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Wednesday 9th February 2022

To Each Member of the County Council

Dear Councillor

The Meeting of the **County Council** will be held in **The Grand Hotel, Malahide at 5.00 pm on Monday, 14th February, 2022** 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 Meeting held on 10th January 2022**
- 2 **Appointment of Members for Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire and Ambulance Services and Emergency Management**
- 3 **Membership of Strategic Policy Committees**

QUESTIONS

- 4 **Councillor P. Mulville - Motor Tax office - Telephone Service**
 "To ask the Chief Executive if information could be provided in relation to the telephone service for the Motor Tax Office, a service provided by Dublin City Council on behalf of the three other Dublin Local Authorities, as some people who are trying to renew their car tax online are running into difficulties with the online system and when they ring to speak with someone, they only get an automated service, as opposed to a member of staff who can help resolve their query?"
- 5 **Councillor J. Hopkins - Public Bins Waste Collection**
 "To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of the amount of waste collected from public bins, i.e. percentage of contents recycled versus going to landfill, given that the majority of items going to public bins are recyclable, i.e. aluminium cans, plastic bottles etc.?"
- 6 **Councillor K. Power - Update on Fingal Coastal Way**
 "To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the status of the preferred route options for the Fingal Coastal Way?"
- 7 **Councillor D. Healy - Information on sewage overflows and unplanned discharges**
 "To ask the Chief Executive what progress has been made in discussions with Irish Water, in relation to making information available publicly on sewage overflows and unplanned discharges in the County that the Council or Irish Water become aware of as soon as practicable after learning of the overflow or discharge, in line with our shared duty under Regulation 5 of the access to information on the Environment Regulations?"

8 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?"

9 Councillor B. Manton - Housing for All Deliveries

"To ask the Chief Executive if she could outline how this Council plans to deliver the number of houses outlined, as a requirement in the Housing for All document for our Council area by identifying the areas for growth; outlining how the Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP) will impact on the supply of housing and how many social homes are included in the projections?"

10 Councillor B. Manton - Accessing utilities for new builds

"To ask the Chief Executive if accessing utilities such as water, electricity and broadband is a problem in some areas where new builds are happening and whether there is adequate headroom in the system to cater for the increased requirement for electricity in newly developed areas?"

11 Councillor P. Conroy - Free Trees for Babies Scheme

"To ask the Chief Executive if she is considering a scheme similar to that undertaken by Cambridge City Council, which provides a free tree to plant in private property to mark a baby's birth, celebrate an adoption or commemorate a lost child?"

12 Councillor I. Carey - Croí Cónaithe Fund initiative

"To ask the Chief Executive if this Council has looked into the Croí Cónaithe (Town's) Fund initiative or have any plans or locations been identified?"

13 Councillor I. Carey - Council's Retrofitting figures in the County

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Council's retrofitting figures across the County and plans for the coming year?"

14 Councillor C. Boland - Graveyard capacity

"To ask the Chief Executive to present a report on the graveyards within the management of this Authority, detailing the number of fresh openings in each graveyard for the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 and to also advise on the numbers of plots still available for purchase in each graveyard and the facilities in each for the public?"

15 Councillor A. Henchy - Blue Flag status for Fingal beaches

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update and summary on all Blue Flag status for beaches across Fingal and what beaches are the Council expecting to obtain Blue Flag status in 2022?"

16 Councillor J. Humphreys - Parking Charges

"To ask the Chief Executive when was the last time parking charges was increased by Fingal County Council and in preparation for the 2023 Budget if there are any plans for a review on the rates?"

17 Councillor B. Dennehy - Liaison Committee Meetings

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline when the Community Liaison Committees will begin to have meetings namely the Skerries, Rush and Donabate Liaison Committees?"

18 Report of Committees

- a Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee Services B meeting held on 11th January 2022
- b Report of Howth/Malahide Area Committee Services B meeting held on 2nd February 2022

19 Financial Matters

- a Statutory Audit Report for 2020
- b Audited AFS for 2020
- c Statutory Audit Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2020 from the Local Government Audit Service

20 Audit Committee

- a Audit Committee Report on Audited AFS
- b Annual Report 2021

c Audit Committee Charter

21 Proposed Disposal of Properties.

- a Proposed Disposal of land to facilitate the construction of a sub-station and associated ancillary works at Liscappagh Avenue Cappaghfinn, Dublin 11 to ESB Networks

22 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) for proposed maintenance building development at Balleally Landfill Site

23 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) for Proposed extensions to existing Autistic Spectrum community facility operated by St. Michaels House in an existing bungalow at 61 Dublin Road, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 R6W8, including revised site boundaries incorporating a new car park (on lands within overall approximate site area of 0.168 hectares), and associated infrastructure, site works, landscaping, tree planting, remedial management of existing trees and boundary treatment

24 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) for the proposed construction of a Community Sports Centre with ancillary infrastructure and associated site development works at Lanesborough Park, Lanesborough Road, Meakstown, Dublin 11

25 St. Patrick's Day's Events

26 Chief Executive's Report

27 Mayor's Business - Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh - Study of Women and Children's Safety in the Public Realm

"That the Council will complete a study of Women and Children's Safety in the public realm in order to identify the factors that make women and children feel safe and unsafe in public spaces to guide future public realm changes and developments."

28 Conference Report

29 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

30 Correspondence

- a Letter from Waterford City & County Council dated 17th January 2022 re Retention of a full-time Air Sea Rescue Service
- b Letter from Leitrim County Council dated 14th January 2022 - re Spina Bifida and or Hydrocephalus
- c Letter from Leitrim County Council dated 14th January 2022 - re Increase grant limits for Community Wastewater Connection Networks
- d Letter from Sligo County Council dated 25th January 2022 re Resolution re practice of Patient Commercial Debt Collection
- e Letter from Galway County Council dated 25th January 2022 re Epilepsy Ireland
- f Letter from Cork County Council dated 24th January 2022 re Special parking spaces at schools in the country for persons with hidden disabilities

MOTIONS

31 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."

32 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”.

33 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.”

34 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”.

35 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.”

36 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.”

37 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."

38 Councillor A. Henchy - Open Water Swimming across Fingal

"That the Chief Executive, take an interdepartmental approach within Fingal County Council to carry out a comprehensive review and audit of facilities at key strategic locations all along the Fingal Coastal Community especially taking into account public toilets, changing rooms and storage facilities with a view to working in partnership with Swim Ireland, Open Sea Water Swimming and Bord Fáilte in order to improve and enhance these destinations as an all year round venue that accommodates open sea water swimming."

39 Councillor D. Whooley - Report on the costings for a Community Project Fund.

"That the Chief Executive commissions a report to examine the possibility of creating a specific funding stream that would provide resources for Residents Associations and Tidy Towns to fix and maintain decorative railings, walls or pillars on the boundary between housing developments and open spaces or public roads."

40 Councillor JK. Onwumereh - To establish a Museum of World Artefacts in Fingal.

"That the Chief Executive supports the establishment of a Museum of World Artefacts in Fingal to house replica world artefacts, clothes, and other historic items, this museum, if properly promoted and resourced could become a tourist attraction capable of raising a steady stream of income for the Council."

41 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - LGBTIQ Freedom Zone

"That this Council declare Fingal as an LGBTIQ Freedom Zone, following the European Parliament's declaration for the European Union of 11 March 2021, and commit to public policies promoting and protecting LGBTIQ rights on the one hand, while explicitly sanctioning/rejecting structural discrimination mechanisms and that this Council agree to fly the Rainbow Flag outside County Hall, Swords and Civic Offices, Blanchardstown during Pride Month."

42 Councillor J. Humphreys - Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)

"That information captured by the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) installed in Fingal County Council be collected and made available to the Local Area Committee on a quarterly basis."

**MOTIONS - NON
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

43 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."

44 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)."

45 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."
