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Swords
Co Dublin

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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, 7th July, 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**

- a Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025
- b Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Friday 13th June 2025

QUESTIONS

2 **Councillor P. Mulville - Playful Street Pilot Scheme**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the current plans, if any, to continue and expand the Playful Street Pilot Scheme across the Fingal County Council administrative area; and if there are no plans to continue with this scheme, the reason for this?"

3 **Councillor P. Quinlan - Service Users who present to Fingal County Council as being served with a Notice to Quit**

"To ask the Chief Executive for the reasoning to not initiate wrap around supports for service users who present to Fingal County Council who have been served with a Notice to Quit, verified by Threshold, who are facing the very real possibility of entering homeless services until said notice to quit reaches it's due date?"

4 **Councillor J. Hopkins - Draft Sports Audit**

"To ask the Chief Executive if the much-anticipated Draft Sports Audit will be referred back to KPMG to correct the many inaccuracies without further cost to the Council?"

5 **Councillor JK Onwumereh - Review and Update on Critical Workforce in Fingal**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to review the current workforce in the Operations Department and to provide a tabular analysis for the following years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to determine if there is currently a staff shortfall and attendant pressure on available staff?"

6 **Councillor M. Quinn - Empty Nesters Scheme**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details as to whether the Empty Nesters scheme is accepting applications at present and detail the

current number of applications that have been accepted to this scheme since 2023?"

7 Councillor J. Newman - Office of the Planning Regulator

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the status of the review of Fingal County Council by the Office of the Planning Regulator, and the date and time of the next review?"

8 Councillor D. Healy - Beach Management Practices

"To ask the Chief Executive to set out the differences between the management practices on Balcarrick Beach in Donabate which qualifies for the Green Coasts Award and the management practices implemented on the other beaches in Fingal on which, apparently, the beach management used precludes qualification for the Green Coasts Award, and to include in that description the difference in costs between the various management approaches used?"

9 Councillor D. Healy - Beaches and Dunes for Climate Adaptation

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the discussions with the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office, in relation to training about beaches and dunes for climate adaptation?"

10 Councillor C. Haughey - Ramp heights installed by Fingal County Council

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of what legislation or guidelines are taken into account when deciding heights of ramps installed by Fingal County Council, as according to legislation SI 32/98 Road Traffic Act (Bollards and Ramps), ramps should not exceed 10cm, whereas the Traffic Management Guidelines (2003) published by the Department of Transport state there are no maximum or minimum dimensions of ramps?"

11 Councillor B. Ryan - Active Travel Programme

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate which staff positions are funded, either fully or partially, by the Department of Transport or the National Transport Authority (NTA), as part of the Active Travel Programme?"

12 Councillor A. Tormey - Cost of Branding Consultants - Swords Cultural Quarter

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the expenditure on branding consultants over the past 3 years, specifically how much was spent on the Swords Cultural Quarter, and how much was spent on the recent contract for the proposal to name a building "Culture House?"

13 Councillor J. Humphreys - Bus Shelter Enhancement Programme (BSEP)

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the full cost to the Council of administering the Bus Shelter Enhancement scheme, this should include contractor costs, any involvement of depot crews or direct labour, the estimated staff time spent on coordination, site selection, and engagement with other bodies, and whether any delays or added costs arose from inter-agency processes or approvals, also confirm whether any previously planned depot works or public realm improvements were delayed or scaled back due to this programme?"

14 Report of Committees

- a Quarterly Report of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings
- b Report of Organisation, Procedure & Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025
- c Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12th June 2025
- d Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd July 2025

15 Financial Matters

- a Local Property Tax (LPT)

16 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Notice of Proposed disposal of land at Pinnock Hill, Swords, Co. Dublin to St Michael's House
- b Proposed lease of land and grant of wayleave at Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin to St. Patrick's Gaelic Football Club
- c Proposed Disposal of land at Porterstown Road, Porterstown, Dublin 15 to Castlethorn Developments Luttrellstown Limited

17 Declarations of Roads

- a Park Road, Rush, Co Dublin

18 Draft Litter Management Plan 2025 - 2028**19 Draft Homeless Action Plan****20 Chief Executive's Report****21 Mayor's Business - Councillor T. O'Leary****a Councillor T. O'Leary - Zoning of Lands for Residential Homes in Fingal**

"That the Chief Executive circulates to councillors the recent letter from the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage regarding the possible zoning of lands for residential homes in Fingal and report as a result of the communication, what role the Elected Councillors will have in that process formally or informally as in briefings, or make submissions, a statement on the matter."

22 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

23 Correspondence

- a Letter dated May 2025 from Carlow County Council Re - Occupied Territories Bill
- b Letter dated May 2025 from Carlow County Council Re - Tenant-in-situ Scheme
- c Letter dated May 2025 from Carlow County Council Re - Paediatric Coeliac Disease Screening
- d Letter dated 6th June 2025 from Limerick City & County Council Re - Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme
- e Letter dated 6th June 2025 from Limerick City & County Council Re - The Use of Smartphones
- f Letter dated 12th June 2025 from Galway County Council Re - Review of Affordable Housing Policy
- g Letter dated 13th June 2025 from Donegal County Council Re - Dismantling of the Triple Lock

- h Letter dated 26th June 2025 from the Central Bank of Ireland Re - Item 51 - Cllr D. Mulligan - Israel Bond Scheme June Council Meeting
- i Letter dated 27th June from Deputy Governor of Central Bank of Ireland - Re - Cllr D. Mulligan - Item 51 Israeli Bonds Scheme June Council Meeting 2025

24 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

25 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."

26 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."

27 Councillor B. Ryan - Dishing of Public Footpaths

"That the Chief Executive agrees to introduce, for a trial period of two years, 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."

28 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."

29 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Youth Services

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

30 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."

31 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."

32 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."

33 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."

34 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.”

35 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.”

36 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.”

37 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.”

38 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.”

39 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."

40 Councillor D. Mulligan - Taken-in-Charge Process

"That the Chief Executive invite all Resident Associations registered with Fingal County Council to a briefing as part of the taking-in-charge process in each local area, in order to help identify and address any outstanding issues that may otherwise go unnoticed until after the estate is taken in charge."

41 Councillor J. Hopkins - Event Management Plans for Fingal Beaches

"That the Chief Executive provide details of event management plans for the good weather and weekends over the summer months, in order to protect our beaches and residents, and provide information in relation to the provision of extra bins/Portaloos, barriers, the enforcement of bye laws and working with An Garda Síochána and Irish Rail on the prevention of situations as seen on Fingal beaches."

42 Councillor J. Humphreys - Transient Visitor Levy

"That this Council supports the introduction of enabling legislation that would allow Local Authorities to levy a Transient Visitor Tax, on overnight stays in hotels, short-term rentals, such as Airbnb's, and other accommodations in the county and that the Chief Executive provide an assessment of the potential revenue that could be generated from such a tax, if levied at 1%."

**MOTIONS NON-
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

43 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."

44 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."

45 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."

46 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."

47 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."

48 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."

49 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."
