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Swords
Co Dublin

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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 March, 2026** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

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A G E N D A

1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 9th February 2026

2 Nominations

- a Appointment of one Member to the Naming and Commemorative Committee
- b Appointment of one Member to the Public Realm Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee

QUESTIONS

3 Councillor P. Quinlan - Performance Related Payments

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline if there will be any bonus payments or Key Performance Indicators (KPI) related payments made to senior management this year?"

4 Councillor M. Quinn - Childcare Providers in Fingal Community Centres

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the length of service for all private childcare providers in Fingal Community Centres?"

5 Councillor P. Mulville - Illegal Parking on Footpaths

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of any plans being made to address illegal parking on footpaths which cause difficulties for wheelchair users, people with buggies and pedestrians generally, with a view to seeing an improvement across the Council's administrative area in advance of Make Way Day 2026?"

6 Councillor E. O'Brien - Youth Football Programme Delivery in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the impact on the Youth Football Programme delivery in Fingal following the recent FAI decision to withdraw funding from the role of the Football Development Officers and the hugely successful Transition Year (TY) programme?"

7 Councillor E. O'Brien - Budgetary Impact of the recent FAI decision to withdraw co-funding for the Role of Development Officers

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the budgetary impact of the recent FAI decision to withdraw co-funding for the role of the Development Officers and the Transition Year (TY) programme?"

8 Councillor M. Boland - Strategic Oversight Process for Estates Awaiting Taking-in-Charge

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline if the Council intends to introduce a more structured, strategic oversight process for estates awaiting taking-in-charge, to avoid prolonged delays and provide greater clarity and certainty for residents, as many estates have to wait for extended periods for the process to be completed?"

9 Councillor C. Haughey - Mobile Sauna Scheme

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans for Fingal County Council to consider or take submissions on new locations for the Mobile Sauna Scheme?"

10 Councillor D. Butler - Social Media Accounts and Number of Followers

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the number of followers Fingal County Council has on all social media accounts, listing all accounts on all the different social media platforms?"

11 Councillor D. Healy - Built-up and Urban Area Speed Limits

"To ask the Chief Executive, in light of this Council's vote in January to initiate the built-up and urban area speed limits process for Fingal, to set out what further steps are required for proposals to be brought to the Area Committee Meetings and when will this happen?"

12 Councillor D. Healy - Beach and Dune Management

"To ask the Chief Executive to set out, including reference to any memorandum or other document which may exist, the differences in beach and dune management at Balcarrick Beach, from all other Fingal beaches, which lead to it being awarded the Green Coasts award, and to set out the cost implications of the different approach being used there?"

13 Councillor B. Ryan - Claims made by Members of the Public against the Council

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the number of claims made against the Council by members of the public in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 and to indicate the basis for such claims by type?"

14 Councillor B. Ryan - Demand for Four-Bedroom Homes

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the planned delivery of four-bedroom homes is adequate to meet unsatisfied current and short-term future demand for four-bedroom social housing?"

15 Councillor J. Smyth - Tendering for Playground Upgrades and Inspections

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline if companies who tender for playground upgrades and inspections must be a member of the Association of Play Industries (API) and if the Council is aware that this inadvertently blocks Irish based companies from tendering as only firms with UK addresses are eligible for this membership?"

16 Councillor E. Troy - Vacant Council Homes

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm on average, how long it takes, from the date a council property becomes vacant, (the date the prior occupants left), to the date it is available to be occupied, (the first date the new tenants move in) to provide figures for each Local Electoral Area (LEA) on the occupancy rate per year as a percentage of the total number of Council homes in each LEA; (all council houses should be included, not only those currently available to be inhabited)?"

17 Councillor J. Humphreys - Deposit Return Scheme

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the operational and financial impacts of the Deposit Return Scheme (Re-turn) on Fingal County Council, including any increase in littering associated with public-bin scavenging, any additional costs incurred for street cleansing, bin maintenance or replacement, and what engagement has taken place with Re-turn to secure mitigation measures or funding to address these unintended consequences in Fingal?"

18 Report of Committees

- a Report of Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee (OP&F) Meeting held on Monday 9th February 2026
- b Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12th February 2026
- c Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4th March 2026
- d Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 5th March 2026

19 Financial Matters

- a Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2025 (inc. Audit Committee Annual Work Programme 2026)

20 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Notice of proposed disposal of land and grant of wayleave at Crowcastle Green, Swords, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks, St. Margaret's Road, Finglas, Dublin 11
- b Notice of proposed disposal of land and grant of wayleave at North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks, St. Margaret's Road, Finglas, Dublin 11
- c Notice of Proposed grant of non-exclusive right of way at Thomondtown, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Donal Butterly and Ann Marie Butterly, Coldwinters, Lusk, Co. Dublin
- d Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

21 Declarations of Roads

22 Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the Proposed Construction of a 13-unit Crisis Accommodation with associated staff and support accommodation at 30 Clonard Street, Balbriggan (PARTXI/008/25)

23 Fingal Road Safety Plan 2025/2027

24 Draft Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Annual Report 2025

25 Chief Executive's Report

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

27 Conference Report

- a Irish Planning Institute (IPI) Annual Conference 2026, Raddison Blu, Athlone on Thursday 16th and 17th April 2026
- b AILG Ending Violence Against Women and Girls - Cross border Shared Seminar - 24th and 25th March, Slieve Russell Hotel, Co Cavan

28 Correspondence

- a Letter dated 10th February 2026 from Clare County Council Re - Irish Beekeepers' Association
- b Letter dated 10th February 2026 from Wexford County Council Re - Outlawing the use of Anonymous Social Media Accounts
- c Letter dated 12th February 2026 from Galway City Council Meeting Re - Failure of National Road Safety Leadership
- d Letter dated 17th February 2026 from Wexford County Council Re - Insurance Cover for Residential and Commercial Insurers due to Flooding Risk Zones
- e Letter dated 18th February 2026 from Westmeath County Council Re - Request to Review Income Thresholds for Social Housing and HAP

29 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a Letter dated 3rd February from the office of the Minister for Housing Re - Item 31 - Cllr A. Donnelly - Funding for Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme 12th January 2026 Council Meeting

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

30 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 Northern Ireland, to combat isolation and loneliness."

31 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Audit on the Status/Condition of Fingal's 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."

32 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."

33 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."

34 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."

35 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.”

36 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.”

37 Councillor J. Walsh - Compulsory Sale of Derelict Properties

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

38 Councillor D. Butler - Fingal Super Sports Hall

“That the Chief Executive considers developing a Gormanstown Sports Hall type solution for Fingal, which would accommodate multiple sports and activities, all at the same time, with multiple break-out and sub-division courts available.”

39 Councillor A. Tormey - A Scheme to Tackle Graffiti along Railway Lines

“That the Chief Executive introduce a once off scheme that offers to paint graffiti covered buildings in industrial estates along rail lines within the county to ameliorate a prolific eyesore.”

40 Councillor M. McCamley - New Seveso Sites in Fingal

“That the Chief Executive provides an update on any new Seveso sites in Fingal since the commencement of the current Development Plan, to add to the nine mentioned in Chapter 14 of the Development Plan, and how the Council continues to adhere to the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) should an accident ever occur.”

41 Councillor J. Humphreys - "Fair Chance to Save" Rent Pilot Scheme

"That this Council requests the Chief Executive to bring forward proposals for a time-limited pilot scheme to support Council tenant households where a working adult child is saving towards a first-time buyer mortgage, including options to cap, reduce or rebate the additional rent arising from the income of adult household members for the duration of the pilot, and to set out the legal, financial and equality implications of such a scheme."

**MOTIONS NON-
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42 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."

43 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."

44 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."

45 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."

46 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.”

47 Councillor J. Smyth - The Right to be Educated through the Medium of Irish

“That this Council calls on the Government to enact legislation which gives children the right to be educated through the medium of Irish, ensuring that there is a systematic and steady increase in such provision.”
