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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**County Hall
Swords
Co Dublin**

Tuesday, 5th March 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, 11th March, 2024** 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 12th February 2024**

2 **Nominations**

- a Appointment of one Member to The Audit Committee following the resignation of Councillor Punam Rane
- b Nomination of one Member to Membership of Beaumont Hospital Board following the resignation of Councillor Punam Rane

QUESTIONS

3 **Councillor J. Hopkins - Staffing for Biodiversity Plan**

“To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the number of roles yet to be filled in order to fulfil our obligations and actions set out in the Biodiversity Plan?”

4 **Councillor E. O'Brien - Breakdown of the funding model used for the construction of the Rivervalley all-weather pitch and flood lights**

“To ask the Chief Executive to give a breakdown of the funding model used for the construction of the Rivervalley all-weather pitch and flood lights, to include total cost, this Council’s direct spend, any external grants utilised, any funds contributed by clubs/organisations using or managing the pitch and details of the sinking fund in place?”

5 **Councillor J. Humphreys - Sports and Recreation Facilities in Fingal**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update of the sports and recreation facilities in the Fingal study and when it will be published?”

6 **Councillor S. O'Reilly - Grants available for residents living along the flight path of Dublin Airport**

“To ask the Chief Executive for a list of available grants for residents residing in Dublin Airport’s flight path, along with a map of areas covered by this grant in Fingal?”

7 **Councillor T. O'Leary - Swimming Pool Feasibility Study**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update and timeline on

when the audit of Fingal Sports facilities and projected needs for sports facilities, including swimming pools will be completed, as this has been ongoing for some considerable time?"

8 Councillor C. Boland - PFAS Chemicals on daa Lands

"To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the two reports and file relating to the daa in respect of PFAS chemicals which the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) referred to her, in her role as the competent authority what action she has taken or proposes to take in respect of identification of the potential contamination of the ground water system and the extent of the danger in Fingal?"

9 Councillor H. Mahony - Procedure for the disposal of deceased animals on Fingal Property

"To ask the Chief Executive what is the procedure for the disposal of the remains of deceased animals found on Fingal property?"

10 Councillor P. Mulville - Broadband exclusivity agreements in new build estates

"To ask the Chief Executive the position regarding broadband issues facing many residents across Fingal, where there is estate wide internet connection exclusivity, particularly to Virgin Media, in new build estates, with these agreements curated by the developer, locking the residents into a 3-year contract wherein government led initiatives, such a SIRO, cannot be accessed by these residents, with such arrangements possibly being incompatible with both domestic and EU-wide law?"

11 Councillor B. Dennehy - Criteria used to inform / notify the general public of permission granted to film crews for use of public property

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the criteria used to inform / notify the general public of permission granted by this Council to film crews for use of public property such as carparks etc., where the usage of the properties is either restricted or prevented?"

12 Councillor B. Dennehy - Fingal's Vacant Site Register

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the number / acreage of land currently on this Council's Vacant Site register that will be transferred to the new Residential Zone Tax, (RZT) when it is implemented?"

13 Councillor B. Ryan - Identification and Mapping of all drains in the County

"To ask the Chief Executive to give consideration to undertaking a comprehensive identification and mapping of all drains in the County, including in rural areas, with a view to ensuring that all such drains are inspected and cleared regularly as part of a preventive measure to ensure that blocked drains do not contribute to localised flooding which can often be the case?"

14 Report of Committees

- a Report of Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 12th February 2024
- b Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Monday 4th March 2024
- c Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 7th March 2024

15 Financial Matters

16 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Notice of proposed disposal of land at Damastown Industrial Estate, Damastown, Dublin 15 to Glenbeigh Records Management Limited
- b Notice of proposed disposal of land adjacent to Oatlands Gate Lodge, Porterstown Road, Dublin 15 to Mr. Peter Cawley

17 Declarations of Roads

18 Audit Committee

- a Audit Committee Annual Report 2023
- b Audit Committee Charter 2024
- c Audit Committee Annual Work Programme 2024

- 19 **(PARTXI/007/23) Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for development of proposed Baldoyle Community Sports Centre and all associated site works on a site of approximately 0.575 ha at the former 'Coast' Estate Marketing Suite, located along the south of Red Arches Road, The Coast, Baldoyle Racecourse Park, Stapolin, Baldoyle, Dublin 13.**
- 20 **Part 8 of the PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (as amended). Proposed Development of a Car & Bicycle Parking Facility at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan, Co Dublin**
- 21 **Donabate Framework Plan**
- 22 **Festival and Events Funding Scheme and What's on in Events Presentation**
- 23 **Chief Executive's Report**
- 24 **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."
- 25 **Conference Report**
 - a 2024 National Planning Conference will take place on 18th and 19th April in the Theatre Royal and Tower Hotel, Waterford City
 - b The Suck Valley Way Conference is being held in Hannon's Hotel, Roscommon on 13th and 14th March - theme "The Rise of Loneliness on the Emerald Isle - How community development and planning may be the remedy"
- 26 **Correspondence**
 - a Letter from Sligo County Council dated 6th February 2024 - Resolution - Provision of Additional Bus Services from Dublin Airport to Sligo at night

- b Letter from Cork County Council dated 8th February 2024 - Resolution - Hospitality rated be reverted to 9%
- c Letter from Cork County Council dated 8th February 2024 - Resolution - VAT rate for pub reduced down from 23% to 17%
- d Letter from Louth County Council dated 19th February 2024 - Resolution - Joint Policing Committees - Local Community Safety Partnership

27 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

28 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."

29 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."

30 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."

31 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."

32 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."

33 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."

34 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."

35 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."

36 Councillor S. O'Reilly - Introducing a litter fine to users who dispose of disposable vapes

"That the Chief Executive considers introducing a litter fine to users who dispose of disposable vapes, helping to highlight the increasing issue of these vapes being littered across the County."

37 Councillor P. Mulville - Childcare/Crèche facilities in the Fingal Administrative Area

"That the Chief Executive provide a report, in tabular format, on the number of childcare / crèche facilities in this Council's administrative area which have been granted planning permission, but not yet either

commenced, completed or operational, including the location of same and the relevant planning reference; and outline the steps being taken to address the matter given the very pressing need for these facilities for our communities.”

MOTIONS NON- STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

38 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.”

39 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.”

40 Councillor D. Mulligan - Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

“That this Council formally backs the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, and urges the Irish Government to support the initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, if passed, a letter should be sent to all Local Authorities, An Taoiseach, An Tánaiste and the Minister for the Environment.”

41 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Boycott of St. Patrick's day Washington Trip

“That this Council calls on the Taoiseach, Government and all members of the Oireachtas to boycott the planned St. Patrick’s day meetings with President Biden and his administration in solidarity with the Palestinian people and in protest at the role of the United States in this conflict.”

42 Councillor T. O'Leary - Increase funds for Fingal Sport and Community Facilities via Sports Lotto Fund

“That the Chief Executive write to the Department of Finance and, in

particular, to the Minister for Expenditure, Paschal Donohoe, requesting that substantial extra funds be allocated to the National Sports Lotto Fund, noting that the National Development Plan is under review we must plan, fund and put in place new and extra sport and community facilities for our communities and the projected growing population in Fingal and Ireland.”
