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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, 13th October, 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 8th September 2025
- b Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Presidential Election - Special Meeting held on Friday 12th September 2025

2 Nominations

- a Appointment of seven Members to the Fingal North (DMR North) Local Community Safety Partnership
- b Appointment of seven Members to the Fingal West (DMR West) Local Community Safety Partnership
- c Appointment of one Member to the Dublin & Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board

QUESTIONS

3 Councillor P. Quinlan - Repairs to Social Housing Stock

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of what contractors it employs to carry out repairs of social housing stock and that any contracts between Fingal County Council and the aforementioned be made available to Councillors?"

4 Councillor C. Haughey - Collection of Unpaid Parking Fines

"To ask the Chief Executive what steps the Council takes to collect unpaid parking fines from Council carparks or Pay and Display areas, a news article from March 2025 indicated that 10 drivers owed the Council €56,000 in unpaid fines, has any of this amount been paid back since then, and what is the total amount outstanding in unpaid parking fines currently?"

5 Councillor P. Mulville - Fingal County Council's Beach/Foreshore Byelaws 2006

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the number of Council staff in place who are duly authorised by the Council to administer and enforce the Fingal County Council Beach/Foreshore Byelaws 2006?"

6 Councillor M. Boland - Laughing Gas (Nitrous Oxide) Awareness Campaign

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to liaise with the Local Drugs Task Force with a view to initiating a public awareness campaign on the dangers of using Laughing Gas (Nitrous Oxide) and to request that the Council arrange for awareness posters or signage to be displayed prominently in Council-owned public parks and recreational spaces, given the increasing prevalence of its use in such areas?"

7 Councillor M. Quinn - New Voter Registration Campaigns

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of registration campaigns, particularly in new estates, to ensure that people are registered to vote and to provide a breakdown of areas, by estate, that have been campaigned?"

8 Councillor D. Healy - Taking-in-Charge Process - Design Manual for Roads and Streets/Cycle Design Manual

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the taking-in-charge process includes ensuring that streets and roads are designed and constructed in accordance with the Design Manual for Roads and Streets and/or the Cycle Design Manual?"

9 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Concerns Regarding Antisocial Behaviour, Pallet Stockpiling, and Community Safety in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline a co-ordinated plan to prevent anti-social behaviour and problematic bonfires before and during the event of October 31st, in view of increasing reports of massive stockpiling of pallets and other combustible materials in and around the county ahead of Halloween bonfire night?"

10 Councillor L. Corkery - An Coimisiún Pleanála - Planning Decisions

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the rate at which An Coimisiún Pleanála (formerly An Bord Pleanála) has overturned planning decisions of Fingal County Council in 2023, 2024 and 2025?"

11 Councillor S. Shovlin - Community Climate Action Fingal Grants

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are plans to open applications for the Climate Action Grants in the future, the fund which many Sports Clubs benefitted from in 2024?"

12 Councillor A. Donnelly - Retrofitting of Social Homes Data

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of social homes retrofitted in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 year to date?"

13 Councillor J. Smyth - Sub-standard Solar Panels

"To ask the Chief Executive to detail how many Council owned homes which have solar panels installed and do not meet the technical or safety standards for consideration through the ESB microgeneration connection scheme?"

14 Councillor J. Smyth - Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956 Part III

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956 Part III following on from a question on the February 2025 Council Meeting Agenda, requesting identification of which parts of the county that this Act is enacted, indicating the reasons for and against such an enactment in the various localities?"

15 Councillor H. Redwood - Not-for-Profit Childcare Services within Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive, noting the acutely low level of not-for-profit childcare provision within Fingal area, what scope there is to explore with the Fingal County Childcare Committee measures which would enable the expansion of not-for-profit childcare services within Fingal?"

16 Councillor B. Ryan - Policy Options for Overcrowding in a Council Tenancy

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate whether the building of an extension is a current policy option to be employed by the Council to address overcrowding in a Council tenancy and, if so, what are the circumstances that such an extension would be considered?"

17 Councillor C. Boland - Live Planning Applications in the name of the daa

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of live planning applications in the name of the daa which are under consideration by this Planning Authority?"

18 Councillor J. Humphreys - Carbon Credits from Public Lands

“To ask the Chief Executive, given the commitments in Fingal's Climate Action Plan 2024–2029 to increase carbon sequestration and in the Biodiversity Action Plan 2022–2030 to expand woodland and restore peatlands, if consideration could be given for the Council to examine how these measures could be aligned with EU Regulation (EU) 2024/3012 on the certification of carbon removals, and consider the preparation of a feasibility study so that Fingal is ready to participate in carbon credit schemes and generate revenue from public land once national measures are in place?”

19 Report of Committees

- a Quarterly Reports for the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Meetings
- b Report of Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee (OP&F) Meeting held on Monday 8th September 2025
- c Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 11th September 2025
- d Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 1st October 2025
- e Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 2nd October 2025
- f Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Monday 6th October 2025
- g Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 9th October 2025

20 Financial Matters

- a 3-year Capital Programme

21 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Notice of proposed disposal of land at Clonswords, Ballyboughal, Co. Dublin to Mr John Rodgers

22 Declarations of Roads

- a Glaslinn, Donabate, Co Dublin
- b Taylor Hill Phase 1 & 2 Balbriggan, Co Dublin
- c Greenbrook, Rush, Co Dublin

- 23 Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Proposed Public Play Space Development at Hartstown Park, Dublin 15**
- 24 Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Proposed Public Play Space Development at Hazelbury Park, Dublin 15**
- 25 Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2026 - 2030**
- 26 Draft Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plan**
- 27 Special Speed Limit Bye-Law - Moylaragh Road, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin**
- 28 Community Activities Funding**
- 29 Fingal Arts Plan 2019 - 2025 - Extension**
- 30 Chief Executive's Report**
- 31 Mayor's Business - Councillor T. O'Leary**
- 32 Conference Report**
 - a AILG Autumn Training September to December 2025 Training Brochure 2025 Updated
 - b Irish Planning Institute 50th Anniversary Autumn Planning Conference - 2nd October 2025 - Gibson Hotel
 - c Local Authority Members Association (LAMA) Autumn Seminar - 16th and 17th October 2025 - Amber Springs Hotel, Gorey, Co Wexford
- 33 Correspondence**
 - a Letter dated 12th September 2025 from Carlow County Council - Re: Increase in College Fees and maintain the Grant in the upcoming Budget
 - b Letter dated 18th September 2025 from Kerry County Council - Re: Ban on Vaping in all Workplaces
 - c Letter dated 18th September 2025 from Sligo County Council - Re: Love Sligo Gift Cards

- d Letter dated 25th September 2025 from Roscommon County Council - Re: Development Contribution Wavier Scheme
- e Letter dated 26th September 2025 from Limerick and City County Council - Re: Increased Investment in Counselling and Psychotherapy in Budget 2026

34 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a Letter dated 1st September 2025 from Office of the Taoiseach Re: Items 43 and 44 - Cllr B. McDonagh & Cllr P. Mulville - Occupied Territories Bill - December 2024 Council Meeting

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

35 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."

36 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Youth Services

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

37 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."

38 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."

39 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."

40 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."

41 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 wheelchairs 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."

42 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."

43 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."

44 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%."

45 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."

46 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."

47 Councillor M. Quinn - Signage at Skateparks

"That the Chief Executive make provision across all skateparks in this local authority for the installation of signage to restrict the use of electric scooters."

48 Councillor J. Hopkins - Halloween 2025 Bonfire Prevention

"That the Chief Executive outline the actions taken to prevent the build-up and burning of materials for Halloween such as sanctions against business for keeping bins/trolleys, tyres and pallets secured during the month of October."

49 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Need to Rezone lands for Residential Purposes in Fingal

"That this Council and the Chief Executive, in view of the rising need to increase housing stock in the County give an update on the current residential land bank and outline plans for the rezoning of more prospective lands to 'residential' to meet projected demand, without prejudice to the Development Plan 2023 - 2029."

50 Councillor A. Donnelly - Funding for Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme

"That the Chief Executive write to the Department of Housing to request an increased and multi-annual funding for the local authority Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme, in order to more effectively reach national climate targets and deliver much-needed regeneration to social housing in the area."

51 Councillor D. Healy - 30km/h Speed Limit

"That the Chief Executive initiate the process for applying a 30km/h speed limit in urban areas of Fingal."

52 Councillor L. Corkery - Parking Regulations Near Schools

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to carrying out a review of its existing parking regulations and enforcement measures in housing estates across the county, that are adjacent to schools, to ensure that they are stringent and effective in combatting illegal or dangerous parking, that may block entrances, sightlines for motorists or cause congestion."

**MOTIONS NON-
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53 Councillor C. Boland - Provision of Additional School Bus Connections

"That the Chief Executive write 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."

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."

55 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."

56 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."
