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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**County Hall
Swords
Co Dublin**

Tuesday, 2nd April 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, 8th April, 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 11th March 2024**

QUESTIONS

- 2 Councillor J. Hopkins - Forest of Fingal Policy - Increase of trees in 2023 and Planting Target for 2024**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the net increase of trees in 2023 in Fingal and the planting target for 2024?"

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

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Council has any indication on when the National review of swimming facilities and policies are due to be completed and published by the Government Department of Sport, noting that all these reports are critical to accessing possible funding opportunities for a swimming pool in Fingal, in particular, an expected further call for Sports Lotto Grants in Q2/Q3 2024?"

- 4 Councillor P. Mulville - Meaningful consultations with Disabled Persons' Organisations**

"To ask the Chief Executive is this Council considering putting in place a new process to consult with Disabled Persons' Organisations, as was recently announced by Dublin City Council, see link below?"

<https://www.dublincity.ie/news/new-process-dublin-city-council-consult-disabled-persons-organisations>

- 5 Councillor B. Manton - Sports and Recreational Facilities Audit**

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the results of the Sports and Recreational Facilities Audit, that was completed last year, will be made available to the public?"

- 6 Councillor B. Manton - Policy on Scooters in our Parks**

"To ask the Chief Executive what the policy on scooters in our parks is, they are generally very fast motorised vehicles and walkers are in fear of being knocked down?"

- 7 Councillor S. Shovlin - Drone Delivery Services**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on drone delivery

services in Fingal including what options are available to residents with concerns?"

8 Councillor A. Donnelly - Fingal County Council Customer Service wait times

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the average wait times of phone calls and information on wait times at reception in Fingal County Council's offices?"

9 Councillor C. Boland - Proposed M2 Road Development

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the proposed M2 as it relates to Fingal and advise what impact it will have on landholdings in Fingal and state if it provides any benefit to resolving the congestion and traffic management in respect of Dublin Airport?"

10 Councillor J. Walsh - Inactive sites where full planning permission has been granted

"To ask the Chief Executive for the most up-to-date figures for 1) Total number of inactive sites across Fingal where full planning permission has been given but no construction of housing has taken place and 2) The number of dwellings granted permission on these sites?"

11 Councillor A. Graves - Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Passport

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) passport, when it will be available and what the delays are in making it available?"

12 Councillor D. Healy - Planning enforcement information uploaded to the Planning Register

"To ask the Chief Executive what progress has been made in getting planning enforcement information uploaded on to the planning register and have a search map option that will be available online?"

13 Councillor J. Humphreys - Review of BoxUp Lockers

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the review of the 'BoxUp' lockers that were trialled last summer, are there any plans to install more across the County?"

14 Councillor J. Humphreys - Grass cutting in the County

"To ask the Chief Executive that considering the amount of rain this spring and the poor conditions for grass cutting, how will this affect the extension of "No Mow May", to please provide an insight into this matter?"

15 Report of Committees

- a Quarterly Reports - Strategic Policy Committee Meetings
- b Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14th March 2024
- c Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd April 2024
- d Report of Howth Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd April 2024
- e Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Meeting held on Thursday 4th April 2024

16 Financial Matters

- a Consideration of Draft 2023 Annual Financial Statement
- b Annual Financial Statement

17 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Notice of proposed grant of a permanent wayleave on land at Bremore, Balrothery, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks
- b Notice of proposed grant of wayleave at Blanchardstown Road North, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 to Gas Networks Ireland
- c Notice of proposed grant of wayleave on land at Coldwinters, Dublin 11 to Energia
- d Notice of proposed disposal of land at 30 Clonard Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to Aoibhneas
- e Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

18 Declarations of Roads

- a Riverwood Gardens, Castleknock, Co Dublin
- b Emsworth, Kinsealy Lane, Co. Dublin
- c Golden Ridge, Phase 2, Rush, Co. Dublin
- d Coopers Wood, Kinsealy, Co Dublin

- 19 LADP/001/24 - Local Authority Development Proposal for 175 no. new Houses and Apartments, a Crèche, and associated site development works at New Road, Donabate. 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)**
- 20 Notice of Proposed Development Part XI Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) Part 8 Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) Replacement Public Toilets at Rush South Beach, Rush, Co. Dublin**
- 21 Authorisation of Council to issuing of polling cards for Local Electors**
- 22 Twinning of Howth with Cap d'Ail, France**
- 23 Chief Executive's Report**
- 24 Mayor's Business - Councillor A. Henchy**
- 25 Conference Report**
 - a AILG Elected Member Training Programme Module 2 (In-Person) 21st March 2024 - Southern Region Hotel Kilkenny - "Local Election 2024 Preparation – A Briefing from the Electoral Commission"
 - b AILG Elected Member Training Programme Module 2 (In-Person) 23rd March 2024 - Northern & Western & Midlands & Eastern Region Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone - "Local Election 2024 Preparation – A Briefing from the Electoral Commission"
 - c 2024 Buildings Action Coalition Summit 8th -10th April 2024, The Riverside Hotel, Enniscorthy, Co Wexford
 - d ICLEI Europe is further recognising the importance of water resilience and the Blue Economy at the upcoming European Urban Resilience Forum (EURESFO) held in ICLEI Member Valencia (Spain) from 26-28 June. It will be one of the conference's main thematic areas of focus, devoting sessions to water-based adaptation solutions, policies and regulations on water resilience, and accelerating the transition to a blue economy
- 26 Correspondence**

- a Letter from Clare County Council dated 24th March 2024 -
Extension of Community Employment Schemes until the age of
70 years

27 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

28 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."

29 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."

30 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."

31 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."

32 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."

33 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."

34 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."

35 Councillor C. Boland - The Council's Management of Planning Enforcement Files - daa

"That the Chief Executive provides a comprehensive report on the Council's management of the Planning Enforcement files and related files as they pertain to the operation by daa of their operations in Fingal."

36 Councillor D. Healy - Effectiveness of Planning Enforcement - Planning Complaints

"That the Chief Executive report on the effectiveness of planning enforcement, including in tabular format, data on the number of planning complaints which lead to enforcement files, the numbers progressed within the statutory timeframes, and the outcomes of the files."

**MOTIONS NON-
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

37 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.”

38 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.”

39 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.”

40 Councillor J. Walsh - Planning and Development Bill

“That this Council rejects the terms of the Planning and Development Bill currently before the Oireachtas, which undermines the Aarhus Convention and significantly restricts the opportunities for public participation in the planning process.”

41 Councillor P. Mulville - Primary Care Centres in this Council's administrative area

“That the Chief Executive report on the number of Primary Care Centres in this Council's administrative area, the location of each, and the current position regarding discussions between this Council and the Health Service Executive (HSE) regarding the locations for new Primary Care Centres, including where the Council is working with the HSE to either identify and / or provide sites for same, in the context of the Development Plans and Local Area Plans.”

42 Councillor A. Graves - Increase resources and Funding for the operation of the Tenant in-Situ funding Scheme

“That this Council calls on the Departments of Housing, Finance and Public Expenditure to increase resources and funding for the operation of the Tenant in-Situ (TIS) purchase scheme by at least 400%, Council officials claim that the TIS scheme is working, but tenants and landlords report long delays and poor communications, about 200 properties have been brought to the closing stages of the process, but there are over 6000 people on this Council’s housing waiting lists, so much more is needed if this Scheme is to be anything more than a sticking plaster.”
