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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** at **2.00 pm** on **Thursday, 9th October, 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 Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday the 11th of September 2025**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Phase 2 of Donabate Distributor Road - AI104038**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project to improve access to Donabate and Portrane from the M1-Lissenhall Interchange for all road users?"

- 3 **Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Nature Education Centre - Turvey Park - AI104577**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the development of a Nature Education Centre at Turvey Park, as laid out as an action in the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2022 – 2030 and a timeline for completion of this project?"

- 4 **Councillor E. Dockrell - Installation of School Safety Measures - Naul National School - AI104584**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of pencil bollards outside Naul National School and specialised road markings in front of the school, which would indicate to ongoing traffic that they are approaching a school and should drive with caution?"

- 5 **Councillor E. Dockrell - Converting Rush Library to a "My Open Library" - AI104588**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any plans to convert Rush Library into a "My Open Library", similar to other libraries in Fingal?"

- 6 **Councillor E. Dockrell - Increase Visits of Mobile Library - Lusk - AI104589**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to increasing the number of occasions that the mobile library visits Lusk?"

7 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Wildlife, Education and Rehabilitation Centre - Turvey Nature Reserve, Donabate - AI104334

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the provision of a Wildlife, Education and Rehabilitation Centre at Turvey Nature Reserve, Donabate which is an objective in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and Fingal Biodiversity Plan 2022-2030?"

8 Councillor C. Johnston - Healthy Steps Community Walk - Newbridge Demesne, Donabate - AI104534

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to extend the Healthy Steps Community Walk organised by Healthy Fingal, over the autumn and winter period at Newbridge Demesne, given the numbers attending this weekly walk and the positive impact on the physical and mental health of participants?"

9 Councillor C. Johnston - Safe Routes to School - Donabate/Portrane Educate Together - AI104537

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the implementation of the Safe Routes to School at Donabate/Portrane Educate Together National School and to include a timeline for the delivery of this project?"

10 Councillor C. Johnston - Report on Trial One-Way System - Ballisk, Donabate - AI104539

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the recent trial of the one-way system in Ballisk, Donabate, undertaken by the Active Travel Department and to outline if any further measures were identified during this trial?"

11 Councillor C. Johnston - Progress Report on the Portrane Road Enhancement Scheme - AI104540

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the Portrane Road Enhancement Scheme and to include a timeline for the commencement and completion of this project?"

12 Councillor C. Johnston - Taking in Charge - Weston Park Estate, Oldtown - AI104548

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the taking in charge of the Weston Park Estate, Oldtown, detailing a timeline for the

commencement of the outstanding works in the estate?"

13 Councillor C. Johnston - Progress Report on the Turvey Loop Walk/Cycle Way - Donabate - AI104549

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the Turvey Loop Walk/Cycle Way project including details of the proposed route and timeline for delivery of this project which is an objective in the Donabate Local Area Plan?"

14 Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Castle Mill Link Road, Balbriggan - AI104486

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the maintenance of the Castle Mill Link Road in Balbriggan including who is responsible for the upkeep of the grass verges, kerbs and cycle lanes at this location?"

15 Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Taking in Charge of New Haven Court, Flemington Lane, Balbriggan - AI104490

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the status of New Haven Court, Balbriggan and if it has been taken in charge by the Council?"

16 Councillor M. Quinn - Report on Abandoned Vehicles in this LEA - AI104562

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of abandoned vehicles lifted in this Local Electoral Area over the last 12 months and to advise if abandoned vehicles remain an issue locally, including whether any increase or other trend has been identified?"

17 Councillor J. Smyth - Tenant Actions regarding Mould and Damp Issues - AI104499

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on what actions Council tenants in this Local Electoral Area can take in instances when their homes are experiencing persistent issues with damp and mould?"

18 Councillor J. Smyth - Updated Road Safety Assessment - Applewood Community Centre, Swords - AI104500

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for an

updated road safety assessment/audit to be carried out on the stretch of road adjacent to Applewood Community Centre in light of safety concerns of parents and the requirement for an additional signalled crossing at this location?"

19 Councillor J. Smyth - Update on Tenant-in-Situ Scheme in LEA - AI104502

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on how many homes in this Local Electoral Area are currently being considered for purchase through the Tenant-in-Situ Scheme and if funds have been allocated for this in the 2026 Budget?"

20 Councillor J. Smyth - Unauthorised Construction/Tree Felling - Ward River Valley Regional Park - AI104591

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Council is aware of any unauthorised construction and/or tree felling occurring in the Ward River Regional Park, in particular in the areas adjacent to Ushers Lake and the historical cottage/Brackenstown House which is not part of the Council's own re-development?"

21 Councillor D. Kelly - Update on the Protection of the Well at the Lord Mayor's Site, Swords - AI104508

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the protection of the Well at the site of the Lord Mayor's Pub in Swords?"

22 Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Playground - Ward River Valley Park, Swords - AI104509

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the "landmark playground" proposed for the Ward River Valley Park?"

23 Councillor J. Newman - Link Glasmore Abbey to St. Cronan's Well, Swords - AI104519

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to link Glasmore Abbey Structure to St. Cronan's Well in Swords to create further green infrastructure, similar to the Archaeological Park near Applewood Community Centre at Millers Glen, to protect these important heritage sites and to indicate a timeline for same?"

24 Councillor J. Newman - Update on Forest Management Plans - AI104520

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update and to confirm key projects, as identified by the Fingal Biodiversity Forum, for forest management plans for St. Catherine's Park, Ward River Valley Park, Newbridge, Santry and Malahide demesnes and to advise if they will be implemented over the next 3 years?"

25 Councillor B. Ryan - Report on Bathing Water Analyses - Balbriggan, Skerries and Loughshinny - AI104550

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the bathing water analyses recently completed during bathing season at Balbriggan, Skerries and Loughshinny designated bathing areas and to outline the implications for future blue flag achievement?"

26 Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Use of CCTV for Illegal Dumping - Balbriggan - AI104551

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the use of CCTV to identify people engaged in illegal dumping in the Balbriggan area?"

27 Councillor B. Ryan - Notices Served on Derelict Sites and Buildings - Balbriggan - AI104552

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of notices served on owners or occupiers of derelict sites or buildings in the Balbriggan area in the first nine months of this year?"

28 Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Loughshinny Playground - AI104553

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the promised playground in Loughshinny?"

29 Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Active Travel Plan - Skerries - AI104554

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress of an Active Travel Plan for Skerries?"

30 Councillor B. Ryan - Report on Land Adjacent to Loughshinny Beach - AI104555

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any recent

engagement with the Loughshinny landowner who owns the land adjacent to the beach and the stairs?"

31 Councillor B. Ryan - Four-Bedroomed Social Houses - Balbriggan - AI104556

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on whether any additional four-bedroomed social houses will be available for allocation in the Balbriggan area in Quarter 4, 2025 or Quarter 1, 2026?"

32 Councillor B. Ryan - Pond Maintenance at Skerries Mills - AI104558

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the current condition of the pond at Skerries Mills and to detail what further maintenance is planned?"

33 Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - Forge Estate, Lusk - AI104569

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

34 Councillor M. Boland - Update on Lusk Sports Hub - AI104570

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress of the Lusk Sports Hub since the granting of planning permission and to provide a timeline for the commencement of construction works?"

35 Councillor M. Boland - Update on Sports and Indoor Facility Audit - Lusk and Rush - AI104571

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Sports Facility Audit that has been carried out with particular attention to the sporting and indoor facilities in the Lusk and Rush areas?"

36 Councillor M. Boland - Opening of Rogerstown Park on Sundays - AI104573

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on and timeline for the opening of Rogerstown Park on Sundays?"

37 Councillor M. Boland - Update on Sports Pitches at the Proposed Rush Sports Hub - AI104575

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the provision of

additional sports pitches at the proposed Rush Sports Hub to be located north of St. Catherine's Estate in Rush and to provide a timeline on when the next meeting will take place with other stakeholders on this project?"

38 Councillor P. Mulville - Commencement Notice CN0125059FL - AI104599

"To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to the conversion of Ballisk House, where the compliance documentation is available for members of the public to view?"

39 Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Skerries Harbour Part VIII Public Realm Improvements and Active Travel Measures Scheme - AI104600

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress of the approved Skerries Harbour Part VIII Public Realm Improvements and Active Travel Measures Scheme and to confirm if a funding source has been identified?"

40 Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Pedestrian and Cycle Safety - Blake's Cross - Lusk - AI104601

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress on improving pedestrian and cycle safety at Blake's Cross, in particular given the greatly increased pedestrian travel from the Airport View homeless family emergency accommodation centre, to the bus stop on the other side of Blake's Cross, which is a very unsafe route that people have no choice but to walk along a road with no path and a main junction with no safe pedestrian crossing?"

41 Councillor P. Mulville - Homeless Family Emergency Accommodation Facilities in this LEA - AI104602

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the provision of further homeless family emergency accommodation facilities in this Local Electoral Area?"

42 Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Children's Play Space - Portrane - AI104603

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress of providing a much-needed children's play space in Portrane?"

43 Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Murtagh's of Ballough - AI104604

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise the exact date that the Council purchased Murtagh's of Ballough, the specific reason it was acquired and the reason that the intended use has not, to date, been progressed?"

44 Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Dedicated Space for Donabate Youth Service - AI104605

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on discussions, if any, between Crosscare or the Education Training Board (ETB), regarding the provision of dedicated space in the Donabate area for the local youth service workers to operate from?"

45 Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Western Distributor Road - Swords - AI104610

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Western Distributor Road for Swords, including current status, anticipated tendering and how delays are impacting traffic on the Rathbeale Road and Jugback Lane?"

46 Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Primary Care Centre - Seatown, Swords - AI104611

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Council has received any updates from the HSE regarding the proposed Primary Care Centre at Seatown, in particular whether a pre-planning meeting has taken place and if there have been any discussions with the Council on the design, access or integration with local services?"

47 Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

**PLANNING &
STRATEGIC
INFRASTRUCTURE
BUSINESS**

48 Declaration of Roads/Taking in Charge

a Glaslinn, Donabate

b Taylor Hill Phase 1 and 2, Balbriggan

c Greenbrook, Rush**GENERAL BUSINESS****49 Correspondence**

- a E-mail dated 18th September 2025 from MetroLink regarding Councillor L. Corkery - Motion - Invitation to MetroLink - AI102979**

MOTIONS**50 Councillor J. Smyth - Maintenance of Former Lord Mayor's Site, Swords - AI103892**

"That the Chief Executive makes contact with the developer of the former Lord Mayor's site requesting that they maintain this site, to limit the impact on adjacent roads and pathways, as currently there are a number of overgrown trees/bushes protruding on public paths and local residents report infrequent sweeping of the surrounding roads."

51 Councillor D. Kelly - Report on Rivers and Streams - Swords - AI104504

"That the Chief Executive provide a report from the Environment Department on the health standard of the rivers and streams of Swords."

52 Councillor J. Newman - Request for Civic Reception - AI104521

"That this Committee supports a Civic Reception to honour and thank Bernie Marks for her invaluable work over many years in preserving local history along with her work in genealogy services."

53 Councillor C. Johnston - Meeting for Content and Location of Dublin Coastal Trail Signage - Donabate Peninsula - AI104541

"That the Chief Executive arrange a meeting with the Donabate Town Team in respect of the content and location of the Dublin Coastal Trail signage on the Donabate Peninsula"

54 Councillor E. Dockrell - Community Space - R127 Rathmore Road - AI104586

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to having a section of Council owned land on the R127 Rathmore Road (north of Racecourse Commons), designated as a community space for community groups to use, for example, the Men's Shed and Lusk ICA."

55 Councillor P. Mulville/ Councillor E. Dockrell/ Councillor C. Johnston - 1916 Rising Memorial - The Hand, Donabate - AI104606

"That this Committee supports the erection of a monument at The Hand, Donabate to honour and commemorate the men and women of Donabate and Portrane who took part in the 1916 Rising and that this proposal be advanced through the Naming and Commemorative Committee in line with the Council's objective in the Donabate Framework Plan, to be provided within the first 12 months of the adoption of the plan."

56 Councillor J. Humphreys - Report on Protection Measures of Swords Green Belt - AI104607

"That this Committee requests a report from the Chief Executive on measures to ensure the protection of the green space and the existing greenbelt around Swords in the implementation of the Fingal Development Plan 2023–2029, so that National Planning Framework targets do not erode the towns designated open space and green infrastructure."

57 Councillor J. Smyth - Provision of Cricket Pitch in this LEA - AI104495

"That the Chief Executive, through the Sports Department, work with the Swords Cricket Club to identify a suitable location in or around the town of Swords where a cricket pitch could be constructed in light of the increasing popularity of the sport in the town."

58 Councillor J. Humphreys - Report on Youth-Friendly Green and Recreational Spaces - Swords - AI104608

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on plans to audit, expand or improve youth-friendly green and recreational spaces in Swords over the coming years, as The Fingal Youth Council (Comhairle na nÓg) has cited a lack of safe indoor and outdoor spaces for young people in many parts of the county including Swords."
