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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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Swords
Co Dublin

Thursday 8th September 2022

To Each Member of the County Council

Dear Councillor

The Meeting of the **County Council** will be held in the **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords** at **5.00 pm** on **Monday, 12th September, 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 Council Meeting held on Monday 4th July 2022**

QUESTIONS

- 2 Councillor J. Hopkins - Planting of Wild Flowers**

"To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the Pollinator Plan, which of the rare bee species can be shown to have benefited from the mass sowing of so called 'wild flowers' in Fingal and where is the scientific evidence-base for the success or otherwise of these measures to be accessed and what has been the cost of these measures to date and what are the progress metrics?"

- 3 Councillor P. Mulville - Regular Meetings with Directors of Estate Management Companies**

"To ask the Chief Executive if arrangements can be made with the Directors of the Estate Management companies which the Council control or which the Council has representatives on to hold regular open meetings with residents, example every three months, to discuss any concerns/issues that may arise for residents in each such estates?"

- 4 Councillor A. Lavin - Sea Swimming Competitions at Fingal Blue Flag Beaches**

"To ask the Chief Executive if she could provide an explanation as to why Sea Swimming Competitions are not being allowed at Fingal Blue Flag beaches?"

- 5 Councillor S. Shovlin - Recycling Dates for Halloween Amnesty and any Other Significant Dates**

"To ask the Chief Executive if she could provide any information on the dates for the Halloween Amnesty and any dates especially around Christmas time, for example, having mattresses etc., recycled at the Council's Recycling Centres?"

- 6 Councillor S. Shovlin - Bike and Scooter Racks for Schools**

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on Bicycle Racks for schools which were advertised earlier this year and when will the schools be notified if they have been successful?"

7 Councillor A. Graves - On-line Portal - Access Council Housing List

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on when the Council's Portal will be available to allow people to check their place on the housing waiting list, people on the housing list should be able to get real time information on their current position and should have ready access to their information?"

8 Councillor T. O'Leary - Court Costs and Legal Fees - Planning Cases

"To ask the Chief Executive if she could provide a list of the costs associated with planning cases taken to Court by independent parties against the Council where the Council was unsuccessful, for example the case taken on a Traveller's site regarding Planning Permission in The Ward and other recent cases, a case taken by a planning applicant Developer in the Baldoyle area, that the Council lost, what were the costs to the Council in that case and what were the Plaintiff's costs and did the Plaintiff claim his full costs associated with his successful legal appeal, how many cases were taken against the Council on planning matters in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 what were the Council's costs and what were the costs awarded if the Council lost the case?"

9 Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh - Communication Boards in Playgrounds in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on how many playgrounds in Fingal have Communication Boards, similar to the photo attached, as installed in playgrounds in County Meath?"

10 Councillor A. Henchy - Fingal Hockey Development Officer

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the filling/recruitment of the first ever Fingal Hockey Development Officer in partnership with Leinster Hockey and what if any measures/steps have been taken in order to attract the right candidate to take up and carry out this role?"

11 Report of Committees

- a Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 1st September 2022
- b Report of Howth/Malahide Area Committee Meeting Services (B) held on Wednesday 7th September 2022

- c Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 8th September 2022

12 Financial Matters

- a Fixing of Date for Consideration of Capital Programme
- b Financial Assistance to Approved Housing Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme - Call for CAS 2017 to provide units of living accommodation in the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar living area
- c Application for Loan Approval from the Housing Finance Agency for Housing Purposes 2022
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13 Proposed Disposal of Properties/Wayleaves/Grant of Right of Way

- a Proposed disposal of lands at Godamendy, Dublin 15, to Channor Limited
- b Proposed disposal of land and grant of Wayleave at Churchfields Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 to ESB Networks
- c Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

14 Declaration of Roads/Taking in Charge

- a Blackthorn Place, Kinsealy, Co Dublin
- b Chieftain's Way, Balbriggan, Co Dublin
- c Baymeadows, Phase 1, Co Dublin
- d Hollywoodrath, Phase 1, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15
- e Castleknock Lawn Tennis Club, Plaza Area, Castleknock, Dublin 15

15 Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for - Red Barn Skerries Mills

16 Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 - 2015 (as amended) for proposed Swords Cultural Quarter development incorporating a new County Library and Arts Venue, and public realm upgrades including the forecourt to County Hall in vicinity of Main Street Swords Castle, North Street and Seatown Road, Swords, Co Dublin

17 Chief Executive's Report

18 Mayor's Business

- a Councillor H. Mahony - Lighting in Public Parks
 "That the Chief Executive investigate other methods of lighting other than the standard lamp pole to illuminate our parks."
- b Councillor H. Mahony - Section 254 Licence Applications
 "That the Chief Executive will consider that all Section 254 Licence Applications received by Fingal be included in the Weekly Planning List notifications in order for the Members to have the opportunity to make submissions."

19 Conference Report

- a AILG - Autumn Training Conference - Celebrating Local Government 14th -15th September, 2022 - Knightsbrook, Trim, Co. Meath
- b A Practical Guide to Budget 2023 - Carlingford, Co Louth - 30th September - 2nd October 2022
- c Irish State Retirement Pensions and Benefits - Clonakilty, Co Cork - 7th - 9th October 2022
- d National PPN Conference, Midlands Park Hotel Jessop Street, Portlaoise Co. Laois - 21st and 22nd October 2022
- e Innovation in Solar Energy Technology - Clonakilty, Co. Cork - 28th - 30th October 2022
- f The role of Local Authorities in addressing the needs of Older People - Carlingford, Co. Louth - 11th - 13th November 2022

20 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a Reply received from Office of the Minister dated 6th July 2022 re Item 39 - Representation on the Citizens' Assembly 14th March 2022 Council Meeting

21 Correspondence

- a Letter from Cork County Council dated 27th June 2022 - re Support Fishing Fleet
- b Letter from Donegal County Council dated 22nd July 2022 re Review of the Rules on Inheritance Tax

- c Letter from Wexford County Council dated 26th July 2022 re Long Covid Clinics retained and expanded

**MOTIONS -
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

22 Councillor A. Donnelly - Local Post Office Viability

"That the Chief Executive engages with the local post office network to ascertain if any Council services could be undertaken in conjunction with their local network."

23 Councillor J. Walsh - Adoption of the European Circular Cities Declaration 2020

"That this Council resolves to adopt the European Circular Cities Declaration 2020."

24 Councillor N. Treacy - Housing Adaptation waiting time

"That the Chief Executive reports on the length of time it should take for a person waiting on adaptation work to be carried out in their homes and to report on how many people at the moment are on this list and what places a person on a priority list and what is the turnaround time whilst on the priority list as opposed to those not on a priority list."

25 Councillors B. Manton, D. Butler, B. Dennehy, A. Henchy, T. Kitt, E. O'Brien - Modular Swimming Pools - Fingal

"That the Chief Executive supply 25 metre above ground modular swimming pools in the major towns in Fingal which will be built at a cost of €950k and have an anticipated lifespan of 30 years, this would solve the problem of having no municipal pools in Fingal and do so at a very moderate cost."

26 Councillor D. Healy - Integration of Improvements for Walking and Cycling into Road and Street Maintenance

"That the Chief Executive bring forward proposals for ensuring that the improvement of roads and streets for walking and cycling is integrated into the maintenance programme, including:

- where maintenance is being done, the quality of provision for walking and cycling is reviewed;

- where the review reveals that new designs are needed, they are implemented as part of the maintenance process;
- the identification of required maintenance work is carried out in time to enable the review for walking and cycling;
- walking and cycling needs are factored into the prioritisation of maintenance tasks."

27 Councillors S. Ó Rodaigh, P. Conroy - Appointment of Disability Liaison, Access and Equality Officer

"That this Council provides a Disability Liaison, Access and Equality Officer, in order to promote equality of opportunity and access for all people."

28 Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Strategy for uniform delivery of Social Services and Amenities

"In view of the ongoing concern over disproportionate delivery of new build housing developments when compared to essential social services and amenities, would the Chief Executive consider the introduction of a strategy of uniform application of social services and amenities across the whole of Fingal based on population, suitability to the area and relevance to the lives of the residents."

29 Councillor P. Rane - Bottle Banks within Fingal Area

"That the Chief Executive consider an initiative to implement additional bottle banks in all Fingal areas that require them as Fingal has a fast growing population which constitutes a need for more bottle banks as this also promotes for a greener more efficient way of living."

30 Councillor C. Boland - Management of Housing Assistance Payment

"That the Chief Executive advises if she agrees that the requirement on the Council to inspect rental premises only once in the life cycle of the uptake of a letting agreement, which is supported by Housing Assistance Payment, is in the context of good management of scarce resources inadequate, foolish and demonstrates poor governance standards."

31 Councillor P. Mulville - Priority list of Local Area Plans and Masterplans for the Fingal Development Plan 2017- 2023

"That the Chief Executive report on the priority list of Local Area Plans and Masterplans etc., for the current Fingal Development Plan 2017 - 2023, indicating which are completed and operational, which are currently being drawn up and those for which preparation has not yet commenced."

32 Councillor J. Hopkins - Traveller Accommodation Funding

"That the Chief Executive provides a breakdown on the allocation of Government spending for Traveller Accommodation including the amount allowed, spent and plans for any unspent allocation."

33 Councillor K. Dennison - Personal Injury Claims

"That the Chief Executive provides a report on the number of Personal Injury Claims over the past five years to include the number fought and the number settled, the outcome for each claim and the number of claims relating to Council Community Centres and Council playgrounds."

**MOTIONS - NON
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

34 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Introduction of Pilot Scheme for Artists with Disabilities

"That this Council calls on the Government and Minister of Social Protection to introduce a pilot scheme for artists with disabilities, to co-exist for the duration of the Basic Income for Artists pilot scheme, which would remove the weekly earnings limit and means test from those in receipt of disability supports."

35 Councillor A. Graves - Moore Street Area

"That Fingal County Council recognises that Moore Street, Dublin, as the site of the last Head Quarters of the Easter Rising is a site of National historic importance, relevant and linked to all Irish Citizens and as such:

- The area is deserving of regeneration as a cultural historical site.
- Recognises and commends the work done by Save Moore Street and

the 1916 Relatives groups in protecting, highlighting and championing the area.

- And further commends them on their innovation in designing a plan for the area which would protect and promote the history of the area in a fitting way, while also reinvigorating this urban area in a way which serves communities and adds real value to the surrounding area.

- Recognises that the State has an interest in this area both in terms of historical and cultural preservation, and the public ownership of several buildings at the location, and this Motion calls on the Council to write to the Government to:

1. Call on them to meet with Save Moore Street and the 1916 Relatives Groups to discuss their proposed plan.

2. That the Council, recognising the national significance of Moore Street area, would express support for the creation of a Historical Cultural Quarter in this area."

36 Councillor K. Power - Child Exploitation Material

"That this Council offers public and resounding support for the Bill being progressed by Senator Eileen Flynn seeking for the term "child pornography" to be changed in Irish legislation to "child exploitation material."

37 Councillor B. McDonagh - An Bord Pleanála

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage to initiate an independent public inquiry into the actions, operations and decisions of An Bord Pleanála with the following objectives:

- Assuring public confidence in the integrity and transparency of the planning process

- Identifying the cause of the high percentage of successful judicial reviews against the Bord

- Evaluating the quality of decisions where the Board went against the recommendation of the Board's own planning inspector

- Investigating the success of the Bord's process procedures and track record in identifying and dealing with conflicts of interest."

38 Councillor D. Whooley - Palestinian Human Rights Organisation

"That this Council condemns the assault on leading Palestinian Human Rights Organisations and calls on the Department of Foreign Affairs to support and protect these organisations defending Palestinian rights."
