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Swords
Co Dublin

2nd December 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 December, 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 of Council Meeting and Budget Meeting

- a Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 10th November 2025
- b Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Budget Meeting held on Tuesday 18th November 2025

2 Nominations

- a Appointment of Members to positions - Innovate Fingal
- b Appointment of one Member to the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Political Advisory Board
- c Appointment of one Member to the Airport Regions Council (ARC)

QUESTIONS

3 Councillor P. Quinlan - Irish Refugee Protection Programme

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number of housing support allocations made to refugees, resettled under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme, by Fingal County Council, either directly or through Approved Housing Bodies, in recent years, including any statistics and details on such allocations, and specific initiatives or partnerships that support refugee resettlement in Fingal?"

4 Councillor J. Walsh - Inactive Planning Permissions

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline, in tabular format, the total number of dwellings, including houses and apartments, not yet commenced on sites which have full planning permission but are inactive in each year since 2019; the number of inactive planning permissions across both residential and mixed-use developments and to provide a list of current inactive sites of ten dwellings or more?"

5 Councillor JK Onwumereh- National Speed Limit Implementation

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the implementation of the National Speed Limit that was scheduled to be completed by the 30th June 2025; and to confirm if there are areas or roads not covered, and if so, why?"

6 Councillor D. Healy - "Greener by Default" Catering

"To ask the Chief Executive what catering contracts have been entered into by the Council over the last twelve months, and to what degree these contracts have followed the "Greener by Default" model recommended by the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee, as well as what contracts for catering are expected to be initiated or reviewed in the next 12 months and what is planned as regards the "Greener by Default" model in those contracts?"

7 Councillor C. Haughey - Fingal Reusable Cup Project

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Fingal Reusable Cup Project, trialled in Malahide and Rush and to advise if the project has been a success, detailing how many businesses are taking part, will it be rolled out elsewhere and if the Council has had engagement with the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment on a levy on single-use cups, while also acknowledging the first Cup Project nationally, in Killarney, has lost most participating businesses?"

8 Councillor H. Redwood - Fingal Harriers

"To ask the Chief Executive, noting that Fingal Harriers hosted the Equestrian Event at Flavours of Fingal 2025, which clearly runs contrary to the spirit of the motion passed at the May 2025 Council meeting to ban fox-hunting on all council-owned land in Fingal, whether the Council intends to invite Fingal Harriers to host the Equestrian Event at Flavour of Fingal 2026 and to dissociate itself from Fingal Harriers and fox-hunting, in general, for all Council run events going forward?"

9 Councillor M. Boland - Defective Block Grant Scheme

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update, in tabular form, on the number of houses in Fingal that have been confirmed as being impacted by defective blocks, together with the number of properties currently awaiting test results, and to confirm whether Fingal County Council has now been approved for inclusion in the Defective Block Grant Scheme and, if not, what steps are being taken to be included in this scheme?"

10 Councillor L. Corkery - Revised Housing Targets

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for the expected statutory process regarding the forthcoming variation arising from Ministerial Guidelines instructing Local Authorities to update housing targets in line with the revised National Planning Framework?"

11 Councillor J. Smyth - Garda Clearance time frame in relation to Social Housing and HAP Applications

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what is the average length of time for garda clearance; anti-social behaviour assessments, in relation to social housing and housing assistance payments (HAP) applications to be completed?"

12 Councillor B. Ryan - Differential Rent Scheme

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number of Council tenants and HAP tenants that will be subject to rent increases as a result of the proposed changes to the Differential Rent Scheme, based on current numbers?"

13 Report of Committees

- a Report of Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee (OP&F) Meeting held on Monday 11th November 2025
- b Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13th November 2025
- c Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Monday 17th November 2025
- d Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 4th December 2025

14 Financial Matters

- a Audit Report

15 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Notice of proposed disposal of land at Skerries Community Centre, Thomas Hand Street, Skerries, Co. Dublin to Gas Networks Ireland, P.O. Box 51, Gasworks Road, Cork
- b Notice of proposed disposal of land at Clonard Road, Flemington, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to Phoenix Tower Ireland III Limited, Suite 311, Q House, Furze Road, Sandyford Industrial Estate, Dublin 18
- c Notice of proposed lease of land at Balheary Road, Swords, Co. Dublin to Swords Celtic Football Club, Balheary Road, Swords, Co. Dublin
- d Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

16 Declarations of Roads

- a Kinsealy Woods, Chapel Road, Kinsealy, Co Dublin
- b St. Marnock's Bay, Phase 1B (Dún Sí), Portmarnock, Co Dublin
- c Clonross, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15

17 Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2026-2030

18 Chief Executive's Report on the 'National Planning Framework (NPF) Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements' Guidelines

19 Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan 2026

20 Chief Executive's Report

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

22 Conference Report

23 Correspondence

- a Letters dated 2nd November 2025 from Kerry County Council Re - Minister for Public Expenditure - End Discrimination of Inheritance Campaign
- b Letter dated 4th November 2025 from Donegal County Council Re - Emergency Household Response Pack
- c Letter dated 13th November 2025 from Clare County Council Re - European Union Single Common Fund

- d Letter dated 13th November 2025 from Leitrim County Council
Re - Alternative pathway for students to the Leaving Certificate Programme
- e Letter dated 20th November 2025 from Wexford County Council
Re - Industrial and Reformatory Schools

24 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

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 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."

40 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."

41 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Garda Vetting Procedure for Housing Applicants

"That the Chief Executive write to An Garda Síochána regarding the procedure of Garda Vetting/clearance for housing applicants, as there are long delays processing applications."

42 Councillor J. Hopkins - Claims Relating to Trips and Falls on Footpaths

"That the Chief Executive provide details regarding claims from the public for trips and falls on footpaths and the amount paid in public liability and what increase, if any, to premiums."

43 Councillor M. Boland - Crèche or Childcare Facility in all Part 8 Housing Developments

"That the Chief Executive takes into consideration that in all Part 8 housing developments where a crèche or childcare facility is proposed, it shall be a condition of the planning permission, that the developer must ensure the facility is fully operational and a qualified operator is secured, prior to the occupation of residential units, and that this requirement shall be incorporated into the planning conditions and enforced through phased development or occupancy restrictions to ensure that childcare infrastructure is delivered in tandem with housing and not deferred or omitted post-construction."

**MOTIONS NON-
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS****44 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."

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."
