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Swords
Co Dublin

Tuesday, 8th April 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, 14th April, 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 10th March 2025

QUESTIONS

2 Councillor C. Boland - Safe Refuge Centres

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the Council's policy in ensuring that there is a safe refuge across the County to meet the needs of women and men who seek refuge from domestic violence?"

3 Councillor D. Healy - Santry River Restoration and the Greenway Project

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the joint work of this Council with Dublin City Council in relation to the Santry River Restoration and the Greenway Project?"

4 Councillor S. Shovlin - Funding for Community Groups

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of upcoming funding opportunities for community groups and the deadlines for applying for same?"

5 Councillor S. Shovlin - Speed Limit Review

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline and outline of the speed limit review across Fingal?"

6 Councillor E. Dockrell - Social Media Campaign on the Role of Local Government in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if there are any social media campaigns currently running on the functions and responsibilities of Fingal County Council, for both Councillors and Council officials, to inform the public of the role of Local Government in the Fingal area and, if this is not already being done or planned, can consideration be given to such an educational campaign?"

7 Councillor P. Quinlan - Tenant-in-situ Scheme

"To ask Chief Executive to provide a report on the Tenant-in-situ Scheme, including a breakdown of reasons why acquisition by Fingal County Council didn't occur?"

8 Councillor E. O'Brien - Housing Units at Ballymastone Development at risk due to Judicial Review

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on how many housing units, broken down by social, affordable and private, will be delayed or put at risk by the taking of a judicial review with regard to the Ballymastone development and the likely consequences to the pricing of these units?"

9 Councillor L. Corkery - Fingal Access Strategy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the development of the Fingal Access Strategy?"

10 Councillor P. Mulville - Fingal County Council's Social Housing Waiting List

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the current average wait time on the Council's Social Housing waiting list for a family to be made an offer of a suitable permanent council house, and to outline the list position families must be at in order to be considered in the offer zone?"

11 Councillor C. Haughey - Revenue from Malahide Castle Concerts

"To ask the Chief Executive what revenue has been generated from the Concerts held in Malahide in the years 2022-2024, and where this revenue has been allocated?"

12 Councillor B. Ryan - Rental Schemes for Social Housing Applicants

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the differences in rental schemes for housing applicants who may be offered housing support in Council stock versus Approved Housing Bodies (AHB) stock, e.g. Tuath?"

13 Councillor C. Johnston - Fingal County Council's Planning Portal

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the number of outages on the Council's Planning Portal since January 2023 to include reasons for these outages and to outline measures taken to prevent reoccurrences in the future?"

14 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Social and Affordable Housing stock in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide updates on the social and affordable housing stock in the county and the timeline for delivery to applicants in 2025?"

15 Councillor E. Troy - Street Cleaning

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on how the schedule for street cleaning/sweeping is organised, and how often would one expect to see a street cleaner on their road?"

16 Councillor J. Hopkins - Child Care Facilities

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on how many crèches and child care facilities, that were conditioned as part of a planning application, sought to have the planning changed from crèche and child care facility to some other use after building commenced or completed, detailing how many were successful, and as a result, how many promised childcare facilities did not materialise in the last 5 years?"

17 Councillor J. Hopkins - Cost of New Cycling/Pedestrian Infrastructure Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of the total cost for new cycling/pedestrian infrastructure across the County, for example €16 million cost for a 3km new facility in Balbriggan, and to clarify if the Council has only been allocated €22million for the year, how will Active Travel Infrastructure be delivered to all of our residents?"

18 Councillor J. Walsh - Bilingual Signage

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number of complaints received from members of the public about inaccuracies in bilingual signage in Fingal?"

19 Report of Committees

- a Quarterly Reports of Strategic Policy Committees Meetings
- b Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13th March 2025
- c Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd April 2025

- d Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Meeting held on Thursday 3rd April 2025
- e Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Monday 7th April 2025
- f Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 10th April 2025

20 Financial Matters

- a Consideration of Draft Annual Financial Statement 2024 and Authorisation of Additional Expenditure
- b Annual Financial Statement 2024

21 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Notice of Proposed Lease of Base Enterprise Centre, Damastown Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 to Innovate Fingal CLG
- b Notice of Proposed Lease of Drinan Enterprise Centre, Swords Enterprise Park, Feltrim Road, Swords to Innovate Fingal CLG
- c Notice of Proposed disposal of land at Old Road, Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin to Paul Gillen and Julie Gillen
- d Notice of Proposed Rectification of Boundary at Millfield Shopping Centre, Balbriggan to Hugh Grady, Henry Grady, Gerard Grady and Annette Grady

22 Declarations of Roads

- a Wilkinsons Brook, Hollystown, Dublin 15
- b Hansfield Phase 1, Phibblestown, Dublin 15

23 Appointment of external members to the Naming and Commemorative Committee

24 Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Policy Programme 2025

25 Draft Annual Report 2024

26 Fingal County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)

27 Chief Executive's Report

28 Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

a Councillor B. McDonagh - Young Carers' Grant

"That this Council calls on the Government to support young carers by measures including a Young Carers' Grant; guaranteed respite days for young carers; school-based initiatives that support the educational needs of young carers; additional home care supports."

b Councillor B. McDonagh - Family Homelessness

"That the Council notes the increase in family homelessness and calls on the Government to reinstate the Housing (Homeless Families) Bill 2017 to tackle family homelessness."

29 Conference Report

- a AILG In-person Training - Embracing Equality - Cultivating Inclusive Local Communities - Southern Region 20th March The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co Clare; Eastern Region 22nd March The Clayton Hotel, Galway -
- b AILG 2025 Annual Conference Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April at the Limerick Strand Hotel, Limerick
- c ARC Conference and General Assembly - 22nd/23rd May 2025 - Conference on "Dealing with Aviation Noise: Present and Future Approaches"

30 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 2025 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
- s Letter from Donegal County Council dated 27th February 2025 re Control of Dogs In Public Spaces
- t Letter from Sligo County Council dated 4th March 2025 Re Prohibiting the use of Counselling and Therapy Notes
- u Letter from Sligo County Council dated 4th March 2025 Re - Child Places in local Primary and Secondary Schools

- v Email from Meath County Council dated 6th March 2025 Re PL-FP Adoption of Variation No. 3 to the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027, as varied
- w Letter from Clare County Council dated 10th March 2025 Re - Funding for Early Years Educators
- x Email on behalf of Chief Superintendent Ballymun Division dated 18th March 2025 re Item 42 - Cllr DJ Kelly - Report on anti-social behaviour in Fingal December Co Meeting

31 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

32 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."

33 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."

34 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."

35 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."

36 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."

37 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."

38 Councillor J. Smyth - Retrofitting Costs

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

39 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."

40 Councillor E. Troy - Audit of Irish Language Road Signs in Fingal

"That the Chief Executive considers conducting an audit to ensure that the Irish language translations used on road signs in Fingal is correct."

41 Councillor T. Leddy - Housing List Priority

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to including autism as a ground for medical priority on the housing list."

42 Councillor E. O'Brien - Delivery of state-of-the-art Sports Complex at the Ballymastone Development

"That the Chief Executive report on the impact the taking of a judicial review with regard to the Ballymastone development will have on the delivery of a state-of-the-art Sports Complex for the Donabate/Portrane peninsula and for all of the sports clubs involved."

43 Councillor H. Redwood - Ban on Fox Hunting on Council-owned lands

"That the Chief Executive introduce a ban on fox hunting on council-owned lands in Fingal."

44 Councillor J. Guerin - Ballymastone Development

"That the Chief Executive outline how many housing units, broken down by social, affordable and private, will be delayed or put at risk by the taking of a judicial review with regard to the Ballymastone Development and the likely consequences to the pricing of these units."

45 Councillor B. Ryan - Dishing of Public Footpaths

"That the Chief Executive agrees to introduce a scheme to provide the dishing of public footpaths to allow vehicular access similar to the "Modify a Footpath to allow Vehicular Access" scheme run by Dublin City Council and similar schemes in South Dublin County Council and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, for which citizens can have this work carried out by the Council for an agreed affordable fee."

46 Councillor M. McCamley - Pharma Sector in Fingal

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on any plans regarding the tariffs which might be imposed on the Pharma sector in Fingal and if there is a plan B."

47 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Short-term letting Enforcement

"In the context of a dire shortage of private rented accommodation and a chronic homeless crisis, that this Council develops a comprehensive enforcement strategy to address the huge proliferation of short-term lettings in the County which do not have planning permission, and which are not proactively investigated to determine if they require that planning permission."

48 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Youth Services

"That the Chief Executive considers establishing purpose-built youth services in all new and existing developments across all of Fingal."

49 Councillor J. Walsh - Implementation of Reduced Speed Limits

"That the Chief Executive provides an update on the projected costs to Fingal Council of the implementation of the National Speed Limit review and identifies additional funding to support operational implications of reduced speed limits (such as additional traffic calming measures), including funding which may be sought from the Department of Transport."

**MOTIONS NON-
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50 Councillor C. Boland - Provision of additional School Bus Connections

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Department of Education and the 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."

51 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."

52 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."

53 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."

54 Councillor B. McDonagh - No-fault Eviction Ban

"That the Council notes the increase of family homelessness and supports an EU wide ban on no-fault evictions and supports the use of Consumer Rights legislation to protect tenants from no-fault evictions."
