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County Hall
Swords
Co Dublin

Tuesday, 4th February 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, 10th February, 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 Council Meeting held on Monday 13th January 2025

2 Nominations

- a Appointment of one Member to the Chair of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee following the election of Robert O'Donoghue to the 34th Dáil November 2024

QUESTIONS

3 Councillor C. Boland - Graveyard Maintenance

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to ensure that all pathways within cemeteries, under the control of this Local Authority, are maintained to a high standard and that hedges etc., are not allowed to intrude on these pathways?"

4 Councillor S. Shovlin - Close Circuit Television (CCTV) in Communities

"To ask the Chief Executive for the latest update on implementing CCTV in communities to help target issues such as illegal dumping?"

5 Councillor J. Smyth - Gaming and Lotteries Act 1953 Part III

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline in which parts of the county the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956 Part III is enacted, indicating the reasons for and against such an enactment in the various localities?"

6 Councillor P. Quinlan - Air to Water Heat Pumps

"To ask the Chief Executive to produce a report on the total number of call-outs received for the repair of tenants' air to water heat pumps, in particular, the cause of the fault and how much on average is the cost of repair when not working correctly and the average length of time taken to resolve the issue?"

7 Councillor E. Dockrell - Coastal Erosion on our Coastlines

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what measures are being undertaken presently to protect our coastlines from erosion, which has worsened and accelerated in recent years, in the absence of a decision from Ireland's Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA), and the likely length of time it will take to implement changes should the related application be approved and is the Council considering

emergency, short-term measures (e.g. rock bags) to combat worsening erosion on our coastlines?"

8 Councillor E. Dockrell - Community Infrastructure Audit

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the Community Infrastructure Audit, which was due to be completed by the end of last year, will be published, and if any preliminary findings can be shared with this Council?"

9 Councillor D. Butler - Dublin Airport Breaches Update

"In light of concerns raised by residents over the last 2.5 years regarding the operations at Dublin Airport, to ask the Chief Executive for an update regarding (a) Enforcement on daa breach of passenger cap; (b) Enforcement on daa of the breach of flight paths; (c) Enforcement on daa for breach of 65 night-time movements?"

10 Councillor B. Ryan - Certification of Exemptions to own XL Bully Dogs

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the number of applications that have been received for certificates of exemption to own XL Bully dogs ahead of the February 1st, 2025 deadline?"

11 Councillor B. Ryan - Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Applications

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the current average time for applications for Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) to be processed?"

12 Councillor C. Johnston - Governance of Community Centres

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what audit processes are in place to ensure all Council run community centres registered as charities are in compliance with the Charity Regulations Act 2009 and Charities Governance Code section 5.5 in respect of term limits for charities trustees in the interest of good governance?"

13 Councillor C. Johnston - Breastfeeding Friendly Fingal Strategy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on what strategies are in place for the creation of a Breastfeeding Friendly Fingal Strategy to promote breastfeeding-friendly spaces, businesses and designing public environments to promote breastfeeding?"

14 Councillor D. Healy - Quantification of on-street car/motor vehicle parking spaces

"To ask the Chief Executive what counts or estimates the Council has of the number of on-street car parking spaces in the county or in particular towns, suburbs, neighbourhoods, or other parts of the county, and where these counts or estimates have been done for particular areas, to set out the areas in question, and the dates that the count or estimate was made?"

15 Councillor J. Humphreys - Music Venue

"To ask the Chief Executive given recent reports that the Oak View Group (OVG) has engaged with Fingal County Council regarding the potential development of a large-scale music and entertainment venue in Dublin, can she clarify: 1. the nature and extent of any engagement between Fingal County Council and OVG, including any meetings, correspondence, or preliminary site discussions that have taken place; 2. whether the Council has been approached regarding potential sites within Fingal for such a venue, and if so, whether any specific locations have been identified or assessed; 3. whether the Council has assessed the economic and cultural implications of such a venue, including potential benefits for local businesses, public transport requirements, and competition with existing venues?"

16 Councillor B. McDonagh - Noise Action Plan for Dublin Airport 2024 - 2028

"To ask the Chief Executive to consider bringing the Noise Action Plan for Dublin Airport 2024 – 2028 for discussion to a meeting of this Council as soon as it is possible?"

17 Report of Committees

- a Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2025
- b Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15th January 2025
- c Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 16th January 2025
- d Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2025

- e Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 6th February 2025

18 Financial Matters

19 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Notice of proposed disposal of land adjacent to No. 1 Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin to Thomas Kirwan
- b Notice of proposed grant of permanent wayleave at Barrack Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin, to Uisce Éireann

20 Declarations of Roads

- a Hamilton Park, Diswellstown Road, Diswellstown, Dublin 15
- b Cruise Park, The Ward, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15

21 Public Art Policy

22 2025 Arts Act Grant Scheme

23 Fingal Events Strategy, 2025 Programme, Festival and Events Funding Scheme

- a Fingal Events Strategy 2025-2029
- b Events Programme 2025
- c Festival and Events Funding Scheme 2025

24 Two Year Progress Report - Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

25 Chief Executive's Report

26 Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

- a **Councillor B. McDonagh - World Health Organisation (WHO) Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and other Neurological Conditions**

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Health to implement the World Health Organisation (WHO) Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and other neurological conditions, that an implementation plan be developed by the Department of Health and that action is taken on Epilepsy Ireland's specific priorities within this plan.”

b Councillor B. McDonagh - Action Ireland Trust Group

"That this Council invites the Action Ireland Trust Group working in Lesotho to a Civic Reception."

27 Conference Report

- a Association of Irish Regions (AIR) Annual Seminar which takes place on 5th - 6th of February 2025 in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone
- b AILG Elected Members In-Person and Webinar Training Programme 2025
- c AILG - Annual Training Conference 2025 - 2nd and 3rd April 2025 - Limerick Strand Hotel, Ennis Road, Stonetown, Limerick
- d MacGill Summer School 2025 will take place in Glenties on 17th - 19th July 2025

28 Correspondence

- a Letter dated 15th January 2025 from Clare County Council Re- Older Peoples Grant
- b Letter dated 15th January 2025 from Clare County Council - Re - GAA Admission Charge
- c Letter dated 15th January 2025 from Leitrim County Council to An Taoiseach re Diaspora
- d Letter dated 17th January 2025 from Roscommon County Council Re Rural and Urban Isolation and Loneliness

29 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

**MOTIONS
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

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 JK Onwumereh - Small Bursary Application for hosting Social Inclusion Events

"Considering the recent and emerging challenges and threats to social inclusion and community cohesion, that the Chief Executive reconsider the need to increase the Small Bursary Application for the hosting of social inclusion events from €250 as currently earmarked to

a more realistic minimum amount of €500 to encourage more groups to participate in fostering the ideals of social inclusion in Fingal."

32 Councillor E. O'Brien - Blue Badge Parking Spaces

"That the Chief Executive arranges to install signage at all Blue Badge parking spaces in our car parks, towns and villages stating that "Not all disabilities are visible"."

33 Councillors A. Donnelly, B. Hanaphy, M. Quinn, J. Smyth - Ethical Procurement Policy

"That this Council adopt a rights based Ethical Procurement Policy, (EPP), making certain that every endeavour is made to ensure that Council tender processes are consistent with the principles of the UN guiding principles on Business and Human Rights, OECD, Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the Global Sullivan Principles (1999)."

34 Councillor J. Newman - PFAS at Dublin Airport

"In light of concerns raised by residents about dangerous levels of cancer causing PFAS "forever chemicals" at Dublin Airport, that the Chief Executive conduct a full independent investigation on PFAS at Dublin Airport on soils and waterways in and around the vicinity."

35 Councillors D. Butler, T. Murphy, G. Maguire - Government and European Funding

"That the Chief Executive establish a core team of senior staff with the purpose of maximising grant opportunities available to this Council from Government and European sources; including working with our European and Oireachtas colleagues so that Fingal County Council and the organisations and community groups that we represent can maximise potential European and Oireachtas funding, assisting them with application forms, etc. (example – including assisting local community groups and supporting clubs with Sports Capital Grant opportunities)."

36 Councillor D. Mulligan - Independent Noise Monitoring under the North Runway Departure Flight Paths

"That the Chief Executive carry out independent noise monitoring at six strategic locations under the North Runway Departure flight paths at Dublin Airport during the 92-day summer period in 2025, with the objective of verifying real-world noise levels, assessing the impact on

affected communities, ensuring transparency, and providing data to inform future planning."

37 Councillor D.J. Kelly - Refuge Centres Fingal

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on how many Refuge Centres there are in Fingal and provide a breakdown of how many men, women and children are in these refuge centres."

38 Councillor D. Healy - Photovoltaic panels above council-owned off-street car parking areas

"That the Chief Executive carry out a feasibility analysis of placing photovoltaic panels above the parking areas of some of the over 5,000 off-street car parking spaces provided by the Council."

**MOTIONS NON-
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

39 Councillor C. Boland - Provision of additional School Bus Connections

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Department of Education/Department of Transport regarding the provision of school bus services across the County so as to encourage greater uptake of such services and the diversion away from private car usage by parents/guardians."

40 Councillor P. Quinlan - Croke Park Events

"That we the elected representatives of Fingal County Council call on the GAA to no longer allow the use of Croke Park, the headquarters of our nation's cultural athletic games, to be used as a venue for religious worship."

41 Councillor J. Humphreys - Rates on Commercial Advertising

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Valuation Office seeking an assessment on the rateability of bus shelters featuring commercial advertising, with a view to ensuring they are appropriately included in the commercial rates valuation process, and a copy of the request to the Valuation Office be circulated to all Local Authorities."
