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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, 9th September, 2024** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

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A G E N D A

1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 8th July 2024

2 Nominations

- a Filling of Casual vacancy on Fingal County Council following the resignation of Councillor Marian Buckley

QUESTIONS

3 Councillor C. Boland - Wastewater Treatment Capacity

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if it has been established when the Wastewater Treatment capacity will be upsized to adequately meet the current demands and the additional capacity requirement, which arises from the adoption of the 2023 Development Plan, and if there will be a time lag in bringing services in line to meet development demand?"

4 Councillor J. Hopkins - Vacant and Derelict Register

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the impact the Vacant and Derelict Register has had on bringing buildings back into use, broken down by area if possible?"

5 Councillor J. Hopkins - Short Let Rentals

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that only 78 properties registered with Fingal are available for short-let and what methodology has been used to establish this figure?"

6 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Unacceptable level of littering on Fingal Beaches

"To ask the Chief Executive to look into the upscale of littering on Fingal beaches, especially Burrow Beach, Sutton, to consider the provision of more bins, installation of additional signposts to discourage littering and, if necessary, extra fines be instituted when people litter at the beaches in Fingal?"

7 Councillor D. Butler - Council owned Public Swimming Pools

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the prospects of Council owned public swimming pools being developed during the life-time of this Council?"

8 Councillors D. Butler, D. Mulligan, J. Newman - Feeding of Seagulls - Litter Act

"To ask the Chief Executive to detail what action can be taken against residents who, from within their estate, leave food out for seagulls, resulting in seagulls congregating within their estate and attracting rodents to the area, can the Litter Act and additional signage at such locations be used as a deterrent?"

9 Councillor P. Quinlan - Fingal County Council's Social Housing Waiting list

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on Fingal County Council's Social Housing list to show the total number of people awaiting allocations and in receipt of social housing, with a breakdown of nationality, citizenship status and foreign born applicants awaiting and in receipt of Social Housing Support from this Council?"

10 Councillor P. Mulville - Coastal flood/Erosion Protection Measures

"To ask the Chief Executive, if consideration is being given to the planting of Christmas trees, post-Christmas 2024, along coastal areas affected by erosion, in order to help rebuild the dunes and to complement existing coastal flood/erosion measures, as was carried out, for example, as part of the Fylde Sand Dunes Project in the Blackpool area, see links below?"

<https://www.lancswt.org.uk/our-work/projects/fylde-sand-dunes>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6f8a8nOadFk>

11 Councillor T. Doyle - Funding to Support the Resourcing of Dog Warden Services from 2025

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if an application has been made by Fingal County Council, further to the announcement by Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, and the Minister of State with responsibility for Local Government and Planning, Alan Dillon TD, that funding of €2 million for Local Authorities to support the resourcing of Dog Warden Services from 2025, to avail of this funding?"

12 Councillor T. Doyle - Mechanically Propelled Vehicles Weight Limitations - Residential Estates

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the weight restriction for parking of mechanically propelled vehicles within residential estates, to also confirm under what statute/bye law can breaches be enforced and prosecuted, as may be determined?"

13 Councillor M. Quinn - Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Facilities

"To ask the Chief Executive, to advise on the Executive's position regarding electric vehicle (EV) overhead charging arm?"

14 Councillor B. Ryan - Amount of Money Spent on Consultancy Fees

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the amount of money spent on consultancy during each of the 12 month periods of 2022 and 2023, as well as the first six months of 2024?"

15 Councillor A. Donnelly - Information on Airbnb Lets in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive to report in tabular format on Airbnb types:- Short-term Lets in Fingal 2022 and 2023; how many short-term lets have been registered in Fingal; how many unregistered lets have been reported; how many unregistered lets have had enforcement action taken?"

16 Councillor C. Johnston - Derelict Sites Register

"To ask the Chief Executive to give consideration to making available on the Council's website, a listing of the sites that are currently on the Derelict Sites Register?"

17 Councillor D. Healy - Ensuring a High Level of Service for People Walking and Cycling in Traffic Light Signalisation

"To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to recently constructed or redesigned signalised street and road junctions in Fingal, to set out the policy approach used to ensuring a high level of service for people cycling and walking, including whether automatic detection of people cycling and walking is provided for, and whether specific timing of traffic lights to ensure prompt passage of people cycling and walking through the junction has been included in the signalisation, for example at Snugborough Road Junction?"

18 Councillor J. Walsh - Derelict and Vacant Homes

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the number of 1) derelict homes on the derelict sites register across Fingal in 2021, 2022 and 2023 and 2) the number of vacant homes, public or private, known to the Council across Fingal in 2021, 2022 and 2023?"

19 Report of Committees

- a Report of Special Corporate Policy Committee (CPG) Meeting held on Tuesday 27th August 2024
- b Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2024
- c Report of Howth/Malahide (Services B) Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4th September 2024
- d Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar (Services B) Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 5th September 2024

20 Financial Matters

21 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Notice of Proposed Grant of Wayleave and temporary works licence for Finglas to Fieldstown Cable Route, Coldwinters, Dublin 11 to Eirgrid
- b Notice of Proposed Disposal of land at Old Reservoir Site, The Hill, Malahide, Co. Dublin to Prosper Fingal
- c Fee Simple Proposed Disposals

22 Declarations of Roads

23 Terms of Reference of the Our Balbriggan Leadership Committee

24 Report on Balleally Landfill Liaison Committee

25 Draft Strategic Policy Committees Scheme 2024-2029

26 Chief Executive's Report

27 Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

a Councillor B. McDonagh - Condemnation of Racism

"This Council condemns unequivocally violence directed against refugees, racially motivated attacks and destruction of property and violence against the Gardaí, furthermore, this Council reaffirms its opposition to racism and support for equality, integration and inclusion in line with the objectives of the Fingal Migrant Integration and Cohesion Strategy."

28 Conference Report

- a AILG Elected Member September to November 2024 Training Programme
- b AILG - UCC Climate Crisis and Local Government Course for Councillors open for Enrolment - Certificate in Continuing Professional Development in Climate Crisis and Local Government in partnership with the University College Cork. Deadline for applications is the 9th September 2024
- c The Irish Council for Social Housing Finance and Development Conference 2024, 16th-17th October, 2024, Radisson Blu Hotel, Sligo
- d Decarbonising Dublin Summit Thursday 14th November 2024, Camden Court Hotel, Dublin City Centre

29 Correspondence

- a Email from R. Begley, Regulatory & Administration Executive, Transport Infrastructure Ireland dated 3rd July 2024 re Item 44 - Cllr J. Walsh - Impact of Noise from M50 Motorway
- b Email from Wexford County Council dated 9th July - re Motion - Adopt a zero tolerance approach towards gender based violence
- c Email from the Chengdu Municipal Foreign Affairs Office, Sichuan Province, P.R. China dated 17th July 2024 Re- 2024 Chengdu Horticulture Expo - 10th Anniversary of the sister cities between Chengdu and Fingal
- d Email from National Transport Authority dated 26th August 2024 - re Item 47 Cllr B Manton - Hospital Access by Public Transport
- e Email from Uisce Éireann dated 27th August 2024 re- Motion Item 39 Cllr D Mulligan - Water Outage due to Trunk Main Connection 26th February 2023

30 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

31 Councillor C. Boland - Breaches of Planning Permission - daa

"That the Chief Executive provides a report on the current position in respect of breaches of Planning Permissions by the daa and state the current position of all legal actions taken in respect of all enforcement actions which are current."

32 Councillor M. Quinn - Terms of Reference of the Our Balbriggan Leadership Committee

"That this Council calls upon the Chief Executive to review the terms of reference of the Our Balbriggan Leadership Committee with the view to including all five Balbriggan Local Electoral Area Councillors on the Committee."

33 Councillor A. Tormey - Council's Approach to Managing Graffiti

"That the Chief Executive review the Council's approach to managing graffiti."

34 Councillor A. Donnelly - Survey of Cycles lane - Five years or older

"That the Chief Executive undertakes a survey of cycle lanes that are five years or older, to ensure all our cycling infrastructure is fit for purpose."

35 Councillor J. Humphreys - Swimming Pools for Fingal

"That this Council advises the Chief Executive to include funding in the forthcoming Capital Budget for the construction of municipal swimming pools in Fingal, with locations to be identified in the imminent publication of the Sports and Recreation Audit."

36 Councillor K. Dennison - Associated Housing Bodies and this Council

"That the Chief Executive reports on the Council's relationship with the various Associated Housing Bodies, to include the number of units each of them now operates in the County and what responsibility they have in relation to anti-social behaviour and how this is monitored."

37 Councillor D. Healy - Conditions aimed at preventing Multiple Apartment Units being sold to a Single Buyer

"That the Council, pursuant to S.13 (1A) of the Planning and Development Act, hereby requests the Chief Executive to prepare a report on the following proposal to initiate a process to consider a variation of the Development Plan:

The insertion in the Development Plan of the following: 3.5.9.4
Apartments not designated as Build-to-Rent Policy SPQHP33A Apartment schemes not designated as build-to-rent may be required in their planning decision to offer for sale to the public a proportion of units (other than those covered by a Part V agreement), the proportion, up to 100%, to be determined, taking into consideration the demand in the area, particularly the demand to purchase an apartment to move to/from

a larger dwelling.”

38 Councillor M. McCamley - Variation to the Fingal Development Plan - Drones Land Use Zoning

“That the Chief Executive consider a variation to the current Development Plan to include 'Drones' in the Land Use Zoning chapter”.

39 Councillor J. Newman - Fairness and Transparency of the Housing Appeals Procedure

“That the Chief Executive provides a report on the fairness and transparency of the Housing Appeals procedure within this Council.”

40 Councillor P. Mulville - A Map of Current Fingal County Council's Housing Areas

“That the Chief Executive, further to Representation R21\13723, Question 4 on the October 2023 Council Meeting Agenda and Motion 45 December 2023, on the December Council Meeting Agenda, provide a detailed map of the current Fingal County Council's housing areas, which can be zoomed in on and which also shows the Local Electoral Area or Committee area boundaries, similar to the housing map for the Dublin City Council's administrative area.”

41 Councillor R. Coppinger - Domestic Violence Refuge Accommodation in Fingal

“Noting that gender based violence is identified by the World Health Organisation as the greatest threat to the health of women, girls and LGBTI people globally, that it is recognised as an epidemic in Ireland and that Government strategy is to double the provision of refuge accommodation nationally, that Fingal County Council could play a key role in improving provision of refuge accommodation throughout the County by:

- a) assisting the only refuge in Fingal (run by Sonas and which currently turns away 500 women a year) to increase its capacity by supporting a Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) application for four more apartments and work with State Agencies to establish more refuges elsewhere in Fingal;
- b) providing or acquiring 'safe homes' for those fleeing domestic violence, none of which exist in Fingal;
- c) give consideration to funding a post for Sonas to recruit a 'Resettlement Officer' for women and families in Fingal exiting refuge or facing homelessness due to violence.”

**MOTIONS NON-
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

42 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Fingal Twinning with City/Borough in Palestine

"In the context of the ongoing genocide in Gaza where over 35,000 civilians have been killed by the actions of Israeli military, that Fingal County Council extends solidarity with the Palestinian people by seeking to twin with a city or borough in Palestine."

43 Councillor J. Walsh - Accessibility at Train Stations

"That the Chief Executive write to Irish Rail pointing out that train stations in Fingal are often inaccessible to people with disabilities and asking Irish Rail to implement essential short-term measures to improve accessibility for wheelchair users at train stations as a matter of urgency."

44 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Increasing number of incidents involving Scramblers and Scooters

"In view of the increasing number of incidents involving scramblers in Fingal, to ask the Chief Executive to raise a "red alert" with An Garda Síochána and all relevant department heads to expedite action on the registration and regulation of the use of scramblers and scooters to mitigate the recklessness and danger scramblers and scooters constitute on our roads, parks and other public spaces."

45 Councillor D. Mulligan - Local Authorities role in Recovery and Resilience Facility funding

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Department of Public Expenditure and the Department of Taoiseach, to give Fingal County Council and other local authorities the power to apply for, manage and utilise the remaining €592 million European Recovery and Resilience Facility funds not applied for on behalf of Ireland, with a focus on the critical priority areas highlighted in National Recovery Plan of green transition, digital transformation, social recovery, and job creation, in light of the central government's delays in drawing down and disbursing the full allocation."
