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Swords
Co Dublin

4th November 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, 10th November, 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 13th October 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

QUESTIONS

3 Councillor P. Quinlan - Social Housing Support Recipients in receipt of Housing Assistance Payments (HAP)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide in tabular form, the number of social housing support recipients who are in receipt of a HAP payment from Fingal County Council for the years 2020-2024, showing end of year totals, and the most recent figure available for 2025?"

4 Councillor C. Haughey - Car-Sharing Services in the Fingal Area

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on how much revenue, if any, the Council has generated over the last 3 years from car-sharing service operators in the Fingal area?"

5 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Nature Education Centre in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive, in order to demonstrate confidence with the overall National Climate Action Plan, to provide an update on the implementation of the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030, and the development of a Nature Education Centre in Fingal?"

6 Councillor M. Quinn - Local Authority Home Loan Scheme

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of how many requests have been received by this Local Authority for meetings from prospective applicants for the Local Authority Home Loan Scheme in the last 12 months and to confirm how many of these meetings have taken place?"

7 Councillor J. Humphreys - Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2026-2030- Upgrade Existing Cycle Lanes

"To ask the Chief Executive if development contributions in the new Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2026-2030, can be used to upgrade existing cycle lanes where the works amount to a substantial improvement, for example, widening, segregation or full reconstruction to current standards and, if so, whether the Executive will look at prioritising such upgrades?"

8 Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Pilot Project in a Regional Park

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the pilot project to light up a park that was passed at the January Council Meeting, Minute No. F/36/25?"

9 Councillor J. Walsh - Guidelines for Pet Ownership in Social and Affordable Housing

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details if there are any guidelines in place for housing agencies operating in the Fingal County Council area to facilitate pet ownership in social and affordable housing?"

10 Councillor L. Corkery - Fingal Litter Management Plan 2025-2028

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a comprehensive report on the number of cases of illegal dumping reported, the average turnaround time between a case of illegal dumping being reported and the waste being removed; the number of reports to An Garda Síochána of litter offenders to date since the approval of the Fingal Litter Management Plan 2025-2028?"

11 Councillor J. Smyth - Compost/Mulch Facilities

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of what the estimated costs would be for compost/mulch facilities to be developed at the major Fingal recycling centres or appropriate related sites?"

12 Councillor B. Ryan - Disposing of Household Rubbish in Public Bins

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline any legal impediments to someone disposing of household rubbish in public bins?"

13 Report of Committees

- a Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Tuesday 21st October 2025
- b Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2025
- c Report of Howth Malahide Area Committee Meeting Services B held on Wednesday 5th November 2025
- d Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 6th November 2025

14 Financial Matters

- a Overdraft Facility Renewal 2026

15 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Notice of Proposed Lease of Land at Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin to Donabate Golf Club CLG., Balcarrick, Co. Dublin
- b Proposed disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

16 Declarations of Roads

- a Grey's Lane, Howth, Co Dublin

17 Draft Old School House Masterplan, Clonsilla

18 Chief Executive's Report

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

- a **Councillor T. O'Leary - Civic Reception - Swords Community Person**

"That the Chief Executive hosts a civic reception, as per the motion passed at the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting of Thursday 9th October, to honour and thank Bernie Marks for her invaluable work over many years in preserving local history along with her work in genealogy services and celebrate her long service to the Swords Community."

20 Conference Report

- a Irish Energy District Annual Conference (IrDEA), 13th November 2025, Raddison Blu Hotel, Dublin 8

21 Correspondence

- a Letter dated 9th October 2025 from Monaghan Co County - Re: Nursing Homes and Care Facilities for the Elderly
- b Letter dated 16th October 2025 from Galway City Council - Re: Extension of Free Fares for Under-9s to Commercial Bus Operators
- c Letter dated 22nd October 2025 from Wexford County Council - Re: Inheritance Tax
- d Letter dated 22nd October 2025 from Wexford County Council Re- Stout's Law

22 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a Email received 7th October 2025 from Minister of Health's office - Re: Item 26a - Cllr B. McDonagh - WHO Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and other Neurological conditions February 25 Council Meeting

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

23 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."

24 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Youth Services

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

25 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."

26 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."

27 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."

28 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."

29 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."

30 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."

31 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."

32 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%."

33 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."

34 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."

35 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."

36 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."

37 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."

38 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."

39 Councillor J. Hopkins - A List of Primary Schools with School Wardens

"That the Chief Executive provide in tabular form a list of all primary schools in the Fingal area and state whether or not they have a school warden and the criteria for assigning same."

40 Councillor D.J. Kelly - Installation of CCTV Cameras

"That the Chief Executive arrange to have CCTV cameras installed in areas known for anti-social behaviour in the Fingal area, as a deterrent, due to the rise in anti-social behaviour."

41 Councillor J. Walsh - Pet ownership in Social and Affordable Housing

"That the Chief Executive ensures that guidelines are put in place for housing agencies and/or approved housing bodies operating in the Fingal County Council area in respect of pet ownership across social and affordable housing to alleviate pet surrenders for incoming tenants, and the resulting stress caused to tenants and their pets."

**MOTIONS NON-
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

42 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."

43 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."

44 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."
