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To Each Member of the County Council

Dear Councillor

The Meeting of the **County Council** will be held in the **Crowne Plaza Hotel, Northwood, Santry** at **5.00 pm** on **Monday, 8th November, 2021** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

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A G E N D A

- 1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of County Council meeting held on Monday 11th October 2021**

QUESTIONS

- 2 Councillor A. Henchy - Heritage Grants**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a comprehensive update on the successful projects that were put forward by Fingal County Council this year for Heritage funding to the Department of Housing & Local Government and will this awarded funding have to be matched by Fingal County Council in advancing those successful projects?"

- 3 Councillor H. Mahony - Disputed Ownership of Public Property**

"Can the Executive outline what action is taken when a home owner produces deeds claiming ownership of the footpath and road used by the public as this is the case in some of the County's older villages and towns?"

- 4 Councillor B. Manton - Grass Cutting**

"To ask the Chief Executive if a review of the grass cutting policy could be undertaken as some areas of the County are looking very unkempt due to very long grass, particularly the entrance areas in some of our towns and roundabouts where the view across the roundabout is impaired by very long grass and weeds in the centre of the roundabout?"

- 5 Councillor B. Manton - Additional Engineering Posts**

"To ask the Chief Executive how many of the allotted promised engineering posts have been filled to date, how many remain to be filled and in which departments they have/will be deployed and whether one will be dedicated to overseeing the repair of our roads?"

- 6 Councillor B. Dennehy - Tree Relocating Equipment purchased by Fingal County Council**

"To ask the Chief Executive if the tractor attachment reported to be purchased by the Council to relocate and replant existing trees has to date been used and what measure of success has been achieved to date with the equipment?"

7 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Autism Parking Spaces

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the scope for the introduction of a scheme in Fingal, similar to that in Limerick where ASD Ireland have introduced parking stickers and have urged supermarkets and car parks to recognise the ASD Ireland car permit similar to a disability car parking space?"

8 Councillor J. Hopkins - Full Time Vacant Homes Officer

"To ask the Chief Executive why during a housing crisis the Council has not used the €50,000 provided by Central Government to fund the full time position of a Vacant Homes Officer and when will the position be filled and when will statistics regarding vacant homes in Fingal be provided as set out in the Housing for All policy?"

9 Councillor D. Whooley - Current Operational Status with Cyc-Lok.

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Council has any contracts with Cyc-Lok, and does the Council know the company's current operational status as all bike storage locations in Fingal have been marked unavailable for the last month?"

10 Councillor J. Walsh - Strategic Housing Development

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the number of applications for Strategic Housing Developments made since the initiation of SHD; the number of housing units proposed in such applications; the number of SHDs approved by An Bord Pleanála and the number of housing units actually delivered to date under this legislation in Fingal?"

11 Councillor J. Humphreys - Litter picking

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide in tabular format the breakdown of staff employed in litter bin maintenance and litter picking in each of the seven LEAs?"

12 Councillor D. Healy - Direct Vision Standard and HGV Safety Permit system

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on progress in discussions with the other Local Authorities in the Dublin Area with a view to agreeing to introduce a common Direct Vision Standard and HGV Safety Permit system similar to that being introduced in London as agreed at the

July 2019 Council meeting?"

13 Councillor D. Healy - Information on Sewage Overflows and Unplanned Discharges

"To ask the Chief Executive whether Irish Water will agree to it or the Council providing information to the public on all sewage overflows and unplanned discharges in the Fingal area as soon as they happen?"

14 Councillor P. Mulville - Council run craft apprenticeship schemes

"To ask the Chief Executive if she will consider the setting up of Council run craft apprenticeship schemes, working with SOLAS, for the main trades, including plumbing, electricians, painting/decorating, stonecutting/stonemasonry, carpentry/ joinery, brick and stone laying, pipefitting, plastering, scaffolding, in particular given the scarcity of skilled tradesmen and women employed by this Council?"

15 Report of Committees

- a Report of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 26th October 2021
- b Report of Howth/Malahide Area Committee Services B meeting held on 3rd November 2021
- c Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee Services B meeting held on 4th November 2021

16 Financial Matters

17 Proposed Disposal of Properties.

- a Proposed lease of land at Oldtown, Co. Dublin to Oldtown Community Council
- b Proposed disposal of land including Right of way at lands at rear of Whitestown Avenue, Dublin 15 to Gas Networks Ireland

**18 Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).
Proposed Dwelling at No. 50 Sheepmoor Avenue (Existing Shop Site), Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.**

19 The Forest of Fingal, A Tree Strategy for Fingal

20 Mayor's Business: Councillor

21 Chief Executive's Report

22 Conferences

- a LAMA Autumn Training Seminar 3/4/5 November 2021

23 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a Letter dated 14th October 2021 from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re: Strategic Housing Development

24 Correspondence

- a Letter from Dublin City Council dated 6th October 2021 Re: Dublin Fire Brigade and Ambulance Service
- b Letter from South Dublin County Council dated 14th October 2021 Re: Boycott of Israeli Goods
- c Letter dated 19th October 2021 from Kerry County Council re: Palestine Flag
- d Letter dated 20th October 2021 from Tipperary County Council re: Group Water Schemes

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

25 Councillor A. O'Rourke - Leasing Part V units

"That the Chief Executive opposes the leasing of Part V units in Fingal and commits to purchasing all Part V units in the County as they become available now and into the future".

26 Councillor N. Treacy - Land Development Agency Bill

"Fingal County Council opposes the Land Development Agency Bill as we as a Council believe the Bill is fundamentally flawed. The Land Development Agency will erode local democracy and further undermine FCC's ability to deliver social and affordable housing on public land. We call on the Chief Executive to write to the Minister for Housing Darragh O'Brien expressing our concerns at the Land Development Agency Bill."

27 Councillor A. Henchy - Functions of Active Travel Department

"That the Chief Executive gives a detailed report on how she expects the newly created Active Travel Department to function, integrate and operate, both now and into the future and to give consideration to a model of implementation similar to the current yearly Operations Works Programme where each Area Committee Group receives a fair allocation of funding towards their works programme to ensure Active Travel projects around improving walking and cycling infrastructure will be accountable, transparent and reach into every town and village across all of the County."

28 Councillor D. Whooley - Establish a Working Group to discuss the proposal for a directly elected Mayor

"That this Council establishes a Working Group to discuss the proposal of a directly elected Mayor in Dublin and its consequences for the citizens of Fingal and to create a report of any changes that the role might bring to the Council."

29 Councillor A. Lavin - Remove large debris and rubbish dumped into the Broadmeadows Estuary

"That the Chief Executive arrange to urgently clean out the large items dumped off the M1 Bridge into the Broadmeadows Estuary which is a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) between Swords and Malahide."

30 Councillor J. Newman - Tree Removal Process

"That the Chief Executive, prior to the adoption of the Tree Strategy, introduce a process which will inform local area Councillors on a regular basis of the intent to remove trees or hedgerows in their local areas, (except in emergency situations) and that the system of documenting requests or plans to remove trees in the Fingal area are transparent and accessible to Councillors on request."

31 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Land Development Agency 2021 - Disposal of Lands

"That this Council rejects the provisions contained in the Land Development Agency 2021 Bill published by the Government removing the role of the Elected Members of Local Authorities in approving the transfer or sale of lands to the Land Development Agency and in doing so agrees to write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage urging a removal of that provision and to ensure that Elected Members retain the right to control such sales or transfers and be able to prepare and plan for appropriate

housing delivery on Council owned lands and that the Council circulates this Motion to each Local Authority and the Association of Irish Local Government requesting their support for this."

32 Councillor A. Tormey - Proposed amendment to Section 4.7(d) of Regional Parks and Open Spaces Bye-Laws 2017

"That the Chief Executive introduce a traffic light system in public parks whereby 1) in green allocated areas dogs will be allowed off leash as part of a designated off leash area, 2) in amber areas dogs will be allowed off leash as part of a designated off leash area during specified times and 3) in red allocated areas dogs must be kept on a leash.

Section 4.7(d) of Regional Parks and Open Spaces Bye-Laws 2017 should be amended to reflect this:

Section 4.7 (d): A traffic light based system will be in operation in parks and open spaces to determine when and where a dog shall be kept on a leash. Green zones determine designated off-leash areas, amber zones determine times and areas specified by the County Council which can be an on leash or off leash area depending on the specified timings, and red zones determine mandatory on leash areas. Dogs must be kept under effectual control at all times. Dogs (other than guide dogs or assistance dogs) shall not be permitted in public playgrounds. A person shall not cause or allow any Restricted Breed, as defined in the Control of Dogs Regulations 1998 (as amended) belonging to him/her, or in his/her charge to enter or remain in the park unless such dog is kept securely muzzled and led on a sufficiently strong leash or chain not exceeding two metres in length by a competent person over 16 years of age."

33 Councillor P. Conroy - Universal Design in Housing

"That the Chief Executive write to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and ask the Department to undertake a review and revision of the Part M Regulations so that the minimum standard for new dwellings is that new dwellings should be suitable for people to live in over their lifetime, based on a Universal Design approach."

34 Councillor J. Hopkins - Protection of Natura 2000 sites/ SPAs/ SACs

"That the Chief Executive report on the steps this Council is taking to

ensure the protection of Natura 2000 sites/ SPAs/ SACs, including Broadmeadows, Baldoyle and Rogerstown Estuaries, and to keep them free of pollution and litter."

35 Councillor B. Dennehy - Detailed independent report prior to the application or applications of any planning permissions sought for coastal protection measures

"That the Chief Executive provide a detailed independent report prior to the application or applications of any planning permissions sought for coastal protection measures so as to evaluate and examine the scientific advice as well as carrying out a risk assessment on advice received to date from consultants advising on coastal erosion measures of which implementation of same is not recommended along the coastal areas of Fingal".

36 Councillor C. Boland - Water Services supply over lifetime of County Development Plan

"That the Chief Executive engage with Irish Water to obtain their commitment that they will supply over the lifetime of the next County Development Plan adequate water services to meet the projected increase in population thereby ensuring that builders are not left in a situation that they have houses ready to go to the market but which do not have services."

37 Councillors D. Mulligan and A. Graves - Protected Cycle Lanes, Removal of Kerbing

"That the Chief Executive remove the cement kerbing aspect of protected cycle ways due to the increase in significant falls, trips and injury due to trip hazards it has created and given measures taken to date have not reduced or eliminated trips, falls and injuries. We ask the Council to remove and replace with safer segregation as an immediate measure and any further plans regarding segregated cycle lanes should be paused pending consultation with residents and stakeholders and a full report on the issues that have arisen".

38 Councillor P. Mulville - Need for water services to stay in public ownership

"That this Committee, in recognising the essential need for water services to stay in public ownership, as this is the only way in which we can improve what is a hugely under-invested area, calls on the

Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage, who has responsibility for water services, to bring forward legislation as a matter of urgency to hold a referendum to prohibit the privatisation of water services."

39 Councillor J. Walsh - Support for Tidy Towns/community groups

"That this Council calls upon the Chief Executive to identify and provide dedicated funding within the Operations budget to support the setting up and community activity of Tidy Towns groups throughout the County."

40 Councillor K. Dennison - Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement with Canada

"Given that Irish exports to Canada increased by 58% since the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement [CETA] was provisionally applied in 2017, that the Chief Executive outline the possible impact on Fingal by Ireland's failure to ratify this important free trade agreement."

**MOTIONS - NON
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

41 Councillor T. Doyle - Elected Members - An Bord Pleanála Submission Fees

"That this Council writes to the Department of Local Government to request the cancellation and withdrawal of the requirement for Elected Members to make payment in respect of submissions/observations which they may make to An Bord Pleanála in the performance of their duties."

42 Councillor K. Power - Exemptions from planning permission for solar panels

"That this Council formally requests the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to include as a matter of urgency schools and community buildings in the exemptions from planning permission for the installation of solar panels that cover less than 50% of the rooftop (which commercial, industrial buildings, etc. all benefit from already)."

43 Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh - Personal Assistance Service

"That this Council supports the right to Personal Assistance Service (PAS) for people with disabilities to live independently, providing individuals with the freedom and flexibility they need to live their lives as they choose."
