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Swords
Co Dublin

Wednesday 4th June 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, 9th June, 2025** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
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A G E N D A

1 Consideration of resolution pursuant to Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended: - Redevelopment of Ballisk House

Councillor J. Guerin; Councillor A. Tormey; Councillor D. Butler; Councillor G. Sheehan; Councillor T. Murphy; Councillor C. Haughey; Councillor A. Donnelly; Councillor S. Shovlin; Councillor D. Mulligan; Councillor T. Kitt; Councillor D.J Kelly; Councillor K. Dennison; Councillor J. Newman; Councillor T. O'Leary; Councillor M. Quinn; Councillor G. Maguire; Councillor E. O'Brien; Councillor J. Smith; Councillor L. Corkery; Councillor J.K Onwumereh; Councillor T. Leddy; Councillor B. Hanaphy; Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan

"That, in accordance with Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended, Fingal County Council hereby requires its Chief Executive to proceed immediately with the planned re-development of Ballisk House, Donabate as a library thereby carrying into effect the decisions of this Council, as approved in the Donabate Framework Plan dated March 2024, the Library Development Plan 2024 - 2029 and the Fingal County Council Capital Programme 2025 – 2027."

2 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025

QUESTIONS

3 Councillor J. Walsh - Vacant and Derelict Housing

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the number of vacant and derelict homes across Fingal each year between 2022 and 2024?"

4 Councillor P. Quinlan - Audit on Funding to Igo Emergency Management Services

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out an audit of any and all Council funding paid to Igo Emergency Management Services?"

5 Councillor P. Mulville - Housing Medical Priority HMD1 Forms - Average Processing Time

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details, in tabular form, of the average processing time, from application to decision, for housing

medical priority HMD1 forms, for each year from 2014 to date?"

6 Councillor C. Boland - Breakdown of Voter Numbers - Local Elections

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of the voter numbers registered in each Fingal Local Electoral Area (LEA) and the percentage of voters who actually voted in each LEA in the Local Government elections for the years of 1985,1991,1999, 2004, 2009, 2014, 2019 and 2024, while noting that the 1985 election was in respect of the election to Dublin County Council?"

7 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Update on Recruitment of Lifeguards

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the planned recruitment of lifeguards for deployment to Fingal beaches this year, to ensure that the Council is prepared to provide essential cover as we approach the summer months?"

8 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Enforcement on Divergent Flight Paths at Dublin Airport

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of when a conclusion will be made on the enforcement proceedings (ref: ENF 22/166B) in regard to the daa's divergent flight paths which have been under investigation since September 2022?"

9 Councillor J. Hopkins - School Wardens in Fingal - Legislation

"To ask the Chief Executive to clarify why Dublin City Council can employ a school warden to carry out duties on a private footpath and Fingal County Council says that it is illegal?"

10 Councillor H. Redwood - Fox Hunting on Council Land

"To ask the Chief Executive, on foot of the motion passed at the May full Council meeting which will ban fox hunting from Council-owned land, to clarify: a) how this will be applied to roads which fall under the Council's remit; b) how this will be applied to land which is not covered by parks and open spaces bye-laws?"

11 Councillor C. Haughey - Community Safety Partnerships

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the Community Safety Partnerships will be established and to give an

overview of any engagement the Council has had with the Department of Justice on this?"

12 Councillor L. Corkery - Community Centre Rates

"To ask the Chief Executive if Fingal County Council charges a "community rate" for the hire of community centres by registered clubs, and if there are any disparities in rates charged to these clubs depending on whether the day-to-day management of a centre is delegated to a private company?"

13 Councillor M. Boland - Misuse and abandonment of skip bags in housing estates around Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to developing a policy around the misuse and abandonment of skip bags in housing estates around Fingal, on occasion skip bags are incorrectly used for household waste, rather than bulky goods, often having been left lying outside homes for weeks/months on end, causing problems for neighbours and residents of these estates?"

14 Councillor M. Quinn - Environmental Health Officers employed by this Local Authority

"To ask the Chief Executive, as to how many Environmental Health Officers are currently employed by Fingal County Council to carry out the various duties within the council's area?"

15 Councillor T. O'Leary - Update on the Tenant in-situ Scheme

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed report on the Tenant in-situ Scheme for social housing applicants of Housing Assistance Payments (HAP), on applications received, properties purchased, sale agreed and refused in 2025, and those not proceeding due to lack of funds?"

16 Councillor A. Donnelly - Number of Housing Assistant Payment (HAP) Tenants on Fingal's Transfer List

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide in tabular format the number of Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) tenants that are on Fingal's Transfer List for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?"

17 Councillor C. Johnston - Review of Beach and Foreshore Bye-laws

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if a review of the Beach and Foreshore Bye-laws are necessary and under consideration given the Bye-laws haven't been reviewed since 2006 and deemed inadequate by the public?"

18 Councillor B. Ryan - Judicial Review Cases

"To ask the Chief Executive to list all of the Judicial Review cases that were settled by the Council during 2024 and to indicate the cost of each of these individual case settlements?"

19 Councillor J. Humphreys - Developer-led Partnerships

"To ask the Chief Executive if the potential impact of increased reliance on developer-led partnerships for social and affordable housing on the overall delivery of private housing supply has been assessed, and whether any measures are in place to ensure these partnerships are used to supplement, not replace, private delivery?"

20 Councillor J. Humphreys - Fingal Citizen Charter

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the review of the Fingal Citizen Charter, as referenced in response to Question F/190/24 in May 2024, specifically, what stage the work is currently at, whether the review is being carried out in-house or with external consultants, when the draft revised Charter is expected to be issued for public consultation, and what the anticipated timeframe is, for it to be presented for adoption by the Council?"

21 Councillor D. Mulligan - Inclusive Playground Equipment

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the process by which areas are selected for inclusive playground equipment upgrades, including the criteria and decision-making framework currently in use by Local Authority Play and Recreation Network (LAPRN) within Fingal County Council?"

22 Report of Committees

- a Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4th June 2025
- b Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) held on Wednesday 4th June 2025

- c Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 5th June 2025

23 Financial Matters

24 Proposed Disposal of Properties

25 Declarations of Roads

- a Annaly Estate, Ongar, Dublin 15
- b Stralem Estate, Ongar, Dublin 15
- c Ongar Park, Public Green Area, Dublin 15

26 Planning & Development Act 2000 Part XI (As Amended), Planning & Development Regulations 2001 Part 8 (As Amended), Public Realm Improvements and Active Travel measures for Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island in Skerries

27 Swords Cultural Quarter Update

28 Chief Executive's Report

29 Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

30 Conference Report

- a AILG Induction Training Day New Councillors
- b MacGill Summer School 2025 will take place in Glenties 17th to 19th July 2025
- c The ALAN Conference, Westport, Co Mayo from 28th to 30th October 2025

31 Correspondence

- a Letter dated 27th May 2025 from Dublin City Council Re - Membership of Transient Visitor Levy Working Group 260525 - Cllr Humphreys - Transient Visitor Tax
- b Letter dated 28th May 2025 - from Dublin County Council Re - Active Travel Response regarding Motion Cllr McCamley January 2025 - on CPO request for Tolka Greenway
- c Letter dated 29th May 2025 from Donegal County Council Re - State of Israel Bonds Issuance Programme
- d Letter dated 4th June 2025 from Land Development Agency

32 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a Circular Letter from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage dated 15th May 2025 - Circular Letter F.04/25
Nomination of candidates for President

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 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."

35 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."

36 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."

37 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Youth Services

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

38 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."

39 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."

40 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."

41 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."

42 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."

43 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."

44 Councillor M. McCamley - Visits to Heritage and Cultural Sites

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to a type of Cultural Club for the public as per Dublin City Council, where visits to various heritage and cultural sites are arranged with guides on a regular basis."

45 Councillor C. Haughey - Oversight Report into Electoral Registers

"In light of the recent Electoral Commission Oversight Report of Electoral Registers, and while acknowledging that the Fingal Electoral Register is in relatively good condition, that the Chief Executive makes a plan to ensure increased accuracy of the Electoral Register, particularly around dates of births for electors, outlining how many staff are currently employed by the Council to work on the Electoral Register, and that the Council engage with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding resources and funding to implement the recommendations of the Oversight Report."

46 Councillor J. Hopkins - Sports Facilities Audit Cost

"That the Chief Executive provide a full costing of the recent Sports Facilities Audit and ensure that the recommendations of the audit are implemented."

47 Councillor H. Redwood - Wheelchair Access for Beaches

"That this Council notes the deployment of beach wheelchair mats by Mayo County Council to make Blue Flag beaches accessible to wheelchair users and the positive feedback from users, we the Members request that the Chief Executive seeks engagement with the Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA) and disability groups with the aim of deploying the same scheme across Fingal's Blue Flag beaches."

48 Councillor P. Mulville - Biodiversity Budget for 2025

"That the Chief Executive confirms that the 2025 element of the budget (already agreed as part of 5-year Biodiversity Plan) is provided to the biodiversity team to ensure that all actions are delivered as set out in the plan."

**MOTIONS NON-
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

49 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."

50 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."

51 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."

52 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.”

53 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 plastic election posters in Fingal and other Local Authorities on the grounds of environmental pollution and littering, unsightly defacement of our environment and unwieldy cost, and to promote and encourage the use of biodegradable versions, leaflets and canvas cards, as well as online medium, in place of the current unsustainable traditional practice.”

54 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.”

55 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.”

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.”
