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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, 14th May, 2026** on conclusion of the Services A Meeting 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 9th of April 2026.**

QUESTIONS

- 2 Councillor J. Newman - Taking in Charge - R108 Naul Road - AI107709**

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on when the R108 Naul Road, from The Coachman's Inn to the roundabout on the R108, will be taken in charge and if provision has been made for a cycleway/pedestrian footpath at this location as the road runs parallel to the North Runway of Dublin Airport?"

- 3 Councillor J. Newman - Additional Childcare Places - Swords - AI107711**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the approach being considered by the Council to provide additional childcare places in Swords and surrounding areas, following the recent announcement by Minister Foley?"

- 4 Councillor J. Newman - Report on Housing for over 70's in this LEA - AI107712**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of persons, by gender, on the housing list that are over 70 years of age in this Local Electoral Area and indicate what policies are in place or being considered to stabilise this area of the Council's Housing Strategy?"

- 5 Councillor J. Newman - School Wardens - Swords - AI108189**

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are sufficient numbers of School Wardens to adequately provide cover for school children's safety in the Swords area?"

- 6 Councillor T. Murphy - EV Charging Points - Bath Road - Balbriggan - AI107963**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide a timeline for the delivery of thirteen EV charging points at the Bath Road car park given that this car park is now considered the overflow car park for the train station and commuters in general?"

7 Councillor J. Smyth - Mobile Food Outlets in this LEA - AI107905

"To ask the Chief Executive to clarify the definition of mobile trading outlets under the relevant planning legislation, policies and local by-laws as applied to this Local Electoral Area?"

8 Councillor J. Smyth - Air to Heat Pump Faults in this LEA - AI107907

"To ask the Chief Executive if any persistent issues/faults have been identified following the installation of air to heat pumps in the Council's social housing stock within this Local Electoral Area?"

9 Councillor J. Smyth - Housing Sites in this LEA - AI107908

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the sites that have been identified in the Local Development Plan for the provision of homes, specifically for those with disabilities, in this Local Electoral Area?"

10 Councillor J. Smyth - Rejected Social Housing Applications in this LEA - AI107909

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide statistics on the number of social housing applications, for individuals presenting with intellectual disabilities, that have been rejected in recent years on the absence of a HSE homecare or supported living package in this Local Electoral Area?"

11 Councillor J. Smyth - Provision of Secondary School - Estuary West Lands, Swords - AI107910

"To ask the Chief Executive if details can be provided on the designated school site, at Estuary West Lands in Swords, being used for the provision of a secondary school?"

12 Councillor J. Smyth - Timeframe for Re-Opening of Rivermeade Community Centre - Swords - AI107911

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide a timeframe for the re-opening of the Rivermeade Community Centre?"

13 Councillor J. Smyth - Rivervalley Bottle Bank Relocation - Swords - AI107914

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what plans are underway with regards to relocating the bottle bank which has been moved from its established location in proximity to the Rivervalley/Rathingle Community Centre?"

14 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Sports Audit - Rush/Lusk Electoral Area - AI107923

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Sports Audit for the towns and villages in the Rush/Lusk Electoral Area?"

15 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Progress of Entrance/Exit at Rush/Lusk Train Station - AI107924

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on progress and any recent engagement with Irish Rail on the upgrading of the entrance and exit to the Rush/Lusk train station?"

16 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road Project - AI107925

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project?"

17 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Coastal Cliff Walk - Tower Bay, Portrane and Donabate Beach - AI107926

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the timeline for upgrading the coastal cliff walk between Tower Bay, Portrane and Donabate Beach?"

18 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Primary Care Centre - Donabate and Portrane - AI107927

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any discussions with the HSE on a location for a Primary Care Centre for Donabate and Portrane and if consideration can be given to selecting a site near where the recreational sports hub will be located?"

19 Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Rush Sports Alliance - AI107951

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Rush Sports Alliance plans, detailing what part will Rush Boxing Club play in the

proposal and the timelines for the plan for the development?"

20 Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Status of Stephenstown Link Road, Balbriggan - AI108274

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the current status of the Stephenstown Link Road regarding the general upkeep of the road, from grass cutting to pavement repairs?"

21 Councillor M. Quinn - Report on Slips, Trips and Falls - Main Streets - Balbriggan - AI108276

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an outline of reports made by members of the public regarding slips, trips and falls along Dublin Street, Bridge Street and Drogheda Street in Balbriggan from 2024 to date and advise how many have resulted in payments by the Council?"

22 Councillor G. Maguire - Safety Measures - Castlemill Link Road - Balbriggan - AI107964

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to urgently re-examine the need for pencil bollards to be placed along the school on the Castlemill Link Road in the interest of safety along this very busy route?"

23 Councillor G. Maguire - Update on Repairs to Balbriggan Library - AI108404

"To ask the Chief Executive for an urgent update in relation to the long-standing repairs to the library building in Balbriggan and to give a timeline for the completion of same?"

24 Councillor G. Maguire - Update on Bremore Castle - AI108405

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for the completion of Bremore Castle with a view to opening it to the public?"

25 Councillor L. Corkery - Senior Citizens Day Centre Replacement Building - Swords - AI108004

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Council have engaged with Swords Senior Citizens Day Centre in relation to the procurement of a replacement building?"

26 Councillor L. Corkery - Pedestrian Bridge between Fingallians GAA Club and Balheary Park - Swords - AI108006

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the pedestrian bridge between Fingallians GAA Club and Balheary Park is to be removed as part of the R132 Connectivity Project, and if so, when this is expected to happen and what measures are planned to allow for safe crossing of the dual carriageway in the interim?"

27 Councillor L. Corkery - Purchase of the Bostik Site - Swords - AI108007

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the Council to acquire the former Bostik site on the R132 for the development of playing pitches?"

28 Councillor L. Corkery - Development of Estuary Lands as Playing Pitches - Swords - AI108008

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given, in the short-term, to developing the lands at Seatown East between Swords Road and Estuary Road, a pocket of which is in the ownership of the Council and the subject of a submission to the Fingal Development Variation Plan 2023-2029, as playing pitches?"

29 Councillor L. Corkery - Report on Holybanks Development, Swords - AI108009

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the proposed Holybanks development, in particular if information is available regarding the sale of two-bedroom houses, including if such units will be subject to eligibility criteria under current affordable housing or purchaser support schemes and if these conditions will apply to all two-bedroom units or if a proportion will be made available for the open market private purchase?"

30 Councillor L. Corkery - Provision of Inline Hockey Rink - Swords - AI108156

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide an inline hockey rink in the Swords area as part of future parks and recreational developments?"

31 Councillor L. Corkery - Taking in Charge - Comyn Manor - Swords - AI108271

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge process for Comyn Manor Estate in Swords?"

32 Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - The Forge Estate - Lusk - AI108293

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

33 Councillor M. Boland - Update on Defective Block Scheme - Rush and Lusk - AI108295

"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?"

34 Councillor M. Boland - Update on Sports Facility Audit - Rush and Lusk - AI108296

"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 Rush and Lusk areas?"

35 Councillor M. Boland - Accessibility Audit - Rush - AI108297

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the Council to carry out a targeted accessibility audit in Rush Town Centre and key public facilities and links, including Rogerstown Park, to identify footpaths and routes that are not wheelchair-accessible (e.g. narrow widths, obstructions, uneven surfaces, missing dropped kerbs and obstacles such as lamp posts) and to provide a timeline and outline on how identified works will be prioritised for delivery?"

36 Councillor C. Johnston - Report on Acquisition of Martello Tower - Donabate - AI108378

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the acquisition of the Martello Tower at Balcarrick Beach in Donabate?"

37 Councillor C. Johnston - Name Plaque for Naul Village Park - AI108379

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of a name plaque or inscribed stone at the entrance to The Naul Village Park car park entrance, marking the placename 'Easter Snow', given the importance of this specific area of the site as this is where Seamus Ennis spent his last days?"

38 Councillor C. Johnston - Commemorative Monument at The Hand - Donabate - AI108380

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the provision of a monument at The Hand in Donabate, to commemorate the role the people of Donabate played in the creation of a free State, given that this is an objective in the Donabate Framework Plan to be delivered within the first 12 months of the adoption of the plan?"

39 Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Portrane Road Enhancement Scheme - AI108396

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

40 Councillor C. Johnston - Extension to Donabate/Portrane Community Centre - AI108397

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if there are any plans or proposals under consideration for an extension to the Donabate/Portrane Community Centre and if funding has been ringfenced for an extension given that the population is set to increase to 20,000 before the end of the decade?"

41 Councillor C. Johnston - Proposals for Padel Courts in this LEA - AI108398

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if there are any proposals under consideration for the provision of padel courts in this Local Electoral Area?"

42 Councillor C. Johnston - Primary Care Centre - Donabate - AI108399

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any recent discussions that have taken place with the HSE in respect of a site for

the provision of a Primary Care Centre in Donabate given the recent decision by the HSE not to proceed with this much needed facility on a site in the area?"

43 Councillor D. Butler - Replacement of Bottle Bank in Rivervalley - Swords - AI108381

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update with regard to the provision of a replacement bottle bank in the Rivervalley area?"

44 Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Running Track - Bremore, Balbriggan - AI108391

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update and timelines for the provision of a running track at Bremore in Balbriggan which is eagerly awaited by the Balbriggan Athletics Club?"

45 Councillor B. Ryan - Provision of All-weather Pitch or MUGA - Mourne Estate, Skerries - AI108392

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to assess the potential for the provision of an all-weather pitch or a MUGA at the northern end of the green area within the Mourne Estate in Skerries?"

46 Councillor P. Mulville - Litter and Dog Warden Enforcement - Donabate/Portrane - AI108413

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there is a plan in place for the Donabate/Portrane area to ensure increased litter and dog warden enforcement activity over the busy summer period?"

47 Councillor P. Mulville - Report on Archaeological Findings - Swords Castle - AI108419

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any archaeological findings from the recent and ongoing works at Swords Castle and if so, can the nature of same be outlined?"

48 Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Boarded-Up Houses - Dublin Road, Swords - AI108421

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the boarded-up houses along the Dublin Road in Swords and if there are any planning applications or planned development works at this location?"

49 Councillor P. Mulville - Pollution Status on Rivers and Estuary in this LEA - AI108422

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the pollution status of every river and estuary in this Local Electoral Area?"

50 Councillor P. Mulville - Four Bedroom Council Houses in this LEA - AI108423

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of four-bedroom Council houses currently in stock in the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area and to outline any plans to increase the number of same, given the urgent demand?"

51 Councillor P. Mulville - Provision of Playing Pitch for Fingallians GAA Club - AI108424

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the provision of a playing pitch for Fingallians GAA club due to the Metro works disruption?"

52 Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Purchase of Martello Tower - Donabate - AI108425

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Council has received any positive response from the Government regarding this Committee's call for the Martello Tower at Donabate beach to be purchased for community and heritage use?"

53 Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

b Applications for Sports Funding

**ECONOMIC,
COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT
BUSINESS**

54 Proposed Disposals

a Notice of proposed disposal of Murtagh's Public House, Residence and Car Park, at Ballough, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Thornberry Property Holdings Limited, Stephenstown Business Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

55 Flavours of Fingal Planning Licence

56 PARTXI/001/26: Proposed Development of Road Infrastructure at Stephenstown, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

GENERAL BUSINESS

57 EirGrid Project Update Briefing

58 Correspondence

- a Letter dated 1st April 2026 from the HSE regarding Councillor P. Mulville/Councillor E. Dockrell/Councillor C. Johnston Motion - Tenant Purchase Scheme - Portrane Avenue Tenants - AI106701**
- b E-mail dated 15th April 2026 from the Minister of Education and Youth regarding Councillor L. Corkery Motion - Soláthar Gaelcholáiste sa Toghlimistéar Áitiúil Seo - AI107168**
- c E- mail dated 15th April 2026 from the Minister of Education and Youth regarding Councillor J. Smyth Motion - Provision of a Gaelcholáiste for Swords - AI107112**
- d E-mail dated 25th April 2026 from the NTA regarding Councillor D. Mulligan Motion - Public Transport Linking Swords and Blanchardstown - AI107225**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S
BUSINESS**

59 Councillor L. Corkery - Establishment of Tourism Board for Swords - AI108057

"That the Chief Executive work with the local Community, businesses and civic society to establish a Tourism Board for the Swords area, similar to those that are in place elsewhere in the county, in advance of the official opening of Swords Cultural Quarter."

MOTIONS

60 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."

61 Councillor C. Johnston - On-site Meeting with Balcarrick Golf Club - Donabate - AI107616

"That the Chief Executive arranges an on-site meeting between Council Officials and the Chairperson of the Balcarrick Golf Club, given the ongoing issues of water overflowing from the attenuation pond on land adjacent to the Donabate Distributor Road and the Golf Club resulting in flooding on the golf course."

62 Councillor J. Smyth - Business Litter Awareness Campaign - AI107904

"That the Chief Executive consider the development of a business litter awareness campaign in this Local Electoral Area to highlight to local firms, especially food and drink outlets, their responsibilities in terms of litter management adjacent to their premises."

63 Councillor L. Corkery - BusConnects Route for Holywell - Swords - AI108080

"That this Area Committee write to the National Transport Authority requesting an additional bus route for the Holywell area as part of the BusConnects 'A Spine' rollout in 2027, as this area is chronically underserved by the public bus network at present."

64 Councillor J. Newman - Road Safety Concerns - Forrest Road and Dublin Street Junction - Swords - AI108188

"That the Chief Executive instruct the Road Safety Department to review the traffic situation at Forrest Road in Swords and Dublin Street with a view to making this junction safer for children crossing during school times."

65 Councillor M. Quinn - Illegal Dumping at Clonard Brook - Taylor's Hill, Balbriggan - AI108273

"That the Chief Executive write to the Department of Education and Youth to highlight the issues of illegal dumping taking place on Department property at Clonard Brook in Balbriggan."

66 Councillor B. Ryan/ Councillor M. Quinn - Rockabill Seabird Breeding Colony - AI108280

"Given the need for Fingal Coastal Communities, particularly from Skerries and Balbriggan, and the Sustainable Windfarm Environmental

Group (SWEG), to engage directly with inspectors and decision-makers in An Coimisiún Pleanála in relation to the current elevated rate of porpoise deaths, the importance of Rockabill's Seabird Breeding Colony, the sensitive nature of the Fingal coastline and seascape, and the case for locating the proposed windfarm further out to sea, that the Chief Executive writes to An Coimisiún Pleanála on behalf of this Area Committee requesting an oral hearing in advance of any decision in relation to the North Irish Sea Array Windfarm."

67 Councillor D. Kelly - Re-naming of Park - Rathbeale Road - Swords - AI108407

"That the Chief Executive consider naming the park on the Rathbeale Road, opposite Care Choice nursing home, after Peter Wilson who died in action in 1916 as a volunteer from Swords."

68 Councillor P. Mulville - Future Housing Schemes in this LEA - AI108429

"That the Chief Executive report on plans for further social/affordable/cost rental and older people's housing schemes in this Local Electoral Area."

69 Councillor J. Smyth - Swords Community Car Scheme - AI108157

"That the Chief Executive extend the Community Car Scheme operated by GoCar and Local Link to the Swords area."

70 Councillor L. Corkery - On Site Meeting - Brackenstown Road Junction - Swords - AI108235

"That the Chief Executive arrange a site meeting with residents of Brackenstown Road regarding the potential to restructure the junction of Church Road and Brackenstown Road, which lacks adequate safety measures and is completely inadequate, considering future housing developments at the former Lord Mayor's site."

71 Councillor T. Murphy - Swimming Platform - Balbriggan Beachfront - AI108370A

"That the Chief Executive engage a suitably qualified Consultant to assess and report on evaluating and costing a swimming platform designed to function as both a coastal defence barrier and a public amenity at the northern end of Balbriggan beachfront."

72 Councillor C. Johnston/Councillor P. Mulville/Councillor E. Dockrell - Phase 2 - Donabate Library Extension - AI108400

"That the Chief Executive prioritise the construction of Phase 2 of the extension to Donabate Library in Ballisk House as there is a reduction of library space available to the public in Phase 1, compared to the previous location in the Donabate Portrane Community Centre, and as there is a projected population of 20,000 people greatly increasing the need for library services."

73 Councillor D. Kelly - Inquiry to Broadband Connection - Rivermeade - AI108420

"That the Chief Executive write to Eir requesting an update on what issues are happening with the broadband connection in the Rivermeade Area?"
