquire suitable land or utilise Fingal's own existing land holdings in the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart area for the purpose of establishing a Council operated motocross club and track with the aim of promoting safe, regulated motorsport

activities, supporting local recreation and generating sustainable revenue for the Council through managed access and maintenance fees."

32 Councillor T. Leddy - Installation of Five-a-Side Football Pitch at Hamilton Park - AI106837

"That the Chief Executive meet with residents in Hamilton Park with the view to installing an all-weather five-a-side football pitch?"

33 Councillor M. McCamley - Vacant Ground at Hollywoodrath - AI106847

"That the Chief Executive write to the Department of Education with a view to asking what the plan is for the vacant ground adjacent to the school in Hollywoodrath."

34 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Parking Issues for Residents at Church Fields Development - AI106961

"That the Chief Executive provides a report on the significant issues in relation to parking for residents in the new Church Fields development and any plans to deal with this issue?"

35 Councillor A. Donnelly - Risk Assessment for Fortlawn Area - AI107052

"That the Chief Executive carries out a risk assessment on the impact the opening six cul-de-sacs will have on the community of Fortlawn, as three through roads will exacerbate the problems residents are experiencing with anti-social behaviour, and commits that no further action to open these cul-de-sacs should be taken without data and evidence to show this course of action will not make anti-social behaviour worse."

36 Councillor J. Walsh - Participation in New State-led Capital Programme in Dublin 15 - AI107071

"That the Chief Executive identifies relevant projects and/or appropriate buildings in the Dublin 15 area which could be proposed to the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for inclusion in the new State-led capital programme for delivery of early childhood education and care."

37 Councillor P. Quinlan - Vacant Social Housing in Dublin 15 - AI105670

“That the Chief Executive invoke emergency procurement powers to replace the existing Dublin 15 void refurbishment contractors and appoint new contractor(s) to deliver the rapid return of vacant Council homes in this Local Electoral Area.”

38 Councillor J. Walsh - Task Force on Special Education in Dublin 15 - AI107072

“That the Chief Executive write to the Minister for Education and Youth and requests her to immediately publish the report of the Dublin 15 Task Force on Special Education and commit to the full implementation of all its recommendations.”

39 Councillor A. Donnelly - Housing Forum/Estate Management Meetings in this LEA - AI107083

“That the Chief Executive re-establishes housing forum/estate management meetings in this Local Electoral Area to include stakeholders, as before with the addition of Approved Housing Bodies.”

**Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee
(Services B - Strategic & General Matters)

**Held on Thursday 5th February 2026 in the Civic Offices, Grove Road,
Blanchardstown/MS Teams at 3.30pm.**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Burtchaell, John
Carbone-Mangan, Eimear
Kieran Dennison
Donnelly, Angela
Hanaphy, Breda
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted

Councillors:

McCamley, Mary
Onwumereh, JK
Quinlan, Patrick
Sheehan, Gerard
Shovlin, Siobhan
Troy, Ellen
Walsh, John

Apologies: Councillor H. Redwood

Absent: Councillor T. Doyle

The Area Chairperson Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Sara McAvoy, (Senior Executive Officer Housing), Orlagh Sweetman (Senior Staff Officer, Housing). Pauline Poole, (Community Officer, Community), Noel Mc Manus (Sports Development Officer, Community), Carmel Brennan (Senior Architect, Architects), Aoife Lawler (Senior Executive Officer, Housing), Liam Burke, (Senior Executive Officer, Housing), Michael Campbell (Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development), Emma Court, (Walking and Cycling Officer, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports), Sinead Murphy, Senior Engineer, (Climate Action and Active Travel & Sports), Ciaran Staunton, (Administrative Officer, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Culture Development), Deirdre Fallon

(Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure, Gene Griffin (Administrative Officer, Housing), Emma Maxwell, (Administrative Officer, Housing).

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Area Chairperson, Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, at the start of the meeting reminded members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

CMB/384/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Blanchardstown - Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B (Strategic and General) Meeting Held on Thursday the 13th January 2026.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor M. McCamley seconded by Councillor E. Troy and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 13th January 2026 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh seconded by Councillor P. Quinlan and **RESOLVED**-

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 23 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

CMB/385/26 (Agenda Item No 2 - 23)

CMB/412/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Applications for Funding.

a Applications for Community Funding

It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy and **AGREED**:

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

b Applications for Sports Funding

Following a discussion Councillor J. Burtchaell raised a query regarding the content of the report. It was agreed the meeting would seek clarity and this item would be revisited at the end of the meeting.

CMB/412/27 (Agenda Item No 25)

Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the Proposed Demolition of 4 no. dwellings and development of 21 no. dwellings at Fortlawn Avenue and Fortlawn Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

Following discussion the presentation was **NOTED**.

The Chair advised a Motion had been submitted from the floor in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly, Councillor J. Walsh, Councillor B. Hanaphy, Councillor M. McCamley. The Motion was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

The Motion Read:

“That this committee reaffirms its opposition to the “Fortlawn Part 8 planning proposal” as presented on 5th February 2026, in line with two motions previously agreed by the Area committee on 4th September and a further motion on 6th November, seeking a revised plan which did not necessitate the demolition of family homes”.

Following a discussion the Chair advised a roll call vote with respect to the Motion submitted from the floor, and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 8 EIGHT

AGAINST: 3 THREE

ABSTAIN: 2 TWO

FOR: Councillor J. Burtchaell, Councillor A. Donnelly, Councillor B. Hanaphy, Councillor M. McCamley, Councillor P. Quinlan, Councillor G. Sheehan, Councillor E. Troy, Councillor J. Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, Councillor K. Dennison, Councillor J.K Onwumereh.

ABSTAIN: Councillor S. Shovlin. Councillor T. Leddy.

The Chair **DECLARED** the motion **PASSED**.

CMB/414/26 (Agenda Item No 26)
Proposed Disposals

CMB/415/26 (Agenda Item No 26a)

Notice of proposed disposal of land at Tyrrelstown, Co Dublin to Glenveagh properties Plc.

Mr. Michael Campbell, Senior Staff Officer of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Culture & Development Department gave a report for noting by the Area Committee on the Proposed disposal of land at Tyrrelstown, Co Dublin to Glenveagh properties Plc.

Following discussion the report was **NOTED**.

CMB/415/26 (Agenda Item No 26b)
Notice of proposed disposal grant of wayleave at Dunsink Lane, Finglas, Dublin 11, to Zayo Infrastructure Ireland Limited.

Mr. Michael Campbell, Senior Staff Officer of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Culture & Development Department gave a report for noting by the Area Committee on grant of wayleave at Dunsink Lane, Finglas, Dublin 11, to Zayo Infrastructure Ireland Limited.

Following discussion the report was **NOTED**.

CMB/416/26 (Agenda Item No 27)
Quiet Streets Applications 2026

Ms. Emma Court, Walking and Cycling Officer, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Department provided a presentation on Quiet Streets Applications 2026. Following the presentation queries were raised by the members which were

responded to by Ms. Court and Ms. Sinead Murphy, Senior Engineer, Climate Action and Active Travel & Sports Department.

Following discussion the presentation was **NOTED**.

CMB/417/26 (Agenda Item No 28)

Correspondence

a Email from Private Secretary of Michael Moynihan TD received 7th January 2026 regarding Cllr Walsh Motion Second Special School in this LEA

The correspondence, which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

b Email from Uisce Éireann dated 12th January 2026 regarding Cllr Hanaphy Motion - Ongoing Malodour in Mulhuddart

The correspondence, which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

c Email from Private Secretary of James Browne T.D. dated 15th January 2026 regarding Cllr Donnelly Motion Funding for Step Down Housing in this LEA

The correspondence, which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

d Email from Private Secretary of Hildegard Naughton TD received 21st January 2026 regarding Cllr Coppinger Motion Ériu Community College Location

The correspondence, which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

CMB/421/26 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor M. McCamley - Tourism Group in Dublin 15 - AI105280

The Motion in the name of Councillor M. McCamley was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley and Seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

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

CMB/423/26 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Local Area Plan for Meakstown - AI105763

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Quinlan was proposed by Councillor P. Quinlan. No seconder was noted.

CMB/424/26 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Report on Income Ceiling for Social Housing in this LEA - AI105944

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

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

CMB/425/26 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor J. Walsh - Clarification on Train at Clonsilla Station - AI106041

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Walsh was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and Seconded by Councillor M. McCamley.

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

CMB/426/26 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Implementation of Dunsink LAP - AI106054

The Motion in the name of Councillor JK. Onwumereh was proposed by Councillor JK. Onwumereh and Seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan.

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

CMB/427/26 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Halloween Events for Dublin 15 - AI106071

As Councillor S. Shovlin was not present when this Motion was reached. This Motion will be carried over to the next Area Committee Meeting in March.

CMB/427/27 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor E. Troy - Monthly Update on Vacant Council Houses - AI106175

The Motion in the name of Councillor E. Troy was proposed by Councillor E. Troy and Seconded by Councillor G. Sheehan.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED** and following discussion, it was **AGREED** the Motion would be referred to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee.

CMB/427/27 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Airport Bus for Dublin 15 - AI106308

The Motion in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly as proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and Seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy.

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

CMB/425/26 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor T. Leddy - Dunsink LAP Renaming - AI106325

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

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

CMB/425/26 (Agenda Item No 38)

Councillor J. Walsh - Ghost Buses in Dublin 15 - AI106223

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Walsh was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and Seconded by Councillor M. McCamley.

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

CMB/425/26 (Agenda Item No 40)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Childcare Funding in Dublin 15 - AI106493

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

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

b Applications for Sports Funding

An amended report was circulated to all members during the meeting. The amended report was displayed for members.

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

"That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Sports Funding in the amended report."

The Meeting concluded at 18:00

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic and General Matters)

THURSDAY 5th MARCH 2026

ITEM NO. 02

REPORT ON DATA CENTRES IN THIS LEA - AI106739

Question: Councillor J. Burtchaell

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report in tabular format listing the location of all the data centres and the maximum power capacity expressed in megawatts (MW) of each centre that is currently operating in this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

There is no requirement during the Planning Application process where the Megawatts (MW) units are required, as a result the MW listed in the table below are acquired from the Company's Website.

Based on Planning Applications the following table list out the locations of Data Centres in Fingal (Primarily in Dublin 15)

Data Centre	Address	Eircode	MegaWatt (MW)*	Planning History
Servecentric Dublin Data Center, Digital Realty, ColoCrossing	Unit 9, Blanchardstown Corporate Park Dublin 15,	D15 CXE2	Unknown	F00A/0645
Equinix DB3	Unit 2, Northwest Business Park, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	D15XW94	Unknown	F00A/0878, F08A/0703, FW12A/0068

Equinix DB4	Unit 14, Northwest Business Park, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	D15E205	Unknown	FW13A/0097
Keppel DC	Kepple, Unit B10, Ballycoolin Business Park, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	D15YN9K	8	FW12A/0116, FW19A/0147, FW20A/0109, FW20A/0119
Viatel	Unit 1, Blanchardstown Road N, College Business and tech Park	D15 PEC4	Unknown	F99A/0916
BT Communications Ireland Limited	Block 5, Blanchardstown Corporate Park 1, Dublin 15, Dublin, D15 PY54	D15PY54	4 or 6	F00A/0645, FW15A/0050, FW22A/0011
K2 DUB1, DUB5	Unit 1, Block 4B, IDA Business Park, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	D15Y3EC	15.36	FW15A/0117, FW17A/0031
IBM Damastown Data Centre	Damastown Industrial Estate, Building 5	D15 HN66	Unknown	F97A/0386, F01A/1420, F02A/1350, F04A/0663, F05A/0661, FW13A/0058
K2 DUB 4	Ballycoolin Business Park, Ballycoolin Road	D15 FY81	Unknown	FW19A/0089, FW20A/0181, FW21A/0092
Equinix DB5x & DB6x	Clyde House, Blanchardstown Business & Technology Park	D15 Y6NT	9.6	FW18A/0032, FW20A/0087, FW21A/0073, FW21A/0176
Amazon AWS DUB - Mulhuddart 1, 2 & 3	Cruiserath Road Building 1, south, Building 2, southeast Building 3, northwest	D15 A6RX	73	FW17A/0025, FW22A/0308

Pure DC Orion 1, 2 & 3	Pure Data Centres Group, Orion Business Campus, NW Business Park	D15XE2N	54	FW17A/0167, FW18A/0114, FW22A/0168, FW24A/0246E
Proposed Data Centres currently with Permission, not yet Started	Address	Eircode	MegaWatt (MW)*	Planning History
Huntstown Power Company - Building A & B	Huntstown, North Rd, Coldwinters	N/A	Unknown	FW21A/0151
EDGECONNEX BALLYCOOLIN I LIMITED	In the Townland of Bay, Corduff Road, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	N/A	Unknown	FW21A/0077, FW21A/0222
Springton LTD	Cloghran House, Mitchelstown Road, Northwest Business Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 RW7A	N/A	Unknown	FW20A/0214
Colm Mac Daibheid	Parslickstown, Navan Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	N/A	Unknown	FW21A/0046

* Information for MW from Company Websites

Source of Reply:

Patrick Murphy, A/Chief Technician, Planning and Development Department

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BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic and General Matters)

THURSDAY 5th MARCH 2026

ITEM NO. 03

AUDIT ON BOARDED UP HOMES IN THIS LEA – AI106803

Question: Councillor JK. Onwumereh

"To ask the Chief Executive to conduct an audit on the number of boarded-up homes in this Local Electoral Area and to confirm what plans are being considered to bring these homes back into active use for families in emergency accommodation and those who are homeless?"

Reply:

There are currently 48 Boarded houses in this LEA. 23 of these are currently in the lettings process. 10 are currently undergoing re-let works. 15 are in the process of procurement of works/surrender/clearing of belongings.

The average turnaround time for Council void properties is reported annually to NOAC, the National Oversight and Audit Committee, through the Housing Indicator H3A. The most recently published figure for 2024— *"the average time taken from the date a dwelling is vacated to the date it is re-tenanted, across all dwellings re-let during 2024"*—is 33.76 weeks. This turnaround time includes surrendering time by the old tenant; clearing of property; design, tendering and undertaking of re-let works (which could be substantial and involved a number of different contractors); time for the tenant to organise utility reconnections; Anti-Social Behaviour checks (e.g. Garda vetting); viewings and refusals by tenants; and the various stages of due diligence in Fingal County Council's allocations process.

Following on from various discussions at ACM and full council level with the Elected Members, the Housing Department does intend to engage more proactively, for

example at estate level where there may be a higher number of voids, in order to provide more detailed updates directly to councillors where specific local updates are required. As part of this engagement, the issue of voids has been included as a headed item on the agenda for the March meeting of the Housing SPC.

Lettings of available properties are made in accordance with the Allocations Scheme of Social Housing Support and to eligible applicants, including those in emergency accommodation.

Source of Reply:

Emma Maxwell, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic and General Matters)

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ITEM NO. 04

UPDATE ON TAKING IN CHARGE IN TYRRELSTOWN - AI106873

Question: Councillor JK. Onwumereh

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on which estates and communities in Tyrrelstown have been taken in charge, and to confirm, in particular, if Curragh Hall is currently taken in charge?”

Reply:

Curragh Hall has been in charge since 2007. The remaining estates including Cruise Park, Mount Eustace, Mount Garrett, Belgree, French Park, Gazelle, Ballentree & Bishop Orchard are also taken in charge.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Development Department

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ITEM NO. 05

**UPDATE ON TAKING IN CHARGE OF BRANDON SQUARE,
TYRRELSTOWN - AI106874**

Question: Councillor JK. Onwumereh

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Brandon Square in Waterville?”

Reply:

The surface water drainage system serving Brandon Square flows through Erris Square before connecting to the main surface water sewer on Waterville Road. This sewer collects runoff from the road gullies and must be included in the taking-in-charge process along with the road itself.

However, when Fingal County Council sought a wayleave from the Erris Square Owner Management Company, it became apparent that the developer has not yet completed the transfer of the common areas to the management company. As a result, the Owner Management Company is currently unable to grant the necessary wayleave.

Once the land transfer is finalised, Fingal County Council will be in a position to request the wayleave from the Owner Management Company of Erris Square and progress the taking-in-charge of Brandon Square.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 06

GARDA REQUEST FOR TYRRELSTOWN PLAZA - AI106850

Question: Councillor M. McCamley

“To ask the chief executive if consideration can be given to liaise with An Garda Síochána requesting that they patrol the area around the Block D, Tyrrelstown plaza area, as groups of youths are interfering with the fire alarms and emergency fire exit doors?”

Reply:

Tyrellstown Plaza has not been Taken in Charge by the Council. Nevertheless, the Estate Management Section will write to An Garda Síochána to request increased patrols in the area in response to the reported anti-social behaviour.

Source of Reply:

Joan Kernan, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 07

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY BUILDING AT APURVA CHARITY, POWERSTOWN - AI106979

Question: Councillor M. McCamley

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed community building, including a Hindu Temple, for the Apurva Charity at Powerstown, which was discussed in February 2025, regarding the disposal of land?"

Reply:

The Elected Members approved the disposal of land at Powerstown, Tyrellstown, Dublin 15 to Apurva Charity on the 10th March 2025 for the purpose of developing community infrastructure, specifically the construction of a community building which would serve both as a place of worship for the Hindu community and provide community space and facilities for the Hindu community and local community.

The statutory disposal notice included a condition stipulating that Apurva Charity had 12 months from the date of the contract for sale to apply for full planning permission for development on the site.

The contract for sale was executed in October 2025, accordingly Apurva Charity has until October 2026 to lodge a planning application for the development of the site.

Source of Reply:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 08

UPDATE ON TAKING IN CHARGE OF BRANDON SQUARE - AI106980

Question: Councillor M. McCamley

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Brandon Square?”

Reply:

The surface water drainage system serving Brandon Square flows through Erris Square before connecting to the main surface water sewer on Waterville Road. This sewer collects runoff from the road gullies and must be included in the taking-in-charge process along with the road itself.

However, when Fingal County Council sought a wayleave from the Erris Square Owner Management Company, it became apparent that the developer has not yet completed the transfer of the common areas to the management company. As a result, the Owner Management Company is currently unable to grant the necessary wayleave.

Once the land transfer is finalised, Fingal County Council will be in a position to request the wayleave from the Owner Management Company of Erris Square and progress the taking-in-charge of Brandon Square.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 09

**UPDATE ON APPOINTMENT OF CONTRACTOR FOR CASTLEFIELD
HALL - AI106876**

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the appointment of a contractor to carry out the storm/foul network repairs and the final resurfacing in Castlefield Hall?”

Reply:

The repairs to the underground pipework (storm/foul) have now been completed; the Developer will now engage with a Contractor to complete the final road surfacing layer to the estate. The Taking in Charge process will commence after the surfacing works are completed. The current timeline aims to have the estate advertised for Taking in Charge in the coming months.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 10

UPDATE ON CLONSILLA FRAMEWORK PLAN - AI107014

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report and advise on what steps, if any, have been taken to progress elements of the Clonsilla Framework Plan which are achievable in the shorter term?”

Reply:

The Clonsilla Framework Plan was agreed in May 2025. It seeks to support and encourage economic, social and cultural development and provide an attractive, high-quality environment for existing and future residents. Public realm improvements, enhanced recreational facilities, new active travel infrastructure and improved accessibility are central to the Plan. Implementation of the plan objectives will occur on a cross departmental basis. Specifically in relation to the provision of enhanced recreational facilities, the Class 1 Open Space elements of the Kellystown Local Area Plan are nearing completion, and these will contribute significantly to the active and passive recreational amenities in the area.

Source of Reply:

Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning & Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 11

REPORT ON CCTV AT MICK WALSH PARK - AI106950

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the timeline for the installation of CCTV cameras in Mick Walsh Park?”

Reply:

The installation of CCTV cameras at Mick Walsh Park will be completed within the next four weeks.

Members of the public will be advised of the presence of the CCTV cameras via social media, prior to the cameras going live.

Source of Reply:

Catherine O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Department

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ITEM NO. 12

UPDATE ON REFURBISHMENTS IN CORDUFF PARK - AI107090

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update and timeline of when the refurbishments will be completed in Corduff Park?”

Reply:

The works to Corduff Park commenced in January 2026 and are programmed to be substantially completed in October 2026. Note the renovation of the grass pitch will require additional time after the works are completed before it can be certified as ready for use. This grass pitch establishment period is expected to be between 10 & 12 months depending on growth rates.

Source of Reply:

Mark Finnegan, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure & Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 13

UPDATE ON RE-OPENING OF HOLLYWOOD ROAD - AI107091

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the re-opening of Hollywood Road, including the proposed re-opening date?”

Reply:

While progress has been made by Newkey under the licence arrangements, a number of the required works have not yet been completed, and accordingly the road is not currently in a position to be opened by Glenveagh to the public.

In particular:

- Sections of the footpaths and cycle lane on the Newkey side remain incomplete;
- Public lighting and both pedestrian crossings have not yet been energised;
- The bulk meter and final Irish Water connection on the Newkey side have not yet been delivered;
- Watermain commissioning works

Once the outstanding items are completed and the necessary services are fully operational and certified, Glenveagh can open the road.

Based on the current position and allowing a realistic timeframe for completion and commissioning of the remaining elements, a prudent estimate for reopening would be in April, subject to the outstanding works being finalised.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport Department.

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ITEM NO. 14

UPDATE ON TAKING IN CHARGE OF CASTLEFIELD HALL - AI107053

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge process for Castlefield Hall?”

Reply:

The repairs of the underground pipework have now been completed; the Developer will now engage with a Contractor to complete the final road surfacing layer to the estate. The Taking in Charge process will commence after the surfacing works are completed. The current timeline aims to have the estate advertised for Taking in Charge in the coming months.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 15

UPDATE ON TAKING IN CHARGE OF PHIBBLESTOWN WOOD - AI107054

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge process for Phibblestown Wood?”

Reply:

The bondholder has been issued a list of required works necessary to bring the estate up to the standard for taking in charge. The commencement and completion of these works will depend on the time required for the bondholder to engage and mobilise a contractor. Once the works have been completed to the satisfaction of Fingal County Council, the estate will be advertised for taking in charge.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 16

REPORT ON CBL APPLICATIONS IN THIS LEA - AI107082

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on Choice Based Lettings (CBL) in this Local Electoral Area for 2025, and year to date, including how many homes were advertised, their location and how many applications were received?"

Reply:

Choice Based Lettings (CBL) is one method used to allocate social housing. Eligible applicants are encouraged to use the portal to view advertised properties and express interest in homes that meet their needs. In accordance with the Allocation Scheme for Social Housing Support, interested applicants will be reviewed by "Date in Need".

All stock types including Casual Voids, Long Term Leases and new developments where multiple home are available for allocation may be allocated using CBL. In 2025 new developments, such as Kilmartin and Hollyfield were advertised.

Adverts for new developments can include multiple units and having regard to the fact that not all Applicants are registered to use CBL, some units are allocated outside of the CBL process.

From 1 January 2025 to 24 February 2026, 24 advertisements were published within the Blanchardstown/D15 Housing area.

During this period, a total of 5,836 expressions of interest were received on the advertised properties.

Applicants are encouraged to actively engage with the CBL system and to express interest in properties that match their assessed bedroom need. Housing Lettings advertises available units across the county every Wednesday, adverts remain open for seven days. Usernames and passwords can be requested by emailing choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie.

Source of Reply:

Linda McDonald, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 17

UPDATE ON HAZELBURY PARK PLAY AREA - AI107084

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Hazelbury Park play area?”

Reply:

Further to a meeting on site with residents in December to hear their concerns, the Infrastructure & Transport department are further detailing the planned playground and will meet with residents in the coming weeks with an update on the plans.

Source of Reply:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department.

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ITEM NO.18

PROVISION OF FARMERS MARKET IN CLONSILLA - AI107087

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration could be given for the provision of a farmers market in Clonsilla, a site that has been suggested is the v shaped roads at St Mary’s Church, Clonsilla?”

Reply:

A Food Market Feasibility Study for Dublin 15 was completed in 2025. On foot of this, the operational details of a new food market for Dublin 15 including precise location, site, and scheduling are currently being finalised as part of the 2026 Fingal Food Markets plan.

Members will be provided with details of the Market proposal once plans have been finalised.

Source of Reply:

Declan Power. Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 19

REPORT ON CHRISTMAS MARKET IN DUBLIN 15 - AI107088

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on progress made to deliver a Christmas Market in Dublin 15 in 2026?”

Reply:

A Food Market Feasibility Study for Dublin 15 was completed in 2025 and on foot of this, the operational details of a new food market for Dublin 15 including scheduling are currently being finalised as part of the 2026 Fingal Food Markets plan.

As Christmas markets are once-off events with a primary focus on craft and gift traders rather than a repeating food market opportunity, and allowing for the fact that festive markets need to offer a different experience to the public, it is not currently intended to run the new food market at Christmas. There is also no provision for such a market in the Council events programme and budget for 2026. However, this will be kept under review to see if performance of the new food market, visitor demand and trader availability make a Christmas market viable at a later point.

Source of Reply:

Declan Power. Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 20

JUNCTION UPGRADES AT HARTSTOWN/HUNTSTOWN - AI107089

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when work will commence on the planned junction upgrades on the Hartstown/Huntstown loop?”

Reply:

The Hartstown Road/Huntstown Way Junction Upgrades scheme is currently at detailed design. Tender documentation is being prepared to run a competition for a works contractor in Q3 2026.

It is anticipated construction will commence in late 2026.

Source of Reply:

Kieran Maher, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Department.

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ITEM NO. 21

ENFORCEMENT OF PLANNING ON UNAUTHORISED DRONE BASES - AI107074

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive provide an outline of enforcement measures taken in relation to unauthorised drone bases, since January 2024, and the outcome of enforcement in each instance?”

Reply:

In relation to drone activity at the Clonsilla Inn, reference ENF23.034B, planning enforcement action taken by the Council including the issuing of an Enforcement Notice on 19th June 2024 under Section 154 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, has resulted in the removal of all unauthorised drone activity from this location.

In relation to drone activity at Junction 6, reference ENF24.176, an Enforcement Notice issued under Section 154 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, on 11th July 2025, and has resulted in the removal of all unauthorised drone activity from this location.

In relation to drone activity at Coolmine Industrial Estate, reference ENF25.149, a warning letter was issued on 20th August 2025. Following investigations, an Enforcement Notice issued under Section 154 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, on 7th October 2025. Investigations remain open and ongoing.

Source of Reply:

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 22

UPDATE ON ROYAL CANAL GREENWAY - AI107075

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the timeline and progress of the Royal Canal Greenway, including the likely timeframe for submission of the Environment Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and the planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála?

Reply:

The project team from the Infrastructure and Transport Department is continuing to consult with all the key stakeholders, the National Transport Authority, Irish Rail and Waterways Ireland along the route of the greenway to ensure a coordinated, high quality final design is achieved at interfaces between existing facilities and the proposed scheme.

Following the agreement reached with Waterway Ireland in September 2025 on the Greenway design this required a large body of work to be undertaken by the project team to update the Environment Impact Assessment Report, Road Safety Audit & Infrastructure Equality Assessment Audit, Preliminary Business Case, Photomontages and also carry out more up to date habitat and ecology surveys which is now been undertaken. These tasks have now been undertaken by the project team, and their findings have been included as part of the Environment Impact Assessment Report.

Given the volume of information required as part the Planning application which include input from several specialist sub-consultant and with the current market conditions aligning these specialists’ sub-consultant with the relevant expertise’s and to start their tasks to undertake their work to compile the final documents has been somewhat challenging. The current programme is to have completed all

the documentation for the planning application before the end of Q1 of 2026 with a legal review of the documents undertaken thereafter with the submission of the planning application soon afterwards in early Q2 of 2026.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport Department.

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ITEM NO. 23

VACANT AND DERELICT HOUSING IN DUBLIN 15 - AI107076

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of vacant homes and derelict buildings in Dublin 15 during 2023, 2024 and 2025?”

Reply:

Vacant Homes

The Vacant Homes database is managed by the Housing Agency and provides a running total of vacant homes rather than annual totals. There are currently 40 identified privately owned vacant homes in the Dublin 15 area. The Council is investigating these properties to confirm if these properties remain vacant, to identify the reasons for vacancy and to establish if plans are underway to bring the properties back into use. The Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant may be considered by the property owners to bring properties back into residential use.

In addition to these 40 properties, the Council is currently engaging with seven applicants under the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant Scheme with respect to seven long term vacant properties in varying states of condition located in the Dublin 15 Area. The vacant homes team is working with these owners to bring the applications to decision stage. To date, 19 applicants have drawn down funds under the Vacant Refurbishment Grant Scheme in the Dublin 15 area.

Derelict Buildings

Fingal's Town Regeneration Office was established in 2023 and resourced to take over the function of Derelict Sites. This function transferred into the Town Regeneration Office in September of 2023. The following activity was carried out in Dublin 15:

	No of Derelict Sites Files	No. of Inspections Carried Out	No. of Sites Deemed Not to be Derelict and Closed	No. Sites Open and Progressing	No. Statutory Notices Issued	No. of Sites Compliant & Closed	No. on DSR
2023							
Castleknock	7	6	1	5	13	0	0
Ongar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart	5	6	2	3	5	0	0
TOTAL	12	12	3	8	18	0	0

In 2024 historical sites referred to the Town Regeneration Office by the public in the Dublin 15 local electoral areas were inspected and progressed under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 as follows:

	No of Derelict Sites Files	No. of Inspections Carried Out	No. of Sites Deemed Not to be Derelict and Closed	No. Sites Open and Progressing	No. Statutory Notices Issued	No. of Sites Compliant & Closed	No. on DSR
2024							
Castleknock	8	6	0	4	4	0	0
Ongar	3	3	0	4	3	0	0
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart	6	7	0	6	3	0	0
TOTAL	17	16	0	14	10	0	0

In 2025 the Town Regeneration Office commenced a review of all historical and newly reported sites within the Dublin 15 area. The review focused on appropriately addressing dereliction within the area. This work included the following outputs in these LEA's:

	No of Derelict Sites Files	No. of Inspections Carried Out	No. of Sites Deemed Not to be	No. Sites Open and Progressing	No. Statutory Notices Issued	No. of Sites Compliant & Closed	No. on DSR
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			Derelict and Closed				
2025							
Castleknock	40	46	23	15	13	3	0
Ongar	6	15	3	3	5	1	1
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart	47	56	19	24	17	2	1
TOTAL	93	117	45	42	35	6	2

The Town Regeneration Office continue to engage with the persons responsible for these sites in an effort to reduce dereliction across the County of Fingal.

Source of Reply:

Sara McAvoy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department

Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 24

NEW ALL-WEATHER PITCH IN HAMILTON PARK - AI107077

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the planning and delivery of a new all-weather pitch in Hamilton Park?”

Reply:

Relevant members of staff from the Infrastructure and Transport Department are available to meet with a representative group of residents from Hamilton Park to discuss their ideas regarding the provision of all-weather facilities in their area. The group can contact Mr Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer to arrange a meeting.

Source of Reply:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department.

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ITEM NO. 25

UPDATE ON DRONE REGULATION IN DUBLIN 15 - AI107078

Question: Councillor G. Sheehan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the regulation of drones in Dublin 15?”

Reply:

The National Policy Framework for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), commonly known as drones, was launched on 20 August 2025. The Policy Framework aims to guide high-level strategic development of Ireland’s UAS sector by fostering growth and innovation, while ensuring that operations remain safe and secure and environmental and social concerns are managed. The Policy Framework recognises the importance of collaboration and engagement of a wide range of stakeholders. It was developed through cross-government engagement structures, and it is informed by public and industry consultation. It aims to facilitate consideration of how matters such as planning and environmental issues will be addressed by the appropriate authorities.

The operation of drones is regulated at national level by the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA), and therefore it does not typically fall within the remit of the planning system. Planning permission may, however, be required for any associated infrastructure such as launch sites, storage facilities, or control units. It would depend on what the existing permitted use of the lands/structure is, the activities associated with the drone delivery service and whether those activities were consistent with the permitted use or represented a material change of use. It would also depend on whether any works are proposed.

The Planning Enforcement section continue to enforce breaches of the Planning Code in this LEA in relation to such activity.

Source of Reply:

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 26

BLANCHARDSTOWN SHOPPING CENTRE DEVELOPMENT - AI107093

Question: Councillor T. Leddy

“To ask the Chief Executive if any development levies have been paid to the Council, by Blanche Retail Nominees Limited, following the granting of permission for the Largescale Residential Development (LRD) in February 2023.”

Reply:

A 10 year planning application was received by Blanche Retail Nominees Ltd, Register Reference LRD0001/S3 (ABP-315709-23) for a development in the White Car Park, Blanchardstown Town Centre for 971 apartments and was granted permission by An Coimisiún Pleanála on 26th May 2023.

The Planning and Development Department issue invoices for development levies upon commencement of developments. No Commencement Notice has been received in respect of permission LRD0001/S3.

Source of Reply:

Brian Murray, Senior Executive Officer, Planning and Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 27a

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: -

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
D15 Pickleball GA-003741	€3,000.00	Equipment, Venue – tournaments and open sessions, Insurance	Y	2025 - €3,000.00	€2,988.00
Castleknock Tidy Towns GA-003789	€2,975.00	Planters Electric Battery Hand tools	Y	2025 - €3,000.00 2024 - €3,000.00	€2,975.00

Corduff Sports Centre GA-003777	€2,490.00	Facilitator Flowers/Shrubs Woodstain Metal Paint	Y	2025 - € 3,000.00 2024 - €2,999.98	€2,035.21
Huntstown Family Resource Centre Ltd GA-003702	€2,990.00	DJ Facilitators Community Use Tables	Y	2025 - €3,000.00 2024 - €2,980.00	€3,000.00
St Peregrines SC Network GA-003766	€3,000.00	Bus Hire Insurance Music Workshop Room Hire Chair Pilates	Y	2025 - €3,000.00 2024 - €3,000.00	€3,000.00

Sent: Tuesday 4 November 2025 08:31
To: Corporate.Services@fingal.ie
CC:
Subject: DES-CU-06225-2025
Attachments:

Mr. Graham Bollard

Corporate.Services@fingal.ie

PLEASE QUOTE REF NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE

Our Ref: DES-CU-06225-2025

4th November 2025

Dear Mr. Bollard,

I refer to your recent email to the Minister for Education and Youth, Ms. Helen McEntee TD, regarding the car park at Scared Heart of Jesus National School.

The purpose of the Emergency Works Scheme (EWS) is to provide funding specifically for unforeseen emergencies, or to provide funding to facilitate inclusion and access for pupils with special needs. It does so by ensuring the availability of funding for urgent works to those schools that are in need of resources as a result of an emergency situation.

An emergency is deemed to be a situation which poses an immediate risk to health, life, property or the environment, which is sudden, unforeseen and requires immediate action, and in the case of a school, if not corrected would prevent the school or part thereof from opening.

The EWS operates on the basis of a minimal scope works to address the emergency situation. The EWS is intended to remedy an emergency situation and usually provides only an interim measure until a permanent solution can be delivered under the Summer Works Scheme (SWS) which deals with upgrade works to the school.

The EWS is open to primary and post primary schools with permanent recognition and in non-rented accommodation.

To make an application schools must complete the online Emergency Works Application Form available through the Esinet system.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen O'Brien

Private Secretary

Sent: Tuesday 11 November 2025
09:02

To: Corporate.Services@fingal.ie

Subject: Ref: TTAS-MO-05762-2025

Our Ref: TTAS-MO-05762-2025

Dear Mr. Bollard,

On behalf of the Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien, thank you for your email of 31st October, 2025 regarding a new bus route between Tyrrelstown and Ongar..

I would like to explain that the Department of Transport is responsible for the development of public transport policy and its funding. However, the Department does not have a role in the provision of subsidised bus and rail services. That is the responsibility of the National Transport Authority (NTA) in conjunction with public transport operators such as Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann, Iarnród Éireann, Go-Ahead Ireland and Luas.

The NTA has entered into contracts with the individual operators. Those contracts set out the roles and responsibilities of both parties. Broadly speaking:-

- the NTA is responsible for determining the organisation of bus and rail services e.g. the routes and timetables to be operated; the fares to be charged; shared systems such as Leap Card, real-time passenger information (RTPI) and the national journey planner (NJP);
- the individual operators are responsible for the management and operation of services on a day-to-day basis

As your correspondence appears to fall into the former category, you may wish to contact the NTA regarding this issue at the Oireachtas Liaison email address oireachtaslaison@nationaltransport.ie

I hope the above is of assistance to you.

With best wishes,

Gordon Ryan

Private Secretary to Minister O'Brien TD

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Ms Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer,
Fingal County Council,
County Hall,
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4th February 2026

Ref: ACM/BMCO/39/January 2026

Dear Ms O hAodha,

I refer to your correspondence dated 14th of January 2026 in relation to a motion which was adopted at the January meeting of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar Area Committee.

The NTA have developed a software tool which utilises available ticketing and Leap card data to identify and prioritise bus routes which are operating above normal capacity. Using that tool, we monitor a prioritised listing of bus routes with over-capacity issues, which we are seeking to address, in so far as is possible, within the driver, vehicle and funding constraints that we operate.

In recent months we have added capacity to the three routes with the greatest capacity issues identified through the tool, namely the 39A, 15 and E1. In relation to Route 40e, analysis of data provided from the tool indicates some capacity issues, accounting for approximately 10% of trips inbound AM and 10% of trips outbound PM. However, our analysis indicates that there are a number of other routes with a greater need for capacity interventions across the network including the 151, 33, C4, 33d, 38b, 65b, and 15b which have been selected for additional weekday peak time trips as part of the next round of service enhancements, currently planned for 8th February. None the less, we will flag the capacity concerns raised with the Operator at Broombridge, for their review and consideration.

As you will also be aware, the NTA and Dublin Bus propose to implement an extension of route 40d to Hollywoodrath in Q1 2026. As part of this plan the schedule on the 40e would also be adjusted to provide an additional peak service and increased run times to improve reliability. Both the 40d extension and 40e schedule adjustment are currently subject to funding approval, confirmation of which is expected in the coming weeks.

With regards to the bus services in the Tyrrelstown and Hollystown areas, specifically focusing on Route 238, please note that the NTA have identified that there have been

some mechanical and driver issues impacting the reliability of the 238 service. The NTA and Go-Ahead are actively working to resolve these problems, and it is expected to see significant improvements over the coming weeks as GAI have recruited additional mechanics and will soon have a full establishment of drivers.

In addition, the NTA is aware of the concerns regarding "ghost buses" and is committed to addressing this issue. When a service is cancelled, the operator is required to cancel the service on the system that monitors bus locations and which feeds the real time information system. While that generally does happen, there have been some occurrences where the relevant operator personnel did not input the cancellation in a timely manner. That meant that the information was not available on the TFI Live app or on the on-street real time information signs. The NTA continues to monitor this item and continues to stress to Operators the need for timely inputs of cancellations where they occur. Furthermore, in the newly awarded ODMA (Outer Dublin Metropolitan Area) North and South Contract, specific contractual requirements have been incorporated to enhance performance and reduce the incidence of issues contributing towards ghost buses. The NTA believes that these measures will lead to a more reliable and efficient service for all our passengers.

I trust that the above information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Creegan

Hugh Creegan,
Chief Executive (Interim).

From: Ministers Office <Minister-Transport@corr.cloud.gov.ie>

Sent: 18 February 2026 07:43

To: Corporate Services <Corporate.Services@fingal.ie>

Subject: Ref: TTAS-MO-00924-2026

Our Ref: TTAS-MO-00924-2026

Dear Graham Bollard,

On behalf of the Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien, thank you for your email of 11th February, 2026 regarding airport transport.

I would like to explain that the Department of Transport is responsible for the development of public transport policy and its funding. However, the Department does not have a role in the provision of subsidised bus and rail services. That is the responsibility of the National Transport Authority (NTA) in conjunction with public transport operators such as Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann, Iarnród Éireann, Go-Ahead Ireland and Luas.

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As your correspondence appears to fall into the former category, the NTA is best placed to respond. I note that you have already been in contact with the authority.

I hope the above is of assistance to you.

With best wishes,

Amanda Corley

Private Secretary to Minister O'Brien TD

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THURSDAY 5th MARCH 2026

ITEM NO. 29

HALLOWEEN EVENTS FOR DUBLIN 15 - AI106071

Motion: Councillor S. Shovlin

"That the Chief Executive consider suitable Halloween events for the Dublin 15 area in the future taking inspiration and ideas from other parts of the country that successfully hold similar events for all ages."

Report:

Annual consideration is given to the provision of suitable Halloween events on a county wide basis, and this will continue in 2026.

In 2025 the Council's Events section organised a 'Home of Halloween' fireworks event on Halloween night in Millenium Park with over 4,000 people attending.

The Council's Community Development Office provided funding assistance to 9 Community and Youth Services groups for youth focus on diversionary activities and events under the Safer Halloween Initiative. This funding support via the Community Development Office will be available again in 2026.

Source of Report:

Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development
Cormac Healy, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 31

MOTOCROSS AREA IN THIS LEA - AI106496

Motion: Councillor P. Quinlan

“That the Chief Executive seeks to acquire suitable land or utilise Fingal’s own existing land holdings in the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart area for the purpose of establishing a Council operated motocross club and track with the aim of promoting safe, regulated motorsport activities, supporting local recreation and generating sustainable revenue for the Council through managed access and maintenance fees.”

Report:

The Council has developed a Motocross Circuit in the Tolka Valley Regional Park which until recently has been run by Mulhuddart Motocross Club. Unfortunately, due to insurance related issues, this facility has had to cease operating. The Council does not operate sports facilities but rather seeks to provide sporting infrastructure used by local clubs to develop their sporting activities. To this end, the Council is open to having further discussions with the Mulhuddart Motocross Club to assist them in their aims and objectives.

Source of Report:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department.

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ITEM NO. 32

**INSTALLATION OF FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL PITCH AT HAMILTON
PARK - AI106837**

Motion: Councillor T. Leddy

“That the Chief Executive meet with residents in Hamilton Park with the view to installing an all-weather five-a-side football pitch?”

Report:

Relevant members of staff from the Infrastructure and Transport Department are available to meet with a representative group of residents from Hamilton Park to discuss their ideas regarding the provision of all-weather facilities in their area. The group can contact Mr Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer to arrange a meeting.

Source of Report:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 33

VACANT GROUND AT HOLLYWOODRATH - AI106847

Motion: Councillor M. McCamley

“That the Chief Executive write to the Department of Education with a view to asking what the plan is for the vacant ground adjacent to the school in Hollywoodrath.”

Report:

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

Source of Report:

Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.

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ITEM NO. 34

PARKING ISSUES FOR RESIDENTS AT CHURCH FIELDS DEVELOPMENT - AI106961

Motion: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“That the Chief Executive provides a report on the significant issues in relation to parking for residents in the new Church Fields development and any plans to deal with this issue?”

Report:

Church Fields Phases 3A and 3B were designed and permitted on the basis of unassigned, on-street parking, in line with the density and layout requirements of both the Part VIII/Part X approvals and the applicable Development Plans at the time. Individual parking spaces cannot be assigned to specific properties, as the development will ultimately be taken in charge by the Council, and public on-street spaces cannot be reserved for individual households.

Phase 3A provides 493 residential spaces (1.64 spaces per unit) under the previous Development Plan, which allowed higher parking rates. Phase 3B, assessed under the current 2023–2029 Development Plan, provides 306 spaces (1.41 spaces per unit), reflecting the reduced parking standards now required.

The overall Church Fields strategy is based on a modal shift away from car dependency. The planned BusConnects routes (P63, L63 and B3), agreed in principle with the NTA, will significantly improve public transport access. The supporting Traffic

and Transport Assessments note that reduced parking provision is appropriate for this transitional location, where future bus services are intended to make sustainable travel a viable first choice for residents. Over-provision of car parking would undermine these objectives.

While it is recognised that parking issues have emerged as residents settle into the estate, the planning basis, taken-in-charge implications, and the regulations around public streets mean that fixed or individually allocated parking spaces cannot be implemented. Council staff will continue to monitor parking and traffic behaviour on the estate and will consider management measures that remain consistent with the approved planning framework and the long-term transport strategy for the area.

In parallel with the physical and transport planning for Church Fields, the Council's Community Development Department has been actively engaged in supporting community formation and social cohesion within the development. The team are assisting residents in establishing a formal residents' group, helping to build a sense of place and shared ownership as the community continues to evolve. To date, the Community Department have supported various stakeholders in organising youth engagement programmes and a range of positive community-building initiatives, including the Christmas Carols, family days, Festival in a Van aimed at preventing anti-social behaviour and encouraging positive participation.

This work is not limited to Church Fields; the Community Development team continues to support and collaborate with residents in the surrounding established developments to ensure a coordinated and inclusive approach to community development across the wider area.

Source of Report:

Tricia Matthews, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 35

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR FORTLAWN AREA - AI107052

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

"That the Chief Executive carries out a risk assessment on the impact the opening six cul-de-sacs will have on the community of Fortlawn, as three through roads will exacerbate the problems residents are experiencing with anti-social behaviour and commits that no further action to open these cul-de-sacs should be taken without data and evidence to show this course of action will not make anti-social behaviour worse."

Report:

New connections proposed between Fortlawn Park and Fortlawn Avenue will be designed in line with relevant guidance documents for the design of public roads and traffic calming features. They will have a reduced width to promote lower speeds, and landscaping, raised tables and ramps will also be utilised to prevent high speeds. Pedestrian access via footways and pedestrian crossings will be provided between Fortlawn Park and Fortlawn Avenue.

In addition, as part of the pre planning process, a Road Safety Audit was carried out to identify any features of the design that could be removed or modified to improve the safety of the scheme. The issues identified and suggestions for improvement were implemented in the design which became part of the public display package.

Source of Report:

Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 36

PARTICIPATION IN NEW STATE-LED CAPITAL PROGRAMME IN DUBLIN 15 - A1107071

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh

“That the Chief Executive identifies relevant projects and/or appropriate buildings in the Dublin 15 area which could be proposed to the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for inclusion in the new State led capital programme for delivery of early childhood education and care.”

Report:

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 Report:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 37

VACANT SOCIAL HOUSING IN DUBLIN 15 - AI105670

Motion: Councillor P. Quinlan

“That the Chief Executive invoke emergency procurement powers to replace the existing Dublin 15 void refurbishment contractors and appoint new contractor(s) to deliver the rapid return of vacant Council homes in this Local Electoral Area?”

Report:

The procurement and management of public works contracts is governed by legislation which requires local authorities to follow transparent, proportionate, and competitive processes. The Council can confirm that the existing void refurbishment contractors operating in Dublin 15 are operating in compliance with their contractual obligations. Their performance continues to be monitored closely, and current delivery levels do not indicate any breach, underperformance, or failure that would justify contract termination or replacement.

The Council remains committed to returning vacant homes to use as efficiently and effectively as possible. Void turnaround times can vary for a number of operational reasons, many of which fall outside of the control of the works contractor, including:

- the level and complexity of works required
- clearance of former tenant belongings
- utility disconnections or reconnections by the tenant
- Garda vetting and anti-social behaviour checks
- refusals by prospective tenants

- progression through the various stages of the allocations process

These factors can impact completion timelines and are managed proactively to minimise delays.

Source of Report:

Emma Maxwell, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 38

TASK FORCE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION IN DUBLIN 15 - AI107072

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh

“That the Chief Executive write to the Minister for Education and Youth and requests her to immediately publish the report of the Dublin 15 Task Force on Special Education and commit to the full implementation of all its recommendations.”

Report:

If this motion is passed; the terms therein will be forwarded to the Minister for Education and Youth; when a reply is received the Area Committee will be informed.

Source of Report:

Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.

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ITEM NO. 39

HOUSING FORUM/ESTATE MANAGEMENT MEETINGS IN THIS LEA- AI107083

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

"That the Chief Executive re-establishes housing forum/estate management meetings in this Local Electoral Area to include stakeholders, as before with the addition of Approved Housing Bodies."

Report:

The Dublin 15 Housing Forum was originally established to engage with representatives of local residents in Council social housing estates, advocating on behalf of their communities. With the establishment of the Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP), there is now an opportunity to integrate the role of the Housing Forum into the LCSP, which may prove to be a more effective option for ongoing meaningful engagement between stakeholders in the local community.

The LCSP will involve a more comprehensive range of stakeholders, including local Councillors, Council officials, An Garda Síochána, HSE, Tusla, as well as local residents and representatives of youth groups, older persons, and other community interests. The LCSP will deliver a more collaborative, responsive, and community-led approach to safety and wellbeing.

As the LCSP process is only in its initial stages, this will be considered and monitored over the coming months.

Source of Report:

Joan Kernan, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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