

## **Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council**

Minutes of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee  
(Services B - Strategic & General Matters)

**Held on Thursday, 3rd September, 2026 in the Civic Offices, Grove Road,  
Blanchardstown/MS Teams at 3.30p.m.**

### **PRESENT**

Councillors:

Burtchaell, John  
Carbone-Mangan, Eimear  
Dennison, Kieran  
Donnelly, Angela  
Doyle, Tania  
Hanaphy, Breda  
Kitt, Tom  
Leddy, Ted

Councillors:

McCamley, Mary  
Onwumereh, JK  
Quinlan, Patrick  
Sheehan, Gerard  
Troy, Ellen  
Walsh, John

Apologies: Councillor S. Shovlin.

The Area Chairperson Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, presided.

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Sara McAvoy (Senior Executive Officer, Housing), Fiona Smithers (Senior Staff Officer, Housing). Leah Walshe, (Community Officer, Community), Noel McManus (Sports Development officer, Community), Michael Campbell (Senior Staff Officer, Economic Enterprise, Cultural and Community Development ), Emily Crawley (Sports Programme Administrative Manager, Climate Action and Active Travel), Noel McManus (Sports Development Officer, Climate Action and Active Travel), Stephen McGinn (Sports Officer, Climate Action and Active Travel), Paul Keane (Senior Executive Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport), Christine Baker (Heritage Officer, Planning And Strategic Infrastructure), Gemma Carr (Senior

Exec Parks And Landscape Officer, Infrastructure & Transport), Deridre Fallon (Senior planner, Planning And Strategic Infrastructure), Natalie Dineen (Administrative Officer, Economic Development), Aoife Sheridan (Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs), Grainne Carroll (Administrative Officer, Environment).

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Area Chairperson, Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, at the start of the meeting reminded members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

#### **CMB/1/22** (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Blanchardstown - Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B (Strategic and General Matters)  
Meeting held on Thursday the 4th of June 2026

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor G. Sheehan seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

### QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor G. Sheehan seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly and **RESOLVED**-

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 30 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

#### **CMB/2/22** (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor E. Troy - Purchase of HSE Building on Auburn Avenue - AI108518

#### **CMB/3/22** (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor E. Troy - Bulky Waste Collection Service in this LEA - AI109120

- CMB/4/22** (Agenda Item No 4)  
Councillor E. Troy - Report on Water Quality in Dublin 15
- CMB/5/22** (Agenda Item No 5)  
Councillor E. Troy - Dunsink Urban Area Plan Briefing Meeting
- CMB/6/22** (Agenda Item No 6)  
Councillor G. Sheehan - Clonee to Blanchardstown Cycling Route - AI108792
- CMB/7/22** (Agenda Item No 7)  
Councillor G. Sheehan - Report on Clonsilla Old School House Masterplan - AI108794
- CMB/8/22** (Agenda Item No 8)  
Councillor G. Sheehan - Update on Junction Upgrade at Hartstown Road/Huntstown Way - AI109561
- CMB/9/22** (Agenda Item No 9)  
Councillor G. Sheehan - Update on Development of Site at Fortlawn - AI109562
- CMB/10/22** (Agenda Item No 10)  
Councillor M. McCamley - Public Opening through Hollystown Golf Course - AI109030
- CMB/11/22** (Agenda Item No 11)  
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Widening of Hard Shoulder on the R135 - AI109117
- CMB/12/22** (Agenda Item No 12)  
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Additional Truck Stops along the R135 - AI109118
- CMB/13/22** (Agenda Item No 13)  
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Update on Car Park - Tyrrelstown Park - AI10961
- CMB/14/22** (Agenda Item No 14)  
Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Engagement regarding Broadband in Castleknock - AI109166
- CMB/15/22** (Agenda Item No 15)  
Councillor A. Donnelly - Free Period Product Availability in Public Toilets in this LEA - AI109420
- CMB/16/22** (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on the Site at the corner of Blakestown Road and Huntstown Way - AI109421

**CMB/17/22** (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Taking in Charge of Phibblestown Wood - AI109422

**CMB/18/22** (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Taking in Charge of Castlefield Hall - AI109423

**CMB/19/22** (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Vacant Properties in Dublin 15 - AI109481

**CMB/20/22** (Agenda Item No 20)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Taking in Charge of Ongar Village - AI109505

**CMB/21/22** (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Update on the Consultation Process in for the Draft Dunsink Area Plan - AI109520

**CMB/22/22** (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Update on Response from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding the Draft Dunsink Urban Area Plan - AI109521

**CMB/23/22** (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Update on Submissions to the Dunsink Urban Area Plan - AI109522

**CMB/24/22** (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Report on Waste Deposited at Dunsink Landfill - AI109523

**CMB/25/22** (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Mapped inclusion of St Joseph's Horse and Pony Club in the Dunsink Urban Area Plan - AI109524

**CMB/26/22** (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Management of Dunsink Social Housing Allocations - AI109527

**CMB/27/22** (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Non-Compliances or Incidents Recorded at Dunsink  
Landfill - AI109536

**CMB/28/22** (Agenda Item No 28)  
Councillor J. Walsh - Public Transport for Dunsink - AI109616

**CMB/29/22** (Agenda Item No 29)  
Councillor J. Walsh - Update on Royal Canal Greenway - AI109617

**CMB/30/22** (Agenda Item No 30)  
Councillor J. Walsh - Cycle Path to Phoenix Park - AI109618

**CMB/31/22** (Agenda Item No 31)  
Applications for Funding

**a     Applications for Community Funding**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Leah Walshe, Community Department.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy and **AGREED**:

"That this Committee, recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community Funding in the attached report."

**CMB/32/22** (Agenda Item No 31b)  
Applications for Sports Funding

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Noel McManus, Community Department.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor T. Kitt and seconded by Councillor E. Troy and **AGREED**:

"That this Committee, recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Sports Funding in the attached report."

**CMB/33/22** (Agenda Item No 32)

## Proposed Disposals

**a** **Proposed lease of land at Kellystown, Dublin 15 to St Mochta's Football Club, Porterstown Road, Dublin 15**

Mr. Michael Campbell, Senior Staff Officer of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Culture & Development Department gave a report for noting by the Area Committee on the Proposed disposal of lands at Kellystown, Dublin 15 to St Mochta's Football Club.

Following discussion the report was **NOTED**.

**CMB/34/22** (Agenda Item No 33)

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

Ms Emily Crawley (Sports Programme Administrative Manager, Climate Action and Active Travel) and Noel McManus (Sports Development officer, Community Department) provided a presentation on the Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029 – Sports Department Strategy Update.

Following the presentation queries were raised by the members which were responded to by Ms. Crawley, Sports Programme Administrative Manager, Climate Action and Active Travel and Mr. McManus, Sports Development officer, Community Department.

Following discussion the report was **NOTED**.

**CMB/35/22** (Agenda Item No 34)

## Correspondence

**a** **Email from Dublin Bus dated 28th May 2026 re Cllr Walsh Motion Ghost Buses in Dublin 15**

The correspondence, which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

- b     Email from Rachel Begley TII dated 29th May 2026 regarding Cllr Walsh Motion Impact of Noise from the M50 - Ashleigh and Castleknock**

The correspondence, which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

- c     Email from Waterways Ireland dated 18th June 2026 regarding Cllr Troy Motion Pathways on the Royal Canal**

The correspondence, which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

- d     Letter from Susan Sinclair, Administrative Officer dated 29th June 2026 regarding Motion agreed by Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin Area Committee, South Dublin County Council**

The correspondence, which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

**CMB/36/22     (Agenda Item No 34e)**

Email from Private Secretary to Minister for Special Education and Inclusion dated 30th June 2026 regarding Cllr J. Walsh motion Task Force on Special Education in Dublin 15

The correspondence, which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

**CMB/37/22     (Agenda Item No 34f)**

Email from Private Secretary to Minister for Justice, Home Affairs & Migration dated 1st July 2026 regarding Cllr M McCamley motion Garda Station for Tyrrelstown/Hollystown Area

The correspondence, which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

- a     **Email from Private Secretary to Minister for Education and Youth dated 2nd July 2026 regarding Cllr J Burtchaell motion Exclusion of Dublin 15 Schools from Deis Plus Scheme**

The correspondence, which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

**CMB/38/22**     (Agenda Item No 34h)

Email from Private Secretary to Minister of Education and Youth dated 3rd July 2026 regarding Cllr M McCamley motion Vacant Ground at Hollywoodrath

The correspondence, which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

- a     **Email from Jeremy Ryan NTA dated 23rd July 2026 regarding Cllr B Hanaphy motion Review of Provision of Public Transport - Church Fields Area**

The correspondence, which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

- b     **Email from Private Secretary to Minister for Special Education and Inclusion dated 5th August 2026 regarding Cllr M. McCamley motion Special Education in Dublin 15**

The correspondence, which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

**CMB/39/22**     (Agenda Item No 34k)

Email from Jeremy Ryan NTA dated 10th August 2026 regarding Cllr JK Onwumereh motion Review of Public Transport Access in Tyrrelstown/Kilmartin/Hollystown

The correspondence, which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

**CMB/40/22** (Agenda Item No 34I)

Email from Private Secretary to Minister for Special Education and Inclusion dated 18th August 2026 regarding Cllr J. Walsh motion Second Special School in this LEA

The correspondence, which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

**CMB/41/22** (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan - Extension of Dublin Bikes Scheme to the Strawberry Beds - AI109517

It was **AGREED** to take item 35 and item 42 concurrently.

The motion in the name of Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan was proposed by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan and seconded by Councillor T. Kitt.

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

**CMB/42/22** (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Report on Noise Levels on the N3 at Littlepace - AI108177

It was **AGREED** to take item 36 and item 38 concurrently.

The Motion in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and Seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy.

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

**CMB/43/22** (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor E. Troy - Accessibility for Older People using the Phoenix Park -  
AI108810

The Motion in the name of Councillor E. Troy was proposed by Councillor G. Sheehan and Seconded by Councillor T. Leddy

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

**CMB/44/22** (Agenda Item No 38)

Councillor J. Burtchaell - Noise Abatement Measures for Communities Adjacent to the N3 - Saddlers Estate, Mulhuddart Wood, Village Heights and Whitestown -  
AI108743

It was **AGREED** to take item 36 and item 38 concurrently.

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Burtchaell was proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell and Seconded by Councillor G. Sheehan.

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

**CMB/45/22** (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor T. Leddy - Castleknock Village Heritage Strategy - AI109092

The Motion in the name of Councillor T. Leddy was proposed by Councillor T. Leddy and Seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan.

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

**CMB/46/22** (Agenda Item No 40)

Councillor M. McCamley - Permanent Access - Kilmartin Grove to Tyrrelstown Park - AI109279

The Motion in the name of Councillor M. McCamley was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley and Seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

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

**CMB/47/22** (Agenda Item No 41)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Alterations to the Draft Dunsink Urban Area Plan - AI109519

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Quinlan was proposed by Councillor P. Quinlan and Seconded by Councillor J. Burtchaell.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED** and following discussion, the Chair Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan then instructed that a roll call vote be taken and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

**FOR: ONE**

**AGAINST: THIRTEEN**

**FOR:** Councillor P. Quinlan

**AGAINST:** Councillor E. Carbone – Mangan, Councillor T. Kitt, Councillor K. Dennison, Councillor J. Burtchaell, Councillor A. Donnelly, Councillor B. Hanaphy, Councillor T. Leddy, Councillor M. McCamley, Councillor G. Sheehan, Councillor E. Troy, Councillor J. Walsh, Councillor T. Doyle, Councillor JK Onwumereh.

The Chair **DECLARED** the Motion **FELL**

**CMB/48/22** (Agenda Item No 42)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Bike-Hire Extension to the Strawberry Beds Special Amenity Area - AI109544

The Motion in the name of Councillor S. Shovlin was proposed by Councillor G. Sheehan and Seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan.

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

**CMB/49/22** (Agenda Item No 43)

Councillor J. Walsh - N8 Bus Service to Dublin Airport - AI109605

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Walsh was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and Seconded by Councillor M. McCamley

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

**CMB/50/22** (Agenda Item No 44)

Councillor T. Leddy - M50 Boundary with Castleknock Tennis Club - AI109273

The Motion in the name of Councillor T. Leddy was proposed by Councillor T. Leddy and Seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan.

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

**CMB/51/22** (Agenda Item No 45)

Councillor E. Troy - Alarm at Chemical Plants in this LEA - AI109384

The Motion in the name of Councillor E. Troy was proposed by Councillor G. Sheehan and Seconded by Councillor E. Troy.

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

**CMB/52/22** (Agenda Item No 46)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Pilot Project for Directly Employed Dog Wardens in this LEA - AI109419

The Motion in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and Seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy.

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

**CMB/53/22** (Agenda Item No 47)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Costed Infrastructure Delivery Report for the Dunsink Urban Area Plan - AI109529

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Quinlan was proposed by Councillor P. Quinlan. No seconder was noted.

**CMB/54/22** (Agenda Item No 48)

Councillor J. Walsh and Councillor M. McCamley - Luas Route to Tyrrelstown - AI109619

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Walsh / Councillor M. McCamley was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and Seconded by Councillor M. McCamley.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED** and following discussion, the Chair Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan then instructed that a roll call vote be taken and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

**FOR: THIRTEEN**

**AGAINST: ONE**

**FOR:** Councillor E. Carbone – Mangan, Councillor T. Kitt, Councillor K. Dennison, Councillor J. Burtchaell, Councillor A. Donnelly, Councillor B. Hanaphy, Councillor T. Leddy, Councillor M. McCamley, Councillor G. Sheehan, Councillor E. Troy, Councillor J. Walsh, Councillor T. Doyle, Councillor JK Onwumereh.

**AGAINST:** Councillor P. Quinlan

The Chair **DECLARED** the Motion **PASSED**

The Meeting concluded at 18.10.

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**AREA CHAIRPERSON**

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**DATED**

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL  
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
(Services B – Strategic and General Matters)**

**THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2026**

**ITEM NO. 02**

**CORDUFF PARK REFURBISHMENTS - AI109614**

**Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a completion date for the refurbishments of Corduff Park?”

**Reply:**

Work on the all-weather are substantially complete and the pitch has returned to regular use by local clubs. The other elements of works on the park upgrade are ongoing including the playground, community garden, car park and upgrades to the boundary and landscape planting. These works are due for completion in late 2026. Further updates on the opening of these facilities will be provided in due course.

**Source of Reply:**

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

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### BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic and General Matters)

THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2026

#### ITEM NO. 3

#### REPORT ON VACANT HOMES IN THIS LEA – AI109992

##### **Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing how many vacant homes have been identified in each Local Electoral Area within Dublin 15, including a breakdown by each area?”

##### **Reply:**

There are currently 40 identified privately owned Vacant homes in the Blanchardstown - Mulhuddart /Castleknock/ Ongar Electoral Area.

The breakdown by area is as follows:

| Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart | Castleknock | Ongar |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------|
| 23                        | 11          | 6     |

In addition to these 40 properties, the Council is currently engaging with 21 applicants under the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant Scheme with respect to 21 long term vacant properties in varying states of condition located in the Dublin 15 Area. The vacant homes team is working with these owners to bring the properties back into productive use.

To date, 27 applicants have drawn down funds under the Vacant Refurbishment Grant Scheme in the Dublin 15 area. This has brought 27 properties back into use which previously were long term vacant in the Dublin 15 area.

**Source of Reply:**

Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development Department.

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### **BLANCHARDSTOWN - MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic and General Matters)**

**THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2026**

#### **ITEM NO. 4**

#### **REPORT ON CPOS FOR VACANT HOMES IN THIS LEA - AI109993**

##### **Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy**

“To ask the Chief Executive if any Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) have been issued for vacant homes in the Dublin 15 area, and if so to provide the locations?”

##### **Reply:**

In 2026, the Vacant Homes Team closed on 1 CPO in Wellview, Dublin 15. The property is currently undergoing re-let repairs and will be let to an applicant from the Social Housing waiting list.

The Council is in the process of investigating a number of long-term vacant properties countywide, with a view to initiating CPO processes where appropriate. A CPO process is initiated where there is little or no engagement by the property owner and where all other avenues to bring the property back into productive use have been exhausted. The factors considered when deciding which properties to CPO include social housing need for the area, compensation costs being in line with Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government guidelines, and the level of engagement received from the property owner.

##### **Source of Reply:**

Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development Department.

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**THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2026**

#### **ITEM NO. 05**

#### **TIMELINE FOR COMMUNITY CAR IN DUBLIN 15 - AI109994**

##### **Question: Councillor B Hanaphy**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the provision of a community car to Dublin 15, including details of the proposed date of delivery and when the service is expected to become operational?”

##### **Reply:**

The Active Travel Section recently conducted a public survey asking for feedback on how best to shape the future of the community car in Fingal. This survey was completed by 109 people, made up of a mix of all stakeholders and from all locations of Fingal.

Following this survey, we are assessing the most suitable locations where a community car may be feasible. Once we have narrowed down the potential locations, we will hold public meetings with Councillors, perspective volunteers and service users. We expect to conduct these meetings in early November 2026.

We would be hopeful that new Community Cars would go live for bookings in Q1 2027.

##### **Source of Reply:**

Stephen McGinn, Walking & Cycling Officer, Active Travel Department.

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THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 06

#### MEDICAL PRIORITY WAITING TIMES IN THIS LEA - AI109951

##### **Question: Councillor A. Donnelly**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown, in tabular form, for years 2023, 2024 and 2025 of shortest, longest and average waiting times for medical priority in this Local Electoral Area?”

##### **Reply:**

The Council does not maintain a record of medical applications awaiting review based on Local Electoral Area or district. The Council receives circa 80 medical applications per month County wide, which are screened, and scheduled for the medical / welfare committee to review.

In recent months the Medical Priority Process operated by the Council has undergone significant review, working to deal with the huge increase in numbers of Applications received in recent months, and particularly, since the global Covid pandemic, work to deal with this is ongoing. There has been a 417% overall increase in medical applications since 2019.

##### **Source of Reply:**

Linda McDonald, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2026

#### ITEM NO. 07

#### RENT ARREARS BREAKDOWN IN THIS LEA - AI109952

##### **Question: Councillor A. Donnelly**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing the number of tenants in arrears in this Local Electoral Area, by number of households, including the lowest (at a threshold of €500) and highest arrears?”

##### **Reply:**

|                                                              |                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| No. of Households in Arrears in this LEA with arrears > €500 | 783 households |
| Highest Arrears figure                                       | €36,400.50     |
| Lowest Arrears figure > €500                                 | €500.10 cent   |

These are not static figures as the arrears position changes each week based on rent payments received.

##### **Source of Reply:**

Helen O'Donnell, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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**THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2026**

#### **ITEM NO. 08**

#### **UPDATE ON TENANT-IN-SITU FUNDING IN THIS LEA - AI109953**

##### **Question: Councillor A. Donnelly**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the availability of Tenant-In Situ funding in this Local Electoral Area?”

##### **Reply:**

The Council were notified of the allocation for the 2026 Second-hand Acquisitions Programmer on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

The funding was broken down into three specific priority areas:

- tenancy sustainment – tenant-in-situ
- exits from homeless services (including one-bed for housing first need)
- people with a disability and older persons requiring urgent housing responses

Tenancy sustainment (TIS) can be considered for tenants receiving Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) and Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) who have received a notice of termination from their landlord.

The secondhand acquisition allocation for tenancy sustainment (TiS) for 2026 is €7,700,000. This allocation covers the whole County as opposed to a specific Local Electoral Area.

In 2026 to date, 14 properties have had sales closed, 2 properties are currently in the conveyancing process, leaving a remaining balance of approximately €1,500,000.

There are 4 further TIS applications currently under review; assuming these acquisitions proceed, we will have utilised the full 2026 TIS allocation.

**Source of Reply:**

Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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**ITEM NO. 09**

**TAKING IN CHARGE OF CASTLEFIELD HALL - AI109954**

**Question: Councillor A. Donnelly**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Castlefield Hall?”

**Reply:**

The final surfacing works, ramps, and raised tables have now been completed within the estate. We are now awaiting the completion of the Road Safety Audit before advertising the estate for Taking in Charge

**Source of Reply:**

Colin Gallgher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Development Department.

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**ITEM NO. 10**

**TAKING IN CHARGE OF PHIBBLESTOWN WOOD - AI109955**

**Question: Councillor A. Donnelly**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Phibblestown Wood?”

**Reply:**

The bondholder has been issued a list of required works necessary to bring the estate up to the standard for taking in charge. The commencement and completion of these works will depend on the time required for the bondholder to engage and mobilise a contractor. The bondholder has not informed the Council on a start date or on an appointed contractor. Once the works have been completed to the satisfaction of Fingal County Council, the estate can be taking in charge, pending a taking in charge request.

**Source of Reply:**

Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Development Department.

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**ITEM NO. 11**

**REPORT ON CAPITAL PROJECTS PLANNED IN THIS LEA - AI109956**

**Question: Councillor A. Donnelly**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of proposed capital projects planned in this Local Electoral Area?”

**Reply:**

The next iteration of the Capital Plan will be presented to Members at the October Council meeting and it will include a break down by area committee.

**Source of Report:**

Oliver Hunt, Director of Services, Finance Department.

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#### ITEM NO. 12

#### LIST OF FINGAL RESIDENTIALLY ZONED LANDS - AI109957

##### **Question: Councillor A. Donnelly**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report listing the residentially zoned land that is under the ownership of the Council in this Local Electoral Area?”

##### **Reply:**

The approximate extent of residentially zoned land in Council ownership within the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar area is set out below:

| Local Electoral Area | Area                                                                                     |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Blanchardstown       | 37.7 hectares – lands at Churchfields under development                                  |
| Castleknock          | 3.508 hectares – not generally available for development - includes roadbed, open space  |
| Ongar                | 0.2629 hectares – not generally available for development - includes roadbed, open space |

**Note:** The figures above are approximate and represent the extent of residentially zoned land currently in Council ownership within this Local Electoral Area however the zoning includes roadbed, open space and lands that are generally not capable of development.

These figures are subject to verification and may vary following detailed assessment of individual landholdings.

**Source of Reply:**

Ciara OhAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development Department.

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**ITEM NO. 13**

**WILDLIFE MORTALITY RECORDED ON DUNSINK LANE - AI109976**

**Question: Councillor P. Quinlan**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the wildlife mortality recorded on Dunsink Lane, in particular badger fatalities at the north end of the Tolka bridge?”

**Reply:**

The Council does not have reports or records of wildlife mortality on Dunsink Lane. The Council has requested such records from the National Parks & Wildlife Service and when such records are received, the Council will forward this information to the Councillors.

**Source of Reply:**

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

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**ITEM NO. 14**

**MAMMAL CULVERT WITH GUIDE FENCING - TOLKA BRIDGE,  
DUNSINK LANE - AI109979**

**Question: Councillor P. Quinlan**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing whether the Council will install a mammal culvert, with guide fencing, at the north end of the Tolka Bridge on Dunsink Lane, as recommended by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage?"

**Reply:**

This issue relates to the content of the draft Dunsink Urban Area Plan and consequently the plan making process associated with the Dunsink Urban Area Plan and should be addressed during an additional council meeting which will be held for the Plan on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2026.

**Source of Reply:**

Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning & Development Department.

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#### **ITEM NO. 15**

#### **REPORT ON HEDGEROW CUTTING ON COUNCIL LANDS – DUNSINK AREA - AI109982**

##### **Question: Councillor P. Quinlan**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of the hedgerow cutting, tree removal and vegetation clearance works which have been carried out on Council owned lands in the Dunsink Plan area, in the last three years to date, together with the dates of each works undertaken?”

##### **Reply:**

The Environment Section flail a section of hedging along the landfill southern and eastern boundaries annually every September. In addition to this in 2025, Environment flailed a section along the Southern boundary from Dunsink Observatory down towards the Ratoath Road in preparation for the on-going soil importation works.

There is no maintenance works in the form of hedgerow cutting, tree removal or vegetation clearance works carried out by Property Services at the location referred to.

##### **Source of Reply:**

David T Byrne, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Department.  
Ciara OhAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development Department.

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#### **ITEM NO. 16**

#### **ALLOCATION MANAGEMENT AND LOCAL CONNECTION AT BLAKESTOWN ROAD AND HUNTSTOWN WAY - AI109989**

##### **Question: Councillor P. Quinlan**

“To ask the Chief Executive to state whether the Fingal Allocations Scheme permits any priority to be given to Irish citizens in the allocation of social housing at the Council owned site 'on track to commence on site later this year' at the corner of Blakestown Road and Huntstown Way, Dublin 15?”

##### **Reply:**

All allocations are made on a date in need basis in accordance with the Housing Allocations Scheme. There is no provision in the scheme for this.

##### **Source of Reply:**

Linda McDonald, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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#### **ITEM NO. 17**

#### **SECURITY OF VACANT COUNCIL HOMES AT FORTLAWN PARK PENDING PART 8 REDEVELOPMENT - AI109990**

##### **Question: Councillor P. Quinlan**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report outlining what measures the Council will put in place to secure the vacant Council homes at Fortlawn Park, Blanchardstown, and any other homes in the Fortlawn scheme that become vacant pending the Part 8 redevelopment, so as to prevent their use for antisocial behaviour or unauthorised occupation, including a named contact point for residents reporting such activity?"

##### **Reply:**

All void units in Fortlawn Estate are currently securely boarded. If residents have any concerns around antisocial behaviour or unauthorised occupation, they should report any instances to our dedicated Customer Care Unit - Telephone: (01) 890 5000. Opening Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 5pm; Friday - 9am - 4.30pm. E-mail: [customercareunit@fingal.ie](mailto:customercareunit@fingal.ie) and it will be dealt with promptly.

##### **Source of Reply:**

Mark McGinty, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.

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#### **ITEM NO. 18**

### **PERMITTED USE AND REFERRAL ARRANGEMENTS AT THE PROPOSED HOMELESS ACCOMMODATION AT MOUNTVIEW SHOPPING CENTRE - AI109991**

#### **Question: Councillor P. Quinlan**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report outlining what conditions of the permission granted by An Coimisiún Pleanála under appeal reference PL06F.500216, on the site of Salmon's Public House and Paddy Power, Mountview Road, Coolmine, Dublin 15, restrict the use of the development and the categories of resident that may be accommodated there, and including whether residents will be referred by the Council or by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive?"

#### **Reply:**

The provision of homeless services across the Dublin region is a shared service managed by the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) sourcing new emergency accommodation and managing existing services across Fingal. The DRHE, in collaboration with Fingal County Council's Housing Dept, refers clients to approved emergency accommodation centres where applicable.

#### **Source of Reply:**

Pauline Burke, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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#### ITEM NO. 19a

#### APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

#### ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

| Name of Applicant Group | Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application | Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items      | Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N | Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year | Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Viking Sub Aqua Club    | €500                                                            | Costs for pool rental for a 6-week programme for young people and | Y                                                  | 2025 - €3,405<br><br>2023 - €3,000                                         | Vikings Sub Aqua Club seeks to use the Activities Grant to facilitate a community   |

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|  |  | members of the wider community to snorkelling, water safety, and basic aquatic skills |  |  | snorkelling programme in collaboration with a local scout's group. The total cost to rent the swimming pool is € 600. I recommend that they are allocated the full amount available of €500. |
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**ITEM NO. 20**

**BRIEFING FOR PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT  
MAYESTON, POPPINTREE, DUBLIN 11**

**Presentation at Meeting**

**Source of Reply:**

Carmel Brannen, Senior Architect, Architects Department.

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**ITEM NO. 22**

**PUBLIC MARKING FOR CIARAN KILKENNY CAREER IN THIS LEA -  
AI109791**

**Motion: Councillor T. Leddy**

“That the Chief Executive work with the Sports and Arts Offices to mark the inter-county career of GAA star Ciaran Kilkenney, by installing a public and permanent marking in his honour.”

**Report:**

The Council acknowledges the outstanding contribution of Ciaran Kilkenney to Gaelic Games and the distinction he has brought to the county through his inter-county career.

If this motion is passed, the matter will be referred to the Naming and Commemorative Committee for consideration and determination of next steps with the Arts/Sports Offices as appropriate.

**Source of Report:**

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services Department.

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#### **ITEM NO. 23**

#### **LETTING OF HOUSES AT FORTLAWN COMMUNITY GARDEN - AI109949**

##### **Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly**

“That the Chief Executive examines a way to let out the two vacant houses at the Fortlawn community garden, so that the houses do not lie empty for years while the homeless numbers continue to rise.”

##### **Report:**

Preparatory work on the proposed development continues to progress, including the planned demolition of the properties as they become vacant. Engagement with the remaining affected households remains an important part of the project, and the Council is committed to continuing communication and support to them throughout the process.

Detailed design of the scheme is progressing, and updates will be provided as the project reaches key milestones and as arrangements for the next stages, including the planned demolition of the vacant properties are finalised.

As plans for the demolition of the two vacant properties are progressing, they would not be suitable for reletting in the short term.

The scheme once complete will provide a significant number of new, modern homes and improved public infrastructure, supporting the long-term regeneration of the area.

##### **Source of Report:**

Aoife Lalwer, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.

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#### ITEM NO. 24

#### REPORT ON SOCIAL HOUSING APPLICANTS DEEMED INELIGIBLE ON INCOME GROUNDS IN THIS LEA - AI109985

##### **Motion: Councillor P. Quinlan**

“That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to bring a report to the members setting out, for each year from 2021 to date, the number of households with an address in the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Local Electoral Areas whose application for social housing support was refused because the household income exceeded the applicable limit under the Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011, as amended, together with the number of such households removed from the housing list on the same grounds, whether at annual review or at point of offer, broken down by those Local Electoral Areas.”

##### **Report:**

The below table outlines the number of housing applications closed or refused for being over the income limit in each area:

|                           | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026<br>YTD |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------|
| Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart | 4    | 6    | 2    | 4    | 7    | 11          |
| Castleknock               | 6    | 1    | 5    | 8    | 9    | 14          |
| Ongar                     | 16   | 17   | 11   | 7    | 13   | 28          |

The information requested by the Councillor, in relation to the stage at which a housing applicant was deemed ineligible on income grounds i.e. application, review, or offer stage, is not readily available and to extrapolate this information would be a time consuming and resource intensive exercise.

**Source of Report:**

Pauline Burke, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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#### **ITEM NO. 25**

#### **Infrastructure Improvements on Westmanstown Road - AI109792A**

#### **Motion: Councillor Ted Leddy**

That the Chief Executive initiate a plan to improve walking and cycling infrastructure on Westmanstown Road

#### **Report:**

The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 includes various objectives to support the development of improved cycling and walking access throughout the county. There is no provision within the current Fingal Capital Plan for this proposal. However, this request will be added to our Connectivity Tracker, assessed as to its feasibility, and will be considered when the next programme of works is being prepared.

#### **Source of Report:**

Kieran Maher, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel Department.

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#### **ITEM NO. 26**

#### **Update on Play Spaces - Hartstown and Hazelbury - AI109950**

##### **Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly**

"That the Chief Executive provides a status update on Hartstown and Hazelbury play spaces."

##### **Report:**

The evaluation of tenders for the development of Hartstown Playground has been completed, and a successful contractor has been chosen. The award of this tender is subject to a standstill period of 14 days, which is due to expire shortly. It is then intended to proceed with the award of the contract with the works being completed during 2027. The procurement process for the Hazelbury playground is ongoing and it is planned to publish the tender documents over the coming weeks to the prequalified candidates. We envisage the completion of procurement for the playground in Q4 2026 with the works being undertaken during 2027.

##### **Source of Report:**

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

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#### **ITEM NO. 27**

#### **REMOVAL OF PARKING CHARGES AND CLAMPING FOR PATIENTS AND VISITORS – CONNOLLY HOSPITAL, BLANCHARDSTOWN - AI109987**

#### **Motion: Councillor P. Quinlan**

“That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to write to the General Manager of Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown, and to RCSI Hospitals, requesting that parking charges and clamping on the hospital campus be removed for patients attending the Emergency Department, outpatient clinics scheduled appointments, and for family members accompanying or visiting them, and requesting a written response setting out whether this will be done and by what date.”

#### **Report:**

If this motion passes, the terms will be forward to the General Manager of Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown, and to RCSI Hospital. When a reply is received, the area committee will be informed.

#### **Source of Report:**

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services Department.

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