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Friday, 29 May 2026

**To Each Member of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area
Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)**

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)** will be held Hybrid in the **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords** at **2.00 pm** on **Thursday, 11th June, 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 Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 14th May 2026**

QUESTIONS

- 2 Councillor M. Boland - Tracked List/Dashboard of New Pothole Locations - Rush and Lusk - AI108294**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to establish a tracked list or dashboard of new pothole locations and repairs reported to the Council in the Rush and Lusk area, enabling Elected Members to see what has been repaired, when repairs were carried out and whether repeat defects are occurring, particularly where potholes are filled but quickly deteriorate again due to heavy traffic and rainfall?"

- 3 Councillor M. Boland - Speed Limit Review - Rush/Lusk Electoral Area - AI108300**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed speed limit review that is due to be undertaken in the Rush/Lusk Electoral Area and to provide a timeline for this review and its implementation?"

- 4 Councillor M. Boland - Repaint and Repair Ramp Markings - Dublin Road - Lusk - AI108864**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on re-marking/repainting and repair specifically on the existing two traffic calming ramps on the Dublin Road in Lusk just past Kelly's garage?"

- 5 Councillor M. Boland - Traffic Calming Ramps - Main Street - Lusk - AI108865**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on re-marking/repainting specifically on the existing two traffic calming ramps on the Main Street in Lusk heading towards the Skerries Road?"

- 6 Councillor M. Boland - Reinstate Footpaths to an Acceptable Standard - Kelly Park - Lusk - AI108866**

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what action the Council are taking to ensure that Uisce Éireann contractors reinstate footpaths to an acceptable standard in Kelly Park in Lusk as all the footpaths in the estate have been dug up and to confirm if an inspection will be undertaken given the scale of poor reinstatement reported by residents?"

7 Councillor M. Boland - Summary of Potholes Reported - Rush/Lusk AI108867

"To ask the Chief Executive to compile and provide a summary of potholes reported in Rush and Lusk, over the past 12 months, including how many were repaired and whether a tracking system approach can be implemented given the frequency of repeat failures due to traffic volumes?"

8 Councillor M. Boland - Accessibility Audit of Key Pedestrian Routes - Rush Town Centre - AI108868

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update and timeline for the approved accessibility audit of key pedestrian routes in Rush Town Centre and routes to nearby public facilities (including Rogerstown Park/Green links) and detail when this will commence?"

9 Councillor M. Boland - Footpath Maintenance Programme - Skerries Road - R127 - Lusk - AI108870

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the footpath maintenance programme and cutting back of the berm/verge that was promised in 2025 for the R127 leaving Lusk towards Skerries?"

10 Councillor M. Boland - Trimming of Verges on Featherbed Lane to Raheny Roundabout - Lusk - AI108871

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to cutting back the berm and trimming the verges from Featherbed Lane to Raheny roundabout in Lusk and give an update and timeline for the works should they be approved?"

11 Councillor E. Dockrell - Programme of Works 2027 - Rathmooney Lane - Balbriggan - AI108520

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to including Rathmooney Lane for resurfacing on the 2027 Programme of Works as the lane is currently in a poor state of repair?"

12 Councillor E. Dockrell - Road Safety Measures - Moonlone Lane Junction - The Naul - AI108882

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to review the Moonlone Lane junction L51001 and R122 and if further road safety measures can be implemented at this junction, including better signage and road markings?"

13 Councillor E. Dockrell - Safety Measures Outside Ballyboughal National School - AI108883

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the area outside Ballyboughal National School to include further safety features at this location, including pencil bollards and additional signage?"

14 Councillor E. Dockrell - Repainting of Road Markings - Tobertown Road - AI108887

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repaint line markings on the Tobertown Road, heading towards Balscadden's western entrance, before the motorway bridge?"

15 Councillor E. Dockrell - Road Resurfacing - Gormley's Hill - Garristown - AI108889

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to resurfacing a section of the road under the general maintenance budget at "Gormley's Hill" in Garristown, as there is an area of disrepair at the crossroads to the graveyard at Gormley's Farm?"

16 Councillor E. Dockrell - Resurfacing/ Road Markings - R130 - Garristown - AI108891

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to resurfacing and carrying out a safety review of the R130, which is a busy main road into Garristown that carries a large amount of traffic, in particular there is a requirement for new line markings and potholes to be filled on the side where the traffic is heading from Garristown towards Springhill?"

17 Councillor E. Dockrell - Road Safety Review - L1006 - Garristown - AI108892

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carrying out a road and traffic safety review at the L1006 section of the road in Garristown as this is a busy road with high volume of traffic at commuter times?"

18 Councillor M. Quinn - Water Station adjacent to Balbriggan Library - AI108542

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of a water station on George's Square in Balbriggan to facilitate the students who use the Balbriggan Library throughout the year for study and examination preparation?"

19 Councillor M. Quinn - Pathway Resurfacing at Balbriggan Cemetery - AI108790

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the resurfacing of the pathways in St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery in Balbriggan at the earliest opportunity?"

20 Councillor M. Quinn - Footpath Repairs - Stephenstown - Balbriggan - AI108801

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to improve the accessibility for wheelchair users and if an assessment can be undertaken of the pathway along the Stephenstown Link Road as well as the roundabouts off the Link Road?"

21 Councillor M. Quinn - Clearing of Vegetation - Hyde Park - Balbriggan - AI108802

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to have the heavy vegetation cleared along the perimeter of Hyde Park that backs on to the houses at Curran Park in Balbriggan?"

22 Councillor M. Quinn - Footpath Repairs Balbriggan/Skerries LEA - AI108806

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what footpaths are listed for repair in the Balbriggan/Skerries area for 2026, to advise on the budget that has been allocated for these repairs and if a copy of the priority list for footpaths in Balbriggan can be provided?"

23 Councillor D. Mulligan - Installation of Bins at Rolestown Cottages Bus Stops - AI108730

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of bins at the bus stops at Rolestown cottages on the R125 in both directions towards Swords and Ashbourne?"

24 Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on Public Toilets in the Ward Rivervalley Park - Swords - AI108732

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the public toilets in the Ward Rivervalley Park?"

25 Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on Public Toilets in Santry Demesne - AI108733

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the public toilets in Santry Demesne?"

26 Councillor D. Mulligan - Path Connecting Lispopple to Rolestown - AI108734

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the feasibility of a path (on one side of the road) to junction of R125 Lispopple Cross to Rolestown East?"

27 Councillor L. Corkery - Allocation of Playing Pitch Allocations - AI108808

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the system of allocations for the Council owned playing pitches, whether allocations are limited to formally registered clubs and how an interested group could apply to use the space?"

28 Councillor B. Ryan - Improved Pedestrian Access to Ardgillan Demesne - AI108832

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to expanding the scope of the current examination of the entrance to Ardgillan Demesne to include improved access for pedestrians at that junction?"

29 Councillor B. Ryan - Widening of Section of R122 Road - Oldtown - AI108833

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to widening a section of the R122 close to Oldtown Village, frequently used by large farm machinery and trucks, where it is very narrow and regularly results in damaged mirrors of vehicles and to advise if the adjacent landowner is open to ceding a portion of the ditch to facilitate any such work?"

30 Councillor B. Ryan - Procurement of Licences - Skerries Harbour - AI108836

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an indicative timeline for

procurement of all licences required before proceeding to a permanent fix for Skerries Harbour?"

31 Councillor B. Ryan - Clearing of Vegetation - Loughshinny Park Estate - AI108862

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the remediation of sections of the Loughshinny Park Estate, particularly at the bottom of the estate adjacent to the flats, where overgrowth of weeds and hedges is obstructing the footpaths?"

32 Councillor C. Johnston - Reinstatement of Footpath Entrance - The Grey Square - Portrane - AI108838

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to reinstating the footpath at the entrance to The Grey Square in Portrane as the path is in poor condition and is a health and safety issue for wheelchair and buggy users?"

33 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Chicane and Pedestrian Path - Quay Road - Portrane - AI108840

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of a one way chicane and pedestrian path (similar to the chicane on Beaverstown Road, Donabate) on Quay Road in Portrane from the end of Seaview Park to just past the corner of Quay Road, given the ongoing health and safety concerns with speeding along this narrow road with pedestrians walking along this road with no footpath?"

34 Councillor C. Johnston - Road Markings - Main Street - Rush - AI108858

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repaint the road markings along Rush Main Street, from the Tesco junction to the junction with Skerries Road, including the yellow junction boxes and white lines which are in poor condition at a number of sections along this road?"

35 Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Calming Measures - Rahillion Way/Walk - Donabate - AI108905

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of traffic calming measures at Rahillion Way/Walk in Donabate given ongoing safety concerns with children playing outside their homes with an increase in vehicles travelling along these roads to the childcare facility at the top of the road?"

36 Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Calming Measures - R122 - Naul - AI108906

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to including the necessary finance in next year's Works Programme for the provision of traffic calming measures on the R122 Naul, on the approach to the first bend leaving Naul Village (from both sides) which is an accident black spot?"

37 Councillor C. Johnston - Available Plots - Donabate Cemetery - AI108908

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of plots available in Donabate cemetery and if there are any plans to extend the cemetery given the growing population of the area?"

38 Councillor C. Johnston - Public Toilets - Rush North Beach - AI108909

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of new public toilets at North Beach in Rush given the increasing population in the area?"

39 Councillor J. Smyth - Residents Meeting - Bride's Glen - AI108842

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to hosting a meeting with concerned residents of Bride's Glen in relation to ongoing parking and traffic issues within the estate?"

40 Councillor J. Smyth - Removal of Estuary Public Art - AI108843

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the removal of the red deer statues at Estuary roundabout as part of the R132 connectivity project and if these will be relocated to another permanent location?"

41 Councillor J. Smyth - Planned Playground Improvement/Repair Works in this LEA - AI108844

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the planned improvements/repair works for playgrounds for the coming year in this Local Electoral Area?"

42 Councillor J. Smyth - Installation of Bench - Rivermeade - AI108846

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of benches at various locations in the Rivermeade Estate?"

43 Councillor J. Smyth - Gazebo - Swords Town Park - AI108847

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to upgrade, remove or repair the gazebo at the main entrance to the Swords Town Park due to its current state of disrepair?"

44 Councillor J. Smyth - Resurfacing of Killeek Lane - Old Brazil Way - AI108856

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to future road improvement works/resurfacing of Killeek Lane, old Brazil Way as part of a future Capital Programme?"

45 Councillor J. Smyth - Abbeyvale Accessibility Improvements - Swords - AI108857

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the previously requested footpath/accessibility improvements from Abbeyvale Park to the Brackenstown Road in Swords?"

46 Councillor D. Kelly - Preservation of St. Cronan's Abbey - Swords - AI108915

"To ask the Chief Executive provide an update on what the plans are for the future preservation of St. Cronan's Abbey in Swords?"

47 Councillor D. Kelly - Traffic Survey - Killeek Lane Junction - AI108917

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a traffic safety survey of Killeek lane junction?"

**OPERATIONAL NEW
WORKS, ETC.**

48 Review of Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021

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BUSINESS**

49 Councillor L. Corkery - Reinstatement of Heavy Goods Vehicle Restriction - Church Road - Swords - AI108678

"That the Chief Executive arrange for the reinstatement of the Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) restriction on the section of Church Road between the junction with Brackenstown Road and the junction with Rathbeale Road and to install a height barrier to enforce this."

MOTION

50 Councillor J. Smyth - Road Safety Audit R125 - Rolestown - AI108055

"That the Chief Executive conducts a road safety audit for the stretch of the R125 entering the village of Rolestown."

51 Councillor J. Newman - BMX Track Development in the Ward Regional Park - Swords - AI108206

"That the Chief Executive request the relevant departments to adequately patrol the Ward Rivervalley Park to ensure the wooden area is not turned into a BMX track."

52 Councillor B. Ryan - Request for Safe Crossing at Ardgillan Demesne - AI108788

"That the Chief Executive urgently arrange for a safe means of pedestrian crossing at the gates of Ardgillan Demesne for pedestrians coming from the Ardla/Milverton area as a solution must be found."

53 Councillor L. Corkery - Improvement of Road Markings - Northwood Roundabouts - AI108812

"That the Chief Executive engage with the management company of Northwood with a view to improving road markings on the roundabout adjacent to Costa Coffee."

54 Councillor E. Dockrell - Correspondence to Uisce Éireann - Corballis Road - Donabate - AI108899

"That the Chief Executive write to Uisce Éireann to request that they consider including Corballis Road in Donabate as part of their pipe upgrade project, now that the new road section is complete."

55 Councillor D. Kelly - River Clean Clean-Up in this LEA - AI108912

"That the Chief Executive arrange a river clean-up for this Local Electoral Area."

56 Councillor P. Mulville - Improve Water Safety - AI108919

"That the Chief Executive report on the steps that can be taken to improve water safety along this Area Committee's beaches and coastline ahead of the busy summertime."

57 Councillor B. Ryan - Parking Meter Reprogramming - Red Island - Skerries - AI108828

"That the Chief Executive arrange for the reprogramming of the parking meters at Red Island in Skerries, to ensure that motorists who wish to park for less than two hours may avail of the two hours free parking referred to in the Parking Bye Laws."

58 Councillor J. Smyth - Lifeguard Allocation - Beaches within this LEA - AI108850

"That the Chief Executive, in light of the tragic loss of life at Burrow Beach, request an immediate safety audit of the beaches and bathing facilities in this Local Electoral Area with the aim of increasing the lifeguard provision beyond its current timeframe to include full provision during May and June in light of shift in seasonal patterns."

59 Councillor C. Johnston - Request for On-site Meeting - Road Safety Concerns - Ballyboughal - AI108874

"That the Chief Executive arrange an on-site meeting with residents from Ballyboughal and public representatives regarding ongoing road safety concerns in the village in particular at Ballyboughal National School and GAA grounds."

60 Councillor E. Dockrell - Coastline Erosion - Rush - AI108900

"That the Chief Executive arranges for engagement with Government, including the Office of Public Works, in setting out a plan for Rush to address erosion on the Rush coastline."

61 Councillor D. Kelly - Drain Cleaning - Swords - AI108913

"That the Chief Executive arrange drain cleaning in Swords town and within a 1km radius of the town to prevent flooding from blockages etc."

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Comhairle Contae Fingal Fingal County Council

Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)

Thursday, 14th May, 2026

PRESENT

Boland, Cathal
Boland, Mark
Butler, Darragh
Dockrell, Eoghan
Johnston, Corina
Kelly, Darren Jack
Mulligan, Dean

Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
Quinn, Malachy
Ryan, Brendan
Smyth, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors James Humphreys, Councillor Grainne Maguire, and Councillor Tom O'Leary.

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Luke Corkery, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Áine Donlon Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer), Karen Gallagher (Senior Engineer), James Culhane (Senior Executive Engineer), Tim Hanway (Administrative Officer), Pedro Magalhaes (Executive Engineer), Claudiu Dima (Executive Engineer), Leticia Moore (Executive Engineer), Brian Rochford (Executive Engineer), Shane Sutton (Executive Parks and Landscaping Officer), Megan Devaney (Senior Staff Officer), Alvean Finnegan (Assistant Staff Officer), Laura Doyle (Clerical Officer).

BSA/233/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) held on Thursday the 9th April 2026

Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held on the Thursday the 9th of April 2026, which had been circulated were submitted, **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor Corkery and seconded by Councillor Smyth and **RESOLVED**:

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 9th of April 2026 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”.

BSA/234/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor Corkery and seconded by Councillor Smyth and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No 51,
Questions numbered 02 to 55 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

BSA/235/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Reinstatement of Road Surface - Entrance to St. Patrick's Terrace - Donabate - AI107644

BSA/236/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Pedestrian Crossing - Whitestown Road - Rush - AI107650

BSA/237/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Johnston - Upgrade and Widening of Footpath - Palmer Road Junction to Clifflands Estate - Rush - AI108371

BSA/238/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety Measures - Hand's Lane/Minister's Road Junction - Lusk - AI108372

BSA/239/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Sight Lines to be Examined - New Road/Main Street - Donabate - AI108373

BSA/240/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Calming Measures - Lower Main Street - Rush - AI108374

BSA/241/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Pedestrian Crossing - New Road - Donabate - AI108375

BSA/242/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety Measures - Ballyboughal - AI108376

BSA/243/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor C. Johnston - Trimming of Hedge Balscadden Cemetery - Balbriggan - AI108377

- BSA/244/26** (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor J. Newman - Tree Audit - Swords Area - AI107710
- BSA/245/26** (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor M. Quinn - "Children at Play" Signage - Pinewood Green Road -
Balbriggan - AI107739
- BSA/246/26** (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor M. Quinn - Resurfacing of High Street - Balbriggan - AI107965
- BSA/247/26** (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor M. Quinn - Lighting of Pathway - Mill Pond Park - Balbriggan - AI108162
- BSA/248/26** (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor M. Quinn - Dublin Street Road Markings - Balbriggan - AI108270
- BSA/249/26** (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor M. Quinn - Replacement of Signage - Hamilton Road - Balbriggan -
AI108272
- BSA/250/26** (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor M. Quinn - Pavement Surface Dressing in Town Centre - Balbriggan -
AI108275
- BSA/251/26** (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor J. Smyth - Changes to Council Pitches in this LEA - AI107903
- BSA/252/26** (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor J. Smyth - Request for Additional Bins in Ridgewood - Swords - AI107906
- BSA/253/26** (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Review of the Fieldstown East Junction - AI107915
- BSA/254/26** (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Review of the Keogh's Cross Junction - Oldtown - AI107916
- BSA/255/26** (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Review of the Junction North of The Grallagh - Garristown -
AI107917
- BSA/256/26** (Agenda Item No 23)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Review of the Junction at Baldurgan Hill and Newlands -
Ballyboughal - AI107918
- BSA/257/26** (Agenda Item No 24)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Review of the Junction on the R108 between Damastown
and Sallowood View - AI107919
- BSA/258/26** (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Drainage Issues in Front of the Cultural Centre - Lusk - AI107920

BSA/259/26 (Agenda Item No 26)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Resurfacing of Quay Road - Portrane - AI107921

BSA/260/26 (Agenda Item No 27)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Clean and Re-seal of the Séamus Ennis Statue - The Naul - AI107922

BSA/261/26 (Agenda Item No 28)
Councillor L. Corkery - Park Gates Policy in this LEA - AI108002

BSA/262/26 (Agenda Item No 29)
Councillor M. Boland - Reinstatement of the Road Outside the Entrance to The Forge Estate - Lusk - AI108284

BSA/263/26 (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor M. Boland - Interim Minor Works at the Rush/Lusk Train Station - AI108285

BSA/264/26 (Agenda Item No 31)
Councillor M. Boland - Waterlogging on Chapel Green - Lusk - AI108286

BSA/265/26 (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor M. Boland - Re-enhancement of the Hedgerows and Public Realm along the Dublin Road - Lusk - AI108287

BSA/266/26 (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor M. Boland - Update on any Road Painting to be carried out in Lusk - AI108288

BSA/267/26 (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor M. Boland - Re-Enhancement and Road Re-Surfacing of Hand's Lane - Lusk - AI108289

BSA/268/26 (Agenda Item No 35)
Councillor M. Boland - Re-Enhancement Programme Roundabout in Lusk - AI108290

BSA/269/26 (Agenda Item No 36)
Councillor M. Boland - Footpath Completion - Kenure Gate Estate - Rush - AI108291

BSA/270/26 (Agenda Item No 37)
Councillor M. Boland - Provision of a Bin Outside Costcutters - Lusk - AI108292

BSA/271/26 (Agenda Item No 38)
Councillor B. Ryan - Request for Installation of Yellow Box - Balbriggan - AI108318

BSA/272/26 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor B. Ryan - Installation of new Lighting Column at Margaretstown Road - Skerries - AI108319

BSA/273/26 (Agenda Item No 40)

Councillor B. Ryan - Report on Entrance to Ardgillan Castle and Demesne - AI108390

BSA/274/26 (Agenda Item No 41)

Councillor B. Ryan - Inclusion of Bus Stop - Piercetown Lane - Skerries - AI108393

BSA/275/26 (Agenda Item No 42)

Councillor T. Murphy - Assessment of Gormanston Bridge on the R132 - AI107771

BSA/276/26 (Agenda Item No 43)

Councillor T. Murphy - Graveyard Capacity - Columbarium Wall in this LEA - AI108368

BSA/277/26 (Agenda Item No 44)

Councillor T. Murphy - Yellow Box - Drogheda Street - Balbriggan - AI108369

BSA/278/26 (Agenda Item No 45)

Councillor G. Maguire - Water Fountain - Balbriggan Skate Park - AI108402

BSA/279/26 (Agenda Item No 46)

Councillor G. Maguire - Public Lighting - Balbriggan Skate Park - AI108403

BSA/280/26 (Agenda Item No 47)

Councillor P. Mulville - The Burrow, Portrane - Footpath Extension - AI108408

BSA/281/26 (Agenda Item No 48)

Councillor P. Mulville - Turvey Avenue - New Pedestrian Lights - Donabate - AI108409

BSA/282/26 (Agenda Item No 49)

Councillor P. Mulville - Glaslinn Safe Pedestrian Crossing - Donabate - AI108411

BSA/283/26 (Agenda Item No 50)

Councillor P. Mulville - Provision of Lifeguards - Donabate - AI108412

BSA/284/26 (Agenda Item No 51)

Councillor P. Mulville - Provision of Public Toilets - Donabate - AI108414

BSA/285/26 (Agenda Item No 52)

Councillor P. Mulville - Eco-Toilets at Portrane - Coastal Flood Risk Analysis - AI108415

BSA/286/26 (Agenda Item No 53)

Councillor P. Mulville - Re-instatement of Litter Bin - Donabate - AI108416

BSA/287/26 (Agenda Item No 54)

Councillor P. Mulville - Outdoor Table Tennis and Chess Facilities - AI108417

BSA/288/26 (Agenda Item No 55)

Councillor D. Kelly - Clean-up of Knocksedan Bridge - AI108410

BSA/289/26 (Agenda Item No 56)

Programme of Works 2026 Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Traffic Calming Schemes

The attached report by the Manager which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**.

Mr. Culhane, Ms. Moore and Mr. Dima gave the attached presentation to the meeting.

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

BSA/290/26 (Agenda Item No 57)

Councillor L. Corkery - Safety Improvements on Church Road - Swords AI108234

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Corkery was proposed by Councillor Corkery, seconded by Councillor Smyth.

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

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

BSA/291/26 (Agenda Item No 58)

Councillor D. Kelly - Condition Assessment - Seatown Villas - Swords - AI107170

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Kelly was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Corkery.

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

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

BSA/292/26 (Agenda Item No 59)

Councillor J. Newman - Traffic Build Up on L2300 - Swords - AI107706

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Newman was proposed by Councillor Newman, seconded by Councillor Corkery.

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

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

BSA/293/26 (Agenda Item No 60)

Councillor J. Smyth - Amenities for Older Children - Holywell, Swords - AI107901

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Smyth was proposed by Councillor Smyth, seconded by Councillor Corkery.

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

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

BSA/294/26 (Agenda Item No 61)

Councillor B. Ryan - Bus Shelter at Northcliffe Heights - Skerries - AI108279

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Ryan was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Kelly.

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

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

BSA/295/26 (Agenda Item No 62)

Councillor T. Murphy - Coastal Erosion Mitigation Measures - Balbriggan Beachfront
- AI108370

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Murphy was proposed by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Mark Boland.

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

Following discussion, the Committee **AGREED** the report.

BSA/296/26 (Agenda Item No 63)

Councillor D. Butler - Replacement Bin in Glasmere Park - Swords - AI108382

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Butler was proposed by Councillor Butler, seconded by Councillor Corkery.

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

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

BSA/297/26 (Agenda Item No 64)

Councillor P. Mulville - Traffic Management at Beaches in this LEA - AI108418

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Mulville was proposed by Councillor Mulville, seconded by Councillor Kelly.

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

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

BSA/298/26 (Agenda Item No 65)

Councillor D. Kelly - Traffic Management - Forrest Road - Swords - AI107257

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Kelly was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Newman.

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

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

BSA/299/26 (Agenda Item No 66)

Councillor J. Newman - Traffic Calming Measure in Rivervalley Drive - Swords - AI107707

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Newman was proposed by Councillor Newman, seconded by Councillor Corkery.

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

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

BSA/300/26 (Agenda Item No 67)

Councillor J. Smyth - Safe Pedestrian Crossing - Holywell North - Swords - AI107902

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Smyth was proposed by Councillor Smyth, seconded by Councillor Mulligan.

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

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

BSA/301/26 (Agenda Item No 68)

Councillor B. Ryan - Reinstatement of HGV Restriction on Moylaragh Road -
Balbriggan - A1108394

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Ryan was proposed by
Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Mark Boland.

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

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

The Meeting concluded at 3.20 pm

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ITEM NO. 02

TRACKED LIST/DASHBOARD OF NEW POTHOLE LOCATIONS - RUSH AND LUSK - AI108294

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to establish a tracked list or dashboard of new pothole locations and repairs reported to the Council in the Rush and Lusk area, enabling Elected Members to see what has been repaired, when repairs were carried out and whether repeat defects are occurring, particularly where potholes are filled but quickly deteriorate again due to heavy traffic and rainfall?”

Reply:

The development of a dashboard would require significant resource and funding for a project team to develop and support same. Furthermore, the update of such would add to time and resource overheads with little or no benefit to ongoing road maintenance. Members of the public can, and do, report pothole locations and these are recorded on the D365 system for repair and follow-up. Likewise, the elected members can use the Councillors’ Rep system on D365 to report potholes, and they will receive a written response when repairs are completed. In addition, depot staff, when in the course of their duties, do note pothole locations and these are added to a list maintained by the Depot Roads Inspector who organises and despatches crews to effect repairs. Recently, we have also procured

the services of a contractor specifically for larger localised road repairs which will free up depot resources to spend more time on pothole repairs.

Source of Reply: Mr. P. Graham, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 03

SPEED LIMIT REVIEW - RUSH/LUSK ELECTORAL AREA - AI108300

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed speed limit review that is due to be undertaken in the Rush/Lusk Electoral Area and to provide a timeline for this review and implementation?”

Reply:

Work is progressing on the national speed limit review with regards to Phase 2 Urban Areas/Built-Up Areas, by all local authorities following direction from the Department of Transport, late last year. The objective is to have the 30km/h speed limits in built-up and urban areas operational by 31st March 2027, country wide.

The Operations Department Traffic Section is currently progressing with the Phase 2 technical work in order to produce draft bye-law maps for all urban/built up areas in Fingal County Council’s administrative area. The estimated number of signs/ poles etc. required to implement the Phase 2 speed limit changes in Fingal County Council has already been submitted to the Department of Transport (DoT). This will facilitate the nationwide tender for the same to progress. At present, speed surveys are being progressed on a county-wide basis to gather data on speed and vehicular movements. This data will inform the preparation of the draft bye-law maps.

When the draft bye-law maps are finalized, the Traffic Section will conduct informal workshops with the members of each Area Committee prior to commencing the statutory public consultation phase. These workshops are intended to be held during the latter stages of Q2/2026. Following this informal consultation, the draft bye-law maps will be updated and finalised (Q3/2026).

In Q3/Q4 2026, the speed limit bye-law maps will be formally presented to each Area Committee Meeting (September or October ACM's). After these ACM presentations, the Council will then commence the statutory public consultation process.

Source of Reply: Mr. J. Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 04

**REPAINT AND REPAIR RAMP MARKINGS - DUBLIN ROAD - LUSK -
AI108864**

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update on re-marking/repainting and repair specifically on the existing two traffic calming ramps on the Dublin Road in Lusk just past Kelly’s garage?”

Reply:

These works will be listed for inclusion as part of the Depot Roads Inspector’s general maintenance programme and be carried out in the context of order of priority and available resources.

Source of Reply: Mr. J. Dowler, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 05

TRAFFIC CALMING RAMPS - MAIN STREET - LUSK - AI108865

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update on re-marking/repainting specifically on the existing two traffic calming ramps on the Main Street in Lusk heading towards the Skerries Road?”

Reply:

The works have been completed under the Area Engineer’s road relining programme for 2026.

Source of Reply: Mr. J. Dowler, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 06

REINSTATE FOOTPATHS TO AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD - KELLY PARK - LUSK - AI108866

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline what actions the Council are taking to ensure that Uisce Éireann contractors reinstate footpaths to an acceptable standard in Kelly Park in Lusk as the entire footpaths in the estate have been dug up and to confirm if an inspection will be undertaken given the scale of poor reinstatement reported by residents?”

Reply:

The Area Engineer and Clerk of Works have walked the relevant works areas with Uisce Éireann’s contractor, GMC, this week. It has been agreed that all footpaths will be fully reinstated where excavation took place. It was advised that they have engaged a contractor to carry out all necessary footpath works early next week with permanent road and footpath reinstatement located on Ministers Road to follow.

T5 sign off will not be issued until the Clerk of Works is fully satisfied with the completed works.

Source of Reply: Mr. A. Valla, Clerk of Works, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 07

SUMMARY OF POTHOLE REPORTED - RUSH/LUSK AI108867

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide and compile a summary of potholes reported in Rush and Lusk, over the past 12 months including how many were repaired and whether a tracking system approach can be implemented given the frequency of repeat failures due to traffic volumes?”

Reply:

The following is a summary of the number of potholes reported in Rush and Lusk over the past 12 months, including how many have been repaired. The Councillors' Reps / Public Reporting on D365 is the system used for tracking.

RUSH	Reported	Repaired	Active/On-going
Councillors' Reps	31	31	-
Public	18	18	-

LUSK	Reported	Repaired	Active/On-going
Councillors' Reps	17	15	2
Public	10	8	2

Source of Reply: Mr. P. Graham, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 08

ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT OF KEY PEDESTRIAN ROUTES - RUSH TOWN CENTRE – AI108868

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update and timeline for the approved accessibility audit of key pedestrian routes in Rush Town Centre and routes to nearby public facilities (including Rogerstown Park/Green links) and detail when this will commence?”

Reply:

The Access Officer has committed to carrying out an accessibility audit of key pedestrian routes in Rush, taking in routes to key public facilities and amenity spaces.

In order to carry out an accessibility audit that fully aligns with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, contact has been made with Disabled Persons Organisations to enquire for their availability to assist with the audit itself. This is to ensure that these representative groups and their members are actively involved to both provide their respective assessment of the accessibility of the routes and to be informed of outcomes of the audit.

Once agreement has been reached for the participation of these groups, a date will be set and communicated with Councillor Boland.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Kearney, Access Officer, Corporate Services Department.

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ITEM NO. 09

**FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME - SKERRIES ROAD - R127
- LUSK - AI108870**

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the footpath maintenance programme and cutting back of the berm/verge that was promised in 2025 for the R127 as you leave Lusk towards Skerries?”

Reply:

This area will be added to the flailing/cutting list and will be cut back from the footpath in the coming weeks.

Source of Reply: Mr M Hackett, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 10

**TRIMMING OF VERGES ON FEATHERBED LANE TO RAHENY
ROUNABOUT - LUSK - AI108871**

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to cutting back the berm and trimming the verges on Featherbed Lane to Raheny Roundabout in Lusk and give an update and timeline for the works should they be approved?”

Reply:

The areas referred to are agricultural roadside ditches/verges. These are the responsibility of the private landowners of the adjacent fields. However, if traffic sightlines are affected, the Council can serve Section 70 hedge cutting notices advising landowners to cut back encroaching vegetation.

Source of Reply: Mr. T. Hanway, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 11

**PROGRAMME OF WORKS 2027 - RATHMOONEY LANE -
BALBRIGGAN - AI108520**

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to including Rathmooney Lane for resurfacing on the 2027 Programme of Works for resurfacing as the lane is currently in a poor state of repair?”

Reply:

Consideration will be given to the inclusion of this request when preparing the 2027 Programme of Works in the context of competing priorities as well as the availability of funding and engineering staff resources.

Source of Reply: Mr. P. Graham, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 12

ROAD SAFETY MEASURES - MOONLONE LANE JUNCTION - AI108882

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to review Moonlone Lane Junction L51001 and R122 and if further road safety measures can be implemented at this junction, including better signage and road markings?”

Reply:

A road safety review of the existing road markings and signage along the R122 approach to Moonlone Lane will be carried out, and any work deemed necessary will be included as part of the Operations Departments Traffic and Road Maintenance works.

Traffic calming measures in the form of Vehicle Activate Signage were previously installed on the approach to the junction, and it is fully operational.

Source of Reply: Ms. L. Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 13

SAFETY MEASURES OUTSIDE BALLYBOUGHAL NATIONAL SCHOOL - AI108883

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the area outside Ballyboughal National School to include further safety features at this location, including pencil bollards and additional signage?”

Reply:

The Operations Department is available to meet on-site to discuss the road safety concerns raised at Ballyboughal National School vicinity. Arrangements for a suitable meeting date and time can be made directly with Traffic Section Operations Department, the Active Travel unit and the Road Safety Officer.

This item has already been highlighted and is currently under consideration through the Permeability and Connectivity Tracker which is managed through the Active Travel Unit. Discussions have taken place with the local GAA Club in relation to the provision of a park and stride facility at the GAA grounds to facilitate the safe access and egress to and from the school. These proposals are being scoped and developed and will be taken back to this committee in due course.

Source of Reply: Ms. L. Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

Mr. B. Doris, A/Senior Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 14

REPAINTING OF ROAD MARKINGS - TOBERTOWN ROAD - AI108887

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repaint line markings on the Tobertown Road, heading towards Balscadden's western entrance, before the motorway bridge?”

Reply:

These works will be added to the Area Engineer's road relining programme for 2026 and carried out in the context of order of priority and available resources.

Source of Reply: Mr. J. Dowler, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 15

ROAD RESURFACING - GORMLEY'S HILL - GARRISTOWN - AI108889

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to resurfacing a section of the road under the general maintenance budget at "Gormley's Hill" in Garristown, as there is an area of disrepair at the crossroads to the graveyard at Gormley's Farm?”

Reply:

These works will be added to the Depot Roads Inspector's General Maintenance programme and carried out in the context of order of priority and available resources.

Source of Reply: Mr. J. Dowler, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 16

RESURFACING/ ROAD MARKINGS - R130 - GARRISTOWN - AI108891

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to resurfacing and carrying out a safety review of the R130, which is a busy main road into Garristown that carries a large amount of traffic, in particular there is a requirement for new line markings and potholes to be filled on the side where the traffic is heading from Garristown towards Springhill?”

Reply:

These works will be listed for inclusion as part of the roads general maintenance programme and will be carried out in the context of order of priority and available resources.

Source of Reply: Mr. J. Dowler, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 17

ROAD SAFETY REVIEW - L1006 - GARRISTOWN - AI108892

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carrying out a road safety review at the L1006 section of road in Garristown as this is a busy road and if a traffic safety review can also be undertaken given the high volume of traffic at commuter times?”

Reply:

Road safety review of the existing road markings and signage along L1006 will be carried out, and any work deemed necessary will be included as part of the Operations Departments' Traffic and Road Maintenance works.

Source of Reply: Ms. L. Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 18

WATER STATION ADJACENT TO BALBRIGGAN LIBRARY - AI108542

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of a water station on George's Square in Balbriggan to facilitate the students who use the Balbriggan Library throughout the year for study and examination preparation?”

Reply:

Fingal has a total of 34 public drinking water stations. The initial locations chosen were all associated with busy parkland areas where people congregate for active recreation purposes. The initial aim for installing public drinking stations was to reduce the need for single use of plastics in areas of high active recreation and in turn reduce litter in plastic bottles. The water usage levels and overall running costs of the units are being measured as part of a planning strategy to examine the possibility of extending the current scheme.

Fingal County Council currently has the largest quantity of publicly accessible water refill stations in Ireland, however, the Council does not have a budget in place to extend the current scheme within additional public realm locations and particularly into the urban streetscape as the civil works costs associated with water station installations would be high, due to the different pavement

reinstatement works required and the location and connections into the nearest existing potable water supply.

Source of Reply: Ms. A. O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 19

PATHWAY RESURFACING AT BALBRIGGAN CEMETERY - AI108790

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the resurfacing of the pathways in St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery in Balbriggan at the earliest opportunity?”

Reply:

The overall integrity of the concrete footpath within this cemetery are in reasonable condition with the exception of a number of isolated locations. Any repairs or replacement of concrete bays can be added to the burial grounds general maintenance programme and carried out in order of priority and available staffing resources.

Source of Reply: Ms A Donlon Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 20

FOOTPATH REPAIRS - STEPHENSTOWN - BALBRIGGAN - AI108801

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to improve the accessibility for wheelchair users and if an assessment can be undertaken of the pathway along the Stephenstown Link Road as well as the roundabouts off the Link Road?”

Reply:

The Access Officer has committed to undertaking an accessibility audit of the Stephenstown Link Road and associated roundabouts in conjunction with Disabled Persons Organisations and their members. This UNCRPD-based approach ensures that disabled people and their representative organisations are directly consulted for their feedback on the accessibility of the route and the corrective actions required to raise the overall accessibility of the route. Once an agreement has been reached for the participation of these groups, a date will be set and communicated with Councillor Quinn.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Kearney, Access Officer, Corporate Services Department.

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ITEM NO. 21

CLEARING OF VEGETATION - HYDE PARK - BALBRIGGAN - AI108802

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to have the heavy vegetation cleared along the perimeter of Hyde Park that backs on to the houses at Curran Park in Balbriggan?”

Reply:

The Council is currently restricted on the timing of any proposed vegetation works due to the Irish Wildlife Act, as it is illegal to cut, burn, or destroy vegetation in hedges, ditches, or uncultivated land between March 1st and August 31st annually. Any necessary works will be scheduled to be addressed within the 2026/27 winter works programme.

Source of Reply: Ms. S. Brady, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 22

FOOTPATH REPAIRS BALBRIGGAN/SKERRIES LEA - AI108806

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise what footpaths are listed for repair in the Balbriggan/Skerries area for 2026 and advise on the budget that has been allocated for these repairs and if a copy of the priority list for footpaths in Balbriggan can be provided?”

Reply:

The 2026 annual Programme of Works was presented to, and agreed by, the Elected Members at their Area Committee Meeting on 15th January last, which includes footpath replacements and the budget allocated. For convenience, this information is now repeated in the following excerpt from the ACM presentation.

Special Works – Footpath and Drainage Balbriggan/Skerries/Rush-Lusk/Rural Villages



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
1	Mourneview, Skerries	Footpath Replacements	€39,000
2	Loughshinny Bay	Footpath Replacements	€39,000
3	Chapel Grove, Balbriggan	Footpath Replacements	€39,000
4	Tara Court, Balbriggan	Footpath Replacements	€39,000
5	Kenure Park, Rush	Footpath Replacements	€39,000
6	Millhill Park, Skerries	Footpath Replacements	€39,000
7	Clonard Court, Balbriggan	Footpath Replacements	€39,000
		Subtotal	€273,000

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Source of Reply: Mr. P. Graham, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 23

**INSTALLATION OF BINS AT ROLESTOWN COTTAGES BUS STOPS -
AI108730**

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of bins at the bus stops at Rolestown cottages on the R125, in both directions towards Swords and Ashbourne?”

Reply:

Two new bins will be installed at bus stops at Rolestown cottages on the R125.

Source of Reply: Mr. C. Connell, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 24

UPDATE ON PUBLIC TOILETS IN THE WARD RIVERVALLEY PARK - SWORDS - AI108732

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the public toilets in the Ward Rivervalley Park?”

Reply:

Repair works have recently taken place on the public toilet block in Ward River Valley Park. The installation of additional CCTV cameras at this location is also almost complete.

The Council wishes to discuss the re-opening of the toilet block with the relevant sports club's representatives and the Elected Representatives to determine if the re-opening to the general public is the most practical option, due to the consistent anti-social behavior, destruction and resources allocated to the frequent repairs required to keep the block operational.

There is a concern that if the units are reopened to the public, they may be badly damaged again and result in another delayed period of repair. There is a more permanent changing/toilet community building at planning stages with the project team leading on the Ward River Valley park Development Project and the Council feels that this will be the best option for a publicly accessible toilet for

general use as the building will be more robust and suitable for day-to-day public use.

The keys for the existing toilets can be made available to the sports clubs that use this space, and the clubs can have a secured toilet available during active recreations times but can be managed by the clubs. This is considered the most feasible and resourceful option for the continued upkeep and retention of the toilet block as a useable public/park user amenity.

Source of Reply: Mr. S. Sutton, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 25

UPDATE ON PUBLIC TOILETS IN SANTRY PARK - AI108733

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the public toilets in Santry Demesne?”

Reply:

Repair works on the toilet block unit of Santry Demesne have been completed by a specialised contractor. Two units have been opened since the works were completed last week, and it is intended to keep two of the four units open on rotation from 9am to 5pm for the Summer. This is considered the most suitable option to allow Operations Department staff to monitor and close the units at appropriate times to mitigate the risk of further damage.

The recent repairs work have come at a considerable cost, and it is the Council's opinion that the toilet block be protected and utilised during the Demesne's day-time opening times.

Source of Reply: Mr. S. Sutton, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 26

PATH CONNECTING LISPOPPLE TO ROLESTOWN - AI108734

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for feasibility of a path (on one side of the road) to junction of R125 Lispopple Cross to Rolestown East?”

Reply:

This question has been raised on previous occasions, and the circumstances/response have not changed.

As previously reported, there is restricted space available on the existing roadway between the hedge lines on both sides of the road to facilitate a footpath at this location without the acquisition of a significant amount of land. The length of footpath required plus the required boundary treatments if land were made available would have to be factored into the overall cost. A project of this nature would fall outside the remit of Operations Department and is not included in any current Capital Programme.

Source of Reply: Mr. T. Hanway, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 27

ALLOCATION OF PLAYING PITCH ALLOCATIONS - AI108808

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the system of allocations for the Council owned playing pitches, whether allocations are limited to formally registered clubs and how an interested group could apply to use the space?”

Reply:

The Council Operates an annual Grass Sports Pitch application process and this process is managed by a dedicated team and can be contacted at pitches@fingal.ie. Pitches will be let only to those clubs/schools that have submitted an official application form, together with the appropriate letting fee, evidence of public liability insurance and certification from the appropriate League, Board or Association for all teams for whom accommodation is sought.

The fees in respect of any letting shall be as determined by Fingal County Council from time to time. The full list of terms and conditions details are listed within the application form and if any club is interested, it can be arranged to send the information directly to them via email.

Source of Reply: Ms. A. O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 28

IMPROVED PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO ARDGILLAN DEMESNE - AI108832

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to expanding the scope of the current examination of the entrance to Ardgillan Demesne to include improved access for pedestrians at that junction?”

Reply:

The Operations Department have commenced a process to improve access for both pedestrians and vehicles at the entrance to Ardgillan Demense. The entrance piers require additional width to accommodate large tour buses, and this will involve the repositioning of the piers to allow for a better set back from the entrance road. Modifications to the existing pedestrian access will also be considered as part of this design. A consultant has been engaged to prepare a design proposal, and the first draft is expected by the end of Q3 2026.

Source of Reply: Ms. S Brady, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 29

WIDENING OF SECTION OF R122 ROAD - OLDTOWN - AI108833

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to widening a section of the R122 road close to Oldtown Village, frequently used by large farm machinery and trucks, where it is very narrow and regularly results in damaged mirrors of vehicles and to advise that the adjacent landowner is open to ceding a portion of the ditch to facilitate any such work?”

Reply:

This proposal is welcomed by the Council. As a very rough preliminary estimate, a strip of land not less than 4m wide would be required. If the landowner's solicitor/legal representative could please formally engage directly with the Council's Property Section and the Council Law Agent to effect the transfer of land to the ownership of the Council, the proposed widening of the road can then be considered when the transfer has been legally completed. At this very early stage of the proposal, it is not clear whether widening could be undertaken by the Operations Department or whether it would be done by the Infrastructure & Transport Department as it would depend very much upon the scale of what is proposed and there may be Planning Approval required. Also, a source of funding for the engineering design and construction works would need to be identified.

Source of Reply: Mr. P. Graham, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 30

PROCUREMENT OF LICENCES - SKERRIES HARBOUR - AI108836

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an indicative timeline for procurement of all licenses required before proceeding to a permanent fix for Skerries Harbour?”

Reply:

In December 2024, in relation to the design and construction of a new outer pier at Skerries Harbour, applications were made to the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine for the following: -

- a) A Foreshore Licence to dig boreholes into the seabed so as to ascertain the nature and composition of the material on which the new pier will be founded. When this is ascertained, the Engineering Consultants can proceed with the detailed design of the foundations of the new pier. When the design is completed, a tender package can be prepared for issue to the market for construction.
- b) A Foreshore Lease to begin the actual construction of the new pier.

We do not know nor have we been given an indicative timeline for the issue of above as this is at the sole discretion of the Minister for Agriculture Food and the Marine and his Departmental Officials. We do however continue to send regular e-mails requesting this information.

**Source of Reply: Mr. P. Graham, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.
Mr. P. Magalhaes, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.**

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ITEM NO. 31

CLEARING OF VEGETATION - LOUGHSHINNY PARK ESTATE - AI108862

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for remediation of sections of the Loughshinny Park Estate, particularly at the bottom of the estate adjacent to the flats, where there is overgrowth of weeds as well as overgrowth of hedges obstructing the footpaths?”

Reply:

The Council is currently restricted on the timing of any proposed vegetation works due to the Irish Wildlife Act, as it is illegal to cut, burn, or destroy vegetation in hedges, ditches, or uncultivated land between March 1st and August 31st annually. Any necessary works will be scheduled to be addressed within the 2026/27 winter works programme.

However, the clearance of vegetation growing over the roadside paths will be addressed under a general maintenance schedule. This work will be carried out in the coming weeks.

Source of Reply: Ms. S. Brady, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 32

**REINSTATEMENT OF FOOTPATH ENTRANCE - THE GREY SQUARE -
PORTRANE - AI108838**

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to reinstating the footpath at the entrance to The Grey Square in Portrane as the path is in poor condition and is a health and safety issue for wheelchair and buggy users?”

Reply:

Any work on the footpath at this location will first require the hedging to be cut well back from the footpath. This was attempted by Council crews in recent years, and the residents of Grey Square objected to the cutting back of the hedges.

Source of Reply: Mr. B. Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 33

PROVISION OF CHICANE AND PEDESTRIAN PATH - QUAY ROAD - PORTRANE - AI108840

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of a one way chicane and pedestrian path (similar to the chicane on Beaverstown Road, Donabate) on Quay Road in Portrane from the end of Seaview Park to just past the corner of Quay Road, given the ongoing Health and Safety concerns with speed along this narrow road with pedestrians walking along this road with no footpath?”

Reply:

The Operations Department carried out a site visit at the location in question. A chicane system would not be feasible on Quay Road due to the following reasons.

- The line of sight is limited due to existing vertical and horizontal curvature of the existing road which limits forward visibility for drivers which would be required for a chicane/yield type system.
- One side of the proposed section is close to an existing bend at the corner of Quay Road.

- The distance between the two points referenced above on Quay Road is approximately 375 m and this distance limits the forward visibility for drivers in chicane/yield type system.
- No. Private Entrances on that section of Quay Road would cause conflict with a chicane/yield type system.
- Lack of Public Lighting along section of road again limits visibility.

Accordingly, the Operations Department is unable to carry out a scheme of this nature. Further consideration will be given to additional line marking and signage to warn drivers of the presence of pedestrians walking along this section of road.

Source of Reply: Mr. J. Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 34

ROAD MARKINGS - MAIN STREET - RUSH - AI108858

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to re-line the road markings along Rush Main Street from the Tesco Junction to the junction with Skerries Road including the yellow junction boxes and white lines which are in poor condition at a number of sections along this road?”

Reply:

Consideration will be given to this request in the context of order of priority and available funding resources in so far as is reasonably practicable as several locations throughout Rush main street have more recently already been relined.

Source of Reply: Mr. J. Dowler, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 35

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - RAHILLION WAY/WALK - DONABATE - AI108905

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of traffic calming measures at Rahillion Way/Walk in Donabate given ongoing safety concerns with children playing outside their homes with an increase in vehicles travelling along these roads to the childcare facility at the top of the road?”

Reply:

Rahillion estate was built in accordance with planning permission. There are existing traffic calming measures installed in the estate, such as;

- Traffic Calming Raised Junctions
- Narrowed Road Width in accordance with DMURS.

There is no scope to install additional traffic calming measures such as ramps due to road layout and presence of existing residential driveways.

The Operations Department will assess if additional line marking and signage can be installed. If deemed appropriate, it will be listed for consideration under a future Programme of Works.

Any issues of speeding, illegal parking and dangerous driving are enforcement issues and should be reported to An Garda Síochána.

Source of Reply: Mr. J. Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 36

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - R122 - NAUL - AI108906

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to including the necessary finance in next year's Works Programme for the provision of traffic calming measures on the R122 Naul on the approach to the first bend leaving Naul Village (from both sides) which is an accident black spot?”

Reply:

Road markings renewal works and signage improvement have been completed at the R122 gateway to Naul Village. The location will continue to be monitored and any works deemed necessary will be included as part of the Operations Departments' Traffic and Road Maintenance works.

Source of Reply: Ms. L. Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 37

AVAILABLE PLOTS - DONABATE CEMETERY - AI108908

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of plots available in Donabate cemetery and if there are any plans to extend the cemetery given the growing population of the area?”

Reply:

As of 4th June 2026, there are 263 available plots in Donabate with no plans currently to extend the cemetery at this time.

Source of Reply: Mr. A. Plant, Foreman of Works/Caretaker of Cemeteries, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 38

PUBLIC TOILETS - RUSH NORTH BEACH - AI108909

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of new public toilets at North Beach in Rush given the increasing population in the area?”

Reply:

There is no adequately sized land within the Council's ownership or control that could facilitate new public toilets at North Beach in Rush.

There are public toilets located in Rush Harbour Park that can be reached from the access stairs that lead from the beach to the Park.

Source of Reply: Mr. T. Hanway, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 39

RESIDENTS MEETING - BRIDE'S GLEN - AI108842

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to consider hosting a meeting with concerned residents of Bride’s Glen in relation to ongoing parking and traffic issues within the estate?”

Reply:

The Operations Department will carry out a series of inspections at Bride’s Glen to ascertain the reported issues in relation to traffic issues. If deemed suitable, the location will be listed for consideration under a future Programme of Works or under the general works programme.

The Operations Department will organise a site meeting following this assessment.

Source of Reply: Mr. J. Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 40

REMOVAL OF ESTUARY PUBLIC ART - AI108843

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the removal of the red deer statues at Estuary roundabout as part of the R132 connectivity project and if these will be relocated to another permanent location?”

Reply:

The removal of the deer statues has been agreed between Swords Tidy Towns group (STT) and the project team leading the current R132 upgrade works. The statues will be removed and brought for storage in a location selected by the Swords Tidy Towns group. The statues/sculptures will be further assessed for repairs and discussions will continue with group regarding their relocation in another suitable location.

Initial meetings between the Council, the appointed contractor and Swords Tidy Towns have taken place regarding the R132 works and follow up meetings are scheduled to mitigate any effects to existing planting schemes as the R132 Upgrade works progresses.

Source of Reply: Mr. S. Sutton, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 41

PLANNED PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT/REPAIR WORKS IN THIS LEA - AI108844

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the planned improvements/repair works for playgrounds for the coming year in this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

The Swords LEA has a total of 16 public playgrounds, 13 locations of Outdoor Fitness/Calisthenics Equipment, 1 Skate Park, 1 Parkour, 7 Multi Use Games Areas and 3 Agility Trails. All general repair works are usually generated via the routine inspections carried out on all Fingal playgrounds. All these assets receive a daily visual inspection and a weekly written inspection by dedicated Fingal trained staff. There is also a formal independent inspection carried out on a quarterly basis to ensure continued compliance with the certified standards. Any work recommendations are listed from any of the above inspections are carried out by the Councils dedicated playground repair contractor.

Outside of the routine general inspections other larger works can be generated if some individual equipment requires replacement and sometimes this will trigger a redesign of several pieces of equipment within the same playground. On occasion the Council also receives requests for specific equipment for children

with additional needs and these requests may also requires some modifications to the playground design. The Council is also in process of completing a full accessibility audit on all Fingal playgrounds and additional works may be generated on a phased basis following completion of this audit.

More immediately and specifically, the Executive Parks & Landscape Officer has carried out initial meetings with the Councils dedicated playground repair contractor regarding improvement works in Ridgewood playground in Swords. A section of the Trim trail in Ward River Valley Park is also currently cordoned off, requiring new bolts to allow repositioning of a cross-netting bridge. In Newbridge Demesne playground the toddler playhouse requires removal and a new unit acquired due to the unit approaching its end of lifetime/life according to regularity of repairs and inspections. The process for acquiring a new replacement unit is already underway and it is hoped that the new unit can be installed by Q 4 2026.

**Source of Reply: Ms. A. O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.
Mr. S. Sutton Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.**

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ITEM NO. 42

INSTALLATION OF BENCH - RIVERMEADE - AI108846

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of benches at various locations in the Rivermeade Estate?”

Reply:

There are a number of existing benches located on the main open space of Rivermeade Estate. If there are any new proposed locations where benches are sought the Operations Department can assess the suitability of the sites, and the locations can be included for consideration as part of a future programme of works subject to finance and resources available.

Source of Reply: Mr. S. Sutton, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 43

GAZEBO - SWORDS TOWN PARK - AI108847

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to upgrade, remove or repair the gazebo at the main entrance to the Swords Town Park due to its current state of disrepair?”

Reply:

An upgrade of the existing structure at this location was considered during 2025. Following discussions with the Tidy Towns group, a request was received to include it within the 2026 park improvement plans. The Tidy Towns group has requested paint to be provided to allow the group to repaint it. Budget allocation was subsequently made for Operations Department to co-ordinate the redesign, as part of upgrade works. The existing surface will also be assessed as part of the works and any necessary remedial works carried out.

This project is listed and will be actioned in due course as the Operations Department work through priority projects in the area. Recent communication has been made with the Swords Tidy Towns group on this project and its progression.

Source of Reply: Mr. S. Sutton, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 44

RESURFACING OF KILLEEK LANE - OLD BRAZIL WAY - AI108856

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to future road improvement works/resurfacing of Killeek Lane, old Brazil Way as part of a future Capital Programme?”

Reply:

Consideration will be given to the inclusion of this request when preparing future Programmes of Work in the context of competing priorities as well as the availability of funding and engineering staff resources.

Source of Reply: Mr. B. Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 45

ABBEYVALE ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS - SWORDS - AI108857

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the previously requested footpath/accessibility improvements from Abbeyvale Park to the Brackenstown Road in Swords?”

Reply:

Works required at this location have been listed for inclusion in the Area Engineer’s general maintenance programme in the context of competing priorities as well as the availability of funding and engineering staff resources.

Source of Reply: Mr. B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 46

PRESERVATION OF ST. CRONAN'S ABBEY - SWORDS - AI108915

Question: Councillor D. Kelly

"To ask the Chief Executive provide an update on what the plans are for future preservation for St. Cronan's Abbey in Swords?"

Reply:

Known locally as 'Glassmore Abbey', the structure (recorded monument DU011-019) is an enigmatic building of post-medieval date with medieval insertions. In response to a community call to consolidate this structure located in open space between Cianlea and Lioscain housing estates, a successful application was made to Community Monuments Fund 2026. A grant has been received to undertake a metric building and topographical survey of the structure and for a conservation consultant to undertake a condition survey, the results of which will inform an assessment for future works.

Source of Reply: Ms. C. Baker, Heritage Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure.

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ITEM NO. 47

TRAFFIC SURVEY - KILLEEK LANE JUNCTION - AI108917

Question: Councillor D. Kelly

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a traffic safety survey of Killeek Lane junction?”

Reply:

The junction of Killeek Lane/Killeek Road is a legacy rural T-Junction.

A road safety review of the existing road markings and signage will be carried out, and any work deemed necessary will be included as part of the Operations Department’s Traffic and Road Maintenance works.

Source of Reply: Mr. J. Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 48

REVIEW OF CASUAL TRADING BYE-LAWS 2021

A presentation will be given to the committee.

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Fingal County Council

Report on Public Consultation

Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A Operational Matters) 11th June 2026

Legislative Background



CASUAL TRADING

Fingal County Council, by the powers vested in them by the provisions of the Casual Trading Act, 1995 and all other enabling statutory powers, make bye-laws for the control, regulation, supervision and administration of casual trading in their administrative area.

Bye-Laws are made under the Casual Trading Act 1995, in summary stipulates the following:

- Selling goods at a place (incl public road) to which the public have access as of right, or at any other place that is a casual trading area.
- Licence should not exceed 12 months
- Bye-laws should cover the control, regulation, supervision and administration of casual trading in its functional area
- Making of Bye-laws is a reserved function.

Public Consultation



- An advertisement was placed in 1 National and 2 No. local newspapers and a copy of the Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws were published on the Fingal Consultation Portal from the end of December 2025 to early March 2026.
- Copies of the Draft Bye-Laws were also made available for inspection in Council offices, and the Consultation was advertised across the Council's social media platforms.



SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

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Public Consultation



A total of **12 submissions** were received during the consultation period.

- 7 submissions were received, proposing new locations to include in the Bye Laws.
- 1 submission related to the renewal process.
- 2 submissions related to support for a current business located on land in private ownership (outside of the scope of these bye-laws)
- 2 submissions related to general policy and comments relating to Casual Trading including number of staff working at Casual Trading units, waste management, days and times of trading.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT BYE-LAWS 2026

Proposed Amendments to Casual Trading Bye-Laws



- **Penalty** – further detail regarding the process relating to any infringements to the bye-laws
- **Prohibited Acts** – no trader shall interfere or obstruct with the Council or any other agent or provider of public utilities in the carrying out of works,
- **Damage of loss of property** – The Council will not be held responsible for any property belonging to the casual trader
- **Terms and conditions** – The casual trader shall not use a loud speaker or any other public address system

Proposed Amendments to Casual Trading Bye-Laws



- **Provision to trial new designated casual trading areas** – additional casual trading areas may be established on a trial basis by the members of the LEA, and if viable may be added permanently , subject to the relevant approvals.
- **Waste management** – more detail on the casual traders responsibilities regarding segregation of waste and compliance with the waste management act 1996 and litter pollution act 1997.
- **Additional casual trading areas** – identified for category B (2) Parks and Open Spaces and category D additional areas.
- **New Category E** – this category to include locations for mobile saunas.

Timelines

Timeline - Overview



Area Committee Meeting's Services A Operational Matters:

- 03/06/26 Howth/Malahide,
- 11/06/2026 Balbriggan/Swords,
- 25/06/26 Castleknock/Mulhuddart,

SPC's Public Realm and Transportation/ Mobility Management 29/09/26

Corporate Policy Group 05/10/26

Full Council Meeting 12/10/26



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MOTION NO. 49

REINSTATEMENT OF HEAVY GOODS VEHICLE RESTRICTION - CHURCH ROAD - SWORDS – AI108678

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

“That the Chief Executive arrange for the reinstatement of the Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) restriction on the section of Church Road between the junction with Brackenstown Road and the junction with Rathbeale Road and to install a height barrier to enforce this.”

Report:

There is an existing weight restriction limit (3 Tonne) on the section of Church Road between the junction of Brackenstown Road and Bridge Street.

It is not feasible to install a height restriction barrier. These are only installed to the entrances to car parks for example and are not installed on public roads.

However, the Operations Department will examine if enhanced line marking and signage can be installed along this section of road to enhance the visibility of the existing weight restriction. If deemed suitable this will be added to a future Programme of Works or general maintenance programme.

Source of Report: Mr. J. Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 50

ROAD SAFETY AUDIT R125 - ROLESTOWN - AI108055

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

“That the Chief Executive requests the relevant Department to carry out a road safety audit for the stretch of the R125 entering the village of Rolestown.”

Report:

The R125 (Swords to Ashbourne Road) is a regional road and primarily rural in nature. It is also a legacy type of road. The speed limit along the Rolestown section of the R125 is 50 km/h and would be the appropriate speed limit for a road of this classification and nature. 50 km/h speed limit signage was noted to be in place along the R125 and in addition repeater speed limit signage is in place also.

Existing line marking in the form of SLOW markings, yellow bar markings continuous white line marking is also in place. The existing anti-skid was noted to be faded in certain sections, and this will be listed for renewal either under the existing roads maintenance works or under a future Programme of Works.

The provision of a new footpath to a single dwelling would not be feasible due to existing topography of the road and height of the existing ditch on the R125.

Operations will organise an automated traffic count survey on the R125 for the 50 km/h to assess the traffic volumes and speed profile of the road.

Source of Report: Mr. J. Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 51

BMX TRACK DEVELOPMENT IN THE WARD REGIONAL PARK - SWORDS - AI108206

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

“That the Chief Executive request the relevant departments to adequately patrol the Ward Rivervalley Park to ensure the wooded area is not turned into a BMX track.”

Report:

The Parks and Open Space Byelaws determine the locations within any park that are considered suitable and permitted for cycling. If unauthorised locations are being used these specific locations can be brought to the attention of the Operations Department.

However, currently the larger wooded sections in the lower river locations are not within the area that is patrolled by the mobile rangers as this area is within the undeveloped sections on the park that is currently being developed by the project team leading on the Ward River Valley Park Development Project.

As the park develops in line with the Ward River Valley Park Development Plan, dedicated cycle routes will be planned as part of this design. The Open Space Byelaws will then assist with regularising of unauthorised activities throughout the

entire 200 acres of park. The Operations Department with also liaise with the project team for the Ward River Valley Park Development Plan regarding teen space activity provision planned for the park.

Source of Report: Ms. A. O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.Mr. S Sutton, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 52

REQUEST FOR SAFE CROSSING AT ARDGILLAN DEMESNE - AI108788

Motion: Councillor B. Ryan

“That the Chief Executive urgently arrange for a safe means of pedestrian crossing at the gates of Ardgillan Demesne for pedestrians coming from the Ardla/Milverton area and that a solution must be found.”

Report:

The Operations Department have commenced a process to improve access for both pedestrians and vehicles at the entrance to Ardgillan Demesne. The entrance piers require additional width to accommodate large tour buses, and this will involve the repositioning of the piers to allow for a better set back from the entrance road. Modifications to the existing pedestrian access will also be considered as part of this design. A consultant has been engaged to prepare a design proposal, and the first draft is expected by the end of Q3 2026.

In relation to the request for a pedestrian crossing assessment at this section of L-1270 Baltrasna Road, it was concluded that the installation of a designated pedestrian crossing would require a full junction redesign and the construction of new footpaths within the existing verge areas.

Such works are outside the scope of the Operations Department, as they would likely require delivery under a more comprehensive capital-funded scheme.

Source of Report: Ms. S. Brady Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

Ms. L. Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 53

**IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD MARKINGS - NORTHWOOD
ROUNDBABOUTS - AI108812**

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

“That the Chief Executive engage with the management company of Northwood with a view to improving road markings on the roundabout adjacent to Costa Coffee.”

Report:

The roads and infrastructure within Northwood are privately owned and their maintenance/upkeep is solely a matter for the Management Company. The Council has no role or authority in this matter.

Source of Report: Mr. B. Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 54

CORRESPONDENCE TO UISCE ÉIREANN - CORBALLIS ROAD - DONABATE - AI108899

Motion: Councillor E. Dockrell

“That the Chief Executive write to Uisce Éireann to request that they consider including Corballis Road in Donabate as part of their pipe upgrade project, now that the new road section is complete.”

Report:

If this motion is carried, the Operations Department will write to Uisce Éireann on behalf of the elected members of this committee to convey their request that they consider including Corballis Road in Donabate as part of their pipe upgrade project, now that the new road section is complete.

It should be noted that Uisce Éireann maintain priority channels for Local Elected Representatives and can be contacted by phone on 0818 178 178, email: localrepsupport@water.ie or by post: Uisce Éireann, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork.

Source of Report: Ms Á Donlon Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 55

RIVER CLEAN CLEAN-UP IN THIS LEA - AI108912

Motion: Councillor D. Kelly

“That the Chief Executive arrange a river clean-up for the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Local Electoral Area.”

Report:

The Operations Department will engage with the Council’s Biodiversity Team to discuss for the best approach for this proposal. The geography and quantity of land involved to carry out a full river clean-up for all the rivers in the full Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Local Electoral Area would be a significant undertaking in many ways including funding and resource provision.

Such a project would cover the following rivers: Delvin, Matt/Bracken, Corduff, Ballyboughal, Broadmeadow and Ward. These rivers all run through long stretches of privately owned lands, and the Council does not have permission to access these portions, so even access for inspection is challenging. While a proposal of this nature is a significant undertaking, the first step really is to determine the extent of a clean-up that would be required, and this would require a public reach out survey to ascertain the localised area issues and then an evaluation of the findings.

On a more localised level, the Operations Department can carry out localised clean ups based on evidence-based reporting and proposals, similar to the current arrangement in Swords, where a contractor is engaged to carry out a sweep along the Ward River valley within Council owned lands twice yearly.

**Source of Report: Ms. A. O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.
Mr. H. Visser, Senior Executive Biodiversity Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept.**

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MOTION NO. 56

IMPROVE WATER SAFETY - AI108919

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

“That the Chief Executive report on steps that can be taken to improve water safety along this Area Committee’s beaches and coastline ahead of the busy summertime.”

Report:

Fingal County Council recruits its lifeguard service annually through its People, Corporate & Digital Services Department, in collaboration with the Water Safety Development Officer. All lifeguards are required to meet strict criteria, including successful interview, completion of a practical beach assessment, holding a valid qualification and Garda vetting.

Fingal County Council endeavours to align the lifeguard service with the bathing season (as defined by the EU Bathing Water Directive) from 1st of June to 15th of September. In addition, the age profile of lifeguard applicants are 18/19/20 years old students and generally have availability only after the main state and university exams from early to mid June. The peak period for beach attendance is traditionally July and August. As such, lifeguard cover is provided on a **weekend basis in June and September**, with a **full-time service in place during the peak months of July and August**. For the 2026 season, full-time lifeguard coverage will operate from **29th of June to 30th of August**.

During its provision, the lifeguard service does not eliminate risk, but reduces it. Outside of its service hours or indeed outside the months of the service provision, the Council recognises that beaches are used, especially during good weather, and indeed people swim year round regardless of the weather. We strongly encourage the public to exercise caution near water and follow all water safety advice issued by Water Safety Ireland, the Emergency Services and Fingal County Council.

The Council's lifeguard service is regularly reviewed, informed by data and advice from Irish Water Safety Ireland.

Source of Report: Ms. Á Donlon Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 57

PARKING METER REPROGRAMMING - RED ISLAND - SKERRIES - AI108828

Motion: Councillor B. Ryan

“That the Chief Executive arrange for the reprogramming of the parking meters at Red Island in Skerries, to ensure that motorists who wish to park for less than two hours may avail of the two hours free parking referred to in the Parking Bye Laws.”

Report:

Since the introduction of Paid Parking at Red Island Car Park (North), Skerries, the two parking meters installed at the location have provided motorists with the option of selecting and obtaining the two-hour free parking ticket, in accordance with the Parking Bye-Laws.

The Parking team within the Operations Department has not received any complaints or reports that either of the two parking meters have been malfunctioning or failing to issue the parking tickets correctly.

An example of the ticket issued when the two-hour free parking option is chosen is provided below for reference.



Following further investigation, the Operations Department can confirm that ninety-one 2-hour free parking tickets were issued at parking machine No. 42 (Red Island, Skerries) on Saturday 30th May, and forty-six two-hour free parking tickets were issued from parking machine No. 43 on the same day.

Reprogramming of the meters is not currently required, as the machines are operating as intended, and already facilitate the provision of the two-hour free parking period. The Operations Department will continue to monitor the situation, and any issues reported by users will be investigated as appropriate.

Source of Report: Ms. N. Russell, Administrative Officer Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 58

LIFEGUARD ALLOCATION - BEACHES WITHIN THIS LEA - AI108850

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

“That the Chief Executive, in light of the tragic loss of life at Burrow Beach, request an immediate safety audit of the beaches and bathing facilities in this Local Electoral Area with the aim of increasing the lifeguard provision beyond its current timeframe to include full provision during May and June in light of shift in seasonal patterns.”

Report:

Fingal County Council’s lifeguard services aligns with Water Safety Ireland Guidance Notes, which came into effect from the 1st of June 2022 (approved by the CCMA). Included in these is the guidelines for risk assessment for designated bathing areas, traditional bathing areas and other aquatic locations.

Water Safety Ireland arranges for the relevant risk assessments to be carried out by an ILSE (International Life Saving Europe) accredited risk assessor. These assessments are conducted every 5 years on our bathing sites and more frequently on Blue Flag beaches in line with blue flag criteria. In addition, such a risk assessment is also carried out shortly after a drowning. Once the report is received, Fingal County Council reviews it and implements recommendations as appropriate.

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Source of Report: Ms. Á Donlon Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 59

REQUEST FOR ON-SITE MEETING - ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS - BALLYBOUGHAL - AI108874

Motion: Councillor C. Johnston

“That the Chief Executive arrange an on-site meeting with residents from Ballyboughal and public representatives regarding ongoing road safety concerns in the village in particular at Ballyboughal National School and GAA grounds.”

Report:

The Operations Department is available to meet on-site to discuss the road safety concerns raised at Ballyboughal National School vicinity. Arrangements for a suitable meeting date and time can be made directly with Traffic Section Operations Department, the Active Travel unit and the Road Safety Officer.

This item has already been highlighted and is currently under consideration through the Permeability and Connectivity Tracker which is managed through the Active Travel Unit. Discussions have taken place with the local GAA Club in relation to the provision of a park and stride facility at the GAA grounds to facilitate the safe access and egress to and from the school. These proposals are being scoped and developed and will be taken back to this committee in due course.

**Source of Report: Ms. L Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.
Mr. B. Doris, A/Senior Engineer, Operations Department.**

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MOTION NO. 60

COASTLINE EROSION - RUSH - AI108900

Motion: Councillor E. Dockrell

“That the Chief Executive arranges for engagement with Government, including the Office of Public Works, in setting out a plan for Rush to address erosion on the Rush coastline.”

Report:

The Report of the Inter-Departmental Group on the National Coastal Change Management Strategy was prepared jointly by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Office of Public Works (OPW) and was published in October 2023.

The report recommended that the OPW be designated as the lead body for co-ordinating the monitoring of physical coastal change, to include the gathering, collation, mapping and analysis of geo-spatial and other relevant datasets and takes the lead role for coastal erosion monitoring and funding for associated protection works.

The OPW has a national Coastal Change Monitoring Programme which is focusing on the Coastal Erosion hazard areas. This was preceded by a Pilot Coastal Monitoring Survey Programme which identified monitoring areas for annual

surveys. The OPW is also working on the development of Policies and Standard for National Coastal Monitoring.

The OPW has established and is maintaining a national Past Coastal Erosion Database (PCED) of relevant regional and local coastal infrastructure for the coast of Ireland, which will capture all coastal defences, both natural and human-made, at a scale suitable for use in the assessment of hazard and risk associated with coastal change, including their location, purpose, physical dimensions and condition. All Local Authorities have recently been granted access to this database to report coastal erosion.

The PCED allows coastal Local Authorities and members of the public and any other interested parties to report coastal erosion quickly and easily to the OPW, building a centralised body of local knowledge to support the management of coastal change.

The link to the PCED database is:

<https://www.floodinfo.ie/past-coastal-erosion/>

All reports received by the OPW will help identify locations at potentially significant risk, inform and verify any predictions of future coastal change, and assist in targeting coastal survey and monitoring programmes. The database has been set up in a way that ensures the OPW and Local Authorities have easy access to all coastal erosion being reported in their locality, and the OPW can produce a summary of reports of coastal erosion received (e.g. on an annual basis).

Fingal County Council are in contact with OPW in this regard and would encourage members of the public to use the PCED database also if they have specific areas of concern.

The outcome of the OPW's monitoring programme will inform any response to the coastal change at this location and Fingal County Council will be guided by the OPW in this regard.

Source of Report: Ms. Á Donlon Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 61

DRAIN CLEANING - SWORDS - AI108913

Motion: Councillor D. Kelly

“That the Chief Executive arrange drain cleaning in Swords town and within the 1km radius of the town to prevent flooding with blockages etc.”

Report:

The gullies and the connection pipes along main roads and town streets are cleaned twice per year and so-called black spots such as the Bridge Street area are given additional attention.

Main lines are dealt with on an on-going basis as and when issues arise or if known to be problematic.

If there are particular areas or locations that have been missed or may require additional attention that the Council is not aware of, please forward the details for further investigation.

Source of Report: Mr. B. Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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