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Swords
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Wednesday 8th November 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, 13th November, 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 Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 9th October 2023**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor J. Hopkins - Homes listed on the Airbnb Web site reviewed against Planning Certs**

“To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the responsibility for ensuring homes listed on the Airbnb website is reviewed against Planning Certs and that this responsibility has been allocated to a team or member of staff in this Council?”

- 3 **Councillor B. Ryan - Social Housing Acquisitions - Value for Money**

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the current direction from Government in relation to Social Housing Acquisitions and whether there is any local discretion where good value for money is available?”

- 4 **Councillor B. Manton - Casual Trading Site - Coffee Cart Business**

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline what is the position on having a container on a casual trading site to sustain a coffee cart business through the winter?”

- 5 **Councillor A. Donnelly - Christmas Tree Disposal Sites**

“To ask the Chief Executive for a list of proposed Christmas tree recycling locations in Fingal for Christmas 2023?”

- 6 **Councillor C. Boland - Tender Processing Requirements**

“To ask the Chief Executive if there is a requirement within the tender process, as issued by this Local Authority, that the contractor complies with all regulations both national and local?”

- 7 **Councillor J. Burtchaell - Residential Planning Permissions Granted but not Commenced**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of dormant sites where 1. Planning permission has been granted for five dwellings or more, but where no work has begun and 2. the total number of dwellings not built on these sites, presented in tabular format, for each of the 7 Local Electoral Areas?”

8 Councillor D. Healy - Restrictions on grants for Fingal-based organisations which cross county boundaries

"To ask the Chief Executive what conditions are imposed on clubs, societies or other bodies seeking grants from Fingal County Council in relation to the proportion of members, participants, service users or similar, being resident in Fingal, and what examination has been carried out on whether this results in some clubs based in Fingal not being able to avail fully of grants from this Council?"

9 Councillor A. Tormey - National Transport Authority (NTA) - Active Travel

"To ask the Chief Executive how many Fingal County Council staff salaries and expenses are paid by the National Transport Authority (NTA) and how much overall the financial contribution is from the NTA for Active Travel infrastructure and traffic-free initiatives?"

10 Councillor JK - Onwumereh - Available Services this Christmas Season

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise, if the Housing, Water, Operations and Corporate Services Departments will be available this Christmas Season between 25th of December 2023 and 2nd of January 2024, in the event of an emergency what alternative contact numbers will Councillors and members of the public ring?"

11 Councillor J. Newman - Bike Share Initiative

"To ask the Chief Executive to produce a review of the Bike Share Scheme across Fingal, to include the lack of economic incentives for commuters to make a modal shift when travelling on a daily basis into Dublin, and whether much improved rates of success would be achieved by a unified bike share scheme across the four Dublin Authorities under the control of Codema?"

12 Councillor P. Mulville - The need to increase the number of Homeless Family Hubs

"To ask the Chief Executive, given the fact that, as of 31st May 2023, there were 168 families, comprising 255 adults and 402 children, who have their main housing application with this Council, staying in hotel and B&B Emergency Homeless Accommodation, and, as of September 2023, we only have 6 Homeless Family Hubs in this administrative area, to outline whether it is intended to rapidly scale up the number

of Homeless Family Hubs in this Council area, given the urgent need for same, and given the entirely unsuitable conditions facing many homeless families and children who have no choice but to stay in hotel and B&B rooms?"

13 Councillor H. Mahony - Security Arrangements - Libraries and Public Offices

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the security arrangements that are put in place to protect the public and staff members in Fingal Libraries and public offices, following the recent series of incidents in our public spaces?"

14 Councillor H. Mahony - Brief given to Security Personnel - Libraries and Public Offices

"To ask the Chief Executive what brief is given to security personnel when dealing with violent or disruptive people in our libraries and public offices?"

15 Councillor J. Humphreys - Re-introduction of Chatbot on Council's Web site

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to reintroduce the Chatbot, operating on the Council's website during Covid19, and what AI Resident Interaction programmes are considered to be introduced?"

16 Report of Committees

- a Report of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on Monday 23rd October 2023
- b Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Tuesday 24th October 2023
- c Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 2nd November 2023
- d Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Monday 6th November 2023
- e Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 9th November 2023

17 Financial Matters

- a Report on Overdraft Accommodation 2024

18 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Proposed Grant of Wayleave at Balheary, Swords, Co. Dublin to Mainscourt Solar DAC
- b Proposed disposal of land and grant of a permanent wayleave at 169a Clonsilla Road, Clonsilla, Dublin 15
- c Proposed disposal of land at Tyrellstown Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 to NABCO now known as Co-Operative Housing Ireland (CHI)
- d Proposed disposal of land at Tyrellstown Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 to Housing Association for Integrated Living (HAIL)
- e Proposed disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

19 Declaration of Roads

- a Cois Srutháin, Ballyboughal, Co Dublin

20 LADP/008/23 - Proposed Development of 57 no. Apartments & Associated Site Works at Holywell, Swords, Co. Dublin

21 Fingal Tourism Strategy

22 Fingal Food and Drink Policy

23 Chief Executive's Report

24 Conference Report

- a AILG Elected Member Training Day Programme Module 6 (In-Person) 16th November 2023 Tower Hotel
- b AILG Elected Member Training Day Programme Module 6 (In-Person) 18th November 2023 Clayton Hotel
- c AILG Annual Training Conference 2024 - 14th and 15th February, 2024 - Arklow Bay Hotel

25 Mayor's Business - Councillor A. Henchy

- a Councillor A. Henchy - Housing for All - Local Campaigns to assist buyers and those building their own homes
 "That the Chief Executive strongly supports the various schemes which are available to assist buyers in owning their own home through the roll out of strong local campaigns across the County

in tandem with an extensive advertising campaign across all media platforms and also include the extension of the First Home Scheme to self-build homes, which will assist those in Fingal who are building their own homes."

26 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a Letter from the Local Government Management Agency dated 12th October 2023 Re - Emergency Motion - Support for Formal Job Evaluation Process - 11th September 2023
- b Letter from Department of Social Protection dated 22nd February 2023 received 25th October 2023 Re - Item 35 - Cllr. R. O'Donoghue - Introduction of Pilot Scheme for Artists with Disabilities - 13 February 2023
- c Letter of acknowledgement from Office of the Taoiseach dated 25th October 2023 Re Item 33 - Cllr Graves - Moore Street 14 November 2022
- d Email of acknowledgement received from Minister E. Ryan's office, Department of Transport, dated 25th October 2023 re Item 38 - Cllr JK Onwumereh - Additional NCT Centres 13th February 2023
- e Email of acknowledgement from the Office of the Minister of Housing dated 26th October 2023 - Re - Housing for All, Special Meeting, Tuesday 11th April 2023
- f Email of acknowledgement received from Minister D. O'Brien's office dated 26th October 2023 re Item 35 - Cllr. B. McDonagh - An Bord Pleanála - 14th November 2022

27 Correspondence

- a Letter from Mayo County Council dated 5th September 2023 - Re - Build Time for Croí Cónaithe Scheme
- b Letter from Clare County Council dated 12th September 2023 - Re National Car Testing Company (NCT)
- c Letter from Leitrim County Council dated 12th September 2023 - Ash Tree Conservation Project
- d Letter from Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council dated 26th September 2023 Re - Fossil Fuel-Non-Proliferation Treaty
- e Letter from Limerick City and County Council dated 27th September 2023 re National Treatment Purchase Scheme

- f Letter from Limerick City and County Council dated 27th September 2023 re Cuan Mhuire Association
- g Letter from Clare County Council dated 12th October 2023 - Resolution - Planning Condition to all New Housing Developments - Traffic Calming Measures

STATUTORY MOTIONS

28 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."

29 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."

30 Councillor J. Newman - Funding for Community-Based Initiative

"That the Chief Executive will provide funding in the upcoming Budget to support a community-based initiative, this is having a very positive tangible impact on the lives of the elderly and people suffering from chronic illness in the Fingal area."

31 Councillor P. Conroy - Differential surface around cycling infrastructure

"That the Chief Executive adopts a policy of creating a differential surface around cycling infrastructure on footpaths, such as bike repair stations, Sheffield stands and painted shared bike parking spots, so that those who are blind or visually impaired, are aware of potential obstacles and can avoid them."

32 Councillor C. Boland - Enforcement at daa

"That the Chief Executive present a report on Enforcement procedures in respect of Planning Permission breaches at Dublin Airport."

33 Councillor A. Donnelly - Environmentally Safe Weed Removal

"That the Chief Executive implements a weed killing programme, ensuring funds are available, from the 1st of June 2024, allowing for "no mow" May, using environmentally friendly solutions, similar to those used by Dublin City Council."

34 Councillor P. Rane - Textile Banks in all Fingal Areas

"That this Council carries out a synopsis of all areas that require a Textile Bank in this Local Authority."

35 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Incentivising Sports Development in Fingal

"That the Chief Executive considers implementing strategies to promote and deepen sports development in Fingal by reviewing current policy, investing more in infrastructure, coaches and youth motivation packages."

36 Councillor T. Leddy - Development of the Liffey Valley Green Space

"That the Chief Executive establishes at the earliest opportunity, as envisaged in the County Development Plan, "a committee to facilitate and support the development of the Liffey Valley as an interconnected green space and park" inclusive of neighbouring councils, the OPW and other State agencies, existing landowners, community groups and sectoral and commercial interests in accordance with the Ministerial Order for the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Areas Order (SAAO)."

37 Councillor E. O'Brien - Message in a Bottle Programme - Local Lions Club

"That the Chief Executive consider that this Council partners with local Lions Clubs to deliver "Message in a Bottle" programme in the County? More info for Motion:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtGZHoRjrUo>

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 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."

42 Councillor J. Hopkins - Safe Universal Access for all Railway Stations

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Transport to ensure that urgent steps are taken to put in place proper safe universal access for all railway stations in Fingal as a matter of urgency."
