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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, 12th February, 2026** 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 15th January 2026.**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor C. Johnston - Engagement with other Local Authorities - AI106026**

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm how often the Council engages with adjoining Local Authorities in respect of proposals/plans that may impact Fingal villages, such as Naul, which is located on the county boundary and may be affected by proposals in Meath County Council?"

- 3 **Councillor C. Johnston - Pedestrian and Cycle Path to Rush and Lusk Train Station - AI106637**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the proposals for a pedestrian and cycle path to Rush and Lusk Train Station from Rush and Lusk towns to include details of allocated funding and a timeline for delivery of this project?"

- 4 **Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Upgrade at Blake's Cross Junction, Lusk - AI106638**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the Blake's Cross Junction upgrade, to confirm if the necessary funding is allocated and to include a timeline for the delivery of this project?"

- 5 **Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Wildlife, Education and Rehabilitation Centre - Turvey Nature Reserve, Donabate - AI106639**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Wildlife, Education and Rehabilitation Centre at Turvey Nature Reserve which is an objective in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030?"

- 6 **Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Portrane Road Enhancement Scheme - AI106644**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Portrane Road Enhancement Scheme Project and to include details as to when this project will commence and be completed?"

7 Councillor C. Johnston - Local Transport Plan - Rush - AI106689

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the provision of a Local Transport Plan for Rush, which is an objective in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, to inform the future transportation needs of Rush and to include details on the feasibility of providing a distributor road to the west of Rush?"

8 Councillor C. Johnston - Update on St. Ita's Hospital Site, Portrane - AI106690

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the current review of the feasibility study carried out in 2013 on the St. Ita's Hospital site in Portrane and to advise when an update will be provided to members?"

9 Councillor P. Mulville - Donabate Distributor Road Phase 1 - AI106121

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the Council has taken the Donabate Distributor Road Phase 1 into maintenance, as constructed since December, to outline whether there are any differences between the original planning permission granted for the DDR (PL06F.KA0018, 2011) and what has actually been constructed?"

10 Councillor P. Mulville - Taking into Maintenance Documents - Donabate Distributor Road Phase 1 - AI106122

"To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to the Donabate Distributor Road phase 1, to outline where Councillors and the public can view any relevant documents regarding the taking into maintenance of the Donabate Distributor Road?"

11 Councillor P. Mulville - Timeline for Portrane Cliff Walk Completion - AI106702

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the current projected timeline for the Portrane cliff walk project to be completed?"

12 Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Coastal Erosion and Flooding Works - Portrane, Donabate - AI106703

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the planned immediate emergency works and also the long-term permanent works to address coastal erosion and flooding at Portrane?"

13 Councillor P. Mulville - Opening of Broadmeadow Way Cycle and Pedestrian Link - Donabate to Malahide - AI106704

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the timeline for the opening of the Broadmeadow Way cycle and pedestrian link between Donabate and Malahide?"

14 Councillor P. Mulville - "My Open Library" Service - Donabate Library - AI106705

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the "My Open Library" service will commence for Donabate Library?"

15 Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Purchase of Martello Tower, Donabate - AI106706

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on discussions around the proposed purchase of the Martello Tower at Donabate Beach, in particular the funding support from National Government given its importance as a regional heritage building?"

16 Councillor L. Corkery - Study of Flora and Fauna - Ward River Valley Park, Swords - AI106177

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the outcome of the various studies on flora and fauna that have been undertaken as part of the Ward River Valley Park Masterplan?"

17 Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Upgrade of Church Road Junction, Swords - AI106178

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any road upgrade proposals for the steep corner at the junction of Church Road and Brackenstown Road and how this might fit into the Ward River Valley Park Masterplan, particularly given the rapid construction of apartments at the Lord Mayor's site?"

18 Councillor L. Corkery - Report on Active Travel Upgrades - Seatown Road, Swords - AI106181

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the timeline for Active Travel upgrades on Seatown Road and to elaborate on the measures that will be taken to mitigate disruption?"

19 Councillor L. Corkery - Report on All-Weather Pitch Project - Swords Celtic - AI106182

"To ask the Chief Executive for a comprehensive report and timeline for the next steps in the all-weather pitch project in Swords Celtic, as well as any specific requirements from the request for further information for Section 5 of the application?"

20 Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Short-Term Pedestrian Connectivity - Knocksedan, Swords - AI106361

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on short-term pedestrian connectivity to Knocksedan, following a previous commitment to meet with the landowner in early 2026?"

21 Councillor L. Corkery - Safe Routes to Schools in Swords - AI106364

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on each of the Safe Routes to School Schemes in the Swords Electoral Area (Broadmeadow CNS; Holy Family NS; Holywell ETNS and St. Colmcille's GNS) that were granted funding in the 2026 National Transport Authority Active Travel Allocations and whether a timeline is currently available for the commencement of works?"

22 Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Rolestown Green Space - AI106394

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any plans for the provision of green or open space in the Rolestown area?"

23 Councillor M. Quinn - Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Audit in this LEA - AI106186

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there is a continuous audit of smoke/carbon monoxide alarms in the Council's housing stock in this Local Electoral Area, how long is the lifespan of such alarms and are they regularly replaced?"

24 Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Boiler Maintenance in this LEA - AI106187

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the timeline for maintenance and replacement of Veismann boilers in the Council's

housing stock in this Local Electoral Area?"

25 Councillor D. Butler - Update on Properties - Abbeylea Green, Swords - AI106307

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on two properties, (details supplied) Abbeylea Green in Swords, if they are owned by the Council and if so, when will they be renovated and made available for allocation as per the housing list?"

26 Councillor D. Butler - Lord Mayor's Development Connectivity Timeline - AI106658

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline and details of expected connectivity between the new Lord Mayor's development from Swords through to the Ward Valley Park?"

27 Councillor T. Murphy - Housing Voids in this LEA - AI106323

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of voids that the Housing Department managed in 2025 in the Balbriggan/Swords Electoral Areas and to advise on the average turnaround time for occupancy?"

28 Councillor T. Murphy - Access and Egress to the Green in Balrothery, Balbriggan.

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that in the active travel plan the access and egress to the green in Balrothery will be prioritised?"

29 Councillor T. Murphy - Implementation of Safe Routes to School Programme - St. Oliver Plunkett's N.S. Balrothery

"To ask the Chief Executive when the Safe Routes to School Programme will be implemented for St. Oliver Plunkett's National School in Balrothery, Balbriggan?"

30 Councillor G. Maguire - Update on Structural Works - Balbriggan Library - AI106613

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the structural works being carried out at Balbriggan Library?"

31 Councillor J. Smyth - Active Travel and Pedestrian Safety Measures - Applewood Educate Together and Community Centre, Swords - AI106542

"To ask the Chief Executive if any additional active travel or pedestrian safety measures are planned for the area around Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe, Applewood Educate Together and Applewood Community Centre, Swords?"

32 Councillor J. Smyth - Pedestrian Safety Concerns - Hearse Road, Donabate - AI106604

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to address the serious safety concerns for pedestrians who use a section of the Hearse Road, from the Kilcrea Gate of Newbridge Demesne to Semple Woods, by the installation of a footpath?"

33 Councillor J. Smyth - Taking in Charge of Roads Operated by the Dublin Airport Authority - AI106605

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline any current plans to take in charge roads owned or operated by the daa and if any such processes would include the installation of active travel routes prior to the Council acquiring these roads?"

34 Councillor J. Smyth - Arcades/Casinos Operating Outside of Approved Hours in this LEA - AI106607

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on what action the Council can take in relation to breaches of terms of planning permission, in particular businesses such as arcades or casinos operating outside of the approved opening times in this Local Electoral Area?"

35 Councillor E. Dockrell - Renaming of the Donabate Distributor Road - AI106556

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to renaming the Donabate Distributor Road to a name which reflects the local geography and historical heritage of the area, possibly by having a competition involving local schools or other community groups in deciding on a new name?"

36 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Location for Lusk Men's Shed and Lusk ICA - AI106615

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the community

space that has been identified for the Lusk Men's Shed and Lusk ICA group and to provide details regarding the next steps for the groups to secure the site on the Rathmore Road (R127)?”

37 Councillor E. Dockrell - Linear Park Cycle Lane Project - Rush - AI106621

“To ask the Chief Executive if the Active Travel Department would consider including the Linear Park Cycle Lane Project, proposed in the Rush Framework Plan 2018, which was to run along the Brook Stream from North Beach to Park Road, in the active travel tracker of projects or as part of the Rush Town Centre First plan, as there is potential for the cycle lane to be extended further along Brook Lane to the north of Hayestown and incorporated into the proposal to develop a plan for a cycle lane to the Rush-Lusk train station?”

38 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Upgrade of Blake's Cross Junction, Lusk - AI106622

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Blake's Cross Junction upgrade project and the remaining stages that must be completed before construction works can commence?”

39 Councillor E. Dockrell - Sports Hub - Rush Boxing Club - AI106623

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to add Rush Boxing Club to the plans for the proposed Sports Hub in Rush, the club is established in Rush providing an outlet for many young people in the community, as they do not have the security of a permanent location and must currently rent space in Loughshinny?”

40 Councillor E. Dockrell - Primary Care Centre Location - Donabate and Portrane - AI106700

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for Council Officials to engage directly with HSE Executives to locate a suitable site for the provision of a primary care centre for the residents of Donabate and Portrane, following the Department of Health's welcome news that they are now reconsidering sites on the peninsula, such as St. Ita's campus?”

41 Councillor D. Kelly - Ownership of GAA Football Pitch - Saint Finian's Community College, Swords - AI106647

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the ownership of the GAA football pitch beside St. Finian's Community College?"

42 Councillor D. Kelly - Update on Well Protection - Lord Mayor's Site, Swords - AI106649

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the protection request for the Well at the old Lord Mayor's pub site in Swords?"

43 Councillor B. Ryan - Disposal of Murtagh's of Ballough, Lusk - AI106665

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate if there are any barriers to the disposal of Murtagh's of Ballough, which has been for sale for some time?"

44 Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Phase 1 of Fingal Coastal Way - Balbriggan to Skerries - AI106697

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Phase 1 of the Fingal Coastal Way between Balbriggan and Skerries?"

45 Councillor B. Ryan - Fingal Coastal Way impact on Bus Routes - AI106698

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on any discussions between the Fingal Coastal Way team, the National Transport Authority and bus companies regarding possible impacts of the Fingal Coastal Way on bus routes between Balbriggan, Skerries and onwards towards the city?"

46 Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - The Forge Estate, Lusk - AI106676

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the current status of the taking in charge of The Forge Estate, Lusk and whether any financial recourse is available to the Council from the developer, as residents have been waiting for resolution for an extended period on this taking in charge process?"

47 Councillor M. Boland - Undergrounding of Overhead Cables on Rush Main Street - AI106677

"To ask the Chief Executive if a long-term strategic plan exists, or is being considered, for the undergrounding of overhead cables on Rush

Main Street and to outline any future steps or assessments required to progress this as part of the town's public realm and streetscape improvement into the future?"

48 Councillor M. Boland - Update on the Provision of the Proposed Rush Sports Hub - AI106678

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the provision of 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 stakeholders in this project?"

49 Councillor M. Boland - Update on the Proposed New Junction at Blake's Cross, Lusk - AI106680

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress update on the proposed new junction at Blake's Cross and to outline the next key steps and timelines for the delivery of this important piece of infrastructure for the area?"

50 Councillor M. Boland - E-Car Public Charging Spaces on Main Street in Rush and Main Street in Lusk - AI106681

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the ability of the Council to provide E-car public charging spaces on Main Street in Rush and Main Street in Lusk?"

51 Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - Páirc Na Bláthanna Estate - Rush - AI106682

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Páirc Na Bláthanna Estate in Rush and to provide a list of outstanding items to be completed prior to taking in charge?"

52 Councillor M. Boland - Update on the Opening of Rogerstown Park - AI106683

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the completion and full-time opening of Rogerstown Park and how this will advance the project for the Rush/Lusk cycleway?"

53 Councillor D. Mulligan - Commencement Date for Woodside Development, Swords.

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm a commencement date for the

Woodside development and to outline any scheduled enabling works?"

54 Councillor D. Mulligan - Commencement of the R132 Connectivity Project

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when construction works on the R132 Connectivity Project are scheduled to commence?"

55 Councillor D. Mulligan - Assessment of Traffic Impacts of the R132 Connectivity Project and MetroLink Works.

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline if an assessment has been undertaken of the cumulative traffic and access impacts, arising from multiple projects scheduled to commence concurrently in the area, during the R132 Connectivity Project and MetroLink works?"

56 Councillor D. Mulligan - Acquisition of Footpath and Bridge - Knocksedan/Ward River Valley Park, Swords

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the current status and timeline for the acquisition of the path and footbridge connecting Knocksedan to the Ward Valley Regional Park, including any interim access arrangements?"

57 Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

b Applications for Sports Funding

**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)

**ECONOMIC,
COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT**

59 Proposed Disposals

a Notice of Proposed Disposal of Land and Grant of Wayleave at North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks.

- b Notice of Proposed Disposal of Land and Grant of Wayleave at Crowcastle Green, Swords, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks.**
- c Notice of Proposed Grant of a Non-exclusive Right of Way at Thomondtown, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Donal Butterly and Ann Marie Butterly.**

60 Quay Street and Environs, Traffic Management Scheme – Section 38 Non-Statutory Public Consultant Recommendations

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

61 Quiet Streets Applications 2026

GENERAL BUSINESS

62 Update from Local Link regarding Councillor C. Boland Motion - Presentation from Management of Rural Link Bus Service - AI098714

63 Correspondence

- a E-mail Dated 14th January 2026 from Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion regarding Councillor D. Mulligan Motion - Special School Places in this LEA - AI100551**
- b E-mail Dated 16th January 2026 from the Minister for Education and Youth regarding Councillor P. Mulville Motion - Foirgneamh Scoile Bhuan Nua do Ghaelscoil Ros Eó - AI105081**
- c E-mail Dated 16th January 2026 from Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion regarding Councillor C. Boland Motion - School Transport Service for Lusk Community College - AI101962**
- d E-mail dated 28th January 2026 from the Minister for Education and Youth regarding Councillor E. Dockrell Motion - Update on Progress of Schools - Ballalease North Site, Donabate - AI101937**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S
BUSINESS**

64 Councillor L. Corkery - Construction of Pedestrian Footpath - Jugback Lane, Swords - AI106359

“That the Chief Executive carry out an assessment to determine if construction of a pedestrian footpath between the junction of Jugback

Lane and Glen Ellan Road and the existing pedestrian footpath at Jugback Estate, by removing the slope adjacent to the Glen Ellan boundary wall, is a feasible option without requiring land acquisition."

MOTIONS

65 Councillor C. Boland - Report on the Sustainable Swords Strategy - AI102605

"That the Chief Executive present a report on the progress of the delivery of the 'Sustainable Swords Strategy' with particular focus on the Main Street of Swords."

66 Councillor C. Johnston - Upgrade of Water Network - Corballis, Donabate - AI106006

"That the Chief Executive writes to Uisce Éireann requesting that they prioritise the replacement of the water network pipeline in Corballis, Donabate in the next rehabilitation programme given the age of, and defects in, the existing network and the increasing water outages."

67 Councillor T. Murphy - Approved Housing Bodies Vacant Property - Balbriggan Electoral Area - AI106322

"That the Chief Executive explain how the Approved Housing Bodies (AHB's) advise the Housing Department on property in their control in the Balbriggan Electoral Area that becomes vacant with a view to getting a quicker turnaround."

68 Councillor M. Boland - Long-Term Strategic Plan for Footpath - Minister's Road, Lusk - AI106480

"That the Chief Executive initiates the process of creating a long-term strategic plan for delivering a continuous pedestrian footpath on Minister's Road in Lusk, from Regles Estate to the junction of the R132, to provide a safe walking route between adjoining residential areas and public transport links on the R132 and that this plan includes an assessment of delivery routes including agreement, purchase or where required, commencement of the CPO process as necessary."

69 Councillor J. Smyth - Request to Reinstate the Post Box - Rivermeade Estate, Swords - AI106541

"That the Chief Executive writes to An Post requesting them to reinstate the post box in Rivermeade Estate, Swords."

70 Councillor B. Ryan - Community Use of Premises - Church Street, Skerries - AI106602

"That the Chief Executive ensures that the premises at Church Street in Skerries, which until recently housed Skerries Library on a temporary basis, will remain in community use and be allocated to a community group without any undue delay."

71 Councillor D. Kelly - Dog Fouling - Raven's Mill, Rolestown - AI106640

"That the Chief Executive arrange a site survey of the Raven's Mill Estate in Rolestown with a view to providing bins in the estate and dog fouling warning signage in the area to warn dog owners about penalties for dog fouling."

72 Councillor D. Butler - Knocksedan Connectivity Working Group - AI106653

"That the Chief Executive establish a working group to include this Committee, the Infrastructure and Transport Department, Parks Department and the Active Travel Department to consider safe connectivity solutions for Knocksedan, including:
 (1) Safe footpath and cycling access along the R108 and L2030 to Swords Manor,
 (2) Recreational access across the Ward River Valley Park,
 (3) Connectivity from Knocksedan Wood to the woodland trail at the River Valley Rangers F.C. pitches, linking to the proposed new bridge across the Ward River Valley."

73 Councillor P. Mulville/ Councillor E. Dockrell/ Councillor C. Johnston - Tenant Purchase Scheme - Portrane Avenue Tenants - AI106701

"That the Chief Executive ensures priority consideration is given by the appointed consultant to a Tenant Purchase Scheme for existing HSE tenants along Portrane Avenue, as part of the joint HSE and Council St. Ita's Masterplan process, following the HSE's response to resolution BSB/629/24 (Item 34b, January 2026 Area B Meeting)."

74 Councillor J. Smyth - Permanent Location for Swords Women's Shed - AI106544

"That the Chief Executive ensures that the Council prioritises the

securing of a permanent location for the Swords Women's Shed, in recognition of the need for such supports within the area and the impactful work they currently engage in."

75 Councillor T. Murphy - Update on Bath and Boathouse Rejuvenation, Balbriggan.

"That the Chief Executive provide a detailed report on the delay in initiating the Part VIII planning process for the rejuvenation of the Bath and Boathouse in Balbriggan, given all required environmental assessments have been completed, and provide definitive commencement and completion dates for the Part VIII process."

76 Councillor D. Kelly - Timeframe on HAP Property Inspections in this LEA - AI106652

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on the timeframe from the date an inspection is requested on HAP home maintenance inspections to the actual inspection date in this LEA"

77 Councillor B. Ryan - Skerries Active Travel Plan - AI106693

"That the Chief Executive accepts that due to the scope, scale and potential impact of the proposed Skerries Active Travel plan on the town of Skerries, a higher-level plan than a Section 38 procedure is warranted."

78 Councillor P. Mulville - Donabate Train Station - AI106713

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Minister for Transport setting out the Area Committee's concerns that Iarnród Éireann/Irish Rail should provide and support improved pedestrian/cycling permeability linkages in and out of Donabate train station, connecting with the Main Street and Turvey Avenue in the interests of improved pedestrian and cycle safety."
