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County Hall
Swords
Co Dublin

Tuesday, 2nd September 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, 8th September, 2025** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
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A G E N D A

1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 7th July 2025

2 Nominations

- a Appointment of two Members to the Regional Health Forum Dublin North East

QUESTIONS

3 Councillor P. Mulville - School Streets Initiative

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on current plans, if any, to expand the School Streets Initiative, as in place at Grove Road and The Rise, Malahide, across Fingal County Council's administrative area; and if not, the reason for same?"

4 Councillor P. Quinlan - Social Housing Applicants

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report, in tabular form, on the number of social housing applicants on Fingal County Council's social housing list for the years 2020 - 2024, showing end of year totals and the most recent figures available for 2025?"

5 Councillor M. Quinn - Housing Adaptation Grants

"To ask the Chief Executive to make available the most up to date figures on how many Housing Adaptation Grants applications are currently outstanding and the timeline from application to granting of such applications in Fingal?"

6 Councillor C. Haughey - Revenue from Parking Charges

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on how much revenue was raised by Fingal County Council through parking charges in 2022, 2023 and 2024, and if there is an estimate of how much would be raised if the changes proposed in the Draft Parking Bye-laws were to be implemented for 2026?"

7 Councillor G. Sheehan - Housing List Numbers

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the number of people currently on Fingal County Council's housing list for 2025 to date compared to the same period in 2024?"

8 Councillor E. Troy - Funding Increase for Dog Wardens in Fingal Area

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the number of Dog Wardens for the Fingal administrative area, and if any available additional funding has been applied for, as there is an enormous increase in dog ownership?"

9 Councillor J. Smyth - Naming and Commemorative Memorial Committee Update

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the recent work and meetings of the Naming and Commemorative Memorial Committee including future plans and actions?"

10 Councillor J. Hopkins - Supports to increase Childcare places across Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive what steps the Council is taking to support the increase and expansion of much needed childcare and after school spaces across the Fingal area, in particular given the acute demand due to the rapid population increase in Fingal?"

11 Councillor J. Hopkins - Childcare Facilities

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report, in tabular format, of the number of childcare/creche facilities in the Fingal County Council administrative area which have been granted planning permission, but not yet commenced, completed or operational, including the location of same and the relevant planning reference?"

12 Councillor E. Dockrell - Taken-in-Charge Applications

"To ask the Chief Executive how many open 'Taken-in-Charge' applications the Council is currently dealing with and if any internal analysis has been undertaken, which details common issues that have arisen in these estates that have slowed-down the 'Taken-in-Charge' process from formally completing, and furthermore, for residential estates that have completed construction, does Fingal County Council communicate through information campaigns, leaflets or otherwise - how residents can go about the 'Taken-in-Charge' process?"

13 Councillor E. Dockrell - Derelict Sites Register

"To ask the Chief Executive how many derelict site report forms have been received by the Council so far in this Council's term and what percentage of these forms have resulted in action by the derelict sites team, i.e. in inspections carried out or the property being added to the Derelict Sites Register (with analysis broken down by LEA if possible)?"

14 Councillor C. Johnston - Fingal Coastal Way

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on when the Options Report for the Fingal Coastal Way preferred route will be published and to outline the next phases in this project?"

15 Councillor C. Johnston - Electric Vehicle Charging Points

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the Public Electric Vehicle Charging Points will be rolled out and fully operational across the county?"

16 Councillor B. Ryan - Appeals / Complaints System

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate whether the Council is confident that all appeals against decisions are dealt with in a truly independent way and are not influenced by, or referred to, the original decision-maker?"

17 Councillor J. Humphreys - Tenant-in-Situ

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if Fingal County Council's 2025 Tenant-in-Situ budget is now fully exhausted, resulting in 32 homes purchased this year (down from 121 in 2024), and the pausing of 60 approved applications, what immediate measures did the Council take to protect these families from eviction while the scheme is paused; did the Executive engage with the Department of Housing to secure additional funding for Tenant-in-Situ for 2025 to ensure no eligible tenant in Fingal is made homeless because the Council exhausted funds from central government?"

18 Report of Committees

- a Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Committee Meeting held on Monday 1st September 2025

- b Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 4th September 2025

19 Financial Matters

20 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Notice of Proposed Disposal of land and grant of wayleave at Baldoyle Racecourse Park, Baldoyle, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks
- b Notice of Proposed Disposal of land and grant of wayleave at Corduff Community Resource Centre, Blackcourt Road, Corduff, Dublin 15 to ESB Networks

21 Declarations of Roads

- a Dunsoghly Way, Finglas, Dublin 11
- b Hansfield Phase 2, Phibblestown, Dublin 15
- c Avondale Park, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15
- d Avondale Court, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15
- e Balroy Hall, Castleknock, Dublin 15

22 Presidential Election - Special Meeting

23 Fingal Age Friendly Strategy 2026 – 2030

24 Chief Executive's Report

25 Mayor's Business - Councillor T. O'Leary

- a **Civic Reception Dublin Ladies GAA Football Team**
 "That this Council hosts a Civic Reception for the Dublin Ladies GAA All-Ireland winning football team in recognition of their recent achievements."

26 Conference Report

- a AILG Specialised Training Workshop for Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Chairs Tuesday 2nd September 2025, The Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise
- b AILG - Autumn Training Seminar 2025, 17th and 18th September 2025 - Westport Woods Hotel, Quay Road, Westport Demesne, Westport, Co. Mayo
- c AILG - 2025 Training Programme - September to December 2025

- d AILG / Maynooth University Level 8 Programme - The Planning System in Ireland - An Introduction to Planning Policy and Practice for Elected Member - Deadline Date - 15th October 2025

27 Correspondence

- a Letter dated 1st July 2025 from Waterford City & County Council Re - Central Bank - Israeli Bonds
- b Letter dated 14th July 2025 from Wexford County Council Re - Section 12 of Residential Tenancy Act 2004
- c Letter dated 15th July 2025 from Clare County Council Re - Defective Concrete Block Scheme
- d Letter dated 15th July 2025 from Waterford City & County Council Re - Carers Allowance and Benefit Reform
- e Letter dated 22nd July 2025 from Galway County Council to the Minister of Health Re - Announcement of HSE to downgrade Portiuncula Hospital
- f Letter dated 22nd July 2025 from Galway County Council to the Chief Executive's Office, HSE Re - Announcement of HSE to downgrade Portiuncula Hospital
- g Letter dated 8th August 2025 from Galway City Council Re - Safeguarding of the Triple Lock
- h Letter dated 12th August 2025 from Tipperary County Council Re - Publication of Regulations of Renewable Energy
- i Letter dated 14th August 2025 from Donegal County Council Re - National Affordable Housing Scheme
- j Letter dated 14th August 2025 from Donegal County Council Re - Socio Economic Status & Equality Legislation
- k Letter dated 14th August 2025 from Offaly County Council Re - Tenant Purchase Scheme

28 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a Email dated 15th July 2025 from Minister of Housing Re Motion from Sinn Féin Councillors - Tenant in-Situ March Council Meeting 2025
- b Letter dated 11th August 2025 from the Department of Housing to the Mayor of Fingal Re National Planning Framework Zoning

**MOTIONS
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

29 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."

30 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."

31 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."

32 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."

33 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Youth Services

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

34 Councillor D. Butler - Accessible Parking Bay Requirements

"That the Chief Executive re-consider the requirement for accessible 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."

35 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."

36 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."

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 an estate is taken in charge."

41 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%."

42 Councillor M. Quinn - Provision of a Fire Officer within the Fingal Area

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to carrying out a review of the current arrangements in respect to the issuing of Fire Certs, with the view to providing a dedicated Fire Officer for the Fingal County Council Area."

43 Councillor M. McCamley - Sunscreen Dispensers

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to the allocation of funding in the forthcoming Annual Budget for a pilot project to deliver free sunscreen dispensers in places of high footfall, where people are particularly at risk of sun exposure, such as beaches, parks, playgrounds and community sports facilities."

44 Councillor J. Walsh - Provision of Free Sunscreen Dispensers

"That the Chief Executive investigates the provision of free sunscreen dispensers in selected public parks and beaches from 2026 on a pilot basis in conjunction with the HSE."

45 Councillor S. Shovlin - Pilot Project for Sunscreen Dispensers

"That the Chief Executive explores options to deliver free sunscreen dispensers in a number of locations of high footfall as part of a pilot project similar to Cork City Council."

**MOTIONS NON-
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

46 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."

47 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."

48 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."

49 Councillor E. Troy - Presidential Elections in Ireland

“That the Chief Executive and this Council calls on the Government to introduce legislation to facilitate a referendum to allow Irish citizens living in the North of Ireland vote in Presidential Elections.”
