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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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Swords
Co Dublin

Tuesday, 5th September, 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, 11th September, 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 3rd July 2023**

2 **NOMINATIONS**

a Fingal Coastal Liaison Group

QUESTIONS

3 **Councillor J. Hopkins - Traffic Light Sequencing for Speeding Traffic**

“To ask the Chief Executive if our traffic lights are set up to reward vehicles for keeping to the speed limit, in France and Germany cars doing the speed limit are rewarded with green lights and cars going over speed limit are presented with red lights?”

[Reward traffic lights in France turn red for speeders \(driving.co.uk\)](https://driving.co.uk/news/reward-traffic-lights-france-turn-red-speeders/)

4 **Councillor P. Mulville - Homeless Family Hubs**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number of homeless family hubs in operation in this administrative area, and to list the general areas they are in; whether run by the Council directly or by other bodies; the number of families each hub can hold; the number of families currently in each hub; and the full list of services available in each hub?”

5 **Councillor P. Mulville - Recreational and Hang-Out Space for Teenagers**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans to provide age appropriate recreational and hang-out space for teenagers, as set out in The Space for Play - A Play Policy for Fingal and if this can be done in close consultation and dialogue with young people?”

6 **Councillor A. Donnelly - Tenant in Situ Information**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide information on the number of tenant in-situ applications received since the scheme re-opened 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with the Council’s Law Department; the number of properties refused by the Council; and the number of properties withdrawn by the landlord?”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 D. Butler - daa and Dublin Airport

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update with regard to the daa and complaints received by the Planning Authority in relation to alleged breaches of conditions attached to the Planning Permission for the North Runway at Dublin Airport?”

8 Councillor D. Butler - Projects and Benefits to Fingal Residents - Local Property Tax (LPT)

“To ask the Chief Executive for a summary of the additional funding that becomes available and the type of projects and benefits to Fingal residents as a result of the reduced reduction agreed last year to the Local Property Tax (LPT) for a two-year period?”

9 Councillor A. Henchy - Data on the new North Runway at Dublin Airport

“To ask the Chief Executive, now that the new North Runway is well established at Dublin Airport, for a clear demonstration to the Members, of the communities around Dublin Airport that are most impacted from the new take-offs and landings of flights and for a comparison to be made between this new data and the previous arrangements and impacts that existed before the opening of the new North Runway at Dublin Airport?”

10 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Request for Information for registration with the PPN

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide information on the status of outstanding applications from Community Groups for registration with the Public Participation Network (PPN)?”

11 Councillor B. Dennehy - Items being actively pursued by this Council's Planning Enforcement Section in relation to Dublin Airport

“To ask the Chief Executive, excluding night time flying issues, to provide, in a tabular format, a list of any items, by use of the headings, topics covering matters/ issues/complaints received that are currently being actively pursued by Fingal County Council's Planning Enforcement in relation to Dublin Airport and the activities emanating from Dublin Airport?”

12 Councillor B. Dennehy - Sequencing of actions required to be carried out in relation to the new Residential Zoned Land Tax

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report in tabular format on the sequencing of actions required to be carried out in relation to the new Residential Zoned Land Tax, starting from a landowner writing to this Council seeking to rezone land currently zoned Residential (RS) through to the final action of the land being rezoned or not rezoned?"

13 Councillor B. Ryan - Removal from Housing List by reason of Income of Adult Children - years 2022 and year to date 2023

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide figures for the number of housing applicants removed from the housing list by reason of the income of adult children for the full year 2022 and for year-to-date 2023?"

14 Councillor C. Boland - DAA and Noise Monitoring

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what is the current position in respect of the expansion by the daa of the noise-measuring systems and advise if Anca is satisfied with the current capacity of the system in monitoring noise generated by the activities of the daa and the airport in general?"

15 Councillor B. Manton - Food Parks - Development Plan

"To ask the Chief Executive if, given that land zoned Food Park (FP) since 2011 at Coolquay, was unzoned by Ministerial Order during the compilation of this Development Plan, and given that lands zoned FP at Oldtown and Lusk are already fully used, to calculate and identify by way of map how much FP land is now available in Fingal for the development of food parks?"

16 Report of Committees

- a Updated Strategic Policy Quarterly Report Climate Action, Biodiversity Environment SPC June 2023
- b Report of Corporate Policy Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 6th September 2023
- c Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Area Committee Services B Meeting held on Thursday 7th September 2023

17 Financial Matters

- a Fixing of Date for Consideration of Capital Programme

18 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

19 Declaration of Roads

- a Balgriffin to Belmayne Roundabout

20 Chief Executive's Report

21 Mayor's Business - Councillor A. Henchy

a Councillor A. Henchy - New Location for RTE - Fingal

"That the Chief Executive write to both the Director General and the Board of RTE to clearly outline Fingal's very strong interest in becoming the new home of a modern, slim National Broadcaster, should RTE take a decision to vacate their current premises in Donnybrook, Fingal as the fastest growing, youngest and most diverse Local Authority in the country with its close proximity to Dublin Airport and all the major road networks in the country as well as its strategic location along the developing Dublin-Belfast corridor, makes Fingal the ideal destination for a new home and a fresh start for our National Broadcaster."

22 Conference Report

- a Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH) National Social Housing Conference 2023, supported by AIB - From Vision to Reality - Transforming Communities Through Placemaking with Social and Affordable Housing 18th & 19th October 2023 - Clayton Whites Hotel, Wexford

23 Correspondence

- a Letter from South Dublin County Council 12th June 2023 - Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty
- b Letter received from Leitrim County Council dated 7th July 2023 - Bus Éireann - Recruit Drivers
- c Letter from Cork County Council dated 5th July 2023 - Letter to CEO., HSE., - Campaign to Raise Awareness - Lyme Disease
- d Letter from Cork County Council dated 5th July 2023 - Letter to CEO., Coillte - Campaign to Raise Awareness - Lyme Disease

- e Letter from Cork County Council on 24th July 2023 - To RSA - Reduce Waiting times for Driving Tests
- f Letter from Cork County Council on 24th July 2023 - To Department of Transport - Reduce waiting times for driving tests
- g Letter from Waterford City & County Council 27th July 2023 - Active Travel Funding

24 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a Letter dated 22nd June 2023 from Minister of State for Local Government and Planning re Item 37 - Need for legislated candidate gender quotas of 40% be introduced to apply to the Local Elections in 2024
- b Acknowledgement received dated 10th July 2023 from Minister of State, Department of Public Expenditure - Remunicipalisation of Waste Collection
- c Email dated 27th July 2023 from the Office of the Department of Transport re Item 37 - Cllrs Hopkins & Mulville - Extension of Zebra Crossing Pilot Scheme February 2023 Council Meeting

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

25 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."

26 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."

27 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."

28 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."

29 Councillor P. Rane - Construction of New Schools across Fingal

"That the Chief Executive provides an update on what plans this Council has for both short and medium term, for the commencement of construction of urgently required new schools, both Primary and Secondary schools, this is in accordance with the Government's new policy which will help facilitate the continued rollout of urgently required school building projects in both mainstream and special education settings, including those that were temporarily paused due to lack of Capital funding."

30 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Strategy for keeping our environment clean - Responsibility on the part of Pet Owners

"That the Chief Executive review the current strategy for keeping our streets, footpaths and roads clean in the county, and in particular, to outline measures for dealing with the increasing cases of uncollected faeces and the lack of responsibility on the part of pet owners." (See attached photos)

31 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, (see attached proposal), this is having a very positive tangible impact on the lives of the elderly and people suffering from chronic illness in the Fingal area."

32 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."

33 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."

34 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."

35 Councillor J. Humphreys - Allocation of funding in the Capital Programme - Swimming Pools in the County

"That this Council calls for the allocation of funding in the Capital Programme for Swimming Pools in the County."

**MOTIONS NON-
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

36 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."

37 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."

38 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?"

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

"That this Council support the Retained Fire and Rescue Service personnel in 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."

40 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."

41 Councillor A. Graves - daa Intervening in the Planning Process

“That this Council writes to the Taoiseach and Ministers responsible for Transport and Local Government, to outline the grave concerns in relation to the content of the letter from the Chair of the daa, Basil Geoghegan, dated 14th August 2023 sent to the Taoiseach in respect of ‘An Bord Pleanála’s decision regarding the North Runway at Dublin Airport’, the attempt by the Chair of the daa, a Semi-State company, to have the Taoiseach intervene in a planning process is a blatant attempt to undermine the independence of An Bord Pleanála and that of this Council, who have issued an enforcement order to daa in relation to their breaches of planning conditions for the North Runway, which the daa have chosen to ignore, a Chairman of a Semi-State body lobbying the Taoiseach to get favours from the Planning Board, is at best inappropriate and unethical, and this attempt to stymie the planning processes needs to be urgently addressed.”

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.”
