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Friday, 25 September 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, 8th October, 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 10th September 2026.**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor M. Boland - Road Resurfacing Programme 2026/2027 - Rush and Lusk - AI109439**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an updated list of the Road Resurfacing Programme 2026/2027 for Rush and Lusk, along with a list of roads which have been requested to be included in future re-surfacing works within the Rush-Lusk area?"

- 3 **Councillor C. Johnston - Calisthenics Equipment - Donabate - AI109715**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of calisthenics equipment in the Donabate area given the increasing population and the need for outdoor exercise equipment?"

- 4 **Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Uncontrolled Pedestrian Crossing - R128 - Collie Maher Park - Lusk - AI109716**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the necessary finance in next year's Programme of Works for the provision of an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing on the R128 in the vicinity of Collie Maher Park given the increasing number of children crossing this busy road to access the sports grounds?"

- 5 **Councillor C. Johnston - Resurfacing of Hand's Lane - Lusk - AI110147**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the necessary finance in the 2027 Programme of Works for the resurfacing of Hand's Lane in Lusk which is in very poor condition and is a safety concern for road users?"

- 6 **Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Calming Measures - Hand's Lane - Lusk - AI110148**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of traffic calming measures including relocation of the "Stop" sign - road markings (slow/stop etc.) and provision of an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing at Hand's Lane in Lusk given the going safety concerns of parents due to increasing number of vehicles on this road with children trying to cross this road safely?"

7 Councillor C. Johnston - Resurfacing of Road Surface - Whitestown Road - Rush - AI110152

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the necessary finance for the resurfacing of the Whitestown Road in Rush in the 2027 Programme of Works given the current poor condition of the road surface?"

8 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of VAS Signage - Donabate Distributor Road - AI110155

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of VAS signage on the Donabate Distributor Road in the vicinity of the approach to the access to the Sports grounds given the ongoing safety issues with children crossing the road at this location and vehicles speeding along this busy road?"

9 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of VAS Signage - Whitestown Road - Rush - AI110160

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of a VAS sign on the Whitestown Road between Healy's Lane and the Whitestown cemetery in the 2027 Programme of Works given the ongoing concerns with speeding along this section of road?"

10 Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Calming Measures- R122 - Naul - AI110177

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the provision of traffic calming measures on the R122 on the approach to the first bend leaving the Naul Village which is an accident blackspot given ongoing safety concerns of the local community?"

11 Councillor P. Mulville - Footpath Replacement Works - Longstone Park - Portrane - AI109726

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the footpath replacement works for Longstone Park in Portrane?"

12 Councillor P. Mulville - Current Position Under Existing Bye-Laws Regarding Public Fishing at Natura 2000 Sites in this LEA - A109729

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the current position under existing Bye-Laws regarding public fishing at Natura 2000 sites in this Local Electoral Area?"

13 Councillor P. Mulville - Planned Coastal Erosion and Protection Works - Rush - AI109731

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the planned coastal erosion and protection works for Rush?"

14 Councillor M. Quinn - Repainting of Yellow Lines - Balbriggan Town Centre - AI109958

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repainting the yellow boxes at the following junctions in Balbriggan Town Centre?

-Chapel Street with junction at Drogheda Street

-Clonard Street/Mill Street at junction with Bridge Street

-Quay Street with junction at Bridge Street

-Bridge Street at Bracken Court Hotel and The Square

15 Councillor M. Quinn - Ring Commons Resurfacing Update - Matt Lane - AI109984

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed resurfacing of Matt Lane at Ring Commons?"

16 Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Tower Street - Rush - AI109986

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed footpath and road repairs at Tower Street in Rush and to advise when these repairs are scheduled to commence?"

17 Councillor B. Ryan - Bramble Cutting along Footpath - County Bridge - Balbriggan - AI110014

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given, together with Iarnród Éireann, for the cutting back of the branches and thorns growing over the wall along the footpath on the railway side from County Bridge/Fancourt Heights to the end of the footpath, as they are causing difficulties for pedestrians going in the Skerries direction?"

18 Councillor L. Corkery - Kissing Gates in this LEA - AI110060

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the Council's current position with regard to existing kissing gates in this Local Electoral Area?"

19 Councillor L. Corkery - Grass Verge Cutting in this LEA - AI110103

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise the Council's policy is regarding cutting of grass verges in this Local Electoral Area, in cases where the

grass verge is not located outside a property but rather on an entrance road to an estate, does the existing policy represent value for money for Local Property Tax payers?"

20 Councillor J. Smyth - Upkeep/Maintenance - Bridge Street - Swords - AI110099

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to an ongoing maintenance and upkeep schedule for the bridge on Bridge Street in Swords which is in need for power washing and weed removal?"

21 Councillor D. Kelly - One-Way Road Plan - Church Road - Swords - AI110097

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to change the current road plan to a one-way system where traffic can exit Main Street in Swords to travel down Church Road heading for St. Columba's Church?"

22 Councillor D. Kelly - Leaf Clean Up Schedule - Swords - AI110150

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the schedule for leaf cleaning in Swords for Autumn/Winter 2026/2027 and if all estates in Swords will be part of the schedule?"

23 Councillor D. Kelly - Trimming of Overgrowth on Seatown Road - Swords - AI110154

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to have the overgrown hedges, on Seatown Road to the rear of Woodies DIY Store, trimmed?"

24 Councillor D. Kelly - Review of Brackenstown Road and Church Road Junction - Swords - AI110178

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange a review of this junction beside St. Columba's Church?"

25 Councillor E. Dockrell - Pay and Display Machines Upgrade - Rush Main Street

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the pay and display machines in Rush Main Street will be upgraded to accept card payments as well as cash payments?"

26 Councillor E. Dockrell - Road Resurfacing - Adamstown to Garristown Road

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to resurface the Adamstown to Garristown Road as this road is used during the Windmill Run and has many potholes that need to be filled?"

27 Councillor E. Dockrell - Traffic Calming Measures - Orchard Estate - Oldtown

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for further traffic calming measures from the Orchard Estate to Oldtown Village as part of the 2027 Programme of Works?"

28 Councillor E. Dockrell - Repositioning of Rock Armour - South Shore Beach - Rush

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the timeline for when the rock armour will be repositioned along South Shore beach in Rush?"

29 Councillor E. Dockrell - Upgrade on Public Toilets - Tower Bay - Portrane

"To ask the Chief Executive to give consideration to upgrading the public toilets at Tower Bay, Portrane?"

30 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Kissing Gates between The Links and Fairways Estate - Donabate

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the alternative options to replace the kissing gates between The Links and Fairways housing estates in Donabate?"

31 Councillor E. Dockrell - Upgrade on Playground Equipment - Newbridge Park - Donabate

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to upgrading some of the playground equipment in Newbridge Park playground in Donabate?"

32 Councillor G. Maguire - Timeline - Balbriggan Lighthouse - A110137

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for the painting of Balbriggan Lighthouse?"

33 Councillor G. Maguire - Road Markings - Hastings Estate - Balbriggan - AI110140

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to a previous request to have road markings painted at the entrances to and at all junctions in The Hastings Estate in Balbriggan?"

**OPERATIONAL NEW
WORKS, ETC.**

34 Report on Public Consultation - Proposed Amendment to the Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (County of Fingal) Bye-Laws 2020 - Quay Street L-1226 and Shared Surfaces at Balbriggan Harbour, Balbriggan, Co Dublin.

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BUSINESS**

35 Councillor T. O'Leary - Installation of Yellow Lines - Barnageeragh - Skerries - AI109884

"That the Chief Executive arranges for the installation of yellow lines and formal "No Parking" signage or other measures, as on-street parking is causing issues for emergency vehicle access and a danger to young children in that residential area, noting the estate was taken in charge in February 2026 and there is access to an underground car park."

MOTIONS

36 Councillor D. Kelly - Pothole Repairs in this LEA - AI107262

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to repairing existing potholes in this Local Electoral Area following floods."

37 Councillor J. Smyth - Road Safety Audit - R125 Rolestown - AI108841

"That the Chief Executive conducts a road safety audit on the R125 as it enters Rolestown in light of the dangerous nature of this road, regular speeding and lack of pedestrian infrastructure servicing some of the homes adjacent to the town."

38 Councillor L. Corkery - Traffic Issue Review - Castle Avenue - Swords - AI109692

"That the Chief Executive consider engaging with the Operations Department and the residents of Castle Avenue in Swords, to discuss traffic issues, including speeding and the need for new road markings in certain locations."

39 Councillor P. Mulville - Safe Pedestrian Crossing - Portrane - AI109728

"That the Chief Executive considers the installation of a pedestrian crossing from Longstone Park in Portrane, to the bus stop at St. Ita's Hospital gates, given the difficulties facing older people in particular crossing this increasingly busy section of road."

40 Councillor D. Butler - Development of Croquet Club - Newbridge House - AI109859

"That the Chief Executive considers a submission from the Newbridge House Croquet Club requesting the development of two new croquet lawns at Newbridge House and if this is something that the Council could consider as a joint application with the club when the next Government Sports Capital Grants applications open up later this year."

41 Councillor E. Dockrell - Road Resurfacing - R128 - Rush

"That the Chief Executive arrange for the resurfacing of the R128 from the Rush - Lusk Train Station to Rush Main Street given that it has been over a decade since this section of road was last resurfaced and the heavy traffic using it as the main route to Rush."

42 Councillor B. Ryan - Traffic Flow Problems - Balbriggan Street - Skerries

"That the Chief Executive explores creative solutions to deal with the traffic flow and parking problems on Balbriggan Street, Skerries."

43 Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Review of Fieldstown Bridge East Junction - Swords/Ashbourne Road - AI110170

"That the Chief Executive undertakes an urgent review of the Fieldstown Bridge East Junction (Oldtown area), where the R122 meets the R125 Swords-Ashbourne Road, given the ongoing concerns of residents and the Oldtown Community Council with at least eight incidents at this location reported to the Committee since November 2025 including multi-vehicle collisions and most recently a three-vehicle collision on 20th August 2026."

44 Councillor D. Kelly - Installation of Benches Rivermeade Estate - AI108406

"That the Chief Executive arrange a site survey for benches to be installed in the Rivermeade Estate which will help support the elderly

in the estate.”

45 Councillor J. Smyth - Glasmore Park Road and Footpath Resurfacing - AI109455

“That the Chief Executive arrange for the resurfacing of the roads and footpaths in Glasmore Park in the 2027 Programme of Works.”

46 Councillor L. Corkery - Public Lighting - Cianlea /Lios Cian - AI109747

“That the Chief Executive examine the provision of street lighting along the recently widened footpaths from Cianlea across the green towards Lios Cian and the bus stop, in the interests of pedestrian safety, particularly for residents using the route during late-night and early-morning hours.”

47 Councillor E. Dockrell - Road Resurfacing - R130 - Baldwinstown

“That the Chief Executive arranges for road resurfacing on the R130 from Baldwinstown to Garristown, which is a road that brings many people from the other rural villages of Naul, Oldtown and Ballyboughal (and also Swords and the airport) to Garristown.”

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Comhairle Contae Fingall Fingal County Council

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

Thursday, 10th September, 2026

PRESENT

Boland, Cathal
Boland, Mark
Butler, Darragh
Corkery, Luke
Dockrell, Eoghan
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 Councillor Humphreys

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Tom O'Leary, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Sinéad Murphy (Director of Services), Áine Donlon Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer), James Culhane (Senior Executive Engineer), Aileen O'Connor (Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer), Leticia Moore (Executive Engineer), Leticia Moore (Executive Engineer), Brian Rochford (Executive Engineer), Pedro Magalhaes (Executive Engineer), Timothy Hanway (Administrative Officer), Conor Sheehan (Staff Officer), Mary McGee (Staff Officer), Sarah McDermott (Clerical Officer), Stephanie McKeown (Clerical Officer).

BSA/363/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

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

Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held on the 11th of June 2026, which had been circulated were submitted, **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Leary and seconded by Councillor Murphy and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) Meeting held on 11th of June 2026 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”

BSA/364/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor O’Leary and seconded by Councillor Smyth and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No 51, Questions numbered 02 to 48 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

BSA/365/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

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

BSA/366/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

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

BSA/367/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

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

BSA/368/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

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

BSA/369/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

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

BSA/370/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

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

BSA/371/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

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

BSA/372/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

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

BSA/373/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

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

BSA/374/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

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

- BSA/375/26** (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Provision of Community Garden - Portrane - AI109218
- BSA/376/26** (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor J. Smyth - Maintenance Works - Ward River Laneways/ Embankment - AI109034
- BSA/377/26** (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor J. Smyth - Update on Bus Stop - Holywell Crescent - Swords - AI109602
- BSA/378/26** (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor J. Smyth - Graffiti/Tagging - Glen Ellan, Rathbeale Road, Brackenstown Road, Applewood, Broadmeadow Park - Swords - AI109604
- BSA/379/26** (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor J. Smyth - Lowering of Kerbs - St. Columba's Heights - Swords - AI109678
- BSA/380/26** (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor J. Smyth - Bus Enhancement Scheme - Rolestown- AI109679
- BSA/381/26** (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor M. Quinn - Lady's Stairs Clean Up - Barnageeragh - Balbriggan - AI109162
- BSA/382/26** (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor M. Quinn - Replacement of Street Bin - Moylaragh - Balbriggan - AI109163
- BSA/383/26** (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor M. Quinn - Crossing at Strand Street - Skerries - AI109210
- BSA/384/26** (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor M. Quinn - Bench Installation - Mill Pond Park - Balbriggan - AI109256
- BSA/385/26** (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor M. Quinn - Tree Pruning - St. Paul's Crescent - Balbriggan - AI109387
- BSA/386/26** (Agenda Item No 23)
Councillor M. Quinn - Clean-up of Open Space - St. Paul's Crescent - Balbriggan - AI109388
- BSA/387/26** (Agenda Item No 24)
Councillor M. Quinn - Tidy up of Overgrown Area along Seapoint Road to Quay Street - Balbriggan - AI109390
- BSA/388/26** (Agenda Item No 25)
Councillor G. Maguire - Dredging of Balbriggan Harbour - AI109290
- BSA/389/26** (Agenda Item No 26)

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

BSA/390/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

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

BSA/391/26 (Agenda Item No 28)

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

BSA/392/26 (Agenda Item No 29)

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

BSA/393/26 (Agenda Item No 30)

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

BSA/394/26 (Agenda Item No 31)

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

BSA/395/26 (Agenda Item No 32)

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

BSA/396/26 (Agenda Item No 33)

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

BSA/397/26 (Agenda Item No 34)

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

BSA/398/26 (Agenda Item No 35)

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

BSA/399/26 (Agenda Item No 36)

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

BSA/400/26 (Agenda Item No 37)

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

BSA/401/26 (Agenda Item No 38)

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

BSA/402/26 (Agenda Item No 39)

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

BSA/403/26 (Agenda Item No 40)

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

BSA/404/26 (Agenda Item No 41)

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

BSA/405/26 (Agenda Item No 42)
Councillor P. Mulville - Upkeep of New Road Vegetation Area - Donabate - AI109719

BSA/406/26 (Agenda Item No 43)
Councillor P. Mulville - Upkeep of Swords Riverwalk - AI109720

BSA/407/26 (Agenda Item No 44)
Councillor P. Mulville - Public Seating Benches - Donabate - AI109721

BSA/408/26 (Agenda Item No 45)
Councillor P. Mulville - Public Seating Benches in this LEA - AI109722

BSA/409/26 (Agenda Item No 46)
Councillor P. Mulville - Public Toilets - Donabate and Portrane - AI109723

BSA/410/26 (Agenda Item No 47)
Councillor P. Mulville - Donabate Cycle Path Maintenance - Donabate Distributor Road - AI109724

BSA/411/26 (Agenda Item No 48)
Councillor P. Mulville - Flash Flooding Blocking Roads in this LEA - AI109725

BSA/412/26 (Agenda Item No 49)
Councillor T. O'Leary - Site Meeting Roadworks - Shenick Road - Skerries - AI109254

The Motion in the name of Councillor O'Leary was proposed by Councillor O'Leary and seconded by Councillor C. Boland.

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

BSA/413/26 (Agenda Item No 50)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Coastline Erosion - Rush - AI108900

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

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

BSA/414/26 (Agenda Item No 51)
Councillor P. Mulville - Improve Water Safety in this LEA - AI108919

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

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

BSA/415/26 (Agenda Item No 52)

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

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**.

BSA/416/26 (Agenda Item No 53)

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

The Motion in the name of Councillor Smyth was proposed by Councillor Smyth 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/417/26 (Agenda Item No 54)

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

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

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

BSA/418/26 (Agenda Item No 55)

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

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

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

BSA/419/26 (Agenda Item No 56)

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

The Motion in the name of Councillor O'Leary was proposed by Councillor O'Leary and seconded by Councillor Murphy.

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

BSA/420/26 (Agenda Item No 57)

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

The Motion in the name of Councillor Maguire was proposed by Councillor Maguire and seconded by Councillor Murphy.

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

BSA/421/26 (Agenda Item No 58)

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

The Motion in the name of Councillor Murphy was proposed by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Maguire.

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

BSA/422/26 (Agenda Item No 59)

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

The Motion in the name of Councillor Corkery was proposed by Councillor Corkery and seconded by Councillor O'Leary.

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

BSA/423/26 (Agenda Item No 60)

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

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 report was **ACCEPTED**.

BSA/424/26 (Agenda Item No 61)

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

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

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

BSA/425/26 (Agenda Item No 62)

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

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/426/26 (Agenda Item No 63)

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

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

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

BSA/427/26 (Agenda Item No 64)

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

The Motion in the name of Councillor Smyth was proposed by Councillor Smyth 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/428/26 (Agenda Item No 65)

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

The Motion in the name of Councillor Murphy was proposed by Councillor Murphy 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/429/26 (Agenda Item No 66)

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

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

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

BSA/430/26 (Agenda Item No 67)

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

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 report was **ACCEPTED**.

BSA/431/26 (Agenda Item No 68)

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

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

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

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ITEM NO. 2

ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2026/2027 - RUSH AND LUSK - AI109439

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an updated list of the Road Resurfacing Programme 2026/2027 for Rush and Lusk, along with a list of roads which have been requested to be included in future re-surfacing works within the Rush-Lusk area?”

Reply:

The full 2026 Programme of Works list was proposed, presented to, and agreed by, the Elected Members at their ACM in January 2026. A copy of this presentation, if required, can be re-issued to the member upon request.

As is the case every year, a proposed list of roads for resurfacing will be presented to the elected members early in 2027 for their consideration and deliberation as to which will be included in the 2027 Programme of Works. The following criteria are taken into account when compiling the proposed list:-

- Basis of need, namely the condition of the road as assessed by the Area Engineer taking into account such factors as the Pavement Surface Condition Index

- Value for Money in terms of the number of users of a road, how large a community it serves and its strategic importance.
- Annual Budget made available by the elected members for Roads Maintenance at the full Council annual budget meeting.
- Requests made by the Elected Members either through direct representations or through Area Committee Meeting items.
- Requests from members of the public and community organisations.
- What can reasonably be achieved by the Engineering Staff resources available within the timeframe of the annual programme of works and in the context of the many other duties also performed by the engineering staff.

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

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ITEM NO. 3

CALISTHENICS EQUIPMENT - DONABATE - AI109715

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of calisthenics equipment in the Donabate area given the increasing population and the need for outdoor exercise equipment?”

Reply:

The Executive Parks and Landscape Officer and Donabate Tidy Towns have already had discussions regarding potential locations for a larger Calisthenics area in Donabate. The most appropriate location for a Calisthenic area would be a suitable distance from residential property, within a larger flat open space with universal access for all potential users while also retaining passive supervision of the area. For a larger residential open space to be considered, we would request that a consultation / discussion take place between the Donabate TT and the respective resident association to determine the approval for install. This is to ensure that there is no majority disapproval which would affect potential works in the future. The Executive Parks and Landscape Officer are happy to meet respective resident association with the Donabate TT group to plan any potential install with considerations of the residents taken on board.

There is an existing Calisthenics area within Newbridge Demesne which is popular amongst Park users, remains within a reasonable distance from Donabate Village

and is accessible via the Pedestrian access points to the North-east of the Demesne.

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

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ITEM NO. 4

PROVISION OF UNCONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - R128 - COLLIE MAHER PARK - LUSK - AI109716

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 provision of an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing on the R128 in the vicinity of Collie Maher Park given the increasing number of children crossing this busy road to access the sports grounds?”

Reply:

The request has been reviewed alongside previous correspondence. The location is in a rural road environment with posted speed limit of 60km/h, actual operating speeds have not been measured.

An uncontrolled pedestrian crossing is not recommended as an isolated measure, given the limited connecting footpath provision. Any improvement would require a wider assessment of the pedestrian network and associated infrastructure. There is no funding for this in the Operations Department Traffic Programme and works of this scope would be outside the Operations Traffic Programme.

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

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ITEM NO. 5

RESURFACING OF HAND'S LANE - LUSK - AI110147

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the necessary finance in the 2027 Programme of Works for the resurfacing of Hand's Lane in Lusk which is in a very poor condition and a safety concern for road users?”

Reply:

This road has been inspected, and consideration will be given to the inclusion of this request when preparing the 2027 Programme of Works in the context of competing priorities as well as the availability of funding and engineering staff resources.

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

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ITEM NO. 6

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - HAND'S LANE - LUSK - AI110148

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of traffic calming measures including relocation of the “Stop” sign - road markings (slow/stop etc.) and provision of an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing at Hand’s Lane in Lusk given the going safety concerns of parents due to increasing number of vehicles on this road with children trying to cross this road safely?”

Reply:

A preliminary review of the request has been carried out. Further details, including the specific location regarding the section of Hands Lane where traffic calming measures are sought are required to progress the assessment. Once this information is received, the Traffic Section will assess the identified locations. The findings will inform whether further traffic data is required and whether an intervention is warranted.

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

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ITEM NO. 7

**RESURFACING OF ROAD SURFACE - WHITESTOWN ROAD - RUSH -
AI110152**

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the necessary finance for the resurfacing of the Whitestown Road in Rush in the 2027 Programme of Works given the current poor condition of the road surface?”

Reply:

A specialist contractor has been appointed to undertake localized deep repairs of sections of this road. It may be the case that when repairs are completed that resurfacing of the entire road may not be necessary in the immediate term. A decision will be made later in the year when formulating the Regional Roads Capital Programme for 2027.

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

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ITEM NO. 8

PROVISION OF VAS SIGNAGE - DONABATE DISTRIBUTOR ROAD - AI110155

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of VAS signage on the Donabate Distributor Road in the vicinity of the approach to the access to the Sports grounds given the ongoing safety issues with children crossing the road at this location and vehicles speeding along this busy road?”

Reply:

The provision of a Vehicle Activated Sign on the Donabate Distributor Road at the location referenced will be considered in preparing the 2027 Programme of Works. Inclusion will depend on prioritisation alongside other assessed proposals, available funding and the necessary approvals.

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

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ITEM NO. 9

**PROVISION OF VAS SIGNAGE - WHITESTOWN ROAD - RUSH -
AI110160**

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of a VAS sign on the Whitestown Road between Healy's Lane and the Whitestown Cemetery in the 2027 Programme of Works given the ongoing concerns with speeding along this section of road?”

Reply:

The provision of a Vehicle Activated Sign on Whitestown Road between Healy's Lane and Whitestown Cemetery will be considered in preparing the 2027 Programme of Works. Inclusion will depend on prioritisation alongside other assessed proposals, available funding and the necessary approvals.

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

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ITEM NO. 10

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES- R122 - NAUL - AI110177

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the provision of traffic calming measures on the R122 on the approach to the first bend leaving the Naul Village which is an accident blackspot given ongoing safety concerns of the local community?”

Reply:

The provision of traffic calming measures on the R122 on the approach to the first bend leaving the Naul Village will be considered in preparing the 2027 Programme of Works. Inclusion will depend on prioritisation alongside other assessed proposals, available funding and the necessary approvals.

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

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ITEM NO. 11

**FOOTPATH REPLACEMENT WORKS - LONGSTONE PARK -
PORTRANE - AI109726**

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the footpath replacement works for Longstone Park in Portrane?”

Reply:

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.

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

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ITEM NO. 12

CURRENT POSITION UNDER EXISTING BYE-LAWS REGARDING PUBLIC FISHING AT NATURA 2000 SITES IN THIS LEA - A109729

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the current position under existing Bye-Laws regarding public fishing at Natura 2000 sites in this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

Under the current Fingal County Council Beach/Foreshore Bye-Laws 2006, no fishing is allowed in SAC/SPA areas as listed below:

Special Protection Area (SPA) & Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Baldoyle Bay
Howth Head
Malahide Estuary
Rogerstown Estuary
Ireland's Eye
Lambay Island
Rockabill Island
Skerries Islands

The Statutory process to amend the current Bye-Laws is currently ongoing. A public consultation ran from the 15th of July 2026 to the 2nd of September 2026 which resulted in over 1,000 submissions being received. The public consultation is now closed and an assessment of all submissions received will be carried out. The findings and recommendations of the public consultation will be complied into a report and brought forward to the respective Strategic Policy Committees, Area Committee Meetings and the Corporate Policy Group.

The draft Beach & Foreshore Bye Laws 2026 will then be brought before Full Council for adaptation.

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

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ITEM NO. 13

**PLANNED COASTAL EROSION AND PROTECTION WORKS - RUSH -
AI109731**

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the planned coastal erosion and protection works for Rush?”

Reply:

The only planned coastal erosion and protection works for the Rush area for the Operations Department, is the repositioning of the Rock armour at South Beach car park.

These works are due to be carried out in Quarter 4 2026.

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

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ITEM NO. 14

REPAINTING OF YELLOW LINES - BALBRIGGAN TOWN CENTRE - AI109958

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repainting the yellow boxes at the following junctions in Balbriggan Town Centre?”

- Chapel Street with junction at Drogheda Street
- Clonard Street/Mill Street at junction with Bridge Street
- Quay Street with junction at Bridge Street
- Bridge Street at Bracken Court Hotel and The Square

Reply:

These locations are to be listed as part of this year’s road relining programme and will be carried out in due course.

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

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ITEM NO. 15

RING COMMONS RESURFACING UPDATE - MATT LANE - AI109984

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed resurfacing of Matt Lane at Ring Commons?”

Reply:

There has been no proposed resurfacing of Matt Lane; these works are not within the scope of the 2026 Programme of Works / annual budget for road resurfacing. However, a preliminary assessment of this location has been carried out, and it is considered that a specialist geotechnical investigation will be required in order to determine the extent of ground works required to rehabilitate this section of road.

In the interim, should any minor maintenance work be required it will be undertaken as part of the Area Roads Inspector's general maintenance programme.

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

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ITEM NO. 16

UPDATE ON TOWER STREET - RUSH - AI109986

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed footpath and road repairs at Tower Street in Rush and to advise when these repairs are scheduled to commence?”

Reply:

There are no such proposed works as these are outside the scope of the 2026 Programme of Works / annual budget for footpath works and road resurfacing. However, localised repairs have been identified and will be carried out as part of the Area Inspector's general maintenance programme subject to the availability of staff resources and in the context of competing priorities.

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

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ITEM NO. 17

**BRAMBLE CUTTING ALONG FOOTPATH - COUNTY BRIDGE -
BALBRIGGAN - AI110014**

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given, together with Iarnrod Eireann for the cutting back of the branches and thorns growing over the wall along the footpath on the railway side from the County Bridge/Fancourt Heights to the end of the footpath, as they are causing difficulties for pedestrians going in the Skerries direction?”

Reply:

The maintenance of the vegetation along the boundary wall and footpath at this location is the responsibility of Iarnrod Eireann. Operations will contact Iarnrod Eireann to ensure that these works are carried out.

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

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ITEM NO. 18

KISSING GATES IN THIS LEA - AI110060

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the Council’s current position with regard to existing kissing gates in this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

It was decided at Council level several years ago that all traditional kissing gates should be phased out as they are no longer considered accessible due to the restricted movement within the space. The phased replacement has occurred in nearly all locations countywide, however in locations that have experienced issues with scrambler motor bikes and now with eBikes and Scooters, the Council is meeting resistance from local residents requesting that the kissing gates remain.

Over the last number of years, the Council has trialed several different types of gate designs that are accessible but also provide a challenge for people on scramblers/eBikes to access. The corral design arrangement and the staggered barrier designs have provided some success where space allows, but the design for each location is very site specific due to the space available and the issues experienced on each specific location.

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

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ITEM NO. 19

GRASS VERGE CUTTING IN THIS LEA - AI110103

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise the Council’s policy is regarding cutting of grass verges in this Local Electoral Area, in cases where the grass verge is not located outside a property but rather on an entrance road to an estate, does the existing policy represent value for money for Local Property Tax payers?”

Reply:

Grass verges that are abutting open spaces, and that are not outside residents' homes, are on the grass cutting schedule and cut by the Council’s Grass Cutting Crew.

Fingal County Council Operations Department does not have the budget or resources to cut and maintain all grass margins within this Local Electoral Area, and it would be unduly onerous and challenging taking into consideration all other competing works required.

The Citizens Charters seeks to encourage citizens to adopt a civic responsibility and protect their local environment by accepting the public footpath and grass margin adjacent to their home or business premises as their responsibility, and to maintain these margins on a regular basis by sweeping the area clean and

cutting the grass and the Council acknowledges and recognises the support from local community and groups in this regard.

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

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ITEM NO. 20

UPKEEP/MAINTENANCE - BRIDGE STREET - SWORDS - AI110099

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to an ongoing maintenance and upkeep schedule for the bridge on Bridge Street in Swords which is in need for power washing and weed removal?”

Reply:

The inspection, cleaning and routine upkeep of bridges such as power washing and scheduled weed removal do not form part of our bridge management programme.

Fingal County Council's bridge management programme is focused on the structural inspection, assessment and maintenance of bridge assets on regional and local roads. Bridges are inspected at regular intervals, and any repair, rehabilitation or maintenance works are prioritised and undertaken based on the findings of these inspections and the condition of the structure.

At present, there are no plans to carry out works at this location arising from the current inspection programme.

Source of Reply: Mr. S Coyle, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 21

ONE-WAY ROAD PLAN - CHURCH ROAD - SWORDS - AI110097

Question: Councillor D. Kelly

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to change the current road plan to a one-way system where traffic can exit Main Street in Swords to travel down Church Road heading for St. Columba's Church?”

Reply:

There are no current plans to reverse the alter the current two-way traffic flow from Main Street onto Church Road in Swords. Traffic can exit off Main Street onto on Church Road already.

Any changes must align with the Sustainable Swords Strategy and or Active Travel plans and would be potentially subject to an independent traffic study and funding.

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

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ITEM NO. 22

LEAF CLEAN UP SCHEDULE - SWORDS - AI110150

Question: Councillor D. Kelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the schedule for leaf cleaning in Swords for Autumn/Winter 2026/2027 and if all estates in Swords will be part of the schedule?”

Reply:

Leaf cleaning will concentrate on all main routes in Swords as a first priority. Cleaning will then shift to housing estates with all estates visited at some point over the Autumn/Winter 2026/2027 season. This will be carried out over a phased basis throughout the season.

Source of Reply: Mr T Hanway, Administrator Office, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 23

**TRIMMING OF OVERGROWTH ON SEATOWN ROAD - SWORDS -
AI110154**

Question: Councillor D. Kelly

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to have the overgrown hedges, on Seatown Road to the rear of Woodies DIY Store, trimmed?”

Reply:

Following an inspection of the area, no overgrown hedges could be identified at the location that require immediate attention. If the Councillor would like to submit a members representation with an exact location and picture of the overgrowth, the area can be reassessed. However, the verge is included in the Council's routine flailing programme and will be attended to in due course. Currently, it is not considered a priority location at this time.

Source of Reply: Mr T Hanway, Administrative Office, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 24

REVIEW OF BRACKENTOWN ROAD AND CHURCH ROAD JUNCTION - SWORDS - AI110178

Question: Councillor D. Kelly

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange a review of this junction beside St. Columba's Church?”

Reply:

The junction of Brackenstown Road/Church Road is a legacy junction. The location is extremely constrained from a geometry point of view. The topography of the road slopes down towards the Ward River to the east of junction creating a steep incline. Church Road section is a one-way system.

The existing measures are in place at the junction includes appropriate line marking and signage in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual. There is no further scope for any additional measures at this junction.

As mentioned above, the site is extremely challenging due to the gradients sightlines, road alignment etc. To examine any possible option to realign the road and improve sightlines would require the following.

- Appointment of specialist consultant engineer to oversee design process.
- Topographical survey to establish levels on adjacent landbanks and to identify boundaries between different landowners.
- Establish existing site geotechnical characteristics through site investigation works (SI) works.

- Develop design from feasibility all the way through to detailed design phase and construction phase.
- Identify lands that would require purchase either through land acquisition or compulsory purchase order.
- Carry out screening for appropriate assessment (AA) and EIA assessment due to proximity to Ward River.
- Works will require planning consent either through a part VIII/XI or via submission to An Coimisún Pleanála.
- Funding to cover design, planning, land acquisition, construction and maintenance of infrastructure.

This project is not on the Operations Programme of Works or Capital Programme of Works. It is not on the Infrastructure and Transport Capital Programme.

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

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PAY AND DISPLAY MACHINES UPGRADE - RUSH MAIN STREET

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the pay and display machines in Rush Main Street will be upgraded to accept card payments as well as cash payments?”

Reply:

The Operations Department carry out a countywide Annual Meter Replacement Programme. Any meters that are replaced under this programme are replaced with meters that accept both card and coin payments. Parking meters are assessed and replaced in order of age and functionality.

In Rush, there are currently two parking meters that accept both coin and card payments, which were replaced in 2024 and 2025. Under the Meter Replacement Programme, a further two meters on Main Street, Rush, are scheduled for replacement in 2026.

Source of Reply: Clare Brannelly, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ROAD RESURFACING - ADAMSTOWN TO GARRISTOWN ROAD

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to resurface the Adamstown to Garristown Road as this road is used during the Windmill Run and has many potholes that need to be filled?”

Reply:

An inspection of this road will be carried out and any potholes identified will be listed for inclusion in the Area Roads Inspector's general maintenance programme.

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

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TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - ORCHARD ESTATE - OLDTOWN

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for further traffic calming measures from the Orchard Estate to Oldtown Village as part of the 2027 Programme of Works?”

Reply:

The provision of further traffic calming measures from the Orchard Estate to Oldtown Village will be considered in preparing the 2027 Programme of Works. Inclusion will depend on prioritisation alongside other assessed proposals, available funding and the necessary approvals.

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

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ITEM NO. 28

**REPOSITIONING OF ROCK ARMOUR - SOUTH SHORE BEACH -
RUSH**

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the timeline for when the rock armour will be repositioned along South Shore beach in Rush?”

Reply:

The repositioning of the Rock armour at South Beach car park Rush, is due to be carried out in Quarter 4 2026.

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

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ITEM NO. 29

UPGRADE ON PUBLIC TOILETS - TOWER BAY – PORTRANE

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive to give consideration to upgrading the public toilets at Tower Bay, Portrane?”

Reply:

The Operations Department is currently reviewing its options in line with our budgetary provision with regard to the public toilets at Tower Bay, Portrane, noting that three new Ecot oilets were recently provided in Portrane. There is no foul sewer connection at Tower Bay and any future works would require Part 8 planning permission.

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

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ITEM NO. 30

UPDATE ON KISSING GATES BETWEEN THE LINKS AND FAIRWAYS ESTATE – DONABATE

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the alternative options to replace the kissing gates between The Links and Fairways housing estates in Donabate?”

Reply:

Meetings have taken place between the Operations and Active Travel departments regarding alternative solutions to the existing kissing gate. A design for a new pedestrian chicane layout is currently being drafted following this meeting. The new layout will allow for increased permeability while also retaining the function of managing the speed at which cyclists negotiate the area. A contractor has been contacted regarding the fabrication of the proposed new layout and costings are expecting in due course.

Source of Reply: Shane Sutton, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer Operations Dept

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ITEM NO. 31

UPGRADE ON PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - NEWBRIDGE PARK – DONABATE

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to upgrading some of the playground equipment in Newbridge Park playground in Donabate?”

Reply:

The Executive Parks & Landscape officer is currently reviewing recent playground inspection reports and the playground layout with regard to potential playground upgrades. A number of larger play item underwent repairs over the summer months and during this time further discussions took place with the department's specialist playground repair contractor. Various proposals have been discussed and a number of locations viewed within the playground, as the best approach to upgrade works are considered.

An overall plan for the refurbishment will be drafted with a phased plan of upgrades developed. This would be deemed the most appropriate approach to allow the playground to remain open where feasible, and improvements made section by section, to enhance the experience for all users. Additional capital funding will be required for any substantial upgrade proposals in this playground, while an initial phase of upgrades can be funded by the existing capital budget provision.

A draft plan for this initial phase proposes the installation of additional play equipment in one section of the playground and this draft is expected to be received in due course with subsequent meetings to follow. This section currently has scope for additional items to be installed without disturbance to playground opening or playground users.

Source of Reply: Shane Sutton, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer Operations Dept

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ITEM NO. 32

BALBRIGGAN LIGHTHOUSE - AI110137

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for the painting of Balbriggan Lighthouse?”

Reply:

Engineering consultants have been engaged to inspect and assess the current condition of the lighthouse, with minor structural defects requiring attention before repainting can proceed. The consultants are currently developing a proposal to address these issues while preserving the heritage integrity of the structure. A tender package to include minor repairs and repainting works is expected by late October. Given the seasonal weather constraints, the works are anticipated to commence in early 2027, as soon as conditions permit.

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

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ITEM NO. 33

ROAD MARKINGS - HASTINGS ESTATE - BALBRIGGAN - AI110140

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to a previous request to have road marking painted at the entrances to and at all junctions in The Hastings Estate in Balbriggan?”

Reply:

Relining of road markings at the two entrances to the estate from Hamlet Lane are listed as part of this year's road relining programme and will be carried out in due course.

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

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ITEM NO. 34

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC (SPECIAL SPEED
LIMITS) (COUNTY OF FINGAL) BYE-LAWS 2020 – QUAY STREET L-1226
AND SHARED SURFACES AT BALBRIGGAN HARBOUR, BALBRIGGAN,
CO DUBLIN**

A presentation will be given to the committee.

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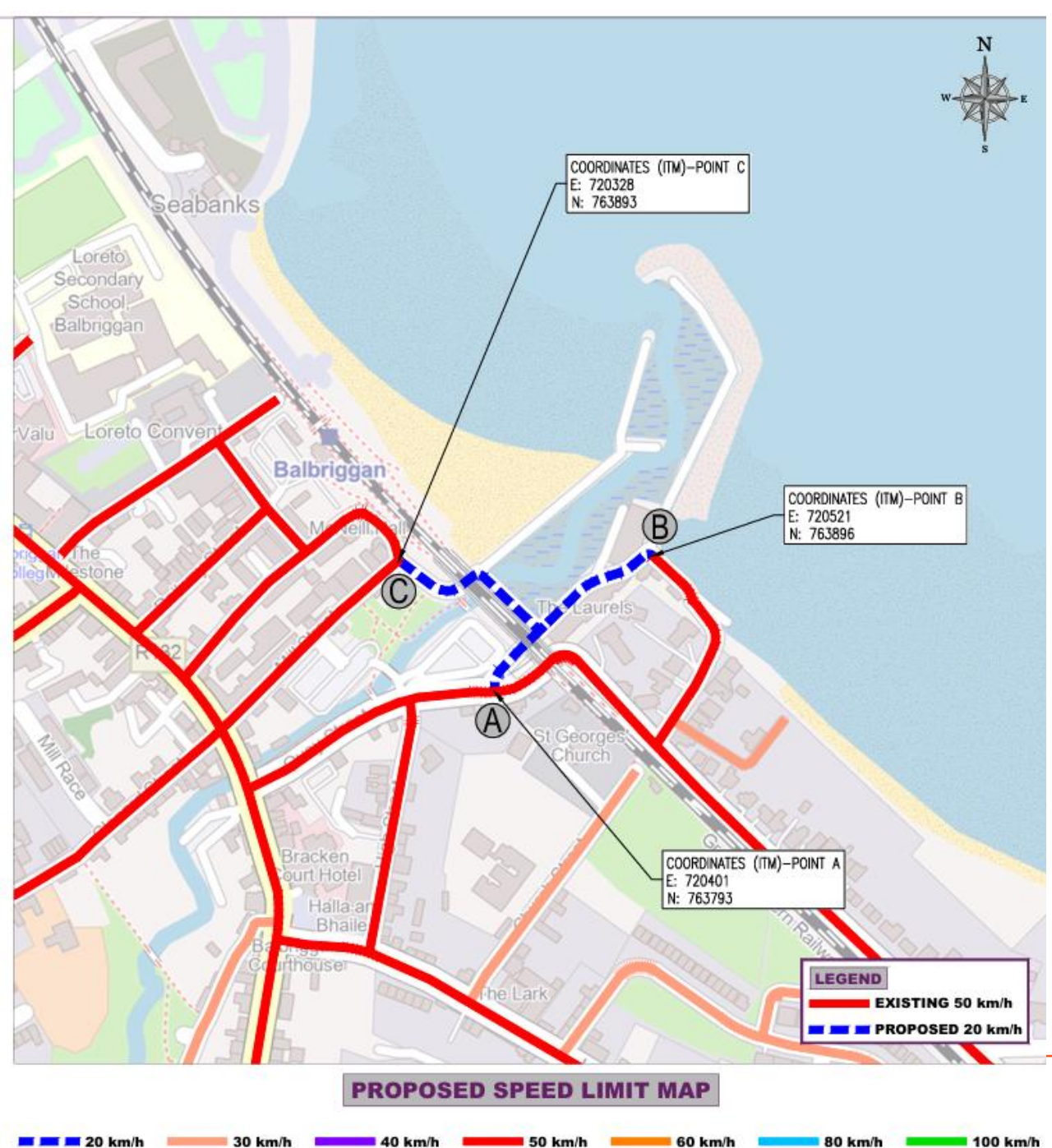
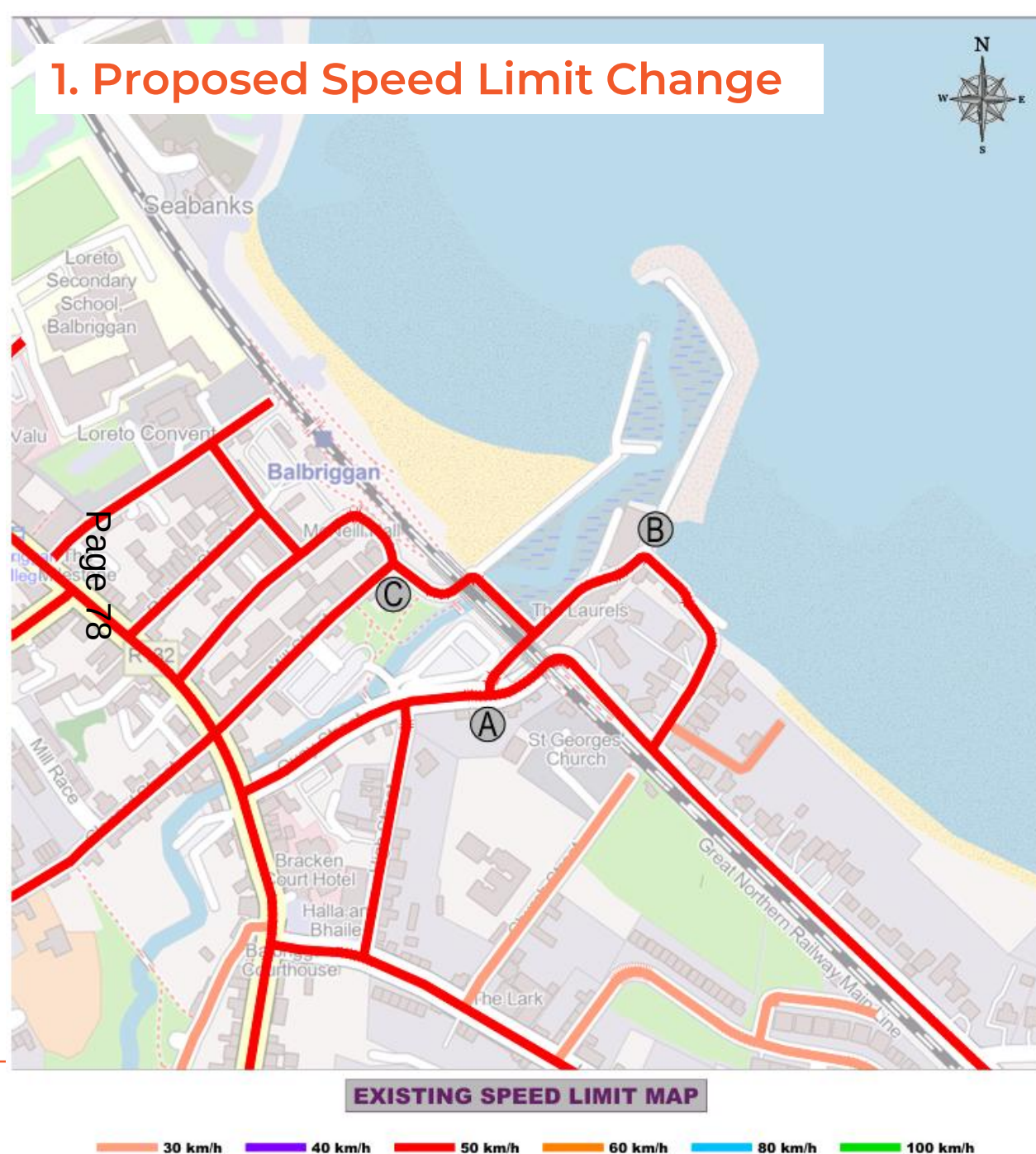
Quay Street and Shared Surfaces at Balbriggan Harbour

Reduction of Speed Limit to 20 km/h

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1. Proposed Speed Limit Change



2. Consultation

- Public Consultation took place 17th July 2026 to 17th August 2026.
- In addition to the public consultation, An Garda Síochána were also consulted directly on the proposals.
- A total of 1 no. response to the public consultation was received:-
 - *“Parking on harbour side of the viaduct is forcing pedestrians, buggies, wheelchairs into traffic, negating the original purpose of the shared space. Bollards along this stretch would restore the original purpose of the shared space”*

3. Response to Submission

- The issue of parking raised in the submission has previously been identified by Fingal County Council.
- To address the issue Fingal County Council will:-
 - Install “no parking” signage in the shared surfaces.
 - Introduce additional pedestrian road markings in the shared surfaces.

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MOTION NO. 35

INSTALLATION OF YELLOW LINES - BARNAGEERAGH - SKERRIES - AI109884

Motion: Councillor T. O’Leary

“That the Chief Executive arranges for the installation of yellow lines and formal “No Parking” signage or other measures, as on-street parking is causing issues for emergency vehicle access and a danger to young children in that residential area, noting the estate was taken in charge in February 2026 and there is access to an underground car park.”

Report:

A site inspection was carried out at Turnstone, Barnageeragh Cove, Skerries, on 06 October 2026. The location inspected is shown in Figure 1. A small number of vehicles were observed parked at the time of inspection, as shown in Figure 2.

Existing “No parking signs ” were also noted (Figure 3), however these were not installed by Operations Department Traffic Section. The need for additional parking restrictions requires further assessment of the available carriageway width and the effect of parking on vehicle access.

Turnstone is currently not listed as taken in charge in the records available to the Operations Department. Turnstone, Barnageeragh Cove must be listed as taken in charge before the request for additional parking restriction can be progressed.

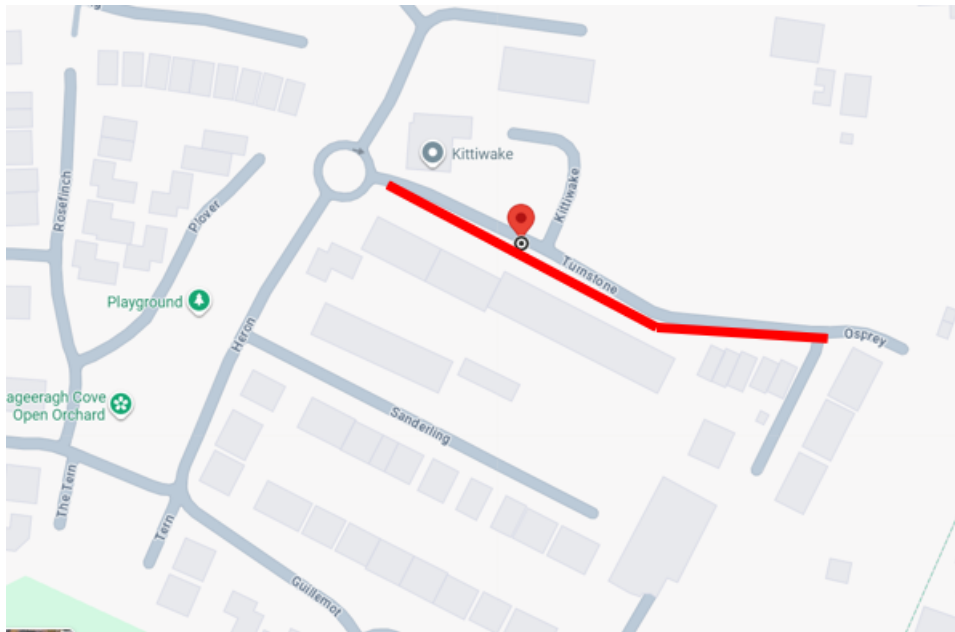


Figure 1- Location Map of Turnstone, Barnageeragh Cove



Figure 2- Road and parking conditions at time of inspection



Figure 3- Existing "No Parking Signage"

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

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MOTION NO. 36

POTHOLE REPAIRS IN THIS LEA - AI107262

Motion: Councillor D. Kelly

“That the Chief Executive gives consideration to repairing existing potholes in this Local Electoral Area following floods.”

Report:

Fingal County Council treat road maintenance as a priority and respond to many different types of road works depending on the condition of the road including:

- Patching and repairs – quick fixes for damaged sections including repairing potholes.
- Resurfacing – replacing the top layer to improve grip and extend life.
- Drainage works – preventing flooding and water damage.
- Road markings and signage – keeping roads safe and easy to navigate

The Council deals with pothole reports on a continuous, year-round basis with road maintenance crews operating throughout the year to identify and repair road defects as they are identified and in response to reports as expeditiously as possible.

If a member of the public has a specific pothole location to report, please email BalSwoOpArea@fingal.ie and it will be formally logged with the road maintenance team for inspection.

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

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MOTION NO. 37

ROAD SAFETY AUDIT - R125 ROLESTOWN - AI108841

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

“That the Chief Executive conducts a road safety audit on the R125 as it enters Rolestown in light of the dangerous nature of this road, regular speeding and lack of pedestrian infrastructure servicing some of the homes adjacent to the town.”

Report:

The Operations Department will carry out a road safety assessment of Rolestown. It should be noted that there is a commitment already to carry out an automated traffic count to determine traffic volumes and speed profiles of the area.

The existing footpath from the Rolestown Gateway signage on the East side of Rolestown along the R125 to the services station is available to use. Sections of this footpath were resurfaced within the past couple of years. Operations have no plans to install a new footpath outside of the Rolestown Gateway signage.

Source of Report: Mr J Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer Operations Department & Mr B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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MOTION NO. 38

TRAFFIC ISSUE REVIEW - CASTLE AVENUE - SWORDS - AI109692

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

“That the Chief Executive consider engaging with the Operations Department and the residents of Castle Avenue in Swords, to discuss traffic issues, including speeding and the need for new road markings in certain locations.”

Report:

Castle Avenue is a residential road that connects Chapel Lane to Longlands/ Malahide Road adjacent to the Pavilions shopping center. There are a series of existing traffic calming measures such as raised tables, ramps, double yellow lines and staggered parking along this section of road to slow traffic down to appropriate speeds. If there is faded line marking, this will be addressed through the general road maintenance line marking works.

The Active Travel section is currently working a Safe Routes to Schools project at St. Columcille's National schools which will enhance traffic calming measures.

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

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MOTION NO. 39

SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - PORTRANE - AI109728

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

“That the Chief Executive considers the installation of a pedestrian crossing from Longstone Park in Portrane, to the bus stop at St. Ita’s Hospital gates, given the difficulties facing older people in particular crossing this increasingly busy section of road.”

Report:

The Donabate to Portrane project, along the R126 from the end of the Donabate Distributor Road to Seaview Park, Portrane, is progressing through the preliminary design phase and preparing for the planning phase (Part 8 Process). This is being carried out through the Active Travel section.

Active Travel section are currently preparing for pre-planning and internal consultation with the various FCC Departments before moving to the Part 8 process and public consultation in Q4 this year.

If the project is successful with the necessary statutory process and approvals, the scheme will then proceed to the detailed design phase by early Q3 2027, with construction commencing, subject to funding and approvals by 2028.

The project includes new crossing points at strategic locations and desire lines to the public transport network and key amenities along the route. In relation to the specified location at the hospital entrance, the Operations Department have liaised with Active Travel and they will review this as part of the design.

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

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MOTION NO. 40

DEVELOPMENT OF CROQUET CLUB - NEWBRIDGE HOUSE - AI109859

Motion: Councillor D. Butler

“That the Chief Executive considers a submission from the Newbridge House Croquet Club requesting the development of two new croquet lawns at Newbridge House and if this is something that the Council could consider as a joint application with the club when the next Government Sports Capital Grants open up later this year.”

Report:

A further meeting will be arranged with Newbridge Croquet Club to gather additional information on requirements. As discussed at the previous initial site meeting, the existing site at Newbridge Demesne has limitations for expansion due to the historic footprint of the site and the heritage obligations to comply with the Conservation Management Plan for Newbridge Demesne. The request will be discussed further with the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure team to see if space can be found within another nearby site and an update will be issued as soon as possible. It would be premature to apply to any funding at this stage until the requirements of the club are fully understood and a suitable location agreed.

Source of Report: Aileen O'Connor Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 41

ROAD RESURFACING - R128 – RUSH

Motion: Councillor E. Dockrell

“That the Chief Executive arrange resurfacing the R128 from the Rush - Lusk Train Station to Rush Main Street given that it has been over a decade since this section of road was last resurfaced and the heavy traffic using it as the main route to Rush.”

Report:

A specialist contractor has been appointed to undertake localised deep repairs of sections of this road. It may be the case that when repairs are completed that resurfacing of the entire road may not be deemed necessary in the immediate term. A decision will be made later in the year when formulating the Regional Roads Capital Programme for 2027.

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

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MOTION NO. 42

TRAFFIC FLOW PROBLEMS - BALBRIGGAN STREET - SKERRIES

Motion: Councillor B. Ryan

“That the Chief Executive explores creative solutions to deal with the traffic flow and parking problems on Balbriggan Street, Skerries.”

Report:

Balbriggan Street Skerries is currently being reviewed as part of a wider Scheme for Skerries by the Active Travel Department.

The Traffic Section within the Operations Department will review whether any interim measures can be considered to address the reported traffic flow and parking concerns.

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

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MOTION NO. 43

REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF FIELDSTOWN BRIDGE EAST JUNCTION - SWORDS/ASHBOURNE ROAD - AI110170

Motion: Councillor C. Johnston

"That the Chief Executive undertakes an urgent review of the Fieldstown Bridge East Junction (Oldtown area), where the R122 meets the R125 Swords-Ashbourne Road, given the ongoing concerns of residents and the Oldtown Community Council with at least eight incidents at this location reported to the Committee since November 2025 including multi-vehicle collisions and most recently a three-vehicle collision on 20th August 2026."

Report:

The junction of R122/R125 (Fieldstown/Swords-Ashbourne Road) is a legacy crossroad junction. Line marking and line marking are in place in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual. In addition, vehicle actuated warning signage is in place for all four arms of the junction.

The Operations Department will examine this location to determine if any additional or enhanced line marking or signage, in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual, can be installed at this location.

If additional measures can be implemented, then this will be considered for inclusion in the 2027 or future Programme of Works.

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

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MOTION NO. 44

INSTALLATION OF BENCHES RIVERMEADE ESTATE - AI108406

Motion: Councillor D. Kelly

“That the Chief Executive arrange a site survey for benches to be installed in the Rivermeade Estate which will help support the elderly in the estate.”

Report:

There is one existing bench located on the main open space of Rivermeade Estate adjacent to the school and playground. Previous locations proposed to the Operations department were situated in locations which directly face residential properties and/or are not located on existing footpath routes. The placement of a bench adjacent to houses can impede resident privacy, while any anti-social behavior would also affect the adjacent residents, which in turn can result in requests for benches to be subsequently removed. A suitable location for a bench would also require formal footpaths to ensure they are accessible and cater for elderly residents.

Following receipt of initial proposed locations to the Operations department, the pathways of larger open spaces were viewed by the Executive Parks & Landscape Officer. It should be noted that the gradient of the ground is sloped alongside sections of the existing paths on the main open space and this would not be favorable for installation of a bench.

If there are new locations which residents would like to propose, they can be provided to the Operations Department (via google pins and photos) who can

assess for suitability. If a suitable location is identified, it can be included for consideration as part of a future programme of works subject to finance and resources available. The Executive Parks & Landscape Officer is happy to correspond with Local representatives and further assess locations identified to locate a suitable solution for placement of a bench.

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

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MOTION NO. 45

GLASMORE PARK ROAD AND FOOTPATH RESURFACING - AI109455

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

“That the Chief Executive arrange for the resurfacing of the roads and footpaths in Glasmore Park in the 2027 Programme of Works.”

Report:

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

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

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MOTION NO. 46

PUBLIC LIGHTING - CIANLEA /LIOS CIAN - AI109747

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

“That the Chief Executive examine the provision of street lighting along the recently widened footpaths from Cianlea across the green towards Lios Cian and the bus stop, in the interests of pedestrian safety, particularly for residents using the route during late-night and early-morning hours.”

Report:

Before public lighting is considered for installation in open spaces and park areas, the requirements of Fingal County Council’s policies and plans must be taken into consideration and certain criteria has to be met.

The infrastructure required for the installation of lighting in any area of public open space is also cost prohibitive in many locations and can only be considered if the route is deemed high priority from an active travel perspective, and the works do not cause conflict with the natural biodiversity of that space. Additional criteria for the installation for public lighting in open spaces and park areas includes:

- That the path through the open space provides the most direct link to key community services (e.g. to public transport, shopping areas, schools);
- That the installation of any lighting on the paths to these community services would comply with Fingal County Council's tree strategy for 2022-2032 "Forest of Fingal - A Tree Strategy for Fingal", and would not be in conflict with any existing trees installed in the space;

- That the installation of any lighting in these parks or open space areas does not conflict with Fingal County Council's Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030; or
- That alternative well-lit routes are not available.

Where public lighting is provided in green spaces, it is only along footpaths that meet the above criteria.

With regards to the referenced footpaths in the green space between Cianlea and Lios Cian and the bus stops on Ardcian Park, an assessment will be carried out to determine if this area is suitable for lighting, in accordance with the criteria outlined above. If following this assessment it is determined that the path is suitable for lighting, the location will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion in a future programme of works, subject to available finances.

Source of Report: Mr. K Broderick, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 47

ROAD RESURFACING - R130 – BALDWINSTOWN

Motion: Councillor E. Dockrell

“That the Chief Executive arranges for road resurfacing on the R130 from Baldwinstown into Garristown, which is a road that brings many people from the other rural villages of Naul, Oldtown and Ballyboughal (and also Swords and the airport) to Garristown.”

Report:

This section of road is approximately 2km in length and would need a significant level of Capital funding to carry out the resurfacing of this road.

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

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

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