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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**County Hall
Swords
Co Dublin**

Tuesday, 6th February 2024

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, 12th February, 2024** 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 of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th January 2024**
- 2 Nominations**
 - a Filling of casual vacancy on Fingal County Council following the resignation of Councillor Punam Rane
 - b Appointment of one Member to the Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Councillor Punam Rane
 - c Appointment of one Member to Fingal Biodiversity Forum following the resignation of Councillor Punam Rane
 - d Appointment of one Member to Hansfield Strategic Development Zone Steering Group following the resignation of Councillor Punam Rane
 - e Appointment of one Member to the Sports Partnership Committee following the resignation of Councillor Punam Rane
 - f Appointment of one Member to Base Enterprise Centre following the resignation of Councillor Punam Rane
 - g Nomination of one Member to Membership of Beaumont Hospital Board following the resignation of Councillor Punam Rane

QUESTIONS

- 3 Councillor H. Mahony - Funding for The Arts**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to outline in tabular format how many artists and musicians have been funded by Fingal since 2014?"
- 4 Councillor S. Shovlin - Public Participation Network (PPN) Registration**
 "To ask the Chief Executive what the average waiting time is for new groups joining Public Participation Network (PPN) to get registered?"
- 5 Councillor J. Hopkins - Notice of Enquiry - Vacant and Derelict Buildings**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of how many Notices of Enquiry for vacant and derelict buildings in Fingal, if this practice has not been started, do we intend to put it in place?"

6 Councillor D. Healy - Online systems available for reporting issues to this Council

"To ask the Chief Executive what online systems are available for reporting issues such as dumping, flooding, air or water pollution, lighting problems, etc., including whether the See It Say It App works effectively and how many issues have been reported to this Council by it in recent years; the current status of Fix Your Street and Fix My Street; how well the online reporting at <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/fix-your-street> is working, including how long it has been in place and what level of usage it has had, whether there is or will be an App associated with it, and whether there is a protocol for passing on issues relevant to other public authorities such as Uisce Éireann when submitted through this page; what other initiatives to facilitate easy reporting are in place or under consideration?"

7 Councillor B. Manton - Audit of Tenancies in Social Housing

"To ask the Chief Executive when or if an audit of tenancies has been done to ensure that tenancies in social housing are still held by the appointed tenant and how do we monitor if tenants are deceased or in permanent care homes?"

8 Councillor B. Manton - Bridging loans for housing energy retrofit

"To ask the Chief Executive if bridging loans could be made available to residents while they wait for grants to come through for energy upgrades?"

9 Councillor T. Murphy - Agreeing specific specification of Speed ramps

"To ask the Chief Executive, with the ever-increasing number of road fatalities in Ireland, can this Council consider developing and agreeing a specific specification of speed ramp for a 30km/ph road and a specific specification of speed ramp for a 50km/ph with each design aimed to keep vehicles travelling within the respective speed limit?"

10 Councillor B. Ryan - daa - Complaints - Aircraft Noise

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate whether there is any Body other than the daa that a citizen of Fingal can complain to about aircraft noise?"

11 Councillor A. Graves - Planned Housing Provisions by this Council over the next three years

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of all planned housing provisions by this Council in the Fingal area over the coming three years, this should include - Social and Affordable housing, agreements with Approved Housing Bodies and projected social housing coming on stream from private developers as part of their housing developments, please provide in tabular format, by area and including the numbers of houses in each case and the type of housing?"

12 Councillor A. Graves - Schemes being considered to deliver accommodation specifically for older people

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what schemes are being considered to deliver accommodation specifically for older people, we are dealing with a population that is ageing and many who are now finding themselves homeless, there are also many residents in Fingal, where their family have grown and left home who would be happy to move to smaller premises, but want to stay in their local community, please provide details of schemes that are currently in development and those planned over the coming three years?"

13 Councillor N. Treacy - Report on Process for Residents downsizing from 4 and 3 bed to 2 and 1 bed properties

"To ask the Chief Executive to give a report on the process for residents downsizing from 4 and 3 bed properties to 2 and 1 bed properties, in particular, what is the procedure if a resident is refusing to downsize, how are we as a Local Authority going to proceed with removing long term residents from a property that is under occupied, will they be forced to leave against their will?"

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

"To ask the Chief Executive further to Question 10 on the December 2023 Council meeting, whether there has been any further 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, in the context of current and future plans to address coastal change in Fingal?"

15 Councillor A. Henchy - Update on the uptake of Housing Support Schemes from the Department of Housing

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the uptake of the six housing supports offered by the Department of Housing, in particular, can information be provided on the number of people in Fingal, per electoral area, who have applied for and were successful in applying for Help to buy, First Home scheme, Local Authority Affordable Purchase scheme, Vacant Property Refurbishment grant, Local Authority Home Loans and Tenant in-situ scheme?"

16 Councillor K. Dennison - Postage costs by this Council, Draíocht Arts Centre and Seamus Ennis Centre

"To ask the Chief Executive for the spend on postage by (a) this Council, (b) The Draíocht Arts Centre and (c) The Seamus Ennis Centre for 2022 and 2023?"

17 Report of Committees

- a Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 1st February 2024
- b Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Tuesday 6th February 2024
- c Report of Howth Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 7th February 2024
- d Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 8th February 2024

18 Financial Matters

19 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Notice of Proposed disposal of Lands at Stephenstown Industrial Estate to Hannon Pharma Link Warehousing

20 Declarations of Roads

- a Barnageeragh Cove, Skerries, Co Dublin
- b Vauxhall Street, Balbriggan, Co Dublin
- c Drynam Hall, Kinsealy, Co Dublin

- 21 LADP/011/23 - Proposed development of 18 no. dwellings and associated site works at Rathmore Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin. Notice of Intention to undertake development by a Local Authority (Fingal County Council) under Section 179A Of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended)**
- 22 Part 8 of the PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (as amended). Proposed development of Public Playground at Laurel Lodge Park, Castleknock, Dublin 15**
- 23 Part 8 of the PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (as amended). Proposed improvements to Corduff Park, Dublin 15**
- 24 Proposed Amendments to the Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (County of Fingal) Bye-Laws 2020 - Damastown Way, Dublin 15**
- 25 Draft Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029**
- 26 Presentation on 2023 Architectural Conservation Grants**
- 27 Draft Economic Development Strategy**
- 28 Draft Strategic Policy Committee Annual Policy Programme 2024**
- 29 St. Patrick's Day Events**
- 30 Chief Executive's Report**
- 31 Mayor's Business - Councillor A. Henchy**
 - a Councillor A. Henchy - Fingal Public Relations Campaign on Housing**

“That the Chief Executive gives consideration to the rolling out of a Fingal themed information campaign to further support the national information campaign underway by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to the various schemes and supports which are available to assist buyers in owning their own home.”
- 32 Conference Report**
- 33 Correspondence**
 - a Letter from Limerick City and Council dated 12th December 2024 - Wind Energy Development**

- b Letter from Limerick and City Council dated 18th December 2023 - Resolution - Joint Policing Committee - Proposal to disband dedicated Community Policing
- c Letter from Offaly County Council dated 20th December 2023 Resolution - State Lands - Renewable Energy Projects
- d Letter from Mayo County Council dated 16th January 2024 - Resolution - Co-ordinate the provision of additional services for the communities hosting refugees and international protection applicants
- e Letter from Carlow County Council dated 22nd January 2024 - Work done by Sports Clubs in non-clár areas - Car parks
- f Letter from Sligo County Council dated 30th January 2024 - Resolution - Introduce effective laws to prosecute those who wilfully break the law on bicycles, electric bicycles and electric scooters
- g Letter from Wexford County Council dated 24th January 2024 re - The Enactment of the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018 and the illegal Israeli Settlements Divestment Bill 2023

34 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a Email of acknowledgement from Minister Ryan's Office re Item 47 Cllr B Manton - Hospital Access by Public Transport (December 2023 Council Meeting)
- b Letter dated 23rd January 2024 from Office of the Taoiseach re Item 33 - Cllr A. Graves - Moore Street Area - November 2022 Council Meeting

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

35 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."

36 Councillor A. Tormey - Register of Management Companies

"That the Chief Executive maintain a rolling record of the management companies for the industrial estates, apartment blocks, and housing estates, including their contact information, this can be organised by operational area."

37 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Fingal County Wide Sports Recognition Event

"That the Chief Executive considers implementing a county wide sports recognition event to promote and deepen sports development in Fingal by recognizing the role of volunteers, coaches, clubs, youth motivation programmes as well as private investment in infrastructure development."

38 Councillor E. O'Brien - All-weather Playing Facilities Across Fingal

"That the Chief Executive puts plans in place to address the deficits in all-weather playing facilities across the county, putting specific focus on areas where football, GAA and rugby clubs rely entirely or predominantly on Fingal County Council pitches for playing matches."

39 Councillor A. Donnelly - Dedicated Phone Number to Report Anti-social Behaviour

"That the Chief Executive considers the introduction of a dedicated telephone number for residents who are victims of anti-social behaviour, whether they are council tenants or are being victimised by council tenants, residents finding themselves in this position feel isolated and abandoned and contacting the Council and/or An Garda Síochána can be a very complicated process therefore, a point of contact would be very beneficial to ease the concerns of these residents."

40 Councillor H. Mahony - Accessible Playground Equipment for all Playgrounds constructed from 1st January 2024

"That this Council considers that all playgrounds constructed in Fingal from 1st January 2024 will include a full range of play equipment suitable for children with special needs."

41 Councillor P. Mulville - Age appropriate recreational and hang-out space for teenagers - The Space for Play

"That the Chief Executive report on plans to provide age appropriate recreational and hang-out space for teenagers, as set out in Keeping it Green, An Open Space Strategy for Fingal and The Space for Play - A Play Policy for Fingal, to be done in close consultation and dialogue with young people, also given the recently completed county wide audit of play facilities."

42 Councillor T. Leddy - Installation of Salt/Grit Bins within Housing Estates

“That this Council introduces a County wide policy of installing salt/grit bins within housing estates so that volunteers and Council workers could work together to ensure that footpaths are gritted during cold snaps.”

43 Councillor B. Ryan - Third Party Audit - Appeals and Complaints Systems

“That the Chief Executive, recognising the need to provide the best possible service to citizens, will undertake to have a third party audit carried out on our appeals and complaints systems to ensure that our systems represent best practice.”

44 Councillor A Lavin - Vacant and Derelict Grants received by this Council in 2023

“That the Chief Executive outline how many applications were received by this Council for the Vacant Property Refurbishment / Derelict Grants in 2023 and outline at what stage they are now at.”

**MOTIONS NON-
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

45 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.”

46 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.”
