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**To Each Member of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area
Committee (Services B - Strategic and General Matters)**

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B - Strategic and General Matters)** will be held Hybrid in the **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords/MS Teams** on **Thursday, 11th September, 2025** on conclusion of the Services A to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

**Ciara O hAodha
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A G E N D A

- 1 **Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 12th of June 2025.**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Schools - Donabate - AI103222**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on discussions, if any, with the Department of Education regarding the provision of primary and secondary schools in Donabate and to include a timeline for the delivery of same?"

- 3 **Councillor C. Johnston - Public Consultation on the Hearse Road to Lissenhall Upgrade Project - AI103949**

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the public consultation will commence on the much-needed Hearse Road to Lissenhall upgrade given the fast-growing population of the area and the safety concerns of locals?"

- 4 **Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Playground - Oldtown - AI103950**

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if a site has been identified for a much-needed playground in Oldtown?"

- 5 **Councillor C. Johnston - Commencement date for Naul Village Park Project - AI103951**

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the Naul Village Park project works will commence and to provide a timeline for the completion of this project?"

- 6 **Councillor C. Johnston - Update on the Ballymastone Recreational Hub - Donabate - AI103952**

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the tender for the Ballymastone Recreational Hub in Donabate will be awarded and to provide a timeline of when works will commence and the project completed?"

7 Councillor C. Johnston - Update on the St. Ita's Hospital Site - Portrane - AI103953

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if a consultant has been appointed to review and update the feasibility study prepared for the St. Ita's Campus in 2013 and when this review will be completed?"

8 Councillor C. Johnston - Report on Public and Private Childcare Services in this LEA - AI103955

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of Public and Private Childcare Services in this Local Electoral Area and to include the number of Private and Public Childcare Services operating out of premises funded by, or owned by, the Council?"

9 Councillor C. Johnston - Report on Active Travel Projects - Donabate - AI103956

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on Active Travel Projects for the Donabate Peninsula and to include a timeline for the delivery of these projects?"

10 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Indoor Community Facility - Ballymastone, Donabate - AI104008

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the inclusion of a community facility in the preparation of the planning application for Phase 3 of Ballymastone given the shortfall of indoor community facilities for community groups in the area and the needs of the additional residents of 2,500 homes in Ballymastone and Corballis East areas?"

11 Councillor P. Mulville - Choice Based Letting Properties in this LEA - AI103254

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the Members of this Committee to be notified by e-mail of the available Choice Based Letting properties on a weekly basis to ensure that details of such properties can be easily shared with local housing applicants?"

12 Councillor P. Mulville - Housing Welfare Officer/Social Worker Public Drop-in Clinics in this LEA - AI103256

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the Housing Welfare Officer/Social Worker public drop-in clinics ceased to function at

locations across the Balbriggan/Rush–Lusk/Swords area as these were operational in Balbriggan and Swords under the former Dublin County Council and continued to operate under Fingal County Council?”

13 Councillor P. Mulville - Climate Action Plan Flood Defence - AI103534

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Climate Action Plan Flood Defence Action F10?”

14 Councillor P. Mulville - Update on the Donabate Framework Plan 2024 - AI103651

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the current position regarding the five key projects outlined in the Donabate Framework Plan 2024, as set out below, in particular whether there has been engagement with relevant property owners as to how the projects can be progressed and potential funding streams available?”

- Donabate Village Green;
- New Square at St. Patrick’s R.C. Church;
- The Hand Pocket Park;
- Educate Together Recreational Area; and
- Donabate Portrane Community Centre Public Space.

15 Councillor P. Mulville - Wren’s Hill, Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI103721

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise of ongoing Estate Management concerns being raised by Oaklee tenants living in Wren’s Hill, Turvey Avenue, Donabate, in particular in relation to lifts being out of order, unauthorised access to the car park and the common areas, where there has been constant instances of vandalism, loitering, lighting of fires and consumption of alcohol and illegal substances and to advise what steps are being taken by Oaklee to address same?”

16 Councillor P. Mulville - Community Based, Not-For-Profit Childcare Services in this LEA - AI104059

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the current number of community based, not-for-profit childcare services in this Local Electoral Area and if the Council has any function in encouraging the further, increased provision of same?”

17 Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Improvement to Portrane Cliff Walk - AI104060

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the planned improvement works for the Portrane cliff walk and if any timeline is available for the works to commence?"

18 Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Beresford/Beverton Estates Pedestrian Link - AI104062

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there is any progress on the provision of a much needed pedestrian/cycle link from Beresford Estate into Beverton Estate, Donabate from the newest north-eastern end of Beresford?"

19 Councillor L. Corkery - South Bank Vacant Homes - AI103881

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Council intends to acquire (details supplied) South Bank, Swords which have been vacant since 2024 and to set out a timeline for when these homes will become part of the housing stock?"

20 Councillor L. Corkery - Taking-in-Charge - Castlevue Laneways - Swords - AI103882

"To ask the Chief Executive if the various laneways between cul-de-sacs in Castlevue Estate, Swords (which are primarily intended for facilitating bin collection and rear access to homes) meet the criteria for taking-in-charge?"

21 Councillor J. Smyth - Design Issues - St. Cronan's Well Estate, Swords - AI103896

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on what actions residents of St. Cronan's Well Estate can take in order to rectify the poor design issues relating to the layout of the trees on numerous roads, although they are located as per plans, the current site of numerous trees have made many residents driveways virtually redundant?"

22 Councillor J. Smyth - Ward River Valley Regional Park Plans - AI103898

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if further public consultation will be sought in relation to the plans once developed for the Ward River

Regional Park and the associated sports hub?"

23 Councillor J. Smyth - Update on New Location for Swords Historical Society - AI103901

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the relocation of the Swords Historical Society to an appropriate location in light of their current lease coming to an end?"

24 Councillor J. Smyth - Child Care Facility Provision in this LEA - AI103903

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise how many childcare facilities, in this Local Electoral Area, which were constructed as part of requirements for planning permissions associated with new housing developments in the past 10 years, are currently unoccupied?"

25 Councillor G. Maguire - Update and Timeline for Swimming Pool - Castlelands, Balbriggan - AI103936

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update and timeline for the provision of the swimming pool in Balbriggan?"

26 Councillor G. Maguire - Update on the Bath House - Martello - Balbriggan - AI103939

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the completion of works at the Bath House beside Martello Tower?"

27 Councillor B. Ryan - Progress Report on Swimming Pool - Castlelands, Balbriggan - AI103970

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the delivery of the swimming pool at Castlelands, Balbriggan?"

28 Councillor B. Ryan - Balbriggan Youth Creation Spaces - AI103971

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any expenditure of the €50K budgeted for this year on Balbriggan Youth Creation Spaces under the Capital Programme?"

29 Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Footpath between Loughshinny and Skerries - AI103972

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the scoping exercise for a possible footpath between Loughshinny and Skerries?"

30 Councillor B. Ryan - Update on the Opening of New Skerries Library - AI103973

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an accurate date for the opening of the new Skerries Library and to outline the possible Community uses for the space given the room availability in the new facility?"

31 Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - The Forge Estate, Lusk - AI103987

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of The Forge Estate, Lusk and to provide a list of outstanding items to be completed prior to taking in charge?"

32 Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - Rahenny Park Estate, Lusk - AI103989

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Rahenny Park Estate, Lusk and to provide a list of outstanding items to be completed prior to taking in charge?"

33 Councillor M. Boland - Update on Brookfield Residents Association Requests - Rush - AI103990

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Brookfield Residents Association in Rush, to include the status of any proposals or requests made by the association, in particular their calls for a review of access arrangements to the Aster Park site?"

34 Councillor M. Boland - Update on the Outer Rogerstown Estuary Masterplan - AI103992

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress of the Outer Rogerstown Estuary Masterplan and whether the Council has received an indication from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as to when they may have the masterplan evaluated and approved for works to continue?"

35 Councillor C. Boland - Report on Capital Projects in this LEA - AI103997

"To ask the Chief Executive present a report on the status of the Council's major Capital Projects as they relate to this Committee's

Local Electoral Area.”

36 Councillor C. Boland - Update on Road Safety Measures - Blake's Cross Junction - AI104002

“To ask the Chief Executive to present a report on the delivery of enhanced road safety measures at and around the Blake’s Cross Junction?”

37 Councillor C. Boland - Housing Stock and Housing Demand in this LEA - AI104010

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the anticipated number of housing units which will become available to this Housing Authority in the course of the year and the numbers currently on the applicant lists in this Committee’s Area?”

38 Councillor D. Kelly - New Bridge - Bridge Street Swords - AI103999

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are plans for a new bridge to be erected on the Health Centre side of Bridge Street Swords as part of the planned works?”

39 Councillor D. Mulligan - Report on Tenant-in-Situ in this LEA - AI104016

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on how many Tenant-in-Situ applications have been approved in this Local Electoral Area so far this year?”

40 Councillor D. Mulligan - Report on Social Housing List in this LEA - AI104017

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on how many applications have been approved and how many people have been allocated social housing and successfully removed from the waiting list in this Local Electoral Area so far this year?”

41 Councillor D. Mulligan - Bulk Purchase of Homes in this LEA - AI104018

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise, when planning applications for more than 50 housing units are approved within this Local Electoral Area, if the Council is notified if the homes are not intended for open-market sale but are instead being acquired in bulk by funds,

businesses, or consortiums?"

42 Councillor D. Mulligan - Notification of Bulk Housing Stock Purchases - AI104019

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given, while respecting GDPR, to ensure that the Councillors are informed of bulk purchases of new build housing stock and when these homes will not be made available for general sale?"

43 Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on the Western Distributor Road - Swords - AI104020

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Western Distributor Road particularly in relation to preferred route options?"

44 Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on Swords Cricket Club - AI104021

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on whether the Sports Department has made any progress in providing land or an area to facilitate the expansion of Swords Cricket Club, currently training and playing outside of Swords, and if any suitable public open spaces within the Swords area has been identified for the club's use?"

45 Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on Traffic Management and Infrastructure in this LEA - AI104023

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the timeline for planned infrastructure works in this Local Electoral Area, such as the R132 connectivity project, the Estuary Park and Ride, investigative works for the Metro and the reopening of Seatown Road, and to outline the estimated timelines for these and other agreed projects so that Councillors and the public can be informed of expected progress, delays, and travel management measures?"

46 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Road Safety Reviews - Oldtown - AI104026

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any further road safety reviews on the road networks into Oldtown, particularly near the primary school (e.g. addition of further speed signage as a traffic calming measure)?"

47 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Blake's Cross Junction Upgrade Project - AI104027

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Blake's Cross junction upgrade project and what stage this project is currently at, including an approximate time for completion of the project?"

48 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Naul Village Park - AI104031

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the approximate timeline for completion of the Naul Village Park, including the playground area within this park?"

49 Councillor E. Dockrell - Report on Minister's Road - Lusk - AI104032

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any plans/proposals being worked on to make Minister's Road safer for pedestrians who walk this road to the R132, given the increase in population due to the new housing developments?"

50 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Knockdromin House Study - AI104033

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the study that was carried out on Knockdromin House earlier this year?"

51 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on St. Ita's Campus - Portrane - AI104034

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Council's engagement with the HSE regarding acquiring/leasing any of the lands on St. Ita's Campus?"

52 Councillor E. Dockrell - Arts Trail for Rush - AI104037

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide an Arts Trail for Rush and to liaise with Rush Tourism on implementing this trail?"

53 Councillor T. Murphy - Incomplete Fencing - Balbriggan Beach - AI104040

"To ask Chief Executive to advise when the chestnut fencing will be installed around the marram grass on Balbriggan beach?"

54 Councillor T. Murphy - Bremore Regional Park - Balbriggan - AI104042

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the €8 million required to deliver the Bremore Regional Park development will be ringfenced from development levies, given the significant amount of levies currently being collected from Glenveagh and other developers in the Balbriggan area?"

55 Councillor T. Murphy - Update on Boat and Bath House - Balbriggan - AI104045

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the completion date for the Boat and Bath House at Martello Tower, Balbriggan which has been identified for use by the rowing club and the scouts and funded by Urban Regional Development Fund (URDF) in the "Our Balbriggan" rejuvenation plan?"

56 Councillor J. Humphreys - Broadmeadow Community National School - AI104057

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to work with Broadmeadow Community National School to identify and implement measures, such as safe designated set-down points and a walking bus location, under the Safe Routes to School approach in order to ease congestion and improve safety for pupils and parents at drop-off and collection times?"

57 Councillor J. Humphreys - Access Route at Swords Community College - AI104061

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the Council to urgently engage with Glenveagh Homes, the Department of Education and the school authorities to address the safety risks created by the single shared access route at Swords Community College which is currently being used by construction traffic, students, parents and school buses?"

58 Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Phase 2 of Mooretown Development - AI104063

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the delivery timeline for Mooretown (Baile na Móna) Phase 2 and to confirm whether the provision of a safe pedestrian and cycling access route to

Swords Community College will be included as part of the next phase of development?"

59 Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Taking in Charge - Comyn Manor - Swords - AI104065

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge process for Comyn Manor, which is currently listed as "waiting for documents," and to outline the expected next steps and timeline for completion?"

60 Councillor J. Humphreys - Report on Swords Cultural Quarter - AI104069

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the Swords Cultural Quarter project, including progress on the new library and cultural centre building, the public realm works and the overall programme timeline?"

61 Applications for Funding

a Applications for Sports Funding

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62 Proposed Disposals

a Notice of Proposed Disposal of Land at Clonswords, Ballyboughal, Co. Dublin to Mr. John Rodgers

b Notice of Proposed Lease of Land at Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin to Donabate Golf Club CLG

GENERAL BUSINESS

63 Correspondence

a Letter dated 3rd December 2024 from Irish Rail regarding Councillor P. Mulville - Motion - Need for Platform Shelter on the Drogheda Bound Platform at Donabate Railway Station - AI098922

- b Letter dated 23rd June 2025 from Dublin City Council regarding Councillor D. Butler, Councillor D. Mulligan and Councillor J. Newman - Motion - Santry - DCC and Fingal Working Group - AI097030**
- c Letter dated 7th July 2025 from NTA regarding Councillor J. Humphreys - Motion - Public Transport in this LEA - AI098320**
- d Letter dated 8th July 2025 from Local Link regarding Councillor D. Kelly - Motion - Additional Direct Bus Service to Beaumont Hospital from Swords - AI098629**
- e E-mail dated 16th July 2025 from Uisce Éireann regarding Councillor C. Boland - Motion - Waste Water Treatment Services to Rural Villages in this LEA**
- f E-mail dated 28th August 2025 from Uisce Éireann regarding Councillor C. Johnston - Motion - Meeting to Discuss Connection of Corballis Residents to Donabate/Portrane Foul Water Scheme - AI102550**

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

64 Councillor L. Corkery - Old Brackenstown Road Access Strategy - AI103765

"That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to liaise with local councillors to develop and implement a revised access strategy for the Old Brackenstown Road entrance to the Ward River Valley Regional Park, in consultation with residents, including consideration of a pedestrian path along the tree verge inside the green space, whilst creating pedestrian access in line with the proposal at the entrance/exit adjacent to the roundabout."

MOTIONS

65 Councillor L. Corkery - Invitation to MetroLink - AI102979

"That the Chief Executive extend an invitation to Mr. Sean Sweeney, Programme Director at MetroLink, to deliver an in-person presentation to this Area Committee on the progress of the project since his appointment and to engage with Elected Members."

66 Councillor D. Mulligan - Invitation to Approved Housing Bodies in the LEA - AI103233

"That the Chief Executive invite all Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs), with more than 50 properties within this Local Electoral Area, to meet with local representatives to discuss their role and establish clear

communication channels with Elected Members.”

67 Councillor E. Dockrell - Request for In-Person Meeting with HSE Regarding Status of St. Ita's Campus - AI102467

“That the Chief Executive write to the HSE to request an in-person meeting in October for the five Councillors in the Rush-Lusk Electoral Area to be updated by HSE representatives on the status of the new masterplan for St. Ita’s Campus.”

68 Councillor P. Mulville - Long Delayed Footpath at Cobbe Court, Donabate - AI102498

“That this Area Committee expresses its severe disappointment that the footpath along the Portrane Road at Cobbe Court, Donabate has still not been provided by Tuath Housing and the developer, Castlerock and calls on them to take immediate action to resolve this issue given the ongoing and unacceptable delay.”

69 Councillor J. Smyth - Rates of Illegal Dumping in this LEA for 2025 - AI103144

“That the Chief Executive provide a report highlighting the incident rates of illegal dumping/fly tipping that have occurred in this Local Electoral Area since the beginning of this year, comparing these rates to the same time period in 2024.”

70 Councillor D. Butler - Statue for Saint Colmcille (St. Columba) in Swords - AI103383

“That this Committee supports the commission of a statue of Saint Colmcille (Saint Columba) for Swords, along with information boards and tourist information, ideally on the green space between St. Colmcille’s Well and St. Columba’s Church of Ireland.”

71 Councillor M. Boland - Meeting Between the Council and Iarnród Éireann - Irish Rail and the NTA - AI103995

“That the Chief Executive write a letter requesting to co-ordinate a meeting between the Council, Iarnród Éireann - Irish Rail and the National Transport Authority in order to investigate improving the design of the entrance to the Rush side of the Rush and Lusk train station, as the entrance to the train station is concealed with slopes on either side of the entrance, making visibility difficult for motorists

entering and exiting the station and for pedestrians who are accessing the station adjacent to moving vehicles with no designated safe pathway and if the three agencies could co-ordinate to produce a design to make both vehicular access and egress from the station and pedestrian access to the station safer."

72 Councillor C. Boland - Report on Naul Playground - AI103996

"That the Chief Executive present a progress report following the awarding of a contract for the delivery of the long-awaited Naul playground, to advise what hours the contractor is working onsite and the expected completion date of the project."

73 Councillor D. Kelly - Glasmore ESB Substation - AI104003

"That the Chief Executive write a letter to the ESB to request they tidy up Glasmore substation on the Rathbeale Road in order to make it less of an eyesore and to plant trees where feasible."

74 Councillor J. Newman - Update on Swords Local Area Plan - AI104011

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on the status of the Local Area Plan for Swords, as directed by the Office of the Planning Regulator, during the 2023/2024 Development Plan and indicate when it will commence."

75 Councillor J. Humphreys - Public Consultation for the Naming of the New Library - Swords Cultural Quarter - AI104070

"That the Chief Executive undertake a public consultation process for the naming of the new library within the Swords Cultural Quarter to ensure that the chosen name reflects and engages with the community it will serve."

76 Councillor J. Smyth - Averting Traffic Chaos for Swords - AI103147

"That the Chief Executive defers any aspect of the R132 connectivity project which involves alterations to use of its lanes (e.g. reducing the number of lanes which can be used by private vehicles) until such time that the Metro project construction commences, this is in light of announcements made by the Minister of Transport of the increased costs and delays to the Metro project which could jeopardise its completion."

77 Councillor E. Dockrell - Feasibility Study to Extend the Community Centre - Donabate - AI103673

"That this Council gives consideration to carrying out a comprehensive feasibility study on the potential to extend the Community Centre in Donabate and that an amount is allocated in the Capital Programme to cover the cost of this study."

78 Councillor J. Newman - Swords Historical Society - AI104012

"That the Chief Executive indicates if the Council intends to provide alternative suitable accommodation for the Swords Historical Society."
