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**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, 3rd September, 2026** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

**Aoife Sheridan
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 Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 4th of June 2026**

QUESTIONS

- 2 Councillor E. Troy - Purchase of HSE Building on Auburn Avenue - AI108518**

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to purchase the HSE building at the top of Auburn Avenue and restoring it to be used for the community, as it is falling into disrepair?”

- 3 Councillor E. Troy - Bulky Waste Collection Service in this LEA - AI109120**

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide a bulky waste collection service in this Local Electoral Area, particularly in litter blackspot areas, with a collection charge of ten euro for mattresses, electrical goods and other miscellaneous items?”

- 4 Councillor E. Troy - Report on Water Quality in Dublin 15**

“To ask the Chief Executive how often the quality of the waterways in Dublin 15 is analysed, and are these reports available for scrutiny by Councillors and the public in general, in particular the results of the analysis prior to the date of the recent fish kill in the Tolka River and after this date?”

- 5 Councillor E. Troy - Dunsink Urban Area Plan Briefing Meeting**

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to ensure any future consultation regarding large-scale infrastructure projects, including the Dunsink Urban Area Plan, be well published, as the briefing meeting in Blanchardstown Library for the public was not advertised sufficiently, local Councillors did not get an invitation by email and the text on the Council website announcing the briefing was easily overlooked by many?”

6 Councillor G. Sheehan - Clonee to Blanchardstown Cycling Route - AI108792

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the exact public consultation timelines for the newly proposed Clonee to Blanchardstown Walking and Cycling Route, and to specify how local residents and businesses in the affected estates will be engaged to ensure their input on the initial design?"

7 Councillor G. Sheehan - Report on Clonsilla Old School House Masterplan - AI108794

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the Clonsilla Old School House Masterplan, including detailing what specific funding has been allocated in the current capital programme to begin physical works on the site, and what is the estimated commencement date for restoration?"

8 Councillor G. Sheehan - Update on Junction Upgrade at Hartstown Road/Huntstown Way - AI109561

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Hartstown Road/Huntstown Way junction upgrade?"

9 Councillor G. Sheehan - Update on Development of Site at Fortlawn - AI109562

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed development of the site in Fortlawn?"

10 Councillor M. McCamley - Public Opening through Hollystown Golf Course - AI109030

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on if and when the public opening through Hollystown Golf Course will happen?"

11 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Widening of Hard Shoulder on the R135 - AI109117

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to widen the hard shoulder from the Circle K garage to the Brock Inn, on the Circle K side of the road, and repaint the yellow lines, as this section of road is dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists?"

12 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Additional Truck Stops along the R135 - AI109118

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examine the feasibility of providing additional truck stops, or similar, along the R135 as the large number of trucks that use the road for overnight/rest periods is creating driving hazards for other motorists?"

13 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Update on Car Park - Tyrrelstown Park - AI10961

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the carpark at Tyrrelstown Park?"

14 Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Engagement regarding Broadband in Castleknock - AI109166

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the engagement with Eir and the Department of Communications regarding the rollout of fibre broadband in Castleknock, specifically in instances where properties with older telephone connections, where the high-speed broadband cable was originally buried directly in the ground, may require additional work to upgrade to fibre, such as cases where properties need either a new duct from the roadside to the house or a pole for an aerial cable in order to access fibre broadband?"

15 Councillor A. Donnelly - Free Period Product Availability in Public Toilets in this LEA - AI109420

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list, in tabular form, of the public toilets in this Local Electoral Area that provide free period products to help combat period poverty?"

16 Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on the Site at the corner of Blakestown Road and Huntstown Way - AI109421

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when work will begin on the Council owned site at the corner of Blakestown Road and Huntstown Way?"

17 Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Taking in Charge of Phibblestown Wood - AI109422

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

18 Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Taking in Charge of Castlefield Hall - AI109423

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

19 Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Vacant Properties in Dublin 15 - AI109481

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update, in tabular form, detailing the number of vacant properties in Dublin 15, by area and date vacant?"

20 Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Taking in Charge of Ongar Village - AI109505

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of the areas pending in Ongar Village, Chipping, The Crescent and Barry Lane?"

21 Councillor P. Quinlan - Update on the Consultation Process in for the Draft Dunsink Area Plan - AI109520

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the consultation process that was undertaken in respect of the Dunsink Urban Area Plan, identifying which residents' associations, community groups, sporting clubs and households were engaged, on what dates, and in what form; to state whether any engagement was undertaken with residents of Valley Park, Scribblestown, Woodbank or Finglas West prior to publication of the Draft Plan; and to state what engagement was undertaken with the members of the travelling community in Dunsink Lane/Ratoath Road itself, and what engagement is proposed with those residents before the Plan is adopted?"

22 Councillor P. Quinlan - Update on Response from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding the Draft Dunsink Urban Area Plan - AI109521

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update regarding the response of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to the SEA Scoping Report for this Plan (Ref: FP2026-047, 16 April 2026) and to set out, by recommendation, how each of the Department's recommendations has been given effect in the Draft Dunsink Urban Area Plan?"

23 Councillor P. Quinlan - Update on Submissions to the Dunsink Urban Area Plan - AI109522

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on how many submissions have been received on the Draft Dunsink Urban Area Plan to date, including those that may have been disregarded, and to confirm the date on which the Chief Executive's report on submissions is expected to come before the members?"

24 Councillor P. Quinlan - Report on Waste Deposited at Dunsink Landfill - AI109523

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing the available records of waste types deposited at the former Dunsink and Dublin City landfills, together with a contamination and landfill gas risk assessment and a quantitative human health risk assessment covering both construction phase occupational exposure and long-term recreational use of the proposed Regional Park in the draft Dunsink Urban Area Plan by members of the public, including children?"

25 Councillor P. Quinlan - Mapped inclusion of St Joseph's Horse and Pony Club in the Dunsink Urban Area Plan - AI109524

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report outlining why St. Joseph's Horse and Pony Club, a club of close to one hundred members operating on and adjoining the Dunsink Urban Area Plan lands, does not appear in Table 9.1 of the Draft Plan as existing community infrastructure, when a rugby club, a football club and a golf club are recorded; and whether Table 9.1 will be corrected to include St Joseph's Horse and Pony Club?"

26 Councillor P. Quinlan - Management of Dunsink Social Housing Allocations - AI109527

"To ask the Chief Executive, in the context of Dunsink, who will manage the social housing allocations, Fingal County Council directly or approved housing bodies, and what oversight or influence will Elected Members have when it comes to the allocations?"

27 Councillor P. Quinlan - Non-Compliances or Incidents Recorded at Dunsink Landfill - AI109536

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the Council's operation of the former Dunsink landfill under its Environmental Protection Agency licence, including current landfill gas extraction volumes, leachate management arrangements, the most recent monitoring returns, and any non-compliances or incidents recorded in the last five years?"

28 Councillor J. Walsh - Public Transport for Dunsink - AI109616

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any discussions by Fingal County Council with the National Transport Authority regarding public transport links for future development at Dunsink, including bus and Luas routes?"

29 Councillor J. Walsh - Update on Royal Canal Greenway - AI109617

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the plan and timeline for the Royal Canal Greenway?"

30 Councillor J. Walsh - Cycle Path to Phoenix Park - AI109618

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise whether the Active Travel section is going to bring forward plans for a cycle path from Auburn Avenue to the Phoenix Park following completion of the walking and cycling scheme on Auburn Avenue and the Old Navan Road?"

31 Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

b Applications for Sports Funding

**ECONOMIC,
COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT**

32 Proposed Disposals

a Proposed lease of land at Kellystown, Dublin 15 to St Mochta's Football Club, Porterstown Road, Dublin 15

**ENVIRONMENT,
CLIMATE ACTION,
ACTIVE TRAVEL &
SPORTS BUSINESS**

**33 Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029 – Sports
Department Strategy Update**

GENERAL BUSINESS

34 Correspondence

- a Email from Dublin Bus dated 28th May 2026 re Cllr Walsh
Motion Ghost Buses in Dublin 15**
- b Email from Rachel Begley TII dated 29th May 2026 regarding
Cllr Walsh Motion Impact of Noise from the M50 - Ashleigh
and Castleknock**
- c Email from Waterways Ireland dated 18th June 2026
regarding Cllr Troy Motion Pathways on the Royal Canal**
- d Letter from Susan Sinclair, Administrative Officer dated 29th
June 2026 regarding Motion agreed by Lucan, Palmerstown
and North Clondalkin Area Committee, South Dublin County
Council**
- e Email from Private Secretary to Minister for Special
Education and Inclusion dated 30th June 2026 regarding Cllr
J. Walsh motion Task Force on Special Education in Dublin 15**
- f Email from Private Secretary to Minister for Justice, Home
Affairs & Migration dated 1st July 2026 regarding Cllr M
McCamley motion Garda Station for Tyrrelstown/Hollystown
Area**
- g Email from Private Secretary to Minister for Education and
Youth dated 2nd July 2026 regarding Cllr J Burtchaell motion
Exclusion of Dublin 15 Schools from Deis Plus Scheme**
- h Email from Private Secretary to Minister of Education and
Youth dated 3rd July 2026 regarding Cllr M McCamley motion
Vacant Ground at Hollywoodrath**
- i Email from Jeremy Ryan NTA dated 23rd July 2026 regarding
Cllr B Hanaphy motion Review of Provision of Public
Transport - Church Fields Area**
- j Email from Private Secretary to Minister for Special
Education and Inclusion dated 5th August 2026 regarding Cllr
M. McCamley motion Special Education in Dublin 15**

- k Email from Jeremy Ryan NTA dated 10th August 2026 regarding Cllr JK Onwumereh motion Review of Public Transport Access in Tyrrelstown/Kilmartin/Hollystown**
- l Email from Private Secretary to Minister for Special Education and Inclusion dated 18th August 2026 regarding Cllr J. Walsh motion Second Special School in this LEA**

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

35 Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan - Extension of Dublin Bikes Scheme to the Strawberry Beds - AI109517

"That the Chief Executive examine the feasibility of extending the Dublin Bikes scheme through the Phoenix Park to a proposed docking station at the Mount Sackville/Knockmaroon Gate, to improve sustainable transport links to the Strawberry Beds Special Amenity Area and to provide greater accessibility for residents and visitors in an area that is currently not served by public transport."

MOTIONS

36 Councillor A. Donnelly - Report on Noise Levels on the N3 at Littlepace - AI108177

"That the Chief Executive provides a report on any steps taken to address the issue of noise pollution along the N3 at Littlepace, and the measures taken to alleviate this, as the Council, in partnership with Meath County Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), is moving ahead with the next stage of plans to improve travel along the N3, between the M50 and Clonee, will addressing noise levels be included an aspect of this plan."

37 Councillor E. Troy - Accessibility for Older People using the Phoenix Park - AI108810

"That the Chief Executive write to the Office of Public Works (OPW) regarding the serious lack of accessibility for older people using Phoenix Park, how many car parking spaces are in the park and how many are close enough to a bench for elderly and infirm walkers, the benches that are all the way along Chesterfield Avenue, at one time were always full of elderly people and now they are completely empty, as the elderly cannot walk the distance from any of the current car parks."

38 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Noise Abatement Measures for Communities Adjacent to the N3 - Saddlers Estate, Mulhuddart Wood, Village Heights and Whitestown - AI108743

"That the Chief Executive, in the context of the proposed N3 Clonée to M50 Bus Priority and Active Travel scheme, engage with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to implement the best possible noise abatement measures, including road resurfacing with the lowest noise materials, high quality acoustic barriers and vegetative buffers etc. for the communities adjacent to the N3, in particular Saddlers Estate, Mulhuddart Wood, Village Heights and parts of Whitestown which have been heavily impacted by road noise for many years."

39 Councillor T. Leddy - Castleknock Village Heritage Strategy - AI109092

"That the Chief Executive works with the Heritage Officer to develop and deliver a strategy to mark the historic significance of Castleknock's role in the 1315 Bruce invasion of Ireland."

40 Councillor M. McCamley - Permanent Access - Kilmartin Grove to Tyrrelstown Park - AI109279

"That the Chief Executive investigate a plan to provide permanent access from Kilmartin Grove to Tyrrelstown Park, where there are already a number of unofficial openings which are unsafe."

41 Councillor P. Quinlan - Alterations to the Draft Dunsink Urban Area Plan - AI109519

"That this Area Committee, having regard to the submissions on the Draft Dunsink Urban Area Plan made by residents of Valley Park and Scribblestown and by community organisations across Finglas, calls on Fingal County Council to amend the Draft Plan to delete the Dunsink East development area in its entirety and to retain the lands concerned as undeveloped open ground and habitat."

42 Councillor S. Shovlin - Bike-Hire Extension to the Strawberry Beds Special Amenity Area - AI109544

"That the Chief Executive, in collaboration with the Strawberry Beds Residents' Association, consider a joint feasibility assessment to extend the bike-hire facility already in place at the Strawberry Beds Special Amenity Area."

43 Councillor J. Walsh - N8 Bus Service to Dublin Airport - AI109605

"That this Committee write to the National Transport Authority and the Minister for Transport to ensure that the proposed N8 bus service from Blanchardstown to Dublin Airport is introduced before the end of 2026."

44 Councillor T. Leddy - M50 Boundary with Castleknock Tennis Club - AI109273

"That the Chief Executive liaise with Castleknock Tennis Club to explore options to place trees along the boundary between the M50 southbound slip road and the tennis club car park."

45 Councillor E. Troy - Alarm at Chemical Plants in this LEA - AI109384

"That the Chief Executive write to Dublin Fire Brigade to ensure that each Chemical plant in this Local Electoral Area has a robust communication plan in place for false alarms and that the false alarm is communicated to the public in a timely manner, and as a means of effective preventative action can Dublin Fire Brigade also ensure that the fault with the system at Barclays Chemical plant be included in future safety audits across similar plants in the Local Electoral Area."

46 Councillor A. Donnelly - Pilot Project for Directly Employed Dog Wardens in this LEA - AI109419

"That the Chief Executive implements a pilot project in this Local Electoral Area of Dog Wardens that are directly employed by the Council, who can be given access to the Council's databases, such as the dog licensing data."

47 Councillor P. Quinlan - Costed Infrastructure Delivery Report for the Dunsink Urban Area Plan - AI109529

"That this Committee requests the Chief Executive to prepare, and bring before the Committee, a full costing of the infrastructure required to deliver the Dunsink Urban Area Plan, including transport, water, wastewater, drainage, school, community and recreational infrastructure and the remediation of the former Dunsink landfill; setting out for each item the estimated cost, the funding secured to date, the funding source anticipated, and the resulting funding gap; together with an assessment of the exposure of Fingal County Council's own capital programme to any shortfall, and of the extent to which delivery is contingent on funding from bodies other than the

Council.”

48 Councillor J. Walsh and Councillor M. McCamley - Luas Route to Tyrrelstown - AI109619

“That the Chief Executive write to the National Transport Authority, calling on the National Transport Authority to bring forward a credible plan to provide the Luas to Tyrrelstown via Dunsink in a timely way and to prioritise this Luas project for Dublin 15.”

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

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

**Held on Thursday, 4th June, 2026 in the Civic Offices, Grove Road,
Blanchardstown/MS Teams at 3.30p.m.**

PRESENT

Councillors:

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

Councillors:

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor H. Redwood.

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Sara McAvoy (Senior Executive Officer, Housing), Fiona Smithers (Senior Staff Officer, Housing), Pauline Poole, (Senior Community Officer, Community), Owen McGrath (Sports Development officer, Community), Jennifer Muscheidt (Environment Awareness Officer, Environment), Paul Barns (Events Manager, Tourism), David Storey (Director Of Services, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports), Larry Bergin (Senior Executive Engineer, Climate Action& Active Travel), Paul Keane (Senior Executive Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport), Deridre Fallon (Senior planner, Planning And Strategic Infrastructure), Kieran Maher (Senior Executive Engineer, Climate Action And Active Travel), Enda Hoey (Senior Executive Scientist, Environment), Fearghal McSweeney (Administrative Officer, Planning And Strategic Infrastructure), Liam Burke (Senior Executive Officer, Housing), Carmel Brennan (Senior Architect, Architect Department).

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/578/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Blanchardstown - Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B (Strategic and General Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 7th of May 2026.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor M. McCamley seconded by Councillor JK Onwumereh and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday the 7th May 2026 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

QUESTIONS

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 18 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

CMB/579/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor E. Troy - Report on Biodiversity Project - Park Drive adjacent to M50 - AI108082

CMB/580/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor E. Troy - Election Poster Fines in this LEA - AI108515

CMB/581/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor J. Walsh - Update on the Royal Canal Greenway - AI108338

CMB/582/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor J. Walsh - Update on Completion of Works at Laurel Lodge Playground - AI108340

CMB/583/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor J. Walsh - Update on Taking in Charge of Windmill Estate, Clonsilla - AI108339

CMB/584/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor J. Walsh - Report on Bridge at Bramblefield - AI108621

CMB/585/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Taking in Charge of Phibblestown Wood - AI108770

CMB/586/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Hazelbury Park Play Area - AI108771

CMB/587/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Report on Choice Based Letting Data in this LEA - AI108772

CMB/588/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Horse Sculpture for the Ongar Roundabout - AI108766

CMB/589/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on the Purchase of Two Cottages - Weavers Row, Clonsilla - AI108767

CMB/590/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Report on Rent Increases Information in this LEA - AI108768

CMB/591/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Taking in Charge of Castlefield Hall - AI108769

CMB/592/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Update on Kilmartin Entrance Pathway into Tyrrelstown Park - AI108775

CMB/593/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Noise Survey on Damastown Avenue - AI108776

CMB/594/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Tennis Courts at the New Kilmartin Park Development - AI108778

CMB/595/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor G. Sheehan - Report on Derelict and Vacant Residential Units in this
LEA - AI108779

CMB/596/26 (Agenda Item No 19)**Applications for Funding.****a Applications for Community Funding**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Pauline Poole, Community Department.

Councillor B. Hanaphy excused herself from the meeting, citing a conflict of interest, as she is the chair of Corduff Community Centre.

Councillor G. Sheehan excused himself from the meeting, citing a conflict of interest, as he is director on the Shared Facility Executive of Ongar Community Centre.

Councillor A. Donnelly excused herself from the meeting, citing a conflict of interest, as she is the chair of Corduff Community Centre.

Following discussion, 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 Community Funding in the attached report."

b Applications for Sports Funding

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Owen McGrath, Community Department.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley and seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and **AGREED**:

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

c Applications for Environmental Funding

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Jennifer Muscheidt, Environment Department.

Councillor S. Shovlin excused herself from the meeting, citing a conflict of interest, as she is a member of the committee for the Clonsilla Tidy Towns.

Councillor J. Walsh excused himself from the meeting, citing a conflict of interest, as he is a member of the steering group for the Blanchardstown Tidy Towns Committee.

Councillor G. Sheehan excused himself from the meeting, citing a conflict of interest, as he is a member of the committee for Ongar Tidy Towns.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor E. Troy and seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy and **AGREED:**

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

CMB/597/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Events Presentation on the Blanch Fest Signature Event

Events gave a presentation on the Blanch Fest Signature Event

Following discussion the report was **NOTED**.

CMB/598/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Safe Routes to School Round 2 updates

Following discussion the report was **NOTED**.

CMB/599/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Correspondence.

a Letter from Iarnród Éireann dated 25th February 2026 regarding Cllr Walsh Motion Clarification on Train at Clonsilla Station

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

- b Letter from Deputy Chief Executive Hugh Creegan NTA dated 1st May 2026 regarding Cllr Quinlan Motion NTA Update on Bus Connects in Blanchardstown**

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

- c Letter from Deputy Chief Executive Hugh Creegan NTA dated 6th May 2026 regarding Cllr Donnelly Motion Airport Bus for Dublin 15**

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

- d Letter from Deputy Chief Executive Hugh Creegan NTA dated 6th May 2026 regarding Cllr Burtchaell Motion Inadequate Bus Services in Tyrrelstown and Hollystown**

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

- e Letter from Deputy Chief Executive Hugh Creegan NTA dated 18th May 2026 regarding Cllr Shovlin Motion New Bus Stop Assessment - Luttrellstown Gate**

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

- e Letter from Deputy Chief Executive Hugh Creegan NTA dated 18th May 2026 regarding Cllr Donnelly Motion Cancelled Buses in this LEA**

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

- g Letter from Minister of Transport Darragh O'Brien TD dated 25th May 2026 regarding Cllr Walsh Motion National Registration of Scrambler Bikes - Fingal West Local Community Safety Partnership**

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

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

CMB/600/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, Councillor T. Kitt - N3 M50 to Clonee Bus Priority and Active Travel Scheme - AI108653

It was **AGREED** to take item 23 and item 30 concurrently.

The motion in the name of Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan and Councillor T. Kitt was proposed by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan and seconded by Councillor T. Kitt.

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

MOTIONS

CMB/601/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Review of Sports Development Policy in this LEA - AI106796

The Motion in the name of Councillor JK. Onwumereh was proposed by Councillor JK. Onwumereh 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/602/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor P. Quinlan - No Through-Road at Scribblestown/Dunsinea Lane - AI108344

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

Following discussion, the Chair, instructed that a roll call vote be taken on a division, the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 6 SIX

AGAINST: 6 SIX

ABSTAIN: 3 THREE

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

AGAINST: Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, Councillor K. Dennison, Councillor T. Kitt, Councillor T. Leddy, Councillor J.K Onwumereh, Councillor S. Shovlin

ABSTAIN: Councillor T. Doyle, Councillor M. McCamley, Councillor J. Walsh

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

The Chair DECLARED the Motion FELL

CMB/603/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor M. McCamley - Garda Station for Tyrrelstown/Hollystown Area - AI108385

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 report was **ACCEPTED**.

CMB/604/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor E. Troy - Residents Consultation - Auburn Green, Auburn Estate, Phoenix Estate and Peck's Lane - AI108513

It was **AGREED** to take item 27 and item 29 concurrently.

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

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

CMB/605/26 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Water Refill Stations in Phoenix Park - AI108541

The Motion in the name of Councillor S. Shovlin was proposed by Councillor S. Shovlin 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/606/26 (Agenda Item No 29)

**Councillor J. Walsh, Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, Councillor T. Leddy,
Councillor S. Shovlin - Alternative Location for Compound on Auburn Green
- AI108612**

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Walsh, Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, Councillor T. Leddy, Councillor S. Shovlin was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and Seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan.

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

CMB/607/26 (Agenda Item No 30)

**Councillor A. Donnelly, Councillor J. Burtchaell, Councillor T. Doyle,
Councillor B. Hanaphy, Councillor G. Sheehan, Councillor J. Walsh - Active
Travel Bridge at Bramblefield - AI108685**

The Motion in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly, Councillor J. Burtchaell, Councillor T. Doyle, Councillor B. Hanaphy, Councillor G. Sheehan, Councillor J. Walsh was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly 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/608/26 (Agenda Item No 31)

**Councillor E. Troy - National Policy Framework for Unmanned Aircraft
Systems in this LEA - AI108514**

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, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

CMB/609/26 (Agenda Item No 32)

**Councillor J. Burtchaell - Drone Base Planning Enforcement in Coolmine -
AI108544**

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Burtchaell was proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell 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/610/26 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor M. McCamley - Special Education in Dublin 15 - AI108613

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/611/26 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Report on Fortlawn Risk Assessment - AI108764

The Motion in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly was 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/612/26 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Review of Provision of Public Transport - Church Fields Area - AI108777

The Motion in the name of Councillor B. Hanaphy was proposed by Councillor B. Hanaphy and Seconded by Councillor G. Sheehan.

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

The Meeting concluded at 18:16.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

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ITEM NO. 02

PURCHASE OF HSE BUILDING ON AUBURN AVENUE – AI108518

Question: Councillor E. Troy

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to purchase the HSE building at the top of Auburn Avenue and restoring it to be used for the community, as it is falling into disrepair?”

Reply:

The Council will take the opportunity to bring this to the attention of the HSE at the next quarterly meeting to ascertain any future intentions for the property located at the top of Auburn Avenue.

We will provide an update on this matter as soon as the information is available.

Source of Reply:

Ciara OhAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department

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ITEM NO. 03

BULKY WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE IN THIS LEA - AI109120

Question: Councillor E. Troy

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide a bulky waste collection service in this Local Electoral Area, particularly in litter blackspot areas, with a collection charge of ten euro for mattresses, electrical goods and other miscellaneous items?"

Reply:

The provision of a bulky waste collection is not recommended

- The provision of such a service exclusively to the Ongar Mulhuddart Area rather than countywide is unfair.
- The charge of 10 euro per mattress would not recover costs
- When purchasing mattresses, the disposal of an old mattress is usually available for a small fee when the new mattress is delivered.
- When purchasing electrical goods for delivery the return of the old item it's replacing is a legal obligation of the supplier
- There are private sector companies who provide such a service and probably more efficiently than Fingal County Council could.

For example see. <https://rubbish-taxi.ie/>

If members wish to proceed with a bulky waste collection service, they would have to make amendments to the budget to provide for staff, equipment and waste disposal costs. Staff would have to be recruited & waste disposal companies procured. The cost of such a scheme would be demand led and

would be dependent on how much of subsidy the members would allocate to the service.

Dublin City Council operate a bulky waste collection service. In 2025 they made 3,336 collections at a cost of approximately 100 euros and charged 50 euros for five items. This cost excludes overheads and administration costs

Source of Reply:

John Daly, Senior Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department

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ITEM NO. 04

REPORT ON WATER QUALITY IN DUBLIN 15

Question: Councillor E. Troy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report, on a regular basis, detailing the water quality of the waterways in Dublin 15 and that these reports be made available to the public?”

Reply:

Water quality of the rivers and streams in the D15 area are analysed and tested by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on a quarterly basis.

The results of this EPA monitoring are available on the EPA's website <https://epawebapp.epa.ie/qvalue/webusers/> and on the Catchments Portal <https://www.catchments.ie/>

To date in 2026 river monitoring points in this area were sampled on the 11th of February and 11th of May 2026 and will be tested again on the 23rd of September and 11th of November 2026.

In addition to the EPA sampling programme, Fingal County Council also carries out water quality testing of its rivers and streams in this area and across the County enabling Fingal County Council to identify deteriorations in water quality should they arise.

The most recent Fingal County Council River sampling tests were carried out on the 27th of July 2026 and will be tested again on the 2nd of September 2026. Results of Fingal County Council's river sampling is available upon request.

Source of Reply:

David T Byrne, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department

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ITEM NO. 05

DUNSINK URBAN AREA PLAN BRIEFING MEETING

Question: Councillor E. Troy

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to ensure any future consultation regarding large-scale infrastructure projects, including the Dunsink Urban Area Plan, be well published, as the briefing meeting in Blanchardstown Library for the public was not advertised sufficiently, local Councillors did not get an invitation by email and the text on the Council website announcing the briefing was easily overlooked by many?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council is committed to inclusive community engagement in conducting public consultations. The Council operates an online consultation portal where members of the public may access all documentation relevant to the consultation digitally and submit online submissions by a specific submission deadline. The public may also submit written observations directly to the Council and public consultation notices include the details of how to direct postal submissions by a specific submission deadline.

In respect of major projects/strategies physical documents and maps are made available for public inspection at Council offices and local library branches and all details of planning applications are available online for inspection.

Public information events are often held by the Council during public consultation display periods to facilitate public engagement. The Council is committed to

publicising these events as widely as possible, including promoting the events over its social media channels and informing the Elected Members of such events.

Source of Reply:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 06

CLONEE TO BLANCH CYCLING ROUTE - AI108792

Question: Councillor G. Sheehan

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the exact public consultation timelines for the newly proposed Clonee to Blanchardstown Walking and Cycling Route, and to specify how local residents and businesses in the affected estates will be engaged to ensure their input on the initial design?”

Reply:

A non-statutory public consultation took place between the 22nd May and the 19th June 2026 on the Clonee to Blanchardstown Walking & Cycling Scheme. A presentation was made in advance of this at the May BMCO Services B Area Committee meeting where councillors were briefed with follow up questions answered.

All submissions have now been assessed and will inform the post public consultation report which will be published in due course. All updated design drawings can be found at:

[Clonee to Blanchardstown Walking and Cycling Scheme | Fingal County Council Online Consultation Portal](#)

The project team are happy to meet should any particular query on the design require further information.

Source of Reply:

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

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ITEM NO. 07

**REPORT ON CLONSILLA OLD SCHOOL HOUSE MASTERPLAN -
AI108794**

Question: Councillor G. Sheehan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the Clonsilla Old School House Masterplan, including detailing what specific funding has been allocated in the current capital programme to begin physical works on the site, and what is the estimated commencement date for restoration?"

Reply:

The Old Schoolhouse Masterplan was adopted by the Elected Members in November 2025.

The site of the former Old Schoolhouse building is not in the Council's ownership.

Source of Reply:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO.08

**UPGRADE ON JUNCTION UPGRADE AT HARTSTOWN ROAD
HUNTSTOWN WAY - AI109561**

Question: Councillor G. Sheehan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Hartstown Road/Huntstown Way junction upgrade?"

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 Q4 2026.

Construction will commence following the tender assessment and signing of contract documents with the preferred bidder.

Source of Reply:

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

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ITEM NO. 09

UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF SITE AT FORTLAWN - AI109562

Question: Councillor G. Sheehan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed development of the site in Fortlawn?"

Reply:

Preparatory work on the proposed development continues to progress with the project currently advancing through the detailed design process. The scheme will provide a significant number of new, modern homes and improved public infrastructure, supporting the long-term regeneration of the area.

The Council recognises that the development involves substantial change for existing residents, including the planned demolition and replacement of some homes. Engagement with affected households remains an important part of the project, and the Council is committed to continuing communication and support throughout the process.

While the project has generated understandable concerns among some residents, it also presents an opportunity to replace ageing housing stock with high-quality, energy-efficient homes and improved community facilities. Detailed design of the scheme is progressing, and we will provide updates as the project reaches key milestones and as arrangements for the next stages of delivery are finalised.

Source of Reply:

Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 10

PUBLIC OPENING THROUGH HOLLYSTOWN GOLF COURSE - AI109030

Question: Councillor M. McCamley

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on if and when the public opening through Hollystown Golf Course will happen?"

Reply:

Under SHDW/003/21 a 10 year planning permission was granted for a strategic housing development at a site of c. 25.3 ha at the townlands of Hollystown, Kilmartin, Hollywoodrath, Cruiserath, Yellow Walls, Powerstown, and Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15, which includes lands in the former Hollystown Golf Course and lands identified under the Kilmartin Local Area Plan 2013 (as extended). The lands are bound by the R121 and Hollywoodrath residential development to the east, the under construction Bellingsmore residential development to the south and north, the former Hollystown Golf Course to the north, Tyrrelstown Educate Together National School, St.Luke's National School and Tyrrelstown Community Centre to the west and south and the existing Tyrrelstown Local Centre to the south.

The proposed development will consist of the development of 548 no. residential units, retail/café unit, 2 no. crèches, 1 no. Montessori, 1 no. community hub, car and bicycle parking, open space and public realm, over a site area of c. 25.3 ha, as follows:

1. On lands to the north of the application site the proposed development includes for 428 no. houses and apartments. A total of 792 no. car

- parking spaces will be provided for this part of the scheme. In terms of bicycle parking, a total of 225 no. cycle parking spaces are provided.
2. On lands to the south of the application site and north of the Tyrrelstown Local Centre (referred to as Local Centre) the proposed development includes 120 no. apartment/duplex units, community hub, a crèche of 500 sq.m with an external play space of 200 sq.m and a Montessori of 280.3 sq.m with an external play space of 185 sq.m. External communal amenity space is provided at ground podium terrace levels throughout the scheme. A standalone 2-storey crèche unit is also provided of 529.6 sq.m with an external play space of 243 sq.m, to the south of the site. Car Parking is provided throughout. A total of 300 no. bicycle parking spaces are proposed.
 3. Vehicular access to Sites 2 & 3 to the north of the application site is through the construction of a new vehicular entrance off Hollywoodrath Road (R121), a new footpath and cycle path along the northern and western side of the R121 along the site frontage extending south to the existing Toucan crossing facility over the R121, and provision of 2 no. new Toucan crossings on the R121 (c.0.53 ha) as well as via an extension to Hollystown Avenue link road south of the permitted Bellingsmore development. Vehicular access to the Local Centre to the south of the application site is via the existing access point along Hollystown Avenue and the north-south link route from the existing Tyrrelstown Local Centre which is partially completed and partially under construction. Pedestrian and cycle access is also provided along the R121, through existing roads within the application site and *through the creation of a new pedestrian/cycle route to the north at the existing entrance to the clubhouse of the former Hollystown Golf Course.*
 4. The development of proposed Class 1 public open space of 2.77ha and Class 2 public open space of 1.69ha including pedestrian/cycle routes, seating areas, kick about area, playgrounds, dog park, associated landscaping works including planting, changes in level and boundary treatments. In addition 3.21 ha of linear park under the existing power lines and 2.11ha of ancillary linear open space which includes for SUDS and hedgerow features is provided in the scheme.
 5. The construction of a new foul outfall sewer, approx. 3km in length to connect to the existing 600mm diameter foul sewer to the south of Powerstown Road which will include decommissioning of the existing Pump House south of Hollystown Park.
 6. The development will also provide for all associated ancillary site development infrastructure including landscaped areas and sustainable urban drainage systems under the existing ESB powerlines, and all associated ancillary site development infrastructure including:

demolition of an existing shed, ESB sub-stations, public lighting, and foul and surface water drainage; internal roads & footpaths; landscaping; and all associated engineering and site works necessary to facilitate the development.

The proposed scheme is designed to integrate with the previously permitted development at Bellinsmore (Ref FW13A/0088/E1) which is currently under construction and recently permitted residential development on lands to the north east known as Site 1 (FCC Reg. Ref.: FW21A/0042).

Permission was granted on the 23rd March 2023. The developer has until the 21st June 2033 to undertake all development proposed on the site which includes public opening through the old Hollystown Golf Course.

Source of Reply:

Sean Walsh, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 11

WIDENING OF HARD SHOULDER ON THE R135 - AI109117

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to widen the hard shoulder from the Circle K garage to the Brock Inn, on the Circle K side of the road, and repaint the yellow lines, as this section of road is dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists?”

Reply:

The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 includes various objectives to support the development of improved cycling and walking access throughout the county. There is no provision within the current Fingal Capital Plan for this proposal however the future development of such a proposal could be included on a future Capital Plan list of proposed projects.

This request will be added to our Connectivity Tracker and assessed as to its feasibility.

Source of Reply:

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

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ITEM NO. 12

ADDITIONAL TRUCK STOPS ALONG THE R135 - AI109118

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examine the feasibility of providing additional truck stops, or similar, along the R135 as the large number of trucks that use the road for overnight/rest periods is creating driving hazards for other motorists?”

Reply:

The R135 is a Regional Road that performs an important strategic transport function, facilitating movement between towns, employment centres and the national road network. There are no specific national standards governing the provision of truck rest areas on regional roads. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) primarily sets design, policy and location standards for motorways, dual carriageways and service areas on the national road network. At present, there are no designated truck parking or truck rest facilities provided within the public road corridor of the R135 under the control of Fingal County Council.

The provision of truck parking is typically considered as part of service stations, commercial and haulage/logistics facilities having regard to the relevant planning policies, development management standards and national road infrastructure guidance.

Reliance on parking within the public road network would not be considered a sustainable or appropriate long-term arrangement and may give rise to road safety, traffic management and visual amenity and environmental concerns. The accommodation of overnight truck parking is generally best addressed through

dedicated off-street facilities associated with the operator's premises or other purpose-built facilities. Where trucks are parked in a manner that creates a road safety hazard, obstructs visibility, impedes pedestrian or cyclist movement, blocks footpaths, cycle facilities or otherwise interferes with the safe operation of the public road, this would primarily constitute a road traffic enforcement matter.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO.13

UPDATE ON CAR PARK – TYRRELSTOWN PARK - AI10961

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the carpark at Tyrrelstown Park?”

Reply:

The Council is examining options for the provision of additional temporary car parking at Tyrellstown Park to address the needs of sports clubs and other park users during busy periods of park usage. The provision of this temporary car parking is interim to a statutory planning process for the upgrade of Tyrellstown Park which will address the need for additional parking alongside other park improvements. Further briefings in this matter will be provided in due course.

Source of Reply:

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

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ITEM NO. 14

UPDATE ON EIR AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION – AI109166

Question: Councillor Siobhan Shovlin:

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update on their engagement with Eir and the Department of Communications regarding the rollout of fibre broadband in Castleknock, specifically in instances where properties with older telephone connections, where the high-speed broadband cable was originally buried directly in the ground, may require additional work to upgrade to fibre, such as cases where properties need either a new duct from the roadside to the house or a pole for an aerial cable in order to access fibre broadband?”

Reply:

The Broadband Officer has written to OpenEir and has been informed that the Department of Communications are examining the issue and seeking to identify DBL impacted homes with no alternative supplier. Currently, homes/connections impacted by direct buried leads (DBL) are still on track for the latter end of the OpenEir Fibre Broadband Rollout Programme which could be some time. Currently the Council/Broadband Officer has no visibility on specific timelines within OpenEir scheduling.

Source of Reply:

Steven Flynn, Digital Programme Officer/Broadband Officer, Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 15

FREE PERIOD PRODUCT AVAILABILITY IN PUBLIC TOILETS IN THIS LEA - AI109420

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list, in tabular form, of the public toilets in this Local Electoral Area that provide free period products to help combat period poverty?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council recognises the importance of ensuring that women and girls can access period products when using Council facilities and acknowledges the objective of reducing barriers associated with period poverty. Motions were passed in this regard at the April 2021 Full Council meeting with arrangements made for provision of free period products arising from same. Provision of free period products currently takes place across a number of Council facilities through a collaborative approach involving Building Facilities, Community Facilities and Libraries. Current arrangements are set out in the table below re the Dublin 15 area.

	Community Centres	Libraries and other Buildings
Buildings part of the Scheme	Mulhuddart Community Centre Parslickstown House Corduff Community Centre Huntstown Community Centre	Blanchardstown Library Corporate Building – County Hall & Civic Offices

		Draocht (awaiting new vending machines)
Where are the products available?	Women's and accessible toilets in centres involved	Ladies & Accessible toilets in the library
How are They Presented?	'Drop Down' vending machines	Drop Down' vending machines

The Council will continue to monitor uptake and user feedback and will review existing provision on an ongoing basis. Opportunities to increase awareness of the initiative, enhance accessibility and expand provision within Council-operated facilities will be considered by the relevant departments, subject to operational and resource considerations.

Source of Reply:

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

Lilian Whelan, Acting County Librarian, Fingal libraries, Economic, Community and Cultural Development;

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, People, Corporate & Digital Services Department

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ITEM NO. 16

**UPDATE ON THE SITE AT THE CORNER OF BLAKESTOWN ROAD
AND HUNTSTOWN WAY - AI109421**

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when work will begin on the Council owned site at the corner of Blakestown Road and Huntstown Way?”

Reply:

Good progress continues to be made on the development, which is currently at the tender stage. The procurement process is underway, and the project team is progressing the necessary evaluation and approval processes to enable the appointment of a contractor.

In parallel, preparatory activities are continuing to ensure the project is ready to move to construction once the tender process is completed. Subject to the successful conclusion of procurement and contractual arrangements, the development remains on track to commence on site later this year.

The scheme will make an important contribution to increasing the supply of high-quality homes in Dublin 15 and represents significant investment in meeting local housing need. Further updates will be provided as key milestones are achieved including commencement of construction works.

Source of Reply:

Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer, Housing Delivery, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 17

**UPDATE ON TAKING IN CHARGE OF PHIBBLESTOWN WOOD -
AI109422**

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of 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. The bondholder has not informed the Council on a start date or on an appointed contractor. Once the works have been completed to the satisfaction of Fingal County Council, the estate can be taking in charge, pending a taking in charge request.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 18

UPDATE ON TAKING IN CHARGE OF CASTLEFIELD HALL - AI109423

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

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

Reply:

The final surfacing works, ramps, and raised tables have been substantially completed within the estate. We are now awaiting the completion of the Road Safety Audit before advertising the estate for Taking in Charge

Source of Reply:

Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Development Department

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THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 19

UPDATE ON VACANT PROPERTIES IN DUBLIN 15 - AI109481

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update, in tabular form, detailing the number of vacant properties in Dublin 15, by area and date vacant?”

Reply:

Below are the current number of voids in the Dublin 15 Areas as of 20/08/2026 with the duration.

Total Voids / Duration	12 months	6 Months	3 Months	1 Month
140	28	13	77	22

Properties can be vacant for a number of reasons pertaining to the various stages of re-let and allocations process including but not limited to: Surrender of property, securing of property, removal of belongings, inspection and survey of property, specialised cleaning, procurement of works, works period, retrofitting, fire damage, remediation, reconnection to utilities, ASB checks, changes in applicant circumstances, refusals. The Council actively works to minimise vacancy periods wherever possible, but many elements of the process are essential to ensuring each home is safe, compliant, and suitable for the next household.

Source of Reply:

Emma Maxwell, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 20

UPDATE ON TAKING IN CHARGE OF ONGAR VILLAGE - AI109505

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of the areas pending in Ongar Village, Chipping, The Crescent and Barry Lane?”

Reply:

Ongar Village was taken in charge in December 2024. There has been no progress regarding the taking in charge of Chipping, The Crescent, or Barry's Lane as Ballyfib Management Company are not engaging with Fingal County Council with respect to the taking in charge of these areas.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 21

UPDATE ON THE CONSULTATION PROCESS IN FOR THE DRAFT DUNSINK AREA PLAN - AI109520

Question: Councillor P. Quinlan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the consultation process that was undertaken in respect of the Dunsink Urban Area Plan, identifying which residents' associations, community groups, sporting clubs and households were engaged, on what dates, and in what form; to state whether any engagement was undertaken with residents of Valley Park, Scribblestown, Woodbank or Finglas West prior to publication of the Draft Plan; and to state what engagement was undertaken with the members of the travelling community in Dunsink Lane/Ratoath Road itself, and what engagement is proposed with those residents before the Plan is adopted?”

Reply:

The publication of the draft Dunsink Urban Area Plan was advertised, as required by legislation, on the website of Fingal County Council and in a national newspaper. The statutory prescribed bodies were also notified. The consultation process was promoted extensively on the Council's social media channels. The draft Plan was available to view online. Copies were also made available in the Fingal County Council offices, libraries and in the Dublin City Council Area Office and library in Finglas. A public information event, which gave interested parties the opportunity to speak directly with the project team, was also held in Blanchardstown library.

Consultation was undertaken directly with the members of the Traveller community living in the Plan area. This included delivering information on the Plan to households and meeting families on an individual basis. Representatives of the Planning and Development Department also attended the meeting of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee held on 20th July to inform the committee of the draft Plan.

Source of Reply:

Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 22

**UPDATE ON RESPONSE FROM DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, LOCAL
GOVERNMENT AND HERITAGE REGARDING THE DRAFT DUNSINK
URBAN AREA PLAN - AI109521**

Question: Councillor P. Quinlan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update regarding the response of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to the SEA Scoping Report for this Plan (Ref: FP2026-047, 16 April 2026) and to set out, by recommendation, how each of the Department's recommendations has been given effect in the Draft Dunsink Urban Area Plan?”

Reply:

This issue relates to the plan making process associated with the Dunsink Urban Area Plan and should be addressed during an additional council meeting which will be held for the Plan in October 2026.

Source of Reply:

Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 23

**UPDATE ON SUBMISSIONS TO THE DUNSINK URBAN AREA PLAN -
AI109522**

Question: Councillor P. Quinlan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on how many submissions have been received on the Draft Dunsink Urban Area Plan to date, including those that may have been disregarded, and to confirm the date on which the Chief Executive's report on submissions is expected to come before the members?”

Reply:

In all, 1,163 submissions were received. It is intended to issue the Chief Executive's Report to the Elected Members by 11th September 2026.

Source of Reply:

Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 24

REPORT ON WASTE DEPOSITED AT DUNSINK LANDFILL - AI109523

Question: Councillor P. Quinlan

“To ask the manager what the available records of waste types deposited at the former Dunsink and Dublin City landfills, together with a contamination and landfill gas risk assessment and a quantitative human health risk assessment covering both construction phase occupational exposure and long-term recreational use of the proposed Regional Park in the draft Dunsink Urban Area Plan by members of the public including children?”

Reply:

Dunsink landfill accepted waste from 1976 till 1997. The waste accepted was

- Household Waste
- Non Hazardous Industrial and Commercial Waste
- Construction waste for cover and basal lining

No quantitative risk assessment has been carried out for the landfill and they are not normally carried out for licensed landfills. Landfills are monitored for Air Quality, Surface Water Quality, Groundwater and Landfill gas and results are compared against licence limits and other environmental standards.

The Dunsink landfill was built and operated before the EU landfill directive came into force, However the landfill site was chosen based on its favourable geology for groundwater protection and gas migration. This is seen in the ongoing groundwater and gas monitoring.

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) (including methane) are monitored at the landfill site surface. There are isolated levels above trigger points particularly in a small area along the motorway to the west and investigations are ongoing at the moment in this area to see if we need to upgrade the gas extraction in this area or improve the clay cover.

Source of Reply:

John Daly, Senior Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department

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ITEM NO. 25

**MAPPED INCLUSION OF ST JOSEPH'S HORSE AND PONY CLUB IN
THE DUNSINK URBAN AREA PLAN - AI109524**

Question: Councillor P. Quinlan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report outlining why St. Joseph's Horse and Pony Club, a club of close to one hundred members operating on and adjoining the Dunsink Urban Area Plan lands, does not appear in Table 9.1 of the Draft Plan as existing community infrastructure, when a rugby club, a football club and a golf club are recorded; and whether Table 9.1 will be corrected to include St Joseph's Horse and Pony Club?”

Reply:

This issue relates to the plan making process associated with the Dunsink Urban Area Plan and should be addressed during an additional council meeting which will be held for the Plan in October 2026.

Source of Reply:

Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 26

**MANAGEMENT OF DUNSINK SOCIAL HOUSING ALLOCATIONS -
AI109527**

Question: Councillor P. Quinlan

“To ask the Chief Executive, in the context of Dunsink, who will manage the social housing allocations, Fingal County Council directly or approved housing bodies, and what oversight or influence will Elected Members have when it comes to the allocations?”

Reply:

In the context of the Dunsink proposal, it is too early to comment on the management of social stock. In cases where the Council is responsible for the allocation of Housing Support, this is an executive function having regard to the provisions of the Allocations Scheme for Social Housing Support.

Source of Reply:

Linda McDonald, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 27

NON-COMPLIANCES OR INCIDENTS RECORDED IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS AT DUNSINK LANDFILL - AI109536

Question: Councillor P. Quinlan

"To ask the Chief Executive on the Council's operation of the former Dunsink landfill under its EPA licence, including current landfill gas extraction volumes, leachate management arrangements, the most recent monitoring returns, and any non-compliances or incidents recorded in the last five years?"

Reply:

On the 15th of August 2003, the EPA granted Fingal County Council a Waste Licence for the management and aftercare of Dunsink Landfill. The EPA Licence includes 12 conditions, 85 sub-conditions, and 8 schedules conditioning how the site is managed, monitored and reported.

With respect to current landfill gas extraction volumes, and based on 2026 figures YTD, Dunsink Landfill is generating approximately 2,180 m³ of gas per day which is collected in the gas collection system and converted into energy or flared pending the quality of gas at the time.

Leachate generated by the site is collected by the underlain leachate collection system which is pumped to a lined leachate lagoon where it is allowed to aerate before being pumped into the foul sewer.

The most recent monitoring returns were submitted to the EPA in July 2026 which detailed monitoring results for the EPA designated groundwater, surface water, leachate quality, stack emissions quality and gas monitoring boreholes.

As expected with any historical landfill, Dunsink landfill over the past 5 years has on occasion experienced licence condition non-compliances and breaches in licence emission limits values (ELV's), which are more commonly known as reportable incidents.

Since 2023 the landfill has experienced 47 reportable incidents of which 41 incidents are now closed, 2 found invalid while 4 remain open. All 47 incidents reported were found to be minor in nature.

In terms of licence condition non-compliances, Dunsink Landfill has since 2023 experienced 11 licence condition non-compliances. 9 of the licence non-compliances have been addressed and considered closed while the 2 remaining non-compliances remain open but are currently being addressed.

Source of Reply:

John Daly, Senior Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department

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ITEM NO. 28

PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR DUNSINK - AI109616

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any discussions by Fingal Council with the National Transport Authority regarding public transport links for future development at Dunsink, including bus and Luas routes?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council has engaged directly with the National Transport Authority with regards to public transport provision for Dunsink in the course of preparing the draft Dunsink Urban Area Plan. In accordance with statutory requirements, the Chief Executive’s Report on the public consultation for the draft Plan will include the response of the Chief Executive to the submission made by the National Transport Authority.

Source of Reply:

Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 29

UPDATE ON ROYAL CANAL GREENWAY - AI109617

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the plan and timeline for the Royal Canal Greenway?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council's Transport and Infrastructure Department is progressing the Royal Canal Urban Greenway project along the approximately 8 km section extending from the 12th Lock to the Fingal County boundary at Confey Slipway.

The project is currently at the preliminary design stage and remains subject to the statutory planning process, as well as the receipt of all necessary approvals.

The planning documentation, including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), is currently being finalised. Subject to completion of these documents, it is anticipated that a planning application for the Royal Canal Urban Greenway will be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála in September.

Source of Reply:

Emer F. Tierney, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 30

CYCLE PATH TO PHOENIX PARK. AI109618

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive whether the Active Travel section is going to bring forward plans for a cycle path from the Auburn Avenue to the Phoenix Park following completion of the walking and cycling scheme in Auburn Avenue and the Old Navan Road?"

Reply:

The Castleknock Rd - Auburn Avenue to Phoenix Park cycle route has been identified on the National Transport Authority (NTA) implementation plan with Fingal County Council. Funding has been made available through the 2026 NTA Active Travel Investment Grants Allocations to progress the project.

A tender competition has commenced to appoint a designer for this scheme, and it is anticipated a consultant will be appointed later this year.

Source of Reply:

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

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ITEM NO. 31a

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
St Margarets Amenities CLG GA-004048	€1,000	Projector & Screen	NO	N/A	€1,000
Slí Dhála Comhaltas Branch Dublin 15 GA-004068	€3,000	Insurance Tutors Music Books Tuners	YES	2025 - €3,000	€1,400

Castaheany Residents Association GA-003919	€2,296	Insurance Lawnmower Strimmer Leaf Blower Lawn Edger Hedge trimmers	NO	N/A	€2,275.58
Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living GA-004058	€1,500	Community open day with activities Art & Crafts supplies Pottery Supplies 5-a-side football	YES	2024 - €3,000	€1,340
Parslickstown House GA-004076	€1,813	Pottery Course Gardening Course	YES	2024 - €1,007.85 2025 - €1,039.94	€1,132.46
Laurel Lodge Environmental Group GA-004022	€710	Insurance Fruit Hill Farm Organic Bulbs Compost	YES	2025 - €2,900.00 2024 - €1,357.69	€667.80
Kurdish Cultural Centre Ireland GA-004012	€3,000.00	Insurance Project Room Rental	YES	2025 - €3,000.00 2024 - €3,000.00	€2,037
Blakestown Drive Community Group GA-004035	€3,000.00	Insurance Little Prince Sculpture	YES	2025 - €2,925.00	€3,000
Hayworth Ongar Residents Association GA-004024	€996	Planning & Environmental Enhancement Tools & Equipment Community Improvement	NO	N/A	€641.31

		& Safety Materials			
Residents Association GA-004049	€1,060	Insurance Petrol Strimmer Border wood and Planter Compost and Perennials Hoe and paint brushes Woodpaint	YES	2025 - €1,639	€980
TOTAL AMOUNT RECOMMENDED				€ 14,474.15	

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ITEM NO. 31b

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Mountview Boys and Girls Football Club	€1,500	Purchase footballs, bibs, cones, water bottles, first-aid kits, training ladders, hurdles, and poles.	Y	2024 - €3,000 2022 - €2959.90	Mountview Boys and Girls Football Club seeks to use the Essential Sports

					Equipment Grant to purchase footballs, bibs, cones, water bottles, first-aid kits, training ladders, hurdles, and poles. I recommend allocating the full amount of €1,500.
St Mochtas Football Club	€1,491	Essential training equipment - footballs, tactics boards, marker discs, tactic pads	Y	2022 - €2825.31 2020 - €1,000	St Mochtas Football Club seeks to use the Essential Sports Equipment Grant to purchase footballs, marker discs, coaches tactic folders & tactics boards. I recommend allocating the full amount of €1,491.

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ITEM NO. 32a

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF LAND AT KELLYSTOWN, DUBLIN
15 TO ST MOCHTA'S FOOTBALL CLUB**

It is proposed to issue Notice under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) notifying the Council Members of the intention to grant a lease of land at Kellystown, Dublin 15, as shown outlined in red on map no. 6205 dated 14th November 2025 comprising an area of 8.836 acres approximately to St Mochta's Football Club, Porterstown Road, Dublin 15.

A formal notice of disposal in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, will be submitted to the Meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on Monday 14th September 2026.

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Fingal Sports Office

Fingal County Council

Purpose of Fingal Sports Office

Inspiring Active Lifestyles for All in Fingal



Inspiring Active lifestyles for all in Fingal



Fingal Sports Office Values

Community Involvement

Inclusivity

Sport and Physical Activity for Health

Building on Strengths

Collaboration

Sustainability



Fingal Sports Office

A Whole Council Approach

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Operations- Pitch/Open Space Use

Active Travel- Shared Projects/Events

Planning and Infrastructure- Facilities

Healthy Fingal-Shared Projects/Events

Events/Community- Comm Initiatives



Objectives 2026

Increase Participation in Sport and Physical Activity

- Total 73000 participants in 2025
- Aim 75000 participants for 2026

Increase No. of Mainstream & Inclusive Programmes

- Area Based covering all LEAs
- Total 1244 in 2025 ➡ 1400 in 2026
- Collaborate inter-departmentally and with external Stakeholders to achieve Active Cities status

Maximise Funding from Sport Ireland

- Core Funding ,Participation Nation
- Dormant Accounts

Highlights

Weekly Programmes

- 1000 weekly participants
- 30 locations

Athletics League

- 2500 primary school students
- 62 schools
- Live streamed

Inclusive Summer Camps

- Water Sports + 6 NGB Camps
- 250+ participants with additional needs

10 Major Events

- 10,000 Active Participants

Highlights

- **Athletics Leagues Finals**
- **Move @ Swords Castle**
- **Mens Shed Walking Event**
- **Parkfits 10 Weeks, 20 Locations**
- **Fingal Active Cities 10k**
- **Beach Yoga Starts for 10 Weeks, 5 Locations**
- **Inclusion Water Sports Camps**
- **Inclusion NGB Camps**
- **HEROutdoors Week**
- **Fingal Sports Festival-Malahide Castle**
- **Fingal SportsAbility Festival**

Our 6 Commitments:

Commitment 1

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Make Sport and Physical Activity a Priority.

- Active For Life - Mulhuddart, Hartstown & Ongar
- FitMan - Mulhuddart
- Parent & Toddler - Meakstown

Commitment 2

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Improve opportunities and choices for everyone to be active.

- Fingal on the Move - Blakestown & Corduff
- Her Space - Meakstown
- Community sports boxes

Commitment 3

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Raise the profile & visibility of Sport and Physical Activity.

- Bike Week Event - Millennium Park
- Sportability Day
- Exercise Energise

Commitment 4

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Focus on participation in the Outdoors.

- ParkFit - Millennium Pk, Hartstown pk, Corduff pk
- Couch to Parkrun
- Healthy Steps

Commitment 5

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Enhance our access to quality Sport and Physical Activity facilities.

- Night Hoops - Meakstown & Tyrrelstown
- School swimming lessons
- Sports First Aid Training

Commitment 6

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Collaborate with local, regional and national stakeholders.

- Athletics League D15
- Marathonkids
- Roller Disco - Mountview
- Active Cities Week

Targeted Initiatives

Women in Sport	Disability	Older Adults	Ethnic Minorities	Community Youth at Risk	Clubs
Page 98 • Exercise Energise • Teen Weightlifting • Couch to 5 K • Her Outdoors • Tag 4 Mums • Women Try Tennis • Her World Her Rules • WIS Event	• Boccia 4 All • Football 4 All • Couch to 5k • Enjoy Tennis • Come & Try Basketball • 6 Disabilty Camps (All NGBs)	• Active 4 Life • Mens Shed Event • Couch to 5k • PALS Training • Walking Rugby • Walking Football	• Her Space • Fingal On the Move • Parent Toddler • Couch to 5k • Traveller Progs	• TY Leadership • Weightlifting • Canoeing • Give it a Try • Rugby on Green • WIS Events • Late Night Leagues • Night Hoops	• Grant Funding • Community 5s • Sports Awards • Her World,Her Rules-B’ball • Boys Hockey • Give it a Try-Rugby

Targeted Initiatives

Primary School	Secondary School	Adults	Areas of Disadvantage	Families	Coach Education
- Swimming - Fingal Daly Exercise - Athletics Leagues - Marathon Kids 6 x NGB Initiaves - Born to Grow	- Exercise Energise - TY Sports Leadership - Blitzes x 6 NGB - Weightlifting - Sports Leaders x 6 NGBs	- Fitman - Couch to 5k - Fingal on the Move - Walking Foot/Rugby - Community Tennis - Socioball	- Canoeing - Mens Walking - Corduff Forum - Swimming Lessons - Tag 4 Mums - Area Based Progs x 6	- Parent Toddler Yoga - ParkFit - Move @Swords - Sports Fest - Toddler Swim	- Safeguarding - First Aid - Leaders Courses x 6 NGBs - Sport Irl Courses - Disability Tutor Training

Community Sports Facilities Fund 2026

Government grant for building and improving sports facilities

2023 round - Lucan BMX Club - Safety Gate/Lucan Cricket Club - Practice Pitch

2026 round - opening Q4 2026

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FCC will meet with prospective clubs and consider making a joint application to facilitate new or improved infrastructure

FCC can only make applications on behalf of clubs who operate on FCC owned land

Grants are awarded to Local Authorities at 70%. FCC will contribute 30% of balance to any approved grants. Clubs must finance the rest themselves

From: BACoireachtas <bacoireachtas@dublinbus.ie>

Sent: 28 May 2026 16:13

To: BAC Communications <Communications@dublinbus.ie>; Corporate Services <Corporate.Services@fingal.ie>; CIE Communication <Communication@cie.ie>

Subject: Re: Correspondence - Item 38 - Ghost Buses in Dublin 15

Dear Liz,

On review of the performance of Route 37 we have found that it achieved the target of kilometres of service delivered as set by the National Transport authority in Periods 2 and 3 of this year, however, the preliminary data that is currently available to us regarding Periods 3-5 suggest that the service has not achieved this target in recent months. Unfortunately, Route 37 has been largely impacted by congestion along the route and in some cases staffing issues have also impacted service. Traffic congestion impacts not only the service that a bus is operating at a given time but also impacts subsequent departures.

Congestion has long been a problem in Dublin, but it continues to worsen especially for our cross-city routes. In October, the average network speed across Dublin Bus services was 16.0 km/h, down 5% year-on-year. During peak hours, average speeds fall below 14 km/h. This is primarily due to limited bus priority and the high volume of private cars using the main corridors in and out of the city. Issues such as congestion, and protests, can unfortunately lead to curtailments or cancellations on Routes. Our Operations Team is closely monitoring this route to ensure it operates as efficiently as possible for our customers. We expect that the planned expansion of the BusConnects network will deliver further improvements for passengers.

In relation to the issues of buses failing to show at their scheduled time and the Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) I wish to provide you with further detail on how this service operates. Whether displayed at bus stops, through the TFI app, or via other digital platforms, the information is generated through a central Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) system operated by the National Transport Authority. Each bus continuously transmits its location using GPS technology. Arrival predictions are then calculated using a combination of the vehicle's live position, the scheduled timetable, and prevailing traffic conditions.

It is important to note that real-time information is predictive rather than definitive. Arrival times are estimated using the most accurate data available at that moment; however, operating conditions can change rapidly. Traffic congestion, roadworks, diversions, collisions, weather conditions, or other operational issues may affect a service after a prediction has already been generated. When this occurs, the system requires time to process updated vehicle data and recalculate expected arrival times.

Real-time information is also distributed across multiple platforms, each of which refreshes at slightly different intervals and depends on communications networks to receive updates. As a result, minor delays in data transmission, temporary signal interruptions, or differing refresh cycles can occasionally lead to short-term inconsistencies in displayed arrival times. In some cases, where live vehicle tracking is temporarily unavailable, the system may revert to timetable-based predictions until a confirmed vehicle position is restored.

Additionally, where a service is curtailed, withdrawn, or cancelled at short notice, the central system must first receive and process that operational update before the predicted arrival can be amended or removed. Dublin Bus shares all information regarding curtailed or cancelled service with this system. During this brief processing period, scheduled times may remain visible even though the service will no longer operate as originally planned. Dublin Bus is working with the NTA on the Next Generation AVL system which aims to improve the Real Time Passenger Information that is available to customers to allow for more up to date and accurate information being provided to support journey planning.

Best,

Holly Ryan

Public Affairs and Communications Officer

Dublin Bus, 59 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1.

Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @dublinbusnews

From: INFO <Information@tii.ie>
Sent: 29 May 2026 11:27 AM
To: Corporate Services <Corporate.Services@fingal.ie>
Subject: TII26-136042 - Impact of the noise from the M50 - Ashleigh to Castleknock.

A Chara

I refer to the below email of 17 April 2026 in relation to the above. The position in relation to your enquiry is as follows.

The amended European Communities (Environmental Noise Regulations) 2018 (S.I. No. 549) primarily deal with the requirements to prepare strategic noise maps of major transport infrastructure and for noise actions plans to be developed for the purpose of managing noise issues and their effects, including noise reduction, if necessary.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the national authority for overseeing the implementation of these Regulations.

The making of noise action plans and the implementation of the actions set out in the action plan are the responsibility of the designated action planning authorities, being, for major roads, the relevant local authorities. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) is not a designated action planning authority under the 2018 Regulations and so the making and implementation of action plans does not fall to TII under the 2018 Regulations.

TII's role under the 2018 Regulations is solely as a noise-mapping body responsible for making and approving strategic noise maps in respect of certain major roads and, where appropriate, major railways.

In the case of the M50 at Ashleigh, Castleknock Dale, Castleknock Brook and Castleknock Glade, Fingal is the Noise Action Planning Authority with all relevant details for the subject area covered in the Dublin Agglomeration Noise Action Plan. It should be noted that trees and other plantings are not considered effective noise mitigation measures.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, TII will continue to assist any noise action planning authority with the implementation of identified mitigation measures from noise action plans on national roads, provided dedicated funding is available from the relevant noise action planning authority for this purpose.

I hope that this information is of assistance to you.

Mise le meas,

Rachel Begley
Regulatory & Administration Executive | Transport Infrastructure Ireland

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Sent By Email

Our Ref: CE109/2026

Fingal County Council

18th June 2026

Dear Sir, Madam

Thank you for your letter dated 14th May 2026 regarding pathways on the Royal Canal.

As you will be aware the Royal Canal traverses through Fingal County Council's administrative area from the 10th Lock at Ashtown to Confey Slipway.

I can advise that from the 10th Lock to the 12th Lock there is a shared surface running alongside the southern bank of the canal, however due to the proximity of the rail-line immediately adjacent to the canal it is not feasible to have segregated walking and cycling lanes. We have committed funding in the 2026 budget to construct a speed control measure close to the M50 Aqueduct.

A proposed greenway from the 12th Lock to the county boundary at Confey is at pre-planning stage. Recent works have taken place west of Castleknock station, known as the 'Deep Sink', and these included removal of at risk trees and maintenance to the towpath. However due to the narrowness of the bank and elevated position of path above the canal this area is not suitable for cyclists and appropriate signage has been installed to reflect this.

I can also confirm that there are various signs along the towpath and at lock chambers advising of shared surfaces, deep water, prohibition of swimming, etc. With regard to signage explicitly advising cyclists to ring their bells to alert other users, it is felt a proliferation of signs can lead to sign fatigue and importance messages losing prominence. However shared space road markings are used at various locations to remind all active travel users to be mindful of one another.

Yours sincerely

Eanna Rowe
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29th June 2026

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Re: Item 91857 – June 2026 Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting.

To whom it may concern,

At the June 2026 meeting of Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting, made up of elected Councillors, the following Motion was agreed by the Elected Members:

“That a meeting with the counterpart Area Committee in Fingal side that includes Laraghcon is requested to discuss issues of mutual concern including local traffic congestion and also areas that there could be collaboration on including environmental and heritage protection, and any other matters that councillors should decide in advance”

Your response when received will be circulated to the members and made available to the public through the published minutes.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Andrew Rennie

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PLEASE QUOTE REF NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE

Our Ref: EDU-MOSSE-02720-2026

Dear Mr. Rennie,

I refer to your recent correspondence to the Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion Mr. Michael Moynihan T.D., in relation to the publication of the Dublin 15 taskforce recommendations.

I want to assure you that Minister Moynihan and the Department of Education and Youth are committed to delivering an education system that is of the highest quality and where every child and young person feels valued and is actively supported and nurtured to reach their full potential.

The National Council for Special Education (NCSE) has the responsibility for planning and coordinating school supports for children with special educational needs. It does so through a network of special educational needs organisers (SENOs).

A new taskforce to support the forward planning of special education provision in the Dublin 15 area was established to support planning for the 2025/26 school year. The Dublin 15 area has experienced significant increases in population growth in recent years, with high levels of migration into the area and includes areas with social disadvantage.

The taskforce also considered the development of a common application system for admission to primary special classes. The voice of parents has been a key component of the taskforce. Parent representation on the taskforce includes representatives from the Autism School Dublin 15 (ASD15) group, the National Parents Council and parents from the local area.

The taskforce's recommendations are currently being examined. The Taskforce report, together with the associated progress update report, is available at the following link: [Taskforce to support forward planning of special education provision in the Dublin 15 area](#) The NCSE is leading work at a local level with school principals on running the admissions trial for another year. The key focus of the department remains working with the NCSE and school patron bodies to secure additional special classes.

Under the Education Act, 1998 each school must publish an Admissions Policy and an Annual Admissions Notice. The published admission policy sets out the selection criteria for admission to school. The annual admission notice sets out the number of places that are available and the timeline for accepting and processing applications for admission.

This information should be published on the school's website and be available on request by contacting the school directly.

Parents may apply to enrol their child in a school of their choosing and where the school has places available for the relevant year, the student should be admitted. However, in schools where there are more applicants than places available, a selection process will be necessary. This selection process and the enrolment policy on which it is based must be non-discriminatory and must be applied fairly in respect of all applicants. Nonetheless, it may result in some students not obtaining a place in the school of their first choice.

Thank you again for taking the time to raise this matter with Minister Moynihan. Be assured that the Minister and department are focused on delivering a high-quality education system where the well-being and success of every child and young person are central, providing the active support they need to be successful and feel fully valued.

Yours sincerely,

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Matthew Errity
Private Secretary to Michael Moynihan TD
Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion

Ms. Ciara O hAodha

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Minister's Reference: DJE-MO-07232-2026

Dear Ms. O hAodha,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 5 June 2026 addressed to the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, Jim O'Callaghan in relation to the Council's motion that plans be put in place to establish a Garda Station for the Tyrrelstown / Hollystown area. I am responding to you on behalf of the Minister.

Decisions on the criteria used to establish a new Garda station are the responsibility of the Garda Commissioner by law. The Minister is unable to intervene in or direct the Commissioner in these matters.

The Minister's role is to ensure that the Commissioner has the resources that he needs and the record allocation of over €2.74 billion in Budget 2026 will support him in this regard. The Minister also secured approval for the Sectoral Investment plan for Justice under the National Development Plan Review. The funding allocation of €2.18 billion will support major capital projects in the Justice sector from 2026-2030, an increase of over €800 million on the previous NDP in 2021. This includes an investment of €364 million overall in Garda buildings.

I am advised by the Garda authorities that the determination of the need for an upgraded, refurbished or new Garda Station at any location is considered by An Garda Síochána based on a range of factors. These include, but are not limited to, the accommodation requirements arising from the ongoing expansion of the Garda workforce, the implementation of the Garda Operating Model, and the long-term accommodation requirements at a national level to support operational policing.

I am also assured by the Garda Commissioner that the allocation of Garda resources is kept under continued review to ensure their optimum use. It is important to emphasise that An Garda Síochána do not police on a station basis, but rather on a Divisional basis. Gardaí see stations as locations within communities for people to attend, and for resources to be accommodated. Policing for an area will be delivered using all resources in a Community Engagement area, supported by all Divisional resources and units.

At present there are 728 Garda members assigned to the DMR West. These are supported by 63 civilian staff, and to date in 2026, 18 probationer Gardai have been assigned to the Division.

Gardaí work tirelessly to keep us safe. When incidents occur, they respond quickly and effectively. An Garda Síochána operates a Regional Control Room strategy which ensures that Garda resources are available to respond to calls for service from the public. They aim to answer 80% of 999 calls within 7 seconds and deploy resources immediately giving an estimated time of arrival. An Garda Síochána will take appropriate steps to deal with all incidents and ensure that emergency and life threatening calls receive priority.

I trust the above information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Ellen Byrne

Private Secretary to the

Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Ms. Liz Hartigan

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PLEASE QUOTE REF NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE

Our Ref: DES-CU-02992-2026

Dear Ms. Hartigan,

The Minister for Education and Youth, Ms. Hildegard Naughton TD, has asked me to acknowledge your recent correspondence in relation to Correspondence - Item 27 - Dublin 15 Schools and the DEIS Plus Scheme.

Addressing educational disadvantage and ensuring that every child and young person can reach their full potential is a key priority for the Minister for Education and Youth and for the Government. The new DEIS Plus scheme, which will commence this year and was launched as part of the DEIS Strategy to 2035, represents the most significant expansion of targeted supports since the establishment of DEIS.

DEIS Plus is designed to provide enhanced, evidence-based supports to a cohort of 121 schools with the highest concentrations of children and young people at risk of educational disadvantage, identified through a refined data-based model that draws on a range of indicators associated with persistent and intergenerational disadvantage.

This approach ensures that additional resources are directed where they can have the greatest impact and forms a core element of the wider €48 million full-year investment across both the DEIS Strategy and the DEIS Plus scheme. Approximately 30,000 children and young people attending DEIS Plus schools will benefit from these targeted supports.

Schools in the DEIS Plus scheme will receive strengthened, research-informed supports across wellbeing, attendance, engagement, guidance, leadership capacity, community partnerships and access to services, including the introduction of a new positive mental health and wellbeing initiative to support a whole-school approach to student wellbeing.

As part of the DEIS Plus identification process, the DEIS Plus identification model was applied nationally to DEIS Urban Band 1 primary schools and DEIS post-primary schools.

Using this model, schools were identified for inclusion in the DEIS Plus scheme through an objective and data-based approach that applies nationally available indicators consistently across all schools. The identification model is underpinned by a range of administrative data on every child and young person enrolled in primary and post-primary school.

This data includes:

- The Pobal HP Deprivation Index for the small area in which the child or young person lives, obtained through the child's or young person's address data provided by their school on the DEY Primary Online Database (POD) or the Post-Primary Online Database (PPOD).
- The child's or young person's ethnicity, if provided by their school on POD or PPOD.

- Whether the child's or young person's address on POD or PPOD matches an address of State-funded homeless accommodation.
- Whether the child's or young person's address on POD or PPOD matches an address of an International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS) centre or Emergency Reception and Orientation Centre (EROC).

The DEIS Plus identification model includes the addition of a DEIS Plus Index. The DEIS Plus Index was developed by the Department's Statistics Unit to support the identification of schools for DEIS Plus.

The DEIS Plus Index uses the same factors as the Pobal HP Deprivation Index but places greater weight on lone parenthood and unemployment, which have been widely identified as key factors in persistent and intergenerational disadvantage.

Children and young people from 'very disadvantaged' or 'extremely disadvantaged' areas (HP score ≤ -20 under either the Pobal HP Deprivation Index or the DEIS Plus Index), residing in State-funded emergency accommodation, residing in IPAS or EROC accommodation, or identifying as Traveller or Roma are designated priority cohorts within the model. Further information on the identification process is available on gov.ie/deis.

Following an assessment of the previous three years' enrolment data, only those schools identified as having the highest concentrations of children and young people at risk of educational disadvantage have been included in the scheme.

If a school has not been identified for inclusion, this does not imply there is no disadvantage in the school community. While many schools experience significant need, not all will meet the statistical threshold for inclusion at this stage. Schools will continue to be supported through the range of additional resources provided through the DEIS programme.

The department recognises that some schools are operating in the context of complex local pressures within their wider communities. While these challenges are often well understood locally, they are not always captured in datasets that can be fairly and consistently applied across the entire school system.

A rules-based national model must consider all schools on the same basis; it cannot substitute locally held knowledge for data that are not available or comparable nationwide.

The Department of Education and Youth is committed to ensuring that all schools are treated equally and fairly in the manner in which they have been identified for inclusion in the DEIS Plus scheme. Schools that were not satisfied with the outcome following the application of the DEIS Plus identification model to their school enrolment data had the opportunity to have that outcome reviewed through the formal appeals process.

The appeals process opened on the 27th of April 2026 and closed on the 25th of May 2026. Schools had the opportunity to update their school enrolment data for the years 2023/2024, 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 on POD and PPOD where they identified that the information already provided was not an accurate reflection of their school enrolment for those years. Schools also had the opportunity to request that the application of the model to their existing data be reviewed.

Each appeal was subject to a technical review. The technical review process was witnessed and verified by a Department official who was independent of the original identification process and who provided a report on the technical review aspect of the appeals process.

An independent appeals panel was established to provide independent assurance in relation to the operation of the appeals process and to ensure that appeals were considered in a fair, transparent and consistent manner.

The appeals process is now at an advanced stage and it is expected that schools will be notified directly of the outcome of their appeal in mid-July 2026.

The DEIS Strategy to 2035 recognises that students at risk of educational disadvantage are present in all schools and sets out a long-term approach to addressing educational disadvantage across the education system.

As work continues on the implementation of the strategy, the Department will continue to work closely with schools and education stakeholders. Any future allocation of resources will be considered over the lifetime of the DEIS Strategy to 2035 and in the context of available resources.

Yours sincerely,

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Eimear Kavanagh

Private Secretary

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Mr. Andrew Rennie

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PLEASE QUOTE REF NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE

Our Ref: DES-CU-02147-2026

Dear Mr. Rennie,

The Minister for Education and Youth, Ms. Hildegard Naughton TD, has asked me to thank you for your correspondence and to respond to you on her behalf in relation to the plans for the vacant ground adjacent to the school in Hollywoodrath - Your Ref: ACM/BMCO/33/March2026.

The building on this site is currently in use by two primary schools while their schools are being remediated. The department has determined that when that accommodation has been vacated, Ériu Community College, currently located in interim accommodation near adjacent to Hansfield Educate Together Secondary School, will be re-located to the Minister owned site in Hollywoodrath as a permanent solution to its accommodation requirements. This site also has capacity to accommodate a primary school.

The department is monitoring the rate and pace of residential developments of that entire area, and this will inform any decision on future school requirements on that site.

Yours sincerely,



Eimear Kavanagh

Private Secretary

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Sent: 23 July 2026 3:07 PM
To: Corporate Services <Corporate.Services@fingal.ie>
Subject: Correspondence from Fingal County Council

A Chara,

I refer to your email dated 27 June 2026, the contents of which have been noted. We would like to apologise for the delay in response.

The National Transport Authority (NTA) sees the merit in serving the Churchfields Link Road, which is the spine road through the Churchfields development area. We are planning for this arrangement as part of BusConnects Network Redesign Phase 10. Any early intervention would be subject to understanding the potential resource implications and also the provision of new bus stops on the Link Road.

We will undertake some further internal review and consultation, including with the bus operator, in advance of determining a potential way forward.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Ryan

Director of Public Transport Services

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Subject: EDU-MOSSE-01926-2026

Ms. Ciara O hAodha
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PLEASE QUOTE REF NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE

Our Ref: EDU-MOSSE-01926-2026

Dear Ms. O hAodha,

I refer to your recent correspondence to the Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion Mr. Michael Moynihan T.D., in relation to the Dublin 15 taskforce.

At the outset, Minister Moynihan would like to thank Councillors for raising this matter, and for the time taken to consider Special Education issues as part of their work.

I want to assure you that Minister Moynihan and the Department of Education and Youth are committed to delivering an education system that is of the highest quality and where every child and young person feels valued and is actively supported and nurtured to reach their full potential.

The National Council for Special Education (NCSE) has the responsibility for planning and coordinating school supports for children with special educational needs. It does so through a network of special educational needs organisers (SENOs).

As you know, a new taskforce to support the forward planning of special education provision in the Dublin 15 area was established to support planning for the 2025/26 school year. The Dublin 15 area has experienced significant increases in population growth in recent years, with high levels of migration into the area and includes areas with social disadvantage.

The taskforce also considered the development of a common application system for admission to primary special classes. The voice of parents has been a key component of the taskforce. Parent representation on the taskforce includes representatives from the Autism School Dublin 15 (ASD15) group, the National Parents Council and parents from the local area.

The Minister is pleased to confirm that the Taskforce report, together with the associated progress update report, is available at the following link: [Taskforce to support forward planning of special education provision in the Dublin 15 area](#).

The NCSE is leading work at a local level with school principals on running the admissions trial for another year. The key focus of the department remains working with the NCSE and school patron bodies to secure additional special classes.

Thank you again for taking the time to raise this matter with Minister Moynihan.

Yours sincerely,

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Matthew Errity
Private Secretary to Michael Moynihan TD
Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion

From: oireachtaslaison <oireachtaslaison@nationaltransport.ie>

Sent: 10 August 2026 11:55 AM

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

Subject: Correspondence from Fingal County Council

Dear Ms O hAodha,

I refer to your correspondence dated 16 April 2026 regarding a motion that was considered at the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar Area Committee meeting in April.

Bus network improvements are planned in the Tyrrelstown, Hollywoodrath and Hollystown areas as part of the new Dublin-area local bus network.

New route B3 will replace current route 40d. It will run between Hollystown and the City Centre via Blanchardstown and the Navan Road, then continuing via Ballsbridge to Dún Laoghaire. A new terminus to facilitate this has been secured as part of a housing development at Hollystown.

New route L62 will replace current route 40e between Broombridge and Tyrrelstown, then continuing to Blanchardstown replacing current routes 236 and 238.

These changes are subject to confirmation of funding for new bus services and to operational readiness. Recognising that there is current growth in the area, current route 40d was recently extended from Tyrellstown to Hollywoodrath.

Routes B3 and L62 will both serve the stops along the R121 Hollywoodrath Road, to optimise overall accessibility.

There are no current plans for a service further into the Kilmartin Grove area. However the National Transport Authority (NTA) will consider the potential for this with Fingal County Council, who are responsible for ensuring that road layouts are suitable for potential enhancements of this type.

I trust that the above information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Ryan

Director of Public Transport Services

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PLEASE QUOTE REF NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE

Our Ref: EDU-MOSSE-00383-2026

Dear Ms. O hAodha,

I refer to your recent correspondence to the Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion Mr. Michael Moynihan T.D., in relation to special education in Dublin 15.

Firstly, due to the high volume of representations made to the office, there has been a delay in responding to your query and I apologise for that.

At the outset, the Minister wants to take this opportunity to thank Councillors for taking the time to discuss special education provision in their LEA and for bringing forward this motion.

The Minister appreciates how such issues impact the communities represented by Councillors and I want to assure you that Minister Moynihan and the Department of Education and Youth are committed to delivering an education system that is of the highest quality and where every child and young person feels valued and is actively supported and nurtured to reach their full potential.

The National Council for Special Education (NCSE) has the responsibility for planning and coordinating school supports for children with special educational needs. It does so through a network of special educational needs organisers (SENOs).

Special School Provision:

There continues to be an increasing need to provide additional special school places to support students with complex needs. To meet this need, sixteen new special schools have been established in recent years, and capacity has been expanded in a number of others. Five of these were established for the 2025/26 school year in counties, Cork, Dublin (2), Monaghan and Tipperary.

Four new special schools were recently announced by both Ministers Naughton and Moynihan to be established in Balbriggan, CityWest, Bray and Monasterevin.

The new special schools established over recent years have focused on providing additional places in our largest urban areas – Dublin and Cork.

Minister Moynihan has visited Danu Community Special School and recognises the wonderful work being done by the principal, deputy principal, teachers, SNAs and wider staff in supporting children in the school. They are to be commended for their dedication and commitment to creating an inclusive school that has the children at the heart of what they do.

When looking to provide additional capacity the department's preferred option is to increase provision in existing special schools if possible. Where this is not possible in a region, the department and NCSE will consider the need to establish a new special school.

In planning for increased special school places, my department and the NCSE review all of the available data on the growing need for special school places across the country. This involves a detailed analysis of enrolment trends and the potential for existing special schools in a region to expand.

Part of the forward planning process as to where new classes, schools or expansion is required looks at how far students are travelling to access an education that meets their needs. This is an important factor which has been incorporated into the decision-making process. Consideration is also given to the information the NCSE hold at local level on the number of children and young people seeking a special school place in a region.

In School Therapy Provision:

As announced in February 2026, Danu Special school was included in the initial phase of the Education Therapy Service (ETS). The NCSE has undertaken a recruitment campaign for Occupational and Speech and Language Therapists to support all schools in the initial phase of the phased rollout.

The NCSE are currently working through the recruitment process and on assigning therapists to schools, with a further national recruitment planned for Q4 2026. While this process is ongoing, the NCSE will support Danu Special School by providing Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy professional learning to teachers, together with follow up support in school, to put this learning into practice.

The department is also working closely with the NCSE to further support special schools in relation to a range of issues relating to administration, curriculum and training.

Thank you again for taking the time to raise this matter with Minister Moynihan. Be assured that the Minister and department are focused on delivering a high-quality education system where the well-being and success of every child and young person are central, providing the active support they need to be successful and feel fully valued.

Yours sincerely,

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Matthew Errity

Private Secretary to Michael Moynihan TD

Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion

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**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 35

**EXTENSION OF DUBLIN BIKES SCHEME TO THE STRAWBERRY
BEDS – AI109517**

Motion: Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan

“That the Chief Executive examine the feasibility of extending the Dublin Bikes scheme through the Phoenix Park to a proposed docking station at the Mount Sackville/Knockmaroon Gate, to improve sustainable transport links to the Strawberry Beds Special Amenity Area and to provide greater accessibility for residents and visitors in an area that is currently not served by public transport.”

Report:

The Dublin Bike Scheme is operated by Dublin City Council and is due to expire in its current form in September 2027, as a result they are not currently considering any new docking stations at this point.

The Active Travel Section are happy to link in with The Strawberry Beds Residents Association and other stakeholders with a view to seeing can a dockless bike share parking station be installed in the vicinity. If this is possible, we will then liaise with Bleeper Bike & Moby to see if they can service the area.

Source of Report:

Stephen McGinn, Walking & Cycling Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department

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**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR
AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

(Services B – Strategic and General Matters)

THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 36

REPORT ON NOISE LEVELS ON THE N3 AT LITTLEPACE – AI108177

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

“That the Chief Executive provides a report on any steps taken to address the issue of noise pollution along the N3 at Littlepace and the measures taken to alleviate this, as the Council, in partnership with Meath County Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), is moving ahead with the next stage of plans to improve travel along the N3, between the M50 and Clonee, will addressing noise levels be included an aspect of this plan?”

Report:

The N3 Bus priority and Active travel scheme is being designed between Junction 2 and Junction 4 b of the N3. The next phase of the project will be to develop the design of the preferred option for submission of planning approval. As part of the environmental evaluation of the preliminary design the impact of road noise levels on adjacent properties within the proposed scheme will be assessed and mitigation will be proposed as required in accordance with current design standards.

Source of Report:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR
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(Services B – Strategic and General Matters)**

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ITEM NO. 37

**ACCESSIBILITY FOR OLDER PEOPLE USING THE PHOENIX PARK -
AI108810**

Motion: Councillor E. Troy

“That the Chief Executive write to the office of Public Works (OPW) regarding the series lack of accessibility for older people using Phoenix Park, How many car spaces are in the park and how many are close enough to a bench for elderly and infirm walkers, the benches that are all the way along Chesterfield Avenue, at one time were always full of elderly people and now they are completely empty, as the elderly cannot walk the distance from any of the current car parks.”

Report:

If this motion is passed, the terms therein will be forwarded to the Office of Public Works (OPW), and when a reply is received, the Area Committee will be informed.

Source of Report:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 38

**NOISE ABATEMENT MEASURES FOR COMMUNITIES ADJACENT TO
THE N3 – SADDLERS ESTATE, MULHUDDART WOOD, VILLAGE
HEIGHTS AND WHITESTOWN - AI108743**

Motion: Councillor J. Burtchaell

“That the Chief Executive, in the context of the proposed N3 Clonee to M50 Bus Priority and Active Travel scheme, engage with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to implement the best possible noise abatement measures, including road resurfacing with the lowest noise materials, high quality acoustic barriers and vegetative buffers etc. for the communities adjacent to the N3, in particular Saddlers Estate, Mulhuddart Wood, Village Heights and parts of Whitestown which have been heavily impacted by road noise for many years.”

Report:

The N3 Bus priority and Active travel scheme is being designed between Junction 2 and Junction 4 b of the N3. The next phase of the project will be to develop the design of the preferred option for submission of planning approval. As part of the environmental evaluation of the preliminary design the impact of road noise levels on adjacent properties within the proposed scheme will be assessed and mitigation will be proposed as required in accordance with current design standards.

Source of Report:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 39

CASTLEKNOCK VILLAGE HERITAGE STRATEGY - AI109092

Motion: Councillor T. Leddy

“That the Chief Executive works with the Heritage Officer to develop and deliver a strategy to mark the historic significance of Castleknock's role in the 1315 Bruce invasion of Ireland.”

Report:

It is considered that this would best be addressed as part of the European 2027 Year of the Normans cultural initiative. Fingal County Council's participation and event planning for this are currently being assessed.

Source of Report:

Christine Baker, Heritage Officer, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 40

**PERMANENT ACCESS – KILMARTIN GROVE TO TYRELLSTOWN
PARK – AI109279**

Motion: Councillor M. McCamley

“That the Chief Executive investigate a plan to provide permanent access from Kilmartin Grove to Tyrrelstown Park, where there are already a number of unofficial openings which are unsafe.”

Report:

The housing development at Kilmartin Grove has not yet been taken in charge. The Council is in discussions with the developer in relation to the provision of a link between the development and Tyrrelstown Park and further briefings on this matter will be provided in due course.

Source of Report:

Gemma Carr, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 41

**ALTERATIONS TO THE DRAFT DUNSINK URBAN AREA PLAN -
AI109519**

Motion: Councillor P. Quinlan

“That this Area Committee, having regard to the submissions on the Draft Dunsink Urban Area Plan made by residents of Valley Park and Scribblestown and by community organisations across Finglas, calls on Fingal County Council to amend the Draft Plan to delete the Dunsink East development area in its entirety and to retain the lands concerned as undeveloped open ground and habitat.

Report:

This issue relates to the plan making process associated with the Dunsink Urban Area Plan and should be addressed during an additional council meeting which will be held for the Plan in October 2026.

Source of Report:

Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 42

**BIKE-HIRE EXTENSION TO THE STRAWBERRY BEDS SPECIAL
AMENITY AREA - AI109544**

Motion: Councillor S. Shovlin

That the Chief Executive in collaboration with the Strawberry Beds Residents' Association consider a joint feasibility assessment to extend the bike-hire facility already in place at the Strawberry Beds Special Amenity Area.

Report:

The Active Travel Section will liaise with The Strawberry Beds Residents Association and other stakeholders to see if there is a suitable location for bike share parking in the vicinity.

If we can identify a suitable area, we will link in with Bleeper Bike and Moby and see if they can accommodate the new parking zone request.

Source of Report:

Stephen McGinn, Walking & Cycling Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department

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ITEM NO. 43

N8 BUS SERVICE TO DUBLIN AIRPORT – AI109605

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh

“That this Committee write to the National Transport Authority and the Minister for Transport to ensure that the proposed N8 bus service from Blanchardstown to Dublin Airport is introduced before the end of 2026.”

Report:

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

Source of Report:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 44

M50 BOUNDARY WITH CASTLEKNOCK TENNIS CLUB – AI109273

Motion: Councillor T. Leddy

“That the Chief Executive liaise with Castleknock Tennis Club to explore options to place trees along the boundary between the M50 southbound slip road and the tennis club car park.”

Report:

Fingal County Council would be happy to engage with Castleknock Tennis Club to explore options in relation to the boundary between the M50 southbound slip road and the tennis club car park.

However, it should be noted that Fingal County Council has previously engaged with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) on the matter of planting of trees at this location, and TII has advised that it is not in favour of tree planting at this location. The verge adjoining the M50 forms part of the operational motorway corridor, and the introduction of trees within this area would give rise to a number of operational, maintenance and safety concerns.

TII has advised that tree planting in close proximity to the motorway could adversely affect visibility for road users by obstructing existing signage, interfering with established sightlines and restricting visibility from the nearby maintenance bay. In addition, mature trees could impact the working width required for the vehicle restraint system.

The planting of trees would also create ongoing maintenance obligations, including pruning, vegetation management and the removal of dead, damaged or

diseased trees. Such works may require traffic management measures, including lane closures, increasing operational complexity and introducing additional safety risks for both road users and maintenance personnel.

Source of Reply:

Ciara OhAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department

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ITEM NO. 45

ALARM AT CHEMICAL PLANTS IN THE LEA - AI109384

Motion: Councillor E. Troy

“That the Chief Executive write to Dublin Fire Brigade to ensure that each Chemical plant in this Local Electoral Area has a robust communication plan in place for false alarms and that the false alarm is communicated to the public in a timely manner, and as a means of effective preventative action can Dublin Fire Brigade also ensure that the fault with the system at Barclays Chemical plant be included in future safety audits across similar plants in the Local Electoral Area.”

Report:

In relation to the incident which occurred at Barclays Chemical Plant in July 2026 Dublin Fire Brigade responded to the alarm and determined that it was a false alarm. As a result, a Major Emergency Event was not declared and the associated emergency public communication mechanisms did not come into effect. The Council is reviewing its procedures to consider communication to the local community around false alarms and since the incident Dublin Fire Brigade has liaised with the company regarding the false alarm and future preventative measures.

Every local authority area, including Fingal, is required to have a Major Emergency Plan in place to facilitate and co-ordinate the response of the designated Principal Response Agencies to major emergency events in the county. The Council is arranging for Dublin Fire Brigade to make a presentation to the Council and there will be an opportunity for Elected Members to learn more about the management of Major Emergency Events in the county.

The Health & Safety Authority (HSA) is the Central Competent Authority and, as such, is charged with the enforcement of the Chemicals Act (Control of Major Accident Hazards Involving Dangerous Substances) Regulations 2015 (the "COMAH Regulations"). Fingal County Council as the relevant local authority is designated under the regulations as a Local Competent Authority.

In relation to upper tier Seveso sites, such as the Barclays Chemical plant in Dublin 15, the relevant Local Competent Authority is required to prepare an external emergency plan for action outside the establishment, which includes arrangements for co-ordinating off-site action and resources. Plans are in place for all upper tier sites in the Fingal County Council's administrative area.

The response arrangements as set out in Fingal County Council's Major Emergency Plan will be applied by the Principal Response Agencies to an accident or incident at any of these establishments.

Dublin Fire Brigade's Major Emergency Planning team, on behalf of Fingal County Council, ensures that Seveso sites are safe by ensuring that the regulatory standards are adhered to on these sites. This reduces the risk of an incident happening. Alongside other agencies, Dublin Fire Brigade ensures that adequate and up-to-date emergency plans are in place for Seveso sites in Fingal and conducts testing exercises. This means the emergency services are well prepared if an incident does occur.

As well as leading emergency plan development, Dublin Fire Brigade also runs the public consultation process at all upper tier Seveso sites in the Fingal area. Public consultation is carried out following the development / review and exercise of each external emergency plan. Such public consultation is advertised on the social media of the relevant local authority in this case Fingal County Council, the HSE and An Garda Síochána with plans being available for viewing at the locations mentioned therein.

Source of Report:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 46

PILOT PROJECT FOR DIRECTLY EMPLOYED DOG WARDENS IN THIS LEA - AI109419

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

“That the Chief Executive implements a pilot project in this committee area of dog wardens that are directly employed by Fingal County Council, who can be given access of Fingal’s databases such as the dog licensing data.”

Report:

Fingal County Council currently have 8 Dog Wardens contracted to carry out daily patrols across the Fingal administrative area over a 7-day period. The annual cost of the provision of this service is €594,500. This amount includes the provision of an annual grant of €100k from the Department of Agriculture, Farming and the Marine who are now responsible for Control of Dogs legislation. This grant has allowed Fingal to increase the number of Dog Wardens from 6 to 8 in the past couple of years. The grant has been provided to all Local Authorities to assist in the control of dogs for the last couple of years but is not guaranteed going forward.

It is not feasible to consider a pilot project to directly employ additional Dog Wardens from both a financial and management perspective. It would not be practical administratively to manage two separate teams as has been proven in other circumstances. The Dog Wardens have reported an increase in compliance across Fingal in recent months and while there will always be offences, it is not considered that additional Dog Wardens are required at this time.

Dog licence checks are carried out weekly in estates across Fingal to ensure compliance with Control of Dogs Act 1986, which requires all dog owners to purchase a dog licence and encourages responsible dog ownership.

The licence Database is run by An Post and access to carry out licence checks is managed by the administrative team. The database is best accessed in an office setting as it can be cumbersome to access and very specific in the detail required to carry out checks therefore it would not be practical for the Dog Wardens to manage while out on patrol.

In cases where a Dog Warden suspects there is a dog at a property and no answer is received at the door, a 10-Day Notice is issued which allows the person 10 days to contact FCC with a copy of their licence or alternatively to confirm they do not have a dog at that property.

Source of Report:

Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department

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ITEM NO. 48

LUAS ROUTE TO TYRRELSTOWN – AI109619

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh and Councillor M. McCamley

“That the Chief Executive write to the National Transport Authority, calling on the National Transport Authority to bring forward a credible plan to provide the Luas to Tyrrelstown via Dunsink in a timely way and to prioritise this Luas project for Dublin 15.”

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:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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