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Swords
Co Dublin

Tuesday 5th December 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 December, 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

- a Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Budget Meeting held on Tuesday 7th November 2023
- b Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 13th November 2023

QUESTIONS

2 Councillor J. Hopkins - Procedure Relating to Tidy Towns' Biodiversity Programme

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the process for interacting with Tidy Town groups with regard to the progression of the local Biodiversity Plans where both Tidy Towns and the Council are stakeholders, to include the minimum number of meetings, online/in person, and detailing which Council's department is responsible for this?"

3 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Salting Programme of Roads across Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what plans are in place to implement a comprehensive Salting Programme on relevant roads across Fingal, given the forecast of a bitterly cold winter, which would affect the safety standard on our roads?"

4 Councillor C. Boland - Reed bed Waste Water Treatment

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the position in respect of the deployment of reed bed wastewater treatment facilities to address the issue of facilitating the development of rural clusters without the need for individual wastewater treatments for each dwelling unit in rural cluster zoned areas?"

5 Councillor A. Donnelly - Information on the number of 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with the Council's Law Department; the number of properties refused by the Council; and the number of properties withdrawn by the landlord?"

6 Councillor M. McCamley - Mayor's Tea Dance

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the Mayor's Tea Dance is still in existence for the older population?"

7 Councillor S. Shovlin - Grants and Supports available to Sports Clubs in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive for a brief outline of what grants and supports are currently available to sports clubs in Fingal?"

8 Councillor S. Shovlin - Road Sweeper Services - Leaf Sweeping

"To ask the Chief Executive what is the best approach for residents in terms of leaf sweeping/road sweeper services, is there a particular day when leaves should be swept onto the road within estates?"

9 Councillor D. Healy - Availability of Council services to residents of adjoining Local Authority areas

"To ask the Chief Executive which Council services are reserved to residents of Fingal, and which are open to residents of adjoining Local Authorities, and what reciprocal agreements this Council has with other Local Authorities in this regard?"

10 Councillor P. Mulville - Report of the Inter Departmental Group on National Coastal Change Management Strategy

"To ask the Chief Executive whether there has been any engagement between this Council and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage / Office of Public Works following their publication of the Report of the Inter Departmental Group on National Coastal Change Management Strategy, with a view to understanding the report's findings and recommendations, in particular as they relate to the situation facing our coastal communities?"

11 Councillor B. Ryan - Transfer of Tenancy

"To ask the Chief Executive if a Transfer of Tenancy, the process whereby long-term rent-paying residents of a Council property can be added to a Council tenancy, is still a possibility, and to outline the criteria used to decide on such applications?"

12 Councillor B. Ryan - Removal of Abandoned Cars

"To ask the Chief Executive what powers, if any, the Council has in

relation to the removal of abandoned cars from housing estates?"

13 Councillor B. Manton - Family Resource Centres Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive how many Family Resource Centres do we have in Fingal and how do we support them?"

14 Councillor A. Henchy - Capital Sports Funding

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of all Capital Sports Funding applications submitted, both directly and in any partnerships, in the most recent funding programme across the County?"

15 Councillor B. Dennehy - Exemptions granted for the Residential Zoned Land Tax

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report, in a tabular format, the quantity of acreage per Local Electoral Area that has been granted an exemption upon application to either An Bord Pleanála or this Council for the Residential Zoned Land Tax?"

16 Councillor B. Dennehy - The quantity of housing units per acre granted on exemptions for the Residential Zoned Land Tax

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report, in a tabular format, listing the quantity of housing units per acre, per Local Electoral Area, that has been granted an exemption by either An Bord Pleanála or this Council for the Residential Zoned Land Tax?"

17 Councillor J. Walsh - Non-active Planning Permissions

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the number of non-active sites across Fingal where planning permission has been granted but no housing development has commenced and to outline the number of dwellings for which permission had been given on these non-active sites?"

18 Councillor K. Dennison - Council Tenants in Rent Arrears

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the number of Council tenants in rent arrears, to include a breakdown on the amount and duration of arrears and to indicate if any evictions have taken place in the last five years for non-payment of rent?"

19 Councillor K. Dennison - Number of Housing in Loan Arrears

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the number of Council housing loans in arrears and to include a breakdown on the amount and duration of arrears?"

20 Councillor J. Humphreys - Purchase of lands

"To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the purchase at (details supplied), considering the location is in close proximity to recent acquisition by the Council and in close proximity to an already established Community Centre that needs more space and will provide passive surveillance onto the park?"

21 Councillor J. Humphreys - Alternative Route - Dublin Marathon

"To ask the Chief Executive if this Council have had any discussions with the organisers of the Dublin Marathon considering the recent media reports of alternative routes under consideration?"

22 Report of Committees

- a Report of Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 13th November 2023
- b Report of Strategic Policy Committees Chairpersons' Annual Report
- c Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Monday 4th December 2023
- d Report of Howth Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 6th December 2023
- e Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 7th December 2023

23 Financial Matters

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

24 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Proposed Disposal of Land and Grant of Wayleave at Old Road, Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks

25 Declarations of Roads

- a Glen Ellan Road Extension, Swords, Co Dublin
- 26 LADP/009/23 - Proposed Development of 119 no. Apartments, Creche & Associated Site Works at Mayeston, Poppintree, Dublin 11**
- 27 Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan**
- 28 Draft Standing Orders**
- 29 Draft Fingal Heritage Plan 2024 - 2030**
- 30 Fingal Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2022**
- 31 2023 Arts Act Funding**
- 32 Youth Sports Grant Report**
- 33 Chief Executive's Report**
- 34 Conference Report**
- a NMCI's Seafarer's Conference 2024 on the 22nd February 2024 in the Castletroy Park Hotel in Co. Limerick
- 35 Mayor's Business - Councillor A. Henchy**
 - a **Councillor A. Henchy - Letter of Appreciation and support to Emergency and Frontline Services**

"That the Chief Executive, in light of recent events in Dublin City Centre, join with the Mayor on behalf of the Elected Members, write a strongly worded letter of appreciation and support to our emergency and frontline services, and their representative bodies, in recognition of our gratitude for the invaluable work they do every day, 24/7, in keeping our communities safe, this letter to include: An Garda Síochána, the Ambulance Service, Dublin Fire Brigade, all public transport providers/workers, frontline Local Authority workers and medical staff, including nurses, doctors and health care assistants."
- 36 Correspondence**
 - a Letter from Clare County Council dated 14th November 2203 re - Resolution - Introducing Medical Certificates to all individuals with physical disabilities

- b Email from Cavan County Council dated 29th November 2023 re Proposal to remove Cavan from the Allianz Hurling League in 2025

37 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a Email dated 16th November 2023 from Minister D. O'Brien - re Item 35 - Cllr. B. McDonagh - An Bord Pleanála - Council Meeting 2022

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

38 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."

39 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."

40 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."

41 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>

42 Councillor P. Rane - Toilet and Changing Facilities for all Parks and Pitches

"That the Chief Executive carries out a synopsis and implements toilet and changing facilities in all parks and pitches across Fingal, so that clubs and residents involved in physical activities can comfortably change and use facilities when needed, this is especially hard when there are no facilities available for children involved in group activities, children should not be expected to either go home or walk into public shops and areas to avail of facilities."

43 Councillor C. Boland - Planning Breaches in respect of daa Lands

"That the Chief Executive presents a report in respect of the breaches of planning permissions/regulations in respect of the operations of the daa on any of their holdings in Fingal."

44 Councillor A. Donnelly - Review of Dog Runs in Fingal

"That the Chief Executive conducts a review of the dog runs in Fingal with a view to their size, the ground surface, access paths, access to water, access to bins, maintenance plans and facilities for dog owners such as adequate seating, as parks with dog runs have no off leash times for dog owners, it is vital that dog runs are as accessible as possible for dog owners, many of whom have no alternative other than to use them, if they wish to give their dogs a run."

45 Councillor P. Mulville - Map of current Fingal County Council Housing areas

"That the Chief Executive, further to Representation R21\13723 and Question 4 on October 2023 Council meeting, provide a map of the current Fingal County Council Housing areas, a detailed map which can be "zoomed" in on, and which also shows the Local Electoral Area or Committee area boundaries, similar to the map for the Dublin City Council administrative area."

**MOTIONS NON-
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

46 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.”

47 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?”

48 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.”

49 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."
