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Friday, 28 August 2026

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

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)** will be held Hybrid in the **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords** at **2.00 pm** on **Thursday, 10th September, 2026** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

**Aoife Sheridan
Meetings Administrator
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A G E N D A

- 1 **Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) held on Thursday the 11th June 2026**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor M. Boland - Flood Alleviation Projects Planned for Rush - AI108876**

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what strategic drainage or flood alleviation projects are planned or under assessment for recurring flooding hotspots in Rush like Brook Lane and Sandy Road, including if feasibility designs are being prepared and what capital funding streams are being pursued or should be pursued prior to 2026/2027 winter season?"

- 3 **Councillor M. Boland - Coastal Erosion/Flood Pathway Assessment for the Rush Coastline - AI108877**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to commission an updated Coastal Erosion/Flood Pathway Assessment for the Rush coastline (specifically along the coast at Rush Golf Club) and to outline what funding route including OPW coastal protection/minor works schemes the Council intends to pursue to avoid a reactive approach?"

- 4 **Councillor M. Boland - Speed Limits Review - Rush/Lusk - AI108878**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed speed limits review due to be undertaken in the Rush/Lusk area and to give a timeline for this review and implementation?"

- 5 **Councillor M. Boland - Seasonal Maintenance Arrangements for North and South Beaches - Rush - AI109433**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the seasonal maintenance arrangements for Rush beaches, North and South, including maintenance of access points, bins, signage, water safety information, litter management, sand build-up and general presentation following the summer months?"

- 6 **Councillor M. Boland - Tree Planting - Pollinator-Friendly Planting - Lusk - AI109435**

"To ask the Chief Executive if additional locations in Lusk have been identified for tree planting, pollinator-friendly planting, pocket greening or biodiversity projects, particularly in areas of newer development with limited mature planting that would coincide with

planned Town Centre First projects carried out in other parts of the town?"

7 Councillor M. Boland - Condition and Safety of Footpaths on the Dublin Road - Lusk - AI109436

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examining the condition and safety of the footpaths on the Dublin Road, entering Lusk at the following location -

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/nSqj38agJjkuLrh8A> and to identify the repairs required to the path and resurfacing to be included in an upcoming Programme of Works?"

8 Councillor M. Boland - Re-surfacing of Hand's Lane - Lusk - AI109437

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the re-surfacing of Hand's Lane, Lusk due to extremely poor road conditions post construction of the neighbouring estate and advise if relevant immediate interim road repairs can be carried out?"

9 Councillor M. Boland - Proposed Works Outside Rush/Lusk Train Station - AI109438

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for proposed works outside the Rush/Lusk train station including re-painting of road markings?"

10 Councillor E. Dockrell - Installation of Water Drinking Fountain - Ballyboughal - AI108893

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing a water drinking fountain in Ballyboughal Village, near the new public garden at The Square?"

11 Councillor E. Dockrell - Road Resurfacing - Flemington Road to Balscadden Inn - Balbriggan - AI109217

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to resurfacing the road between Flemington Road and the Balscadden Inn as part of the 2027 Programme of Works?"

12 Councillor E. Dockrell - Provision of Community Garden - Portrane - AI109218

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to allocating a small section of Council owned land for a community garden for residents of Portrane, which can be used for vegetable allotments?"

13 Councillor J. Smyth - Maintenance Works - Ward River Laneways/ Embankment - AI109034

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the clean-up/upgrade works on the laneway/walkway which runs adjacent to the Ward River, behind the Old Schoolhouse pub towards the Castle Shopping Centre car park?"

14 Councillor J. Smyth - Update on Bus Stop - Holywell Crescent - Swords - AI109602

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when enhancement works can be expected to be completed at Bus Stop 6310 – Holywell Crescent in Swords?"

15 Councillor J. Smyth - Graffiti/Tagging - Glen Ellan, Rathbeale Road, Brackenstown Road, Applewood, Broadmeadow Park - Swords - AI109604

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the removal of graffiti and "tags" along the stretch of road from St. Cronan's Avenue, Murrough Road, Glen Ellen and Applewood estates as well as Broadmeadow Park as there has been a proliferation of graffiti and "tagging" on electrical boxes, fences, poles and bins over the summer months?"

16 Councillor J. Smyth - Lowering of Kerbs - St. Columba's Heights - Swords - AI109678

"To ask the Chief Executive to consider including the dishing/lowering of footpath kerbs along St. Columba's Heights in Swords to improve access to those with mobility issues?"

17 Councillor J. Smyth - Bus Enhancement Scheme - Rolestown- AI109679

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the bus enhancement works will commence and be completed opposite the Circle K garage in Rolestown on the R125 heading towards Swords?"

18 Councillor M. Quinn - Lady's Stairs Clean Up - Barnageeragh - Balbriggan - AI109162

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the de-weeding and a general clean-up of the Lady's Stairs footbridge in

Balbriggan?"

19 Councillor M. Quinn - Replacement of Street Bin - Moylaragh - Balbriggan - AI109163

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the replacement of the existing street bin adjacent to the new half basketball court on the open space in Moylaragh, Balbriggan?"

20 Councillor M. Quinn - Crossing at Strand Street - Skerries - AI109210

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for an assessment of the crossing at (details supplied) Skerries with regard to the line-of-sight issues caused by nuisance parking adjacent to the crossing?"

21 Councillor M. Quinn - Bench Installation - Mill Pond Park - Balbriggan - AI109256

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing benches further into the Mill Pond Park adjacent to the laneway exiting from Dublin Street in Balbriggan?"

22 Councillor M. Quinn - Tree Pruning - St. Paul's Crescent - Balbriggan - AI109387

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the pruning of the trees at St. Paul's Crescent that are growing over the front of the Council's properties?"

23 Councillor M. Quinn - Clean-up of Open Space - St. Paul's Crescent - Balbriggan - AI109388

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the clean-up of the open space adjacent to (details supplied) St. Paul's Crescent?"

24 Councillor M. Quinn - Tidy up of Overgrown Area along Seapoint Road to Quay Street - Balbriggan - AI109390

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the clean-up of the overgrown area along Seapoint Road to Quay Street, as it is encroaching on the road and if a deep clean of the sides of the road under the railway arch linking Seapoint with Quay Street can be undertaken?"

25 Councillor G. Maguire - Dredging of Balbriggan Harbour - AI109290

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to the dredging of Balbriggan Harbour?"

26 Councillor G. Maguire - Update on Martello Car Park - Balbriggan - AI109668

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update as to immediate measures that can be put in place to address the various issues at Martello car park in Balbriggan?"

27 Councillor J. Newman - Foul/Stormwater Tank at Balheary - Swords - AI109593

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate when the retention tank at Balheary Road (close to Holybanks) will be completed, verified and operational, the purpose of the tank is to prevent storm surge into the Sewage Wastewater Treatment Plant?"

28 Councillor T. Murphy - Footpath Reinstatement - Main Street - Balbriggan - AI109607

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to contact utility companies to correct footpath reinstatement in a timely manner along the Main Street in Balbriggan?"

29 Councillor T. Murphy - Bin Presentation - Main Street - Balbriggan - AI109608

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a cyclical bin cleaning regime in order to improve the presentation of the Main Street in Balbriggan?"

30 Councillor T. Murphy - Road Resurfacing - New Haven Bay - Balbriggan - AI109610

"To ask the Chief Executive if an assessment can be provided on New Haven Bay for new road surfacing in the next Programme of Works?"

31 Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Calming Measures - Oldtown - AI109698

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Item 23 of 15th January 2026 meeting to consider the provision of traffic calming measures, including road signage and markings on the approach to either side of the chicane on Oldtown Road?"

32 Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Calming Measures - Lusk - AI109700

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of additional traffic calming measures on Station Road in Lusk between the Rathmore roundabout and the lights at the Chinese takeaway given the increase in speeding vehicles along this stretch of road?"

33 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Traffic Calming Measures - Rush - AI109702

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of traffic calming measures in the Tayleur's Point Estate in Rush to include signage and ramps given the concerns of parents with young children playing alongside cars speeding in the estate?"

34 Councillor C. Johnston - Resurfacing of Road Surface - Quay Road - Portrane - AI109704

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the necessary finance in next year's Programme of Works for the resurfacing of the road surface at Quay Road in Portrane given the ongoing issues with potholes along this busy road?"

35 Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Illegal Encampment Preventative Measures - Donabate - AI109712

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the provision of illegal encampment preventative measures along the grass verge on the Donabate Distributor Road adjacent to the entrance to the sports grounds given the recent illegal encampment on two occasions at this location?"

36 Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Lights - Turvey Avenue - Donabate - AI109713

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the traffic lights on Turvey Avenue in Donabate in the vicinity of the new Aldi store will be operational given the safety concerns of many pedestrians crossing this busy road?"

37 Councillor C. Johnston - Re-location of White Line - Main Street - Rush - AI109714

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to relocating the white line on the road on the Main Street in Rush, in the vicinity of The Strand Bar to improve the flow of traffic at this location in both

directions?"

38 Councillor B. Ryan - Coastal Erosion - Martello Tower - Balbriggan - AI109703

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any engagement with the Office of Public Works in relation to the most recent coastal erosion adjacent to the Martello Tower at Lambreecher in Balbriggan?"

39 Councillor B. Ryan - Reinstate Right Turn Box - Church Street - Skerries - AI109708

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the reinstatement of the right turn box into Church Street in Skerries, from Thomas Hand Street to facilitate onward traffic flow towards the monument?"

40 Councillor B. Ryan - Re-painting of Speed Ramps - Darcystown - Balrothery - AI109709

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to re-painting the white sections of the speed ramps on Darcystown Road in Balrothery to restore their visibility?"

41 Councillor B. Ryan - Restoration of Pump - Barnageeragh Hill - AI109710

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the painting and restoration of the recently repaired pump at the lower end of Barnageeragh Hill, adjacent to the bridge and to examine the feasibility of its restoration to full functionality?"

42 Councillor P. Mulville - Upkeep of New Road Vegetation Area - Donabate - AI109719

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for regular ongoing attention to the sloped area of vegetation behind (details supplied), the Strand in Donabate, along the New (Corballis/Balcarrick) Road, to ensure that it is well kept and attractive looking given its central location in Donabate?"

43 Councillor P. Mulville - Upkeep of Swords Riverwalk - AI109720

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the upkeep of the Swords Riverside walk from the Castle Shopping Centre

to the Old Schoolhouse pub, to keep it clean and attractive for the public to use?"

44 Councillor P. Mulville - Public Seating Benches - Donabate - AI109721

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide further public seating benches in Donabate Town Centre, as set out in the Fingal Age Friendly Strategy?"

45 Councillor P. Mulville - Public Seating Benches in this LEA - AI109722

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the number of public seating benches in each town and village in this Local Electoral Area?"

46 Councillor P. Mulville - Public Toilets - Donabate and Portrane - AI109723

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when public consultation will commence for the permanent public toilets for Donabate and Portrane beaches, as previously agreed?"

47 Councillor P. Mulville - Donabate Cycle Path Maintenance - Donabate Distributor Road - AI109724

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a maintenance schedule for the cycle path along the Donabate Distributor Road and to advise if the bike path markings, as it crosses the Portrane Road, can be re-instated?"

48 Councillor P. Mulville - Flash Flooding Blocking Roads in this LEA - AI109725

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the plans to deal with increasing occurrences of flash flooding in the Autumn/Winter months blocking various road locations across the Local Electoral Area?"

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49 Councillor T. O'Leary - Site Meeting Roadworks - Shenick Road - Skerries - AI109254

"That the Chief Executive prepare a list of short-term traffic calming measures (appropriate signage etc.) and other possible hard engineering solutions options, (safe ramp crossing at shops and/or traffic calming ramps) to bring forward to a site meeting with residents at Shenick Road in Skerries."

MOTIONS

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

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

51 Councillor P. Mulville - Improve Water Safety in this LEA - AI108919

"That the Chief Executive report on the steps that can be taken to improve water safety along the beaches and coastline in this Local Electoral Area ahead of the 2027 bathing season."

52 Councillor D. Kelly - Installation of Yellow Box outside Ardian Estate - Swords - AI107260

"That the Chief Executive installs a small yellow box outside the Ardian Estate in Swords at the junction of Murrough Road."

53 Councillor J. Smyth - Rathbeale Road Junctions Review - Swords - AI108543

"That the Chief Executive arranges for a meeting between the relevant parties, namely Glasmere Residents Association, Howards Hardware, Rathbeale Take Away, Rathbeale Residents, Old Mooretown Residents, HSE, JC's, Lidl Ireland and Council Departments, to examine the ongoing issues facing the stretch of road adjacent to the shops to discuss how a workable solution can be found for all those impacted."

54 Councillor M. Quinn - Resurfacing of Pathways in St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery - Balbriggan - AI109112

"That this Committee supports the improvement of the pathways within St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery in Balbriggan."

55 Councillor M. Boland - Pedestrian Safety and Wheelchair Accessibility Crossing - Rush - AI109440

"That the Chief Executive arranges a site meeting with the Operations Department, at the corner of Whitestown Road and Doctor's Lane, Rush, to review pedestrian safety and wheelchair accessibility crossing at this location, including access to nearby bus stops and that this Committee requests that practical options be identified to improve accessibility, prior to the meeting including clearer crossing markings, flashing beacons, footpath works, and removal or relocation of any

obstructions so wheelchair users can access public transport in Rush.”

56 Councillor T. O’Leary - Skerries Harbour Road Licensed Hospitality Service outside Restaurants and Bars - AI109451

“That the Chief Executive engages with the hospitality businesses on Skerries Harbour to explore the possibility of having licensed, appropriately managed hospitality services on the public realm area, directly outside the businesses, restaurants and bars and arranges a meeting to discuss this option, noting that licensed tables and chairs under Section 254 (Planning & Development Act, 2000, as amended) seem to be working well in New Street in Malahide.”

57 Councillor G. Maguire - Provision of Boardwalk - Balbriggan Beach - AI109564

“That the Chief Executive gives consideration to the provision of a boardwalk on Balbriggan Beach in order to provide access for all.”

58 Councillor T. Murphy - Footpath Cleaning Machine - Balbriggan - AI109606

“That the Chief Executive considers leasing or the purchase of a footpath cleaning machine to address the issue with deep soiling on the footpath/square area of Balbriggan and to manage the maintenance of the new Quay Street Plaza.”

59 Councillor L. Corkery - Illegal Parking - Estuary Pub - Swords - AI109654

“That the Chief Executive take measures to combat illegal parking to the side of the Estuary Pub, onto Watery Lane, as vehicles parking on this path on a regular basis impedes access for prams and wheelchairs.”

60 Councillor C. Johnston - Urgent Coastal Erosion Measures - Rush - AI109694

“That the Chief Executive carry out an immediate assessment of the worsening coastal erosion at Rush South Beach in the vicinity of Rush Golf Course and nearby properties to include a plan to address this as a priority.”

61 Councillor B. Ryan - Acquisition of Land - Shenick Road - Skerries - AI109711

“That the Chief Executive engage with the owner of the land to the rear of the bus stop at the junction of Shenick Road and Rush Road,

Skerries with a view to acquiring sufficient land to provide a bus shelter."

62 Councillor D. Kelly - Removal of Shopping Trolleys from Rivers - Swords - AI107261

"That the Chief Executive arrange for the removal of illegally dumped shopping trolleys from the local rivers in Swords."

63 Councillor E. Dockrell - Road Surface Review - Blake's Cross - AI109215

"That the Chief Executive considers a review of the surface of the road at and near the Blake's Cross junction to ensure that all potholes at this location are filled in and the nearby R132 cycle lane is cleared and cleaned for use by cyclists."

64 Councillor J. Smyth - Halloween Waste Collection/Amnesty - AI109601

"That the Chief Executive consider an Amnesty/Halloween waste collection service within this LEA, which could incorporate a free drop off service at our recycling centres and/or a door-to-door collection from specific estates in the weeks leading up to Halloween."

65 Councillor T. Murphy - Sea Wall Defence - Balbriggan - AI109609

"That the Chief Executive provide a more aesthetically appropriate form of temporary fencing or screening that would provide the same level of safety and keep the public out while being more sympathetic to the surroundings at Balbriggan Beach near the Martello Tower."

66 Councillor L. Corkery - Highfields Traffic Calming - Swords - AI109655

"That the Chief Executive arranges for a Road Traffic and Speed Survey to be undertaken on Highfield Green in Swords, with a view to assessing the need for speed ramps, raised tables, signage, road markings or other measures deemed appropriate, with the findings reported back to this Area Committee."

67 Councillor C. Johnston - Road Safety Review - New Road, Strand Junction to Main Street - Donabate - AI109696

"That the Chief Executive carry out a Road Safety review to assess the need for traffic calming measures, safe pedestrian crossing and vehicular access from the New Road/Strand Estate junction to the New Road/Main Street Junction in Donabate given ongoing safety

concerns of pedestrians and motorists with increasing traffic along this road with residents in new estates accessing the Town Centre via this road."

68 Councillor P. Mulville - Road Repair and Re-instatement Works - Longstone Park - AI109727

"That the Chief Executive consider inclusion of funding in next year's Local Works Programme for road repair and re-instatement works for Longstone Park, Portrane."

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Comhairle Contae Fingall Fingal County Council

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

Thursday, 11th June, 2026

PRESENT

Boland, Cathal
Boland, Mark
Butler, Darragh
Corkery, Luke
Dockrell, Eoghan
Humphreys, James
Johnston, Corina
Kelly, Darren Jack

Maguire, Grainne
Mulligan, Dean
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Leary, Tom
Quinn, Malachy
Ryan, Brendan
Smyth, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Mulville, Paul

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Luke Corkery, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Áine Donlon Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer), James Culhane (Senior Executive Engineer), Paul Graham (Senior Executive Engineer), Breen Doris (Senior Executive Engineer), Aileen O'Connor (Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer), Deirdre Sinclair (Administrative Officer), Leticia Moore (Executive Engineer), Claudiu Dima (Executive Engineer), Leticia Moore (Executive Engineer), Brian Rochford (Executive Engineer), Sara Brady (Executive Parks and Landscaping Officer), Conor Sheehan (A/Senior Staff Officer), Ronan Davis (Staff Officer), Laura Doyle (Clerical Officer).

BSA/302/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 14th May 2026

Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held on the 14th of May, which had been circulated were submitted, **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

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

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) Meeting held on 14th of May be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”

BSA/303/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

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

BSA/304/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

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

BSA/305/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

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

BSA/306/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

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

BSA/307/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

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

BSA/308/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

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

BSA/309/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

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

BSA/310/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

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

BSA/311/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

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

BSA/312/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

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

BSA/313/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

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

BSA/314/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

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

BSA/315/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

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

BSA/316/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

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

BSA/317/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

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

BSA/318/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

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

BSA/319/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

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

BSA/320/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

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

BSA/321/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

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

BSA/322/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

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

BSA/323/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

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

BSA/324/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

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

BSA/325/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

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

BSA/326/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

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

BSA/327/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

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

BSA/328/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

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

BSA/329/26 (Agenda Item No 28)

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

- BSA/330/26** (Agenda Item No 29)
Councillor B. Ryan - Widening of Section of R122 Road - Oldtown - AI108833
- BSA/331/26** (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor B. Ryan - Procurement of Licences - Skerries Harbour - AI108836
- BSA/332/26** (Agenda Item No 31)
Councillor B. Ryan - Clearing of Vegetation - Loughshinny Park Estate - AI108862
- BSA/333/26** (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor C. Johnston - Reinstatement of Footpath Entrance - The Grey Square - Portrane - AI108838
- BSA/334/26** (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Chicane and Pedestrian Path - Quay Road - Portrane - AI108840
- BSA/335/26** (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor C. Johnston - Road Markings - Main Street - Rush - AI108858
- BSA/336/26** (Agenda Item No 35)
Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Calming Measures - Rahillion Way/Walk - Donabate - AI108905
- BSA/337/26** (Agenda Item No 36)
Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Calming Measures - R122 - Naul - AI108906
- BSA/338/26** (Agenda Item No 37)
Councillor C. Johnston - Available Plots - Donabate Cemetery - AI108908
- BSA/339/26** (Agenda Item No 38)
Councillor C. Johnston - Public Toilets - Rush North Beach - AI108909
- BSA/340/26** (Agenda Item No 39)
Councillor J. Smyth - Residents Meeting - Bride's Glen - AI108842
- BSA/341/26** (Agenda Item No 40)
Councillor J. Smyth - Removal of Estuary Public Art - AI108843
- BSA/342/26** (Agenda Item No 41)
Councillor J. Smyth - Planned Playground Improvement/Repair Works in this LEA - AI108844
- BSA/343/26** (Agenda Item No 42)
Councillor J. Smyth - Installation of Bench - Rivermeade - AI108846
- BSA/344/26** (Agenda Item No 43)
Councillor J. Smyth - Gazebo - Swords Town Park - AI108847
- BSA/345/26** (Agenda Item No 44)

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

BSA/346/26 (Agenda Item No 45)

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

BSA/347/26 (Agenda Item No 46)

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

BSA/348/26 (Agenda Item No 47)

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

BSA/349/26 (Agenda Item No 48)

Review of Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021

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

Ms. Deirdre Sinclair gave the attached presentation to the meeting.

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

BSA/350/26 (Agenda Item No 49)

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

The Motion in the name of Councillor L. Corkery was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan.

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

BSA/351/26 (Agenda Item No 50)

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

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

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

BSA/352/26 (Agenda Item No 51)

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

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

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

BSA/353/26 (Agenda Item No 52)

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

The Motion in the name of Councillor Ryan was proposed by Councillor Ryan and seconded by Councillor Quinn.

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

BSA/354/26 (Agenda Item No 53)

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

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

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

BSA/355/26 (Agenda Item No 54)

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

The Motion in the name of Councillor Dockrell was proposed by Councillor Dockrell and seconded by Councillor Corkery.

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

BSA/356/26 (Agenda Item No 55)

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

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

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

BSA/357/26 (Agenda Item No 56)

Councillor P. Mulville - Improve Water Safety - AI108919

In the absence of Councillor Mulville the following Motion in the name of Councillor Mulville is to be **MOVED** and listed on the Agenda for the next Balbriggan / RushLusk / Swords (Services A – Operational Matters) Area Committee Meeting to be held on 10th September 2026.

BSA/358/26 (Agenda Item No 57)

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

The Motion in the name of Councillor Ryan was proposed by Councillor Ryan and seconded by Councillor Corkery.

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

BSA/359/26 (Agenda Item No 58)

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

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

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

BSA/360/26 (Agenda Item No 59)

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

The Motion in the name of Councillor Johnston was proposed by Councillor Johnston and seconded by Councillor M. Boland.

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

BSA/361/26 (Agenda Item No 60)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Coastline Erosion - Rush - AI108900

In the absence of Councillor Dockrell the following Motion in the name of Councillor Dockrell is to be **MOVED** and listed on the Agenda for the next Balbriggan / RushLusk / Swords (Services A – Operational Matters) Area Committee Meeting to be held on 10th September 2026.

BSA/362/26 (Agenda Item No 61)

Councillor D. Kelly - Drain Cleaning - Swords - AI108913

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

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

The Meeting concluded at Time Not Specified

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ITEM NO. 02

FLOOD ALLEVIATION PROJECTS PLANNED FOR RUSH - AI108876

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline what strategic drainage or flood alleviation projects are planned or under assessment for recurring flooding hotspots in Rush like Brook Lane and Sandy Road, including if feasibility designs are being prepared and what capital funding streams are being pursued or should be pursued prior to 2026/2027 winter season?”

Reply:

Fingal Strategic Flood Risk Assessments, that form part of the Development Plan, and the OPW website for Flood Maps is where one can see what strategic drainage or flood alleviation projects planned or under assessment are in Rush

At the present time, there are no schemes identified for the locations you highlight.

Following reports of road flooding in November 2025 last year, Fingal Operations Department agreed to engage a consultant to carry out an investigation of Brook Lane, which is currently in progress. Ahead of this we will be carrying out some more specific investigation of flood locations.

At present, the Operations Department is not aware of any flooding issues at Sandy Road, Rush.

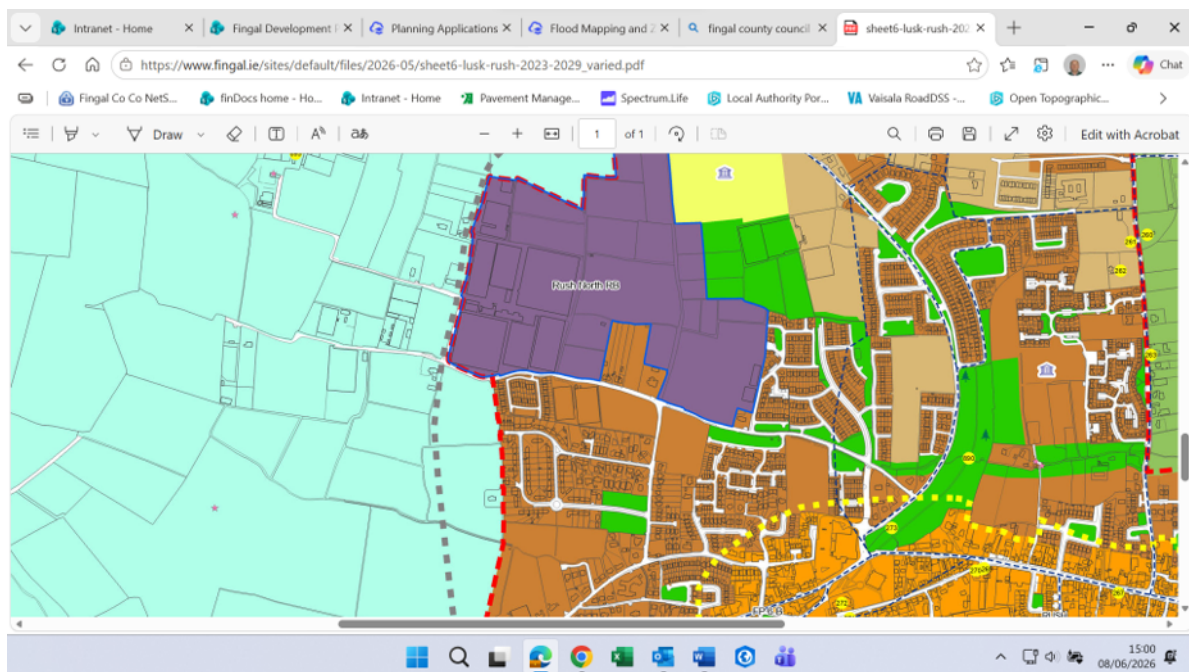
Brook Lane is part of the Balcunnin watercourse.

By inspection, and by its very nature, the lane way is underwater at various times of the year when weather conditions, ground conditions and rainfall intensity and durations are reached.

Tracks and car roads, from which Brook Lane has developed, are a common feature throughout rural Ireland, such as this one on the outskirts of Rush in agricultural farmland.

A solution may be to provide additional access to the proposed link road to the west of the current developments. This could be an alternative route to link the development of Greenbrook to the proposed road to the West of Rush running up from the R128 Lusk and Skerries roads.

See map below for the route of the proposed link road:



Fingal Operations periodically check the screens, culverts, pipes etc. for debris washed downstream and clear/maintain accordingly. Additional checks are undertaken in advance of forecasted weather events such as heavy rainfall.

Crews attend to carry out extensive monitoring during and outside normal working hours. They remove a significant amount of rubbish washed downstream from screens which have been installed to protect piped sections from blockages which create flooding.

Responsibility for preventing flooding on roads does not rest solely with the Local Authority. Landowners and occupiers have a duty of care towards the wider community as well.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Keenan Senior Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 03

COASTAL EROSION/FLOOD PATHWAY ASSESSMENT FOR THE RUSH COASTLINE - AI108877

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to commission an updated Coastal Erosion/Flood Pathway Assessment for the Rush coastline (specifically along the coast at Rush Golf Club) and to outline what funding route including OPW coastal protection/minor works schemes the Council intends to pursue to avoid a reactive approach?”

Reply:

Since March 2026, the Operations Department has been coordinating and referring all Fingal coastal erosion items to the OPW's Coastal Erosion Change Section including coastal erosion along Rush Coast Line.

The OPW are required to “*undertake an assessment to identify the communities and coastal areas at potentially significant risk from coastal change*”. The OPW are currently collating all of the coastal erosion reports made to them by Local Authorities and members of the public via the *Past Coastal Erosion Database (PCED)*. This database has been developed to help inform their assessment. The platform allows local authorities, members of the public and any other interested parties to report coastal erosion quickly and easily to the OPW, building a centralised body of local knowledge to support the management of coastal change. Fingal

County Council encourages members of the public to report areas of concern to them via the PCED database located at <https://www.floodinfo.ie/past-coastal-erosion/>

Reports received by the OPW will identify locations at potentially significant risk, inform and verify predictions of future coastal change, and assist in targeting coastal survey programmes and Strategic Infrastructure Coastal Erosion Protection Projects.

The Operations Department understands that this area is currently being monitored by the OPW as part of the pilot National Programme of Coastal Monitoring following a previous request from Fingal County Council. Furthermore we understand that expert consultants have advised that no additional assessment is warranted at this time.

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

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ITEM NO. 04

SPEED LIMITS REVIEW - RUSH/LUSK - AI108878

Question: Councillor M. Boland

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

Reply:

The Urban Speed Limit Review for Fingal County Council is currently paused until resources are in place to enable it to progress to the next stage of the process.

Informal consultation with elected members was carried out on 29/06/2026 and 14/07/2026 for the elected members for the Balbriggan/Rush/Lusk/Swords area. Copies of the presentations were circulated to the elected members.

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

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ITEM NO. 05

SEASONAL MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR NORTH AND SOUTH BEACHES - RUSH - AI109433

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update on seasonal maintenance arrangements for Rush beaches, North and South, including maintenance of access points, bins, signage, water safety information, litter management, sand build-up and general presentation post the summer months?”

Reply:

The fixed litter bins are serviced, and any litter issues are dealt with by the operations crew. During the bathing season and high traffic months, May to September, extra bins are supplied at all beaches around the County. Every morning bins at all beaches are emptied by Operations cleansing crews and general litter picking is carried out in the vicinity. Every Saturday and Sunday morning during the bathing season Operations cleansing crew operatives walk the beaches to pick litter and remove hazards. Once a week during the bathing season mechanical beach raking is carried out approximately two meters from beach sand dunes down to the waters edge. Access points are maintained and any issues that arise after weather events etc. are addressed.

A programme to update water safety signage at our beaches is underway and Rush is on the list.

Source of Reply: Mr. M Hackett, Area Inspector and Ms. M Mongey, Water Safety Development Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 06

TREE PLANTING - POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY PLANTING - LUSK - AI109435

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if additional locations in Lusk have been identified for tree planting, pollinator-friendly planting, pocket greening or biodiversity projects, particularly in areas of newer development with limited mature planting that would coincide with planned Town Centre First projects carried out in other parts of the town?”

Reply:

The area Operations team actively assesses areas throughout the year for suitable areas for tree planting and mechanical planting of bulbs. The bulb schemes act as pollinator planting as they comprise of a diverse mix of flowering plants that begin flowering in early Spring all the way through to mid-Summer. An estate or area must be in the charge of FCC Operations before any proposed planting can take place. Individual and more site-specific pollinator beds are created in consultation with the Tidy Towns Group and local residents' groups who are able to give a commitment to maintain such schemes.

As part of the Town Centre First Project, a Landscape Architect was appointed to draw up indicative plans for a number of open spaces in the Lusk Area should

suitable funding streams be identified. The provision for tree planting, bulb planting and pollinator areas was part of the project scope for these plans.

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

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ITEM NO. 07

CONDITION AND SAFETY OF FOOTPATHS ON THE DUBLIN ROAD - LUSK - AI109436

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examine the condition and safety of footpaths on the Dublin Road, entering Lusk at the following location - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/nSqj38agJjkuLrh8A> and identify the repair needed to the path and resurfacing to be included in an upcoming Programme of Works?”

Reply:

This section of footpath has been assessed, and the first requirement will be that edging and vegetation clearance is to be added to the winter works programme, with any minor repairs added to the Area Inspectors for general maintenance works. The longer-term solution is to consider this for inclusion as part of a future programme of work for full surface restoration.

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

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ITEM NO. 08

RE-SURFACING OF HAND'S LANE - LUSK - AI109437

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the re-surfacing of Hand's Lane, Lusk due to extremely poor road conditions post construction of the neighbouring estate and advise if relevant immediate interim road repairs can be carried out?"

Reply:

These resurfacing works will be considered for inclusion in the context of the preparation of a future Programme of Works. Any minor repair works will be added to the Roads Inspector's general maintenance programme.

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

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ITEM NO. 09

**PROPOSED WORKS OUTSIDE RUSH/LUSK TRAIN STATION -
AI109438**

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for proposed works outside the Rush/Lusk train station including re-painting of road markings?”

Reply:

The location is included as part of new road markings works to be carried out by Q4 2026.

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

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ITEM NO. 10

INSTALLATION OF WATER DRINKING FOUNTAIN - BALLYBOUGHAL - AI108893

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing a water drinking fountain in Ballyboughal village, near the new public garden at The Square?”

Reply:

A drinking fountain has recently been installed in Ballyboughal Village beside the Community Centre.

The area at Ballyboughal Square is approximately 100m away from this location and would therefore not be suitable to install a further drinking fountain.

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

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ITEM NO. 11

**ROAD RESURFACING - FLEMINGTON ROAD TO BALSCADDEN INN -
AI109217**

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to resurface the road between Flemington Road and Balscadden Inn as part of the 2027 Programme of Works?”

Reply:

These resurfacing works will be considered for inclusion in the context of preparation of a future Programme of Works.

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

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ITEM NO. 12

PROVISION OF COMMUNITY GARDEN - PORTRANE - AI109218

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration be given to allocating a small section of Council owned land for a community garden for residents of Portrane, which can be used for vegetable allotments?”

Reply:

If there is an established group who wish to propose the creation of a community garden, they can approach the Operations Department who would be happy to engage in a discussion regarding the feasibility of such a project in the Portrane area. Due to the existing locations of council-owned public open space in Portrane, a thorough consultation and assessment of any potential locations proposed (by a respective group) would be required for the project to be considered further.

There are existing allotment plots in Turvey allotments which may interest residents of Portrane who are seeking a growing space in the near future.

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

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ITEM NO. 13

MAINTENANCE WORKS - WARD RIVER LANEWAYS/ EMBANKMENT - AI109034

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the clean-up/upgrade works on the laneway/walkway which runs adjacent to the Ward River, behind the Old Schoolhouse pub towards the Castle Shopping Centre car park?”

Reply:

The routine cleansing works carried out by the Operations Department at this location involves pruning back any vegetation that encroaches the public walkway as required. The vegetation has vigorous growth, so this task is part of routine maintenance. The local cleansing crew also removes any litter within reach of the walkway area. There is also additional litter removal works carried out at this location within the river by a contractor, and this is all litter not reachable from the walkway.

Source of Reply: Mr C. Connell, Area Inspector and Mr. S Sutton Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 14

UPDATE ON BUS STOP - HOLYWELL CRESCENT - SWORDS - AI109602

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when enhancement works can be expected to be completed at Bus Stop 6310 – Holywell Crescent in Swords?”

Reply:

Bus Stop 6310, Holywell Crescent, has been included on the NTA's Shortlist for the installation of a bus shelter under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (BSEP). However, planning permission has not yet been obtained for this shelter.

It should be noted that planning permission is required for the installation of bus shelters within Fingal, and it is the responsibility of the NTA and its appointed supplier to prepare and submit the necessary planning application. The Operations Department has requested that the NTA instruct its supplier to progress this matter.

As delivery of the proposed bus shelter works is dependent on the submission and granting of planning permission, responsibility for progressing this project now rests with the NTA.

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

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ITEM NO. 15

GRAFFITI/TAGGING - GLEN ELLAN, RATHBEALE ROAD, BRACKENSTOWN ROAD, APPLEWOOD, BROADMEADOW PARK – SWORDS - AI109604

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the removal of graffiti and "tags" along the stretch of road from St. Cronan’s Avenue, Murrough Road, Glen Ellen and Applewood estates as well as Broadmeadow Park as there has been a proliferation of graffiti and "tagging" on electrical boxes, fences, poles and bins over the summer months?”

Reply:

The Operations Department regularly arranges for the removal of graffiti as it is reported and noted by our crews. The areas referenced will be inspected by the crews and responded to as part of the area depots general work programme and with regard to order of priority and available resources. If specific areas can be identified with a google pin drop and accompanying picture and sent through as a members representation or emailed through to balswooparea@fingal.ie, these areas can be prioritised by the cleansing team for investigation and action.

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

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ITEM NO. 16

LOWERING OF KERBS - COLUMBA HEIGHTS - SWORDS - AI109678

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to consider including the dishing/lowering of footpath kerbs along Columba Heights in Swords to improve access to those with mobility issues?”

Reply:

Adjustments to the drops have been carried out in the past, if there is a certain location within Columba’s Heights that needs to be revisited than please send it on and it can be considered under the Area Engineer General works programme.

Source of Reply: Mr. B Roachford, Area Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 17

BUS ENHANCEMENT SCHEME - ROLESTOWN- AI109679

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the bus enhancement works will commence/will be completed opposite the Circle K garage in Rolestown on the R125 heading towards Swords?”

Reply:

Bus Stop 10379, in Rolestown, has been included on the NTA's Shortlist for the installation of a bus shelter under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (BSEP). Planning Permission has been granted for a bus shelter at this location.

Following request from the Operations Department in July 2026, the NTA's supplier, Bauer Media Outdoor (BMO), has scheduled the installation for January 2027, as its programme is fully committed for the remainder of 2026. Should any cancellations arise, BMO has advised that an earlier installation date may be possible.

It should be noted that the Council's role in bus shelter works under the BSEP is limited to facilitating enabling and preparatory works. The procurement, supply, installation and programming of shelters are the responsibility of the NTA and its appointed supplier and are outside the Council's control.

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

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ITEM NO. 18

**LADY'S STAIRS CLEAN UP - BARNAGEERAGH - BALBRIGGAN -
AI109162**

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the de-weeding and a general clean-up of the Lady's Stairs footbridge in Balbriggan?”

Reply:

Inspection to be carried out and any issues will be listed in the depot maintenance works.

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

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ITEM NO. 19

**REPLACEMENT OF STREET BIN - MOYLARAGH - BALBRIGGAN -
AI109163**

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the replacement of the old existing street bin adjacent to the new half basketball court on the open space in Moylaragh, Balbriggan?”

Reply:

This street bin will be included as part of the Area Inspectors bin replacement programme.

Source of Reply: Mr. O Byrne, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 20

CROSSING AT 66 STRAND STREET - SKERRIES - AI109210

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive, if consideration can be given for an assessment of the crossing at 66 Strand Street, Skerries with regard to the line-of-sight issues caused by nuisance parking adjacent to the crossing?”

Reply:

An assessment has been carried and it was noted that the pedestrian crossing outside 66 Strand Street is a legacy uncontrolled pedestrian crossing installed to promote pedestrian connectivity at the junction of Strand Street and Church Street. The overall junction is included as part of the Active Travel Scheme for Skerries.

Please note, under The Road Traffic Regulations, a vehicle shall not be parked in a manner in which it will interfere with the normal flow of traffic or which obstructs or endangers other traffic.

Issues of careless and dangerous parking are enforcement issues under the rules of the road which should be reported to An Garda Siochana.

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

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ITEM NO. 21

**BENCH INSTALLATION - MILL POND PARK - BALBRIGGAN -
AI109256**

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing benches further into the Mill Pond Park adjacent to the laneway exiting from Dublin Street in Balbriggan?”

Reply:

The Operations Department are currently liaising with a community group for seating at this location. Any suitable areas identified will be listed for consideration in a future works programme.

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

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ITEM NO. 22

TREE PRUNING - ST PAUL'S CRESCENT - BALBRIGGAN - AI109387

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the pruning back of the trees at St Paul's Crescent that are growing over the front of the Council properties?”

Reply:

The area has been inspected, and pruning works will be carried out on the trees in line with the Council's Tree Strategy. These works will be carried out in the 2026/27 Winter Works Programme.

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

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ITEM NO. 23

**CLEAN-UP OF OPEN SPACE - ST PAUL'S CRESCENT - BALBRIGGAN -
AI109388**

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the clean-up of the open space adjacent to No. 12 St. Paul's Crescent, Balbriggan (details supplied)?”

Reply:

Clean-up of this open space area will be carried out as part of the winter works programme.

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

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ITEM NO. 24

TIDY UP OF OVERGROWN AREA ALONG SEAPOINT ROAD TO QUAY STREET - BALBRIGGAN - AI109390

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the clean-up of the overgrown area along Seapoint Road to Quay Street, as it is encroaching on the road and if a deep clean of the sides of the road under the railway arch linking Seapoint with Quay Street can be undertaken?”

Reply:

This overgrowth on the grass bank has been recently cut back. This will be cut back in future during the growing season to ensure that it does not impact the traffic along this road. The road sweeper maintains the sides of the road as per schedule. The railway arches fall within the responsibility of Irish Rail.

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

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ITEM NO. 25

DREDGING OF BALBRIGGAN HARBOUR - AI109290

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to the dredging of Balbriggan Harbour?”

Reply:

The Balbriggan Harbour Dredging Project is currently at statutory consenting stage with the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA). A Marine Usage Licence (MUL) application was submitted to MARA in April 2026, and, to date, no indicative timeframe has been provided in relation to the determination of the application.

Notwithstanding the ongoing consenting process, the detailed design, contract documentation, and tender package have been completed. Subject to the granting of the licence, the Operations Department will be in a position to promptly commence the procurement process for the appointment of a suitably qualified contractor to undertake the works.

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

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ITEM NO. 26

UPDATE ON MARTELLO CAR PARK - AI109668

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update as to immediate measures that can be put in place to address the various issues at Martello car park in Balbriggan?”

Reply:

Staff from the Operations Department met with Councillors on site at Martello Tower Car Park and it was agreed that a more aesthetically appropriate form of temporary

A new 1.2m bow top boundary fence is scheduled to be installed 2 meters back from the existing knee rail to mitigate public access.

The kelly blocks currently in situ at the entrance to the Martello car park are being replaced with cortan steel planters and installation of seating which will in the first instance be more aesthetic pleasing for the area whilst acting as a preventative measure for vehicle access.

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

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ITEM NO. 27

FOUL/STORMWATER TANK AT BALHEARY - SWORDS - AI109593

Question: Councillor J. Newman

“To ask the Chief Executive to indicate when the retention tank at Balheary Road (close to Holybanks) will be completed, verified and operational, the purpose of the tank is to prevent storm surge into the Sewage Wastewater Treatment Plant?”

Reply:

Wastewater functions are the responsibility of Uisce Éireann. The Council has no role in the collection and treatment of wastewater. Queries on the above works should be referred to Uisce Éireann, contact details below.

Communication with Uisce Éireann for Elected Representatives

The Local Representative Support Desk

Make contact at localreprsupport@water.ie or by phone at **0818 178 178 /**

0818 578 578.

Staff are available Monday – Friday from 9am to 5.30pm to deal with queries from elected representatives about any topic related to Irish Water.

Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1800 278 278.**

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

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ITEM NO. 28

**FOOTPATH REINSTATEMENT - MAIN STREET, BALBRIGGAN -
AI109607**

Question: Councillor T. Murphy

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to contact utility companies to correct footpath reinstatement in a timely manner along the Main Street in Balbriggan?”

Reply:

Continuous monitoring of the MRL system, which prompts inspections of T5 certification for each road opening license, is carried out daily/weekly. This ensures that any defects or breaches in permanent reinstatements are rejected, and the relevant utility company is notified to resolve issues. Typically, it can take up to four weeks for utility companies to engage a Contractor to repair issues depending on the scale of work.

If there are specific works/areas that are of a concern, please contact BalSwoOpArea@fingal.ie with further details, and we can follow up.

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

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ITEM NO. 29

BIN PRESENTATION - MAIN STREET - BALBRIGGAN - AI109608

Question: Councillor T. Murphy

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for cyclical bin cleaning regime in order to improve main street presentation in Balbriggan?”

Reply:

The bins along the main street are regularly inspected as part of the crew's daily duties, bins are emptied twice daily and if cleaning is required, the respective crews will carry out same.

The Area Inspector will monitor on an ongoing basis.

Source of Reply: Mr. O Byrne, Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 30

ROAD RESURFACING - NEW HAVEN BAY, BALBRIGGAN - AI109610

Question: Councillor T. Murphy

“To ask the Chief Executive if an assessment can be provided on New Haven Bay for new road surfacing in the next Programme of Works?”

Reply:

The existing road network in this estate has been assessed and is deemed to be in a reasonable condition noting there to be not too many previous road openings or relating scarring. Any minor surface defects noted will be added to the Area Inspectors general maintenance works programme and monitoring for any further deterioration will continue until such time that it may need to be considered for inclusion as part of a future program of works.

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

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ITEM NO. 31

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - OLDTOWN - AI109698

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Item 23 of 15th January 2026 meeting to consider the provision of traffic calming measures, including road signage and markings on the approach to either side of the chicane on Oldtown Road?”

Reply:

Following the response recorded under Item 23 of the 15 January ACM, a review of the road markings and signage was carried out. Road marking renewal and ongoing signage maintenance works have since been completed. Hedge-cutting works were also undertaken as part of ongoing maintenance.

Additional signage and further road marking improvements have been recommended and have been included for consideration in the 2027 Programme of Works.

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

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ITEM NO. 32

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - LUSK - AI109700

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of additional traffic calming measures on Station Road in Lusk between the Rathmore roundabout and the lights at the Chinese takeaway given the increase in speeding vehicles along this stretch of road?”

Reply:

The location has been added to the list of traffic calming requests for assessment and if warranted, it will be included for consideration in the 2027 Programme of Works. All requested are considered having regard to road safety, traffic conditions, local site characteristics and available resources.

It should be noted that any issues of speeding are enforcement issues under the rules of the road which should be reported to An Garda Síochána.

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

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ITEM NO. 33

PROVISION OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - RUSH - AI109702

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of traffic calming measures in the Tayleurs Point Estate in Rush to include signage and ramps given the concerns of parents with young children playing alongside cars speeding in the estate?”

Reply:

The location has been added to the list of traffic calming requests for assessment and if warranted, it will be included for consideration in the 2027 Programme of Works. All requested are considered having regard to road safety, traffic conditions, local site characteristics and available resources.

It should be noted that any issues of speeding are enforcement issues under the rules of the road which should be reported to An Garda Síochána.

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

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ITEM NO. 34

**RESURFACING OF ROAD SURFACE - QUAY ROAD, PORTRANE -
AI109704**

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the necessary finance in next year's Programme of Works for the resurfacing of the road surface at Quay Road in Portrane given the ongoing issues with potholes along this busy road?”

Reply:

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

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

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ITEM NO. 35

REQUEST FOR ILLEGAL ENCAMPMENT PREVENTATIVE MEASURES - DONABATE - AI109712

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the provision of illegal encampment preventative measures along the grass verge on the Donabate Distributor Road adjacent to the entrance to the sports grounds given the recent illegal encampment on two occasions at this location?”

Reply:

The Council will explore the various options available to mitigate illegal access onto the roadside margins of the Donabate Distributor Road. Any proposed works must be in line with road safety design standards and available space in order to be a viable solution. This road is approximately 3.65km in length and it is likely that it may not be viable or possible to carry out any mitigating measures.

The use of knee railings has been explored but the use of knee railings on verges along regional roads is heavily restricted primarily because they are classified as non-frangible, unyielding fixed hazards located inside the clear zone of a high-speed environment.

Also, the use of rock armour or large boulders at locations like the Donabate Distributor Road creates other issues and could be considered unauthorized obstructions.

Source of Reply: Aine Donlon Kavanagh, Senior Executive officer, Operations Department & Brian Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 36

TRAFFIC LIGHTS - TURVEY AVENUE - DONABATE - AI109713

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the traffic lights on Turvey Avenue, Donabate in the vicinity of the new Aldi store will be operational given the safety concerns of many pedestrians crossing this busy road?”

Reply:

The Operations Department has completed the civil, signaling and associated engineering works for the new pedestrian crossing on Turvey Avenue as part of the 2026 PoW. ESB Networks are required to attend the site and carry out final connection works. ESB Networks have been contacted in relation to fíngal connection. Once this is completed, the pedestrian crossing can be energised and commissioned.

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

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ITEM NO. 37

RE-LOCATION OF WHITE LINE - MAIN STREET - RUSH - AI109714

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to relocating the white line on the road on Rush Main Street in the vicinity of The Strand Bar to improve the flow of traffic at this location in both directions?”

Reply:

A review of road markings on Rush Main Street is currently under consideration. As part of this process, the existing white line markings in the vicinity of The Strand Bar will be examined, including any potential opportunities to improve traffic flow for vehicles travelling in both directions.

While it is not possible to provide a timeline for the completion of the review or the implementation of any changes at this stage, the location will be taken into account as part of the ongoing assessment.

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

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ITEM NO. 38

COASTAL EROSION - MARTELLO TOWER - BALBRIGGAN - AI109703

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any engagement with the Office of Public Works in relation to the most recent coastal erosion adjacent to the Martello Tower at Lambreecher in Balbriggan?”

Reply:

Since March 2026, the Operations Department has been coordinating and referring all Fingal coastal erosion items to the OPW's Coastal Erosion Change Section including coastal erosion including the Martello Tower car park Balbriggan.

The OPW are required to *“undertake an assessment to identify the communities and coastal areas at potentially significant risk from coastal change”*. The OPW are currently collating all of the coastal erosion reports made to them by Local Authorities and members of the public via the *Past Coastal Erosion Database (PCED)*. This database has been developed to help inform their assessment. The platform allows local authorities, members of the public and any other interested parties to report coastal erosion quickly and easily to the OPW, building a centralised body of local knowledge to support the management of coastal change. Fingal County Council encourages members of the public to report areas of concern to them via the PCED database located at

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

Reports received by the OPW will identify locations at potentially significant risk, inform and verify predictions of future coastal change, and assist in targeting coastal survey programmes and Strategic Infrastructure Coastal Erosion Protection Projects.

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

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ITEM NO. 39

**REINSTATE RIGHT TURN BOX - CHURCH STREET - SKERRIES -
AI109708**

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the reinstatement of the right turn box into Church Street, Skerries, from Thomas Hand Street to facilitate onward traffic flow towards the monument?”

Reply:

The request has been included in the list of line marking works.

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

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ITEM NO. 40

FLOOD ALLEVIATION PROJECTS PLANNED FOR RUSH - AI108876

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to re-painting the white sections of the speed ramps on Darcystown Road in Balrothery to restore their visibility?”

Reply:

These relining works have been assessed and will be included as part of the Area Engineer’s road marking relining programme.

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

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ITEM NO. 41

RESTORATION OF PUMP - BARNAGEERAGH HILL - AI109710

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the painting and restoration of the recently repaired pump at the lower end of Barnageeragh Hill, adjacent to the bridge and to examine the feasibility of its restoration to full functionality?”

Reply:

The Operations Department will take advice from the Council’s Heritage Section as they are currently logging the locations of all heritage water pumps across Fingal. The Operations Department was recently made aware of the location of this heritage pump in Barnageeragh as it was reported as damaged following some maintenance works by a hedge cutting machine. It was subsequently repaired by the local area Operations team.

Any additional ornamental aesthetic restoration works would have to be appropriate with the original historic setting and in lands owned by the Council. This project could be included as part of a future Programme of Works subject to a traffic safety assessment, historic assessment, land ownership and budget availability. The area Operations team would need to liaise with the local group requesting this work as part of any future proposed project.

The heritage pump, however, cannot be restored to functionality as the original purpose of these pumps was as a water source for community use prior to running water being brought to individual homes. These pumps were decommissioned in the 1950's and the Council can no longer guarantee them as a potable water source due to the internal metals and mechanisms which would not pass current rigorous safety standards.

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

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ITEM NO. 42

UPKEEP OF NEW ROAD VEGETATION AREA - DONABATE - AI109719

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for regular ongoing attention to the sloped area of vegetation behind 1 to 12 (details supplied), the Strand in Donabate, along the New (Corballis/Balcarrick) Road, to ensure that it is well kept and attractive looking given its central location in Donabate?”

Reply:

The area to the rear of these houses is a heavily vegetated steep bank. The steepness of the slope is of structural importance for the stability of the bank and cannot be altered. Regular ongoing maintenance of the sloped area at this location is not possible as it is completely inaccessible. The Operations Department regularly monitors and clears back encroaching nettles and briars from the area onto the pathway of New Road, with the most recent job being carried out a couple of weeks ago.

Source of Reply: Tim Hanway, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 43

UPKEEP OF SWORDS RIVERWALK - AI109720

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the upkeep of the Swords Riverside walk from the Castle Shopping Centre to the Old Schoolhouse pub, to keep it clean and attractive for the public to use?”

Reply:

The routine cleansing works carried out by the Operations Department at this location involves pruning back any vegetation that encroaches the public walkway as required. The vegetation has vigorous growth, so this task is part of routine maintenance. The local cleansing crew also removes any litter within reach of the walkway area. There is also additional litter removal works carried out at this location within the river by a contractor, and this is all litter not reachable from the walkway.

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

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ITEM NO. 44

PUBLIC SEATING BENCHES - DONABATE - AI109721

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide further public seating benches in Donabate Town Centre, as set out in the Fingal Age Friendly Strategy?”

Reply:

The Operations Department can consider the provision of public seating in any location once a specific request is received and is assessed for suitability. Public seating is already in place in all the larger public realm spaces in Donabate, particularly the open space and larger pavement locations. The Operations team is happy to take any further proposals from local stakeholders, the Town Centre First Team, and the Council's Age Friendly Officer.

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

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ITEM NO. 45

PUBLIC SEATING BENCHES IN THIS LEA - AI109722

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the number of public seating benches in each town and village in this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

The overall number of benches in the LEA is not something that has been recorded to date, primarily as there is not an issue with the provision of public seating, once the proposed locations are deemed suitable.

As part of the annual Programme of Works a provision is made for the inclusion of benches in the LEA. Each year an average of 15-20 new benches is installed across the LEA, and this is dependent on requests made by elected representatives, members of the public and community groups.

The Operations Department continually assesses areas for their suitability to include public seating benches of many different types of designs.

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

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ITEM NO. 46

PUBLIC TOILETS - DONABATE AND PORTRANE - AI109723

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise when public consultation will commence for the permanent public toilets for Donabate and Portrane beaches, as previously agreed?”

Reply:

The Operations Department recently delivered out on the installation of three eco toilets at Donabate Beach Car Park and three eco toilets at Portrane Beach, including the provision of accessible toilets at each location.

The Operations Department is currently reviewing its options and budgetary provision with regard to the toilet blocks at Donabate Beach and Tower Bay Beach, Portrane, noting that there is no foul sewer connection at either location and taking into consideration the recent installation of eco toilets. Should future works be determined which would require Part 8 planning permission, public consultation will be required as statutory.

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

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ITEM NO. 47

DONABATE CYCLE PATH MAINTENANCE - DONABATE DISTRIBUTOR ROAD - AI109724

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a maintenance schedule for the cycle path along the Donabate Distributor Road and to advise if the bike path markings, as it crosses the Portrane Road, can be re-instated?”

Reply:

The cycle path is swept weekly, and the area adjacent to all the new development works is also regularly swept by the two developers working in the area.

Reinstatement of worn bike path markings will be carried out under the Area Engineer's general works programme.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Connell, Area Inspector, and Mr. B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 48

FLASH FLOODING BLOCKING ROADS - AI109725

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the plans to deal with increasing occurrences of flash flooding in the Autumn/Winter months blocking various road locations across the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area?"

Reply:

The intensity and frequency of flash flooding appears to be increasing. During Autumn/Winter months when leaf fall from nearby vegetation increases which can lead to blocked road drainage systems, additional resources are put on the road sweeping schedule to help manage the leaf fall. In addition to the increase in resources for road sweeping, areas prone to flooding are given additional attention with cleaning of road gully slip traps, cleaning surface water screens and jetting of road drainage pipework.

Source of Reply: Mr. B Rochford, Executive Engineer and Mr. J Walls, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 49

SITE MEETING ROADWORKS - SHENICK ROAD - SKERRIES - AI109254

Motion: Councillor T. O’Leary

“That the Chief Executive prepare a list of short-term traffic calming measures (appropriate signage etc.) and other possible hard engineering solutions options, (safe ramp crossing at shops and/or traffic calming ramps) to bring forward to a site meeting with residents at Shenick Road in Skerries, (noting we had a least 2 meetings there already and to meet again after roadworks resurfacing completed).”

Report:

The location has been added to the list of traffic calming requests for assessment. As part of this assessment, a range of potential measures will be considered, including both signage-based interventions and engineering solutions such as raised table at the junctions and round-top traffic calming ramps, where appropriate.

Should the assessment determine that traffic calming measures are warranted, the location will be considered for inclusion in the 2027 Programme of Works. A further site meeting with local residents can be arranged following completion of the planned resurfacing works, taking account of the discussions and observations from the previous meetings held at the location.

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

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THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2026

MOTION O. 50

COASTLINE EROSION - RUSH - AI108900

Motion: Councillor E. Dockrell

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

Report:

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

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The Operations Department understands that this area is currently being monitored by the OPW as part of the pilot National Programme of Coastal Monitoring following a previous request from Fingal County Council. Furthermore we understand that expert consultants have advised that no additional assessment is warranted at this time. The outcome of the OPW's monitoring programme will inform any response to the coastal change at this location and Fingal County Council will be guided by the OPW's recommendations in this regard.

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

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MOTION NO. 51

IMPROVE WATER SAFETY IN THIS LEA - AI108919

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

“That the Chief Executive report on the steps that can be taken to improve water safety along the beaches and coastline in this Local Electoral Area ahead of the 2027 bathing season.”

Report:

Fingal County Council works collaboratively with Water Safety Ireland (WSI) who are the statutory body established to promote public awareness of water safety, advancement of education related to the prevention of accidents in water, instruction in water safety and the establishment of national standard of lifeguards.

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

Fingal County Council endeavours to align the lifeguard service with the bathing season (as defined by the EU Bathing Water Directive) from 1st of June to 15th of September. In addition, the age profile of lifeguard applicants are 18/19/20 years

old students who generally have availability only after the main state and university exams from early to mid-June. The peak period for beach attendance is traditionally July and August. As such, lifeguard cover is provided on a **weekend basis in June and September**, with a **full-time service in place during the peak months of July and August**. For the 2026 season, full-time lifeguard coverage operated from **23rd of June to 30th of August taking into account the exceptional weather**.

Water safety is a key priority for the Council and year on year we continue to invest in our Lifeguard stations and rescue equipment. This year the lifeguard wages were increased to align with other Local Authorities within the Dublin Area to attract new lifeguards and retain existing lifeguards within the Fingal area. As the Council is now exiting the 2026 bathing season we will review the season ahead of the 2027 Bathing Season, with consideration into the provision of a full-time lifeguard service commencing the start of June, which will be dependent on the availability of lifeguards.

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

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

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

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MOTION NO. 52

**INSTALLATION OF YELLOW BOX OUTSIDE ARDCIAN ESTATE -
SWORDS - AI107260**

Motion: Councillor D. Kelly

“That the Chief Executive installs a small yellow box outside the Ardcian Estate in Swords at the junction of Murrough Road.”

Report:

The Operations Department will carry out an on-site inspection of the location in question to observe traffic conditions and movements. If deemed suitable the installation of a yellow box will be added to the general line marking works programme.

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

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MOTION NO. 53

RATHBEALE ROAD JUNCTIONS REVIEW - AI108543

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

“That the Chief Executive arranges for a meeting between the relevant parties, namely Glasmore Residents Association, Howards Hardware, Rathbeale Take Away, Rathbeale Residents, Old Mooretown Residents, HSE, JC’s, Lidl Ireland and Council departments, to examine the ongoing issues facing the stretch of road adjacent to the shops to discuss how a workable solution can be found for all those impacted.”

Report:

The Operations Department will carry out inspections of the section of road in question to assess the current traffic conditions. Pending this site assessment, certain solutions may be possible to implement. These solutions may be brought forward under a general maintenance or future Programme of Works.

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

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MOTION NO. 54

RESURFACING OF PATHWAYS IN ST PETER AND PAUL'S CEMETERY BALBRIGGAN - AI109112

Motion: Councillor M. Quinn

“That this Committee supports the improvement of the pathways within St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery in Balbriggan.”

Report:

An inspection of the condition of the paths at St. Peter and Paul's cemetery has been carried out and a number of sections have been identified as requiring replacement. These sections will be considered for inclusion if a future works programme. A number of isolated bays were also noted in need for replacement, and these will be added to the Area Inspectors general maintenance programme.

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

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MOTION NO. 55

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY CROSSING - RUSH - AI109440

Motion: Councillor M. Boland

“That the Chief Executive arranges a site meeting with the Operations Department, at the corner of Whitestown Road and Doctor’s Lane, Rush, to review pedestrian safety and wheelchair accessibility crossing at this location, including access to nearby bus stops and that this Committee requests that practical options be identified to improve accessibility, prior to the meeting including clearer crossing markings, flashing beacons, footpath works, and removal or relocation of any obstructions so wheelchair users can access public transport in Rush.”

Report:

The Operations Department has previously met the Councillor onsite along with the Council’s Access Officer and a member of the public. This meeting took place on the 8th of May 2026. At the meeting the matters raised in this motion were discussed and a commitment was made to raise these issues with the Operation’s Traffic Section. The Traffic Section has subsequently assessed the area and the report as below was sent to the member of the public that attended the meeting and raised the issues.

"The Operations Department has noted the request to install a pedestrian crossing at this location. There is currently a raised uncontrolled pedestrian

crossing at this location, which allows pedestrians to cross the road. As the crossing is uncontrolled, pedestrians are required to assess traffic conditions and only cross when it is safe to do so.

In addition, there is a signal-controlled pedestrian crossing located approximately 100 metres from the bus stop, which provides a controlled crossing facility.

Your request has been recorded and will be considered as part of ongoing reviews of pedestrian facilities in the area."

Source of Report: Mr. Tim Hanway, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

Ms L Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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MOTION NO. 56

SKERRIES HARBOUR ROAD LICENSED HOSPITALITY SERVICE OUTSIDE RESTAURANTS BARS - AI109451

Motion: Councillor T. O’Leary

“That the Chief Executive engages with the hospitality businesses on Skerries Harbour to explore the possibility of having licensed, appropriately managed hospitality services on the public realm area, directly outside the businesses, restaurants and bars and arranges a meeting to discuss this option, noting that licensed tables and chairs under Section 254 (Planning & Development Act, 2000, as amended) seem to be working well in New Street in Malahide.”

Report:

The Operations Department is very supportive of local businesses and we welcome applications for Street Furniture Licences. The procedure to apply for a Street Furniture Licence is laid out on the Council’s website (<https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/street-furniture-licence>). The Council is fully committed to engaging with each business who applies through the application process, noting that each application will be assessed for suitability.

The Active Travel Section have secured Part 8 Planning for improvements in this area under the Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island Loop Project. This project is being delivered in two phases and phase 2 works are unlikely to commence until late 2027 or early 2028. These works will provide the potential for additional outdoor dining space that can be utilised by the businesses through a Street

Furniture Licence. The Active Travel project team will also be engaging with the Businesses in this area to develop the detailed design over the coming year. To establish suitable areas that can be developed for potential outdoor dining and hospitality.

Source of Report: Aine Donlon Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department & Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 57

PROVISION OF BOARDWALK - BALBRIGGAN BEACH - AI109564

Motion: Councillor G. Maguire

“That the Chief Executive gives consideration to the provision of a boardwalk on Balbriggan Beach in order to provide access for all.”

Report:

The Council has been working on access improvement proposals for the Balbriggan beach area as part of the ongoing ‘Our Balbriggan’ scheme. Structural Design Engineer Consultant Services have been engaged to prepare the outline proposals and present to Irish Rail as part of the design scoping process, as the railway embankment and most of the beach are on Irish Rail lands.

Irish Rail have subsequently met with the Council on site in early summer 2026 to discuss the proposals. Irish Rail have liaised with their property department and have replied formally to the Council with a draft license agreement, which is currently with the Councils Property and law Departments for review.

While the details of the licence agreement are being reviewed, the design team have progressed to detailed design in order to have the procurement pack ready for the tender process, once the licence agreement is in place.

A funding line already exists for the walkway through the Urban Regeneration Development Funded Our Balbriggan Programme.

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

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MOTION NO. 58

FOOTPATH CLEANING MACHINE - BALBRIGGAN - AI109606

Motion: Councillor T. Murphy

“That the Chief Executive considers leasing or the purchase of a footpath cleaning machine to address the issue with deep soiling on the footpath/square area of Balbriggan and to manage the maintenance of the new Quay Street Plaza.”

Report:

Consideration will be given to the leasing or purchasing of a footpath cleaning machine to maintain these areas. In tandem with this, Operations Department are currently exploring alternative cleansing methods for the deep cleaning of the paving in the hope of addressing the deep soiling issues in particular at St. Georges Square area and close to the takeaway business.

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

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MOTION NO. 59

ILLEGAL PARKING - ESTUARY PUB - SWORDS - AI109654

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

“That the Chief Executive take measures to combat illegal parking to the side of the Estuary Pub, onto Watery Lane, as vehicles parking on this path on a regular basis impedes access for prams and wheelchairs.”

Report:

This location is included on the Parking Wardens' patrol schedule and is monitored for illegal parking on a rota basis. Parking Wardens patrol the area Monday to Saturday between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Enforcement of illegal parking can only be undertaken during these hours.

Source of Report: Ms. C Brannelly, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 60

URGENT COASTAL EROSION MEASURES - RUSH - AI109694

Motion: Councillor C. Johnston

“That the Chief Executive carry out an immediate assessment of the worsening coastal erosion at Rush South Beach in the vicinity of the Rush Golf Course and nearby properties to include a plan to address this as a priority.”

Report:

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MOTION NO. 61

ACQUISITION OF LAND - SHENICK ROAD - SKERRIES - AI109711

Motion: Councillor B. Ryan

“That the Chief Executive engage with the owner of the land to the rear of the bus stop at the junction of Shenick Road and Rush Road, Skerries with a view to acquiring sufficient land to provide a bus shelter.”

Report:

Bus Stop 3824 (Holmpatrick) has been included on the NTA's Shortlist for the installation of a bus shelter under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (BSEP). Installation at this location will require widening of the existing footpath onto lands which are owned by Fingal County Council. However, planning permission has not yet been obtained for this shelter.

It should be noted that planning permission is required for the installation of bus shelters within Fingal, and it is the responsibility of the NTA and its appointed supplier to prepare and submit the necessary planning application. The Operations Department has requested that the NTA instruct its supplier to progress this matter.

At planning application stage, the NTA will provide an outline of the required lands, at which point the Operations Department will liaise with the Council's Property Section to facilitate use of the required lands to accommodate a bus shelter.

Source of Report: Mr. P Magalhaes, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 62

REMOVAL OF SHOPPING TROLLEYS FROM RIVERS – SWORDS – AI107261

Motion: Councillor D. Kelly

“That the Chief Executive arrange for the removal of illegally dumped shopping trolleys from the local rivers in Swords.”

Report:

Reports of trolleys abandoned or dumped on public lands are dealt with on a case-by-case basis as they are reported to the Operations Department. If a trolley (or other litter) is accessible by the Operations Crew, it will be removed.

If a trolley (or other litter) is located adjacent to a riverbank and can be reached by Operations staff without entering the water, then staff will endeavour to remove the trolley/litter from the river in a safe manner. Where retrieval is not deemed possible the location and information will be given to an appointed specialist contractor. This contractor is appointed to retrieve litter and debris from the Ward River and Broadmeadow River on request, with a general sweep of the river undertaken at specific locations on a quarterly basis also.

Due to the nature and safety requirements of the works, the operation must be planned accordingly and undertaken at the appropriate time which can be affected by weather conditions, water levels and accessibility.

Source of Report: Mr. S Sutton, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 63

ROAD SURFACE REVIEW - BLAKE'S CROSS - AI109215

Motion: Councillor E. Dockrell

“That the Chief Executive considers a review of the surface of the road at and near the Blake's Cross junction to ensure that all potholes at this location are filled in and the nearby R132 cycle lane is cleared and cleaned for use by cyclists.”

Report:

The cleaning maintenance of the nearby cycle lane on the R132 is being carried out by depot staff as part of the Area Inspectors general maintenance programme on a regular basis. Similarly with regards to minor road defects such potholes, these type works are listed for repairs which also falls under the Area Inspector general maintenance programme.

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

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MOTION NO. 64

HALLOWEEN WASTE COLLECTION/AMNESTY - AI109601

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

“That the Chief Executive consider an Amnesty/Halloween waste collection service within this LEA, this could incorporate a free drop off service at our recycling centres and/or a door-to-door collection from specific estates in the weeks leading up to Halloween.”

Report:

On the lead up to Halloween, both the Coolmine and Estuary Recycling Centres offer residents of Fingal an amnesty when combustible materials such as beds, sofas, wooden doors etc., all are accepted free of charge. The exact dates of the amnesty will be communicated in due course across the Council’s website and social media channels.

While Fingal County Council do not offer a bulky waste collection service there are a number of authorised waste collectors that offer the service for a set fee. Given the current budget provision and resources at its disposal, a door-to-door collection service is not something the Operations Department could provide.

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

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MOTION NO. 65

Sea Wall Defence - Balbriggan - AI109609

Motion: Councillor T. Murphy

“That the Chief Executive provide a more aesthetically appropriate form of temporary fencing or screening that would provide the same level of safety and keep the public out while being more sympathetic to the surroundings at Balbriggan Beach near the Martello Tower.”

Report:

Staff from the Operations Department met with Councillors on site at Martello Tower Car Park and it was agreed that a more aesthetically appropriate form of temporary

A new 1.2m bow top boundary fence will be installed 2meters back from the existing knee rail to ensure public safety.

The kelly blocks are being replaced with cortan steel planters and installation of seating which will improve the aesthetic look of the area whilst acting as a preventative measure for vehicle access.

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

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MOTION NO. 66

HIGHFIELDS TRAFFIC CALMING - SWORDS - AI109655

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

“That the Chief Executive arranges for a Road Traffic and Speed Survey to be undertaken on Highfield Green in Swords, with a view to assessing the need for speed ramps, raised tables, signage, road markings or other measures deemed appropriate, with the findings reported back to this Area Committee.”

Report:

The Operations Department will organise a traffic and speed survey at Highfield Green, Swords to determine the existing traffic volumes and speed data.

Once this is completed it can be assessed if any traffic calming measures can be implemented under a future Programme of Works.

It should be noted Highfields Green is a cul de sac estate with line marking and signage in place.

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

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MOTION NO. 67

ROAD SAFETY REVIEW - NEW ROAD, STRAND JUNCTION TO MAIN STREET, DONABATE - AI109696

Motion: Councillor C. Johnston

“That the Chief Executive carry out a Road Safety review to assess the need for traffic calming measures, safe pedestrian crossing and vehicular access from the New Road/Strand Estate junction to the New Road/Main Street Junction in Donabate given ongoing safety concerns of pedestrians and motorists with increasing traffic along this road with residents in new estates accessing the Town Centre via this road.”

Report:

The Operations Department will carry out an assessment of the location in question to determine if an appropriate pedestrian crossing point can be installed at along this section of road. If feasible it will be included under a future programme of works.

A portion of New Road is included as part of the Urban Speed Limit Review where a 30km/h speed limit is proposed.

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

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MOTION NO. 68

ROAD REPAIR AND RE-INSTATEMENT WORKS - LONGSTONE PARK - AI109727

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

“That the Chief Executive consider inclusion of funding in next year’s Local Works Programme for road repair and re-instatement works for Longstone Park, Portrane.”

Report:

Funding has been approved for footpath replacements under the 2026 Programme of Works in Longstone Park, Portrane, the aim is to get these works completed within 2026.

Regarding road repairs, consideration will be given to the inclusion of this request when preparing a future Programme of Works in the context of competing priorities as well as the availability of funding and engineering staff resources.

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

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