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County Hall
Swords
Co Dublin

9th September 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, 14th September, 2026** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Aoife Sheridan
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A G E N D A

1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2026

2 Nominations

- a Filling of Casual Vacancy on Fingal County Council following the resignation of Councillor Helen Redwood

QUESTIONS

3 Councillor M. Quinn - Approved Housing Bodies Occupancy

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what oversight Fingal County Council has to ensure that Approved Housing Bodies managing social housing achieve full occupancy and that no housing unit is left vacant?"

4 Councillor G. Maguire - High Security Lock Scheme

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to offering a High Security Lock Scheme similar to the one that is offered by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council?"

5 Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Update on Fingal's Migrant Integration and Cohesion Strategy 2019-2024

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Fingal's Migrant Integration and Cohesion Strategy which ran its course at end of 2024 and to confirm if an appropriate team has been empanelled to review the defunct strategy and to produce a new one?"

6 Councillor P. Mulville - Local Authority Waters Programme's Urban Nature-Based Solutions Fund

"To ask the Chief Executive whether this Council has yet made any application under the Local Authority Waters Programme's Urban Nature-Based Solutions Fund (LAWPRO), which supports projects to help manage surface water, increase biodiversity and reduce flooding in urban areas?"

7 Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Sunscreen Dispensers for Fingal Parks

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress of sunscreen dispensers for Fingal Parks, similar to Dublin City Council's rollout of the same in collaboration with the Irish Cancer Society in July 2026?"

8 Councillor J. Smyth - Cost of Replacing Safety Poles on Cycle Lanes

"To ask the Chief Executive to highlight the cost of replacing safety poles on Cycle/Active Travel lanes for the past 3 years within Fingal and note if a more viable or sustainable alternative is available?"

9 Councillor J. Newman - BMX-Type Track Study Plan

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Council would deliver a detailed feasibility study for a BMX type track, that could provide guidance on the usage of space in urban and rural areas, including the option to utilise some woodland and other suitable areas to create measures for small, safe, localised projects?"

10 Councillor A. Donnelly - Housing Re-Letting

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of Housing Re-Letting in tabular form under the following headings 1) Voids per year, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 year to date; 2) Average turnaround time, shortest turnaround time, longest turnaround time; 3) If the homes were brought back up to standard by Fingal County Council employees or contractors?"

11 Councillor D. Healy - Capital Programme

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of all projects recommended for inclusion in the Capital Programme by either an Area Committee or a Strategic Policy Committee since May 2019?"

12 Councillor B. Ryan - Public Service Apprenticeship Plan

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are any craftspeople currently on the staff and, if so, are there any apprentices serving their time to them?"

13 Councillor J. Humphreys - Differential Rent Scheme

"To ask the Chief Executive, following the introduction of the Differential Rent Scheme 2026, to report on the impact of rent reassessment on Council tenancies in comparison to the previous rent, including data, breaking down the weekly rent increases for tenancies?"

14 Councillor J. Humphreys - Housing Maintenance

"To ask the Chief Executive, following the introduction of the Differential Rent Scheme 2026, to report on the Housing Maintenance Budget for 2026 and 2027 in comparison to the 2025 Budget, including details of additional maintenance works being funded as a result of additional funding allocated to housing maintenance from increased rental income?"

15 Councillor J. Hopkins - Vacant and Derelict Homes

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of what percentage of requests to register vacant and derelict homes actually appear on the register and how long, on average, does it take from first query to actual appearance on the register?"

16 Councillor B. Ryan - Heritage Properties

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the Economic Community & Culture Development Department's Heritage Properties Capital Projects as listed in the Council's Capital Programme 2026 – 2028?"

17 Councillor E. Troy - Fish Kills in Rivers, Streams, and Canals in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive when there are fish kills in Fingal how are they investigated, are the public made aware of the causes, is there a current clear public warning protocol in place to ensure the affected areas are indicated to the public to protect the welfare of people and animals?"

18 Councillor J. Walsh - Delivery of New Public Transport Routes

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate what commitments have been made, if any, by national government or statutory agencies to the delivery of new public transport routes, including train, bus and Luas where appropriate, to serve the new or projected housing in areas which were subject to the recent Variation approved by Fingal Council?"

19 Councillor D. Butler - Delivery of Housing Units in Fingal 2026

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update with regard to the delivery of new housing units in Fingal for 2026?"

20 Report of Committees

- a Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- b Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 3rd September 2026
- c Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Monday 7th September 2026
- d Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 10th September 2026

21 Financial Matters

22 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Notice of proposed disposal of land to the rear of Beaver Lodge, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin to June and Christopher Foley, Beaver Lodge, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin.
- b Notice of proposed disposal of land at Garristown, Co. Dublin to North and East Voluntary Housing Association, First Floor, Cobalt House One, Blanchardstown Corporate Park 1, D15 EDT4
- c Notice of proposed lease of land at Kellystown, Dublin 15 to St. Mochta's Football Club, Porterstown Road, Dublin 15
- d Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

23 Declarations of Roads

- a Taylors Hill, Phase 2, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin
- b Comyn Manor, Swords, Co. Dublin
- c Ormond Court, Rush, Co. Dublin
- d Knightsgate Avenue, Rush, Co. Dublin

24 Report Pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001(as amended) for Road Infrastructure, Stephenstown, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

25 Strategic Infrastructure Development Comprising a 680 MW Open Cycle Gas-Fired Generation Station and Associated Development at Kilshane Road, Kilshane, Finglas, Dublin 11

26 Shop Front Improvement Scheme 2026 - Request for Approval of Funding

27 Fingal County Council Draft Access Strategy 2026-2030

28 Chief Executive's Report

29 Mayor's Business - Councillor T. Murphy

30 Conference Report

- a Irish Planning Institute (IPI) Autumn Planning Conference 2026, Thursday, 1st October 2026, The Gibson Hotel, Dublin

31 Correspondence

- a Letter dated 15th July 2026 from Leitrim County Council Re - Renewable Energy Projects
- b Letter dated 15th July 2026 from Leitrim County Council Re - Dedicated Cabinet Minister for Construction and Infrastructure
- c Letter dated 15th July 2026 from Leitrim County Council Re- National Investment to Protect and Maximise Existing Social Housing Stock
- d Letter dated 16th of July 2026 from Carlow County Council Re - Unacceptable delay with ESB connections for new Business Developments and Council-led Projects
- e Letter dated 16th July 2026 from Carlow County Council Re- Response times to Notices of Motions

- f Letter dated 29th July 2026 from Roscommon County Council Re-Eligibility Criteria for CE Schemes
- g Letter dated 29th July from Roscommon County Council Re - Cost Rental Scheme by Local Authorities

32 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

33 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 3-year Capital Plan."

34 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Planning Applications on Zoned Sites

"In view of the current housing crisis and the need to build on zoned sites across the county, that the Chief Executive engage with developers, whose original planning permission has expired without the intended development taking place, to now resubmit planning applications for the development of such sites."

35 Councillor P. Quinlan - Public Consultations

"That Fingal County Council ensure all public consultations are not exclusively or primarily geared towards online engagement, any member of the public who requests physical information, documents, or materials relating to a Fingal County Council public engagement campaign must be provided with them free of charge and without delay."

36 Councillor M. McCamley - Accessible Parking Bay Text Alerts in Fingal

"That the Chief Executive implements a pilot project for the Accessible Parking Bay Text Alert scheme in Fingal in support of the campaign by the Disabled Drivers' Association of Ireland's campaign to help STOP misuse of accessible parking bays."

37 Councillor J. Newman - Report on Part V Units

"That the Chief Executive provides a report, in tabular form, outlining the Council's guidelines when determining payment in lieu of Part V units to include details regarding the total amount of payments made by developers and payment received over the past 18 months."

38 Councillor J. Walsh - Pilot Project - Book Gifting Programme

"That the Chief Executive considers initiating a pilot project in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a world-renowned book-gifting programme, for young families, beginning in one selected local electoral area with a high concentration of children under 4 based on the 2022 Census'."

39 Councillor E. Troy - Proportionality and Advertising in Public Consultation

"That the Chief Executive directs the Planning and Development Department to review the Council's public consultation guidelines, moving away from uniform timelines towards a tiered, dynamic framework where the length of a consultation is scaled strictly by the size, complexity and projected housing impact of the plan."

**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."

50 Councillor A. Tormey - Extend Tax Relief for Health Expenses to include Veterinary Care

"That this Council supports extending tax relief for health expenses to include veterinary care and calls on the Minister for Finance to implement this in the next Budget."

51 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Data Centres Water Consumption

"That the Chief Executive engage with Irish Water to determine what volume of water is drawn from the public water supply by the data centres located in the county for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 (year to date) and how this compares to residential consumption over the same time periods."

52 Councillor L. Corkery - School Transport in Fingal

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Minister for Education and Youth to highlight the urgent need for significant improvements to the School Transport Scheme in Fingal, in light of a significant number of pupils across a range of schools being unable to secure school transport tickets for the new school year, and to seek assurances that sufficient capacity will be provided to meet the needs of pupils and families across the county."
