

**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management
Strategic Policy Committee

Tuesday, 9th December, 2025

PRESENT

Councillor Darragh Butler
Councillor Joan Hopkins

Councillor Corina Johnston
Councillor Malachy Quinn

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Darren Jack Kelly, and Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

The Chairperson, Councillor Darragh Butler, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mary T Daly (Director of Operations), Vanessa Carey (Senior Executive Officer, Operations), Aine Donlan Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer, Operations), Karen Gallagher (Senior Engineer, Operations), Sinead Murphy (Senior Engineer, Active Travel), Larry Bergin (Senior Executive Engineer, Active travel), Deirdre Sinclair (Administrative Officer, Operations), Barbara Ryan (Senior Staff Officer, Operations Department), Conor Sheehan (A/Senior Staff Officer, Operations), Cormac Farrell (Assistant Staff Officer).

TSPC/45/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

**Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Public Realm,
Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee meeting
held on Monday 22nd September 2025**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Quinn and seconded by Councillor D. Butler and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management SPC Meeting held on the 22nd September 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**"

TSPC/46/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Draft Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws for Recommendation to Corporate Policy Group

A presentation was given to the Committee by Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, on the Review of Parking Bye-Laws.

Following discussion, the Committee **AGREED** the presentation.

TSPC/47/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Fingal County Council Road Safety Plan 2025-2027

A presentation was given to the Committee by Larry Bergin, Senior Executive Engineer, providing an update on the Fingal County Council Road Safety Plan 2025-2027.

Following discussion and questions the Committee **NOTED** the presentation.

TSPC/48/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Public Street Benches - AI105205

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Hopkins was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins seconded by Councillor D. Butler.

Motion:

"That the Chief Executive review the policy relating to public benches for streets in towns and villages in Fingal, in recognition that benches contribute to urban comfort by offering respite for pedestrians as such, the policy should commit to a minimum number of street benches per kilometre."

Report:

The Operations Department presents its proposed Annual Programme of Works for consideration by the Elected Members at their respective Area Committee Meetings at the start of every year. The extent of the Programme is determined by the allocation of funding made by the members at the Council's Annual Budget Meeting and taking into consideration staff resources available.

Each Operational Area has capacity within their respective Programme of Works to consider the provision of public seating benches when requested and do so in an ad hoc manner. All requests received for the provision of public benches are individually assessed to ensure that the location in the first instance is suitable for the installation of a bench and that it is in an area that would benefit the wider community. The majority of requests can usually be accommodated successfully.

The Council have no plans to develop a policy in relation to the provision of public seating benches as the matter is specific to individual requests and subject to budgetary and resource restrictions, and as such does not require the development of an overarching policy.

Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the report

TSPC/49/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

M. Lenehan - Visibility and Prioritisation of Footpath Remediation Works in Fingal

It was **AGREED** to **DEFERE** this item.

The Meeting concluded at 5:45pm.

CHAIRPERSON

DATED