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County Hall
Swords
Co Dublin

6th October 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, 12th October, 2026** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Aoife Sheridan
Meetings Administrator
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A G E N D A

- 1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 14th September 2026**
- 2 Nominations**
 - a Appointment of one Member to the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Councillor Helen Redwood
 - b Appointment of one Member to Joint Fingal and South Dublin Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) Management Committee following the resignation of Councillor Helen Redwood
 - c Appointment of one Member to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) following the resignation of Councillor Helen Redwood

QUESTIONS

- 3 Councillor P. Mulville - Ombudsman Local Authority's Complaint Handling Policy and Procedure**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to outline whether the Ombudsman Local Authority's Complaint Handling Policy and Procedure is in place and is being implemented?"
- 4 Councillor J. Hopkins - Large Scale Community Projects**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to describe the steps involved in deciding to prioritise and realise large scale community projects and infrastructure projects undertaken by Fingal County Council, for example: Cultural Quarter Swords, Malahide Library Extension, New Street Malahide Pedestrianisation, Skerries Cycling Scheme?"
- 5 Councillor M. McCamley - Criteria to Pitch-Up a Circus in an Area**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to outline the criteria for a circus to pitch up in an area and is a licence required?"
- 6 Councillor B. Ryan - Areas of Responsibility - Infrastructure and Transport Department**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of the areas of responsibility for the Infrastructure and Transport Department?"

7 Councillor B. Ryan - Planning Appeals to An Coimisiún Pleanála

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the number of planning appeals made to An Coimisiún Pleanála related to planning decisions made by the Council and the number of those that were overturned by An Coimisiún Pleanála from the beginning of 2026 to date?"

8 Councillor L. Corkery - Methods of Removing Weeds in Housing Estates

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the Operations Department's methods of removing weeds in housing estates throughout the county, and whether an effective alternative to chemical herbicides has been identified based on best practice in other jurisdictions?"

9 Councillor J. Smyth - "Before We Die" Campaign - Social Housing Application Process

"To ask the Chief Executive, alongside the Director of Housing, the Access Officer and relevant others, if consideration can be given to meet with representatives of the "Before We Die" Campaign to examine the current Social Housing Application process within this Council and review changes that may be necessary or consider reasonable adjustments?"

10 Councillor E. Troy - Public Warning of Contaminated Waterways

"To ask the Chief Executive, when there are fish kills in Fingal, are the public warned of contaminated dangerous water at the infected site in order to protect the welfare of people and animals?"

11 Councillor A. Donnelly - Joint Committee between Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council

"To ask the Chief Executive to detail any action taken to develop a Dunsink Joint Committee between Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council following the passing of a motion seeking such a committee at a recent meeting of Dublin City Council?"

12 Councillor J. Humphreys - Procedures, Policies and Criteria applied when an Event takes place on Council-owned Property

"To ask the Chief Executive to set out the procedures, policies and criteria applied by the Executive when an event proposed or scheduled to take place on Council-owned property, including Council property operated or managed by a third party, is refused, cancelled

or terminated; to identify the statutory, contractual or other authority under which such a decision may be made; to clarify who is authorised to make such a decision, including whether that authority may be delegated to a Council official, venue operator or third-party manager; and to outline what process, if any, exists for notifying the event organiser of the reasons for the decision and for seeking a review or appeal of that decision?"

13 Report of Committees

- a Quarterly Chairpersons' Reports of the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Meetings
- b Report of Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee (OP&F) Meeting held on Monday 14th September 2026
- c Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 1st October 2026
- d Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Monday 5th October 2026
- e Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 7th October 2026
- f Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Thursday 8th October 2026
- g Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 8th October 2026

14 Financial Matters

- a Capital Plan
- b Local Property Tax

15 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Notice of proposed wayleave at Ballough, Co. Dublin to Gas Networks Ireland, P.O. Box 51, Gasworks Road, Cork
- b Notice of proposed disposal of land adjacent to 56 Seaview Park, Portrane, Co. Dublin to Margaret McMahon Fogarty, 56 Seaview Park, Portrane, Co. Dublin

16 Declarations of Roads

- 17 Proposed Amendment to the Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (County of Fingal) Bye-Laws 2020 - Quay Street L-1226 and Shared Surfaces at Balbriggan Harbour, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin**
- 18 Extinguishment of Right of Way in favour of Fingal County Council, on lands in the ownership of St. Laurence O'Toole Diocesan at Corduff**
- 19 Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2026**
- 20 Chief Executive's Report**
- 21 Mayor's Business - Councillor T. Murphy**
- 22 Conference Report**
- 23 Correspondence**
 - a Letter dated 28th July 2026 from Dublin City Council, North West Area Committee Re - Establishment of Joint Committee between Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council in relation to the Proposed Dunsink Development
 - b Letter dated 21st September 2026 from Leitrim County Council Re - Urgent Review of Eir's Telecommunications Infrastructure
 - c Letter dated 28th September 2026 from Mid Ulster District Council Re - UEFA Nations League Fixtures
 - d Letter dated 5th October 2026 from Cavan County Council Re - Review Current Process for Awarding DEIS Status to Schools
 - e Letter dated 5th October 2026 from Cavan County Council Re - Betting in Licensed Premises
- 24 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence**

**MOTIONS
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

25 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."

26 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.”

27 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.”

28 Councillor M. McCamley - "Human Creativity First" Approach

“That the Chief Executive adopts a “Human Creativity First” approach, committing to prioritising artists, designers, photographers, writers and creative professionals above AI-generated content in local authorities’ communications, campaigns, publications and creative projects.”

29 Councillor C. Haughey - Road Works Licence Applications

“That the Chief Executive examines if a system could be put in place to impose penalties for applicants that apply for road works licence applications in the Fingal area, if they do not reinstate the road to its original condition afterwards.”

30 Councillor T. O'Leary - CCTV Security Cameras in Fingal

“That the Chief Executive liaise with Meath County Council to bring forward a scheme for CCTV cameras in Fingal in relation to funding options being explored with Government to implement CCTV cameras at appropriate locations in Fingal in collaboration with the Gardaí who would welcome CCTV, noting Meath County Council have been approved by the Garda Commissioner for 187 CCTV cameras in Navan town, Meath County Council are acting as Data Controller with the Gardaí connected to the system.”

31 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Review of Tree Strategy

“That the Chief Executive review the Tree Strategy to determine whether it can be amended in certain circumstances to help manage public safety concerns.”

32 Councillor E. Dockrell - Review of Allocation and Prioritisation Housing Schemes

“That the Chief Executive review the allocation and prioritisation arrangements currently applied to Affordable Purchase, Cost Rental and other Affordable Housing schemes delivered or facilitated by Fingal County Council, and prepare a report for Elected Members on the feasibility of providing for a more localised residency condition for local-priority allocations, along with a randomised allocation process for an appropriate proportion of homes, whereby eligible and qualifying applicants who apply within the designated application period would be entered into a lottery/random draw.”

33 Councillor J. Humphreys - European Commission's EU-Wide Loneliness Survey

“That, noting the findings of the European Commission’s EU-wide Loneliness Survey, which found Ireland had the highest reported level of loneliness in the EU, with more than one in five people saying they felt lonely most or all of the time, that the Chief Executive prepares a report on what Fingal County Council is currently doing to help tackle loneliness and social isolation, the report should bring together the work already being done across Community Development, Libraries, Sports, Arts and Culture, Parks and Open Spaces, Age Friendly and any other relevant areas of the Council, it should also look at whether better co-ordination, better signposting or small changes to existing services and programmes could help people connect more with others, including possible links with Social Prescribing and other referral services, and that the report be presented to the Community Development SPC within 6 months so that Members can look at what is already being done, identify any gaps and consider what further practical steps could be taken.”

**MOTIONS NON-
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

34 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."

35 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."

36 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."

37 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."

38 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."

39 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."

40 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."

41 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."

42 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."

43 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."

44 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."

45 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."
