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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, 8th June, 2026** 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 Council Meeting held on Monday 11th May 2026

2 Nominations

- a Request for Nominations - Visitor Transient Levy Working Group

QUESTIONS

3 Councillor M. Quinn - Rightsizing Financial Contribution Scheme

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update of the review of the Rightsizing Financial Contribution Scheme by this local authority?"

4 Councillor J. Smyth - Ban on Fox Hunting in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive how it plans to enforce the ban on the use of public lands and roads for the purpose of fox hunting and will the Council commit to aligning its broader policies with its existing ban by prohibiting the use of Council-owned properties, subsidiaries, or funded venues for events that promote or are associated with fox hunting, including hunt balls?"

5 Councillor J. Walsh - Social Housing Construction in 2025

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the number of social housing units built directly by Fingal Council in 2025; acquired by Fingal Council in 2025 and provided in 2025 under Part V of the Planning and Development Act, as amended?"

6 Councillor S. Shovlin - Climate Action Grants

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details as to when the successful recipients of the Climate Action Grants will be announced?"

7 Councillor S. Shovlin - Anti-Litter Grants

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details as to when the successful applicants of the Anti-Litter Grants will be announced for?"

8 Councillor P. Quinlan - IPAS Use of Residential Property

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on how many residential homes in Fingal are in use by IPAS to provide accommodation for applicants for international protection, how many of these are owned by The Housing and Sustainable Communities Agency and how many by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability & Integration?"

9 Councillor C. Haughey - Derelict Site Reporting Forms

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of how many Derelict Site Reporting forms have been sent to Fingal County Council in the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 (to date), broken down by each Local Electoral Area and how many of these forms being sent in resulted in sites being added to the Derelict Sites Register?"

10 Councillor C. Haughey - Extension of Lifeguard Provision

"To ask the Chief Executive, to improve safety, if the Council will consider extending the months that lifeguards operate on Fingal beaches, by including the month of May, considering it is a sunny and warm month and beaches can be very busy?"

11 Councillor M. Boland - Number of Medical Priority Applications

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in tabular format outlining the number of Medical Priority applications received per month over the last two years, the numbers processed per month, and the numbers approved per month over the same period?"

12 Councillor J. Hopkins - Anchor Tenant for Swords Cultural Quarter

"To ask the Chief Executive what the plans are for the coffee shop and restaurant in Swords Cultural Quarter, is it intended to rent to an Irish/Fingal based company or allow multinationals such as Costa Coffee or Starbucks?"

13 Councillor D. Mulligan - Retrofitting Schemes

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of any retrofitting schemes or supports that are available to landlords of Council tenants to assist with property upgrades aimed at improving sustainability and energy efficiency, including achieving a higher BER rating?"

14 Councillor D. Healy - Parking Charges in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive to set out, for each area in the county, where the Council charges for car parking, in relation to the following: the number of car parking spaces; the number of residents' permits; the annual gross revenue; the annual costs of administering the parking control scheme; the net revenue; how much, if any, of the net revenue is ring-fenced for the local area; the ways in which any ring-fenced revenue has been spent in the last 3 years?"

15 Councillor A. Donnelly - Request for an Update on Motion Previously Passed

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the following motion?"

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly, 13th January 2025 – Pilot Project in a Regional Park

"That the Chief Executive establishes a pilot project in one of our regional parks, to include measures such as lighting, extended park ranger hours and CCTV, to allow the community the use of our public areas during winter months and encourage walking and cycling, Budget 2025 refers to the ongoing maintenance and upgrade of our roads and public footpaths to encourage the modal shift to cycle and walking continues, this can only be achieved with adequate lighting."

16 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Request for Update on Motion Previously Passed

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the following motion?"

Motion: Councillors A. Donnelly. B. Hanaphy. M. Quinn. J. Smyth, 10th February 2025 – Ethical Procurement Policy

"That this Council adopt a rights' based Ethical Procurement Policy, (EPP), making certain that every endeavour is made to ensure that Council tender processes are consistent with the principles of the UN guiding principles on Business and Human Rights, OECD, Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the Global Sullivan Principles (1999)."

17 Councillor B. Ryan - Enhanced Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the current status of the Enhanced Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme following its extension to Fingal and to include the application process for affected households and the estimated timelines for the steps in the process?"

18 Councillor G. Sheehan - Housing Maintenance

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown on how the additional funding allocated for housing maintenance in the 2026 Budget is being deployed across the county, specifically detailing if a percentage of this fund has been earmarked for preventative structural maintenance and energy-efficiency retrofits for the Council's older, legacy housing stock?"

19 Councillor E. Troy - Bus Shelters in the Fingal Area

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details in tabular format on how much funding has been assigned to providing bus shelters for each of the last 5 years, and how much of the fund has been spent?"

20 Report of Committees

- a Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14th May 2026
- b Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd June 2026
- c Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd June 2026
- d Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 4th June 2026

21 Financial Matters

22 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- 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

23 Declarations of Roads

- a Forrest Little Road and Barberstown Road, Swords

24 Flavours of Fingal Planning Licence**25 Chief Executive's Report****26 Mayor's Business - Councillor T. O'Leary****27 Conference Report****28 Correspondence**

- a Letter dated 16th April 2026 from Waterford City & County Council Re - Rights of People with Disabilities
- b Letter dated 16th April 2026 from Waterford City & County Council Re - Bus Éireann - National Transport Authority - Expressway Services
- c Letter dated 5th May 2026 from Roscommon County Council Re - Commission for the Validation of Planning Objections
- d Letter dated 14th May 2026 from Cavan County Council Re - North- East Sepsis Awareness Group
- e Letters dated 28th May 2026 from Galway County Council Re - CETA Trade Agreement

29 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a Letter from the Office of the Minister for Housing Re item 27 - Cllr G. Sheehan - Homeless Accommodation - Minimum Standards

**MOTIONS
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

30 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."

31 Councillor A. Tormey - 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."

32 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."

33 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."

34 Councillor P. Quinlan - Section 5 Declaration of Exemptions

"That we the Elected Representatives request that the weekly planning list published online by the Council for members of the public to review, and circulated to the Elected Representatives, be inclusive of Section 5 Declaration of Exemptions, specifically IPAS, as currently, they are not published."

35 Councillor L. Corkery - Electric Vehicle Home-Charging Strategy

"That the Chief Executive provides an update on Fingal County Council's strategy for Electric Vehicle Home-Charging in the county, to cater specifically for on-street charging and houses without driveways that would require a Road Opening License to install a charger."

36 Councillor D. Healy - Scope of Residential Zoned Land Tax

"That this Council writes to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to recommend that the Minister brings forward a legislative amendment, such that, land which has planning permission for residential development, and which is currently used for car parking, would no longer be exempt from the Residential Zoned Land Tax."

37 Councillor J. Hopkins - Capital Investment Breakdown

"That the Chief Executive provides a breakdown of the capital investment in each town in the county to include the total value of the investment and its percentage of the current 5-year Capital Plan."

38 Councillor J. Walsh - 'Use it or Lose it' Clause on Inactive Sites

"That this Council calls upon the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to introduce an amendment to the Planning and Development Act for 'a use it or lose it' clause, requiring housing to be commenced within three years of securing planning permission and revoking planning permission from applicants where sites remain inactive after this three-year period."

39 Councillor J. Newman - Gas Boiler Derogation

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Department for Housing to call for a derogation for vulnerable people who apply for the Older Persons Grant Scheme which includes a natural gas boiler."

**MOTIONS NON-
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

40 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."

41 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."

42 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."

43 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."

44 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."

45 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."

46 Councillor D.J. Kelly - Creating a Curriculum in Schools to Educate Children on Anti-Social Behaviour Prevention

"That the Chief Executive write to the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Education to encourage both departments to work together on creating a new curriculum to educate children on antisocial behaviour prevention in Ireland."

47 Councillor M. Quinn - EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA)

"That Fingal County Council agrees that the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) providing additional rights to multinational corporations to sue the state outside of ordinary legal systems will undermine EU social, health and environmental standards, this Council acknowledges that many of the trade elements are already in existence and does not need the addition of Corporations being able to sue the Irish government through the Investor Court System (ICS) when any new laws affect their profits, this Council stands against the Investor Court System (ICS) and calls this Local Authority area a CETA-Free Zone."

48 Councillor G. Maguire - Axe The Universal Social Charge

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Finance to abolish the Universal Social Charge (USC) from 1st January 2027 and put money back into the pockets of workers."

49 Councillor P. Mulville - Ukraine Civil Society Forum

"That this Council supports the Ukraine Civil Society Forum's call for the Government to renew its commitment to Ukrainian refugees, urging Government to allow for transition from temporary protection to Stamp 4; to continue state provided accommodation; to not cut financial support for hosted accommodation; to phase transition from hosted accommodation over a more realistic period, and that the Chief Executive writes to the Taoiseach and Tánaiste to outline our collective view."
