

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

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

**Held on Thursday 5th March 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
Walsh, John
Quinlan, Patrick
Sheehan, Gerard
Shovlin, Siobhan
Troy, Ellen

Apologies: Councillor H. Redwood, Councillor JK Onwumereh.

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), Aoife Lawler (Senior Executive Officer, Housing), Liam Burke, (Senior Executive Officer, Housing), Joan Kiernan, (Administrative Officer, Housing). Cormac Healy (Senior Executive Officer, Community), Paul Barnes (Event Manager, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Culture Development), Tricia Matthews, (Administrative Officer, Housing), Kevin Halpenny, (Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure & Transport).

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/469/26 (Agenda Item No 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

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor M. McCamley seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday the 5th February 2026 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

QUESTIONS

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 26 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

CMB/470/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

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

CMB/471/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

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

CMB/472/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

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

CMB/473/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

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

CMB/474/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

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

CMB/475/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

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

CMB/476/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

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

CMB/477/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

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

CMB/478/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

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

CMB/479/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

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

CMB/480/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

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

CMB/481/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

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

CMB/482/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

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

CMB/483/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

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

CMB/484/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

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

CMB/485/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

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

CMB/486/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

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

CMB/487/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

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

CMB/488/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

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

CMB/489/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

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

CMB/490/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

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

CMB/491/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

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

CMB/492/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

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

CMB/493/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

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

CMB/494/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor T. Leddy - Blanchardstown Shopping Centre Development - AI107093

CMB/495/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

Applications for Funding.

a Applications for Community Funding

It was proposed by Councillor M McCamley 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."

CMB/496/26 (Agenda Item No 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**

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

- b **Email from Private Secretary of Darragh O'Brien TD received 30th January 2026 regarding Cllr Burtchaell Motion Tyrrelstown to Ongar/Hansfield Bus Route**

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

- c **Email from National Transport Authority dated 4th February 2026 regarding Cllr Burtchaell Motion Inadequate Bus Services in Tyrrelstown and Hollystown**

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

- d **Email from Private Secretary of Darragh O'Brien TD dated 18th February 2026 regarding Cllr Donnelly Motion Airport Bus for Dublin 15**

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

CMB/497/26 (Agenda Item No 29)

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

The Motion in the name of Councillor S. Shovlin was proposed by Councillor S. Shovlin and Seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

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

CMB/498/26 (Agenda Item No 30)

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

This item was **DEFERRED**.

CMB/499/26 (Agenda Item No 31)

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

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Quinlan was proposed by Councillor P. Quinlan and Seconded by Councillor E. Troy

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Following discussion an Amended Motion was submitted in the name of Councillor P. Quinlan. The amended motion was proposed by Councillor P. Quinlan and seconded by Councillor J. Burtchaell and **AGREED**.

The Amended Motion to Read:

“That the Chief Executive seeks to 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”.

Following discussion, the Chair Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan then instructed that a roll call vote be taken on the Amended Motion and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 6 SIX

AGAINST: 6 SIX

ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR: Councillor J. Burtchaell, Councillor A. Donnelly, Councillor T. Leddy, Councillor P. Quinlan, Councillor G. Sheehan, Councillor E. Troy,

AGAINST: Councillor E. Carbone – Mangan, Councillor T. Kitt, Councillor K. Dennison, Councillor J. Walsh, Councillor S. Shovlin, Councillor M. McCamley.

ABSTAIN: Councillor B. Hanaphy.

As there was an equal division on the vote, the Chair had the casting vote. The Chair advised she was **AGAINST** the Amended Motion.

The Chair **DECLARED** the Amended Motion **FELL**.

CMB/500/26 (Agenda Item No 32)

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

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 report was **ACCEPTED**.

CMB/501/26 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor M. McCamley - Vacant Ground at Hollywoodrath - AI106847

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/502/26 (Agenda Item No 34)

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

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/503/26 (Agenda Item No 35)

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

The Motion in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and Seconded by Councillor P. Quinlan.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED** and following discussion, the Chair Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan then

instructed that a roll call vote be taken and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 10 TEN

AGAINST: 3 THREE

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

AGAINST: Councillor E. Carbone – Mangan, Councillor T. Kitt, Councillor K. Dennison

The Chair **DECLARED** the Motion **PASSED**.

CMB/504/26 (Agenda Item No 36)

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

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Walsh as 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/505/26 (Agenda Item No 37)

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

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Quinlan was proposed by Councillor P. Quinlan and Seconded by Councillor E. Troy.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED** and following discussion, the Chair Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan then instructed that a roll call vote be taken and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 1 ONE

AGAINST: 12 TWELVE

FOR: Councillor P. Quinlan.

AGAINST: Councillor E. Carbone – Mangan, Councillor T. Kitt, Councillor K. Dennison, Councillor J. Burtchaell, Councillor A. Donnelly, Councillor B. Hanaphy, Councillor T. Leddy, Councillor M. McCamley, Councillor G. Sheehan, Councillor S. Shovlin, Councillor E. Troy, Councillor J. Walsh.

The Chair **DECLARED** the Motion **FELL**.

CMB/506/26 (Agenda Item No 38)

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

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/507/26 (Agenda Item No 39)

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

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 **CONSIDERED** and following discussion the Motion was **AGREED**.

The Meeting concluded at 17:33.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

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THURSDAY 2nd APRIL 2026

ITEM NO. 02

**UPDATE ON TOLKA VALLEY REGIONAL PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN
- AI107137**

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Tolka Valley Regional Park Development Plan?”

Reply:

Survey work is ongoing to assist the preparation of the Tolka Valley Regional Park Development Plan over the coming months.

Source of Reply:

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

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ITEM NO. 03

UPDATE ON ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECT IN THIS LEA - AI107296

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the M50 Liffey Crossing Active Travel Project proposed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland, including a timeline on the completion of the feasibility study, and outlining what progress will be made on this project in 2026?”

Reply:

TII did not provide a funding allocation for the Liffey Crossing active travel project to FCC during 2026. If funding becomes available in the future FCC will engage with South Dublin County Council and TII in relation to progressing the project.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department.

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ITEM NO. 04

**UPDATE ON THE LIFFEY VALLEY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE - AI107481**

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Liffey Valley Management Advisory Committee, including when the next meeting is scheduled for?”

Reply:

The Council is currently liaising with South Dublin County Council to finalise arrangements for the next meeting with local councillors to discuss the set up of the Liffey Valley SAAO committee.

Source of Reply:

Hans Visser, Senior Executive Biodiversity Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department.

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ITEM NO. 05

SEATING MODIFICATIONS IN THE DRAÍOCHT - AI107558

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to support modifications to the seating in the Draíocht Art Centre to allow for designated spaces for wheelchair users, so wheelchair users can leave their wheelchairs to make an independent transfer into a seat?”

Reply:

The policies of the Draíocht Theatre are a matter for the Board of Management of Draíocht, and Fingal County Council refers any queries regarding said policies to the Draíocht in that regard. On the matter of independent transferring from wheelchair to fixed auditorium seating, the Draíocht provided the following response to the Access Officer.

Under the Safety, Health & Welfare in the Work Act 2005, Draíocht has a legal duty to ensure the safety of all occupants in the building and Draíocht can create policies based on this duty and ensure that they are adhered to. According to Part III Section 18 (2) of the Fire Services Act, 1981 Draíocht must take “all reasonable measures to guard against the outbreak of fire on such premises, and to ensure as far as is reasonably practicable the safety of persons on the premises in the event of an outbreak of fire”.

When developing an evacuation strategy, Draíocht must consider the speed and ease of evacuation of all patrons and staff and take all reasonable measures to ensure the expeditious and safe evacuation of the building.

In 2024, Draíocht sought advice from Health & Safety consultants, Peninsula Business Services with regards the independent transfer of a person from a wheelchair into a seat. They advised to ensure that to meet the legislative requirements under Part III Section 18 (2) of the Fire Services Act 1981 and the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act, audience members who arrive in a wheelchair must remain in their wheelchair throughout their time in the theatre. Draíocht made the decision to adhere to the Health & Safety consultants' advice so as to ensure the expeditious and safe evacuation of the building. Draíocht also advised The Irish Wheelchair Association of this policy, and they said that Health and Safety precedes all else and our policy seems reasonable. The Fire Officer with Dublin Fire Brigade is satisfied that this policy meets the legal obligations.

To ensure that Draíocht meets **Part III Section 18 (2) of the Fire Services Act, 1981**, Draíocht do not allow for persons to return to a space that is being evacuated regardless of the circumstances and audience members must always keep their mobility aid with them.

Draíocht strives to ensure it is, as accessible as possible. The theatre has Access Information and resources available including; but not exhausted:

- Draíocht is a level access building with no steps and automatic doors at our entrance.
- We can accommodate 11 mobility seats in the Main Space Theatre
- Our wheelchair/walker/mobility scooter patrons and their carers are entitled to discounted concession priced tickets when available.
- There is lift access to our First Floor Gallery and Studio Theatre for wheelchair/walker/mobility scooter users
- There are 8 Disabled Parking spaces directly outside Draíocht's Front Door, as part of the Blanchardstown Shopping Centre complex
- There is a chair lift backstage to aid disabled performers and presenters get on to our raised stage to perform.

Source of Reply:

Cathal Kearney, Access Officer, Corporate Services Department.

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ITEM NO. 06

TAKING IN CHARGE OF CASTLEFIELD HALL - AI107700

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the taking in charge process of Castlefield Hall, by outlining any work undertaken since the last Area Committee Meeting?”

Reply:

The repairs of the underground pipework have now been completed; the Developer is now engaging with a Contractor to complete the final road surfacing layer to the estate, they have not yet confirmed a date for mobilisation. 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. 07

TAKING IN CHARGE OF PHIBBLESTOWN WOOD - AI107701

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the taking in charge process in Phibblestown Wood, by way of outlining any work undertaken since the last Area Committee Meeting?”

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, no date has been confirmed as yet. 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. 08

BIODIVERSITY PROJECTS IN THIS LEA - AI107702

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an outline of any biodiversity projects planned for this Local Electoral Area in 2026?”

Reply:

The following projects are planned for 2026 in this LEA:

Cherry Laurel removal Abbotstown woodlands
Cherry Laurel removal Luttrellstown demesne woodland
Invasive species removal St Catherine Park woodland
Woodland management St Catherines Park
Park Development Plan St Catherines Park – new woodlands
Weir removal Tolka River at Abbotstown
River Liffey fish migration barrier assessment
Liffey Valley SAAO committee and Operational plan to be established
Biodiversity makeover Portersgate estate
Biodiversity makeover Ongar open space
Swift box installation
Hedgerow survey Dublin 15

Source of Reply:

Hans Visser, Senior Executive Biodiversity Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department.

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ITEM NO. 09

REPORT ON FOUR-BEDROOM HOUSES IN THIS LEA – AI107703

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of four-bedroom houses under construction, or at planning stage, in this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

Church Fields 3B is currently under construction and will see the delivery of 11 x four-bedroom new social homes in this phase of development.

In addition to the homes currently under construction the Council delivered 19 x four-bedroom new social homes in Church Fields 3A and 34 x four-bedroom new social homes across Church Fields 2B, Wellview Infill, Liscappagh, Avondale and Ladyswell through the Council’s construction programme.

The Council is proactively engaging with stakeholders across this LEA to advance the delivery of Part V units. Where feasible, four-bedroom homes included in the planning permission will also be incorporated into these negotiations.

Source of Reply:

Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 10

REPORT ON PROTECTION OF HERITAGE PROPERTIES IN THIS LEA - AI107704

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any action being taken to protect heritage properties in this Local Electoral Area?"

Reply:

Set out below is the Conservation Office's recent interaction on specific sites outlined in a clarification of the question:

Former Clonsilla School (Old Schoolhouse):-

A recent pre-planning consultation was arranged through the Planning Department at which the Conservation Office was an attendee. Following on from the pre-planning meeting, the Conservation Office requested an on-site meeting regarding the current condition of building. This took place in early March. A Stabilisation and Conservation Management Programme is being developed, with a condition survey and structural report to be undertaken. The Conservation Office awaits these. In the interim the vegetation growth at eaves level was to be removed, the perimeter of the building cleared, the building weatherproofed and secured. The Conservation Office has been informed that these latter elements have been completed and will follow up with a revisit to the site.

Allandale:-

The Conservation Office has had ongoing interaction with the owner on this building, including several site visits and correspondence. A recent pre-planning consultation was arranged through the Planning Department at which the Conservation Office was an attendee. The Conservation Office is aware that Derelict Sites have served a notice on the property and a Derelict Sites Levy has been applied.

Keane's Cottage:-

This site has been the subject of a planning application (Ref FW25A/0416E) which appears to be currently under appeal, with an appeal lodged on 11 March 2026. As this is a live application it is not appropriate to comment on it. The planning file was referred to the Conservation Office for comment as an internal consultee and this report is available to view as part of the file.

Insofar as the question refers to Fingal-owned heritage properties, the Guinness Bridge structure was stabilised and secured in 2024 and there are two main actions currently in progress at Shackleton Mills:

1. Repairs to internal water services and the fire sprinkler system.
2. A conservation management plan has been drafted and will be launched this year.

Source of Reply:

Helena Bergin, Senior Executive Architectural Conservation Officer, Architects Department and Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 11

GRAND MARSHAL FOR ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - AI107699

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to give consideration to arranging a grand marshal for Dublin 15's St. Patrick's Day parade going forward?"

Reply:

The proposal is noted and appreciated. The matter will be included in the ongoing review of parade arrangements. Where an appropriate person is identified for the Grand Marshall role, we will be happy to engage further on an annual basis.

Source of Reply:

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

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ITEM NO. 12

HOMELESS ACCOMMODATION FIGURES IN DUBLIN 15 - AI107718

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report outlining how many families from Dublin 15 are four years or more in homeless accommodation?"

Reply:

This information is not readily available and to extrapolate this information would require a significant resource and be very time consuming.

Source of Reply:

Pauline Burke, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 13

NOTICE OF TERMINATION FIGURES IN DUBLIN 15 - AI107719

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report outlining how many families in Dublin 15 have received Notice of Termination (NoT) since the beginning of 2026 to date?"

Reply:

31 families presented with a Notice of Termination from Dublin 15 since the beginning of the year.

Source of Reply:

Pauline Burke, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 14

SOCIAL HOUSES UNIT AND SIZES IN TYRELLSTOWN - AI107720

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing how many social houses and apartments (inclusive of housing association units with unit size) are currently occupied in the Greater Tyrellstown area, which includes Bellingsmore, Hollywoodrath, Kilmartin and Hollystown?"

Reply:

Below are tables listing the approximate current occupied social units in the areas listed for Council owned and AHB owned units.

Council Owned 209 units

Type	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed
House 205	57	31	76	28	1
Apartment 4	0	4	0	0	0

AHB Owned Units

Type	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed
House 229	2	110	94	22	1
Apartment 25	3	12	10	NA	NA

Data Extract from NEC 25.3.26

Source of Reply:

Emma Maxwell and Marina Rennicks, Administrative Officers, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 15

REPORT ON BLANCHARDSTOWN TO CASTLEKNOCK CYCLE PATH - AI107722

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report indicating the plan and timeframe for completion of the proposed cycle path from Castleknock to Blanchardstown, via Farmleigh, and when an emerging preferred route for this cycle path will be available?”

Reply:

The Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh cycle route has been identified on the National Transport Authority (NTA) 5 year implementation plan with Fingal County Council and funding has been made available to develop planning and design proposals and a feasibility study has commenced.

Work on the initial data-gathering, concept development and option assessment stages is underway. Pending the outcome of the optioneering, further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, preliminary design, planning consent, etc. will follow thereafter, subject to funding. It is too early in the project life cycle to give a proposed commencement date.

Source of Reply:

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

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ITEM NO. 16

**WORKS AT AUBURN AVENUE WALKING AND CYCLING ROUTE -
AI107723**

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an outline of when works will commence on the Auburn Avenue walking and cycling route, and include the estimated timeframe for completion?”

Reply:

Construction of the Auburn Avenue Walking and Cycling Route will commence in Q2 2026.

A pre contract meeting has taken place with the preferred contractor and construction is programmed to take up to 12 months. This work will be phased at certain locations due to traffic management requirements.

Source of Reply:

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

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ITEM NO. 17

VACANT HOUSING NUMBERS IN DUBLIN 15 - AI107724

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing the overall number of vacant homes in Dublin 15, including both public housing and private dwellings?"

Reply:

As of 25 March 2026, there are 79 Fingal County Council-managed vacant units in Dublin 15. These include 32 casual voids and 47 new-to-stock units.

- 22 units are currently undergoing relet works
- 55 units are in the lettings process
- 2 units are unavailable

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.

Source of Reply:

Ashley McGovern and Emma Maxwell, Administrative Officers, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 18

**UPDATE ON PLANNING ENFORCEMENT AT ELM LODGE,
CASTLEKNOCK - AI107725**

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on planning enforcement in relation to Elm Lodge, Castleknock?”

Reply:

Warning letters, pursuant to Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended were issued on 26th March 2021, 4th November 2025 and on the 25th November 2025. Recent site inspection(s) have taken place and the file is currently under consideration by the Planning Authority.

Source of Reply:

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning & Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 19

OUTLINE OF PLANS AT SHACKLETON MILL - AI107726

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an outline of the current plan by the Council for Shackleton Mill, and also details of any works to be completed at Shackleton Mill during the lifetime of the current Fingal Capital Plan?”

Reply:

The programme of works in the current capital plan will see phased interventions in the roof and windows to secure the structure from weather impacts.

In the short-term there are two main actions underway involving designed repairs on internal water services and the fire sprinkler system as an enabling prelude to the main works.

A new conservation management plan is now drafted for Shackleton Mills and will be launched this year.

Source of Reply:

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

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ITEM NO. 20

PROVISION OF DEFIBRILLATORS IN THIS LEA - AI107727

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the current policy and practice of the Council in relation to the availability of funding to community groups or residents' associations in this Local Electoral Area for the provision and/or servicing of defibrillators?”

Reply:

The Community Development and Inclusion Department provides an annual activity grant of up to €3000 to community and voluntary groups registered on the PPN/County Database and who are eligible for funding, to purchase and maintain the servicing of a defibrillator. There are currently forty-four groups in receipt of funding for this equipment on the county database.

Source of Reply:

Linda Ennis, Principal Community Officer, Economic Community & Cultural Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 21a

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
Riverwood Biodiversity Group GA-003815	€2,997	Trees/plants/compost/sand/seed, red torches/waterproof, clipboards, Insurance, Irrigation system, Leaf Claws, Web graphics Spare battery for strimmer Retractable display stands	Y	2025 - €928.67 2025 - €930.39 2024 - €618.00 2024 - €2,378	€2,972

Laurel lodge Men's Club GA-003795	€2,968	Chair Yoga instructor Community Activities/ Events Room Rental	Y	2025 - €2,968.00 2024 - €2,928.00	€2,968
Blanchardstown Village Tidy Towns GA-003837	€3,037	Arts & Crafts 4 Corri Boards Marquees Children's Entertainer & Face painter	Y	2024 - €3,000.00	€3,000
Blakestown & Mountview Youth Initiative GA-003805	€3,273	Slimline Driftwood Pool Table Karaoke Machine Pool balls and Cues	Y	2025 - €2,827.77 2024 - €3,000.00	€3,000
Ashleigh Residents Association GA-003816	€2,990	Training: CPR and use of defib, Training room Hire of room, Insurance: annual renewal, Family Day: Hire of two gazebos, Family Day: Magic show, face painting, Christmas 2026: Hire of function room Christmas Lights at entrance to estate, Christmas lights: batteries and shrubs & plants	Y	2025 - €1,037.39 2024 - €1,700.00	€2,983
Irish Red Cross Dublin 15 Branch GA-003817	€2,977	Training Equipment	Y	2024 - €2,171	€2,977

Blanchardstown Brass Band GA-003820	€3,000	Marquees Folding Chairs	N	N/A	€3,000
Blanch Active Retirement Group GA-003689	€3,000.00	Chair Yoga Workshops Bus hire for Social Trip Room rental Halloween Entertainment	Y	2025 - €3,000	€3,000
Castleknock Active Retirement Association GA-003813	€3,000.00	Insurance, bus trip, room hire, laptop, speaker, microphone, printer, screen	Y	2025 - €3,000	€ 3,000

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Item No. 22

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO APPROVED HOUSING BODIES UNDER THE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME - CALL FOR CAS 2017 TO PROVIDE UNITS OF LIVING ACCOMMODATION IN THE FINGAL AREA

The Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government Circular: Housing 30/2017, advised of the availability of capital funding for the construction or acquisition of social housing to cater for the priority groups under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) such as homeless persons, elderly persons, and people with a disability, with a particular emphasis, but not exclusively, on moving people with a disability from a congregated setting to community living. All proposals must comply with the terms of the CAS scheme as set out in memorandum VHU 2/02 and must reflect actual housing need as identified in the latest Housing Needs Assessment.

Applications received from Approved Housing Bodies are considered by the Council. Applications have been received for the following projects in Fingal and the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage is committed to providing funding under the Capital Assistance Scheme for these projects:

<i>Approved Housing Body</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Category of Need</i>	<i>No. of Housing Units of Accommodation</i>	<i>Approved Funding €</i>
Arlington Novas	Clonsilla Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Homeless	5	€723,087.56
Tuath Housing Association	Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	Older Persons	15	€6,586,535.00
Housing Association for Integrated Living (HAIL)	Scariff House, Waterville, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	€325,013.00

The housing bodies listed in the above table are Approved Voluntary Housing Bodies for the purpose of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992. Under Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, the Council may give financial assistance to approved voluntary organisations to provide housing accommodation, or any substitute property up to a similar amount, in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Act, 1992.

These loans are subject to mortgage agreements on the properties for a term of 30 years. Under the Capital Assistance Scheme, repayments on the loans will be waived by the Council for as long as the terms and conditions outlined in the mortgage agreements are complied with to the satisfaction of the Council. A capital grant for the full amount of each loan will be received from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

Source of Report:

Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.

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10th March 2026

Ref: ACM/BMCO/38/February 2026

Dear Ms O hAodha,

I refer to your correspondence dated 11th of February 2026 in respect of the above matter.

Bus cancellations occur for a variety of reasons, such as a shortage of drivers or mechanics preventing services from operating. It can also be due to incidents occurring in service, such as traffic accidents, health emergencies or bus breakdown. Aside from staff availability issues, the most frequent reason for bus cancellations is traffic congestion / traffic delays. Buses that are meant to reach the end of an outbound trip in sufficient time to make the return journey, frequently get held up in heavier than usual traffic congestion such that they are not in position to undertake the scheduled return journey. That journey then has to be cancelled, impacting passengers. Unfortunately, this is a frequent occurrence as traffic congestion increases.

A 'ghost bus' occurs when a cancellation is not communicated to customers via the app or displays and the system presumes that the bus is operating, even though it isn't in service. This typically happens because the cancellation was not entered into the system by the bus operator in a timely manner, preventing the information from being sent to the TFI Live App or to the on-street displays. One of the primary issues affecting RTPI (Real Time Passenger Information) quality is the cancellation of a bus service. The RTPI system is pre-loaded with all of the planned bus schedules and unless the particular service is cancelled, it will continue to display the planned schedule times for the bus.

The National Transport Authority (NTA) is in the advanced stage of a major project to install a single new AVL (Automatic Vehicle Location) system that will replace the five disparate systems currently in use. This project will begin to be introduced in 2026 and 2027 and will ensure a single source of real time data in a single data feed and single consistent format including the provision of better arrival time prediction algorithms. This will lead to better quality information being made available to customer.

The NTA and Dublin Bus meet regularly to monitor performance in this area and identify routes requiring improvements in the punctuality and reliability of planned journeys across its bus network. NTA and Dublin Bus are currently meeting on a weekly basis at CEO level, to review issues and measures to improve service performance and provision of accurate real time information to passengers. We are confident the above measures will result in improvements in overall service delivery and reductions in the numbers of ghost buses, including on route 37.

I trust that the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Creegan

Hugh Creegan,
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10th March 2026

Ref: ACM/BMCO/39/January 2026

Dear Ms O hAodha,

I refer to your correspondence dated 14th of January 2026 in respect of the above matter. I apologise for the delay in responding.

The National Transport Authority (NTA) is aware of bus reliability issues in the Tyrellstown/Hollystown area, these issues particularly affect route 40d at present. We have initiated weekly meetings with Dublin Bus and Go-Ahead Ireland at senior management level in relation to the reliability of bus services, and measures operators are taking to improve service delivery for bus passengers in Dublin. We will continue to closely monitor operator performance, and the impact of this extra focus on service delivery on improved service levels.

Separately, we plan to improve the level of service to Hollystown with the rollout of Phase 10 of the BusConnects Network Redesign Programme. Phase 10 includes for the provision of a new frequent radial bus route into the city centre that will serve Hollystown. More information on BusConnects is available at: <https://busconnects.ie/cities/dublin/new-dublin-area-bus-network/>

In advance of the implementation of Phase 10, we plan to extend all trips on current route 40d from Tyrrelstown on to the Swing Roundabout which will improve service provision for Hollystown. This change will be implemented on the 22nd of March 2026.

I trust that the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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12th August 2025

Dear Ms O hAodha,

Thank you for your letter dated 2nd July, relating to a second special school in the local electoral area dedicated to the education of autistic children. Firstly, I must express our apologies for not replying in a timely manner to your first correspondence.

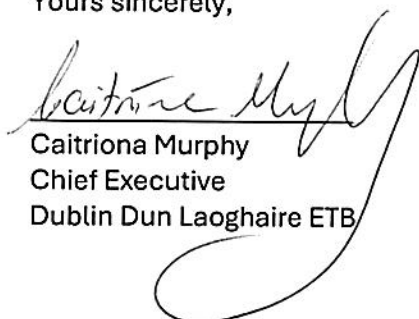
In relation to the motion passed by the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart / Castleknock / Ongar Area Committee, I can update you on our work on this matter.

As the patron of three special schools, including one located in Dublin 15, DDLETB is strongly committed to supporting students with special educational needs across our region. We work in close partnership with the Department of Education and Youth (DEY) and the National Council for Special Education (NCSE), who are responsible for identifying areas of need and directing the establishment of new special schools.

While DDLETB does not have a role in deciding the location or timing of new school developments, we remain ready and willing to support future opportunities to open special schools where needed, and to act as patron when invited by the DEY.

We appreciate your interest in this important matter and welcome continued engagement as we work together to ensure that every student has access to the appropriate educational supports.

Yours sincerely,



Caitriona Murphy
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16th March 2026

Ref: ACM/BMCO/35/January 2026

Dear Ms O hAodha,

I refer to your correspondence dated 13th of February 2026 regarding the motion adopted by the Blanchardstown–Mulhuddart–Castleknock–Ongar Area Committee on 13 January 2026. This motion requested the undertaking of a long-term traffic modelling study (covering a five-year period) for that Local Electoral Area, in light of recent housing development and the completion of the DART+ West project

At the outset, I must advise that the National Transport Authority (NTA) generally does not undertake local area–specific traffic modelling studies of this nature. The responsibility for assessing local traffic flows, road network performance, and associated infrastructure impacts rests with the relevant local authority, in its capacity as the statutory Roads Authority and planning authority for the area. Accordingly, any decision to commission or carry out a five-year traffic study for the Blanchardstown–Mulhuddart–Castleknock–Ongar area must be progressed by Fingal County Council, in line with its statutory functions and responsibilities.

As Ireland’s national transport agency, the NTA’s remit is focused on strategic transport planning at the regional and national level. However, the NTA supports local authorities by making its strategic transport models and data available for their use in local transport assessments. These models are intended to assist local authorities (such as Fingal County Council) in examining the transport implications of growth, development, and major public transport projects within a consistent regional framework, including initiatives like the DART+ West rail project. It remains the local authority’s responsibility to apply these tools appropriately and to determine the scope and outcomes of any local traffic studies required.

I trust that the above information is of assistance and that this clarifies the position regarding the respective roles of the NTA and the Local Authority.

I trust that the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Creegan

Hugh Creegan,
Deputy Chief Executive

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ITEM NO. 25

COMMUNITY BUS FOR SENIORS IN DUBLIN 15 – AI106619

Motion: Councillor John Burtchaell

“That the Chief Executive engages with An Garda Síochána in Blanchardstown to provide a community bus for senior citizens in the Dublin 15 area to help reduce isolation, support wellbeing and maintain independence for elderly community members, noting the model that has been adopted in Naas under Kildare County Council which is used daily for community policing, youth engagement, and social inclusion initiatives, and made available, (where operationally appropriate) to support senior citizens and vulnerable community groups.”

Report:

There is currently no provision within the Council’s adopted 2026 Revenue Budget for the purchase of a community policing minibus. As Community Policing is a core function of An Garda Síochána, any such vehicle would ordinarily fall within their operational remit.

However, the Council’s Community Development Office has recently engaged proactively with An Garda Síochána in Blanchardstown. Gardaí have confirmed that they already have access to bus transport that can be used, where operationally appropriate, for the types of senior-focused and socially inclusive activities outlined in this motion. They also expect to have additional new transport resources available in the near future.

The Council welcomes this development and will continue constructive engagement with An Garda Síochána in Blanchardstown to explore how these transport resources can best support older people and vulnerable groups in the Dublin 15 area.

In addition, the Council’s Community Department provides Activities Funding that can support transport costs for older persons’ groups registered with the PPN.

This funding is available to assist with social participation, inclusion, and wellbeing initiatives. Further information is available on our website (link below), and local Community Development Officers are available to guide groups through the application process.

<https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/community-grants-and-funding>

Source of Report:

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

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ITEM NO. 26

**REQUEST TO PRIORITISE ANCHOR TENANCY FOR TYRRELSTOWN
UNITED FC - A1106795**

Motion: Councillor JK. Onwumereh

“That the Chief Executive gives priority consideration to facilitating the anchor tenancy of Tyrrelstown United Football Club on Tyrrelstown Astro pitch, or any other grounds where the Council has a holding in the area, including the allocation of lands for the building of club grounds.”

Report:

The allocation of public facilities including sports pitches is assessed by the Council having regard to local need. It is consequently not possible to give an open-ended commitment or priority consideration to any particular club regarding pitch allocation or management arrangements including anchor tenancy or the provision of lands for additional facilities.

Source of Report:

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

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ITEM NO. 29

**ACTIVE TRAVEL PLANS FOR THE CLONSILLA FRAMEWORK PLAN -
AI107705**

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

“That the Chief Executive provides a report on any active travel plans associated with the Clonsilla Framework Plan, in terms of work undertaken to date and timelines for the implementation of a new cycle route on the Clonsilla Road.”

Report:

The Infrastructure and Transport department have no current active travel projects associated with the Clonsilla Framework plan. The department is currently focused on the delivery of the Royal Canal Greenway. The implementation of a new cycle route on the Clonsilla Road is not currently included in the Capital Programme.

Source of Report:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department.

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ITEM NO. 30

**MEETING OF THE JOINT LIFFEY VALLEY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE - AI107721**

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh

“That the Chief Executive convene a meeting of the Joint Liffey Valley Management Advisory Committee and indicates when arrangements will be made for community representatives to join the Committee.”

Report:

The Council is currently liaising with South Dublin County Council to finalise arrangements for the next meeting with local Councillors to discuss the set up of the Liffey Valley SAAO committee. The arrangements regarding the community representation on the SAAO committee are to be agreed with local Councillors at the next meeting.

Source of Report:

Hans Visser, Senior Executive Biodiversity Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department.

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ITEM NO. 31

MILLENNIUM PARK MONUMENT - AI106500

Motion: Councillor P. Quinlan

"That the Chief Executive erects an appropriate monument to "White-chapel" in the Millennium Park, the monument should include an artist's rendition of what the site may have looked like and a description of the site, highlighting and celebrating the areas heritage."

Report:

Public Art in Fingal is guided by a strict set of principles outlined in the Public Art Policy 2024 – 2027. The Policy is aligned with *The Government Policy Framework, Public Art in Ireland 2024-2028* and the Council's Development Plan 2023 – 2029. Fingal Arts Office has devised a countywide strategy for Public Art with identified areas of priority. The Arts Office recognises the role of communities in public art projects. Residents and community groups can make requests, for sites and themes through their elected representatives. These requests will be considered for inclusion on the schedule of commissioning priorities as aligned to the strategic capital programme and associated resources. All potential public art commissions must follow the Council's Public Art Policy and National Guidelines on commissioning public art.

Given the antiquity of the site, we cannot accurately reproduce what the site may have looked like. Likewise, there are limited historical references, none of which provide a description of the White Chapel. In order to avoid pastiche and inaccuracies, heritage interpretation should be authentic and be based on the available knowledge. The heritage of the site is already highlighted with detailed heritage signage. The

information on the sign is based on the historic, cartographic and scientific evidence for the site.

Source of Report:

Sarah O'Neill, County Arts Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development Department.
Christine Baker, Heritage Officer, Planning & Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 32

REVIEW OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT ACCESS IN TYRRELSTOWN/KILMARTIN/HOLLYSTOWN - AI106804

Motion: Councillor JK. Onwumereh

"That the Chief Executive to write the National Transport Authority to request an in-depth review of the current public transport situation in the Tyrrelstown, Kilmartin and Hollystown areas and to outline plans to upscale service regularity."

Report:

If this motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the National Transport Authority and when a reply is received the Area Committee will be informed.

Source of Report:

Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services Department.

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ITEM NO. 33

EXTRA TOURISM CAPACITY IN THIS LEA - AI107378

Motion: Councillor M. McCamley

"That the Chief Executive furnishes a report on the potential for expanding hotel, restaurant and visitor attractions capacity in the vicinity of the National Sports Campus due to the expansion plans for Cricket Ireland and the Velodrome."

Report:

Sports Ireland Campus Masterplan Vision outlines the vision and framework for the growth of the Campus and the long-term development of associated facilities.

As part of the implementation of the Fingal Tourism Strategy and Food & Drink Policy, the Council has invited Sports Ireland to participate in the Fingal Tourism Collaboration Framework with a view to jointly identifying opportunities for additional and improved Tourism and Food product & experience as well as marketing and promotion of the Campus and surrounding area.

Source of Reply:

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

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ITEM NO. 34

MURAL BETWEEN FORTLAWN CRESCENT AND SHEEPMOOR GREEN - AI107385

Motion: Councillor T. Leddy

“That the Chief Executive commissions the Community Department to paint a mural on the wall between Fortlawn Crescent and Sheepmoor Green.”

Report:

Public Art in Fingal is guided by a strict set of principles outlined in the Public Art Policy 2024 – 2027. The Policy is aligned with The Government Policy Framework, Public Art in Ireland 2024-2028 and the Council’s Development Plan 2023 – 2029.

Fingal Arts Office has devised a countywide strategy for Public Art with Dublin 15 identified as one of our priorities. The Arts Office recognises the role of communities in public art projects. All requests, sites and themes will be considered for inclusion on the schedule of commissioning priorities as aligned to the strategic capital programme and associated resources.

All potential public art commissions must follow the council’s Public Art Policy and National Guidelines on commissioning public art.

The Community Development and Inclusion Department will engage with the local community groups in Fortlawn Crescent and Sheepmoor Green to explore this proposal and will work with them to connect the groups with the Council’s Arts Office so that any potential project can be considered in line with Fingal’s Public Art Policy and the national guidelines for commissioning public art.

Source of Report:

Declan Power and Cormac Healy, Senior Executive Officers, Economic Community & Cultural Development Department.

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BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

(Services B – Strategic and General Matters)

THURSDAY 2nd APRIL 2026

ITEM NO. 35

PROTECTING ASHLEIGH GREEN SPACE - AI107141

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh and Councillor T. Leddy

“That the Chief Executive write to Irish Rail urging them to favourably consider the alternative plan proposed by Ashleigh Residents' Association to protect Ashleigh green space while facilitating the DART+ West plan and that the Chief Executive engages with Irish Rail in support of this alternative approach during the detailed design phase of DART+ West.”

Report:

The Railway Order (RO) for Dart+West was made by An Coimisiun Pleanála (ACP) in 2024 following an application submitted by Córas Iompair Éireann (CIE). The red line boundary which is included in the planning granted allows for the construction of the project within that boundary in accordance with the conditions ACP have imposed. Any matter in relation to the RO which the residents wish to raise should be raised directly with Irish Rail.

Source of Report:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport Department.

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THURSDAY 2nd APRIL 2026

ITEM NO. 36

INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS IN DUBLIN 15 PARKS - AI107696

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

“That the Chief Executive installs electric charging points in all Council car parks in Dublin 15, as we have a large regional parks, Millennium Park and St. Catherine’s Park, with no electric charging points for charging vehicles.”

Report:

The four Dublin Local Authorities are working with ZEV (Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland) to deliver the necessary electric vehicle public charging network across the Dublin Local Authority areas, and have recently secured capital funding from TII to finance an initial project. We are working to provide fast chargers in St Catherines Park Dublin 15 and also in Porterstown Park. Millenium Park was not chosen as there are chargers close by and the required power supply was not currently available in close proximity.

We are in design approval stage at present.

Construction would be expected to commence at St Catherines Park in July 2026 with a 2-3 month timeline to go live with ESB.

Source of Report:

Ronan O Reilly, Executive Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Department.

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