

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Email: Corporate.Services@fingal.ie

County Hall
Swords
Co Dublin

3rd February 2026

To Each Member of the County Council

Dear Councillor

The Meeting of the **County Council** will be held in the **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords** at **5.00 pm** on **Monday, 9th February, 2026** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services

.....
This meeting may be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's website. At the start of the meeting the Chair will confirm if all or part of the meeting is being filmed.

You should be aware that the Council is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and the Data Protection Act 1988 - 2018 and data collected during this webcast will be retained in accordance with legislation.

Therefore, by entering the Council Chamber and using the seats around the meeting tables, you are consenting to being filmed and to the possible use of those images and sound recordings for webcasting. Members of the public and press should confine themselves to the area provided so that their image is not captured on film. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact the Corporate Services Department on corporate.services@fingal.ie

A G E N D A

- 1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 12th January 2026**
- 2 Nominations**
 - a Appointment of one Member to the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee
 - b Appointment of one Member to the Local Committee Development Committee (LCDC)

QUESTIONS

- 3 Councillor P. Quinlan - Processing Housing Assistance Payments (HAP)**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of any payments made to Fingal County Council from the central Housing Assistance Payment's (HAP) office with respect to the processing of HAP applications?"
- 4 Councillor T. Murphy - Planning Enforcement**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the performance of the planning enforcement function and statistics in tabular form of various files opened / closed, legal cases and the number of open files at year end for the period 2021-2025?"
- 5 Councillor T. Murphy - Housing Adaptation Grant Applications**

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline if applicants with life-limiting conditions can be prioritised and have their Housing Adaptation Grant application fast tracked?"
- 6 Councillor M. Quinn - Provision of Childcare in Fingal**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details as to when the review into Childcare Provision committed to in April 2022, will be finalised and made available?"

7 Councillor P. Mulville - Native Woodland across Fingal County Council's Administrative Area

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the Council's plans to support the increase of native woodland cover across the Fingal County Council's administrative area, given the lack of tree cover and the need to address this as set out in our Tree Strategy?"

8 Councillor P. Mulville - Organic Farming in this Council's Administrative Area

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the Council's role, if any, in supporting and promoting organic farming in Fingal County Council administrative area, given the need to see improvements as set out in our National Climate Action Plan goals and the National Organic Strategy?"

9 Councillor L. Corkery - New Year's Fireworks Display

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a review of the operation of the New Year's Fireworks Display, with regard to suitability of location, traffic management, and liaison with Iarnród Éireann, in light of many would-be attendees not being able to safely board trains due to the crowd sizes at the event on 31st December 2025?"

10 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Updates on the Priority Actions in Fingal County Council's Biodiversity Plans 2025

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Priority Actions in Fingal County Council's Biodiversity Plans for 2025 and to confirm how successful the plan was?"

11 Councillor A. Donnelly - Cycle Lane Review Update

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide information on the Cycle Lane Review (5 years and older) that took place, the works completed to date and the works still outstanding?"

12 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Income Threshold - Social Housing

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of what the ceiling income is before a family is accepted onto or taken off the social housing list?"

13 Councillor B. Ryan - Recent Changes to Planning Legislation

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate how the recent changes in planning legislation will impact on the need for, and triggers for, Local Area Plans, and if any local flexibility is allowed for?"

14 Councillor B. Ryan - Active Travel Investment Programme

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of all the Fingal Active Travel plans, either completed or in progress, funded through the National Transport Authority (NTA) as part of the Active Travel Investment programme, together with the name of any consultancy firm involved with each one?"

15 Councillor E. Troy - Vacant Houses in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of vacant social houses in each Local Electoral Area (LEA) in Fingal as a percentage of the total number of social housing stock in each LEA and the total number of allocations in the previous month to include how long those properties were vacant?"

16 Councillor J. Smyth - This Council's use of X and similar sites

"To ask the Chief Executive what actions this Council has taken in relation to its use of social media sites which may be facilitating the illegal use of AI tools for the creation of Child Sexual Abuse Material or illegal deep fakes?"

17 Councillor E. Dockrell - Community and Sports Grants and Schemes for 2026

"To ask the Chief Executive, given there is now a deadline for the Community Activity Grants and a new Sports Activity Grant, if community groups and sports clubs registered with the PPN in Fingal can be provided with a full list of grants / schemes at the start of the year so they can apply in 2026, including the deadlines for these grants (e.g. Local Enhancement Programme Grant)?"

18 Councillor E. Dockrell - Outdoor Gym Equipment

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install modern outdoor gym equipment in towns around Fingal, which has the technology to track usage; showing how frequently, and when the equipment is used by the public, this type of modern equipment has been installed in other local authorities, benefiting all age groups and it would also be aligned with Fingal's Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan, which states the importance of making physical activity accessible and part of everyday life for all residents?"

19 Councillor J. Walsh - Inactive Sites

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the total number of inactive sites where full planning permission has been given but no homes have been built between 2022 and 2025 and the total number of homes which have not been built on such inactive sites between 2022 and 2025?"

20 Report of Committees

- a Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2026
- b Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 14th January 2026
- c Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 15th January 2026
- d Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Tuesday 27th January 2026
- e Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4th February 2026
- f Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 5th February 2026

21 Financial Matters

22 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Notice of proposed disposal of land to the rear of No. 75 Hampton Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to Mr Gerard Murphy, 1 Pump Lane, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin
- b Notice of proposed grant of wayleave at Remount, Phase 2, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Uisce Éireann, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Mountjoy, Dublin 1
- c Notice of proposed disposal of land and grant of wayleave at Georgian Village, Castleknock, Dublin 15 to ESB Networks, St. Margaret's Road, Finglas, Dublin 11
- d Notice of proposed disposal of land to the rear of Shandrum, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin to Vincent and Sharon Arkins, Shandrum, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin
- e Notice of Proposed disposal of land at Tyrrelstown, Co. Dublin to Glenveagh Properties Plc., Block C, Maynooth Business Campus, Straffan Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
- f Notice of Proposed grant of wayleave at Dunsink Lane, Finglas, Dublin 11, to Zayo Infrastructure Ireland Limited, Custom House Plaza, Block 6, International Financial Services Centre, Dublin 1

23 Declarations of Roads

24 Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the Proposed Demolition of 4 no. dwellings and development of 21 no. dwellings at Fortlawn Avenue and Fortlawn Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15

25 Extension of Duration of Kellystown Local Area Plan 2021

26 Festivals and Events Funding 2026

27 Fingal Arts Act Grant Scheme 2026

28 Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2026

29 Chief Executive's Report

30 Mayor's Business - Councillor T. O'Leary

31 Conference Report

- a AILG Elected Members In-Person & Webinar Training Programme - Q1 2026
- b AILG Annual Training Conference 2026 - 22nd and 23rd April 2026 - Hotel Minella, Coleville Road, Raheen, Clonmel Co. Tipperary

32 Correspondence

- a Letter dated 15th January 2026 from Sligo County Council RE - Government's decision to ratify CETA - the Investor Court System (ICS)
- b Letter dated 22nd January 2026 from Offaly County Council Re - Mercosur Trade Agreement

33 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a Email received on the 23rd January from the office of the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure Re - Item 39 - Cllr D. Mulligan - Local Authorities role in the Recovery and Resilience Facility Funding December 2024 Council Meeting

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

34 Councillor D.J. Kelly - Installation of CCTV Cameras

"That the Chief Executive arrange to have CCTV cameras installed in areas known for anti-social behaviour in the Fingal area, as a deterrent, due to the rise in anti-social behaviour."

35 Councillor J. Humphreys - Fingal Swimming Pool Strategy

"That Fingal County Council notes the findings of Swim Ireland's December 2025 Swimming Facilities Gap Analysis Report, which highlight a serious deficit in publicly accessible swimming pool provision in Fingal, calls on the Chief Executive to prepare and bring to the Elected Members, within 6 months, a "Fingal Swimming Pool Strategy" with the clear purpose of identifying deliverable public pool projects for inclusion in the Council's Capital Programme, the strategy should include but not be limited to 1. Baseline and gaps by Local Electoral Area (LEA); 2. Delivery options; 3. Costings and timelines; 4. Capital Programme proposals."

36 Councillor C. Haughey - "Chatty Bench" Signage on existing benches in each Local Electoral Area

"That the Chief Executive considers the installation of 'Chatty Bench' signage on existing benches in each Local Electoral Area of Fingal County Council, as has been done in Local Authorities in the North of Ireland, to combat isolation and loneliness."

37 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Audit on the Status/Condition of Fingal Roads

"In view of the growing number of complaints by vehicle owners, that the Chief Executive gives an audit on the status/condition of Fingal County Council's roads and to report sections where there is need to effect repairs."

38 Councillor P. Quinlan - Housing Supports

"That this Council write to Minister James Browne T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, insisting that housing supports such as the Help to Buy scheme, Local Government Home Loan, Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant, First Home Scheme, Rent Tax Credit, HAP, RAS, Cost Rental Scheme, Affordable Purchase Homes, Tenant Purchase Scheme and Social Housing be ringfenced to exclude all non-Irish nationals from accessing these supports."

39 Councillor M. Quinn - Social Housing Acquisition Funding

"That this Council requests the Chief Executive to write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage and call on him to restore Social Housing Acquisitions funding to at least 2024 levels, adequately resource the Tenant in Situ scheme, to include funding for any additional temporary staff needed to expedite the processing of applications and reverse the recent restrictions that have effectively barred some applications."

40 Councillor D. Healy - Social Media Communication

"That this Council discontinues with the use of X/Twitter and avails of other platforms for social media communication."

41 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Not-for-Profit Community Childcare Facilities

"That this Council recommends that "Not-for-Profit" Community Childcare facilities, to include early childhood education and care, be provided in all mixed tenure developments on publicly owned lands in

Fingal 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 newly developed housing estates."

42 Councillor M. Boland - Crèche or Childcare Facility Delivery

"That the Chief Executive resolves that in all private residential developments, where a crèche or childcare facility is proposed or required as part of the permission, it shall be a condition of planning that the developer must ensure the facility is fully delivered and operational, with an operator secured, this requirement shall be incorporated into planning conditions and enforced consistently to ensure that childcare infrastructure is delivered alongside new homes and is not deferred, left vacant or omitted post-construction."

43 Councillor E. Troy - Dangerous Vehicles in this Council's Parks and Open Spaces

"That the Chief Executive takes immediate steps to ensure that users of its parks and open spaces are safe from scramblers, e-scooters and quad bikes, and ensure that adequate signage and physical barriers are in place to prohibit the entry of these vehicles to the parks and open spaces, also can consideration be given to the need for park patrols, as the presence of these vehicles is increasing daily."

44 Councillor J. Walsh - Compulsory Sale of Derelict Properties

"That the Chief Executive seeks the necessary powers to achieve the compulsory sale of derelict properties."

**MOTIONS NON-
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

45 Councillor C. Boland - Provision of Additional School Bus Connections

"That the Chief Executive write to the Department of Education and the Department of Transport regarding the provision of school bus services across the county so as to encourage greater uptake of such services and the diversion away from private car usage by parents/guardians."

46 Councillor B. McDonagh - No-Fault Eviction Ban

"That the Council notes the increase of family homelessness and supports an EU wide ban on no-fault evictions and supports the use of Consumer Rights' legislation to protect tenants from no-fault evictions."

47 Councillor G. Sheehan - Protection of Ireland's Triple Lock

"That this Council supports the Triple Lock which is an important guarantee and protection of Irish neutrality."

48 Councillor D. Mulligan - Inclusion of Socio-Economic Disadvantage

"That the Chief Executive, on behalf of Fingal County Council, write to the Oireachtas calling for the inclusion of socio-economic disadvantage as a ground for discrimination under Irish equality legislation, in order to address the reality of discrimination faced by many in our communities who currently have no legal recourse."

49 Councillor J. Hopkins - Lack of Confidence in the Road Safety Authority (RSA)

"That this Council expresses its' lack of confidence in the Road Safety Authority (RSA); in light of the increased number of deaths on our roads including the loss of life of seven Fingallians and ask the Chief Executive to write to the Minister of Transport highlighting this expression."

50 Councillor A. Donnelly - Citizens' Assembly on Irish Unity

"That this Council recognises that the reunification of Ireland is an objective of Bunreacht na hÉireann; and there is a growing national discussion around constitutional change with people from diverse backgrounds now exploring the possibility of Irish unity and that this Council writes to the Office of An Taoiseach, seeking the Irish Government to plan and prepare for the provision to hold binding referendums on Irish unity, through the following actions: - establish an all-island representative Citizens' Assembly or Assemblies, to allow for informed debate, and establish a Joint Oireachtas Committee on Irish Unity to enable careful planning; produce and publish a plan towards Irish unity in conjunction with civic society and key stakeholders; engage with Northern Ireland citizens opinion about the future of Ireland; and work to secure a date for the referendums on unity provided for in the Good Friday Agreement."

