

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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County Hall
Swords
Co Dublin

Wednesday, 26th August 2026

To Each Member of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)** will be held Hybrid in **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords/MS Teams** on conclusion of the Services B meeting on **Wednesday, 2nd September, 2026** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Aoife Sheridan
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services

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A G E N D A

- 1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services A Operational Matters) Meeting held on Wednesday the 3rd June 2026**

QUESTIONS

- 2 Councillor J. Hopkins - Speed Survey and Speed Reduction Measures Seabury, Malahide - AI108704**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to conduct a speed survey and implement speed reduction measures in Seabury, at Seabury Park where vehicles turn left off Seabury Road, a number of families with young children living within 100 metres of that junction are concerned that, although there are ramps on Seabury Road, cars tend to accelerate as they turn into Seabury Park, which combined with limited visibility at the corner due to parking, creates a genuine concern that an accident may occur?"

- 3 Councillor J. Hopkins - List of Planned Road and Path Maintenance in the LEA**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a full list of planned/scheduled maintenance in this Local Electoral Area including, but not limited to, road/path and bike lane sweeping/litter picking and map of routes?"

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"To ask the Chief Executive carry out a review of the outstanding Programme of Works agreed for 2026 in this Local Electoral Area?"

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"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install signs or bollards on green spaces at beaches to avoid illegal parking in Paddy's Hill, Malahide?"

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11 Councillor C. Haughey - Junction of Streamstown Lane and Malahide Road - AI109479

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are any plans to improve the junction of Streamstown Lane and the Malahide Road as visibility is poor when entering the Malahide Road, and there is no footpath on the northern part of Streamstown Lane?"

12 Councillor C. Haughey - Pitch for New Football Team, GCS FC - AI109480

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if any pitch in this Electoral Area could be allocated to the new football team Gabhal Crúca Slaise Football Club, on Saturdays as opposed to Sundays, for two hours

every second Saturday, even if it is a different pitch every two weeks?"

13 Councillor C. Haughey - Dog Signage at Sutton Strand Beach - AI109483

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if signage about dogs on leashes and cleaning up after dog fouling could be installed at the beach at Sutton Strand, previously raised FCC-2026-039874-D9Q5F?"

14 Councillor C. Haughey - Continuous White Line for St Fintan's Road, Sutton - AI109484

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install a continuous white line on a section of St Fintan's Road, Sutton (from Sutton Park School to South Hill) to improve sight lines and safety?"

15 Councillor B. McDonagh - Residential Gate to Lane - Portmarnock - AI109570

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to meet residents of (details supplied) to discuss the reinstatement of a gate to a lane used only for residents access?"

16 Councillor D. Healy - Drainage Area Plans in this LEA - AI109576

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise whether Uisce Éireann has kept the Council informed as regards the progress of Drainage Area Plans in the Howth/Malahide Area and, if so, to pass on the updates to the members of this Area Committee?"

17 Councillor D. Healy - Report on Harbour Road Parking Public Consultation - AI109580

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when it is planned to report to this Area Committee on the recent public consultation about parking charges on Harbour Road, Howth?"

18 Councillor D. Healy - Howth Harbour Road Parking - AI109581

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what discussions have taken place with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Marine subsequent to their response to the recent public consultation on parking charges on Harbour Road, Howth?"

19 Councillor D. Healy - Bus Shelters in this LEA - AI109584

"To ask the Chief Executive to set out the Operations Department's current proposals for provision of bus shelters in the Howth/Malahide Area, to facilitate feedback from the members of this Area Committee?"

20 Councillor D. Healy - Two Hours Free Parking in this LEA - AI109586

"To ask the Chief Executive to address the complaints from many car park users that the signage informing them that there are two hours free parking does not give sufficient prominence to the information that a parking ticket is nonetheless required to avail of the two hours free parking, and to report on how such complaints have been addressed to date when people have been subject to a fine in this Local Electoral Area?"

21 Councillor D. Healy - Installation of Tap for Howth Community Garden - AI109587

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on when the tap for Howth Community Garden will be installed and the reasons for the delay?"

22 Councillor D. Healy - Progress Report on Bollard Replacement - St Lawrence Road, Howth - AI109589

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on progress in replacing the bollard at St Rita's, St Lawrence Road, Howth?"

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S
BUSINESS**

23 Councillor A. Tormey - Improvements to Pedestrian Safety in Seapark, Malahide - AI109572

"That the Chief Executive improve pedestrian safety for older people in Seapark, Malahide by installing a handrail at steps beside number (details supplied) Seapark, repairing the two "trips" on footpath opposite (details supplied) and The Moorings and repairing the trip hazard beside (details supplied) Seapark."

MOTIONS

24 Councillor E. O'Brien - Footpath on the Swords Road from Malahide Allotments to Seabury - AI109090

"That the Chief Executive arrange to improve the footpath on the

Swords Road from Malahide Allotments to Seabury as it is unsafe for pedestrians in certain areas."

25 Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Tuckett's Lane Site- AI109468

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on what the plans are for the vacant site at Tuckett's Lane, Howth, now that the area will no longer be developed for housing."

26 Councillor J. Hopkins - Speed Survey and Speed Reduction Measures, Red Arches Road and Longfield Road, Baldoyle

"That the Chief Executive carry out a safety review and put forward proposals to reduce speed on Red Arches Road and Longfield Road Baldoyle."

27 Councillor B. McDonagh - Public Lighting Stockhole and Baskin Lanes - AI109568

"That the Chief Executive implement a public lighting scheme for Stockhole Lane and the roads to Baskin."

28 Councillor A. Tormey - Removal of Rubble at Westpoint Beach, Sutton - AI109573

"That the Chief Executive address, with immediate concern, the issue of removing rubble at Westpoint Beach, Sutton."

29 Councillor D. Healy - Beach and Dune Management in this LEA - AI109585

"That the Chief Executive bring forward proposals for alterations to the beach and dune management practices on Burrow, Claremont and Portmarnock in order to protect dune vegetation and to encourage its growth and recovery in line with the recommendations of "Leave No Trace"."

30 Councillor C. Haughey - Road Repairs - Malahide - AI109474

"That the Chief Executive provide an outline of when the stretch of road surface on the Malahide Road, between Myra Manor and Streamstown Lane will be repaired, a contractor did works on this

stretch of road a number of months ago and left the road in a terrible condition."

31 Councillor J. Hopkins - Outstanding Maintenance Issues - Baldoyle

"That the Chief Executive facilitate a walk around Baldoyle with Operations Department staff to discuss issues and plans relating to outstanding maintenance."

32 Councillor B. McDonagh - Path and Drive Remedial Works Carrickhill Road, Portmarnock - AI109569

"That the Chief Executive inspect and, where necessary, repair the remaining paths and access to residents' driveways through public land on (details supplied) Carrickhill Road, Portmarnock."

33 Councillor A. Tormey - Update on Bayside Junction Access Point - AI109574

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on Bayside junction ramp access plans and planned next steps."

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**Comhairle Contae Fingall
Fingal County Council**

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

Wednesday, 3rd June, 2026

PRESENT

Councillors

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Aoibhinn Tormey and Eoghan O'Brien.

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Cathal Haughey, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Karen Gallagher (Senior Engineer), Niamh Russell (Administrative Officer), James Culhane (Senior Executive Engineer), Barbara Ryan (Senior Staff Officer), Patrick Wallace (Executive Engineer), Deridre Sinclair (Administrative Officer), Vanessa Carey (Senior Executive Officer), Therese Casey (Executive Parks and Landscape Officer).

HMA/118/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) Meeting held on Wednesday 6th May 2026

Minutes of Meeting of Howth Malahide Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held on 6th May 2026 which had been circulated, were **CONSIDERED**.

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

"That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Committee Meeting (A) 6th May 2026 be **ADOPTED.**"

ANNOUNCEMENT

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, extended her gratitude to Niamh Russell and Ben O'Reagan for their contributions, noting this is their final Howth/Malahide Area Committee Meeting before transitioning to new roles.

HMA/119/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

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

"That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2-19 inclusive be **ADOPTED.**"

HMA/120/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor A. Tormey - Traffic Calming Measures - Feltrim Road - AI108540

HMA/121/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Haughey - Traffic Calming for Kinsealy Lane - AI108662

HMA/122/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Haughey - Benches for Strand Road, Baldoyle - AI108663

HMA/123/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor C. Haughey - Tree Survey for Seapark - AI108664

HMA/124/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor C. Haughey - Repair Footpath in Chalfont - AI108666

HMA/125/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor C. Haughey - Heritage Sign Board at Portmarnock Beach - AI108674

HMA/126/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Haughey - Installation of Bin for Carrickhill Road Lower - AI108707

HMA/127/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Water Fountains Baldoyle Village and Racecourse Park - AI108693

HMA/128/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Installation of Pole for Cycle Lane - Station Road, Portmarnock - AI108696

HMA/129/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Footpath Repairs - Inbhir Ide, Malahide - AI108697

HMA/130/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Hedge Maintenance - The Mall, Baldoyle - AI108699

HMA/131/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Maintenance of the Entrance to Baldoyle via Donaghmede - AI108700

HMA/132/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Inspection of Baldoyle Bridge Litter Issue - AI108701

HMA/133/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Maintenance of Grange Road Baldoyle - AI108702

HMA/134/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor D. Healy - Progress Report on Coastal Cycleway Stepped Access - AI108728

HMA/135/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor D. Healy - Update on Kilbarrack Road Coastal Cycleway Junction - AI108729

HMA/136/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor D. Healy - Report on Car, Bus and Coach Parking Howth - AI108735

HMA/137/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor D. Healy - Howth Parking Control Proposals 2005 - AI108737

OPERATIONAL NEW WORKS, ETC.

HMA/138/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Review of Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021

A presentation was given by Deridre Sinclair, Administrative Officer.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Deirdre Sinclair would contact the ESB to see if they can facilitate electrical connection for the casual traders.

The report was **NOTED**.

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

HMA/139/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor C. Haughey - Litter Bags Collection in this LEA - AI108676

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

The report was taken as read.

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

MOTIONS

HMA/140/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor C. Haughey - Traffic Calming/Pedestrian Safety on Estuary Road - AI108683

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

The report was read into the record by James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer.

Following discussion, James Culhane confirmed the Operations Department will conduct an ATC survey.

The report was **NOTED**.

HMA/141/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor D. Healy - Report on Damaged Cycle Lane Separation Bollards - AI108686

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

The report was read into the record by Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer.

Following discussion, it was agreed the Operations Department will review bollard frameworks with other local authorities.

The report was **NOTED**.

HMA/142/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Pedestrian Safety at Longfield Road and Myrtle Drive - AI108688

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

The report was read into the record by James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer.

Following discussion, Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, agreed to remove a large section of the laurel hedges within the next few weeks to improve visibility to improve sightlines. The Operations Department will also prune the lower branches of the hornbeam trees following bird nesting season.

This report was **NOTED**.

HMA/143/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor D. Healy - 30km/h Speed Limits in this LEA - AI108687

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

The report was read into the record by James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer.

Following discussion, it was agreed a date would be circulated for an informal presentation with Councillors.

This motion was **AGREED**.

HMA/144/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Burrow Beach Lifeguard and Summer Plan - AI108689

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

On behalf of Fingal County Council, Karen expressed deepest condolences to the family of Abbie Carmody-Pepper on their recent loss.

The Report was read into the record by Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer.

Following discussion, Karen confirmed that all the feedback from the meeting will be reported back to the Water Safety Authority.

The report was **NOTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 16.45hrs.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 02

SPEED SURVEY AND SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES SEABURY, MALAHIDE - AI108704

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to conduct a speed survey and implement speed reduction measures in Seabury, at Seabury Park where vehicles turn left off Seabury Road, a number of families with young children living within 100 metres of that junction are concerned that, although there are ramps on Seabury Road, cars tend to accelerate as they turn into Seabury Park, which combined with limited visibility at the corner due to parking, creates a genuine concern that an accident may occur?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will conduct an inspection and survey at the location highlighted in Seabury Park. The information from the inspection and survey will indicate if traffic calming measures can be implemented at this location.

It should be noted that Seabury estate has a 30 km/h speed limit and traffic calming measures in the form of ramps are present on the Seabury Road as you approach Seabury Park.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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

WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 03

LIST OF PLANNED ROAD AND PATH MAINTENANCE IN THE LEA

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a full list of planned/scheduled maintenance in the Local Electoral Area including, but not limited to, road/path and bike lane sweeping/litter picking and map of routes?”

Reply:

Throughout the County, the Council road sweepers clean the public roads and bike lanes. Daily sweeping is carried out in the major towns while schedules can range between 3 to 6 weeks across the other routes on the different locations across the County. Additional resources are applied during the leaf falling season.

The Operations Department maintain a road sweeping schedule throughout the Local Electoral Area inclusive of roads with parked vehicles.

Operational planned works are very often impacted by emergencies, breakdowns, weather, priority works etc. in the area at any given time, and this dictates what operational works will be done on any given day. During these times resources often have to be redeployed to areas requiring urgent attention and as a result the Operations can not supply this schedule.

The sweeping schedule is also supplemented by crews who would be deployed to locations where issues arise.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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**HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
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WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 04

REVIEW OF PROGRAMME OF WORKS 2026 IN THIS LEA

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive carry out a review of the outstanding Programme of Works agreed for 2026 in this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

Progress on the 2026 Programme of Works (POW) is reported in the monthly Chief Executive Report for the Howth/Malahide Operational Area. Works are progressing on remaining items in the POW, and all works are projected to be finished by the end of the year.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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**HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
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ITEM NO. 05

**INSTALLATION OF ILLEGAL PARKING SIGNS - PADDY'S HILL,
MALAHIDE**

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing signs or bollards on green spaces at beaches to avoid illegal parking in Paddy's Hill, Malahide?"

Reply:

The Operations Department has not received any complaints or seen any evidence of illegal parking on open spaces. Please can the exact locations be clarified and we can further review the matter.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 06

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – PORTMARNOCK

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the planning for wastewater treatment at Portmarnock is planned and what plans are in place regarding wheelchair access toilets until this time?”

Reply:

The Operations Department had made inquiries on the Velvet Strand Upgrade Project and heard back from Uisce Éireann in mid-August 2026.

The Judicial Review of the Portmarnock Bridge Wastewater Pumping Station has been concluded, and the Project will be progressing to construction. This will allow the upgrade of the upstream Velvet Strand Wastewater Pumping Station with associated Public Toilets.

At present Uisce Éireann are progressing on the options report for the Velvet Strand upgrade.

The Uisce Éireann Project Manager advised that Fingal County Council will be included in the review and restart of the Project. This will occur in October-November 2026 once re-appointment of the Project Designers occurs.

The Operations Department are continuing with the provision of a wheelchair accessible portable toilet at street level. The unit has been replaced with a more robust unit and the cleaning schedule increased. It is also checked regularly by Fingal Staff & stocked daily with hand sanitiser and toilet paper.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department
Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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

WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 07

REMOVAL OF DEBRIS ON SUTTON STRAND

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to remove the debris left by contractors on Sutton Strand and arrange for the beach to be reinstated as previously promised?”

Reply:

The current Operations Department team is unaware of the origin of the rubble, and it has not occurred during recent times. Internal discussions were carried out in relation to upgrading and replacement of the existing rock armour, covering builders' rubble and securing of defences at Sutton Creek coastline area. Any substantial works would require, at minimum, screening for appropriate assessment (AA) and potential EIA screening.

This is required as the coastline is located adjacent to Dublin Bay a designated UNESCO biosphere. In addition, due to the nature of the works requested, a Maritime Area Consent from the newly established Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) will also be required. This has superseded the foreshore licencing system.

The Surface Water unit in Operations maintain the existing outfalls located along the beach/coast area. This includes minor maintenance of the rock armour located on top of outfall pipes, subject to screening for appropriate assessment undertaken in advance. However, the rock armour/rubble outside of the vicinity of the outfalls would not be in their remit.

The Howth/Malahide Beach section do not maintain rock armour/rubble on this beach. Their remit would be for litter picking or removal of rubbish/debris washed up from the sea due to tides.

Any major replacement works or upgrade of coastal defence would be a large-scale project as it is not possible to just remove the existing rock armour/rubble.

Following the issue being raised above the Operations Department despatched a JCB to clear rocks and inert material around the concrete step access to the shingle beach at Westpoint. The access is now clear for swimmers wishing to enter the sea at this location.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 08

REPLACE MEMORIAL TREE IN MALAHIDE CASTLE- AI109475

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to replace the memorial tree, number 10, in Malahide Castle, as the tree looks in worse condition than the other memorial trees?"

Reply:

The tree at this location will be replaced as part of the 2026/27 tree planting programme.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 09

**FOOTBALL PITCH IMPROVEMENT NEAR GRACE O'MALLEY DRIVE -
AI109476**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are any works planned to improve the surface/condition of the football pitch located near Grace O'Malley Drive?"

Reply:

The Operations Department have started a maintenance programme on the pitch in Grace O' Malley. This includes aeration, fertilization, spreading of a wetting agent and drainage works. These processes will also improve the condition of the pitch.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 10

PEST CONTROL FOR TALBOT AVENUE - AI109478

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if a pest control contractor can be sent out again to the Council owned land behind the houses (details supplied) Talbot Avenue, and to undertake any necessary works on the bushes at this location?"

Reply:

The Operations Department had received several complaints for residents in relation to rats at this location.

We arranged for The Pest Control Contractor investigate and bait the area. The pest control contractor has placed numerous bait boxes and attended the site on three separate occasions; however, no rodent activity was identified during these visits.

Following Pest Control attendance cutting back of vegetation is usually recommended. The Operations Department are willing to carry out vegetation removal at the location. However, from previous experience, residents have considered this type of vegetation to provide a degree of protection and privacy to their properties. Similar works have previously resulted in a number of objections from residents. Therefore, before any removal of the vegetation is considered, it would be necessary to establish whether there is a general agreement among the affected residents.

Should all the residents wish to pursue vegetation cutback they should contact the Council through the Councillor or by emailing HowMalOpArea@fingal.ie

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 11

**JUNCTION OF STREAMSTOWN LANE AND MALAHIDE ROAD -
AI109479**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are any plans to improve the junction of Streamstown Lane and the Malahide Road as visibility is poor when entering the Malahide Road, and there is no footpath on the northern part of Streamstown Lane?"

Reply:

The junction of Streamstown Lane/Malahide Road is a legacy junction. The Operations Department will examine this location to determine what measures can be implemented to improve visibility of the junction. Note that the corner of each junction is private land.

In relation to the pedestrian footpath, the Operations Department are progressing the acquisition of the land through the Property Section. Once this is finalised, the Operations Department will progress with installing the section of footpath on Streamstown Lane to connect to the existing footpath.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 12

PITCH FOR NEW FOOTBALL TEAM, GCS FC - AI109480

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if any pitch in this Electoral Area could be allocated to the new football team Gabhal Crúca Slaise Football Club, on Saturdays as opposed to Sundays, for two hours every second Saturday, even if it is a different pitch every two weeks?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council has engaged with Gabhal Crúca Slaise Football Club and they have been allocated a slot at New Road, Donabate, on a Saturday afternoon.

The club have accepted the allocation.

Source of Reply:

Deirdre Sinclair, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 13

DOG SIGNAGE AT SUTTON STRAND BEACH - AI109483

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if signage about dogs on leashes and cleaning up after dog fouling could be installed at the beach at Sutton Strand, previously raised FCC-2026-039874-D9Q5F?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will order the requisite signage for the location. Once the order has been received, we will arrange for them to be erected.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 14

**CONTINUOUS WHITE LINE FOR ST FINTAN'S ROAD SUTTON -
AI109484**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing a continuous white line on a section of St Fintan's Road, Sutton (from Sutton Park School to South Hill) to improve sight lines and safety?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will carry out an assessment of this location, once resources allow, to determine if a continuous white line can be installed at this location.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 15

RESIDENTIAL GATE TO LANE - PORTMARNOCK - AI109570

Question: Councillor B. McDonagh

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to meet residents of a location (Details supplied) to discuss the reinstatement of a gate to a lane used only for residents access?”

Reply:

The Operation Department does not maintain this laneway. However, we will forward this request to the Property Section for their attention.

Source of Reply:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 16

DRAINAGE AREA PLANS IN THIS LEA - AI109576

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise whether Uisce Éireann has kept the Council informed as regards the progress of Drainage Area Plans in the Howth/Malahide Area and, if so, to pass on the updates to the members of the Area Committee?"

Reply:

I am advised that Drainage Area Plans are in effect feasibility studies which give rise to feasible drainage upgrade projects. Fingal County Council does not get regular updates as regards progress of studies or projects.

Uisce Éireann (UÉ) engages with Local authorities in the Greater Dublin region through the Greater Dublin Region Strategic Planning Committee forum on a quarterly basis. It also liaises with the Fingal Strategic Project office and Active Travel Project office on specific projects of common interest and with the Planning department as necessary.

Additionally, local elected representatives were invited to an Engagement meeting with UÉ in the form of an UÉ Water Services Workshop on 27th May 2026.

UÉ is a standalone utility and statutory consultee and are not accountable to Local Authorities for their plans. As such they should be contacted directly for details of feasibility studies as they are the document holders. UÉ hosts a dedicated **Elected Representatives Support Desk** for local councillors, TDs, and Oireachtas members to raise constituent and regional water issues with them.

Source of Reply:

James Walls, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations department

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ITEM NO. 17

**REPORT ON HARBOUR ROAD PARKING PUBLIC CONSULTATION -
AI109580**

Question: Councillor D. Healy

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise when it is planned to report to this Area Committee on the recent public consultation about parking charges on Harbour Road, Howth?”

Reply:

Following the public consultation on the Harbour Road, Howth Pay and Display scheme, 50 submissions were received. The Howth/Malahide team is currently reviewing the submissions and intends to present the findings to the Committee in November 2026.

Source of Reply:

Clare Brannelly, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 18

HOWTH HARBOUR ROAD PARKING - AI109581

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what discussions have taken place with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Marine subsequent to their response to the recent public consultation on parking charges on Harbour Road, Howth?"

Reply:

The submission received from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Marine (DAFM) did not relate specifically to the introduction of pay-and-display parking on Harbour Road, Howth. Their submission queried the boundary of the car park under their control ensuring it was not included in the Council's plans. They also queried the location of one of the proposed pay and-display parking meter, however this is situated outside the boundaries of DAFM property.

Their submission will be responded to in the same manner as all others who took the time to make a submission.

Ongoing consultation has previously taken place with both DAFM and the Harbour Master prior to this in relation to their plans for the implementation or not of pay and display parking in their areas. This would require a change to the DAFM's Bye-Laws.

Source of Reply:

Clare Brannelly, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 19

BUS SHELTERS IN THIS LEA - AI109584

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to set out the Operations Department's current proposals for provision of bus shelters in the Howth/Malahide Area, to facilitate feedback from the members of this Area Committee?"

Reply:

The Operations Department is upgrading two bus stops within this LEA under the Bus Stop Enhancement Scheme for 2026. These are located at:

- Sheilmartin Road, Howth
- Old Yellow Walls Road, Malahide

No bus shelter installations are proposed for 2026. If the Elected Members would like for specific existing stops in the LEA to be upgraded for the installation of bus shelters, please provide a list of locations for assessment.

Note this assessment would include, but is not limited to, available widths, presence of underground services, visibility/sightline requirements, environmental requirements, planning consent, land take requirements and any other restraints for each proposed site.

The above factors would feed into the viability of upgrading bus stops or installing bus shelters. Should a location prove more substantial or complex then this would reduce the overall viability of a location.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 20

TWO HOURS FREE PARKING IN THIS LEA - AI109586

Question: Councillor D. Healy

“To ask the Chief Executive to address the complaints from many car park users that the signage informing them that there are two hours free parking does not give sufficient prominence to the information that a parking ticket is nonetheless required to avail of the two hours free parking, and to report on how such complaints have been addressed to date when people have been subject to a fine in this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

Under the recently adopted Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2026 paid parking was introduced in a number of existing Coastal Car Parks.

Within the Howth Malahide Local Electoral Area, the following 3 Car Parks became pay and Display parking:

- Howth Summit Car Park, Howth
- Coast Road Car Park, Malahide
- Portmarnock Beach Car Park (North), Stand Road

Below is a photograph of the signage installed in these car parks. It is very clear that a ticket must be displayed to facilitate of the 2 free hours parking



Car park	From to dates	No. of 1st Appeals	No. of 2nd Appeals	No. of Signs
Howth Summit Car Park, Howth	8th June to 21st August 2026	16	0	5
Coast Road Car Park, Malahide	6th July to 21st August 2026	28	2	4
Portmarnock Beach Car Park(North), Stand Road	13th July to 21st August 2026	11	1	6

The Operations Department will arrange for the two-hour free ticket requirement message to be reiterated on social media platforms. We will also arrange for additional signage to be installed in the above 3 car parks.

Source of Reply:

Barbara Ryan, Senior Staff Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 21

**INSTALLATION OF TAP FOR HOWTH COMMUNITY GARDEN -
AI109587**

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on when the tap for Howth Community Garden will be installed and the reasons for the delay?"

Reply:

Operations are waiting for Uisce Éireann to make a connection for the tap. We have been advised that this will be completed in the next few weeks. Once the connection is made, a contractor will be on site to install the pipe and tap.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 22

**Progress Report on Bollard Replacement – St. Lawrence Road,
Howth - AI109589**

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on progress in replacing the bollard at St. Rita's, St. Lawrence Road, Howth?"

Reply:

The Operations Department have scheduled for the bollard to be replaced in the coming weeks.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 23

IMPROVEMENTS TO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN SEAPARK, MALAHIDE - AI109572

Motion: Councillor A. Tormey

“That the Chief Executive improve pedestrian safety for older people in Seapark, Malahide by installing a handrail at steps beside number (details supplied) Seapark, repairing the two "trips" on footpath opposite (details supplied) and The Moorings and repairing the trip hazard beside (details supplied) Seapark.”

Report:

The Operations Department have investigated the locations supplied and will arrange for these works to be carried out on Q4/2026

Source of Report:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 24

FOOTPATH ON THE SWORDS ROAD FROM MALAHIDE ALLOTMENTS TO SEABURY - AI109090

Motion: Councillor E. O'Brien

"That the Chief Executive arrange to improve the footpath on the Swords Road from Malahide Allotments to Seabury as it is unsafe for pedestrians in certain areas."

Report:

The Operations Department will make arrangements to reach out to the property owners along the narrow portions of the route. This is in order to commence the process of acquiring the necessary land to facilitate widening the footpath. No timeline can be put on the works being carried out as it is wholly dependent on a successful land acquisition.

Source of Report:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 25

UPDATE ON TUCKETT'S LANE SITE- AI109468

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on what the plans are for the vacant site at Tuckett's Lane, Howth, now that the area will no longer be developed for housing."

Report:

The Operations Department are commencing the process to develop a neighbourhood "Quite Space" on this site. Consultation will take place with the residents and Howth Tidy Towns in the coming weeks.

In parallel with this, the Property Section is addressing the property boundary issues at the location separately.

Source of Report:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 27

PUBLIC LIGHTING STOCKHOLE AND BASKIN LANES - AI109568

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

"That the Chief Executive implement a public lighting scheme for Stockhole Lane and the roads to Baskin."

Report:

In order to consider installing public lighting on roads that are in charge, certain criteria must be met. Public lighting can only be installed either :

- On Fingal County Council's own public lighting columns mounted in public footpaths and which have suitably available ESB Networks Low Voltage (LV) supplies, or
- On ESB Networks overhead LV network poles that are located on footpaths, or along the road edge if there are no footpaths.

With regards to Stockhole Lane and Baskin Lane, the Operations Department have already installed lighting on all available ESB Networks overhead LV poles along these two roads, and have also installed our own public lighting columns along areas where there are footpaths with available ESB LV supplies.

It is not possible to install any additional lighting on Stockhole Lane or Baskin Lane, as:

- These are rural roads with no footpaths along large sections of these roads where we could install our own columns.
- There are no suitably available LV electrical supplies that an application for a public lighting supply connection where there are footpaths, could be made against.
- There are no further ESB Networks overhead LV poles along these roads that could be used to install lights on.

Stockhole Lane is approximately 3.5 km long not including the bridge over the M1, and approximately 2.8 km is not lit; while Baskin Lane is approximately 2.5 km long and approximately 870 m is not lit.

- Footpaths would need to be installed if it is possible to install footpaths.
- There would be significant costs associated with extending/diverting the ESB Networks LV network in the area to the parts of Stockhole Lane and Baskin Lane where there is currently no lighting, providing that ESB Networks would be able to provide the required LV supplies, and
- The scale of the works required and associated costs would also likely require full Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessments to be carried out, and possibly also require planning permission.

To install any further additional lighting on Stockhole Lane and Baskin Lane would be a substantial infrastructural project, the scale and nature of which would be beyond the capability of the Operations Department.

Source of Report:

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

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ITEM NO. 28

REMOVAL OF RUBBLE AT WESTPOINT BEACH, SUTTON - AI109573

Motion: Councillor A. Tormey

“That the Chief Executive address, with immediate concern, the issue of removing rubble at Westpoint Beach, Sutton.”

Report:

Following the issue being raised above the Operations Department despatched a JCB to clear rocks and inert material around the concrete step access to the shingle beach at Westpoint. The access is now clear.

Please note that any works of a maintenance character including clearing of material other than litter requires screening for Appropriate Assessment and the removal of any inert material from the coastline falls into this category.

It may also require an impact assessment as removal may have unintended consequences. It is not intended at this stage to carry out any such works, but the Operations Department will endeavour to keep the access free within reason.

Source of Report:

James Culhane and James Walls, Senior Executive Engineers, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 30

ROADS REPAIRS – MALAHIDE - AI109474

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive provide an outline of when the stretch of road surface on the Malahide Road, between Myra Manor and Streamstown Lane will be repaired, contractor did works on this stretch of road a number of months ago and left the road in a terrible condition.”

Report:

These works were carried out by the Developer constructing the houses at Auburn. The Operations Department has contacted the Developers on a number of occasions over the past 2 months to reinstate the trench on a permanent basis. We are meeting the Developer next week to mark up the reinstatement and schedule when the works will be completed.

Source of Report:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 32

**PATH AND DRIVE REMEDIAL WORKS CARRICKHILL ROAD,
PORTMARNOCK - AI109569**

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

“That the Chief Executive inspect and, where necessary, repair the remaining paths and access to residents’ driveways through public land on Carrickhill Road, Portmarnock.”

Report:

This location will be added the list for consideration for the 2027 Programme of Works.

Source of Report:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 33

UPDATE ON BAYSIDE JUNCTION ACCESS POINT - AI109574

Motion: Councillor A. Tormey

“That the Chief Executive provide an update on Bayside junction ramp access plans and planned next steps.”

Report:

The brief for the appointment of an Engineering Consultant has been drafted for the Bayside Boulevard Access Point. There is no funding in 2026 for this design.

Currently, the options report is expected to be tendered during Q1/2027, and assuming consultant is successfully appointed, the feasibility and options report will begin in 2027.

Once tendered, the consultant will examine the proposed site and existing constraints. This will be summarised in a feasibility and options report which will provide design options along with estimated costings and next steps.

Source of Report:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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