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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, 13th November, 2025** on conclusion of the Services A 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 the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday the 9th October 2025.**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Playground - Beresford Estate, Donabate - AI104533**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the provision of the second playground in the Beresford Estate, Donabate given the delay in the provision of this much needed playground as all the units in the development are now occupied?"

- 3 **Councillor C. Johnston - Report on Access to Rush/Lusk Train Station - AI105090**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on what engagement the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department has had with Irish Rail in respect of proposals for improving safety for access and egress to the Rush /Lusk Railway Station?"

- 4 **Councillor C. Johnston - Report on Relocation of Library from Donabate Portrane Community Centre to Ballisk House, Donabate - AI105095**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the relocation of the Library from Donabate Portrane Community Centre to Ballisk House, Donabate to include a timeline for the completion of the relocation?"

- 5 **Councillor C. Johnston - Timeline on Portrane to Donabate Cliff Walk Project - AI105096**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the Portrane to Donabate cliff walk project and to include a timeline for the commencement and delivery of this project?"

- 6 **Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Rahillion Looped Walkway Project, Donabate - AI105097**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Rahillion Looped Walkway Project which is an objective to be delivered in Phase 1 of the Donabate Local Area Plan 2016-2026?"

7 Councillor C. Johnston - Progress Report on Ballymastone Educational Hub, Donabate - AI105098

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the Ballymastone Educational Hub in Donabate and to include a timeline for the delivery of this project?"

8 Councillor C. Johnston - Planning Application for Portrane Coastal Protection Scheme - AI105099

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the planning application for the Portrane Coastal Protection Scheme will be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála?"

9 Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Blake's Cross Junction Upgrade, Lusk - AI105101

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Blake's Cross junction upgrade and to include a timeline for the delivery of this project?"

10 Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Taking in Charge - Open Space in Golden Ridge, Rush - AI104866

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on when the open spaces will be taken in charge in Phase 2 of the Golden Ridge Estate in Rush?"

11 Councillor M. Quinn - Taking in Charge - Castlemill Road, Balbriggan - AI104889

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise why the Castlemill Road in Balbriggan has not been fully taken in charge by the Council rather than only maintenance of the road, as is the current situation?"

12 Councillor M. Quinn - Proposed Safety Measures - Scoil Réalt Na Mara, Skerries - AI105030

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any recommendations made by the Traffic Safety Officer following the visit to Réalt Na Mara School in Skerries and what measures are proposed to be undertaken to improve safety at the Skerries Rock entrance to the school?"

13 Councillor M. Quinn - List of Vacant One-Bed Housing in this LEA - AI105103

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of vacant one-bedroom properties in this Committee's Local Electoral Areas and to include how many in each specific area?"

14 Councillor L. Corkery - School Street Initiative - Thornleigh Educate Together National School, Swords - AI104959

"To ask the Chief Executive that the Active Travel Department gives consideration to repeating the School Street initiative at Thornleigh Educate Together National School?"

15 Councillor T. Murphy - Safer Routes to School, Balrothery National School - AI105021

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide an update on the progress of Balrothery National School on the list of 42 schools which have applied for the Safer Routes to School project?"

16 Councillor J. Smyth - Upgrade Works at Rivervalley/Rathingle, Swords - AI105035

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the agreed upgrade works will be carried out to the roundabout and crossings at the junction of Forest Boulevard, Rathingle Road cycle path from Ridgewood to said roundabout, e.g. improved mobility access and installation of a pedestrian crossing?"

17 Councillor J. Smyth - Mould/Damp in the Council's Housing Stock - AI105041

"To ask the Chief Executive to detail how many reports the Housing Department has received in relation to dampness or mould issues in its social housing stock in this Local Electoral Area in the past two years?"

18 Councillor J. Smyth - New Build Social Housing in this LEA - AI105104

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline when additional new build social housing units are expected to become available in this Local Electoral Area and the expected quantity of units?"

19 Councillor J. Smyth - Path Changes in the Ward River Valley Park, Swords - AI105105

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the recent changes made to the various paths leading from Knocksedan Estate through the Ward River Valley Park including the reason for such changes and the time frame of these changes?"

20 Councillor D. Butler - Resurfacing of Old Rivervalley All-Weather Pitch - Rivervalley, Swords - AI105037

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the resurfacing of the old Rivervalley All-Weather pitch and if this can be completed over the winter months in order to be ready for next spring?"

21 Councillor G. Maguire - Road Safety Measures - Scoil Réalt na Mara, Skerries - AI105055

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examine the area around Scoil Réalt na Mara, Skerries with a view to providing any safety measures that might be required?"

22 Councillor B. Ryan - Cleaning of Laneway - Lambeeher Estate, Balbriggan - AI105069

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange for the cleaning of the laneway that runs between (details supplied) Lambeeher, on one side, and (details supplied) Lambeeher on the other side, which is totally overgrown and unusable?"

23 Councillor B. Ryan - Issues with Polling Stations in this LEA - AI105084

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate if any issues were reported directly to the Council in relation to any of the polling stations in this Local Electoral Area during the recent Presidential Election?"

24 Councillor B. Ryan - Flavours of Fingal 2026 - AI105091

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on any discussions that have taken place, or are underway, with groups that may be excluded from the Flavours of Fingal event in Newbridge House, Donabate in 2026 or thereafter?"

25 Councillor P. Mulville - Report on Business on Main Street, Swords - AI105077

"To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to Swords Main Street, to provide a report on the total number of businesses located on it, the number and percentage of the total which are takeaways, the number and percentage which are betting shops and the number and percentage which are vacant units?"

26 Councillor P. Mulville - Diversity of Traders/Businesses on Swords Main Street - AI105079

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on plans to support an improvement in the diversity of traders/businesses along Swords Main Street in order for it to remain a vibrant, attractive and prosperous destination?"

27 Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Portrane Coastal Erosion and Flooding Protection Scheme Application - AI105080

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the pending An Coimisiún Pleanála application for the Portrane Coastal Erosion and Flooding Protection scheme and when the application will be submitted?"

28 Councillor P. Mulville - Public Consultation Process for Children's Play Space in Portrane - AI105128

"To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to plans to provide a much-needed children's play space for Portrane and in thanking the playgrounds team for undertaking recent and ongoing engagement with local residents, to outline when the formal public consultation process will commence?"

29 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Defective Blocks Scheme for Lusk Residents - AI105107

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on whether correspondence has been sent to Lusk residents whose homes are affected and in need of remediation through the Defective Blocks Scheme and has the Council contacted the Minister for Housing, on behalf of residents of Lusk, to urge the Department for an update, so residents will then be advised what steps they need take to access funding to repair their homes?"

30 Councillor E. Dockrell - Resurfacing of Road - Hand's Lane, Lusk - AI105110

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to resurfacing the lower end of Hand's Lane, at the section between Ballaely Rise and the GAA club, as significant damage was caused to the surface of this road as a result of heavy machinery used during the building of the new nearby housing estate?"

31 Councillor E. Dockrell - Road Safety Review - Semple Woods Estate, Donabate - AI105112

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out a road safety review at the entrance/exit at Semple Woods Estate in Donabate?"

32 Councillor E. Dockrell - Review of Area between Kenure Woods and the Gaelscoil in Rush - AI105113

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration could be given to reviewing the location between Kenure Woods and the GAA/Gaelscoil as this stretch requires several metres of pathway to be built on a small green area between two neighbouring estates, Kenure Lawns Estate and Kenure Park Estate and if the Active Travel Department could consider carrying out a feasibility study on whether this proposal could be an Active Travel project for Rush?"

33 Councillor E. Dockrell - Installation of Pathway through Astor Park/Golden Ridge to Kenure Woods, Rush - AI105114

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration could be given to installing a pathway between the gap through Astor Park/Golden Ridge at the side of Kenure Woods and the centre spine path of Kenure Woods, as this path is worn and becomes dangerous and muddy during inclement weather, this exit from the park may not have been in operation when the original orbital path was built in the woods?"

34 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Additional Schools in Donabate - AI105115

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any engagement or recent correspondence (in the last few months) with the Department of Education on the subject of plans to build additional schools in Donabate to meet the demand from a significantly increased population?"

35 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Sports Hub for Donabate - AI105116

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Sports Hub for Donabate and an updated timeframe for completion of this project?"

36 Councillor E. Dockrell - Community Infrastructure - Lusk - AI105120

"To ask the Chief Executive for an outline of how the Council plans to ensure that there is adequate community infrastructure in Lusk to meet the demands of a growing population?"

37 Councillor J. Humphreys - Proposed Works along Glen Ellan/Balheary Road, Swords - AI105132

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the specific locations/sections where works, that are in the Capital Plan, are proposed along Glen Ellan/Balheary Road and advise the current project stage and a delivery timeline for the project?"

38 Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

b Applications for Sports Funding

**ECONOMIC,
ENTERPRISE,
TOURISM &
CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT
BUSINESS**

39 Quay Street and Environs, Traffic Management Scheme - Section 38 Non-Statutory Public Consultation

40 Proposed Disposals

a Proposed disposal of land at Clonard Road, Flemingtown, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to Phoenix Tower Ireland III Limited

b Proposed lease of land at Balheary Road, Swords, Co. Dublin to Swords Celtic Football Club, Balheary Road, Swords, Co. Dublin

c 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

GENERAL BUSINESS

41 Correspondence

- a Letter dated 3rd October 2025 from NTA regarding Councillor M. Boland Motion - Meeting Between the Council and Iarnród Éireann - Irish Rail and the NTA - AI103995**
- b Letter dated 16th October 2025 from SOLAS regarding Councillor L. Corkery Motion - Update on Progress of Swords College of Further Education - AI102390**
- c Email dated 22nd October 2025 from Uisce Éireann regarding Councillor C. Boland Motion - Invite Uisce Éireann to attend ACM - Upgrade and Delivery of Wastewater Treatment Works**

MOTIONS

42 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."

43 Councillor D. Mulligan - Swords Autism Friendly Town - AI105007

"That this Committee invites Swords Autism Friendly Town to attend a deputation meeting to discuss how the Elected Members and Council officials can work together to make the local area more inclusive and neuro-affirmative."

44 Councillor T. O'Leary - Request for School Warden - Scoil Réalt na Mara, Skerries - AI105017A

"That the Chief Executive arrange to have a school warden appointed for Scoil Réalt na Mara at a location agreed with the school, most likely the Skerries Rock entrance."

45 Councillor C. Boland - Meeting with Fingallians GAA Club - AI105049

"That the Chief Executive facilitates a deputation meeting with Fingallians GAA Football Club to allow the Club to fully inform the Elected Members and Council Officials what impact the works required to deliver on the TII proposals will have on the delivery of the Metro project and how the Club perceives the impact on their pitches may be minimised."

46 Councillor J. Smyth - Procedures on Casinos and Gaming Arcades - Swords - AI105059

"That the Chief Executive examines the current procedures and means open to the Council, for restricting further development of casinos and gaming arcades in Swords in light of recent rulings by An Coimisiún Pleanála."

47 Councillor P. Mulville - Northern Commuter Line - Constant Delays and Overcrowding in this LEA - AI105130

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Minister for Transport asking for urgent action to address constant overcrowding and delays with the Northern Commuter line train service in this Local Electoral Area and also asking for additional emergency funding to the National Transport Authority and Irish Rail as a matter of priority."

48 Councillor D. Kelly - Primary and Secondary School Delivery Timelines in this LEA - AI104852

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Department of Education to request a report on the delivery timelines of new primary and secondary schools in the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Local Electoral Area."

49 Councillor T. O'Leary - Improved Safe Access to Scoil Réalt na Mara, Skerries - AI105017

"That the Chief Executive, in noting the health and safety risk for young children at Scoil Réalt na Mara National School at the entrance/exit at Skerries Rock, improve the safety at this location by installing pencil bollards and identifying a designated crossing location to and from the school and repaint the existing yellow lines as soon as possible."

50 Councillor J. Smyth - Continued Provision of Pitches - Fingallians GAA Club, Swords - AI105106

"That the Chief Executive facilitate a meeting with club representatives from Fingallians GAA Club to discuss and develop short and long term plans, for adequate playing pitch provision in light of the likely changes to their available pitches at Balheary due to the development

of the MetroLink.”

51 Councillor P. Mulville - Report on Repair and Upkeep at St. Ita's Hospital, Portrane - AI105131

“That the Chief Executive reports on the Council’s engagement regarding the need for ongoing repair and upkeep of the historical buildings at St. Ita’s Hospital in Portrane pending any future plans being put in place for the old hospital.”
