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County Hall
Swords
Co Dublin

Tuesday, 4th March 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 March, 2025** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services

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A G E N D A

- 1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 10th February 2025**
- 2 Filling of casual vacancy on Fingal County Council following the election of Ruth Coppinger to the 34th Dáil in November 2024**
- 3 Filling of casual vacancy to Fingal County Council following the resignation of Councillor Kevin Humphreys**
- 4 Nominations**
 - a Appointment of one Member to the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee following the election of Ruth Coppinger to the 34th Dáil in November 2024
 - b Appointment of one Member to the Regional Health Forum Dublin North East following the election of Ruth Coppinger to the 34th Dáil in November 2024
 - c Appointment of one Member to the Joint Fingal and South Dublin Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) Management Committee following the election of Ruth Coppinger to the 34th Dáil in November 2024
 - d Appointment of one Member to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) following the election of Ruth Coppinger to the 34th Dáil in November 2024
 - e Appointment of one Member to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) following the appointment of Councillor Brendan Ryan to the Chair of the Housing SPC
 - f Appointment of one Member to the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group following the resignation of Councillor Kevin Humphreys
 - g Appointment of one Member to the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force following the resignation of Councillor Kevin Humphreys
 - h Appointment of one Member to the Lusk Town Team following the election of Robert O'Donoghue to the 34th Dáil in November 2024

QUESTIONS

- 5 Councillor E. Dockrell - Annual Spend on Recreation and Amenity**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown, by Local Electoral Area, of the amounts spent on the Recreation and Amenity portion of

the Annual Budget over the last five years?"

6 Councillor E. Dockrell - The use of AI (Artificial Intelligence)

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if any meetings have been held by Council officials on the use of AI (Artificial Intelligence) and how it may be used in the future by this Local Authority in its day-to-day business?"

7 Councillor D. Butler - Fingal Greener Community Awards

"To ask the Chief Executive to consider the re-introduction of the Fingal Greener Community Awards, which ran successfully prior to the Covid-19 pandemic and offered numerous benefits to the Fingal area, including fostering community spirit, environmental awareness and enhancing the visual appeal of our local areas?"

8 Councillor J. Humphreys - Extreme Weather Events

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what measures the Council has in place to prepare for extreme weather events such as storms and flooding, including the capacity of drainage infrastructure, emergency response co-ordination and public and Councillor information dissemination for the County?"

9 Councillor J. Humphreys - Speed Limits

"To ask the Chief Executive what preparations this Council has made for the implementation of new default speed limits on rural local roads from 80km/h to 60km/h which came into effect on Friday, 7th February 2025, including the timeline for replacing signage, any public awareness campaigns planned, and whether additional enforcement measures will be put in place to ensure compliance with the new limits?"

10 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Affordable Housing Purchase Scheme in Páirc na Bláthanna, Hayestown, Rush

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed report in relation to the Affordable Housing Purchase Scheme in Páirc na Bláthanna, Hayestown, Rush, to include the delays that have happened, when the remaining homes will be ready and what compensation will be offered to those who have now been waiting for over year for their homes?"

11 Councillor J. Hopkins - Sports Facility Audit

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Sports Facility Audit?"

12 Councillor G. Sheehan - Signage on Public Litter Bins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to putting signage on bins, stating that public bins are for street rubbish only and fines will be applied on those placing household rubbish in bins, and the amount of the fine to be imposed?"

13 Councillor L. Corkery - Bus Stop Improvements

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on this Council's efforts to improve bus stop facilities in the County, and to outline why funds made available in 2024 under the National Transport Authority's (NTA) Bus Stop Enhancement Programme were not utilised?"

14 Councillor A. Donnelly - Subsidised Access to Active Travel for Fingal's Retired Population

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on any bike rental or subsidies, available to our pensioners in the Fingal area to allow them to partake in active travel, as the costs of electric bikes are prohibitive for most?"

15 Councillor J. Smyth - Universal Design Rates of Current Housing Stock

"To ask the Chief Executive to highlight the proportion/percentage of all current Fingal County Council housing stock, broken down by Local Electoral Area, that meets the standards of universal design and universal design plus as outlined under the National Disability Authority (NDA) definition?"

16 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Tenant in-situ Scheme

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the number of properties to date, acquired through the Tenant-in-situ Scheme?"

17 Councillor C. Boland - Engagement with Organisations and Clubs

"To ask the Chief Executive to consider engaging with all Fingal clubs and organisations whose activities are predominantly coastal, or water based as to how they perceive that their organisation may be

the focus of generating added value to the economy and well being of the community of Fingal?"

18 Councillor M. Quinn - Tenant in-situ Scheme 2025

"To ask the Chief Executive, if the Department of Housing & Local Government have contacted this Council's Housing Department with regard to the continuation of the Tenant in-situ Scheme into 2025?"

19 Councillor C. Johnston - Planning Enforcement Complaints

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the number of planning enforcement complaints currently active and the number of complaints processed in 2024?"

20 Councillor C. Johnston - Litter Fines

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the number of litter fines issued per electoral area and the revenue accrued from same over the last three years?"

21 Councillor J. Walsh - Inactive Planning Permissions

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the overall number of sites across the County where full planning permission has been given, but no construction activity has occurred since 2019 and the number of dwellings which have planning permission on these sites which have never been built?"

22 Councillor P. Mulville - New Health Service Executive (HSE) Primary Care Centres

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number of new Health Service Executive Primary Care Centres currently planned to be constructed across this Council's administrative area, whether going through the pre-planning or planning application process, or approved and awaiting commencement or under construction?"

23 Report of Committees

- a Report of Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee (OP&F) meeting held on Monday 10th February 2025
- b Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13th February 2025

- c Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services A Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 27th February 2025
- d Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2025
- e Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 5th March 2025
- f Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 6th March 2025

24 Financial Matters

- a Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2024 (inc. Audit Committee Annual Work Programme 2025)
- b Audit Committee Charter 2025

25 Financial assistance to Approved Housing Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) - call for CAS 2017 to provide units of living accommodation in the Fingal area

26 Declarations of Roads

27 Proposed Disposals

- a Notice of Proposed disposal of land at the side of No. 36A Yellow Walls Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin to Colm de Burca and Judith de Burca
- b Notice of Proposed disposal of land at Powerstown, Tyrellstown, Dublin 15 to Apurva Charity
- c Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

28 Extension of Duration of Dublin Airport Local Area Plan 2020

29 Report Pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for proposed development of 32 No. Residential Dwellings and all associated site works at Park Road, Kenure, Rush, Co. Dublin

30 Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for proposed development of 34 no. residential dwellings and all associated site works at Woodside, Swords, Co. Dublin

31 Streetscape Funding Grants**32 Chief Executive's Report****33 Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh****34 Conference Report****35 Correspondence**

- a Letter from Limerick City & County Council dated 6th February 2025 Re - Financial Support Purchase of Generators
- b Letter from Limerick City & County Council dated 7th February 2025 Re - Recent Weather Events Additional Funding
- c Letter from Limerick & City County Council dated 7th February 2025 Re - Recent Weather Events
- d Letter from Sligo County Council dated 11th February 2025 Re - Carbon Taxes
- e Letter from Sligo County Council dated 11th February 2025 - Re Electricity Costs
- f Letter from Sligo County Council dated 11th February 2025 Re - Tenant in-situ Scheme
- g Letter from Sligo County Council dated 11th February 2205 Re - Eviction Ban
- h Letter from Sligo County Council dated 11th February 2025 Re - Fixed Penalty Fine - E-liquids, Vape Kits or Nicotine-containing products
- i Letter from Councillor Séamas McGrattan, Chairperson Finance, SPC, Dublin City Council dated 11th February 2025 Re- Item 52 - Councillor J. Humphreys - Transient Visitor Tax
- j Letter from South Dublin County Council dated 13th February 2025 Re - Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty
- k Letter from Roscommon County Council dated 17th February 2025 Re - Landowners Incentive Trees
- l Letter from Roscommon County Council dated 17th February 2025 Re- Government Phone Network Access
- m Letter from Roscommon County Council dated 17th February 2025 Re- Exam time learning difficulties
- n Letter from Roscommon County Council dated 17th February 2025 Re- Power Lines in Forestry

- o Letter from An Garda Síochána Ballymun dated 19th February 2025 Re - Item 38 - Cllr JK Onwumereh Increasing Number of Incidents involving Scramblers and Scooters - December 2024 Council Meeting
- p Acknowledgement received from the Office of the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Simon Harris TD dated 24th February 2024 Re - Item 43 - Cllr B. McDonagh - Occupied Territories Bill
- q Acknowledgement received from the Office of the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Simon Harris TD dated 24th February 2024 Re - Item 44 - Cllr P. Mulville - Occupied Territories Bill
- r Letter from Interim Chief Executive, National Transport Authority dated 27th February 2025 Re - Item 40 Cllr T. Murphy - Bus Shelters - December Council Meeting

36 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

37 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."

38 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."

39 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."

40 Councillor D. Butler - Fingal Greener Community Awards

"That the Chief Executive considers the re-introduction of the Fingal Greener Community Awards, which ran successfully prior to the Covid-19 pandemic and offered numerous benefits to the Fingal area, including fostering community spirit, environmental awareness and enhancing the visual appeal of our local areas."

41 Councillor L. Corkery - Factual and Accurate Information in this Council's Discussions

"That the elected members of Fingal County Council commit to using factual and accurate information, based on credible sources, in this Council's discussions and debates."

42 Councillor A. Donnelly - Medical Priority Process - Housing Support

"That the Chief Executive conducts a review of the current medical priority process with a view to streamlining it, as it can currently take up to two years for requests to be processed."

43 Councillor J. Smyth - Retrofitting Costs

"That the Chief Executive arranges to carry out a cost analysis based on current industry averages of what the cost would be to retrofit a variety of current housing stock to an universal design or design plus standard."

44 Councillor P. Mulville - Removal of Council Operated Time-Locked Public Gates

"That the Chief Executive make arrangements to remove all Council operated time-locked public gates in the Council's administrative area which are impeding late night direct access for the public between residential areas."

**MOTIONS NON-
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

45 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.”

46 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.”

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

“That this Council 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 lies with Local Government and National Government, including Seanad Éireann and multiple departments throughout the Civil Service, this motion calls for the general scheme of the “Health (Amendment) (Licensing of Professional Home Support Providers) Bill 2024”- to be prioritised by this Government in the newly constituted Dáil subject to agreed amendments.”

48 Councillor J. Walsh - National Speed Limit Implementation

“That the Chief Executive writes to the Minister for Transport and the National Transport Authority seeking dedicated financial support to Fingal Council for the implementation of the national speed limit review, particularly in relation to operational implications of reduced speed limits such as additional traffic calming measures.”

49 Councillor D. Mulligan - Israel Bonds Scheme

“That the Chief Executive writes to the Central Bank of Ireland, requesting that it end the regulation of the Israel Bonds Issuance Programme, which facilitates the sale of bonds funding Israel’s actions in Gaza.”
