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Swords
Co Dublin

Wednesday 9th November 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, 14th November, 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 10th October 2022**

QUESTIONS

2 **Councillor J. Hopkins - Biodiversity Plan Budget**

“To ask the Chief Executive why the Draft Biodiversity Plan is designed not to succeed, the budget designated for biodiversity actions for the next ten years is 80% short of what is required to meet our EU/UN commitments to halt biodiversity loss by 2030?”

3 **Councillor P. Mulville - Connecting for Life (Ireland’s National Strategy to Reduce Suicide)**

“To ask the Chief Executive if she will outline the actions to be undertaken by Local Authorities, under the Connecting for Life (Ireland’s National Strategy to Reduce Suicide) Implementation Plan 2020-2022 and in particular the steps this Council has taken to progress each of these actions, example Action 6.2.1: Local Authorities will be requested to consider, develop and implement measures where practical to restrict access to identified locations and settings where people are at risk of engaging in suicidal behaviour, and assist generally in reducing risk factors in public locations?”

4 **Councillor JK Onwumereh - Increase in break-ins and Anti-Social Behaviour in Estates and Communities in Fingal**

“To ask the Chief Executive in view of the rise in break-ins and anti-social behaviour on many estates and communities in Fingal, would she outline measures which might include CCTV, increased patrolling of communities and estates to curb the growing threat to lives of residents?”

5 **Councillor A. Henchy - Maintenance of Fingal Beaches**

“To ask the Chief Executive, following another successful and busy summer season across all beaches in Fingal, what learnings came from this year and what measures are been taken for next year under the following headings: - Beach cleanliness, Life guard provision, Visitor numbers; Incidents of dog fouling Incidents of horse fouling; Water quality, Environmental management; Public Toilets, Supply of drinking water and availability of Public Shower facilities?”

6 Councillor T. O'Leary - Report on the Number on Fingal's Social Housing List

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the current number on the Fingal housing list, how many on average have applied for social housing per month and what does that number equate to as an annual per centage rate of social housing applications?"

7 Councillor B. Manton - Fire Safety Standards in Apartment Blocks in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive how many apartment blocks in Fingal are affected by poor fire safety standards and how are they to be repaired, if she could indicate where the apartments are situated?"

8 Councillor K. Power - Provision of Homeless Accommodation in the Fingal area

"To ask the Chief Executive what efforts are being made to provide more homeless accommodation in the County, Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) says that people are still coming to Dublin from across the country because it is where services are located, particularly the inner city areas, Fingal is also under the DRHE but almost all the services are in the Dublin City Council area, we have a responsibility in Fingal to ease pressure on homeless services by providing more in the Fingal area?"

9 Councillor D. Whooley - Data for Emergency Housing Provision for years 2018 - 2022

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide data in tabular format for emergency housing provision for the years 2018 to 2022 inclusive?"

10 Councillor D. Healy - Projects included in the Capital Programme by any Area Committee or Strategic Policy Committee

"To ask the Chief Executive for a list of all projects which were recommended for inclusion on the Capital Programme by any Area Committee or Strategic Policy Committee between October 2020 and October 2022 inclusive?"

11 Councillor C. Boland - Terms of Planning Permission - Dublin Airport

"To ask the Chief Executive if she will advise if any action has been taken in respect of deviation from the terms of planning permission as

they apply to the operation of Dublin Airport?"

12 Report of Committees

- a Report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 20th October 2022
- b Quarterly Report of Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment held on Tuesday 25th October 2022
- c Report of Committee of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Tuesday 25th October 2022
- d Report of Committee of Howth Malahide Area Committee Services B Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd November 2022
- e Report of Committee of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2022
- f Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Monday 7th November 2022
- g Report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 10th November 2022

13 Financial Matters

- a Report on Overdraft Accommodation 2023

14 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Proposed disposal of land at Monastery Court, Church Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Mr. Peter McNally
- b Proposed disposal of a site at Stephenstown Industrial Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to Hearnbrook Rail Ltd
- c Proposed Option Agreement & Disposal of a site at College Business & Technology Park, Blanchardstown to Alexion Pharma International Operations Unlimited Company

15 Youth Sports Grant Report

16 Chief Executive's Report

17 Mayor's Business - Councillor H. Mahony

- a Councillor Howard Mahony - Procurement of Modular Housing
"That the Chief Executive report on what action has been taken to date to procure modular housing."

18 Conference Report

- a Module 6 of 2022 AILG Elected Members Training Programme - "Data Protection - What Councillors need to Know"

19 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a Correspondence received 6th October 2022 from Citizens' Assemblies re Item 39 May 2022 Council Agenda

20 Correspondence

- a Letter from Mayo County Council dated 16th September 2022 - re Expansion of eligible criteria for Croí Cónaithe
- b Letter from Tipperary County Council dated 16th September 2022 re - Additional funding to Local Authorities in 2023 to maintaining essential services
- c Letter dated 6th October 2022 from Monaghan County Council re Citizens' Assembly
- d Letter dated 10th October 2022 from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council re Motion - Justice for Noah Campaign
- e Letter dated 20th October 2022 from Donegal County Council re - Turf Cutting Policy
- f Letter dated 26th October 2022 from Offaly County Council re Ambulance Service

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

21 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."

22 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."

23 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."

24 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."

25 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."

26 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.”

27 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.”

28 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.”

29 Councillor A. Tormey - Regional Parks and Open Spaces Bye-Laws

“That the Chief Executive review and update the Regional Parks and Open Spaces Bye-Laws (2017).”

30 Councillor A. Donnelly - Community Centre Fund

“That the Chief Executive establishes a fund to support Community Centres in Fingal that are not owned by the Council, to help with additional energy costs and other cost of living increases.”

31 Councillor T. O'Leary - Sustainable Energy Supply

"That this Council recommends, that Fingal Council sets about a plan to develop its own independent sustainable energy supply in collaboration with a suitable experienced energy partner, noting that some larger energy users are setting out on that strategy taking into account the ongoing energy crisis and the rise in energy costs to Fingal County Council from approximately €4 million cost to a projected €8.5 energy cost.”

**MOTIONS NON
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

32 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."

33 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."

34 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."

35 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."

36 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."

37 Councillors J. Hopkins and P. Mulville - Need for legislated candidate gender quotas of 40% be introduced to apply to the Local Elections in 2024

"That this Council writes to the Taoiseach, the Minister of State for Local Government, and the Minister of State for Electoral Reform requesting that legislated candidate gender quotas of 40% be introduced to apply to the local Elections in 2024."

38 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Support for Ban on Hare Coursing

"That this Council supports a ban on the cruel practice of hare coursing and will write to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding this and call for support for the Animal Health & Welfare (Ban on Hare Coursing) Bill 2020 which is expected before the Dáil in the coming months."
