

Comhairle Contae Fingall Fingal County Council

Minutes of Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)

Wednesday, 4th March, 2026

PRESENT

Councillors

Guerin, Jimmy
Haughey, Cathal
Healy, David
Hopkins, Joan

Councillors

McDonagh, Brian
O'Brien, Eoghan
Tormey, Aoibhinn

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Cathal Haughey, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Karen Gallagher (Senior Engineer), James Culhane (Senior Executive Engineer), Niamh Russell (Administrative Officer), Barbara Ryan (Senior Staff Officer), Patrick Wallace (Executive Engineer), James Walls (Senior Executive Engineer), Mary Daly (Director of Service), Therese Casey (Executive Parks and Landscape Officer).

HMA/39/26 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Area Chair, Councillor C. Haughey, at the start of the meeting reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

HMA/40/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services A Operational Matters) Meeting held on Wednesday the 4th February 2026

Minutes of Meeting of Howth Malahide Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held on 4th February 2026 which had been circulated, were **CONSIDERED**.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor J. Guerin and **RESOLVED**:

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Committee Meeting (A) 4th of February 2026 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

HMA/41/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, and seconded by Councillor D. Healy and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2–12 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

HMA/42/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor C. Haughey - Installation of Additional Bins in Saint Marnock's Bay Area - AI107001

HMA/43/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Haughey - Repairs to Tuckett's Lane Road and Footpaths - AI107006

HMA/44/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Haughey - Repairs to Footpaths at Plunkett Cottages - AI107007

HMA/45/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor C. Haughey - Drainage at O'Hanlon's Lane - AI107008

HMA/46/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor C. Haughey - Fencing at Junction of Feltrim Road and Melrose Park - AI107010

HMA/47/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Tree inspection - Portmarnock Walk - AI107056

HMA/48/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Repairs to Portmarnock Bridge - AI107057

HMA/49/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Installation of Bin at Racecourse Park - AI107063

HMA/50/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Traffic Wardens to attend Stapolin Educate Together - AI107064

HMA/51/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Yellow Lines outside Stapolin Educate Together National School - AI107065

HMA/52/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Baldoyle Boxing Club Casual Trading Licence - AI107069

OPERATIONAL NEW WORKS, ETC.

HMA/53/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Paid Parking - Harbour Road, Howth.

A presentation was given by Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer.

Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

HMA/54/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Entrance to Claremont Beach - AI107003

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh.

The Report was read by Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer.

Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

MOTIONS

HMA/55/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Overflow at Baldoyle Bay - AI106421

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor J. Hopkins was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins and seconded by Councillor D. Healy.

The Report was read by James Walls, Senior Executive Engineer.

Following discussion, James Walls agreed he would send a copy of the license to Councillor J. Hopkins.

This Motion was **ACCEPTED**.

HMA/56/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor D. Healy - Provision of Bus Shelter at Howth Summit - AI106952

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor D. Healy was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh.

The Report was taken as read.

Following discussion, James Culhane agreed he would add the bus shelter for consideration for the 2027 programme but will check with the NTA if it can be included for consideration in this year's programme.

This Motion was **AGREED**.

HMA/57/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Repair of Beach Sleepers Portmarnock Beach - AI107058

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor B. McDonagh was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins.

The Report was taken as read.

Following discussion, it was agreed that James Culhane will send an invite to the Area Members for a site visit.

This Motion was **ACCEPTED**.

HMA/58/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

**Councillor J. Hopkins - Cycle Route from Racecourse Park to Bayside via
Seagrang Park - AI106422**

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor J. Hopkins was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins and seconded by Councillor D. Healy.

The Report was taken as read.

Following discussion, this Motion was **ACCEPTED**.

It was agreed by the Area Chairperson and Members to extend the meeting to finalise business.

Councillor E. O'Brien and Councillor J. Hopkins thanked Mary T Daly for her service as Director.

The Meeting concluded at 18.05 hrs.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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ITEM NO. 02

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON GOLF LINKS ROAD PORTMARNOCK -
AI107419**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to improving pedestrian safety on the Golf Links Road, Portmarnock, through the provision of extra footpaths and traffic calming measures?"

Reply:

Golf Links Road including its junction with Strand Road is included in the Infrastructure and Transport Department Capital Works Programme. The works relate to footpath and road widening. Survey work has already commenced for this project, with more information available from the aforementioned Department.

Source of Reply:

Benjamin O Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 03

**CLEANING PORTMARNOCK BEACH CAR PARK, STRAND ROAD -
AI107539**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to have Portmarnock Beach car park on Strand Road cleaned more regularly by the Council?”

Reply:

The Portmarnock Beach car park on Strand Road will be cleaned by the Operations Department and will be monitored with regards to additional cleaning requirements as necessary.

Source of Reply:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 04

DUNE EROSION ON BURROW BEACH - AI107541

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there has been any correspondence from Uisce Éireann following the meeting between Council officials, Councillors and residents of Burrow Road on February 23rd re dune erosion on Burrow Beach?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council has written to Uisce Eireann’s Wastewater Regional O&M Senior Manager and the Head of Local Authority Engagement. No correspondence has yet been issued in response however their reply will be circulated to Elected Members once received.

Source of Reply:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 05

**REPAIR FOOTPATH AT STEPS ON DUBLIN ROAD - BAYSIDE -
AI107542**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repair the footpath near the steps on the Dublin Road, near the junction with Bayside Boulevard North, the footpath just below this step is in bad condition making the bottom step much steeper?"

Reply:

The Operations Department have scheduled repairs to be carried out at this location in the coming weeks.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 06

REPAIR POTHOLE IN MALAHIDE BEACH CAR PARK - AI107543

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repair the potholes in Malahide Beach car park?”

Reply:

The Malahide Beach car park was originally constructed using granular material with surface dressing. Unfortunately, the sections that have failed require full depth reconstruction. Filling in the potholes will not solve the issue and will lead to persistent surface failure.

The works have been tendered, and a successful contractor will be appointed in due course, following the procurement process.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 07

TRAFFIC MONITORING IN MALAHIDE VILLAGE - AI107544

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there is traffic monitoring being carried out in Malahide Village and will the results be shared with Councillors?”

Reply:

As part of the National Speed Limit Review implementation, the Operations Department is currently undertaking speed surveys in and around urban and built-up areas across the County. The purpose of these is to gather data to support and inform the work currently being undertaken by the Traffic Section Engineers reviewing the speed limits on urban roads.

Phase 2 of the National Review is currently being progressed by all Local Authorities in accordance with the Guidelines for Setting & Managing Speed Limits in Ireland.

Following this work, urban speed limit zones will be created with the intention of implementing speed limit changes.

The process will include a full public consultation process whereby the public can make submissions on the draft Special Speed Limit Bye Laws required to implement changes.

Source of Reply:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 08

**REPAIR WALL AT DUNBO HILL AND CHURCH ROAD JUNCTION -
AI107546**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repairing the wall at the junction of Dunbo Hill and Church Road?"

Reply:

The Operations Department have scheduled repairs to this wall during May/June 2026.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 09

UPGRADE ARD NA MARA FOOTPATHS - AI107547

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for additional footpaths in Ard na Mara to be upgraded, while acknowledging some paths have been upgraded recently?”

Reply:

The Operations Department has carried out repairs to a significant number of footpaths in Ard Na Mara in recent years.

Footpath repairs were carried out in Ard Na Mara on both the 2024 and 2025 Annual Program of Works. Outside of the Programme of Works, additional repairs were also carried out from the Operational Revenue Budget in 2025.

Additional paths were also replaced in Ard Na Mara in Q1 2026 by the Direct Labour Roads Crew. This location will also be considered as part of the 2027 Programme of Works.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 10

REPLANT TREES IN BISCAYNE - AI107562

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to move/replant trees that were planted in Biscayne, previous ref FCC-2025-011747-N9T6J?"

Reply:

The Operations Department has removed and replanted trees at this location further to the Representation received.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 11

**UPDATE ON REINSTATEMENT OF CYCLE LANE BOLLARDS
BETWEEN HOWTH AND ST. FINTAN'S HIGH SCHOOL**

Question: Councillor C. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress of the reinstatement of the cycle lane bollards between Howth and St. Fintan's High School?"

Reply:

The Operations Department placed an order for replacement bollards. The quantity of bollards required for the reinstatement of the damaged locations along the cycle lane has just been received, and we have scheduled the repair work to be carried out during Q2 2026.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 12

FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIR - BROADMEADOW ESTUARY

Question: Councillor D. Healy

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise what steps are being taken to repair flood damage to the coastal path on the south side of the Broadmeadow Estuary and what steps can be taken to improve conditions for cycling on this route?”

Reply:

The Operations Department has carried out resurfacing and maintenance of the path at this location with Ballylusk gravel surfacing numerous times over the past few years.

The Operations Department will now carry out an assessment of this location to determine the level of repair works required to reinstate the coastal pathway along Broadmeadow Estuary following the recent significant flooding event.

We will liaise with our colleagues in the Active Travel Section to determine a timeline for their plans for creating a cycle/path route at this location.

The Operations Department has installed two new “Bend Ahead” warning signs by the sailing club. Road markings will be installed in due course.

The Operations Department will continue to monitor the road along the estuary for any additional road signage and road markings that are considered necessary.

Source of Reply:

Benjamin O Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

Therese Casey, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 13

UPDATE ON LINK BETWEEN CLAREMONT ROAD AND CLAREMONT BEACH

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the process of developing a link between Claremont Road and Claremont Beach and the steps taken subsequent to the meeting of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee A meeting on 1st February 2017, where it was indicated that a contractor was being appointed for this?"

Reply:

The Operations Department did not progress works at this location in 2017. In the interim, the Operations Department continues to maintain the area.

Works being carried out at the location are as follows: Resurfacing works, cleansing and gully maintenance works, unused toilet building improvements, replacement of wall caps due to storm damage, and additional surface cleansing & sweeping.

There are no further additional upgrade works being progressed for this location from either the revenue or capital budget allocations.

Source of Reply:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 14

**REPAIR OR REPLACE BENCHES - DUCK GREEN, PORTMARNOCK -
AI107613**

Question: Councillor B. McDonagh

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examine the benches on Duck Green in Portmarnock and repair or replace where needed?"

Reply:

The benches at this location will be repaired and two new benches will be installed this year by the Operations Department.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 15

INSPECTION OF LITTER BINS - PORTMARNOCK - AI107645

Question: Councillor B. McDonagh

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to inspect the litter bins in Portmarnock and replace or repair as needed?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will carry out an inspection of the street bins in Portmarnock, and repairs / replacements will be carried out as required.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 16

SUMMER REFUSE PROVISION - PORTMARNOCK BEACH - AI107646

Question: Councillor B. McDonagh

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what plans are in place to facilitate extra bin provision for Portmarnock Beach during the summer months?"

Reply:

In advance of the summer season, the Operations Department arranges for the installation of a large number of additional temporary litter bins in all high demand beach locations. This provision includes Portmarnock Beach as it is one of the summertime high demand locations.

Across the LEA, over 100 large capacity bins will be deployed before the summer 2026 warm weather commences. Given that beach attendance is largely weather driven, the team assess the temporary bin provision on an ongoing basis, and this is increased as necessary before and throughout the entire summer months.

Arrangements will also be made for additional cleansing staff to start very early on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday mornings throughout the summer to deal with the litter and emptying of these additional bins on the beaches. Note that the staff are not additional recruits but are diverted from other duties temporarily as seasonal changes require.

Portmarnock Beach has been included in this provision for additional cleansing staff.

Source of Reply:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 17

**RESTORATION OF TOURIST TRAIL SIGNAGE - PORTMARNOCK -
AI107647**

Question: Councillor B. McDonagh

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to restore and repair the signage of the nature and heritage trail in Portmarnock by reprinting the materials already developed?"

Reply:

The Operations Department has examined this request for restoration and repair of the Portmarnock nature and heritage trail signage. The work will be carried out in the coming months.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 18

ANTI GRAFFITI MATERIALS FOR TIDY TOWNS IN THIS LEA - AI107648

Question: Councillor B. McDonagh

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if graffiti removal materials could be supplied to Tidy Towns groups in this Local Electoral Area?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council arranges for the removal of graffiti from public property only. This includes buildings & walls in our ownership, parks & open spaces, and public infrastructure such as bins, benches and other street furniture.

Under the current system, each reported case of graffiti is logged by the Operations Department, and a works list is issued to the Probation Service for graffiti removal. Graffiti deemed to be offensive in nature is prioritised for urgent removal by the Operations Department in order to minimise its impact.

The Operations Department do not provide anti-graffiti materials directly to Tidy Towns groups for health and safety reasons. Fingal County Council's streetscape initiatives for 2026 focus on enhancing town centres through, and funding for, façade improvements, shopfront upgrades, and public realm enhancements. Fingal's Streetscape Scheme is a targeted funding call via the Department of Economic, Community and Cultural Development. It is aimed at assisting with the improvement of the appearance of the streets within the centres of Fingal's towns and villages. This generally includes shopfront improvements, painting, signage replacement or removal, lighting, and green planting.

One of these initiatives is the Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Grant which is administered annually by Fingal County Council. The fund is part-sponsored by the Department

of Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports. Each year, community groups across Fingal undertake a variety of initiatives funded through the scheme, contributing to enhanced public spaces and increased community engagement. With respect to graffiti removal, activities include but are not limited to painting over graffiti, painting of estate walls and painting murals to combat repetitive graffiti.

Applications and more information can be found at <https://www.fingal.ie/anti-litter-anti-graffiti-grant-2026>

Source of Reply:

Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 19

TOILETS AT SUMMIT CAR PARK - AI107675

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to make contact with Howth Tour Operators to discuss issues with the cleaning contract for the toilets at summit car park?"

Reply:

The Operations Department has issued correspondence to Howth Tour Operators via email on 23rd March, with the aim of establishing & investigating the issues being experienced with the public toilets at Howth Summit. We are currently awaiting a response.

In the interim, the Operations Department has also engaged with the public convenience cleaning and maintenance contractor, requesting that a deep clean be undertaken and that repairs to the locks be carried out at this location as a matter of priority.

The toilets are cleaned twice per day. Members of the public who wish to report any issues may do so by contacting the service desk on 01 695 0707 or by emailing service@healthmatic.com

Source of Reply:

Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 20

UPDATE ON ZEBRA CROSSINGS FOR BAYSIDE SQUARE - AI107677

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the speed surveys and status of previously requested zebra crossings at Bayside Square?"

Reply:

The Operations Department have not carried out any speed surveys in Bayside Square.

Previous traffic monitoring indicated the following;

- Bayside Square is a self-regulating environment due to the driver speed restrictions controlled by passive on-street parking and pedestrians crossing the road at various locations.
- No obvious pedestrian desire lines were identified for a Zebra crossing given the layout of the Square.
- It is extremely difficult to locate suitable crossing points at the Square because of the space requirements, junction alignments & locations, requirements for on street residential parking in front of properties with no private driveways and the configuration/abundance of driveways where there is off road parking.

Previously completed Programme of Works improvements have increased pedestrian permeability by the provision of drop kerbs, tactile pedestrian crossing points and new double yellow lines to assist with pedestrian safety around the Square.

Source of Reply:

Benjamin O Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 21

REPAIR LIGHT IN POTATO SKIN LANE, PORTMARNOCK - AI107679

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repair the light at Potato Skin Lane, Portmarnock?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will arrange for a special night check to be carried out in the area and all lights out on the laneway will be logged for repair by the public lighting contractor as part of their normal maintenance schedule.



Source of Reply:

Karen Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 22

**SAFETY REVIEW OF JUNCTION AT BRIDGEFIELD MALAHIDE -
AI107683**

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise, given the number of accidents, if the safety of the junction at Bridgefield, Malahide has been reviewed and if enhancements were recommended?"

Reply:

The Operations Department has not been advised about previous accidents at this location, however we have installed enhancements following observations by the Operations Department. These included louvres placed on the pedestrian signals to block sunlight reflection and also prevent exiting drivers from viewing the pedestrian signal phasing.

There are no further outstanding recommended enhancements to be completed.

Source of Reply:

Benjamin O Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 23

REPAIR FOOTPATH - STAPOLIN LAWNS - AI107684

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repair the footpath at (details supplied) Stapolin Lawns, as a resident has experienced a bad fall?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will carry out repairs to the location as part of the 2026 Programme of Works.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 24

REPAIR FOOTPATH - STAPOLIN LAWNS - AI107685

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to contact the utility company who worked at (details supplied) Stapolin Lawns in order to have the tar removed and replaced with concrete?"

Reply:

The path has now been fully reinstated by the utility company at this location.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department,

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ITEM NO. 25

**REPAIR FOOTPATH AT CARRICK COURT, PORTMARNOCK -
AI107686**

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repair the footpath at (details supplied) Carrick Court, Portmarnock?"

Reply:

The path at this location will be added to the 2027 Operations Department Works Programme for consideration.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 26

FILLING POTHoles IN THIS LEA - AI107540

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive outline if there are different processes involved for the Council or contractors when repairing potholes as there have been a number of complaints recently regarding potholes being filled in this Local Electoral Area and then a few days later the pothole forms again.”

Report:

The rainfall from January to early March 2026 was unprecedented and has resulted in more potholes appearing on the roads than ever before. This has been experienced on a nationwide basis.

The Operations Department carry out pothole remediation works in the following ways:

Temporary Repairs: The Operations Department roads crew fill potholes using delay set macadam as emergency measure. This is carried out to temporarily hold the situation over until the arrangements for the permanent repair is carried out.

Permanent Repairs: When contractors are engaged to repair potholes, they are carrying out patching of the road using stone mastic asphalt which is a permanent repair.

In addition, the Operations Department roads crew carries out road reconstruction and patching as part of the annual Programme of Works. This is also carried out with stone mastic asphalt and is a permanent repair.

Source of Report:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services A – Operational Matters)

WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL 2026

ITEM NO. 27

INVESTMENT TO RESTORE ROAD SURFACES IN THIS LEA - AI107649

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

“That the Chief Executive provide a report on the impact of the high volume of rainwater in this Local Electoral Area over the winter months including Portmarnock, Baldoyle, Balgriffin and Kinsealy areas with reference to how much additional damage has been caused and what investment will be made to restore the road surfaces.”

Report:

January 2026 and February 2026 experienced elevated rainfall levels both nationally and in Fingal. For example, at Dublin Airport’s weather station, the total rainfall that was recorded was 137.7 mm for January 2026. This was an increase of 88 % when compared to 2025. 133.7 mm of rainfall fell in February 2026 at Dublin Airport which represented an increase of 176 % when compared to 2025.

For the Howth/Malahide LEA, the revenue budget allocated to the general regional and local roads for 2026 is €2.88 million for maintenance and day to day upkeep. This is an increase of 9.6 % when compared to the 2025 budget. Under the 2026 Programme of Works (PoW), a separate revenue allocation of € 1.308 million was allocated for roads maintenance. This was an increase of 11.2 % when compared to the 2025 PoW roads budget. The annual Programme of Works was presented to and agreed by the elected members at their ACM held on 14th January 2026.

In addition, there was € 2.8 million euro spent on the regional capital roads budget in 2025 countywide. Two regional roads in the Howth/Malahide area had resurfacing and/or engineering works carried out under that capital programme. A list of regional roads resurfaced in Howth/Malahide in recent years are as follows.

- R106 Portmarnock Bridge - 2026
- R124 Drumnigh Road – Drainage and Enabling Works - 2025
- R105 Howth Harbour Road – Resurfacing Works – 2025
- R105 Carrickbrack Road - 2025
- R106 Portmarnock (section of) - 2024

The Operations Department also carry out road strengthening works for 10 weeks each year since 2022. This is carried out by Direct Labour crews and contractors.

Throughout the Howth/Malahide LEA there has been damage to the existing road infrastructure due to the recent poor weather and storms. The Operations Department will carry out repair work to address the pothole issues which have arisen. This is subject to weather conditions.

It should be noted that the Fingal County Council has applied through the Department for funding to recoup some additional costs incurred during the recent extreme weather events to the value of €143,136.

Monthly values for DUBLIN AIRPORT up to 23-mar-2026

Total rainfall in millimetres for DUBLIN AIRPORT

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
2026	137.7	133.7	43.3								
2025	73.1	48.3	13.5	87.1	41.9	79.4	80.2	31.8	91.4	90.0	119.1
2024	61.3	74.3	115.4	70.2	36.8	30.4	37.7	36.6	59.6	47.8	54.2
2023	41.2	16.2	119.0	77.6	35.9	49.4	149.2	119.4	134.0	125.7	65.1
LTA	61.8	52.4	51.4	55.0	57.0	64.0	61.0	73.4	63.3	78.4	82.7

Source of Report:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services A – Operational Matters)

WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL 2026

ITEM NO. 28

SECURITY AT RACECOURSE PARK, BALDOYLE - AI107666

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

"That the Chief Executive outline what actions have been taken, including with an Garda Síochána, regarding an investigation into a stolen car and to security closing and locking the gates and the potential replacement of the locks/gates at Racecourse Park."

Report:

The locks on the gate at this location are locked every evening. These locks are keyed-alike Abloy locks, which are extra strong steel padlocks. An Garda Síochána are aware of the anti-social behaviour which has occurred at this location.

In order to address the vandalism and anti-social behaviour, the Infrastructure & Transport Department's Project Team developing Racecourse Park have advised that the gates will be removed as part of the park development works and they will replace them with bollards. The Operations Department is not aware at this stage, the specification of the bollards as these are being delivered as part of the Project Teams overall masterplan for the Park.

Source of Report:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services A – Operational Matters)

WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL 2026

ITEM NO. 29

ENHANCED CLEANING AT GRANGE ROAD, BALDOYLE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE - AI107671

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

"That the Chief Executive introduce an enhanced cleaning regime (similar to New Street, Malahide) at Grange Road, Baldoyle, either side of the industrial estate, to cope with the volume of traffic and business in the area which is causing constant litter."

Report:

The Operations Department carries out cleaning of areas on a rotational basis and Grange Road, Baldoyle is included in this regime. The Howth Malahide Operational Area does not have a dedicated shift crew for Baldoyle however, Grange Road will be prioritised for additional sweeping.

The Environment Department's Litter Warden carries out regular inspections at this location and if evidence of litter is found, a warning notice or fine will issue to the relevant business.

The Litter Management Section (Environment Department) is currently in the process of designing a leaflet specific to Fingal Businesses to remind them of their obligations under the Litter Pollution Acts and these will be distributed in the coming months.

Source of Report:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department
Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, Environment Department

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