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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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Swords
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Tuesday, 4th April 2023

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 **Tuesday, 11th April, 2023** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

**Nikki Halleran
Meetings Administrator
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A G E N D A

1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Council Minutes held on Monday 13th March 2023

2 Nominations

- a Nomination of One Member from Balbriggan Local Area for Our Balbriggan Leadership Group
- b Nomination of a Member from the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area to the Board of the Irish Institute of Music and Song (IIMS) CLG
- c Appointment of One Member to the Regional Health Forum
- d Appointment of One Member to Howth Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) Management Committee

QUESTIONS

3 Councillor C. Boland - Planning Enforcement Process

"To ask the Chief Executive considering the slow progress in finalising cases of enforcement will she advise the Council what her intentions are to deal with the unreasonable delay in the process?"

4 Councillor A. Henchy - Delivery of Social, Affordable and Older Persons' Housing in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive, to provide an update on any discussions between the Council, the Department of Housing and the Land Development Agency with regard to the delivery of Social, Affordable and Older Persons' housing and have any sites or areas been identified in Fingal for the delivery of such housing within the next two to three years?"

5 Councillor J. Hopkins - Road Sweeping on Main Roads in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive why the Operations Department have stated it would be impossible to require public roads be kept clear of private vehicles to carry out road sweeping at intervals decided by the Council, is there any legal impediment to this or is it an operational difficulty?"

6 Councillor N. Treacy - Tenant in-situ Applications

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide information on the number of

tenant in-situ applications since the scheme reopened in April 2022, the number of properties purchased; the number currently with the Valuers' Office; the number currently with the Council's Law Department; the number of properties refused by the Council; and the number of properties withdrawn by the landlord?"

7 Councillor P. Conroy - Update on the Appointment of a Disability Liaison, Access and Equality Officer

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the appointment of a dedicated Disability Liaison, Access and Equality Officer to provide cross departmental support and expertise in Fingal County Council?"

8 Councillor P. Mulville - Purchasing Residential Zoned Land - Housing Policy

"To ask the Chief Executive whether there is any legislation, regulation, policy or similar which would prevent this Council purchasing residential zoned land in the administrative area of another local authority, and bringing forward a housing scheme to build on such lands there, and whether similar applies to any other local authority who may wish to purchase residential zoned lands in our administrative area, and build a housing scheme here?"

9 Councillor A. Donnelly - Briefing on the Planning and Development Bill

"To ask the Chief Executive what arrangements are in place to facilitate a preliminary briefing session for Councillors to consider the impacts the Planning and Development Bill will have on this Council and on the role of Councillors?"

10 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Vacant Houses

"To ask the Chief Executive how many vacant houses are in the ownership of this Council and how many are currently ready to allocate?"

11 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Fingal Housing List

"To ask the Chief Executive how many people are on the Fingal Housing list?"

12 Councillor D. Healy - Tenant in-situ

“To ask the Chief Executive what steps the Council is taking to expand its existing “tenant-in-situ” scheme to ensure that renters in receipt of HAP or RAS aren’t made homeless due to the sale of the property including what extra resources (e.g., manpower and budgetary) is the Council devoting to ensure this?”

13 Report of Committees

- a Quarterly Reports of Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons
- b Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2023
- c Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 5th April 2023
- d Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 6th April 2023

14 Financial Matters

- a Consideration of Draft Annual Financial Statement 2022 and Authorisation of Additional Expenditure
- b Report on Schedule of Uncollected Rates for year ended 31/12/2022

15 Proposed Disposal of Properties

16 Declaration of Roads

- a Carrick Court Close

17 PARTXI/004/22 Chief Executive Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (As amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As amended) for Proposed housing development of 121 dwellings, a crèche and associated site works at site in Mayeston, Poppintree, Dublin 11

18 Change to 'Our Balbriggan' Balbriggan Leadership Group Membership Terms of Reference

19 Dublin Fire Brigade Section 26 Plan

20 Annual Report 2022

21 Artists' Support Scheme Awards

22 Chief Executive's Report**23 Mayor's Business - Councillor H. Mahony****24 Conference Report**

- a The Suck Valley Way Conference 2023 (with the support of AILG) - 5th and 6th April 2023 - Gleeson's Townhouse, Market Square & The Abbey Hotel, Roscommon
- b The Irish Regions European Office Wednesday 19th April in the Radisson Blu Hotel in Athlone from 9.15 am to 4 pm - Connecting, Communicating and Collaborating - Irish Regions Cooperating across the EU: How local authorities can engage in European Programmes"
- c Climate Action Economic Opportunities Conference Tullamore Court Hotel dated Wednesday 26th April 2023
- d OPR-AILG Councillor Training Webinar - Friday, 28 April 10am - 11.30am Connecting Ireland and Rural Public Transport Investment - Opportunities for Rural Regeneration
- e Planning and Promotion of Cycling in Denmark Study Trip 15th - 17th May 2023

25 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence**26 Correspondence**

- a Letter dated 14th March 2023 from Clare County Council re - Vacant and Derelict Properties
- b Letter dated 14th March 2023 from Tipperary County Council re - Apprentice Schemes with the Council
- c Letter dated 14th March 2023 from Tipperary County Council re - Request to Government to Amend The Mother and Baby Home Redress Scheme
- d Letter dated 16th March 2023 from Sligo County Council Resolution passed at Sligo County Council March Meeting - Availability of CF medication Kaftrio to all patients who require it within the State
- e Letter dated 3rd April 2023 from Offaly County Council - Resolution Passed - Extend Eviction Ban for all 'No Fault' Tenants who face eviction

**MOTIONS
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

27 Councillor P. Rane - Relocate Bottle Banks within Fingal

"That the Chief Executive provides a timeline as to when Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Departments will relocate the bottle banks in Fingal."

28 Councillor K. Power - Dedicated Neurodivergent Parking Spaces

"That this Council install dedicated neurodivergent parking spaces in our towns and villages in Fingal."

29 Councillor A. Donnelly - Electric Bikes and Scooters in Public Parks

"That the Chief Executive considers changing the Park bye laws to prevent electric scooters and bicycles from using the same paths as pedestrians in our public parks."

30 Councillor A. Henchy - 30kph Speed limit in Town and Village Centres

"That the Chief Executive, either through the SPC or by the establishment of a working group, examine and review the framework for the setting of speed limits across Fingal, as part of this review, serious consideration should be given to the introduction of a 30kph limit in town centres/village centres and built up urban areas in line with the Road Safety Authority and the Irish Government's Road Safety Strategy."

31 Councillors J. Hopkins and P. Mulville - Special Amenity Area Orders for Rogerstown, Malahide and Baldoyle Estuaries

"That the Chief Executive, given the recent making of the new County Development Plan, outline her best estimate as to when the process can commence to put in place Special Amenity Area Orders (SAAO) for Rogerstown, Malahide and Baldoyle Estuaries given the urgent need for SAAO designations is vital to aid the conservation of these European sites and the habitats, flora and fauna they have been designated to protect, given the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency declared by Dáil Éireann in May 2019, and given the recent pressing recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly on Biodiversity Loss in November 2022."

32 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Internships and work experience programmes

"That the Chief Executive supports the promotion of internship and

work experience programmes in the Council to give young people critical career foothold and skills."

33 Councillor C. Boland - 2007 Planning Permission in respect of North Runway Dublin Airport

"That the Chief Executive advise what is the position of the 2007 Planning Permission in respect of the North Runway Dublin Airport and state if the Enforcement Department's file is still active."

34 Councillor P. Conroy - Counselling Services for Councillors

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to the provision of free counselling services for Councillors, in line with the service provided for Councillors in other Local Authorities such as Dublin City Council."

35 Councillor D. Whooley - Trial of Rainscapes to be allocated in the 2024 Council Budget

"That the Chief Executive investigates suitable locations for a countywide trial of rainscapes and for the construction of rain gardens or "rainscapes" to be allocated for in the 2024 Council Budget."

See similar trial by DCC - <https://www.dublincity.ie/node/8785>

**NON STATUTORY
MOTIONS**

36 Councillor M. McCamley - Condemn The Coillte Gresham House Deal

"That this Council condemns the Coillte Gresham House Deal."

37 Councillor D. Mulligan - Water Outage due to Trunk Water Main Connection

"That the Chief Executive with reference to Trunk Main connection on 26th February 2023, makes contact with Uisce Éireann to request that they provide a comprehensive report by addressing the following:

1. Why a ten- hour works duration was outlined in bold in the Press Release on 14th February 2023, while a following note mentioned ten further hours for premises at the end of the system or on high ground; 2. Why Skerries was not mentioned in the Press Release, but actually had a water outage; 3. Had a reported burst in Lusk, noted by

Irish Water, any connection with recharging of the water to the main network; 4. Why parts of Malahide were completely without water until 6:00 pm on Monday 27th February, 5. What was the cause of outage noted by Irish Water on their website on 27th February 2023 which originally mentions a pump failure and subsequently a tie-in at Ballycoolin as requiring alternative supplies in East part of Malahide."

38 Councillor N. Treacy - Accommodation Recognition Payment (ARP)

"That this Council welcomes the tax free Accommodation Recognition Payment (ARP) to persons who provide a property used to accommodate refugees from Ukraine, I ask we write to the Minister for Housing that such initiatives be extended/implemented in an effort to accommodate all homeless people in Ireland."

39 Councillor T. O'Leary - Vacant Property Refurbishment Grants

"That this Council welcomes the decision by Government to extend the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant to those who wish to renovate a vacant or derelict property and rent it out, this measure will boost the supply of rental properties and will deliver on a key plank of Housing for All which is to reduce vacancy and dereliction in our cities, towns, villages and rural countryside, this Council further calls on Government to increase the vacant property Refurbishment Grant Rates from their current €30,000/€50,000 to €50,000/ €70,000 respectively to reflect the significant costs involved in renovating a vacant or derelict property."

40 Councillor A. Graves - Compliance by Meath County Council in relation to Discharge Licences

"That the Chief Executive writes to Meath County Council requesting a report outlining the compliance of each of the three Meath County Councils' Section 4 Discharge Licenses (surface water) at Stedalt and Gormanston, in recent months there have been reports of pollution of our shared natural asset, the Delvin River, arising from effluent quality issues with Wastewater Treatment Plants licensed by Meath County Council, as the river is the boundary of both counties the effluent quality and discharge volume issues are having a negative environmental impact on Fingal."

41 Councillor D. Healy - Designated Postering Areas

"That this Council, in line with our commitments to reducing resource

use, environmental impact and litter, and noting

a) the commitment in the Programme for Government to task the Electoral Commission which reads

“We will...task the new Electoral Commission to examine the issue of the use of posters at elections and referendums within 12 months of its establishment and consult on placing limitations on the number of posters that can be used or fixing certain locations for their use, the Government will legislate for its recommendations in advance of the 2024 Local Elections.”; and

b) the discussion in Seanad Éireann on the Regulation of Display of Electoral and Polling Posters and Other Advertisements Bill 2022, in May 2022 when the Seanad agreed that the Bill be read a second time on 30th June 2023,

write to the Minister for Housing Planning and Local Government and the Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform to express this Council’s willingness in principle to participate in a process of establishing designated areas for the display of posters in a manner similar to that envisaged in the Bill which is in line with common practice in many other European countries, whether as part of a nationwide approach or as a pilot.”
