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Swords
Co Dublin

5th May 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, 11th May, 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

- a Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Variations No.1 and No. 2 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 Meeting held on Monday 30th March 2026
- b Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026

QUESTIONS

2 Councillor M. Quinn - Cost Benefit Analysis MIPIM 2026 International Property Investment Expo

"To ask the Chief Executive if a cost benefit analysis was undertaken to ascertain the benefit of the recent attendance of Fingal County Council officials at the Marché International des Professionnels de l'Immobilier (MIPIM) 2026 International Property Investment Expo in Cannes in March?"

3 Councillor E. Troy - Obligations under Part 5 of the Disability Act 2005

"To ask the Chief Executive, given the obligations under Part 5 of the Disability Act 2005, which requires public bodies to submit annual disability employment returns by 31st March each year, what is the current number and percentage of employees with disabilities employed by Fingal County Council, and, based on the most recent return submitted, has the Council achieved the minimum statutory target of 6% employment of persons with disabilities for 2025, if not, what measures are being implemented to ensure compliance?"

4 Councillor J. Smyth - Housing Categories and Overcrowding

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an overview of the broad categories used for assessment purposes within the Housing Department for example, Medical Grounds, Overcrowding, Standard list, HAP, and detail how situations of overcrowding are managed in each category?"

5 Councillor L. Corkery - Cost Rental Units

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number of cost rental units that are expected to be provided, either directly by Fingal County Council or by Approved Housing Bodies, as part of each housing development currently under construction across the county?"

6 Councillor P. Mulville - Plant Based Treaty

"To ask the Chief Executive what the Council's position is regarding the Plant Based Treaty, which has been signed by local authorities worldwide, as a framework for addressing the environmental impact of food systems and supporting a transition towards healthier and more sustainable plant-based diets, for example, increasing plant-based options in local authority facilities and events; reviewing procurement policies to encourage lower-impact food choices and considering endorsement of the Plant Based Treaty as a framework for Local Climate Action?"

7 Councillor D. Healy - Development Standards Zones 1 and 2 for Car Parking

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a map showing Zone 1 and Zone 2 of the county, for the purposes of Table 14.19 of the County Development Plan, based on current high quality bus services, existing and planned Luas/Dart/Metro Rail stations and major town centre zonings?"

8 Councillor C. Haughey - Irish Language Translation on Street Signs within Taken-in-Charge Housing Estates

"To ask the Chief Executive if it is a requirement, or is there a Council policy for street signs, within housing estates that have been taken-in-charge by Fingal County Council, to have an Irish language translation on the street sign?"

9 Councillor C. Haughey - County-Wide Speed Limit Review

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on when the Council expects the public consultation process to start on the county-wide Speed Limit Review?"

10 Councillor A. Tormey - "Explore Fingal" Advertising Strategy

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the advertising strategy for "Explore Fingal" and the costs associated with this advertising strategy?"

11 Councillor M. Boland - Minimum Standards in Relation to Emergency Accommodation in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what minimum standards Fingal County Council must adhere to, or require providers to adhere to, in relation to emergency accommodation used for households that are forced into homelessness (including families with children); to outline what inspection and monitoring regime this Council has in place to ensure those standards are met (including frequency of inspections, complaint handling, and escalation procedures); and to advise what actions are taken where accommodation is found to be unsuitable or falls below the required standard, including the process for relocating a household where necessary?"

12 Councillor M. Boland - Prevalence of Discarded Nitrous Oxide (N2O) Canisters

"To ask the Chief Executive if this Council has seen an increasing prevalence of discarded nitrous oxide (N2O) canisters across parks, open spaces and public areas in the county, and outline the number of canisters that have been collected and also the additional funding contribution needed by this Council for the collection, safe handling and disposal of nitrous oxide canisters in the last year compared to previous years and to identify if this is becoming a greater financial burden on Council finances?"

13 Councillor J. Hopkins - Event specifically for Neurodivergent Children

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to replicate the Dublin City Council event, specifically for neurodivergent children and families?"

14 Councillor B. Ryan - Recruitment of Lifeguards for the 2026 Bathing Season

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the recruitment of lifeguards for the 2026 bathing season and to indicate if it is expected that sufficient numbers will be recruited to cover all designated bathing areas?"

15 Councillor B. Ryan- Fingal Parking Services

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the role and legal status of Fingal Parking Services in relation to parking arrangements and Parking Bye-Laws in Fingal?"

16 Councillor C. Johnston - Community Car Service

"To ask the Chief Executive to give consideration to extending the Community Car Service to other areas in the county given this service is a lifeline to older persons and those with mobility limitations struggling to access public transport, attend essential medical appointments and pharmacy visits and shops?"

17 Councillor J. Walsh - Inactive Planning Permissions in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the total number of dwellings not constructed on sites with full planning permission in each year from 2022 to 2025 and the overall number of such inactive sites of five dwelling or more in Fingal?"

18 Report of Committees

- a Report of Organisation, Procedures and Finance (OP&F) Committee Meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026
- b Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 6th May 2026
- c Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held Thursday 7th May 2026

19 Financial Matters

20 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Notice of Renewal of Leases in Respect of 3 no. Sites at the following Locations: (a) Meakstown, Finglas Co. Dublin, (b) Cappogue, Finglas, Co. Dublin and (c) The Hill, Malahide, Co. Dublin, to Vantage Towers Limited, Mountainview, Leopardstown, Dublin 18
- b Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

21 Declarations of Roads

22 Part XI/007/25 - Chief Executive Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the proposed construction of a Public Swimming Pool Building with associated changing facilities and site works on 0.589 hectares of land at Castlelands, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

23 Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Proposed Public Play Trails Development at Longstone Park, Portrane, Co. Dublin

24 Financial Assistance

- a Approved Housing Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) - Call for CAS 2017 to Provide Units of Living Accommodation in the Fingal Area
- b Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Club (PSLC)

25 Dunsink Urban Area Plan

26 Progress Report on the Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029

27 Summer Projects Funding 2026

28 Arts Act Grant Scheme - Revenue Strand 2026

29 Chief Executive's Report

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

31 Conference Report

- a Association of Irish Regions (AIR) Annual Training Seminar 2026, 25th and 26th February 2026 Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana, Co. Donegal
- b Women's Regional Caucus Network to be held Wednesday 29th April 2026, Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices Limerick Road, Nenagh Co. Tipperary
- c AILG 2026 Elected Members In-Person & Webinar Training Programme April to December 2026
- d Fair Seas Conference, World Ocean Week, Wednesday 3rd June 2026 Cork City Hall, Cork

32 Correspondence

- a Letter dated 20th April 2026 from Carlow County Council Re - ESB Networks
- b Letter dated 21st April 2026 from Monaghan County Council Re - Business Grant
- c Letter dated 24th April 2026 from South Dublin County Council Re - Bessborough Mother and Baby Institution

33 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

34 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."

35 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."

36 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."

37 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."

38 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."

39 Councillor E. Troy - Compensation for Tenants during Fuel Price Increases

"That the Chief Executive, along with the Housing Team, considers compensating tenants with respect to the huge increases they have incurred in their utility bills, during the months of February and March, when prices rose to record levels."

40 Councillor J. Newman - Central Heating Boilers

"That the Chief Executive provides a report on the type of central heating boilers included in the grant scheme for older persons and explain the rationale for the current scheme regarding second-hand fossil fuel boilers."

41 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."

42 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."

43 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."

MOTIONS NON- STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

44 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."

45 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."

46 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."

47 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."

48 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."

49 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."

50 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."

51 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."

52 Councillor P. Mulville - Accommodation Recognition Payment

"That this Council supports the Ukraine Civil Society Forum's call that the Accommodation Recognition Payment be extended to March 2027 at its current rate of €600 per month, and that the Chief Executive writes to the Taoiseach and the Minister for Social Protection to outline our collective view."

53 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."
