

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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County Hall
Swords
Co Dublin

Wednesday, 30th September 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** at **3.00 pm** on **Wednesday, 7th October, 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 2nd September 2026**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor C. Haughey - Wall Repair at Dunbo Hill - AI109477**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the wall at the junction of Dunbo Hill and Church Street will be repaired?"

- 3 **Councillor C. Haughey - Dog Water Point at Malahide Castle - AI109858**
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- 4 **Councillor C. Haughey - Improvement of Road Surfaces of Balkill Park/Balkill Road - AI109901**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are any road improvements planned for Balkill Park/Balkill Road in 2026, as there are a number of potholes and poor surface conditions?"

- 5 **Councillor C. Haughey - Accessible Parking Signpost Outside Malahide Train Station - AI109902**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the accessible parking signpost outside Malahide Train Station can be moved a few feet as was previously requested, as its current position makes it difficult for wheelchair users to enter and exit cars?"

- 6 **Councillor C. Haughey - Double Yellow Lines for Racecourse Court - AI109903**
 "To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install double yellow lines in parts of Racecourse Court to tackle illegal parking, as cars are blocking visibility and making it hard for cars to pass?"

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"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are any plans by the Council to tackle coastal and dune erosion at Malahide Beach, and whether the Council is aware of the impact the erosion is having on the population of the sand martins that use this location as a nesting area?"

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"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the wall and railings at Weston (junction of Kettles Lane and Feltrim Road) will be repaired, having been badly damaged a number of months ago?"

12 Councillor J. Hopkins - Programme of Works Footpath Repairs 2027 - AI110156

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to prioritise footpath repairs in the following locations: Grange Road, Baldoyle Main Street, Baldoyle, Inbhir Ide, Malahide, Carrick Hill Rise and Carrick Hill Close, Portmarnock?"

13 Councillor J. Hopkins - Move Litter Bin at St Fintan's Church - Sutton - AI110157

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to move the current litter bin from outside St. Fintan's Church to across the road at the flower bed?"

14 Councillor J. Hopkins - Painter for Howth/Malahide Operations Department - AI110159

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Operations Department have a dedicated painter or team of painters for the Howth/Malahide area and if not, why not?"

15 Councillor J. Hopkins - Traffic Warden at St Sylvesters School - AI110164

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to appoint a traffic warden at school times to ensure illegal parking is tackled and children can enjoy safe routes to school?"

16 Councillor J. Hopkins - Pedestrian Crossing outside Dunnes Stores, Portmarnock - AI110165

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what plans are there for a Pedestrian Crossing outside Dunnes Stores, Portmarnock?"

17 Councillor J. Hopkins - Benches for Greens in Portmarnock - AI110166

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide a minimum of three benches for large greens around Wendall Avenue, Portmarnock?"

18 Councillor J. Hopkins - Water Tap for Howth Community Garden - AI110168

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the water tap at Howth Community Garden will be installed and the reason for the delay?"

19 Councillor D. Healy - Dunes and Beaches Training in this LEA - AI110189

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise how many officials from the Operations Department working in the Howth/Malahide area have availed of the training on beaches and dunes offered by "Leave No Trace"?"

20 Councillor D. Healy - Road Safety Measures - Red Arches Road - AI110191

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on progress in putting in place measures to address road danger in the area of Red Arches Road, including a zebra crossing, speed bumps, 3.5t exclusion, and any other measures under consideration by the Council?"

21 Councillor D. Healy - Safety-Oriented Parking Enforcement in this LEA - AI110192

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on parking enforcement in the Howth/Malahide Area in the last 3 years specifically to address safety risks to people walking and cycling, including giving statistics of actions taken (warnings/fines/enforcement) broken down by neighbourhood and by whether the enforcement related to the vicinity of a school?"

MOTIONS

22 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."

23 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 beaches in order to protect dune vegetation and to encourage its growth and recovery in line with the recommendations of "Leave No Trace"."

24 Councillor E. O'Brien - Street Sweeper in Malahide Village - AI109795

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on the number of days in this calendar year that no street sweeper service was provided in Malahide Village, the reasons for each failure and what is being done to rectify this completely unsatisfactory situation."

25 Councillor C. Haughey - Sustainable Drainage System near Broomfield - AI109900

"That the Chief Executive examine the possibility of putting in a Sustainable Drainage System, in the form of planting, at the empty concrete space at Broomfield Malahide, near bus stop number 3629 on the R124, which used to be a turning point for buses, as this area currently floods and a Sustainable Drainage System could alleviate this and also make the area look greener and nicer."

26 Councillor B. McDonagh - Mowing Green at Portmarnock - AI110129

"That the Chief Executive change the mowing pattern on the green area in Portmarnock opposite the service station to allow 30%-50% of it to be mowed more regularly to facilitate the return of a feeding habitat for brent geese."

27 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."

28 Councillor E. O'Brien - Prune Trees on the Open Space in the Warren - AI110094

"That the Chief Executive arrange to top and prune the trees on the open space in The Warren that are causing significant overshadowing of the back gardens of properties in Estuary Walk."

29 Councillor B. McDonagh - Urgent Foot Path Repair - Carrickhill Rise, Portmarnock - AI110130

"That the Chief Executive conduct an inspection and urgent repair of foot paths at Carrickhill Rise, Portmarnock"

30 Councillor D. Healy - Parking Management in Howth - AI110183

"That this Area Committee recommends that the Council Executive meet the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine to develop a coordinated and cooperative approach to parking management in Howth."

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**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

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

Wednesday, 2nd September, 2026

PRESENT

Councillors

Haughey, Cathal
McDonagh, Brian

Councillors

O'Brien, Eoghan
Tormey, Aoibhinn

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Jimmy Guerin, David Healy and Joan Hopkins.

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Karen Gallagher (Senior Engineer), Clare Brannelly (Administrative Officer), James Culhane (Senior Executive Engineer), Barbara Ryan (Senior Staff Officer), Patrick Wallace (Executive Engineer), Therese Casey (Executive Parks and Landscape Officer), Karen Leeson (Senior Executive Engineer), James Walls (Senior Executive Engineer), Kevin Broderick (Executive Engineer).

HMA/145/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

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

Minutes of Meeting of Howth Malahide Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held on 3rd June 2026 which had been circulated, were **CONSIDERED**.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey, and seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) Meeting 3rd June 2026 be **ADOPTED**".

ANNOUNCEMENT

Karen Gallagher introduced Clare Brannelly, as the new Administrative Officer for the Howth Malahide Operational Area.

Councillor A. Tormey extended her gratitude to the staff in Howth/Malahide for all the work over the summer period.

HMA/146/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh and **RESOLVED:**

"That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2–22 inclusive be **ADOPTED**."

HMA/147/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

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

HMA/148/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

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

HMA/149/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Review of Programme of Works 2026 in this LEA

HMA/150/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Installation of Parking Signs - Paddy's Hill, Malahide

HMA/151/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Wastewater Treatment Plant - Portmarnock

HMA/152/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Removal of Debris on Sutton Strand

HMA/153/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Haughey - Replace Memorial Tree in Malahide Castle - AI109475

HMA/154/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor C. Haughey - Football Pitch Improvement near Grace O'Malley Drive -
AI109476

HMA/155/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor C. Haughey - Pest Control for Talbot Avenue - AI109478

HMA/156/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

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

HMA/157/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

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

HMA/158/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

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

HMA/159/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

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

HMA/160/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

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

HMA/161/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

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

HMA/162/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

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

HMA/163/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor D. Healy - Howth Harbour Road Parking - AI109581

HMA/164/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

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

HMA/165/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

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

HMA/166/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

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

HMA/167/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

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

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

HMA/168/26 (Agenda Item No)

VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair Councillor A. Tormey requested that the order of business be varied for Item 23 and Item 33 and take Item 33 at this time.

The request was **AGREED**.

HMA/169/26 (Agenda Item No 33)

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

The motion, in the name of Councillor A. Tormey was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor C. Haughey.

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

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

MOTIONS

HMA/170/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

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

The motion, in the name of Councillor E. O'Brien was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor C. Haughey.

The report was taken as read.

Following discussion, Karen Gallagher apologised for any misunderstanding as she had drafted the report for this motion.

The motion was **AGREED**.

HMA/171/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

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

The motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey.

The report was taken as read.

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

HMA/172/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

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

It was **AGREED** to **Defer** this item to the October meeting.

HMA/173/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

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

The motion, in the name of Councillor B. McDonagh was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey

The report was taken as read.

The report was **NOTED**.

HMA/174/26 (Agenda Item No 28)

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

The motion, in the name of Councillor A. Tormey was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor C. Haughey.

The report was taken as read.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Storm Water Section will continue to monitor the surface water outfall, as maintenance works to the outfall are permitted.

The report was **NOTED**.

HMA/175/26 (Agenda Item No 29)

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

It was **AGREED** to **Defer** this item to the October meeting.

HMA/176/26 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor C. Haughey - Road Repairs - Malahide - AI109474

The motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey.

The report was taken as read.

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

HMA/177/26 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Outstanding Maintenance Issues - Baldoyle

It was **AGREED** to **Defer** this item to the October meeting.

HMA/178/26 (Agenda Item No 32)

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

The motion, in the name of Councillor B. McDonagh was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey.

The report was taken as read.

The report was **NOTED**.

HMA/179/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

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

The motion, in the name of Councillor A. Tormey was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor C. Haughey.

The report was taken as read.

The motion was **AGREED**.

The Meeting concluded at 17.25hrs.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 02

WALL REPAIR AT DUNBO HILL - AI109477

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the wall at the junction of Dunbo Hill and Church Street will be repaired?"

Reply:

The Operations Department has scheduled the repair to be carried out in November 2026

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 03

DOG WATER POINT AT MALAHIDE CASTLE - AI109858

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to improving the dog water point at Malahide Castle, by installing a drain at the location and changing the surface as the current one absorbs the water making the area muddy?"

Reply:

The dog water point at this location has recently been improved, with hard surfacing installed around the base of the tap, to address the issue of water accumulation and muddy ground conditions.

The works have resulted in a noticeable improvement to the area and have been positively received by regular park users. The area will continue to be monitored as part of routine park maintenance: however, no further works are currently considered necessary.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 04

IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD SURFACES OF BALKILL PARK/BALKILL ROAD - AI109901

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are any road improvements planned for Balkill Park/Balkill Road in 2026, as there are a number of potholes and poor surface conditions?”

Reply:

The Operations Department is to carry out resurfacing at Balkill Park as part of the Programme of Works 2026. The work has been tendered however the procurement is not yet complete. Upon appointment of a successful contractor following the procurement process, the work will then be carried out on site. We estimate that the work will be carried out in November/early December 2026.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 05

**ACCESSIBLE PARKING SIGNPOST OUTSIDE MALAHIDE TRAIN
STATION - AI109902**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the accessible parking signpost outside Malahide Train Station can be moved a few feet as was previously requested, as its current position makes it difficult for wheelchair users to enter and exit cars?”

Reply:

The Operations Department carried out removal, and reinstatement of the pole to a more suitable location, earlier last week.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 06

DOUBLE YELLOW LINES FOR RACECOURSE COURT - AI109903

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install double yellow lines in parts of Racecourse Court to tackle illegal parking, as cars are blocking visibility and making it hard for cars to pass?”

Reply:

Racecourse Court is not fully taken in charge. It is a residential area with low speeds and no through traffic. The Operations Department do not usually install double yellow lining in areas such as this location, outside of pay and display zones.

Source of Reply:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 07

EROSION AT MALAHIDE BEACH - AI109906

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are any plans by the Council to tackle coastal and dune erosion at Malahide Beach, and whether the Council is aware of the impact the erosion is having on the population of the sand martins that use this location as a nesting area?"

Reply:

Impact on Sand Martins at Malahide Beach

The Operations Department is not aware of any impact on nesting Sand Martins at Malahide Beach caused by reported coastal erosion at this location.

OPW's Coastal Erosion Change Section

The OPW now has national responsibility for Coastal Erosion in Ireland and in that regard, they have set up the Coastal Erosion Change Section which is part of the OPW's Risk Management and Climate Adaptation Business Unit. The OPW also 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. We have also been advised that the OPW is currently working on the development of Policies and Standards.

OPW Past Coastal Erosion Database

In order to collate and assess coastal erosion reports, the *Past Coastal Erosion Database* (PCED) was developed by the OPW to help identify and monitor coastal erosion events. Launched in April 2026, coastal erosion information reports received by the OPW will help them identify locations at potentially significant risk, inform and verify any predictions of future coastal change, and assist in

targeting coastal survey and monitoring programmes leading to coastal erosion defence projects.

Malahide Beach Coastal Erosion to be Reported to Office Of Public Works (OPW)

Following on from the receipt of this Question, the Operations Department will refer this information directly to the OPW's Coastal Erosion Change Section for their review and inclusion in their coastal erosion monitoring & assessments. I can advise that this report of Malahide Beach erosion will be entered onto the online PCED for the OPW to review. Included in this report will be photographs of the beach taken by staff and the report will be submitted online in the coming week.

Planned Works for Malahide Beach

With regard to Malahide Beach, the Operations Department confirms that there are currently no plans for projects regarding coastal erosion at the location. Coastal protection measures are not installed where no critical public infrastructure is at risk, to allow the natural cycle to continue (accretion & erosion). This may be subject to change as the OPW reviews the reports submitted to them on the PCED.

Following our submission of the Malahide Beach Coastal Erosion Report, the Operations Department will keep the Elected Members updated regarding future communication we receive from the OPW's Coastal Erosion Change Section about this location.

Source of Reply:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 08

REPAIR OF CRASH BARRIERS OFF FELTRIM ROAD - AI110017

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the crash barriers at the junction of the Feltrim Road and the Rise will be repaired?"

Reply:

The Operations Department has scheduled the replacement of the damaged infrastructure for November/early December 2026.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 09

INSTALLATION OF WHITE LINE - ST. FINTAN'S ROAD - AI110018

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install a continuous white line on St. Fintan's Road, from Sutton Park School to South Hill?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will carry out an assessment of this location. If it is deemed warranted, then line marking works will be included as part of the general line marking programme.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 10

RESURFACE FOOTPATHS ON THE DUBLIN ROAD - AI110100

Question: Councillor E. O'Brien

"To ask the Chief Executive advise when the footpaths on the Dublin Road (from McAllister's to the turn into Ard Na Mara) will be resurfaced to an acceptable standard?"

Reply:

The Operations Department has included this location for consideration by the Elected Members to be included on the Programme of Works 2027. The proposed POW for 2027 will be discussed and approved by the Elected Members at the January 2027 ACM Meeting.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 11

REPAIR OF THE WALL AND RAILINGS AT WESTON - AI110101

Question: Councillor E. O'Brien

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the wall and railings at Weston (junction of Kettles Lane and Feltrim Road) will be repaired, having been badly damaged a number of months ago?"

Reply:

The wall repair was being carried out by the developer/management company late last week. The estate's developer / management company is currently responsible for the repair of the wall as the estate and boundary wall is not taken in charge by the Council.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 12

PROGRAMME OF WORKS FOOTPATH REPAIRS 2027 - AI110156

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to prioritise footpath repairs in the following locations: Grange Road, Baldoyle Main Street, Baldoyle, Inbhir Ide, Malahide, Carrick Hill Rise and Carrick Hill Close, Portmarnock?"

Reply:

The Operations Department has carried out footpath repairs on Grange Road, funded from the revenue budget in 2026.

The Operations Department has included Main Street, Baldoyle and Inbhir Ide, Malahide, for consideration by the Elected Members to be included on the Programme of Works 2027. The proposed POW for 2027 will be discussed and approved by the Elected Members at the January 2027 ACM Meeting.

Carrick Hill Rise and Carrick Hill Close, Portmarnock have both been tendered and following a successful procurement process will commence on site later in 2026.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 13

MOVE LITTER BIN AT ST FINTAN'S CHURCH - SUTTON - AI110157

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to move the current litter bin from outside St. Fintan's Church to across the road at the flower bed?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will make arrangements for this bin to be moved in November 2026 once the exact location across the road has been confirmed as suitable.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 14

**PAINTER FOR HOWTH/MALAHIDE OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT -
AI110159**

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Operations Department have a dedicated painter or team of painters for the Howth/Malahide area and if not, why not?"

Reply:

The Operations Department Howth Malahide team does not have a dedicated painter or team of painters. We make arrangements to carry out painting throughout the year by redeploying a painter from another section in the Council. Both of our sections cannot justify 2 dedicated painters and therefore the arrangement is a satisfactory one. If required, we can also engage contractors for painting works.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 15

TRAFFIC WARDEN AT ST SYLVESTERS - AI110164

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to appoint a traffic warden at school times to ensure illegal parking is tackled and children can enjoy safe routes to school?"

Reply:

The Operations Department recognises the importance of child safety and the necessity of keeping footpaths clear and unobstructed. This location is already listed for enforcement by Fingal Parking Wardens on a rotational basis, and as resources allow. This location was added to the list in November 2020.

Since 2020, 152 Fixed Charge Notices have been issued in the vicinity.

Source of Reply:

Clare Brannelly, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 16

**PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OUTSIDE DUNNES STORES,
PORTMARNOCK - AI110165**

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what plans are there for a Pedestrian Crossing outside Dunnes Stores, Portmarnock?"

Reply:

There are no current plans to install a controlled pedestrian crossing outside Dunne Stores in Portmarnock.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 17

BENCHES FOR GREENS IN PORTMARNOCK - AI110166

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide a minimum of three benches for large greens around Wendall Avenue, Portmarnock?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will engage with the Portmarnock Tidy Towns Group and local residents for inclusion in the 2027 works programme.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 18

WATER TAP FOR HOWTH COMMUNITY GARDEN - AI110168

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the water tap at Howth Community Garden will be installed and the reason for the delay?"

Reply:

The Operations Department has arranged for a tap to be installed at the location in the next few weeks.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer. Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 19

DUNES AND BEACHES TRAINING - AI110189

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise how many officials from the Operations Department working in the Howth/Malahide area have availed of the training on beaches and dunes offered by "Leave No Trace"?"

Reply:

Two members of the Operations Department recently availed of the training offered by Leave No Trace.

Source of Reply:

Clare Brannelly, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 20

ROAD SAFETY MEASURES - RED ARCHES ROAD - AI110191

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on progress in putting in place measures to address road danger in the area of Red Arches Road, including a zebra crossing, speed bumps, 3.5t exclusion, and any other measures under consideration by the Council Executive?"

Reply:

Longfield Road, for the portion that is taken in charge, has a 30 km/h speed limit in place. A portion of the road is still not taken in charge. Once this section of road is taken in charge further assessments will be carried out.

A raised zebra crossing was installed on Red Arches Road as part of the Racecourse Park development works.

Red Arches Road will be assessed to determine if further traffic calming measures can be implemented. The road is listed for assessment under the Urban Speed Limit Review.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 21

SAFETY-ORIENTED PARKING ENFORCEMENT - AI110192

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on parking enforcement in the Howth/Malahide Area in the last 3 years specifically to address safety risks to people walking and cycling, including giving statistics of actions taken (warnings/fines/enforcement) broken down by neighbourhood and by whether the enforcement related to the vicinity of a school?"

Reply:

The Operations Department has included a report as requested on the following page.

Source of Reply:

Clare Brannelly, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

2023	FOOTPATH	DYL	SYL	OUTSIDE	BUS	ELECTRIC	DISABILITY	BICYCLE	GRASS VERGE	LOADING	SCHOOL	OBSTRUCTION	PARKING OPP	OBSTRUCTING	CORNER	TAXI BAY	CLEAR	FINES	WARNINGS
				BAY		BAY	BAY	LANE	MEDIUM STRIP	BAY	ENTRY		CONT/WHITE/LINE	ENTRANCE			WAY	ISSUED	ISSUED
Howth		3								14								17	98
Sutton	8																	8	
Bayside																			
Baldoyle	1										1							2	4
Portmarnock	3	3											3					9	
Malahide	58	78	9	10	15	10	25		18	281		31			9	1	4	549	43
Kinsealy																			
2024	FOOTPATH	DYL	SYL	OUTSIDE	BUSBAY	ELECTRIC	DISABILITY	BICYCLE	GRASS VERGE	LOADING	SCHOOL	OBSTRUCTION	PARKING OPP	OBSTRUCTING	CORNER	TAXI BAY	CLEAR	FINES	WARNINGS
				BAY		BAY	BAY	LANE	MEDIUM STRIP	BAY	ENTRY		CONT/WHITE/LINE	ENTRANCE			WAY	ISSUED	ISSUED
Howth	2	66		7			17			85		8						185	
Sutton	91	3																94	
Bayside		4													1			5	10
Baldoyle	31	12					1		2		37		1		7			91	63
Portmarnock	50	31			9				53		1	13	15					172	
Malahide	189	206	14	45	15	11	94		27	897	2	113	3	10	22	4	5	1657	
Kinsealy																			119
2025	FOOTPATH	DYL	SYL	OUTSIDE	BUSBAY	ELECTRIC	DISABILITY	BICYCLE	GRASS VERGE	LOADING	SCHOOL	OBSTRUCTION	PARKING OPP	OBSTRUCTING	CORNER	TAXI BAY	CLEAR	FINES	WARNINGS
				BAY		BAY	BAY	LANE	MEDIUM STRIP	BAY	ENTRY		CONT/WHITE/LINE	ENTRANCE			WAY	ISSUED	ISSUED
Howth	7	66		19	3		10		1	108		8						222	18
Sutton	123	27							12									162	5
Bayside		2																2	
Baldoyle	147								10		41	1	1		1		1	202	128
Portmarnock	17	67		1	3		3		10	31		6	3		1			142	18
Malahide	102	265	13	42	12	11	94		10	708	8	75	1	2	3	47		1393	30
Kinsealy																			
2026	FOOTPATH	DYL	SYL	OUTSIDE	BUSBAY	ELECTRIC	DISABILITY	BICYCLE	GRASS VERGE	LOADING	SCHOOL	OBSTRUCTION	PARKING OPP	OBSTRUCTING	CORNER	TAXI BAY	CLEAR	FINES	WARNINGS
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Howth	102	248		7			9			104		2			3			575	28
Sutton	9	2																11	
Bayside																		0	
Baldoyle	162	17			2						7	1				2		191	
Portmarnock	67	56			4		1		106	87		13	1	1				336	
Malahide	59	169	13	35	40	3	35		4	574	3	197		2	4	18	1	1157	60
Kinsealy	8	2									1							11	8

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ITEM NO. 22

SPEED SURVEY AND SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES, RED ARCHES ROAD AND LONGFIELD ROAD, BALDOYLE

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

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

Report:

Longfield Road, for the portion that is taken in charge, has a 30 km/h speed limit in place. A portion of the road is still not taken in charge. Once this section of road is taken in charge further assessments will be carried out.

A raised zebra crossing was installed on Red Arches Road as part of the Racecourse Park development works.

Red Arches Road will be assessed to determine if further traffic calming measures can be implemented. The road is listed for assessment under the Urban Speed Limit Review.

Source of Report:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 23

BEACH AND DUNE MANAGEMENT IN THIS LEA - AI109585

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

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

Report:

The Operations Department currently carries out the following beach and dune management practices on Burrow, Claremont & Portmarnock Beaches:

Winter Months (Non-Bathing Season 36 weeks)

Beach maintenance and cleaning regime: The beach is attended to 4 days per week by the cleansing crew. The bins are emptied and bags removed, and any discarded litter is removed from around the bin areas. If required, the bin emptying frequency is increased as monitoring spot checks dictate.

The beach is not mechanically raked for 36 weeks of the year. i.e. during the non-Bathing Season.

Summer Months (Bathing Season 16 weeks)

In the run up to the Bathing Season, additional bins are placed on/adjacent to areas throughout the County with highest footfall and needs which includes beaches. These bins are serviced 7 days per week by the cleansing crew. The bins are emptied and bags removed, and again any discarded litter is removed from

around the bin areas. The frequency of this bin emptying is increased during hotter/drier weather conditions.

For the Bathing Season, the beach is mechanically raked 3-5 times per week dependent on weather forecasts and more frequently in the run up to Bank Holidays/hot weekends/holidays etc when large numbers are expected. On advice from the Fingal Biodiversity Team, the mechanical raking operation does not occur within 2 metres of the foot of the dunes to protect both the dune ecosystem/vegetation and to encourage sand deposition.

The product of the raking operation consists of both rubbish/litter and organic seaweed/natural material. These rakings are then hand combed and the seaweed & natural material is separated by hand from the rubbish. The rubbish is then removed off the beach for disposal. The seaweed & natural material is then deposited approximately 1 meter in front of the dunes at various locations along the beach. These natural materials (a) act as a natural fertiliser for Maram Grass growth promotion, whose roots are essential for the stabilisation of sand dunes, and (b) to act as an anchor point to encourage sand deposition, the precursor of new dune formation.

A clean and well-maintained beach enhances its overall appearance and reduces complaints from recreational beachgoers expecting a clean, smooth sandy beach during the Bathing Season. Beach raking removes debris, often perceived to be unsightly, making the beach more attractive for visitors, tourists and families. The improved aesthetic appeal positively impacts tourism and community well-being, contributing to a positive perception of the coastal area.

Review of Current Beach Management Practices

As recently as February 2026, the Operations Department has investigated the additional budget and additional staff numbers which would be required to be recruited to replace the 3-5 days of mechanical raking with a team of staff recruited for the 16-week Bathing Season alone to hand litter pick the beach during the Season.

To cover the same area that takes the mechanical rake 3-5 days per week could take approx. 10-15 men working 7 days per week (i.e without overtime

multipliers). This would cost a minimum of €14,649 per staff member for the 16 week Bathing Season at the 1st point of the incremental General Operative scale. 10 persons recruited for 16 weeks would cost €146,490 for the Bathing Season period rising to €219,744 for 15 staff.

The budgeted cost for the management of beaches across the County in 2026 is €432,800. There is no provision within the 2026 budget for changing to manual litter picking on the Howth Malahide area beaches or for the recruitment of additional seasonal staff for the Bathing Season.

To redeploy existing staff to carry out this required level of manual litter picking would divert them away from their primary vital tasks which enhance the Howth Malahide area for members of the public. The Howth Malahide Area team do not currently have the staff resources or budget to support this change from mechanical raking to manual litter picking on the beaches.

Dune Protection Measures

To encourage growth and recovery of the existing dunes on the Howth Malahide beaches, where required, the Operations Department have installed ropes/stakes and signage to alert the public and prevent human access onto the dunes at several beaches in the Howth Malahide LEA. This prevention of trampling encourages dune regeneration and expansion. We have erected the rope fencing in locations where there was excessive human footfall / trampling on sand dunes to prevent damage to this natural vegetation/biodiversity. There has been some marram grass growth due to the dune protection measures.

We will continue the maintenance and installation of such measures where there is excessive dune footfall. Arrangements are currently in train to repair and reinstate the roped-off areas in order to continue protecting the dune system.

The Operations Department has also recently liaised with the NPWS Conservation Ranger regarding the current beach management practices being carried out at these beaches.

Conclusion

Measures have already been put in place to reduce the impacts from human erosion in order to protect dune vegetation and to encourage its growth and recovery in line with the recommendations of "Leave No Trace".

The seaweed and other natural material are currently being separated from the litter and deposited at the base of the dunes, following mechanical raking for the 16-week Bathing Season. This is to encourage dune and vegetation growth.

Given the current beach management practices which are in place, there is little benefit to be gained by the high-budget costs involved in redeploying existing staff or recruiting seasonal staff for these heavily used beaches for the Bathing Season.

The Operations Department have examined the beach and dune management practices on these beaches and have determined that the current arrangement will remain.

Source of Report:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 24

STREET SWEEPER IN MALAHIDE VILLAGE - AI109795

Motion: Councillor E. O'Brien

"That the Chief Executive provide report on the number of days this calendar year that no street sweeper service was provided in Malahide Village, the reasons for each failure and what is being done to rectify this completely unsatisfactory situation."

Report:

Since the start of 2026, there were 8 days on which the street sweeper was unable to attend to Malahide Village. The service was unavailable because of unforeseen machinery breakdowns.

If the machinery breaks down, we report it to the street sweeper provider via the Plant Hire Section. Minor repairs are carried out on location, and the street sweeper is then able to resume its work.

If it is a larger issue, a replacement vehicle is made available to the Operations Department for resumption of street sweeping activities whilst the original machine is being attended to.

Source of Report:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 25

SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE SYSTEM NEAR BROOMFIELD - AI109900

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

"That the Chief Executive examine the possibility of putting in a Sustainable Drainage System, in the form of planting, at the empty concrete space at Broomfield Malahide, near bus stop number 3629 on the R124, which used to be a turning point for buses, as this area currently floods and a Sustainable Drainage system could alleviate this and also make the area look greener and nicer."

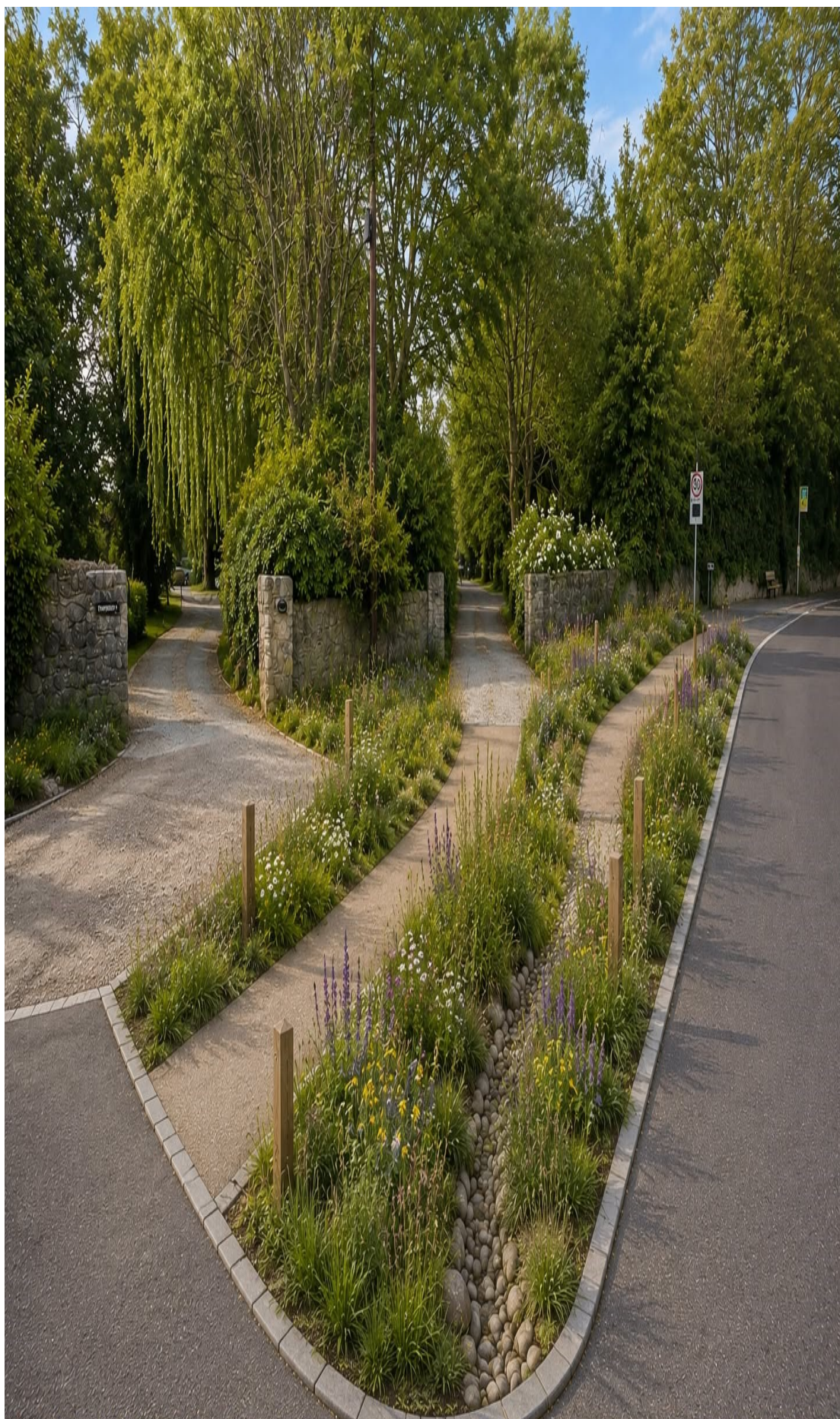
Report:

We are currently checking records for flooding; we can find no records that relate to this location. Please, will the Councillor submit information, dates, times, locations, water depth, weather conditions, photographs (if available) etc. of the record of the flooding you refer to. We will continue to investigate from there.

Source of Report:

Colm Keenan, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 26

MOWING GREEN AT PORTMARNOCK - AI110129

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

"That the Chief Executive change the mowing pattern on the green area in Portmarnock opposite the service station to allow 30%-50% of it to be mowed more regularly to facilitate the return of a feeding habitat for brent geese."

Report:

The Operations Department and the Biodiversity Team are not aware of any issues with the current mowing patterns. The maintenance schedule at this location aligns with the natural migration patterns of the geese.

- **Late August Cut:** Cutting the wildflowers at the end of August ensures the vegetation is low and managed in a timely manner. Geese prefer short grass and clear sightlines when they land in **September and October** so they can easily spot potential predators. Keeping the area short throughout the winter provides the geese with an ideal feeding and resting ground during their crucial overwintering months.
- **Spring Transition:** Allowing the meadow to grow freely after they leave between **February and April** gives native wildflowers the perfect window to establish, bloom, and support essential pollinators like bees and butterflies all summer long.

Source of Report:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 27

OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE ISSUES – BALDOYLE

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

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

Report:

The Operations Department is currently arranging a Baldoyle Village walkabout as requested by the Councillor to take place in the coming 2-3 weeks.

Please see below The Operations Department response to items included on your list:

- It is very hard to keep hardscaped areas completely weed free without the use of Glyphosate. However, the Operations Department will deploy a crew to carry out the removal of weeds.
- The Operations Department will arrange maintenance of the existing benches at the locations provided. Regarding the installation of benches on Grange Road and the Greenway, the projects team have advised that the benches have been ordered. Once they are delivered Operations will arrange for the installation.
- Any brambles obstructing the passage of pedestrians will be cut back adjacent to Sutton Dart Station.
- The railings are not maintained by the Operations Department.

- Footpath repairs have already been carried out on Grange Road Baldoyle in 2026, and there is no budget or resources available for further path repairs during this year.
- The failed section of path along the Coast Road will be repaired in the coming weeks.
- Salinity of the coastal air has affected the paint on the black bollards. The Operations Department will investigate a suitable surfacing which could address this issue.

Source of Report:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 28

PRUNE TREES ON THE OPEN SPACE IN THE WARREN - AI110094

Motion: Councillor E. O'Brien

"That the Chief Executive arrange to top and prune the trees on the open space in The Warren that are causing significant overshadowing of the back gardens of properties in Estuary Walk."

Report:

The Operations Department will arrange to meet with residents of Warren Green and to assess the issues on site. Following this meeting, the matters raised will be considered and any appropriate actions will be progressed.

Source of Report:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 29

**URGENT PATH REPAIR - CARRICKHILL RISE, PORTMARNOCK -
AI110130**

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

“That the Chief Executive conduct an inspection and urgent repair of foot paths at Carrickhill Rise, Portmarnock”

Report:

The Operations Department have tendered the repair of these paths as part of the Programme of Works 2026. Upon successful conclusion of the procurement process, it is envisioned that these works will commence in October 2026

Source of Report:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 30

PARKING MANAGEMENT IN HOWTH - AI110183

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

"That this Area Committee recommends that the Council Executive meet the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine to develop a coordinated and cooperative approach to parking management in Howth."

Report:

Fingal County Council's (FCC) Operations Department has previously had several dealings and meetings with the Department of Food, Agriculture & Marine (DAFM) on the introduction of Pay and Display (P&D) Parking in Howth.

It was FCC's original intention, by meeting with DAFM, that both FCC and DAFM could work towards collaboratively introducing P&D Parking on both the public street; Harbour Road, and in the DAFM's administrative area car parks in Howth at the same time. The introduction of P&D Parking in Howth was being progressed in order to encourage the turnover of existing parking spaces and to discourage all-day commuter parking. This would benefit visitors, residents and business patrons. It would also lead to a reduction in the traffic movements 'hunting' for available spaces.

In order for the DAFM to introduce P&D Parking in the car parks in their administrative area, they explained that this would require a review and change to their current Harbour Bye-laws. They said that they would take this away as it would require a Ministerial Instruction to change their Bye-Laws. The previous Director of Operations also proposed an alternative solution whereby FCC could enter a lease agreement with DAFM to include the Harbour controlled car park

areas in the FCC administered P&D Parking area however this did not progress at the time.

At this juncture, we understand that the DAFM do not have any current plans to introduce P&D Parking in the DAFM car parks. We will reconnect with DAFM to see if we can progress their introduction of P&D Parking in their area to complement the Harbour Road P&D Parking proposal.

Due to current parking demands, FCC is progressing ahead with the proposal to introduce P&D Parking on Harbour Road only. FCC has carried out a public consultation and are currently reviewing submissions which include the one made by the DAFM.

Following this review, we intend to bring a report to the Howth Malahide Area Committee (Services A) before year end 2026 with the intention of introducing P&D Parking on Harbour Road in the near future.

Source of Report:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department