

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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County Hall
Swords
Co Dublin

Wednesday, 26th August 2026

To Each Member of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services B - Strategic & General Matters)

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services B - Strategic & General Matters)** will be held Hybrid in **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords/MS Teams** at **3.00 pm** on **Wednesday, 2nd 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 the Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services B - Strategic and General Matters) Meeting held on Wednesday the 3rd June 2026**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor J. Hopkins - Portmarnock Greenway Cleaning - AI108695**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to clean the newest part of the Portmarnock greenway at the Pebble Beach hoarding at the start of Station Road?"

- 3 **Councillor J. Hopkins - Social Housing Stock - Inbhir Ide, Malahide - AI108698**

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"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the status of the bus shelters that were granted planning permission 18 months ago on Grange Road, Baldoyle?"

- 5 **Councillor J. Hopkins - Station Road, Portmarnock Land Acquisition - AI108705**

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the five property owners on Station Road, Portmarnock have been approached regarding the purchase of their property to make way for footpaths and bike lanes?"

- 6 **Councillor J. Hopkins - Details of Feasibility Study for Howth Library**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a copy of the feasibility study for Howth Library extension and details of plans to provide improved library services for Howth (MOL/Maker Space etc)?"

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"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if all impacted landowners on the proposed route of the Kinsealy to Portmarnock Walking and Cycling Scheme have been communicated with by the Council and have allowed access to the Council when requested, is planning permission still expected to be lodged in Quarter 1 of 2027?"

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"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Planning Enforcement section has received any correspondence from residents of Washington Drive/College Avenue or surrounding roads in the Belcamp estate, regarding breaches of construction traffic times, leaving dirt and debris on the road, or any other matters?"

12 Councillor C. Haughey - Taking in Charge, Belcamp - AI109485

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the roads and footpaths of River Walk in the Belcamp Estate (off the Malahide Road) are to be improved before the taking in charge process happens in the estate?"

13 Councillor D. Healy - Update on Howth Courthouse Community Availability - AI109577

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any progress in ensuring that Howth Courthouse is available for community use, that that availability is publicised, and that booking the Courthouse is easy, in line with the discussion and decision at this Area Committee in June?"

14 Councillor D. Healy - Update on Train Timetables Correspondence - AI109578

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the response from the NTA and Iarnród Éireann to correspondence this committee agreed to send at the June meeting?"

15 Councillor D. Healy - Howth Station Forecourt Redesign - AI109579

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise why the redesign of the forecourt of Howth Station is being deprioritised when it comes to public realm projects in Fingal, taking into account the undertaking from the NTA to fund the necessary work?"

16 Councillor D. Healy - Placement of Bus Stops - Sutton to Malahide - AI109582

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise whether the initial analysis of the placing and spacing of bus stops on the Sutton to Malahide walking and cycling route has been carried out and if so to report on what changes are under consideration?"

17 Councillor D. Healy - Strandmill Retrofit - AI109583

"To ask the Chief Executive to supply a copy of any analysis done of the pilot retrofit scheme at Strandmill, Portmarnock?"

18 Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

b Applications for Sports Funding

**STRATEGIC
INFRASTRUCTURE
& TRANSPORT
BUSINESS**

19 Kinsealy to Portmarnock Walking and Cycling Scheme

ECONOMIC, COMMUNITY & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

20 Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2026 – Request for Approval of Funding

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION, ACTIVE TRAVEL & SPORTS BUSINESS

21 Litter Warden 7- day Service Summer Activity Report

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

23 Correspondence

- a Letter dated 8th June 2026 from the HSE - Councillor J. Hopkins - HSE Plans for Property in Baldoyle Village - AI104395**
- b Email dated 12th June 2026 from Irish Rail - Councillor D. Healy - DART Timetable at Weekends in this LEA - AI108731**
- c Email dated 6th August 2026 from the NTA - Councillor D. Healy - DART Timetable at Weekends in this LEA - AI108731**

MOTIONS

24 Councillor E. O'Brien - Update on Feltrim Active Travel Programme - AI109061

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on the Feltrim Active

Travel Project, outlining when construction is due to start and the timeframe for completion."

25 Councillor C. Haughey - Portmarnock Sports Hub - AI109469

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on the proposed Portmarnock Sports Hub and advise if the land transfer is expected to happen in 2026."

26 Councillor J. Hopkins - Timeline and Plans for Dredging - Howth

"That the Chief Executive provide an update of plans and timelines for the post-dredging plans for Howth – i.e. what amenities will be provided – outdoor pool, etc. for development behind West Pier/Claremont Beach."

27 Councillor B. McDonagh - Baldoyle Portmarnock Cycleway - AI109567

"That the Chief Executive inspect and clear vegetation encroaching along the Baldoyle to Portmarnock Cycleway to help maintain the space and to prevent deterioration."

28 Councillor D. Healy - Progress Report - Improve Conditions on - Malahide Road - AI109588

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on any progress in improving conditions for walking between St. Doolagh's and Kinsealy."

29 Councillor C. Haughey - Planning Enforcement regarding Construction Traffic using Streamstown Lane - AI109514

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on the Planning Enforcement investigation into builders' trucks using Streamstown Lane and Carey's Lane that should be using the site entrance on the Malahide Road, signs have remained up for months directing the vehicles and deliveries to use the wrong entrance."

30 Councillor B. McDonagh - Area Committee Submission to Aircraft Noise Regulation for Application F23A/0781 - AI109571

"That this Area Committee make a submission to the consultation on Aircraft Noise Regulation for planning application F23A/0781, noting that nighttime restrictions on flight numbers and movements are in place as mitigation measures in many airports across Europe and

requesting that ANCA ensure that the draft regulatory decision be amended to include appropriate restrictions on nighttime flights in order to protect people's health."

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**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

**Minutes of Howth/Malahide Area Committee
(Services B - Strategic & General Matters)**

Wednesday, 3rd June, 2026

PRESENT

Councillors

Guerin, Jimmy
Haughey, Cathal
Healy, David

Councillors

Hopkins, Joan
O'Brien, Eoghan
McDonagh, Brian

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey.

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Cathal Haughey, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

David Storey (Director of Services); Oliver Hunt (Director of Finance); Ciara OhAodha (Senior Executive Officer); Declan Power (Senior Executive Officer); Shane Harding (Executive Engineer); Colm McCoy (Senior Planner); Deirdre Fallon (Senior Planner), Larry Bergin (Senior Executive Engineer); Noel McManus (Sports Development Officer); Jennifer Muscheidt (Environmental Awareness Officer); Angela Buckley (Community Officer); Sarah Jane Moonan (Senior Staff Officer).

HMB/124/26 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

HMB/125/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

**Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Area
Committee (Services B - Strategic and General Matters) Meeting held on
Wednesday 6th May 2026**

Minutes of the Howth-Malahide Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday the 6th May 2026 which had been circulated were **CONSIDERED**.

It was then **PROPOSED** by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Howth-Malahide Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday the 6th May 2026 be **ADOPTED**.”

HMB/126/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 14 be **ADOPTED**.”

HMB/127/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Update on Tuckett's Lane Housing Proposal Status -
AI107670

HMB/128/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Report on Lissadel Wood Taking in Charge - AI108245

HMB/129/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Update on Gate Lodge Cottages in Malahide Demesne -
AI108246

HMB/130/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Summer Activities for Young People in this LEA - AI108249

HMB/131/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Date for Installation of Benches on the Baldoyle to
Portmarnock Greenway - AI108256

HMB/132/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Investigate Empty Home - Strand Mill - AI108692

HMB/133/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Plans for Additional Parking at Portmarnock DART Station
- AI108694

HMB/134/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor C. Haughey - Cycle Path from Seamount Hill to Seapark Hill - AI108661

HMB/135/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor C. Haughey - Right of Way on Laneway off Howth Road - AI108665

HMB/136/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor C. Haughey - Correspondence with Malahide Regional Bridge Club -
AI108706

HMB/137/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor D. Healy - Special Development Contributions in the Howth/Malahide
Area - AI108726

HMB/138/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor D. Healy - Update on Claremont Beach Bridge - AI108727

HMB/139/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor D. Healy - Capital Programme Works for Golf Links Road - AI108739

HMB/140/26 (Agenda Item No)

VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was **AGREED** to vary the order of business to resolve technical difficulties
being experienced by Angela Buckley.

HMB/141/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Applications for Funding

a Applications for Sports Funding

The report, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Noel McManus, Sports Development Officer, Economic, Community and Culture
Department read the report into the record.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins and **AGREED**:

"That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the funding set out in the foregoing report."

b Applications for Environmental Funding for Anti-Litter, Anti-Graffiti Grants

The report, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Jennifer Muscheidt, Environmental Awareness Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department read the report into the record.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins and **AGREED**:

"That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the funding set out in the foregoing report."

c Applications for Community Funding

The report, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Angela Buckley, Community Officer, Economic, Community and Culture Department read the report into the record.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins, seconded by Councillor C. Haughey and **AGREED**:

"That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the funding set out in the foregoing report."

**ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION, ACTIVE TRAVEL AND SPORTS
HMB/142/26 (Agenda Item No 16)**

Safe Routes to School Round 2 Update

Mr Larry Bergin, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department gave a presentation to the Members.

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

HMB/143/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Correspondence

- a **Email dated 27th May 2026 from the Department of Education and Youth - Councillor B. McDonagh - Schools Places in Portmarnock - AI107598**

The correspondence, which was received, was **NOTED**.

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

HMB/144/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor C. Haughey - Empty Childcare Facility in Seamount - AI108430

The Motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey, was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins.

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

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

MOTIONS

HMB/145/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Baily Court Site, Howth - AI108660

It was **AGREED** to take item 19 and item 20 concurrently.

The Motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey, was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins.

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

Shane Harding, Executive Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department, read the report into the record.

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

HMB/146/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

**Councillor J. Hopkins - Planning Status of Baily Court Howth and
Racecourse Parade Ring Baldoyle - AI108690**

The Motion, in the name of Councillor J. Hopkins, was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins and seconded by Councillor C. Haughey.

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

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

HMB/147/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

**Councillor D. Healy - Howth Courthouse Availability for Community Groups
- AI108725**

The Motion, in the name of Councillor D. Healy, was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor C. Haughey.

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

It was **AGREED**, to engage with the Community Section to bring the hall back into community use.

Following discussion, the Motion was **AGREED.**

HMB/148/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

**Councillor J. Hopkins - Investigation of Businesses which are Potentially
fronts for Money Laundering in this LEA - AI108691**

The Motion, in the name of Councillor J. Hopkins, was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor D. Healy.

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

The report was **ACCEPTED.**

HMB/149/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor D. Healy - Dart Timetable at Weekends in this LEA - AI108731

The Motion, in the name of Councillor D. Healy, was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor C. Haughey.

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

Following discussion, the Motion was **AGREED.**

The Meeting concluded at 17.57.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
(Services B – Strategic & General Matters)**

WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 02

PORTMARNOCK GREENWAY CLEANING - AI108695

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to clean the newest part of the Portmarnock greenway at the Pebble Beach hoarding at the start of Station Road?"

Reply:

The greenway was inspected and does not require any cleaning.

Source of Reply:

Hans Visser, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

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ITEM NO. 03

SOCIAL HOUSING STOCK - INBHIR IDE, MALAHIDE - AI108698

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to ensure that the empty Council house in Inbhir Ide, Malahide, is allocated as soon as possible and that the remainder of the houses are maintained, particularly the gardens?"

Reply:

There are two void properties in this estate that have come back into stock in recent weeks. One property is currently with the County Architects Team for the carrying out of pre let repairs, whilst the other is due to be allocated shortly.

An inspection has been carried out on all Council dwellings in the estate and any issues concerning garden maintenance for elderly or vulnerable tenants will be addressed.

Source of Reply:

Carla O' Hanlon, Staff Officer, Housing

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ITEM NO. 04

UPDATE ON BUS SHELTERS - GRANGE ROAD, BALDOYLE - AI108703

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the status of the bus shelters that were granted planning permission 18 months ago on Grange Road, Baldoyle?"

Reply:

The National Transport Authority have been granted permission for several bus stops in 2024 including the following:

F24A/0208 - Permission to erect Bus Stop No. 919 Grange Road, R809, Outside St. Laurence O'Toole Church, Baldoyle, Dublin 13. Applicant: The National Transport Authority Granted 07 June 2024.

F24A/0209 - Permission to erect a new 5.2m x 1.85m x 2.8m stainless steel and glass bus. Bus Stop No. 7552, Outside 96 Grange Road, R809, Baldoyle, Dublin 13 Applicant: The National Transport Authority Granted 07 June 2024.

F24A/0210 - Apply for permission to erect a new 5.2m x 1.85m x 2.8m stainless steel and glass. Bus Stop No. 7551, opposite 112 Grange Rd., R808, Baldoyle, Dublin 13 Applicant: The National Transport Authority Granted 07 June 2024.

F24A/0211 - Apply for permission to erect a new 5.2m x 1.85m x 2.8m stainless steel and Bus stop No. 918, Grange Road, R809, outside Progressive Credit Union, Baldoyle, Dublin 13 Applicant: The National Transport Authority Granted 07 June 2024.

F24A/0212 - Permission to erect a new 5.3m x 1.85m x 2.8m stainless steel and glass bus. Bus Stop No. 4800 Grange Road, R809, outside Fingal Badminton Academy, Baldoyle, Dublin 13. Applicant: The National Transport Authority Granted 07 June 2024.

These permissions remain valid for five years from the date of grant of permission.

Source of Reply:

Colm McCoy, Senior Planner, Planning & Development Department

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WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 05

STATION ROAD, PORTMARNOCK AND ACQUISITION - AI108705

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the five property owners on Station Road, Portmarnock have been approached regarding the purchase of their property to make way for footpaths and bike lanes?"

Reply:

The five property owners on Station Road, Portmarnock have been approached regarding the purchase of their property to make way for footpaths and bike lanes for the Kinsealy to Portmarnock Walking and Cycling Scheme

The scheme is, however, currently in the Preliminary Design Phase so no detailed discussions regarding land acquisition has been undertaken.

Source of Reply:

Emer F Tierney, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic and General Matters)

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ITEM NO. 06

DETAILS OF FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR HOWTH LIBRARY

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a copy of the feasibility study for Howth Library extension and details of plans to provide improved library services for Howth (MOL/Maker Space etc)?”

Reply:

A feasibility study has been undertaken on the existing Howth Library site and several options were explored including adding an additional floor to the existing building & also expanding the building to take in the entire site. The site and available options present significant challenges with limited additional floor space to the existing building. In this context, consideration continues to be given to possible options that can lead to the upgrade of library facilities in Howth. Upgraded facilities would include a MOL.

It should be noted that the funding for the project is currently as “Under Assessment” in the 3-Year Programme, and a source of funds is yet to be identified.

Source of Reply:

Lilian Whelan, A/County Librarian, Economic, Community and Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 07

STATUS OF DERELICT HOME - STAPOLON LAWNS, BALDOYLE

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a status update on (details supplied) Stapolin Lawns, Baldoyle, as it does not appear on the derelict homes register and locals are complaining that it has become a health hazard to the area?”

Reply:

Following receipt of a referral from a member of the public, an inspection of 138 Stapolin Lawns, Baldoyle site was carried out. As a result of this inspection, a derelict sites file has opened and a Notice under the Act requiring the site to be remediated is being served.

The file remains open and the matter is currently being progressed in accordance with the Derelict Sites Act 1990, as amended, where deemed appropriate to do so.

Source of Reply:

Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 08

HOWTH LIBRARY CAPITAL FUNDING - AI109471

Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise how much Capital Funding has been allocated towards upgrading Howth Library, is this project still in exploratory stage and when will it progress to the next stage?"

Reply:

A total of €186,960 has been allocated to Howth library for 2027. A feasibility study was undertaken on the existing Howth Library site and several options were explored including adding an additional floor to the existing building & also expanding the building to take in the entire site.

The site and available options present significant challenges with limited additional floor space to the existing building. In this context, consideration continues to be given to possible options that can lead to the upgrade of library facilities in Howth.

Upgraded facilities would include a MOL.

It should be noted that the funding for the project is currently as "Under assessment" in the 3-Year Programme, and a source of funds is yet to be identified.

Source of Reply:

Lilian Whelan, A/County librarian, Economic, Community and Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 09

TAKING IN CHARGE OF CLAIRVILLE LODGE AND STREAMSTOWN MEADOW - AI109472

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Clairville Lodge and Streamstown Meadow?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council (FCC) received a letter from the developer on the 20th of July 2026 stating that the members of the company have placed the company into Members Voluntary Liquidation and appointed a Liquidator to engage in the process of completing the outstanding works required to bring the developments to FCC Taking In Charge (TIC) Standard. UÉ has confirmed their intention to meet FCC Representatives in September 2026 (exact date still to be finalised) to discuss possible solutions to the access road (to the Wastewater Pumping Station) planning condition not allowing the normal TIC process to be carried out.

Also, in relation to the incomplete access road (to the Wastewater Pumping Station) in the Open Space Area - a warning letter, pursuant to Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended was issued by the Planning Enforcement section on 10th August 2026, giving the 4 weeks statutory time period for a response. Investigations remain open and ongoing.

Source of Reply:

Shane Harding, Executive Engineer, Planning & Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 10

KINSEALY TO PORTMARNOCK WALKING AND CYCLING SCHEME - AI109473

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if all impacted landowners on the proposed route of the Kinsealy to Portmarnock Walking and Cycling Scheme have been communicated with by the Council and have allowed access to the Council when requested, is planning permission still expected to be lodged in Quarter 1 of 2027?"

Reply:

All impacted landowners on the proposed route of the Kinsealy to Portmarnock Walking and Cycling Scheme have been communicated with by the Council and have allowed access to the Council.

The scheme is in the Preliminary Design Phase, so no detailed discussions regarding land acquisition have been undertaken.

Planning permission is expected to be lodged in Quarter 1 of 2027.

Source of Reply:

Emer F Tierney, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 11

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT BELCAMP - A1109482

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Planning Enforcement section has received any correspondence from residents of Washington Drive/College Avenue or surrounding roads in the Belcamp estate, regarding breaches of construction traffic times, leaving dirt and debris on the road, or any other matters?"

Reply:

A noise complaint was received by the Planning Enforcement section on the Belcamp estate in February 2025, and the complainant was advised on contact details for the Environment Department. A further complaint received in April 2025 regarding working outside of permitted hours was investigated and found to be within the permitted hours, namely condition 12 of An Bord Pleanála Order ABP-312060-21 (Planning Register Reference Number F21A/0401).

Source of Reply:

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 12

TAKING IN CHARGE, BELCAMP - AI109485

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the roads and footpaths of River Walk in the Belcamp Estate (off the Malahide Road) are to be improved before the taking in charge process happens in the estate?"

Reply:

No Taking In Charge (TIC) request has been received for this development to date. All completed works must be to Fingal County Council TIC Standard prior to being out forward for TIC by elected members.

Source of Reply:

Shane Harding, Executive Engineer, Planning & Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 13

UPDATE ON HOWTH COURTHOUSE COMMUNITY AVAILABILITY - AI109577

Question: Councillor D. Healy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any progress in ensuring that Howth Courthouse is available for community use, that that availability is publicised, and that booking the Courthouse is easy, in line with the discussion and decision at this Area Committee in June?”

Reply:

The Tourism and Community Departments are currently exploring mechanisms that would enable Howth Courthouse to be made available for additional community use while also continuing to fulfil its function as a tourism information office.

Any increase in costs that may be associated with this will be considered for inclusion in the 2027 budget proposals.

Source of Reply:

Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 14

UPDATE ON TRAIN TIMETABLES CORRESPONDENCE - AI109578

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the response from the NTA and Iarnród Éireann to correspondence this committee agreed to send at the June meeting?"

Reply:

As agreed at the May Area Committee Meeting, two separate letters were issued to the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Iarnród Éireann on the 5th June 2026.

Responses to these correspondences were received on the 12th June 2026 from Iarnród Éireann and on the 6th August 2026 from the NTA.

Copies of the responses received from each agency are included under Agenda Items 25b and 25c respectively for the September Howth/Malahide Area Committee Meeting (Services B).

Source of Reply:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 15

HOWTH STATION FORECOURT REDESIGN - AI109579

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise why the redesign of the forecourt of Howth Station is being deprioritised when it comes to public realm projects in Fingal, taking into account the undertaking from the NTA to fund the necessary work?"

Reply:

There is no project for development of the forecourt area at Howth Station being progressed by Fingal County Council. No Department of the Council applied for any funding from the NTA for any works at the location. The land in question is the property of Íarnród Éireann / Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ) and any operational works to the forecourt on their land is a matter for them.

The only area in the charge of the Council is the public road. FCC Operations Department have completed all adjacent works to accommodate the buses i.e. reconfiguration of parking, installation of bollards and the relocation of a disabled space. This is the extent of what the Operations Department can deliver and there are no further works listed on the existing Operations Department Plans.

As previously advised, at the Howth Malahide ACM (Services B) in May 2025, it is considered the Howth Framework Plan and stakeholder engagement is best placed for consideration of improved public realm at Howth Station. Table 2.19 of the Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029 lists the Framework Plans to be prepared and Howth is included in this list. It is envisaged that the Framework Plans will include objectives and a programme of actions to maximise the development potential of these areas and they will provide a vision for the area in question and identify local distinctiveness

Source of Reply:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department
Shane McMorrow, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 16

PLACEMENT OF BUS STOPS – SUTTON TO MALAHIDE - AI109582

Question: Councillor D. Healy

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise whether the initial analysis of the placing and spacing of bus stops on the Sutton to Malahide walking and cycling route has been carried out and if so to report on what changes are under consideration?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council (FCC), in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA), is proposing to develop the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme which will provide a safe, high quality, sustainable transport and recreational walking and cycling route to link Sutton, Baldoyle, Portmarnock and Malahide.

The scheme has completed the Phase 3 NTA gateway- Preliminary Design Stage. The preliminary scheme design for the scheme proposes the below with regards to bus stops. The scheme interacts with 17 existing southbound bus stops and 18 existing northbound. Bus stops that interact with cycle lane infrastructure will be designed in line with the NTA cycle design manual. For the most part, bus stops will be maintained in the vicinity of their existing locations as per discussions with the NTA bus stop team.

Southbound

It is proposed to upgrade 15 southbound, 10 conversions to Island Bus Stop, 4 upgrades and 1 conversion to in-line Bus Stop.

Consolidate 2no. Bus Stops at Blackberry/Lane-

Reason: Existing bus stop at blackberry lane will be relocated further south as existing junction to be upgraded to signalized junction causing conflict with existing bus stop.

1 Bus Stop relocated

Monks meadow relocated 120m north

Reason: To improve pedestrian access by providing footpath to bus stop.

Northbound

It is proposed to upgrade 13 northbound, 5 conversions to Island Bus Stop, 7 Upgrades and 1 conversion to in-line bus stop.

3 Bus Stops relocated

70m north Blackberry Lane/ R106

Reason: Relocation allows for comfortable landing area and provision of pedestrian path.

60m north Monks Meadow

Reason: footpath is wider at new location provides more comfortable landing area

18m Robswall Castle of original location

Reason: footpath is wider at new location provides more comfortable landing area.

A review of the of the current layout and proposed changes for bus stops will be outlined as part of the Transport Chapter in the EIAR which is currently under development.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transportation Department

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ITEM NO. 17

STRANDMILL RETROFIT - AI109583

Question: Councillor D. Healy

“To ask the Chief Executive to supply a copy of any analysis done of the pilot retrofit scheme at Strandmill, Portmarnock?”

Reply:

The pilot scheme at Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock was delivered by Fingal County Council in partnership with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland and Retrofit Energy Ireland Limited (REIL), the SEAI-registered One Stop Shop for the project. It enabled privately owned homes in the estate to have energy-efficiency works carried out alongside the Council’s own properties under the National Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme.

Fingal County Council completed retrofit works to 20 of its properties in the estate in 2023 and 2024. Pre- and post-works Building Energy Rating assessments were carried out on each property and the outcome for these 20 homes is as follows:

- Every property achieved a post-works rating of B1 or better, with the majority achieving an A rating.
- An average reduction of approximately 70% in energy use and approximately 80% in carbon emissions per property.

Six privately owned homes in the estate also participated, across two phases of the scheme. As those works were arranged directly between the individual homeowners and the One Stop Shop, the associated information is held by SEAI and REIL rather than by the Council.

The pilot was delivered as an operational project under the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme. The project demonstrated that Council-led retrofit works and works to privately owned properties within the same estate can be delivered in parallel using a single contractor and shared site set-up. This approach could

generate efficiencies and greater continuity for residents, while facilitating a coordinated approach to estate-wide improvement works.

The project highlighted the additional coordination and administrative resources required by the housing team to facilitate participation by private homeowners, particularly in relation to engagement, feasibility assessments, and project management. As a result, while the model demonstrated a number of benefits, it also presented operational challenges that would need to be considered in any future application of a similar approach.

Lessons learned were operational in nature and did not result in a separate analysis report.

It should be noted that since the Strandmill pilot was undertaken, SEAI has continued to evolve the national retrofit programme for private homeowners, including enhancements to grant and One Stop Shop supports, which has increased the options available to private householders wishing to undertake energy upgrades.

Source of Reply:

Emma Maxwell, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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Item No. 18a

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANT 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 & Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive & rationale for Approval
28 th Dublin 7 th Port Howth Scout Group GA-004019	€2400	REC Level 3 Full Course REC Level 3 Revalidation	N	N/A	€2400
		Insurance Megaphone Storage Box			

Waterside Malahide Residents Association GA-004007	€2972	Outdoor Lights Sports Equipment Printer Pollinator Planting Project	N	N/A	€2815.45
Howth Sutton Autism-friendly Community GA- 004031	€3000	Insurance H&S equipment Yoga Classes	Y	2025 - €645 2025 - €780	€1508
Kettles Heritage Society GA -004038	€3241	Marquee and event equipment Portable toilets Event Insurance Display Pullups Units	N	N/A	€1538
Malahide Tidy Towns GA -004074	€ 892	Hire of display tables incl. delivery, Hall hire, Advertising, Refreshments supplies (tea, coffee), Cleaning supplies, Signage	N	N/A	€892
Verbay Ladies Club GA-004008	€ 3065	O Grady Coach Hire, Shackleton Experience Museum	N	N/A	€1611

TOTAL	€ 10,764.45
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Item No. 18b

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
Malahide Lawn Tennis Club	€4,000	A smart outdoor water station for all members, guests and members of the community to use in Malahide.	Y	2021 - €425 2020 - €1,000	I recommend that Malahide Lawn Tennis Club receive the maximum grant amount of €4000 for the fit-out of a Smart Outdoor water station.

					This will reduce Plastic Waste within the club and encourages reusable bottles, cutting down on single-use plastics and local litter. It will also maximize hygiene and improves player health
Grove Lawn Tennis Club	€1,500	24 x Tubes Dunlops Match Balls €875.70 60 x Stage 2 Tennis Balls €199.98 60 x TMP-20 €250 40 x TMP-40 €216	Y	2025 - €1,500 2021 - €25	I recommend that Grove Lawn Tennis Club receives the maximum grant amount of €1500 for the purchase of tennis balls that will enhance the participation of both juvenile and adult clubs members. This will help the club especially in terms of participation and performance within the youth section of the club.



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FCC Reference: ACM/HMB/26/Dec 2025 - HSE Item 26 - HSE Plans for Property in Baldoye Village

Dear Ms Hartigan,

I refer to your correspondence dated December 2025 and subsequently 14th May 2026.

I am pleased to advise that it is the intention of the HSE to provide a primary care centre to service the Baldoye network within the Integrated Health Area Dublin North County.

The HSE has and continues to examine options for the provision of a primary care centre in the Baldoye/Belmayne/Clongriffin area. The HSE are liaising with stakeholders at present in relation to available site options.

The existing health centre in Baldoye was recently closed, however following completion of some works, it is proposed to reopen the centre at the end of June 2026, until delivery of a new primary care centre in the network. The HSE intends to retain this premises for future healthcare development.

The HSE do not own the premises located at St Michael's House Baldoye Campus referred to above, but we continue to liaise with them regarding the future provision of services at the site.

The HSE recently opened Bayside Primary Care Centre at Bayside Shopping Centre, which provides community health services for the Clongriffin / Baldoye Network. This is in addition to the recently completed refurbishment and extension to the existing Kilbarrack Health Centre which became operational in Q3 2024.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Ciara O'Reilly
Integrated Service Lead, Dublin North County

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Dear Ms O' hAodha,

Thank you for your letter of 5th June & I hope you are well.

DART Timetable – Frequency/Capacity

Iarnród Éireann saw record passenger demand in 2025 of over 55 million journeys, a figure that is set to grow further in 2026. To address this, we currently operate all available trains on a daily basis, outside of required maintenance cycles to ensure fleet reliability and any repair works which may be taking place. We are maximising use of our rolling stock to meet demand and will continue to monitor passenger loadings. We recognise that this is creating pressure on our capacity on some services at the busiest times at present. While our trains are busy, they are designed to safely accommodate full loading at our busiest times, though we appreciate this can be uncomfortable.

However, we are pleased to advise that new trains will begin entering service in 2027, which will provide extra capacity on our network.

In total, 285 carriages have already been ordered for the Greater Dublin Area. These will begin entering service from Q2 2027 onwards, with 50 carriages expected to enter service in 2027 and the remainder in 2028 and 2029, and we intend to place subsequent orders of this fleet.

The first order of 95 carriages will directly benefit the Drogheda line (65 battery-electric carriages) and the existing DART (30 electric carriages). However, this will also allow Intercity and Commuter trains currently operating on the Drogheda line to be used on other routes around the network. Their deployment will be subject to review with and the approval of the National Transport Authority, subject to demand and infrastructure capacity at the time. This process will be repeated with the introduction of a further 90 battery-electric carriages, freeing up existing trains, while the remaining 100 electric carriages will ultimately replace the original DART fleet, which has been in operation since 1984.

Bank Holiday Weekends

Regarding the frequency of services on Bank Holiday weekends, Iarnród Éireann operates regular weekend timetables on Saturdays and Sundays of Bank Holiday weekends, and a Sunday timetable on Bank Holiday Mondays. While this is the base service offering, this is supplemented where required for events (e.g. St Patrick's Festival, for St Anne's Park concerts this weekend) or for demand for summer beach travel during warm weather (e.g. Burrow Beach). This timetable, with supplementary services where required, caters for demand from our customers which generally is significantly lower than weekday demand.

Regarding engineering works generally on Bank Holidays, while the vast majority of works take place overnight, or in a way that sees little or no disruption to services, in some instances disruption is unavoidable. In particular, this will happen if we're replacing or improving essential infrastructure like tracks, bridges, signalling, overhead lines, or helping third parties with major plans. Apart from any other works requirements, we are currently engaged in multi-annual programmes of overhead line renewal and track renewal across the current DART network.

We need to plan these works to deliver improvements to our customers, but there can be unavoidable disruption too. We work to ensure that any such disruption is minimised, and that the number of customers affected is minimised too.

We do this in a number of ways:

- We try to ensure that our busiest lines are unaffected at the busiest times, so weekday works, and particularly at peak, are avoided

- We work to plan the works which must happen, and look at events which take place around the country. Major sports, music, cultural and other entertainment is always considered. This poses challenges – we're busier with works than ever before, but there are more events than ever before too.
- We choose selected Bank Holiday weekends to undertake projects of significant scale – the extra weekend day allows us to achieve more progress more efficiently, avoiding impacts on multiple weekends otherwise, and avoiding impacting weekday customers. Our teams deploy after last services on Friday night and work continuously around the clock for 76 hours until c. 04:00hrs on Tuesday morning. We don't schedule works at St Patrick's weekend, which is particularly important for tourism. However, other Bank Holidays are often used for works, as occurs on railways internationally. These will affect different lines at different times. It is also a time when – away from peak commuting – other modes will have available capacity.
- We will also ensure multiple work streams are scheduled on such weekends to ensure we minimise overall disruption.

For 2026, we have evenly scheduled works between Northside and Southside, as follows, with each experiencing works on three bank holidays:

- February bank holiday: **Northside** (track crossover works, level crossing renewal)
- St Patrick's bank holiday: **No disruptive works affecting DART / Connolly Commuter routes**
- Easter: **Southside** (overhead line renewal, track works, retaining wall and platform works)
- May bank holiday: **Northside** (track crossover works, track renewal, overhead line renewal, platform works)
- June bank holiday: **Southside** (track renewal, retaining wall renewal)
- August bank holiday: **No disruptive works affecting DART / Connolly Commuter routes**
- October bank holiday: **Southside and partial northside** - Grand Canal Dock to Bray; Howth to Howth Junction; Malahide to Drogheda affected. (overhead line renewal, track and crossover renewal, platform works, bridge deck renewal)

Our full year programme is typically confirmed and published in late December / early January to give customers a full overview of the year ahead, both in the DART area and nationally, at: [Upcoming Line Improvement Works](#)

All elected representatives were advised on Friday 30th January 2026 via our IÉ Oireachtas Newsletter of our programme of works for the remainder of 2026 .

However, Howth and the DART service benefit each other greatly. Out of 52 weekends in the year, there are only four weekends in 2026 in which there is no service to/from Howth, as well as a single Saturday up to 16:00hrs. The weekends affected in 2026 are away from the core of the summer season also - February Bank Holiday, mid-February weekend, May Bank Holiday and October Bank Holiday.

Obviously, the concern of Explore Howth is to ensure the interests of tourism in Howth is prioritised. However, in planning our works we must consider all customers who use the DART service.

Road congestion and demand for other modes of public transport are also generally significantly higher on midweek days against both bank holiday and ordinary weekends.

We have for many years liaised with Visit Howth in our planning of services, ensuring we do not undertake works on the weekends of major Howth festivals, and advising many months in advance of any disruptive works which are planned, and this relationship will continue.

We would also reiterate that the overwhelming majority of works take place at night without impacting our services, but that major works such as track renewal, overhead line renewal and other significant infrastructure upgrades do necessitate longer timeframes than standard overnight works allow.

We do regret the inconvenience to customers which results. These works and their timings are planned many months in advance, and while we appreciate that all works will disrupt some customers, we do endeavour to ensure that they are scheduled to minimise the overall impact.

Regards,
IE Oireachtas Liaison

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Dear Seamus,

I refer to your email dated 05 June 2026, regarding the motion passed by the Howth/Malahide Area Committee concerning weekend DART services in the Howth and Malahide area.

The National Transport Authority (NTA) acknowledges the concerns raised regarding passenger demand, crowding and waiting times during busy weekend periods. At present, all available fleet is deployed across the rail network at peak times. There is currently no funding available to introduce additional services at other times of the day or week. The NTA continues to monitor demand and engage with Iarnród Éireann regarding the most effective allocation of available fleet at busy times.

Planned rail closures are required to facilitate essential, safety-critical engineering works, including track and overhead-line renewal. These works are notified in advance. While most maintenance is undertaken at night, works requiring extended access to the railway cannot always be completed safely within the normal overnight engineering windows. Weekend and Bank Holiday planned closures are used where necessary to limit disruption to weekday commuter services and to complete the required programme of works within defined periods. Passenger demand, major events, seasonal travel patterns and alternative transport arrangements are considered as part of the planning for each closure.

The NTA recognises the concerns raised regarding substitute bus capacity during recent closures. Iarnród Éireann is responsible for putting appropriate alternative passenger arrangements in place. The NTA has renewed its focus on this area and has asked Iarnród Éireann to establish a clear minimum standard for replacement capacity and a documented procedure for recurring DART and commuter line closures. This is intended to ensure that expected passenger demand, existing bus capacity, major events and communication requirements are considered consistently in advance of future works.

In terms of the request for a meeting with the NTA and Iarnród Éireann, please note that the NTA is a national body with a broad range of transport functions extending across the State and receives many requests from local authorities and community groups for attendance at meetings. Due to the volume of such requests and the limited availability of senior personnel, the NTA is generally not in a position to attend these meetings. We do aim to attend a Council meeting with each local authority in the Greater Dublin Area at least once a year.

Fingal County Council and its elected members may continue to raise public transport matters with the NTA through oireachtasliaison@nationaltransport.ie. Members of the public may contact the NTA at info@nationaltransport.ie or through the Customer Contact Centre on 0818 294 015.

I trust that the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Ryan

Director of Public Transport Services

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ITEM NO. 24

UPDATE ON FELTRIM ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRAMME - AI109061

Motion: Councillor E. O'Brien

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on the Feltrim Active Travel Project, outlining when construction is due to start and the timeframe for completion."

Report:

This project is progressing well, and on programme. The preliminary design phase is now complete. The statutory process phase has been initiated, and the pre-planning pack has been circulated to internal stakeholders for consultation. Once the pre-planning report is received, the comments from the internal departments will be incorporated into the proposal as appropriate and a planning pack will be prepared for public display. It is intended to go out on public display at the beginning of Q4, 2026.

Following the statutory process phase, the scheme will enter a detailed design and procurement phase during 2027. The current programme indicates construction will begin in Q4, 2027. The length of the construction period will be known when tenders are returned from the market, but it is estimated at 12 months.

Source of Report:

Shane McMorrow, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel Unit.

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ITEM NO. 25

PORTMARNOCK SPORT HUB - A1109469

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive provide an update on the proposed Portmarnock Sports Hub and advise if the land transfer is expected to happen in 2026.”

Report:

A meeting was held during July with the Developer of the Jameson Orchard site. He has undertaken to resolve the outstanding issues relating to the Taking In Charge of the roads and services in the coming weeks to allow for the release to the Developer of the financial bond held by the Council and the simultaneous transfer of the open space to the Council.

The matter is being reviewed by the Council’s Development Management Team on a weekly basis to ensure that this process is brought to a successful conclusion.

As soon as these lands are in charge, work will commence on the preparation of plans for sports facilities on the site in line with previous discussions with local stakeholders.

Source of Report:

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

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ITEM NO. 27

BALDOYLE PORTMARNOCK CYCLEWAY - AI109567

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

“That the Chief Executive inspect and clear vegetation encroaching along the Baldoyle to Portmarnock Cycleway to help maintain the space and to prevent deterioration.”

Report:

A contractor has been appointed to cut the verges of the greenway and to remove any Gorse growing along the edge of the greenway. These works will be carried out in the first two weeks of September.

Source of Report:

Hans Visser, Senior Executive Biodiversity Officer, Parks & Green Infrastructure Division.

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ITEM NO. 29

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT REGARDING CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC USING STREAMSTOWN LANE - AI109514

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive provide an update on the Planning Enforcement investigation into builders’ trucks using Streamstown Lane and Carey's Lane that should be using the site entrance on the Malahide Road, signs have remained up for months directing the vehicles and deliveries to use the wrong entrance.”

Report:

A warning letter, pursuant to Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, was issued on 31st March 2026. Following receipt of a submission to same, site inspection(s) have taken place by the Planning Inspector and file is currently with the Senior Executive Planner for review and decision. Further correspondence on the file will issue immediately following completion of this review.

Source of Report:

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 30

AREA COMMITTEE SUBMISSION TO AIRCRAFT NOISE REGULATION FOR APPLICATION F23A/0781 - AI109571

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

“That this Area Committee make a submission to the consultation on Aircraft Noise Regulation for planning application F23A/0781, noting that nighttime restrictions on flight numbers and movements are in place as mitigation measures in many airports across Europe and requesting that ANCA ensure that the draft regulatory decision be amended to include appropriate restrictions on nighttime flights in order to protect people's health.”

Report:

As this motion is calling on members, there is no report in this instance.

Source of Report:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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