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**To Each Member of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area
Committee (Services B - Strategic and General Matters)**

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B - Strategic and General Matters)** will be held Hybrid in the **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords/MS Teams** on **Thursday, 10th September, 2026** on conclusion of the Services A meeting 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 Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday the 11th June 2026.**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Taking in Charge of Hampton Gardens Playground and Open Spaces - Balbriggan - AI108934**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of the playground and open spaces in Hampton Gardens, Balbriggan?"
- 3 **Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Solar Upgrade of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger - Skerries - AI109389**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the upgrade of the Solar EV Charger for the Fingal Community Car?"
- 4 **Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Playground for Oldtown - AI109219**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the provision of a playground for Oldtown?"
- 5 **Councillor E. Dockrell - Identifying a Site in Rush/Lusk for Padel-Courts - AI109220**
 "To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to identifying a site in the Rush/Lusk Electoral Area for the provision of Padel Courts, given the growing popularity of this sport and the Council's objective to encourage people to exercise and play sports?"
- 6 **Councillor E. Dockrell - Installation of Volleyball Posts on Donabate Beach - AI109221**
 "To ask the Chief Executive if the volleyball posts which were recently acquired by this Council can be installed on Donabate Beach?"

7 Councillor E. Dockrell - Invitation to Community Groups to the opening of The Naul Village Park - AI109222

"To ask the Chief Executive if representatives of all Community Groups and Sports Clubs in The Naul will be invited to the official opening of The Naul Village Park development and if confirmation of the opening date can be shared with the community?"

8 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Coastal Protection - Portrane Beach - AI109223

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Emergency Coastal Protection measures being carried out on Portrane Beach, including information on the type of work being undertaken with regard to the positioning of the rock armour and timeline for completion of these works?"

9 Councillor J. Newman - Update on Swords Western Distributor Road Project - AI109224

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update and timeline on the project brief for the Swords Western Distributor Road (FCC/026/24), in particular looking at Section 2.3.5 stakeholder consultation, will there be a timetable for the various parts of this progress report such as the Non-Statutory Public Consultation, the webinar and materials that are required for the Fingal Consultation Portal and is it possible to arrange a public meeting and if so, can any guidance be given on when communities will be contacted and how?"

10 Councillor J. Newman - Walled Gardens - Brackenstown - Swords - AI109591

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on when the initial stages of work on the walled gardens at Brackenstown/Knocksedan will be completed and when it is expected that this facility will be open to the public?"

11 Councillor J. Newman - Upgrade of Foul Water Pumping Station - Knocksedan - AI109594

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the Knocksedan Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade is expected to start and the expected completion date and where the engineering details of the Pumping Station can be viewed, so as to build public confidence in the process?"

12 Councillor G. Maguire - Refurbishment of Bath House - Martello Tower - Balbriggan - AI109289

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to the refurbishment of the Bath House at Martello Tower in Balbriggan?"

13 Councillor G. Maguire - Update on Derelict Buildings - Balbriggan - AI109669

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to all designated derelict buildings in Balbriggan and advise what is being done to address this issue?"

14 Councillor P. Mulville - Need to Monitor Construction Traffic Safety - Donabate/Portrane - AI109411

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to monitoring construction traffic safety in the Donabate/Portrane area given the high volume of development taking place and the need to ensure local roads are safe for all road users?"

15 Councillor P. Mulville - Local Traveller Accommodation Scheme Projects in this LEA - AI109730

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on projects contained in the current Traveller Accommodation Scheme for this Local Electoral Area and a detailed timeline for the delivery of each project?"

16 Councillor P. Mulville - Prevention of Illegal Occupation by Encampment on Public Lands in this LEA - AI109732

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on steps that can be taken to prevent illegal occupation by encampment on public lands in this Local Electoral Area?"

17 Councillor P. Mulville - Empty Social Housing Units at Balmoston - Donabate - AI109733

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise the timeline for the social housing units at Wade Place, Balmoston that have been completed with no-one living there and advise why they have been left vacant for so long and what can be done to prevent this happening again?"

18 Councillor P. Mulville - Uncompleted Works - Semple Woods - Donabate - AI109734

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update regarding the uncompleted parts of the Semple Woods development in Donabate, for example the hoarded off area near the pedestrian bridge and also the unfinished ground floor units in the nearby apartment building?"

19 Councillor P. Mulville - Portrane Coastal Flooding and Erosion Protection Scheme - AI109735

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when a response is due back from An Coimisiún Pleanála on the Portrane Coastal Flooding and Erosion Protection scheme?"

20 Councillor P. Mulville - Playspace at Longstone Park - Portrane - AI109736

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for the provision of the play space at Longstone Park in Portrane, following the recent approval of the scheme by Councillors?"

21 Councillor M. Boland - Audit of Disabled Parking Bays - Rush - AI109434

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Council would consider carrying out an audit of disabled parking bays in Rush, including their location, condition, signage and enforcement and if additional accessible parking spaces are required near key services, shops and community facilities?"

22 Councillor M. Boland - Taking-in-Charge - The Forge Estate - Lusk - AI109441

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the current position regarding the taking-in-charge of The Forge Estate, Lusk and if any financial recourse is available to the Council in respect of the developer's slow completion of this process?"

23 Councillor M. Boland - Taking-in-Charge - Lusk Village - A Newly Built Section of Rathmore - AI109442

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the current position regarding the taking-in-charge of the newly built section of Rathmore, Lusk Village and if any financial recourse is available to the Council in respect of the developer's slow completion of this process?"

24 Councillor M. Boland - Engagement with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Irish Rail re Lusk/Rush Train Station - AI109443

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on any engagement with the NTA and Irish Rail regarding the proposed new entrance and improved access arrangements at Rush/Lusk Train Station, including any interim safety measures being considered for pedestrians and cyclists accessing the station from both the Rush and Lusk sides?"

25 Councillor M. Boland - Additional Outdoor Recreation Facilities for Teenagers in Rush - AI109444

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of additional outdoor recreation facilities for teenagers in Rush town, including informal seating, hangout spaces, basketball areas, skate-friendly facilities or other youth-focused amenities, so that this report can be sent to the Rush Town Team?"

26 Councillor M. Boland - "Explore Fingal" Running a Focused Tourism and Visitor Promotion Plan for Lusk - AI109445

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to "Explore Fingal" running a focused tourism and visitor promotion plan for Lusk, highlighting the towns heritage, food history, Round Tower walks, community events and links to the wider Fingal tourism offering?"

27 Councillor M. Boland - "Explore Fingal" Running a focused Tourism and Visitor Promotion Plan for Rush - AI109446

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to "Explore Fingal" running a focused tourism and visitor promotion plan for Rush, highlighting the towns beaches, heritage, food history, coastal walks, community events and links to the wider Fingal tourism offering?"

28 Councillor J. Smyth - Swords Bike Library Initiative - AI109462

"To ask the Chief Executive, in light of the success of the recent Bike Library initiative, if the Council would consider making this a permanent programme to encourage greater uptake of cycling within the town?"

29 Councillor J. Smyth - Update on Usher's Lake - Swords - AI109598

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed update on the current issues pertaining to access of Usher's Lake and the apparent conflict between landowners and the Council and to provide a timeline of correspondence between both parties and options for resolution?"

30 Councillor J. Smyth - Summer Projects 2026 in this LEA - AI109603

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise of the funding offered to Summer Projects in this Local Electoral Area directly and/or through intermediaries/charities for 2026?"

31 Councillor J. Smyth - Rivervalley Summer Festival - AI109672

"To ask the Chief Executive in light of the recent success of the 'Festival in a Van' with the Swords Neurodiversity Network at Rivervalley Community Centre, if the Council would consider convening a Committee with the aim of developing a similar summer festival event at this location in 2027?"

32 Councillor J. Smyth - Mental Health Month - October - AI109673

"To ask the Chief Executive to consider lighting up County Hall and respective Council buildings green for the month of October to mark Mental Health Month?"

33 Councillor J. Smyth - October - Mental Health Month Events - AI109674

"To ask the Chief Executive to highlight any Mental Health initiatives or events that the Council will be facilitating/hosting during the month of October to mark World Mental Health Month?"

34 Councillor J. Smyth - Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) & Special Protected Areas (SPA) Impact Assessments in this LEA - AI109675

"To ask the Chief Executive to highlight any Impact Assessments that have been carried out in relation to Shoreline Fishing or Angling in Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protected Areas within this Committee's area."

35 Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Destination Playground - Ward Rivervalley Park - AI109653

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the status and design of the destination playground for the Ward Rivervalley Park in Swords?"

36 Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Hearse Road to Lissenhall Upgrade - AI109686

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the Hearse Road to Lissenhall upgrade project to include the next steps and timeline for delivery of this critical piece of infrastructure?"

37 Councillor C. Johnston - Coastal Erosion Emergency Measures - Portrane - AI109687

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the Portrane Coastal Erosion Emergency Measures (rock armour) works to include a timeline for completion of the project and the relocation of seabees to vulnerable areas along the beach?"

38 Councillor C. Johnston - Tower Bay - Portrane to Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Path - AI109688

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the Tower Bay, Portrane to Donabate Balcarrick Beach Pedestrian and Cycle Path and to confirm if this project will include the area fronting the Shoreline Hotel, public car park and toilets and access to Donabate Beach?"

39 Councillor C. Johnston - Taking-in-Charge - The Orchard Estate - Oldtown - AI109689

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the taking-in-charge of the public open space in The Orchard Estate in Oldtown, including a timeline for completion of same?"

40 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Pedestrian Path - Minister's Road - Lusk - AI109690

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the provision of a much-needed pedestrian path on Minister's Road in Lusk from Regles Estate to the R132 given the urgent need for the provision of a path at this location with an increasing number of pedestrians walking along this road to the bus stop on the R132?"

41 Councillor C. Johnston - Blake's Cross Junction Upgrade - AI109691

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the Blake's Cross junction upgrade project, including a timeline for the delivery of this project?"

42 Councillor C. Johnston - Timeline for Broadmeadow Way Greenway - AI109718

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the Broadmeadow Way Greenway project and to confirm a timeline for the completion of this project?"

43 Councillor B. Ryan - Report on Four Bedroomed Social Housing - Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk Area - AI109701

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of additional four bedroomed social houses that will become available for allocation to housing applicants in the Balbriggan and Rush-Lusk area from September to December 2026?"

44 Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Household Bin Collection - Balbriggan - AI109705

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the competitive market for household bin collection in the Balbriggan area?"

45 Councillor B. Ryan - Development of Skerries Sports Hub - AI109706

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the development of the Skerries Sports Hub and to outline the key milestones to delivery?"

46 Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

b Applications for Sports Funding

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT
BUSINESS**

47 Declaration of Roads/Taking-in-Charge

- 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**

**ECONOMIC,
COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT**

48 Proposed Disposals

- a Notice of proposed disposal of land to the rear of Beaver Lodge, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin to June and Christopher Foley**
- b Notice of proposed disposal of land at Garristown, Co. Dublin to North and East Voluntary Housing Association**

49 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.

50 (PARTXI/002/26) Initiation of procedure 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) for development consisting of Conservation & Re-Use of the "Bath House & Boat House", Balbriggan (protected structure RPS no. 0018)

51 Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2026 – Request for Approval of Funding

**ENVIRONMENT,
CLIMATE ACTION,
ACTIVE TRAVEL &
SPORTS BUSINESS**

52 Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029 – Sports Department Strategy Update

GENERAL BUSINESS

53 CORRESPONDENCE

- a** Email dated 17th June 2026 from Department of Education and Youth regarding Cllr. C. Johnston Motion - Urgent need for additional schools, Donabate
- b** Letter dated 18th June 2026 from HSE regarding Cllr. L. Corkery Motion - Swords Primary Care Centre
- c** Email dated 8th July 2026 from the Department of Education and Youth regarding Cllr. J. Smyth Motion Provision of Gaelcholáiste for Swords
- d** Email dated 21st July 2026 from Public Transport Services regarding Cllr. M. Boland Motion Accessibility Review Wheelchairs Users in this LEA
- e** Email dated 23rd July 2026 from Department of Transport regarding Cllr. D. Mulligan Public Transport Linking Swords and Blanchardstown
- f** Letter dated 23rd July 2026 from Technological University Dublin regarding Cllr. D. Mulligan Public Transport Linking Swords and Blanchardstown

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

54 Councillor T. O'Leary - Independent Feasibility Study of Ardgillan Demesne - AI109261

"That the Council initiate an Independent Feasibility Study of Ardgillan Demesne to reconsider holding large public events including concerts with a suitable traffic access and egress plan, noting that the last concert was held there circa 2005, the purpose of the study being to use this wonderful facility, more for the nearby residents of Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush, Lusk, rural Fingal and other areas, the study to include all possible options and ideas."

MOTIONS

55 Councillor P. Mulville - Plans for Gaelcholáiste - Swords - AI108427

"That the Chief Executive write to the Department of Education in relation to any plans for a much needed second-level Gaelcholáiste for Swords?"

56 Councillor J. Smyth - Additional Parking - Rivermeade - Swords - AI108839

"That the Chief Executive carry out the development of a parking/traffic management plan as part of the overall plan for the redevelopment/reopening of the Rivermeade Community Centre."

57 Councillor C. Johnston - Road Safety Assessment - Donabate Distributor Road - AI108861

"That the Chief Executive undertakes a Road Safety Assessment of the approach to the access road to the sports grounds on the Donabate Distributor Road given ongoing safety concerns with children cycling/walking to the sports grounds crossing this road from Martin's Lane with the bends on both sides of the approach making it difficult for vehicles to see children crossing at this location. "

58 Councillor E. Dockrell - Upgrade Entrance to Donabate Beach - AI109213

"That the Chief Executive considers upgrading the area at the entrance to Donabate Beach, near the historic Martello Tower to create an enhanced public realm space for beachgoers and other people visiting this location (similar to the public realm project near the Malahide Marina)."

59 Councillor M. Quinn - Retention of Basketball Court at Flemington School Complex - Balbriggan - AI109270

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Department of Education to request that the existing Basketball Court within the Flemington School Complex be retained for the youth of Balbriggan due to its important role in community building."

60 Councillor M. Boland - Feasibility Study along the Coastline adjacent to Rush Golf Club - AI109287

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Office of Public Works (OPW) requesting that a detailed Coastal Erosion Assessment and Feasibility Study be undertaken along the coastline adjacent to Rush Golf Club, either directly by the OPW or through funding provided to the Council for this purpose, the study should assess the extent of coastal erosion since the previous assessment undertaken in 2019, evaluate the current and future risks posed to the coastline and identify potential mitigation, protection and adaptation measures that may be required, given the increasing frequency and severity of winter storm events, a proactive approach is required to better understand the scale of erosion occurring and to consider appropriate interventions before further land loss takes place."

61 Councillor J. Newman - Crèches in the Miller's Glen Area - Swords - AI109595

"That the Chief Executive provide a detailed report on the number of sites in Miller's Glen and surrounding area that were granted planning permission for crèches, to include any crèches in operation and potential timeline and indicate any sites that may have become redundant."

62 Councillor G. Maguire - Upgrade of Naul Road - AI109667

"That the Chief Executive provide funding in the budget to upgrade the Naul Road leading to the motorway in order to facilitate the huge residential and future industrial areas at this junction."

63 Councillor T. O'Leary - Installation of Footpath - Skerries - AI109671

"That the Chief Executive install a new footpath outside circa 7 to 9 homes connecting Skerries Rock Estate to Skerries Community College for safe walking access and egress for approximately 1,100 pupils attending the College, noting footpaths already exist there."

64 Councillor L. Corkery - Rivervalley Area Sports Facilities - Swords - AI109693

"That the Chief Executive notes forthcoming development at Fosterstown, including housing and a new school, as well as the growing need for additional community and social facilities in the wider Rivervalley area and calls on the Council to support the provision of sports facilities as part of the area's development."

65 Councillor B. Ryan - Greenlands Guesthouse - Corduff - Lusk - AI109697

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on planning enforcement measures in relation to the site at the rear of the former Greenlands guesthouse at Corduff, Lusk."

66 Councillor P. Mulville - Need for new Beresford/Beverton Estates Pedestrian Link - Donabate - AI108923

"That the Chief Executive works towards providing a much-needed pedestrian/cycle link from Beresford Estate into Beverton Estate in Donabate from the newest north-eastern end of Beresford, to provide a safe and more direct link to Donabate Town Centre via Ballisk."

67 Councillor E. Dockrell - Local Link Routes through Rural Villages - AI109214

"That the Chief Executive writes to the National Transport Authority to request that the much-used Local Link routes through the rural villages be reviewed and enhanced as currently these services run approximately once every 3 hours (195 bus route) and the 192 to Swords does not incorporate Garristown in its schedule."

68 Councillor M. Quinn - Astro Pitch Facility in Balbriggan/Balrothery - AI109271

"That this Committee supports the request by Glebe North Football Club for a meeting with the Council to explore the development of an astro pitch facility in Balbriggan/Balrothery, to address the increasing needs of the various Sports Clubs in the surrounding area."

69 Councillor M. Boland - Taking-In-Charge Process - Forge Estate - Lusk - AI109449

"That the Chief Executive writes to the developer of Forge Estate in Lusk, requesting that all outstanding works and documentation required for the taking-in-charge process be completed without further delay and seeks a clear completion timeline from the developer, should a satisfactory solution not be forthcoming, that the Council outline what further actions are available to be taken against the developer."

70 Councillor J. Smyth - CCTV at Bring Bank/ Bring Centres - Swords - AI109452

"That the Chief Executive arranges for the installation of CCTV or other measures at the Bring Banks/Bring Centres in Swords in light of the level of dumping at the Swords Manor and Watery Lane sites."

71 Councillor J. Newman - Damaged Pathways in Brackenstown Woods - Swords - AI109596

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to repairing the damage caused to pathways between the lake and Knocksedan Estate in the Ward River Park which creates public hazards on a daily basis to residents and other park users."

72 Councillor G. Maguire - Provision of a lift at Bremore Castle - Balbriggan - AI109670

"That the Chief Executive provide a plan and timeline for the provision of a lift at Bremore Castle in order for it to open to the public."

73 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Aires Sites in this LEA - AI109695

"That the Chief Executive gives serious consideration to the provision of dedicated motorhome Aires sites in this Local Electoral Area to provide short term overnight parking and to encourage and promote tourism with motorists stopping in local towns and villages."

74 Councillor B. Ryan - Grass Cutting at Ardla Cottages - Skerries - AI109699

"That the Chief Executive arranges for an extension to the grass-cutting contract at Ardla Cottages to include the weeding of the adjacent verges".
