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Swords
Co Dublin

Wednesday 28th June 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 **Monday, 3rd July, 2023** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

**Nikki Halleran
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A G E N D A

1 **CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- a Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 12th June 2023
- b Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Friday 16th June 2023

2 **NOMINATIONS**

- a Appointment of one Member to the Howth Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) Management Committee

QUESTIONS

3 **Councillor C. Boland - Community Benefit Fund - Wind farms**

"To ask the Chief Executive, if she will advise in respect of the application for the Community Benefit Fund generated for the establishment of Marine Wind farms and does she see this funding falling under the control of the Local Authority, and if so, is it her view that the fund would be spent across all of Fingal?"

4 **Councillor J. Hopkins - Vacant Site Levy Procedure**

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the procedure staff in the Planning Department must follow with respect to the inspecting, reporting, filing and the collection of the vacant site levy, the details of this procedure are required in order to understand how this Council failed to secure a vacant site levy of a substantial sum of €2,310,000 on a site valued at €33,000,000 owing to the Council?"

5 **Councillor K. Power - Pop up Electric Vehicle Chargers**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration has been given to installing pop up EV chargers in our towns and villages to address the shortage in charging infrastructure across the County, similar pop up chargers have been installed by Local Authorities in the UK:
<https://www.urbanelectric.london/what-we-offer?>"

6 **Councillor P. Mulville - Families, children, and individuals in Fingal currently Homeless**

"To ask the Chief Executive for the number of families and individuals in the Fingal area who are currently homeless, to set out the number of children; whether they all have been given access to a key worker; and the average amount of time being spent in emergency homeless

accommodation?"

7 Councillor P. Mulville - Childcare and After-school spaces in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive what steps the Council is taking to support the increase and expansion of much needed childcare and after school spaces across the Fingal area, in particular given the acute demand due to the rapid population increase in Fingal?"

8 Councillor D. Healy - Total area of Off-street Car-parking/spaces in the Charge of this Council

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the total area of off-street car parking and the total number of spaces owned, in the charge of, or rented by the Council, broken down by a) Electoral area; b) Free or subject to a charge; c) Open to the public or reserved for particular uses; and whether this data is available in a mapped format?"

9 Councillor A. Donnelly - Tenant in Situ Information

"To ask the Chief Executive, to provide an update on Tenant in-situ purchases since 1st April, 2022 including those that were not purchased and the reasons why?"

10 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Pyrite Repairs across Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive for a break down on Pyrite repairs across Fingal and if works are on schedule?"

11 Councillor B. Manton - General Operative Positions in each Local Electoral Area across Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive in terms of human resources how many General Operatives are assigned to each of the local Electoral Areas across Fingal?"

12 Councillor B. Dennehy - Current designated bathing water beaches without a "Blue Flag Status"

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide in a tabular list format and per beach, the outstanding infrastructure / facilities that are required to be installed on the current designated bathing water beaches without a "Blue Flag Status" in order to bring them up to a "Blue Flag Status" by application at year end based on the requirements in the <https://beachawards.ie/blue-flag/blue-flag-beach-criteria/>; the list can be restricted to only include the beaches where the current water

quality status in the current designated bathing areas will allow an application for the “Blue Flag Status “ at year end?”

13 Councillor B. Dennehy - Casual Trading Licences that were applied for and taken up this year

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed list of all the Casual Trading Licences that were applied for and taken up this year along with a list of the ones that were not taken up and still remain available?”

14 Councillor J. Humphreys - Harry Clarke - Stained Glass Pieces in the ownership of this Council

“To ask the Chief Executive how many Harry Clarke pieces of stained glass are in the ownership of the Council, the location of the pieces on display and how many are in storage?”

15 Councillor J. Humphreys - Food Forest in Fingal

“To ask the Chief Executive if the concept of a food forests, essentially, edible parks, that grow large and small trees, vines, shrubs and plants that produce fruits, nuts and other edible products has been evaluated for inclusion in Fingal, will she consider a pilot scheme, potentially in Swords?”

16 Councillor B. Ryan - Planning Enforcement - Power to order immediate cessation of work

“To ask the Chief Executive if Planning Enforcement has the power to order immediate cessation of work where the work being undertaken is clearly and obviously in breach of planning permission or does not have planning permission at all?”

17 Report of Committees

- a Strategic Policy Committee Quarterly Reports
- b Report of Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee Meeting held on 12th June 2023
- c Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Monday 26th June 2023

18 Financial Matters

- a Borrowing for Cost Rental - Churchfields

- b Financial assistance to Approved Housing Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme- Call for CAS 2017 to provide units of living accommodation in the Fingal Area

19 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Proposed disposal of land and grant of wayleave at Ballymastone Recreational Hub, Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks
- b Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

20 Declaration of Roads

- a Ballygossan Park, Phase 1, Skerries, Co Dublin
- b Entrance off Roundabout on R121 opposite The Boulevard, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15
- c Rahillion Phase 2, Donabate, Co Dublin

21 PARTXI/001/21 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 six dwellings and associated landscaping and site works in Garristown, Co Dublin

22 Prioritising Plans arising out of the Development Plan 2023-2029

23 Chief Executive's Report

24 Mayor's Business - Councillor A. Henchy

a Councillor A. Henchy - Alexis Mac Allister Argentinian Footballer

"That the Chief Executive, in light of the established Fingal connection with the Argentinian World Cup winning soccer player, Alexis Mac Allister, that the relevant Departments within this Council reach out to the Mac Allister family in Fingal, the Argentinian Football Association and the Argentinian Ambassador to Ireland with a view to marking Alexis' incredible success and formally retracing his roots from Argentina to Fingal"

b Councillor A. Henchy - Exemption of fees - Road Closures - Community Voluntary Groups

"That the Chief Executive uses her discretion or explores a policy position for Community Voluntary Groups and Not for Profit

organisations, in not charging them for road closure/advertising fees, who are staging local community events, mostly on a shoestring budget with support from this Council, but who are then hit with a substantial bill for road closures/advertising at a significant cost."

25 Conference Report

- a MacGill Summer School 2023 - Highlands Hotel, Glenties, Co. Donegal across the 16th to the 19th of August 2023
- b ALG Autumn Seminar 2023 - Elected Councillor Training Calendar of Events

26 Correspondence

- a Letter dated 12th June 2023 from Wicklow County Council - re Resolution passed at Wicklow County Council re - Climate and Biodiversity
- b Letter dated 1st June 2023 from the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, HSE re - Motion 36 - Cllr A Henchy - Defibrillators across Fingal from Director of National Ambulance Service

27 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a Letter dated 27th April 2023 from the Minister's office, Minister of Health re Motion 36 - Cllr A. Henchy - Defibrillators across Fingal
- b Email dated 12th June from the office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine re - Item 38 Support for a Ban on Hare Coursing November 2022

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

28 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."

29 Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Free of charge - Recycling for residents of Fingal

"That the Chief Executive, considers approving a compassionate recycling window of a few hours, to a full day, in a week for residents of Fingal to bring their recyclable waste, free of charge, to any Fingal

Recycling Centre to mitigate the current high cost of living.”

30 Councillor J. Hopkins - Reusing Gardening Equipment for Communities

“That the Chief Executive confirms if the Council would consider supporting the circular economy by passing on used gardening equipment (lawnmowers etc) to community groups either directly or via the Rediscovery Centre.”

31 Councillor P. Rane - Initiative to provide Structures and Facilities that Support Disabled People

“That this Council agrees that going forward any structures built in the Fingal area must have facilities that support the disabled, new facilities and developments should consider the inconveniences that the disabled face on a daily basis, therefore, making it easier to allow disabled people to access facilities in a more sufficient manner.”

32 Councillor K. Power - No "Mow May" Campaign

“That this Council adopt a "no mowing" policy in May going forward to bring the area into line with the national "No Mow May" campaign.”

33 Councillor A. Tormey - Establishment of Working Group / Subcommittee - 'Off-Leash Areas'

“That the Chief Executive establish a working group or subcommittee to examine the provision of "off leash areas" within the County, membership to include Councillors, officials, and other interested parties.”

34 Councillor C. Boland - Active Warning/Enforcement Notices - daa

“That the Chief Executive advise how many Planning Enforcement/Warning notices are active in respect of the daa and state if all the sought for information was responded to adequately by the daa, to empower the Chief Executive to reach a decision to take action.”

35 Councillor A. Donnelly - Educational Requirements for positions with Fingal County Council

“That the Chief Executive reviews the minimum education requirements for Administration positions in Fingal County Council, as

a minimum leaving certificate requirement with no work experience exception, can result in older applicants being unable to apply for Council Administration positions."

36 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Toilet Facilities in Parks

"That the Chief Executive reports on the issue of the lack of toilet facilities for clubs using our parks, and to note that this is an especially urgent issue given the exponential growth of girls and women's football and GAA and develops a strategy to ensure that there are toilet facilities in every park where sports is played within the five year timeframe and works with the FAI and GAA to develop a joint strategy."

37 Councillor B. Ryan - Designated Bathing Areas in Fingal

"That the Chief Executive does everything in her power to ensure that all designated bathing areas in Fingal achieve the required standard for at least a "Sufficient" rating, as required by the Bathing Water Regulations, 2008, for the 2024 bathing season."

**MOTIONS NON-
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

38 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."

39 Councillor T. O'Leary - Public Housing for Nurses, Gardaí, Teachers and Others

"That this Council calls on the Government and in particular the Minister for Housing to encourage and facilitate the formation of an Approved Housing Body type organisations to build and procure homes for essential workers, both affordable cost-rental and affordable to-buy, such as nurses, healthcare workers, Gardaí, teachers and others, to examine funding collaboration with Credit Unions, Pension Funds and European Investment Bank, (EIB) and Staff Credit Unions in those sectors and to make State lands available for such a public housing delivery model."

40 Councillor B. Manton - Hospital Access by Public Transport

"That this Council consults with the Department of Transport and Local Link to ensure a transport service for people travelling to hospitals e.g., St. Joseph's Hospital and Cappagh Hospital where people on very low incomes are having to take taxis to their appointments?"

41 Councillor N. Treacy - Support for the Retained Fire and Rescue Service

"That this Council support the Retained Fire and Rescue Service personnel and their continued struggle for improvements in pay, conditions and a decent work/life balance with agreed time off, that we call on the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Public Expenditure in writing, asking them to provide the funding necessary to sustain and enhance the service now and for future generations."

42 Councillor J. Walsh - Impact of Noise from the M50 Motorway

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Transport, Climate, Environment and Communications, to engage with Transport

Infrastructure Ireland (TII) regarding the severe impact of noise from the M50 on local communities over many years and calls on TII to engage constructively with residents and bring forward solutions to address this long-term problem.”
