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**To Each Member of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area
Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)**

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)** will be held Hybrid in the **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords/MS Teams** on conclusion of the Services B meeting on **Thursday, 12th June, 2025** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

**Ciara O hAodha
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A G E N D A

- 1 **Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) Meeting held on Thursday, 8th May 2025**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor P. Mulville - Designation of Bathing Area at Tower Bay, Portrane - AI102491**

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there has been any progress in designating Tower Bay in Portrane as an official bathing area, as it is a very popular swimming location?"

- 3 **Councillor P. Mulville - Road Repairs - Blake's Cross to Turvey Avenue - AI102492**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repairing the R132 from Blake's Cross to Turvey Avenue on the southbound lane as the road surface is broken up in sections and is particularly hazardous for cyclists?"

- 4 **Councillor P. Mulville - 'No Right Turn' Signage - Chapel Lane, Swords - AI102566**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide more prominent signage to highlight the 'No Right Turn' from Chapel Lane onto Swords Main Street?"

- 5 **Councillor P. Mulville - Additional Public Seating Benches in this LEA - AI103223**

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to provide further seating benches at public open spaces, playgrounds, coastal areas and cemeteries across the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area, in line with the adopted Age Friendly Strategy?"

- 6 **Councillor P. Mulville - Portrane Litter Bin Emptying Schedule - AI103224**

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the weekly public litter bin emptying schedule for Portrane and in particular if the public litter bins are emptied on Sundays?"

7 Councillor P. Mulville - Traffic Safety Plan - Donabate Beach - AI103228

"To ask the Chief Executive if a summer-time traffic safety plan is being considered for the Corballis/Balcarrick area, in association with An Garda Síochána, given the ongoing hazardous parking associated with visitors to Donabate beach, with many motorists continuing to park their cars illegally in the vicinity of the beach, leading to unacceptable health and safety challenges for local residents?"

8 Councillor P. Mulville - Provision of On-Site attendants for Public Toilets at Donabate Beach - AI103230

"To ask the Chief Executive, given the very poor state of the public toilets at Donabate beach, to consider the provision of on-site toilet attendants for the summer-time bathing period, which can be accompanied by a small charge to the public, e.g. 20 cents?"

9 Councillor M. Boland - Updating of Signalised Pedestrian Crossing - Palmer Ave, Rush - AI102647

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to improving and updating the crosswalk at Palmer Avenue, Rush, including the installation of a signalised pedestrian crossing, in light of a recent serious accident involving a child, and that tangible measures are put in place to prevent future accidents?"

10 Councillor M. Boland - Painting of New Road Markings - The Forge Estate and Chapel Farm Estate, Lusk - AI103007

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the painting of new 'SLOW' line road markings on the Dublin Road at the pedestrian crossing at the entrance to The Forge Estate and Chapel Farm Estate in Lusk to encourage cars to slow down and allow pedestrians to cross the road?"

11 Councillor M. Boland - Installation of Litter Bin - Green Space, Dublin Road Roundabout, Lusk - AI103008

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install an additional litter bin at the green space at the Dublin Road Roundabout in Lusk which has seen an increase in use as a local community space where many residents walk their dogs daily and an additional litter bin should be considered to encourage correct disposal of dog waste?"
(see attached photo)

12 Councillor M. Boland - Installation of "Children at Play" and "Slow Down" Signs - The Forge Estate, Lusk - AI103009

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing much needed 'Children at Play' and 'Slow Down' signs at the entrance to The Forge Estate in Lusk?"

13 Councillor M. Boland - Request for Safety Assessment - Rush/Lusk Train Station - AI103010

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out a full safety assessment on the stretch of road outside the Rush/Lusk Train Station, where ongoing concerns have been raised about pedestrian and traffic safety after yet another car accident, and if measures such as improved lighting, clearer road markings, traffic calming, or pedestrian infrastructure can be considered to make the area safer for all users?"

14 Councillor M. Boland - Increase of Street Sweeping - Main Street, Rush - AI103011

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to an increase to the summer 2025 maintenance and street sweeping schedule for Rush Main Street and side streets as they see an increase in tourists and visitors to the town over the summer months?"

15 Councillor M. Quinn - Baby Changing Facility within Public Toilets in Balbriggan and Skerries - AI102732

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of a baby changing table within the new public toilet in Balbriggan and the existing toilet in Skerries?"
(recommended area attached in photo)

16 Councillor M. Quinn - Assessment of Footpaths - Chapel Gate, Balbriggan - AI103058

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to assessing the public footpaths in Chapel Gate Estate in Balbriggan, in particular the area outside (details supplied) within the estate?"

17 Councillor M. Quinn - Tree Assessment at Clonard Court, Balbriggan - AI103105

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a tree assessment to be undertaken at the (details supplied) as the sight line

is affected by the extent of the branches of the tree and if consideration can also be given to the street tree at this location?"

18 Councillor J. Smyth - Vehicle Access to Miller's Glen Regional Park, Swords - AI102942

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the issues regarding the vehicle gates at Miller's Glen Regional Park and if consideration can be given for them to remain open during the day to avoid dangerous and illegal parking on the adjacent roads?"

19 Councillor J. Smyth - Bottle Filling Stations at Swords Manor Football Club - AI102944

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of a water bottle filling station adjacent to Swords Manor Football Club house as a similar amenity is available at the River Valley pitches and this would be utilised considerably over the coming months?"

20 Councillor J. Smyth - Road Markings on the L2300 Adjacent to Boroimhe Estate - AI103148

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to review the current road markings on the L2300 Road adjacent to Boroimhe Estate, as residents are reporting a need for additional yellow boxes to exit onto L2300, and that the broken white line be changed to a continuous line as motorists are engaging in dangerous overtaking which has led to significant collisions?"

21 Councillor J. Smyth - Park Avenue Parking Enforcement - AI103149

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install signage, double yellow lines or other enforcement measures around the junction of Park Avenue and Brackenstown Road adjacent to the textured/wheelchair crossing, as there is persistent illegal parking occurring on most school days and this is impeding access for disabled pedestrians?"

22 Councillor L. Corkery - Bicycle Lane Cleaning in this LEA - AI102973

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the cleaning schedules for bicycle lanes in this Local Electoral Area?"

23 Councillor L. Corkery - Installation of Speed Ramps - Longview Avenue, Swords - AI102975

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing ramps along Longview Avenue in Miller's Glen to tackle speeding as the existing chicane is not sufficient for slowing down cars at the lower end of the Avenue?"

24 Councillor L. Corkery - Removal of Sycamore Tree in this LEA- AI102977

"To ask the Chief Executive, with reference to the present Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy, if a large sycamore tree in this Local Electoral Area could be considered for removal if its roots are visibly lifting the grass verge and cracking a boundary wall?"

25 Councillor L. Corkery - Engagement with Other Local Authorities Regarding Environmentally Friendly Weedkilling - AI102980

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Operations Department has engaged with other Local Authorities as it seeks to identify environmentally friendly methods of dealing with weeds in housing estates in this Local Electoral Area?"

26 Councillor T. O'Leary - Request for Large Solar Street Litter Bin - Strand Street, Skerries - AI103073

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install a new large solar-powered litter bin in the vicinity of 31 Strand Street, Skerries, near Gerry's Fresh Food Shop, to cater for the substantial footfall there, as the nearest bin is some distance away and the area is particularly littered around lunchtime?"

27 Councillor T. O'Leary - Repair of Footpath - Strand Street, Skerries - AI103074

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repair the trip hazard directly outside the door of 33 Strand Street, Skerries (Martin Scully Hairdresser)?"

28 Councillor T. O'Leary - Update on Resurfacing Works - Balbriggan Street, Skerries - AI103075

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the planned resurfacing of Balbriggan Street, Skerries?"

29 Councillor G. Maguire - Examination of Street Signs in Cardy Rock, Balbriggan - AI103100

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration could be given to examine all street signs within the Cardy Rock development with a view to replacing or painting same where necessary?"

30 Councillor B. Ryan - Cutting Back of Trees in this LEA - AI103161

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to request that any utility company or bus company that needs to, or requests permission to cut back trees in this Local Electoral Area that may be affecting their service, to trim them in a holistic way that preserves their shape?"

31 Councillor B. Ryan - Provision of Bus Shelter in Skerries - AI103163

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide a bus shelter at bus stop number 3815 at Northcliffe Heights/Mourne View, Skerries, under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme 2025?"

32 Councillor T. Murphy - Examination of Footpaths in Balbriggan Graveyard - AI103181

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examine the footpaths in Balbriggan graveyard with a view to repairing the broken sections that are causing trip hazards and are particularly dangerous for senior citizens visiting the graveyard?"

33 Councillor T. Murphy - Private Bus Parking Bays in Balbriggan - AI103182

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise how many bus parking bays are in Balbriggan in the context of accommodating the increased need due to the new Lark Theatre, The Victory Garden, Bremore Castle and other tourist attractions which would benefit from bus parking spaces?"

34 Councillor T. Murphy - Installation of Railing at Chapel Gate Estate in Balbriggan - AI103186

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install the agreed railing in Chapel Gate Estate along the lower wall, that separates the Harry Reynolds Road from the estate, that is being used as a route for people who are travelling through the estate and do not live there?"

35 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Litter Bin along Donabate to Portrane Cliff Walk - AI103189

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of a litter bin along the middle section of the Donabate to Portrane cliff walk given the increase in litter and dog fouling along the walkway with litter bins available at both access points only which are full on a regular basis?"

36 Councillor C. Johnston - Turvey Avenue Road Resurfacing Works - AI103190

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the road resurfacing works on Turvey Avenue will commence and the timeline for completion of same?"

37 Councillor C. Johnston - Horse Fouling Signage - Balcarrick Beach, Donabate. AI103191

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of horse fouling prevention signage in line with the Beach and Foreshore Byelaws 2006 at Balcarrick Beach, Donabate?"

38 Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Calming Measures - Corballis Road, Donabate - AI103192

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of traffic calming measures in next year's Works Programme along the Corballis Road, Donabate in the vicinity of the Corballis cottages given the safety concern of local residents with an increase in traffic along this section of road with children crossing from the trekking centre on a regular basis?"

39 Councillor C. Johnston - Replacement Bins - Naul Village - AI103194

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to replace the existing bins in Naul Village, adjacent to the Daybreak Shop and Cafe at the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre, with solar powered compactor bins given these bins are regularly at capacity and to reduce regular litter issues which arise from these overflowing bins?"

40 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Pedestrian Crossing - Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI103197

"To ask the Chief Executive to give consideration in next year's Works Programme to the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Turvey Avenue, Donabate in the vicinity of the junction of Turvey Avenue/The Square, given the increase in pedestrians accessing Newbridge Demesne at this junction along this dangerous section of road and with further increases in pedestrian and vehicular traffic anticipated with the opening of the Aldi Store along this road before the end of this year?"

41 Councillor C. Boland - Request for Addition Ramps on the R108 - AI103208

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to assessing the existing road speed cushions on the R108 outside Ballyboughal GAA grounds and sublimated with two additional ramps to discourage the current practice of excessive speeding by motorists?"

42 Councillor E. Dockrell - Review of Traffic Congestion - Main Street, Rush - AI103212

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Council's plans to review traffic congestion on Rush Main Street, in particular the removal/re-positioning of car park spaces to alleviate some traffic congestion?"

43 Councillor E. Dockrell - Water Filling Station - Donabate Distributor Road - AI103215

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include a water filling station on the footpath along the Donabate Distributor Road?"

44 Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on Rolestown Roadworks - AI103235

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the planned road repair works in the greater Rolestown area?"

45 Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on Planned Road Resurfacing in the Swords Area - AI103240

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the planned road resurfacing works in the Swords area, specifically those listed for Rathbeale Road and Murrough Road, including expected timelines and any associated Traffic Management measures?"

46 Councillor D. Mulligan - Report on Public Lighting in Swords - AI103241

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on any public lighting upgrade works currently underway or planned in Swords, including locations where old lighting is being replaced with energy-efficient alternatives and a timeline for completion?"

47 Councillor D. Mulligan - Traffic and Parking in Swords Town Centre - AI103242

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on measures being considered or implemented to address ongoing traffic congestion and illegal parking in Swords Town Centre (and surrounding estates) and particularly around Main Street and key commuter routes?"

48 Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on Parks and Open Spaces in the Swords Area - AI103244

"To ask the Chief Executive for details on any upcoming maintenance, upgrades, or development projects for parks and open spaces in the Swords area, including Ward River Valley Park and Balheary Park?"

49 Councillor J. Humphreys - Landscaping Improvements at Open Space facing Elmwood Park, Swords - AI103259

"To ask the Chief Executive if the green space facing Elmwood Park, Swords, can be included for landscaping improvements and if a low-level (knee-high) fence or other suitable boundary can be installed around its perimeter to prevent unauthorised vehicular access due to the removal the bollards?"

50 Councillor J. Humphreys - Provision of Bus Terminus at Miller's Glen, Swords - AI103261

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on any engagement the Executive has had with the National Transport Authority regarding the provision of a bus terminus at Miller's Glen?"

51 Councillor J. Humphreys - Pedestrian Crossing at Applewood Community Centre - AI103264

"To ask the Chief Executive if the installation of a pedestrian crossing between the Applewood Community Centre and the newly opened

stretch of road is due to be completed prior to the taking in charge process, or whether such a crossing was ever included in the approved plans, if it was not, will the Executive consider including it in a future Programme of Works to improve road safety for residents and school children in the area?"

**OPERATIONAL
NEW WORKS, ETC.**

52 Programme of Works 2025 Update

53 National Speed Limit Review Update

54 Special Speed Limit Bye Law - Moylaragh Road - Balbriggan

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55 Councillor T. O'Leary - Relocation of Skerries Sailing Club Slipway - AI102259

"That this Committee agrees that consideration be given to the request from Skerries Sailing Club that the existing slipway on Harbour Road be relocated to align with the exit/entrance to the Skerries Sailing Club boatyard to facilitate safer and more efficient launching of boats and that this proposal be included in the upcoming Skerries health check process and any funding applications that may emerge from that."

MOTIONS

56 Councillor J. Smyth - Town Notice Board for Swords - AI103139

"That the Chief Executive request the relevant department to install a Town Notice Board on behalf of the Swords Tidy Towns group in an appropriate central area of the town."

57 Councillor B. Ryan - Identifiable Benches within this LEA - AI103156

"That the Chief Executive install and promote identifiable benches around this Local Electoral Area to be designated as benches of hope, friendship or talking benches to encourage mental health awareness and conversations in our public spaces".

58 Councillor C. Boland - Deployment of Vehicle Actuated Technology to improve Advance Warning of Rural Crossroads in this LEA - AI103169

"That the Chief Executive undertakes a review of rural crossroads in this Local Electoral Area with a view to deploying the type of technology that is used with Vehicle Actuated Signs to highlight and enhance road signage visibility in advance of a junction by mounting it on a background that flashes when a vehicle approaches."

59 Councillor T. Murphy - Balbriggan Beach Management Team - AI103180

"That the Chief Executive set up a Balbriggan Beach Management Team as soon as possible, set out the terms of reference and invite all relevant stakeholders to engage in a new process which will deliver an action plan to create a beach environment that all stakeholders and beach users would be proud of."

60 Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Pedestrian Crossing at Palmer Road/Avenue Junction, Rush - AI103195

"That the Chief Executive carry out an assessment of the junction at Palmer Road and Palmer Avenue in Rush with a view to considering the provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location in next year's Works Programme given the number of children crossing the road to access schools and other amenities at this busy junction with poor sight lines resulting in difficulties for motorists trying to see oncoming traffic from Palmer Avenue onto Palmer Road."

61 Councillor D. Mulligan - Inclusive Play Equipment in this LEA - AI103225

"That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive investigates the feasibility of upgrading playground equipment to be inclusive, with a particular focus on locations within the Swords Local Electoral Area, that are near adapted housing for individuals with additional support needs."

62 Councillor P. Mulville - Clearing of cut grass on path across the Eden Grove Green Space. AI103237

"That the Chief Executive take steps to ensure that the path across the Eden Grove green space, Beaverstown, Donabate, is cleared, e.g. by a leaf blower, each time the grass is cut, as the path's surface has been left slippery and hazardous, with a number of pedestrians having

slipped on the wet grass.”

63 Councillor J. Smyth - Accessibility Issues - Abbeyvale Paths - AI103145

“That the Chief Executive instruct the relevant department to carry out a review of the appropriateness of the paths in and around the Abbeyvale estate in particular from Abbeyvale Lawn to the entrance of the estate in light of reports by disabled members of the public that these paths are inaccessible for those who require the use of wheelchairs and or other mobility aids”.

64 Councillor B. Ryan - Provision of Directional Signage - Killalane, Skerries - AI103162

“That the Chief Executive provide directional signage around Carney's Tree, located at the junction of Killary Grove and Killalane, as several near misses have been observed due to motorists taking a right turn off Killary Grove towards Balrothery, on the righthand side of the tree.”

65 Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Meeting with Irish Rail Regarding Safety Issues at Rush/Lusk Train Station - AI103201

“That the Chief Executive arrange an urgent meeting between Council Officials and Irish Rail to address the ongoing safety issues on R128 Station Road in the vicinity of the Rush and Lusk Train Station junctions given the numerous accidents at this location which is a serious cause of concern to the people of Rush and Lusk.”

66 Councillor D. Mulligan - Footpath Access for Wheelchair Users on Brackenstown Road, Swords - AI103226

“That the Chief Executive provide a clear plan to address the serious lack of appropriate footpath access for wheelchair users on Brackenstown Road.”

67 Councillor P. Mulville - Public Seating Benches in this LEA - AI103239

“That the Chief Executive bring a report on any future proposals to remove or relocate public seating benches, at locations across the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area, including the background/justification for the proposed removal/relocation of seating and the report to be for the consideration and approval of the

Elected Members.”
