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Thursday, 21st August 2025

**To Each Member of the
Community, Sports and Culture Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)**

Dear Member

A meeting of the **Community, Sports and Culture Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)** will be held **Hybrid** in the **Council Chamber - Grove Road, Blanchardstown/MS Teams** at **4.30 pm** on **Thursday, 18th September, 2025** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services

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A G E N D A

- 1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Community, Sports and Culture Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on Wednesday 25th June 2025**
- 2 Fingal Libraries Update**
- 3 Fingal Arts Plan 2019 - 2025**
- 4 Fingal Heritage Plan 2024 - 2030**
- 5 Community Activities Funding**

MOTIONS

- 6 Councillor J. Humphreys - Replacement and Upgrade of Sports Facility Audit**

“That this Committee recommends to the full Council that the Chief Executive begin the process of replacing the current Sports Facilities Audit, the new audit should take a broader view covering not just outdoor pitches, but also swimming facilities, indoor sports and wider community recreational infrastructure, this work should be completed in advance of the next County Development Plan, so that zoning, land use and investment decisions are based on a proper evidence base that reflects where the Council is at now, and where it is going, the updated audit should:

1) Move away from UK-based benchmarks like Fields in Trust, which are not part of WHO or EU planning frameworks and do not reflect modern thinking around inclusion, accessibility or long-term public need;

2) Look to European planning models, where infrastructure is planned over 25–50 years and access is what is measured;

3) Include real indicators of pressure, such as waiting lists, club oversubscription, changing demographics and access gaps for particular age groups or communities;

4) Recognise public access to swimming and indoor sport are essential;

5) Support the planning of integrated, multi-use community spaces, as set out in Fingal's Culture & Creativity Strategy and Active Together plan;

6) Identify and protect sites for future facilities, particularly in high-growth areas where infrastructure is already struggling to keep pace.”
