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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** at **2.00 pm** on **Thursday, 11th June, 2026** 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 14th May 2026**

QUESTIONS

- 2 Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Footpath - Cobbe Court, Donabate - AI108426**

"To ask the Chief Executive if enforcement action is ongoing regarding the lack of footpath provision at Cobbe Court on Portrane Road in Donabate as per the planning permission and if Tuath Housing have acknowledged their responsibility in the matter?"

- 3 Councillor P. Mulville - Former Donabate Post Office/The Emerald - AI108428**

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the former Donabate Post Office/The Emerald is on the Council's vacant sites register, and if not, the reason why?"

- 4 Councillor P. Mulville - Maintenance - Donabate Main Street - AI108918**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on who is responsible for the maintenance of the road from Donabate Main Street into Ballisk Court/Super Valu and if a map can be provided showing the boundary of the Council's area of maintenance?"

- 5 Councillor P. Mulville - Planning Enforcement - The Burrow - Portrane - AI108920**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of planning enforcement cases currently being investigated in and around the Burrow in Portrane, the steps being taken to progress these enforcement cases and if greater targeted attention can be given to the area, as it is a sensitive coastal location with ongoing unauthorised developments taking place?"

6 Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Newbridge Wall Restoration - Donabate - AI108921

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the important conservation and restoration project on the 18th-century estate walls surrounding Newbridge House and Demesne to restore the stonework and replace the traditional, breathable "harling" (lime-based render) that originally protected the masonry?"

7 Councillor E. Dockrell - Provision of a Walkway between Kenure Woods Park and Farren's Lane in Rush - AI108519

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given by the Active Travel Department to prioritising the building of a walkway between Kenure Woods Park and Farren's Lane in Rush to improve connectivity between these two locations?"

8 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Broadmeadow Way Project - AI108894

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Broadmeadow Way project linking Donabate to Malahide?"

9 Councillor E. Dockrell - Upgrade Tower Bay - Portrane to Donabate - AI108895

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the project to upgrade the cliff walk from Tower Bay in Portrane to Donabate?"

10 Councillor E. Dockrell - Rogerstown Park - Coastal Walkway - AI108896

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a coastal walkway from the end of Channel Road in Rush to Rogerstown Park?"

11 Councillor E. Dockrell - Coastal Protection Works at Portrane Beach - AI108897

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline on the emergency coastal protection works being undertaken on Portrane beach, including committing to repositioning the seabees following the placement of rock armour, before the storm season recommences later this year?"

12 Councillor L. Corkery - Development and Management Companies in this LEA - AI108546

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of public affairs contacts within Property Development and Management Companies in the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area to improve communication in the case of estates and developments that are not taken in charge?"

13 Councillor L. Corkery - Review of Allocated Parking - Baile na Móna - Swords - AI108659

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to review the lack of allocated parking in the Baile na Móna housing development and to consider introducing designated or additional parking spaces to help prevent future disputes and support positive community relations?"

14 Councillor L. Corkery - Water Quality Testing in Broadmeadow River - Swords - AI108679

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to investigate water quality in the Broadmeadow River at Balheary Bridge and to confirm that there is no substance present that may harm the eco-system of the river which includes sea trout, salmon and a small stock of brown trout?"

15 Councillor L. Corkery - Improvements to Brackenstown Road Junction - Swords - AI108680

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Infrastructure and Transport Department still intends to examine improvements to the junction of Church Road and Brackenstown Road in the medium-term, as agreed by this Area Committee on numerous occasions?"

16 Councillor L. Corkery - Flavours of Fingal Transport - AI108681

"To ask the Chief Executive, in the absence of the usual shuttle buses, if contact has been made with Iarnród Éireann and Dublin Bus regarding a request for additional services to be provided for the Flavours of Fingal County Show?"

17 Councillor L. Corkery - Miller's Square Taken in Charge - AI108807

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the taking in charge process for Miller's Square which is located in front of the retail units at the entrance to Miller's Glen, Swords?"

18 Councillor M. Boland - Report on the Three Vacant/Undeveloped Crèche Sites in Lusk - AI108781

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the three vacant/undeveloped crèche sites in Lusk, namely (i) Lusk Village Childcare Site – McGarrell Reilly Developer, (ii) Rahenny Park Childcare), and (iii) The Forge Childcare Site – Dwyer Nolan Developer, outlining the planning history for each site, any subsequent applications, extensions, amendments, refusals, or compliance actions and to confirm how long each site has remained vacant/undeveloped since the childcare requirement/permission was first established and whether any permissions have expired or remain live on each site?"

1) <https://maps.app.goo.gl/mgpbuiLMVeXpKxkT9>

2) <https://maps.app.goo.gl/fGLnFRKkAfUdW5zf7>

3) <https://maps.app.goo.gl/m31zmZBuTHW8CVSk9>

19 Councillor M. Boland - Policy Tools - Vacant Crèche Sites - Lusk - AI108782

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on what policy tools the Council have available where crèche sites in Lusk remain vacant long-term, specifically in respect of (i) Lusk Village Childcare Site – McGarrell Reilly Developer, (ii) Rahenny Park Childcare Site, and (iii) The Forge Childcare Site, and what actions can be taken so that communities are not left with idle sites and no childcare/community infrastructure delivered?"

1) <https://maps.app.goo.gl/mgpbuiLMVeXpKxkT9>

2) <https://maps.app.goo.gl/fGLnFRKkAfUdW5zf7>

3) <https://maps.app.goo.gl/m31zmZBuTHW8CVSk9>

20 Councillor M. Boland - Requirement for Pedestrian Crossing - Regles Estate - Lusk - AI108869

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out a traffic and pedestrian safety assessment at the entrance to the new

Regles Estate on Minister's Road in Lusk and advise if a formal/informal pedestrian crossing can be considered for inclusion in a future Programme of Works so that pedestrians from the estate can cross safely to Dun Emer and the walking and cycling paths currently in place?"

21 Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge of The Forge Estate - Lusk - AI108872

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

22 Councillor M. Boland - State-Led Childcare Rollout Programme for 2027 - AI108873

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the Council has engaged with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in relation to the already-constructed crèche facility at the Regles Estate, Lusk (where no operator has yet been secured), with a view to proposing it for inclusion in the State-Led Childcare Rollout Programme for 2027, which is seeking existing built childcare facilities that can be brought into service?"

23 Councillor M. Boland - Rogerstown Park Opening Hours - AI108875

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Rogerstown Park opening hours and when the park will be open on a Sunday, including an update on the current engagement with the EPA, timeline for statutory planning and expected completion of the project?"

24 Councillor M. Boland - Proposed Plans/Designs for The Forge Green Space - AI108879

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the current status of the proposed plans/designs for The Forge Green space in Lusk, (Location - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/wCPbALho6HuJhksn6>) including what stage the project is at (concept/design/approval), and to confirm when Elected Members and the local community can expect to see the proposed plans?"

25 Councillor J. Newman - Redundant Crèche sites in Miller's Glen - Swords - AI108817

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to explore the issue with regard to the four redundant crèche sites in Millers Glen, and provide an insight as to the vision for these sites?"

26 Councillor J. Newman - Acquire Site at the Junction of Watery Lane and the Rathbeale Road for Social Housing - Swords - AI108818

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration has been given to acquire the site at the junction of Rathbeale Road and Watery Lane for social housing as this site could possibly be acquired with the co-operation of the Land Development Agency?"

27 Councillor J. Newman - Design Brief for Swords Western Distributor Road - AI108819

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide the consultants design brief for the Swords Western Distributor Road to Swords Councillors in the coming weeks?"

28 Councillor J. Newman - Purchase of Site Adjacent to the Ward River - Sustainable Swords Project - AI108820

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to purchase or land swap with the owners of the site beside the Old School House restaurant in Swords with a view to preventing encroachment onto the greenway/cycleway planned as part of the Sustainable Swords Project?"

29 Councillor J. Newman - Pathway blocked at Castle Shopping Centre - AI108821

"To ask the Chief Executive if it is intended to reverse the blocking of the pedestrian way at Bridge Street at the rear of the Castle Shopping Centre, as it is restricting the intention to improve cycling and pedestrianisation as provided for in the Sustainable Swords Project?"

30 Councillor B. Ryan - Update on ORIS-Funded Feasibility Study - AI108831

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress update report on the

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) funded feasibility study on a possible greenway between Balrothery and Ardgillan Demesne?"

31 Councillor B. Ryan - Fingal Coastal Way Residents Meeting - Balbriggan - AI108863

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange for an early meeting with residents of Fancourt Heights and Hampton Cove in Balbriggan to outline current options being considered in terms of possible changes to traffic flow to facilitate the Fingal Coastal Way?"

32 Councillor C. Johnston - Review of Ballisk Park/Balmoston Entrance - Donabate - AI108845

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to review the main entrance to the Ballisk Park/Balmoston development entrance on the New Road in Donabate on safety grounds, given the narrow width of this entrance which is a huge concern for residents who have recently moved into the estates?"

33 Councillor C. Johnston - Kilcrea/Hearse Road Junction Upgrade - Broadmeadow Way - AI108849

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the Kilcrea/Hearse Road Junction upgrade works, which form part of the Broadmeadow Way Greenway, will commence and be completed given the increase in commuters walking to the bus stop at this location from the Hampden Hill development?"

34 Councillor C. Johnston - Opening Hours - Rogerstown Park - AI108859

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the outstanding works have been completed at Rogerstown Park and when the opening hours will be extended, given the park has been opened on Saturdays only since it first opened in 2019?"

35 Councillor C. Johnston - Ballymastone Educational Campus Masterplan - Donabate - AI108888

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the Ballymastone Educational Campus Masterplan which is an objective in the Donabate Local Area Plan (2016-2026) to be provided prior to the

commencement of any residential units in Phase 3 of the plan?"

36 Councillor C. Johnston - Ownership of Corballis Nature Park Land - AI108890

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the ownership of the Corballis Nature Park lands have been transferred to the Councils ownership and when it is envisaged that this park will be open to the public?"

37 Councillor C. Johnston - Report on Development Levies in this LEA - AI108907

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the development levies accrued in Donabate, Rush and Lusk on a yearly basis from 2021 to date?"

38 Councillor C. Johnston - Safe Routes to School - Donabate/Portrane Educate Together - AI108910

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the Safe Routes to School Programme works will commence and be completed at Donabate/Portrane Educate Together National School?"

39 Councillor J. Smyth - Growth of Invasive Ivy - Swords Castle - AI108848

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Council has any plans to address the invasive ivy which is currently on the external walls of Swords Castle and which could lead to structural damage?"

40 Councillor J. Smyth - Ward River Regional Park - Knocksedan - AI108851

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the current progress of the Ward River Valley Regional Park development and the issue in relation to the access to Knocksedan via Ushers Lake in light of the discussions with the landowner's representatives?"

41 Councillor J. Smyth - Swords Castle Discovery - AI108852

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the recent discovery of additional historical buildings in the castle grounds during the excavation works for the Swords Cultural Quarter, to advise how this affects the ongoing works and what measures will be taken to protect the historical relevance of same?"

42 Councillor J. Smyth - Road Infrastructure - Swords - AI108853

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any current or future plans regarding additional road infrastructure around Swords which is outlined in sheet 17 - Connectivity and Movement of the current Development Plan prior to the recent variation with a particular focus on the road which commences north of the M1 Junction 4 and transverses Balheary towards Rivermeade and the outskirts of the airport?"

43 Councillor J. Smyth - Future Planned Works - Donabate Library - AI108854

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the future planned works for the Donabate library/surrounding public realm and what funding allocations have been assigned to the completion of these future plans so far?"

44 Councillor J. Smyth - Uisce Éireann Works Estuary Roundabout - AI108855

"To ask the Chief Executive to highlight if the current Uisce Éireann works at the Estuary Roundabout site were required as part of the initial plans for the R132 connectivity project or why the need for such works was not known until recently?"

45 Councillor D. Kelly - Derelict Houses - Milton Terrace - Swords - AI108916

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans for the derelict houses at Milton Terrace in Swords?"

46 Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

b Applications for Sports Funding

c Applications for Environmental Funding for Anti-Litter, Anti-Graffiti Grants

**INFRASTRUCTURE
& TRANSPORT
BUSINESS**

47 Loughshinny Play Space

**ECONOMIC,
COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT**

48 Quay Street and Environs, Traffic Management Scheme - Section 9 Reduction of Speed Limit (Harbour Road/Shared Surface, Balbriggan)

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

49 Safe Routes to School Round 2 Update

50 CORRESPONDENCE

- a E-mail dated 18th May 2026 from Bus Éireann regarding Councillor G. Maguire Motion - Balbriggan Town Bus - AI099946**
- b E-mail dated 25th May 2026 from Eir regarding Councillor D. Kelly Motion - Inquiry to Broadband Connection - Rivermeade - AI108420**
- c E-mail dated 3rd June 2026 from NTA regarding Councillor L. Corkery Motion - BusConnect Route for Holywell - Swords - AI108080**
- d E-mail dated 4th June 2026 from Department of Education regarding Councillor P. Mulville Motion - Foirgneamh Scoile Bhuan nua do Ghaelscoil na Mara - AI105082**
- e E-mail dated 5th June 2026 from Minister of Transport regarding Councillor P. Mulville Motion - Bus Connects Dublin Network Redesign improvements for the Donabate/Portrane Area - AI098360**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S
BUSINESS**

51 Councillor L. Corkery - Swords Primary Care Centre - AI108813

“That the Chief Executive write to the HSE to request a briefing for Elected Members in this Local Electoral Area on the progress of the Swords Primary Care Centre, including an update on the change of use planning application, site acquisition, staffing and provision of services.”

MOTIONS

52 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.”

53 Councillor M. Quinn - Provision of a Space to Assist Court Ordered Access in this LEA - AI108803

“That the Chief Executive supports the provision of space for Court arranged access for mothers/fathers who are in emergency housing accommodation in this Local Electoral Area”

54 Councillor J. Newman - Removal of Unauthorised Roof Frame - Castle Shopping Centre - Swords - AI108822

“That the Chief Executive arrange to engage with the owner of an unauthorised roof frame which is resting on a fence that the Council erected some time ago to hide the eyesore at the back of the Castle Shopping Centre.”

55 Councillor T. Murphy - ORIS Funding for Feasibility Study for Greenway from Balrothery Village to Ardgillan Demesne - AI108860

“That the Chief Executive expedite the engagement of a suitable consultant to undertake the feasibility study, including the ecological survey, for the proposed greenway/link connecting Balrothery Village to Ardgillan Demesne Regional Park; and, in the event that no appointment has yet been made, outline the barriers preventing progression of the project, noting that Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) funding was awarded on 15th August 2025 and the study must be completed within 18 months of the grant approval date”

56 Councillor M. Boland - Facilitate a Briefing to Members on the Fingal Sports and Recreation Facilities Audit - AI108880

“That the Chief Executive facilitate a briefing to Elected Members of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee on how the Fingal Sports and Recreation Facilities Audit will be used to inform future decisions, funding applications and project prioritisation and also confirm the process Fingal will use to verify and regularly update the audit’s underlying data (including population growth and facility listings), as some Members may have concern elements which may already be out of date and could disadvantage rapidly growing towns in future investment decisions.”

57 Councillor D. Kelly - Installation of Music Pillars - Main Street - Swords - AI108911

“That the Chief Executive consider installing outdoor music pillars in conjunction with the Swords Cultural Quarter Main Street upgrade, to create a welcoming theme to Swords for weekends, cultural events, seasonal events and information updates.”

58 Councillor C. Johnston - Urgent Need for Additional Schools - Donabate - AI108401

“That the Chief Executive write to the Minister and Department of Education and Youth to outline the urgent need for additional schools to be prioritised in Donabate with sites identified (3 primary and 1 secondary) in the County Development Plan 2023-2029 as many families are moving into the rapidly growing area and are unable to secure a school place for their children locally.”

59 Councillor J. Newman - Blocked Access to Ward River Walkway - AI108823

“That the Chief Executive provide a report as to what plans have been considered to open the blocked end of the riverwalk at Bridge Street Swords in line with the Sustainable Swords Project.”

60 Councillor M. Boland - Accessibility Review - Wheelchair Users in this LEA - AI108881

“That the Chief Executive write to the National Transport Authority requesting an accessibility review for wheelchair users of key bus stops serving Rush, Lusk and Swords (including the condition of kerbs,

landing areas, crossings, bus stop position near facilities & debris), and identify priority upgrades specifically for mobility aids and wheelchair users."

61 Councillor E. Dockrell - Rural Recreational Sports Hub in this LEA - AI108898

"That the Chief Executive give consideration to supporting a proposal for a Rural Recreational Sports Hub for the rural villages and surrounding hinterlands of North County Dublin."

62 Councillor P. Mulville - Need for new Beresford/Beverton Estates Pedestrian Link - Donabate - AI108923

"That the Chief Executive recommends working towards providing a much-needed pedestrian/cycle link from Beresford Estate into Beverton Estate in Donabate from the newest north-eastern end of Beresford, to provide a safe and more direct link to Donabate Town Centre via Ballisk."
