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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, 15th January, 2026** 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 Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 11th December 2025.**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor M. Boland - Status of the Vacant Crèche Sites - Lusk - AI105534**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the status of the three vacant crèche sites in Lusk, (1) the Forge development, (2) Lusk Village development and (3) Rahenny Park development, where planning permission was granted but no construction has commenced, to outline the specific planning conditions attached to the delivery of these crèche facilities, to also outline any enforcement action, investigations or compliance checks that have been initiated in relation to their non-delivery and if no notices have ever been issued, what actions the Council intends to take to investigate this matter?”

- 3 **Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - The Forge Estate, Lusk - AI106017**

“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?”

- 4 **Councillor M. Boland - Report on Levies of Six New Derelict Sites in Rush and Lusk - AI106020**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report in tabular form on the six new sites in Rush and Lusk, levied under the Derelict Sites Act, that are due to pay these levies in January 2026 and to outline the total amount that is expected to be received in 2026 for each site?”

- 5 **Councillor M. Boland - Update on Coastal Erosion on Rush South Beach Area - AI106021**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the implementation of plans to combat coastal erosion in the Rush South Beach area?”

- 6 **Councillor M. Boland - Update on Sports Facility Audit - Lusk and Rush - AI106022**

“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?"

7 Councillor D. Butler - Report on Roadworks - Downside Heights, Skerries - AI105800

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the recent roadworks at the entrance to Downside Heights in Skerries, that narrowed the entrance, as there are concerns that this makes exiting and entering the estate more dangerous?"

8 Councillor G. Maguire - Progress Report - Boat and Bath House, Martello Tower, Balbriggan - AI105803

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the renovation of the Boat and Bath House, Balbriggan and confirm that funding has been secured?"

9 Councillor G. Maguire - Update on Upgrading of the Naul Road - AI105887

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the upgrading of the Naul Road, in the interest of safety, to provide a safe passage for those accessing the M1 motorway?"

10 Councillor D. Kelly - Plans for Old Rolestown Primary School Building - AI105888

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the plans for the old primary school building in Rolestown, County Dublin?"

11 Councillor J. Newman - Protection and Preservation - St. Cronan's Well and Glasmore Abbey Ruins, Swords - AI105949

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to commence the planning of a strategy for the protection and preservation of the sites noted in the Mooretown/Oldtown LAP 2005 in Policy 5, namely, St. Cronan's Well and Glasmore Abbey ruins, within six months, if not already underway?"

12 Councillor J. Smyth - Non-Compliance of Planning Permission - St. Cronan's Well Estate, Swords - AI105950

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what actions have been taken by the Council's Building Control Section in relation to non-compliance

with planning permission in St. Cronan's Well Estate, in particular, the use of sub-standard fence panels, as during the recent storm, a large number of households experienced damage to their gardens as a result of high winds?"

13 Councillor J. Smyth - Update on Vacant Council Homes in Swords - AI105955

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of the current vacant Council homes in the Swords Electoral Area and the estimated date when these properties will be ready for re-letting?"

14 Councillor J. Smyth - Clothes Bank Recycling in this LEA - AI105956

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the progress in relation to tendering for clothes recycling banks at the various Council bring bank/recycling points in this Local Electoral Area in light of the persistent issue of clothes banks being at capacity and subsequent dumping of clothes in the immediate vicinities?"

15 Councillor J. Smyth - Public Consultation - Ward River Valley Regional Park - AI105982

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when members of the public can expect the next public consultation for the draft plans for the Ward River Valley Regional Park to go live?"

16 Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Pedestrian Access to Knocksedan - AI105957

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update regarding discussions with the landowner of Brackenstown Woods to reinstate pedestrian connectivity to Knocksedan?"

17 Councillor L. Corkery - Flavours of Fingal 2025 - Cost Breakdown - AI105958

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a full cost breakdown of the 2025 Flavours of Fingal County Show, under the following headings?"

- Farmer's Field
- Keeling's Family Funzone (bouncy castles etc.)
- Fingal Food Circle Cookery
- Walled Garden (including stage, bars, stalls)
- Fingal Village

- Circus Tent
- Traditional Skills of Ireland
- Food stalls
- Car parking
- Bus transport

18 Councillor L. Corkery - Final Route of Western Distributor Road, Swords - AI105959

"To ask the Chief Executive when a decision on the finalised route of the Swords Western Distributor Road will be available?"

19 Councillor L. Corkery - Flavours of Fingal - Tourism and Economic Assessment - AI105961

"To ask the Chief Executive what independent assessment, if any, has been carried out on the Economic, Social and Tourism return from Flavours of Fingal, including spend in local businesses and visitor numbers from outside the County?"

20 Councillor L. Corkery - Flavours of Fingal - Sponsorship - AI105962

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if efforts have been made to secure corporate sponsorship for Flavours of Fingal?"

21 Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Nature Education Centre - Turvey Nature Reserve - AI105964

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the development of a Nature Education Centre at Turvey Nature Reserve?"

22 Councillor C. Johnston - Upgrading of Spout Road, Rush - AI105995

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to upgrading Spout Road, Rush to include the provision of a pedestrian footpath and lights as this is a well-used route connecting the Rogerstown area to Whitestown Road and the Rush/Lusk train station?"

23 Councillor C. Johnston - Taking in Charge of Open Space - The Orchard Estate, Oldtown - AI105996

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the taking in charge of the public open space in The Orchard Estate, Oldtown and to include a timeline for the taking in charge to be completed?"

24 Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Public Lighting - Beverton/Turvey Permeability Route - AI105997

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of public lighting along the new cycle/pedestrian path in the Beverton/Turvey Estates, which formed part of the Donabate Permeability Phase 1 project, given the safety concerns of residents accessing this pathway in the dark?"

25 Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Acquisition of Land - Bawn Road and South Beach, Rush - AI106001

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on discussions with landowners regarding the acquisition of land for the provision of an active travel route between the Bawn Road and South Beach, Rush?"

26 Councillor C. Johnston - Report on Response of Emergency Coastal Protection Measures - The Burrow, Portrane - AI106012

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the response received from the various stakeholders on the need for emergency coastal protection measures to protect local properties at The Burrow, Portrane?"

27 Councillor C. Johnston - Coastal Erosion - Estuary Road, Corballis, Donabate - AI106023

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what proposals, if any, are under consideration to address the coastal erosion at the Estuary Road, Corballis given the ongoing issues with flooding along this stretch of road?"

28 Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Survey - Herrig Gull, Naul - AI106025

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to undertake a survey of Herrig Gull in The Naul and the former Garristown Bog area to establish the foraging areas relationship with the coastline in line with the actions of the Fingal Biodiversity Plan?"

29 Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Mooretown Housing Development (Baile na Móna) - AI106028

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the construction progress at Mooretown, including timelines for completion of housing units and associated infrastructure?"

30 Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

**INFRASTRUCTURE
& TRANSPORT
BUSINESS**

31 Proposed Public Play Trails Development Project at Portrane, Co. Dublin.

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

32 Proposed Disposals

- a Notice of Proposed Grant of wayleave at Remount, Phase 2, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Uisce Éireann**
- b Notice of Proposed Disposal of land to the rear of Shandrum, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin to Vincent and Sharon Arkins**
- c Notice of Proposed Disposal of Land to the Rear of No. 75 Hampton Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin**

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

33 Fingal Road Safety Plan 2025/2027

GENERAL BUSINESS

34 Correspondence

- a E-mail dated 23rd December 2025 from Uisce Éireann regarding Councillor D. Kelly Motion - Uisce Éireann Issues at Knocksedan Estate - AI105254A**
- b Letter dated 24th December 2025 from HSE regarding Councillor P. Mulville Motion - Need for Tenant Purchase Scheme for Existing HSE Tenants Along Portrane Avenue - AI098381**

MOTIONS

35 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."

36 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."

37 Councillor D. Butler - Provision of Swords Basketball Facilities - AI105274

"That the Chief Executive investigate and report on the feasibility of the provision of a dedicated indoor basketball facility in Swords, an incredibly popular sport, that can keep up with facilities to meet demand, currently clubs are paying large rents that threaten to put them out of business."

38 Councillor J. Newman - Vacant Site on Miller's Avenue, Swords - AI105938

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on the status of the site on Miller's Avenue which was to accommodate a crèche."

39 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of 'Not 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."
