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County Hall
Swords
Co Dublin

Tuesday, 7th January 2025

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, 13th January, 2025** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

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A G E N D A

1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes

- a Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 9th December 2024
- b Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th December 2024

2 Nominations

- a Appointment of Members to the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Political Advisory Board
- b Appointment of one Member to Fingal Coastal Liaison Group following the election of Robert O'Donoghue to the 34th Dáil November 2024
- c Appointment of one Member to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) following the election of Robert O'Donoghue to the 34th Dáil November 2024
- d Appointment of one Member to the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force following the election of Robert O'Donoghue to the 34th Dáil November 2024
- e Appointment of one Member to the Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee following the election of Ann Graves to the 34th Dáil November 2024

QUESTIONS

3 Councillor C. Boland - Capital Funding Allocation

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the full extent of the financial arrangement between this Authority and Approved Housing Bodies stating the basis of the Capital Funding allocation, the allocation of tenancies; the setting of rent, the beneficial “owner” of such rent, the party responsible for maintenance, the management cost of the units and grounds, if the capital cost is repaid to the funder, how is the interest cost calculated and recouped?”

4 Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Clearance of Leaves

“To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on the clearance of leaves from the footpaths and surrounding areas to prevent slippery surfaces?”

5 Councillor L. Corkery - Licence for Summer Concerts 2025

"To ask the Chief Executive if a licence has been granted for the Summer Concerts taking place in June 2025?"

6 Councillor P. Mulville - Translation Services for Members of the Public accessing Council Services

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are any plans to provide in-house translation services for members of the public accessing Council services in line with the Council's Migrant Integration and Cohesion Strategy?"

7 Councillor P. Mulville - Playgrounds not yet Taken-in-Charge

"To ask the Chief Executive, to outline, in tabular form, the number and location of each playground in the Council's administrative area which has been completed but not yet taken-in-charge, and the reason for same in each case?"

8 Councillor T. Murphy - Enforcement Notices

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the number of Enforcement Notices issued in 2024 and how many files were successfully closed in 2024?"

9 Councillor J. Hopkins - Planning Permission for Developments that have not yet commenced

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of potential homes that have been granted planning permission by Fingal County Council for a minimum of 18 months that have not commenced and what action is the Council taking to encourage development in the current housing crisis?"

10 Councillor B. Ryan - Four Bed Dwellings - Social Housing Stock during 2025

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of four-bedroom dwellings planned to be added to the social housing stock during 2025?"

11 Councillor B. Ryan - Social Houses - Energy Retrofit during 2025

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the number of social houses that are planned to undergo an energy retrofit during 2025 and to

give a breakdown of the number by each Local Electoral Area (LEA)?"

12 Councillor T. O'Leary - Tenant in-situ Home Purchase Scheme

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the status of the very successful Tenant in- situ Home Purchase scheme funded by Government, how many homes have been acquired or agreed to be acquired using this scheme in Fingal, by Local Electoral Area and has the scheme ceased, what is the total monetary amount involved in these purchases, what is the status of the scheme in 2025, has the Government allocated funding to continue purchasing homes for a tenant in situ, where notices to quit have been issued, to keep families and individuals in homes that comply with the scheme's requirements, if so what number of homes may be acquired by Fingal County Council using this scheme in 2025?"

13 Councillor J. Humphreys - Bike Share

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of Sheffield stands or other bicycle stands that have been installed across Fingal to facilitate Tier bike parking, and what steps is the Council taking to proactively encourage alternative bike-share providers to fill the space left by Tier's departure?"

14 Report of Committees

- a Report of Organisation, Procedure and Finance (OP&F) Committee Meeting dated 9th December 2024
- b Report of Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Meetings
- c Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services B) Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12th December 2024

15 Financial Matters

- a 2023 Annual Financial Statements and Audit Report
- b Audit Committee Report

16 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Notice of proposed disposal of land to the rear of No. 39 Flemington Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to Derek Murphy
- b Notice of proposed disposal of land adjacent to 37 Flemington Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to Patrick & Maria Goulding

- c Notice of proposed disposal of land at Eagan's Field, Donabate, Co. Dublin to Sunniva Clegg

17 Declarations of Roads

18 2024 Conservation Grants

19 Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan

20 Chief Executive's Report

21 Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

- a Councillor B. McDonagh - Public Procurement
 "Noting that Article 20 of the EU Public Procurement Directive allows public procurers to reserve contracts to encourage the employment of disabled persons; that this Council resolves to commence the process of developing a policy to use Article 20 and to further request the Government to change Public Procurement policies so that Ireland makes full use of Article 20 of the Procurement Directive."

22 Conference Report

- a LAMA Spring Seminar 30th & 31st January 2025 Kilford Arms Hotel, Co. Kilkenny

23 Correspondence

- a Email dated 17th December 2024 from Donegal County Council re - The Restoration or Creation of Town Councils
- b Email dated 17th December 2024 from Donegal County Council re - Rainwater Harvesting
- c Email dated 19th December 2024 from ESB Networks re Item 41 Cllr G Sheehan - Reconnection of Houses to the Electricity Supply

24 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

25 Councillor C. Boland - Number of Planning Applications lodged by the daa since September 2022

"That the Chief Executive reports on the number of planning applications lodged by the daa since September 2022."

26 Councillor E. Dockrell - Random Sampling of Completed Projects Reviewed

"That the Chief Executive considers implementing a programme whereby random samples of completed projects are reviewed within this Council e.g., road resurfacing projects/upgrading of a particular facility, with the aim of producing a document of "learnings", which would then be used to implement additional necessary controls to ensure that future projects are more efficiently completed e.g., reducing any potential overspends or delays by learning from mistakes made in the lifecycle of these reviewed sample projects."

27 Councillor E. O'Brien - Community Warden

"That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to move towards a "Community Warden" arrangement for enforcement of Fingal County Council's bye laws whereby these wardens would have responsibility for the enforcement of the Council's bye laws, in order to effectively ensure that breaches of our bye laws are reprimanded accordingly."

28 Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Lifeguards on Fingal Beaches Summer 2025

"That the Chief Executive authorises a review of the current number of lifeguards on Fingal beaches to determine if there is a need to increase numbers, to ensure that swimmers and visitors feel safe when they visit our beaches or go swimming."

29 Councillor P. Quinlan - Thornton Hall Direct Provision Site

"That this Council makes an order preventing the erection and retention of temporary dwellings at the specified land at the Thornton Hall Direct Provision site under local councillors' reserved function number 39, as outlined under Section 31 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1948, as well as Schedule 3 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014."

30 Councillor A. Tormey - Review Fingal Citizen Charter

"That the Chief Executive review the Fingal Citizen's Charter to take in to account an ageing population."

31 Councillor L. Corkery - Autism Friendly County Strategy

“That the Chief Executive initiate the development of an Autism Friendly County Strategy, supported by a steering committee and guided by the input of autistic people and their families.”

32 Councillor J. Hopkins - Council events to be made as accessible as possible for Neurodiverse members of our Community

“That the Council recognises and commends the ongoing efforts of Fingal County Council in its aim to become inclusive for those who are autistic and neurodiverse, the sensory space at the Howth Maritime Festival and the opening of the Meakstown Community Centre were great examples of how simple, small steps can have a huge impact, in line with this, it is crucial that the Chief Executive ensures that all Fingal County Council events are made as accessible as possible for neurodiverse members of our community.”

33 Councillor A. Donnelly - Pilot Project in a Regional Park

“That the Chief Executive establishes a pilot project in one of our regional parks, to include measures such as lighting, extended park ranger hours and CCTV, to allow the community the use of our public areas during winter months and encourage walking and cycling, Budget 2025 refers to the ongoing maintenance and upgrade of our roads and public footpaths to encourage the modal shift to cycle and walking continues, this can only be achieved with adequate lighting.”

34 Councillor D. Butler, Councillor J. Smyth, Councillor D.J. Kelly - Swords Tidy Towns - Gold Medal

“As per the Motion agreed at the December Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Services B Meeting and with the agreement of the Mayor, that the Chief Executive arrange for an evening reception, after a future Area Committee Meeting, to acknowledge the fantastic achievement of Swords Tidy Towns, with the help of Fingal County Council, in winning their first ever gold medal after six years of winning silver medals, Swords Tidy Towns, in their twentieth year of existence, were also Highly Commended in the EPA Circular Economy Award category.”

35 Councillor J. Humphreys - Bus Shelters

“That the Chief Executive prepares a detailed report to be presented

to the Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management SPC on the viability of the Council installing and maintaining bus shelters within its administrative area."

**MOTIONS NON-
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

36 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."

37 Councillor M. McCamley - The Purchase or Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) of land

"That the Chief Executive writes to Dublin City Council to request they consider the purchase or Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) of land alongside the Tolka River at Glasnevin, (St. Mary's School), for the purpose of a continued greenway between Mulhuddart and the new Dublin Port Tolka Estuary greenway which was officially opened to the public."

38 Councillor M. Quinn - Regulatory Authority to oversee the provision of care by Home Care Companies

"That this Councils supports the call for a regulatory authority to oversee the provision of care by homecare companies, the failure to care for our older people and implement standards to protect the most vulnerable in society, in every community, in every county in this country, lies with Local Government and National Government, including Seanad Éireann and multiple departments throughout the Civil Service, this motion calls for the Government - General Scheme of the Health (Amendment) (Licensing of Professional Home Support Providers) Bill 2024 (www.gov.ie) to be prioritised by all parties in the newly constituted Dáil subject to agreed amendments."
