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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, 12th March, 2026** on conclusion of the Services A Meeting 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 12th February 2026.**

QUESTIONS

- 2 Councillor M. Boland - Provision of Bike Parking Bays - North Beach Car Park, Rush - AI106674**

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to providing bike parking bays at the North Beach car park in Rush to promote active travel in the area?”

- 3 Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - The Forge Estate - Lusk - AI107204**

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the current position regarding the taking in charge of The Forge Estate in Lusk and whether any financial recourse is available to the Council from the developer as residents have been waiting for a resolution for an extended period of time on this taking in charge process?”

- 4 Councillor M. Boland - Update on Defective Block Scheme - Rush and Lusk - AI107220**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the current Defective Block Scheme and to give a timeline on the implementation of the scheme in Rush and Lusk or an update on whether the Department has been in contact with the Council on this matter?”

- 5 Councillor M. Boland - Update on Derelict Sites Register in Rush Town Centre - AI107223**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the current properties listed on the derelict sites register in Rush Town Centre and if there is any potential for their purchase by the Council for refurbishment or alternative use as a community facility as part of a revitalisation strategy for the Main Street of Rush?”

- 6 Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - Rahenny Park Estate - Lusk - AI107228**

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in

charge of Rahenny Park Estate in Lusk and to provide a list of outstanding items to be completed prior to taking in charge?"

7 Councillor D. Butler - Update on Damage to Old Mill and Salmon Run in Ward Valley Park - Swords - AI106872

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the damage at the Old Mill and Salmon Run caused by Storm Chandra and on how difficult this will be to repair?"

8 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of a Pedestrian/Cycle Path - Seaview Park to Quay Road - Portrane - AI107044

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of a pedestrian and cycle path from Seaview Park to Quay Road, Portrane given the safety concerns of pedestrians while walking along this dangerous section of road?"

9 Councillor C. Johnston - Pedestrian Path - Hearse Road - Donabate - AI107157

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if there are any proposals under consideration for the provision of a pedestrian path on the Hearse Road in Donabate from Semple Woods Estate to the Kilcrea/Newbridge Demesne junction?"

10 Councillor C. Johnston - Meeting regarding Permeability Paths - Beverton and Turvey Estates - Donabate - AI107158

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the on-site meeting between Council officials, resident group representatives from the Beverton and Turvey estates and Public Representatives regarding the outstanding issues with the Beverton/Turvey permeability paths will take place?"

11 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Playground - Oldtown - AI107196

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if discussions have taken place with the Oldtown Community Council for the provision of a much-needed playground in the area and to provide a report on same?"

12 Councillor C. Johnston - Update Broadmeadow Way Greenway - AI107198

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the Broadmeadow Way Greenway project to confirm the cost to date and if this project will be delivered on time and within budget?"

13 Councillor C. Johnston - Coastal Erosion Measures - Burrow Beach - Portrane - AI107236

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to assess the need for emergency measures along the sections of Burrow Beach in Portrane, not included in the recently announced emergency scheme, given the worsening impact of coastal erosion on residential properties along this stretch of beach with a view to having appropriate work carried out as soon as possible?"

14 Councillor C. Johnston - Update on the Hearse Road to Lissenhall Upgrade - AI107244

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the Hearse Road to Lissenhall upgrade and to include the projected timeline for progressing the next stages of this project?"

15 Councillor G. Maguire - Update on Turning on of Lights - Bremore Castle - Balbriggan - AI107102

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the turning on of the lights, to the rear of Bremore Castle, along the walkway as a matter of urgency and in the interest of safety?"

16 Councillor G. Maguire - Update on Bremore Castle, Balbriggan - AI107103

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any planned works for Bremore Castle and its environs and to provide a timeline for the opening of same to the public?"

17 Councillor G. Maguire - Replacement of Volleyball Net - Balbriggan Beach - AI107164

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a replacement volleyball net on Balbriggan Beach as the previous one was damaged by the recent storm?"

18 Councillor J. Smyth - Identify Location for State Run Childcare Provision in this LEA - AI107114

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to identify and propose at least one site in this Local Electoral Area to be included in the pilot scheme from the Department of Children, Disability and Equality for State-led early learning and childcare services, in light of the lack of adequate childcare provision within this area?"

19 Councillor J. Smyth - Update on College of Further Education - Swords - AI107117

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress to date regarding the provision of a further and higher-level college for Swords as agreed in the Development Plan from the previous Council term?"

20 Councillor J. Smyth - Processing Times for Medical Priority HMD1 Forms in this LEA - AI107120

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what the average length of time is for HMD1 applications to be processed and decided upon in this Local Electoral Area?"

21 Councillor L. Corkery - Taking In Charge - Glen Ellan Road Extension - Swords - AI107169

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of the section of the Glen Ellan Road Extension, between Westmill Estate and Applewood Community Centre/Swords Educate Together National School, and on any discussions with the developer regarding the switching on of traffic lights at this location?"

22 Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Part VIII - Loughshinny Playground - AI107187

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on preparations for the planned Part VIII planning procedure for the Loughshinny playground and to indicate if the previously advised commencement date of Q1 remains the target?"

23 Councillor B. Ryan - Waste Management Without Use of a Waste Collector in this LEA - AI107188

"To ask the Chief Executive if it is possible for a citizen in this Local

Electoral Area to manage their waste in a responsible and civic manner, through the use of civic amenity sites or recycling centres and composting, without the need for a contract with an authorised waste collector?"

24 Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Tender Process for Roof of the Heritage Centre - Balrothery - AI107192

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the tendering process for the remedial works to be carried out to the roof of the Heritage Centre in Balrothery and to provide a brief summary of the scope of the works being tendered for?"

25 Councillor B. Ryan - Progression of the Provision of Footpath - R128 from Loughshinny to Skerries - AI107237

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline how the provision of a footpath along the R128 from Loughshinny to Skerries will be progressed this year, as the Active Travel Department have concluded that this project is outside the scope of their brief, a major capital project is required as the project is listed for funding in year one of the three-year Capital Plan?"

26 Councillor E. Dockrell - Interim Coastal Protection - Portrane Beach - Portrane - AI107208

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the interim coastal protection measures (rock armour) that are to be put in place along Portrane Beach?"

27 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Active Travel Projects - Rush and Lusk - AI107212

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of the Active Travel projects on the 'tracker' list that are being actively considered for funding in the Rush and Lusk Electoral Area, and to provide a summary of each of these projects that the department intend to progress during the remainder of this Council term?"

28 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Review of St. Ita's Campus - Portrane - AI107218

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the review being carried out on the St. Ita's Hospital Campus in Portrane, to provide details on the objectives of the review and an approximate timeframe

for when the recommendations of this review will be issued?"

29 Councillor E. Dockrell - Purchase of Martello Tower - Donabate - AI107221

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the Council to purchase the historical Martello Tower near Donabate beach and for an update on any ongoing discussions on this proposal?"

30 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre - The Naul - AI107224

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposal to extend The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre in the Naul and for an update on the progress with regard to this project?"

31 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Cycle Lane on the R132 - AI107233

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans to extend the existing cycle lane on the R132 and continue it south of the Blake's Cross junction towards Donabate, and if there are plans to include a cycle lane in any proposal for Minister's Road linking the R132 to Lusk?"

32 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Phase 2 Extension of Donabate Library - AI107238

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Phase 2 extension of Donabate Library and the timeframe for progression of this stage of the library?"

33 Councillor D. Mulligan - Road Works Sign Stuck in Sluice Gate (Salmon Run Area) - Swords - AI107231

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the road works sign which is lodged in the sluice gate near the salmon run in Swords has been inspected and to advise what action will be taken to remove it?"

34 Councillor D. Mulligan - Infrastructure Capacity and Traffic Growth - Swords - AI107241

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline how projected traffic growth arising from ongoing and permitted developments in the Swords area

is being factored into Strategic Infrastructure Planning?"

35 Councillor D. Mulligan - Long-Term Infrastructure Plan - Church Road to Lispopple Cross - AI107243

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline if a long-term infrastructure improvement plan exists for Church Road to Lispopple Cross beyond the currently approved resurfacing works?"

36 Councillor D. Mulligan - Maintenance and Flood Mitigation Strategy - Ward River/Ushers Lake Corridor, Swords - AI107245

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the current maintenance and flood mitigation strategy for the Ward River/Ushers Lake corridor in the Swords area given the recent damage and flood events?"

37 Councillor M. Quinn - Taking in Charge - Stephenstown Link Road - Balbriggan - AI107251

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of the Stephenstown Link Road and the timeline for when the road will be completely taken in charge?"

38 Councillor M. Quinn - Activation of Signalised Crossing - Flemington Lane - Balbriggan - AI107253

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what outstanding works are required at the newly installed signalised crossings at the junction of Flemington Lane in Balbriggan to activate the crossings and the timeline for these works?"

39 Councillor M. Quinn - Taking in Charge of Estates within this LEA - AI107254

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of estates not yet taken in charge in this Local Electoral Area and to include how long these estates are in existence?"

40 Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Portrane Coastal Erosion and Flooding Protection Scheme - AI107274

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the provision of further interim emergency erosion and flood protection works at the Burrow in Portrane and to outline when the works will commence?"

41 Councillor P. Mulville - Drainage Issue - Balmoston SUDS Feature - Donabate - AI107278

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to address the ongoing drainage issues affecting the Balmoston Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS) feature?" (see photo attached)

42 Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Cost/Affordable Rental Provision in this LEA - AI107279

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the future Cost/Affordable rental provision across this Local Electoral Area to be provided directly by the Council and by the Approved Housing Bodies?"

43 Councillor P. Mulville - Flood Risk Assessment in this LEA - AI107280

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide a new flood risk assessment of all undeveloped residential zoned land across this Local Electoral Area, given the recent heavy flooding and rainfall, which is set to worsen in the future?"

44 Councillor P. Mulville - Progress on Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy and Action Plan in this LEA - AI107281

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the actions contained in the Council's Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy and Action Plan that are relevant to this Local Electoral Area?"

45 Councillor P. Mulville - Acquisition of Land for Parks, Open Space and Recreational Provision in this LEA - AI107288

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans to acquire further land for parks, open space and recreational provision across this Local Electoral Area, given the rapid and ongoing increase in housing and population?"

46 Councillor J. Humphreys - Unauthorised Works Contributing to Flooding - Swords - AI107282

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Planning Authority has assessed if any unauthorised works, land alterations or drainage interventions on lands at Brackenstown, between Rivervalley and Knocksedan, may be contributing to the flooding of adjoining homes at Brookdale Grove, Rivervalley, Swords, and to set out what enforcement powers are

available to the Council in such circumstances?"

47 Councillor J. Humphreys - Management Legislation on Private Lands in the Swords Electoral Area - AI107283

"To ask the Chief Executive to clarify if the Council accepts that, notwithstanding private ownership of the lands in question, it has a role under planning enforcement, drainage and flood risk management legislation, where altered land conditions on private lands are contributing to flooding risk for existing residential properties in the Swords Electoral Area?"

48 Councillor J. Humphreys - Swords LEA Biodiversity Mowing Map - AI107286

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Council will publish the Swords Local Electoral Area Biodiversity Mowing Map for 2026, identifying reduced-mowing areas, wildflower meadows, and 'Do Not Mow' pollinator zones, together with the management plan and annual review process for each location?"

49 Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

b Applications for Sports Funding

**ECONOMIC,
COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT
BUSINESS**

50 Proposed Disposals

a Notice of Proposed Grant of Wayleave at Mourne View, Skerries, Co. Dublin to Uisce Éireann

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

51 Balrothery Active Travel Plan

GENERAL BUSINESS

52 Correspondence

- a Letter dated 20th February 2026 from Iarnród Éireann regarding Councillor M. Boland Motion - Meeting Between the Council and Iarnród Éireann - Irish Rail and the NTA - AI103995**

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

53 Councillor L. Corkery - Soláthar Gaelcholáiste sa Toghlimistéar Áitiúil Seo - AI107168

"Go scríobhfaidh an Príomhoifigeach Feidhmiúcháin chuig an Roinn Oideachais agus Óige chun iarracht a dhéanamh Gaelcholáiste dara leibhéal a bhunú i Sord, i bhfianaise ghealltanais an Chláir Rialtais deiseanna oideachais trí mheán na Gaeilge a leathnú, agus ós rud é go bhfuil dhá bhunscoil lán Ghaeilge i gceantar Shoird agus ceann eile i nDomhnach Bat. "

"That the Chief Executive write to the Department of Education and Youth to request a second-level Gaelcholáiste in Swords, in light of the Programme for the Government's commitment to expanding educational opportunities through the medium of Irish, as there are two primary schools in the Swords area and another one in Donabate."

MOTIONS

54 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."

55 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 that all required environmental assessments have been completed and provide definitive commencement and completion dates for the Part VIII process."

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

"That the Chief Executive ensures that 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)."

57 Councillor D. Butler - Delivery of Safe Footpath and Cycling Access - Knocksedan to Swords Manor - AI106962

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on what steps would have to be completed in order to deliver a safe footpath and cycling access along the R108 and L2030 (around and not through the Ward Valley Park) from Knocksedan to Swords Manor and to compile proposals to achieve this."

58 Councillor D. Mulligan - Public Transport Linking Swords and Blanchardstown - AI107225

"That the Chief Executive writes to the National Transport Authority and Blanchardstown Technological University to seek the provision of appropriate and direct public transport links between Swords and Blanchardstown."

59 Councillor M. Quinn - Request for a Safe Crossing at Castleland Shopping Centre - AI107255

"That the Chief Executive write to the developer of the Castleland Park Estate to request that a safe pedestrian crossing is put in place to accommodate the children crossing from Castleland Park to the school complex."

60 Councillor J. Smyth - Provision of a Gaelcholáiste for Swords - AI107112

"That this Council agrees to actively work with the Department of Education and IMEASC to identify a suitable site for the building and provision of a Gaelcholáiste in Swords, or the greater Swords area, to meet the growing need for secondary education through Irish in the County of Fingal."
