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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, 11th December, 2025** 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 13th November 2025.**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor J. Humphreys - Footfall at Swords Castle Market - AI105134**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report with a month-by-month breakdown of the footfall for Swords Castle Market for 2025?"

- 3 **Councillor J. Humphreys - School Street at Thornleigh ETNS - AI105136**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the status, next steps and an indicative timeline to deliver a permanent School Street scheme at Thornleigh Educate Together National School?"

- 4 **Councillor J. Humphreys - Cycle-Priority Street - Park Avenue, Swords - AI105137**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if Park Avenue, Swords meets the DMURS street-environment criteria and the NTA Cycle Design Manual parameters for designation as a cycle-priority and, if not, considered for designation, to identify the criteria not met?"

- 5 **Councillor J. Humphreys - Installation of Pencil Bollards - Applewood Community Centre, Swords - AI105138**
 "To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of pencil bollards at Applewood Community Centre beside Swords Educate Together National School and Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe?"

- 6 **Councillor J. Humphreys - Waste Presentation Bye-Laws - Swords - AI105140**
 "To ask the Chief Executive, under the Waste Presentation Bye-Laws, to provide a report on the number of door-to-door compliance visits completed in the Swords Electoral Area, year to date, to households flagged as having no bin contract, presented by townland (Swords, Rolestown, Santry/St. Margaret's, etc.) and with outcomes i.e. brought into compliance, Fixed Penalty Notices issued, prosecutions?"

7 Councillor J. Humphreys - Bike Share Initiatives in Swords at Christmas - AI105653

"To ask the Chief Executive, in the context of the free parking initiatives the Council is introducing over the Christmas period in Swords, if consideration can be given to providing equivalent incentives for bike-share schemes operating in Swords, for example, free or discounted unlocks or ride credits for the same periods as the free-parking offers to promoting walking and cycling access to Swords town centre, so that support for local business does not rely solely on encouraging additional private car use and, if not, if the Council will commit to examining such options for future Christmas trading periods?"

8 Councillor D. Kelly - Update on Knocksedan Estate, Swords - AI105254

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on a definitive timeline or updated target date for when the necessary works will be completed in Knocksedan Estate and when buyers can realistically expect to move in?"

9 Councillor D. Butler - Update on Ward Valley Park/Knocksedan, Swords - AI105271

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update with regard to the Ward Valley Park at Knocksedan and the sections that have been closed off to members of the public over recent months?"

10 Councillor D. Butler - Update on Walled Garden - Knocksedan, Swords - AI105272

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update with regard to the Walled Garden at Knocksedan?"

11 Councillor M. Quinn - School Safety at Taylor Hill Walk, Balbriggan - AI105356

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carrying out a traffic assessment at school times with the view to the painting of double yellow lines and installation of pencil bollards along Taylor Hill Walk, near St. George's National School and Coláiste Ghlór na Mara, Balbriggan?"

12 Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Bremore Castle Works, Balbriggan - AI105456

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the projects and timelines in respect to Bremore Regional Park and to include the estimated timeline for public consultation on the project?"

13 Councillor M. Quinn - Taking In Charge - Kilsough Gardens, Balbriggan - AI105459

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Kilsough Gardens, Balbriggan?"

14 Councillor L. Corkery - Extension of Walkway alongside Ward River Park, Swords - AI105511

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to extending the walkway along the Ward River (which begins at the Castle Shopping Centre and passes alongside the Old Schoolhouse) into the Ward River Valley Park as part of forthcoming development of the park?"

15 Councillor L. Corkery - Works on Holybanks Lands, Swords - AI105513

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Council is aware of ongoing clearance works at the Holybanks lands in North Swords, and if so, to elaborate on these works and to provide an update on any planning permissions associated with this site?"

16 Councillor L. Corkery - Purchase of Open Space - St. Colmcille's Court, Swords - AI105514

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to purchasing the small open space to the rear of the Old Schoolhouse, St. Colmcille's Court, which is used as a makeshift car park, with a view to tarmacking the space and bringing it into safe public use?"

17 Councillor L. Corkery - Ownership of Martello Tower - Balcarrick, Donabate - AI105539

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the ownership of the Martello Tower in Balcarrick, Donabate?"

18 Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Pedestrian Access Route to Knocksedan, Swords - AI105581

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the provision of a safe, permanent pedestrian access route to Knocksedan, Swords?"

19 Councillor L. Corkery - Details on Works and Construction - Brackenstown Wood and Usher's Lake, Swords - AI105582

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the arrangement under which the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department is carrying out conservation and construction works in Brackenstown Woods and at Usher's Lake?"

20 Councillor L. Corkery - Vacant and Derelict Buildings - North Street, Swords - AI105583

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to refurbish any of the vacant and derelict buildings on North Street, Swords, with a view to creating new homes?"

21 Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - The Forge Estate - Lusk - AI105526

"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?"

22 Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - Rahenny Park Estate - Lusk - AI105527

"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?"

23 Councillor M. Boland - Report on the Amount Levied under the Derelict Sites Act in Rush and Lusk - AI105528

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report in tabular format on the total amount levied under the Derelict Sites Act each year since 2020 for Rush and Lusk, the total amount received each year, the current level of arrears since 2020 and the number of properties registered on the Derelicts Sites Register for Rush and Lusk?"

24 Councillor M. Boland - Enforcement Notices on Crèche Sites - Lusk - AI105529

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report in tabular format showing if any enforcement notices have been issued since 2020 on planning permissions for a number of vacant sites in Lusk that had originally been conditioned as crèche sites such as the Forge development, Lusk Village development and Rahenny Park development?"

25 Councillor M. Boland - Biodiversity Trail within Lusk Sports Hub - Promoting Environmental Awareness - AI105531

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for Lusk Tidy Towns to work with the Biodiversity Team in Fingal with the intention of developing a biodiversity trail within Lusk Sports Hub and also connecting Lusk public green spaces and promoting environmental awareness?"

26 Councillor J. Smyth - Laneways Not Taken In Charge - Castlevue Estate, Swords - AI105555

"To ask the Chief Executive to detail why the laneways in Castlevue Estate in Swords were not taken in charge during the standard process?"

27 Councillor J. Smyth - Taking in Charge - Comyn Manor, Swords - AI105556

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Comyn Manor, Swords and to detail any reasons which may cause a delay in the process?"

28 Councillor J. Smyth - Ongoing Closure of Playground - Saint Cronan's Well, Swords - AI105557

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Council is aware of the reasons why the playground in Saint Cronan's Well Estate remain closed and if in doing so, the developer is in breach of planning conditions?"

29 Councillor J. Smyth - Private Rental Inspections in this LEA - AI105558

"To ask the Chief Executive to detail in tabular form the number of

private rental inspections carried out in this Local Electoral Area and the outcomes relating to same?"

30 Councillor J. Smyth - Home based Mechanics Operating in this LEA - AI105559

"To ask the Chief Executive, in light of a number of complaints received regarding mechanics operating out of their homes in this Local Electoral Area, to advise on the legislation in relation to this and the implications this has on numerous cars being parked in residential areas?"

31 Councillor J. Smyth - Number of Vacant/Unoccupied Social Homes in Swords - AI105561

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the number of vacant or unoccupied social housing units in the Swords Local Electoral Area, detailing the length of time of each vacancy and reasons for delays in re-letting?"

32 Councillor J. Smyth - Dog Warden Patrols in Swords - AI105562

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the regularity of dog warden patrols in the Swords area with a particular focus on Park Avenue Millers Glen/Millers Glen Regional Park?"

33 Councillor J. Smyth - Launch of Swords Substance Abuse and Mental Health Group - AI105564

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the Swords Substance Abuse and Mental Health Group will be relaunched in light of the increasing need for addiction services within this Local Electoral Area?"

34 Councillor B. Ryan - Installation of Double Yellow Lines and Pencil Bollards - Taylor Hill Walk, Balbriggan - AI105576

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of double yellow lines and pencil bollards along Taylor Hill Walk, Balbriggan, in an effort to prevent the recurring issues of the obstruction of the roadway during school drop off and collection times and concerns raised by residents regarding potential lack of access for emergency services?"

35 Councillor B. Ryan - Acquisition of Land near Baldongan Graveyard - AI105577

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to acquire land in the vicinity of Baldongan graveyard as currently there is no possibility of parking safely when visiting the graves of loved ones?"

36 Councillor B. Ryan - Ownership of Disused Quarry - Thomastown Reservoir - AI105578

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the ownership of the disused quarry across from the Thomastown reservoir and, if not already in Council ownership, could it be acquired for biodiversity purposes?"

37 Councillor B. Ryan - Report on Flavours of Fingal 2026 - AI105592

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the slimmed down Flavours of Fingal 2026 event in Newbridge House, Donabate and to indicate the changes versus 2025 and the corresponding cost reductions?"

38 Councillor B. Ryan - Timeline for Loughshinny Playground - AI105596

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the timeline for the Part VIII planning process for the planned playground at Loughshinny and the approximate timeline for delivery of the project?"

39 Councillor B. Ryan - Update on the EV Charging Bays - Skerries Mills - AI105613

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the status of the planned Electric Vehicle (EV) charging bays at Skerries Mills car park, to indicate a timeline for their installation and commissioning and to indicate if they will be high-powered for faster charging speeds?"

40 Councillor C. Boland - Report on Audit of Sports Facilities - AI105587

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the Audit of Sports Facilities across the rural areas of this Committee's Electoral Area?"

41 Councillor C. Boland - Conservation and Refurbishment of the 1798 Memorial Cross - Oldtown - AI105588

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to undertake or advise on an appropriate funding stream for the conservation and refurbishment of the 1798 memorial cross located at the Grange on the Oldtown/Ballyboughal Road?"

42 Councillor E. Dockrell - Volleyball Equipment for Donabate Beach - AI105601

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for volleyball equipment to be positioned at Donabate beach, similar to the permanent volleyball equipment that has been a success in Balbriggan?"

43 Councillor E. Dockrell - Painting of Community Centre in the Naul - AI105607

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to painting the exterior front wall of the community centre in the Naul, which is located near Rooney's Garage and Serenity Beauty?"

44 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on the Cliff Walk from Donabate to Tower Bay, Portrane - AI105608

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the plans to upgrade the cliff walk between Donabate and Tower Bay, Portrane and if this project can be accelerated and considered a priority given the large volume of people throughout Fingal who now regularly use this walkway?"

45 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Progress of Rush Sports Hub - AI105610

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress of the Rush Sports Hub and the next steps regarding this project in the coming months?"

46 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Progress of Lusk Sports Hub - AI105611

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Lusk Sports Hub, details on the remaining phases that must be completed and the approximate timeframe for when this hub will be open to the public?"

47 Councillor C. Johnston - Active Travel Plan - Donabate Peninsula - AI105630

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of an Active Travel Plan for the Donabate Peninsula given the growing population and the many projects under consideration, proposed and planned for the area?"

48 Councillor C. Johnston - Primary Care Centre - Donabate - AI105631

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on discussions with the HSE regarding the provision of a Primary Care Centre for Donabate and to include details of the site and timeline for the delivery of this project?"

49 Councillor C. Johnston - Upgrade of Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI105632

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to upgrading Turvey Avenue Donabate to include the provision of lights and pedestrian and cycle paths given the increasing population?"

50 Councillor C. Johnston - Acquisition of Martello Tower - Balcarrick Donabate - AI105633

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to acquiring the Martello Tower in Balcarrick in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage given that it is a recorded national monument and heritage site with huge historical importance to Donabate and wider Fingal area?"

51 Councillor C. Johnston - Donabate Local Area Plan - AI105636

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the Council's obligations in respect of the objectives and facilities outlined in the statutory Donabate Local Area Plan 2016-2026 given that this plan is due to lapse in March 2026 and will be downgraded to an advisory document in nature?"

52 Councillor C. Johnston - Taking in Charge - Palmer Avenue, Rush - AI105637

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the taking in charge of Palmer Avenue Estate in Rush and to include a timeline for the completion of same?"

53 Councillor C. Johnston - Lands adjacent to Martin's Lane, Donabate - AI105639

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what plans, if any, are under consideration for lands in Council ownership adjacent to Martin's Lane, off the Portrane Road, Donabate?"

54 Councillor P. Mulville - Safe Pedestrian Crossing - R132, Blake's Cross/R129 - AI105641

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on what immediate measures could be taken to introduce effective traffic calming and to provide a safe pedestrian crossing, suitable for children, on the R132 at Blake's Cross near the R129 junction?"

55 Councillor P. Mulville - R132 Pedestrian Safety Refuge Island - AI105642

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm why the previously proposed pedestrian safety refuge island, near the R129 junction, as shown on the approved R132 Blake's Cross to Minister's Road, Lusk Protected Cycle Lanes scheme was removed or not implemented?"

56 Councillor P. Mulville - Planning Enforcement - The Burrow, Portrane - AI105647

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of planning enforcement cases currently being investigated in and around the Burrow, Portrane and the steps being taken to progress these enforcement cases?"

**PLANNING &
STRATEGIC
INFRASTRUCTURE
BUSINESS**

57 Declaration of Roads/Taking in Charge

a BC 1808 Forrest Little Road & Barberstown Road, Swords

**HOUSING
BUSINESS**

58 Proposed Construction of a 13-unit Crisis Accommodation with associated staff and support accommodation at 30 Clonard Street, Balbriggan (PARTXI/008/25)

**ENVIRONMENT,
CLIMATE ACTION,
ACTIVE TRAVEL &
SPORTS BUSINESS**

- 59 Feasibility Report on footpath connections from Loughshinny**

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 60 Correspondence**

- a E-mail dated 5th November 2025 from Uisce Éireann regarding Councillor C. Boland - Motion - Report on Water Infrastructure in this LEA - AI101965**
- b Letter dated 12th November 2025 from the NTA regarding Councillor M. Quinn - Motion - Bus Turnaround at Mourne View Estate - AI100767**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S
BUSINESS**

- 61 Councillor L. Corkery - Access to Knocksedan from Usher's Lake - AI105580**

"That the Chief Executive provides a timeline for the re-opening of access to Knocksedan via Usher's Lake, including the opening of both Ó' Ceallaigh Bridge and the smaller boardwalk which was recently removed in mysterious circumstances."

MOTIONS

- 62 Councillor D. Kelly - Investigation into Old Graveyard - Cloghran, Swords- AI104951**

"That the Chief Executive arranges for an investigation to be carried out into the graveyard behind the Coachman's Inn as residents in the area are concerned that there are plans for a hotel to be built in the vicinity of the graveyard."

- 63 Councillor P. Mulville - Foirgneamh Scoile Bhuan Nua do Ghaelscoil Ros Eó - AI105081**

"Go scríobhfaidh an Príomhfheidhmeannach chuig an Roinn Oideachais maidir le stádas reatha foirgneamh scoile buan nua do Ghaelscoil Ros Eó."

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Department of Education regarding the current status of a new permanent school building for Gaelscoil Ros Eó"

64 Councillor D. Butler - Existing or Proposed Ring-Roads - Swords - AI105269

"That the Chief Executive reports on and provides maps regarding existing or proposed ring-roads around Swords from Lissenhall to the Brackenstown Road and the Naul Road and Knocksedan on the southern side and to include any proposals for an improved road network around the Naul Road and Knocksedan."

65 Councillor M. Boland - Initiate Meeting Between the Council the NTA and Iarnród Éireann - AI105532

"That the Chief Executive initiates contact with both the NTA and Iarnród Éireann about road improvement works outside the Rush/Lusk train station on foot of receiving the letter from the NTA to Councillor Mark Boland, (see letter attached), where they stated they are willing to engage with the Council and Iarnród Éireann on this future project."

66 Councillor J. Smyth - Purchase of Martello Tower - Balcarrick, Donabate - AI105553

"That the Chief Executive considers the purchase of the historical Balcarrick Martello Tower in Donabate with the intention of preserving it for generations to come."

67 Councillor C. Boland - Report on Progress of the Development of Séamus Ennis Centre, Naul - AI105575

"That the Chief Executive presents a report on the progress made, to date, for the further development of the Séamus Ennis Centre in terms of a playground and further expansion of the Centre and if the Architects brief will include facilities appropriate to the community needs of Naul residents."

68 Councillor E. Dockrell - Meeting to Provide Update on St. Ita's Campus - AI105594

"That the Chief Executive arranges a meeting between local Councillors and Council Officials to provide an update on the St. Ita's Campus Masterplan, which would enable local Councillors to have an input from the outset of this project and provide feedback on the views of the local community."

69 Councillor C. Johnston - Remedial Works - Portrane to Donabate Cliff Walk - AI105626

"That the Chief Executive carries out remedial works along the Portrane to Donabate cliff walk given that the path is inaccessible for families with buggies/prams and wheelchair users due to the poor condition of the surface and during inclement weather as a result of flooding."

70 Councillor P. Mulville - Foirgneamh Scoile Bhuan nua do Ghaelscoil na Mara - AI105082

"Go scríobhfaidh an Príomhfheidhmeannach chuig an Roinn Oideachais maidir le stádas reatha foirgneamh scoile buan nua do Ghaelscoil na Mara, Domhnach Bat."

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Department of Education regarding the current status of a new permanent school building for Gaelscoil na Mara, Donabate."

71 Councillor D. Kelly - Uisce Éireann Issues at Knocksedan Estate - AI105254A

"That the Chief Executive writes to Uisce Éireann to advise on what specific issues remain outstanding in relation to the final connections in Knocksedan Estate."

72 Councillor D. Butler - Connection of Pathway - Ward Valley Park/Knocksedan - AI105270

"That the Chief Executive reports on the proposed pedestrian/Active-Travel bridge across the Ward Valley Park and if the woodland pathway leading to this bridge can connect to the estate of Knocksedan (that would provide a much safer pathway than having to go through the valley)."

73 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of 'Non for Profit' Childcare Facilities in this LEA - AI105628

"That this Committee recommends that 'Not for Profit' Childcare Facilities be provided in all mixed tenure developments on publicly owned land in this Local Electoral Area given the demographics and tenure of such developments and the need for these facilities to be

provided to support young and struggling families moving into the areas."
