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Swords
Co Dublin

Tuesday, 6th May 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, 12th May, 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 of Council Meeting held on Monday 14th April 2025**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor P. Quinlan - Sites Acquired by Igo Emergency Management Services**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of any land/property/sites that Igo Emergency Management Services has acquired within the Fingal area?"

- 3 **Councillor P. Mulville - Gaeilge agus Béarla ar na Comharthaí Bóithre - Irish and English Road Signs**

"Chun a fhiafraí den Phríomh-fheidhmeannach an mbeidh comhionannas idir na litreacha Gaeilge is Béarla ar na comharthaí bóithre amach anseo?"

"To ask the Chief Executive whether there will be equality between the Irish and English letter on road signs in the future?"

- 4 **Councillor P. Mulville - Dublin City Council Social Housing Applicants**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number of social housing applicants whose main housing application is with Dublin City Council, but who have a Fingal County Council housing area as one of their preferences, who have been housed by this Council, for each year for the past 10 years?"

- 5 **Councillor J. Walsh - Age Friendly Audits**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number of Age Friendly Audits carried out in towns or villages in Fingal between 2022 and 2025 and where these audits were undertaken?"

- 6 **Councillor C. Haughey - Naming of New Housing Estates and Developments in the Fingal County Council Area**

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the process involved in the naming of new housing estates and developments in the Fingal County Council area as numerous new estates have the exact same name as other nearby one-off houses or names of roads, which is

causing confusion and is a very avoidable problem?"

7 Councillor M. Quinn - School Warden Relief Panel

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of how many relief School Wardens are currently in employment by the Council and if an additional amount is required to cover annual leave or sick leave?"

8 Councillor D. Butler - Vacant and Derelict Properties

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what budget Fingal County Council has ring-fenced internally or is available from Government or other sources, to buy vacant and derelict houses and bring back into the Council's ownership as liveable spaces?"

9 Councillor A. Donnelly - Housing Delivery in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report, in tabular form, on housing delivery in Fingal for 2022, 2023 and 2024 under the following headings- own build, turnkey and approved housing bodies?"

10 Councillor E. Dockrell - Fingal's Population Growth

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline Fingal County Council's strategy to ensure that it can adequately recruit additional staff in the years ahead to meet an increasing workload across all of its departments as Fingal's population continues to grow?"

11 Councillor E. Dockrell - The HSE and Land Acquisition

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide information on any ongoing engagement between Fingal County Council and the HSE regarding the acquisition by Fingal County Council of any buildings or lands that are currently under the control of the HSE, and to provide an update on how these engagements are progressing?"

12 Councillor C. Boland - Development of a Fingal Food Brand

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing how and with whom it is working to maximise the value of a Fingal Food Brand, while also advising if the Executive has entered discussions for the use of the Teagasc's premises at Ashtown to support in the development, training and research of Fingal food produce?"

13 Councillor B. Ryan - Consultancy Spend

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate what efforts are being made to reduce the spend on consultancy as part of the processes for the 2026 budget?"

14 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Updates on Summer Project Funding

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a three-year comparative analysis for the Summer Project funding and if possible, the number of young people who engaged over the following years 2022, 2023 and 2024 to determine how engaging and effective the funding has been in Fingal?"

15 Councillor J. Humphreys - School Meals Overcharging

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Executive has carried out, or plans to carry out, any review or checks on school meals funding under the Urban School Meals Scheme, which is managed by Dublin City Council on its behalf under a shared services arrangement; and if any Fingal schools were affected by the supplier's alleged overcharging?"

16 Report of Committees

- a Report of Organisation, Procedures and Finance (OP&F) Committee Meeting held on Monday 14th April 2025
- b Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 1st May 2025
- c Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) dated Tuesday 6th May 2025
- d Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 7th May 2025
- e Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2025

17 Financial Matters**18 Proposed Disposal of Properties**

- a Notice of Proposed disposal of land adjacent to No. 2 Abbeylea Avenue, Swords, Co. Dublin to Claire Woods
- b Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

19 Declarations of Roads

- a Bellingsmore Green Area, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15
- b Mount Eustace, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15
- c Delhurst Estate, Phibblestown, Dublin 15
- d Hayworth Estate, Phibblestown, Dublin 15
- e Cloch Choirneal, Balbriggan, Co Dublin
- f Lanestown View, Donabate, Co Dublin

20 Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan

21 Proposed Special Speed Limit Bye-Law 2025 - L-7011 from Ongar Distributor Road to junction with Barnwell Road, (R149) (Roads Traffic Act 1994 as amended)

22 Flavours of Fingal Planning Licence

23 Fingal Artists' Support Scheme 2025 for Professional Fingal Artists

24 Summer Projects Funding 2025

25 Climate Action Plan Progress Report

26 Draft Strategic Policy Group (SPC) Standing Orders and Fingal County Council Standing Orders

27 Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Annual Report 2024

28 Chief Executive's Report

29 Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

a Councillor B. McDonagh - Twinning of Fingal with Sumy, Ukraine

"That the Chief Executive explores a suitable twinning of Fingal with the city of Sumy, Ukraine."

b Councillor B. McDonagh - ALSSA Complex Ownership

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Transport to transfer ownership of all lands connected to the ALSAA complex from the daa to Fingal County Council in order to protect the land as a community and sporting amenity for the people of Fingal."

30 Conference Report

- a AILG Elected Member 2025 Training Programme May to July 2025

31 Correspondence

- a Letter from Sligo County Council dated 9th April 2025 - Re - Right to Housing
- b Letter from Donegal County Council dated 10th April 2025 - Re - Road Safety
- c Letter from Leitrim County Council dated 16th April 2025- Re - Ash Die back Trees
- d Letter from Kerry County Council dated 22nd April - Re - Calendar for Grant Applications

32 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

33 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."

34 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 the current housing stock to a universal design or design plus standard."

35 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."

36 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."

37 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."

38 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."

39 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."

40 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."

41 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Youth Services

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

42 Councillor J. Walsh - Implementation of Reduced Speed Limits

"That the Chief Executive provides an update on the projected costs to Fingal County 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."

43 Councillor D. Butler - Accessible Parking Bay Requirements

"That the Chief Executive re-consider the requirement for accessibly parking bays and allow resident specific accessibility bays within residential areas that meet that resident's requirements, even in cases where it may not be possible to meet the updated guidelines from the Irish Wheelchair Association, there are too many residents being refused, when it may be possible to come up with a solution that accommodates their requirements, even if the Irish Wheelchair Association guidelines cannot be met due to the limitations that may exist at a specific location."

44 Councillor J. Newman - Local Area Plan Updates

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on delays in relation to producing Local Area Plans in the Fingal area."

45 Councillor P. Quinlan - Commercial Business Support Scheme

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to opening a Commercial Business Support Scheme to provide aid to businesses dealing with excessive insurance premiums for activities which have a significant cultural or social aspect for young people."

46 Councillor J. Humphreys - Transient Visitor Tax

"That this Council requests the Chief Executive to prepare a report estimating the potential annual revenue that could be generated for Fingal County Council from a 1% transient visitor tax, in line with proposals discussed in the media."

**MOTIONS NON-
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

47 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."

48 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."

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."

50 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."

51 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Election Posters

"That the Chief Executive and this Council write to the relevant Minister(s) to call for the enactment of legislation to discontinue the use of physical election posters in Fingal and other Local Authorities on the grounds of environmental pollution and littering, unsightly defacement of our environment and unwieldy cost, to promote and encourage the advertisement of election candidates via biodegradable leaflets and canvas cards, as well as online platforms, in place of the current unsustainable traditional practice."

52 Councillor E. Troy - M50 Tolls

"That this Council calls on the Government to urgently review the current tolling system on the M50 with a view to introducing a fairer model for workers, including 1. Making M50 toll payments tax-deductible for all workers who rely on the motorway for their daily commute; 2. Introducing a proportional tolling system where payment

reflects the actual length of motorway travelled, rather than a flat fee regardless of distance, that this Council further calls on Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the Department of Finance to engage with stakeholders, including worker representatives, to ensure tolling policy reflects economic fairness and does not penalise those who have no alternative but to use the M50 for work purposes.”

53 Councillor L. Corkery - Water supply to New-Build Housing Estates

“Given the Government's goal of doubling housing delivery, as set out in the revised National Planning Framework, Fingal County Council acknowledges ongoing delays in connecting new-build housing estates to the public water supply, this Council calls on Uisce Éireann to outline its plans to work with the Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform to address this urgent situation.”

54 Councillor G. Sheehan - Homeless Accommodation - Minimum Standards

“That the Chief Executive write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage outlining that all homeless accommodation funded by this Department across the county is required to meet minimum standards, including the provision of access to laundry and cooking facilities, in order to promote dignity, autonomy, and healthier living conditions for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.”

55 Councillor T. O'Leary - Funding Cut - Tenant in Situ Scheme

“That this Council notes with grave concern the reduced funding available of only €20 million for 2025 for Tenant in-situ purchase of homes in the Fingal County Council area vs €39.9 million spent in 2024 to acquire 121 homes and keep families from homeless and calls on the Government to adequately fund the Tenant in-situ Scheme to at least €50 million for 2025 so that Fingal County Council can meet the demand to buy homes via the Tenant in-situ scheme.”

56 Councillor D.J Kelly - Primary and Secondary Schools for the Fingal Area

“That the Chief Executive write to the Department of Education to request a report on the delivery timelines of new primary and secondary schools in the Fingal area.”
