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**To Each Member of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area
Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)**

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)** will be held Hybrid in the **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords** at **2.00 pm** on **Thursday, 10th September, 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 Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) held on Thursday the 11th June 2026**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor M. Boland - Flood Alleviation Projects Planned for Rush - AI108876**

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what strategic drainage or flood alleviation projects are planned or under assessment for recurring flooding hotspots in Rush like Brook Lane and Sandy Road, including if feasibility designs are being prepared and what capital funding streams are being pursued or should be pursued prior to 2026/2027 winter season?"

- 3 **Councillor M. Boland - Coastal Erosion/Flood Pathway Assessment for the Rush Coastline - AI108877**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to commission an updated Coastal Erosion/Flood Pathway Assessment for the Rush coastline (specifically along the coast at Rush Golf Club) and to outline what funding route including OPW coastal protection/minor works schemes the Council intends to pursue to avoid a reactive approach?"

- 4 **Councillor M. Boland - Speed Limits Review - Rush/Lusk - AI108878**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed speed limits review due to be undertaken in the Rush/Lusk area and to give a timeline for this review and implementation?"

- 5 **Councillor M. Boland - Seasonal Maintenance Arrangements for North and South Beaches - Rush - AI109433**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the seasonal maintenance arrangements for Rush beaches, North and South, including maintenance of access points, bins, signage, water safety information, litter management, sand build-up and general presentation following the summer months?"

- 6 **Councillor M. Boland - Tree Planting - Pollinator-Friendly Planting - Lusk - AI109435**

"To ask the Chief Executive if additional locations in Lusk have been identified for tree planting, pollinator-friendly planting, pocket greening or biodiversity projects, particularly in areas of newer development with limited mature planting that would coincide with

planned Town Centre First projects carried out in other parts of the town?"

7 Councillor M. Boland - Condition and Safety of Footpaths on the Dublin Road - Lusk - AI109436

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examining the condition and safety of the footpaths on the Dublin Road, entering Lusk at the following location -

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/nSqj38agJjkuLrh8A> and to identify the repairs required to the path and resurfacing to be included in an upcoming Programme of Works?"

8 Councillor M. Boland - Re-surfacing of Hand's Lane - Lusk - AI109437

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the re-surfacing of Hand's Lane, Lusk due to extremely poor road conditions post construction of the neighbouring estate and advise if relevant immediate interim road repairs can be carried out?"

9 Councillor M. Boland - Proposed Works Outside Rush/Lusk Train Station - AI109438

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for proposed works outside the Rush/Lusk train station including re-painting of road markings?"

10 Councillor E. Dockrell - Installation of Water Drinking Fountain - Ballyboughal - AI108893

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing a water drinking fountain in Ballyboughal Village, near the new public garden at The Square?"

11 Councillor E. Dockrell - Road Resurfacing - Flemington Road to Balscadden Inn - Balbriggan - AI109217

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to resurfacing the road between Flemington Road and the Balscadden Inn as part of the 2027 Programme of Works?"

12 Councillor E. Dockrell - Provision of Community Garden - Portrane - AI109218

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to allocating a small section of Council owned land for a community garden for residents of Portrane, which can be used for vegetable allotments?"

13 Councillor J. Smyth - Maintenance Works - Ward River Laneways/ Embankment - AI109034

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the clean-up/upgrade works on the laneway/walkway which runs adjacent to the Ward River, behind the Old Schoolhouse pub towards the Castle Shopping Centre car park?"

14 Councillor J. Smyth - Update on Bus Stop - Holywell Crescent - Swords - AI109602

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when enhancement works can be expected to be completed at Bus Stop 6310 – Holywell Crescent in Swords?"

15 Councillor J. Smyth - Graffiti/Tagging - Glen Ellan, Rathbeale Road, Brackenstown Road, Applewood, Broadmeadow Park - Swords - AI109604

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the removal of graffiti and "tags" along the stretch of road from St. Cronan's Avenue, Murrough Road, Glen Ellen and Applewood estates as well as Broadmeadow Park as there has been a proliferation of graffiti and "tagging" on electrical boxes, fences, poles and bins over the summer months?"

16 Councillor J. Smyth - Lowering of Kerbs - St. Columba's Heights - Swords - AI109678

"To ask the Chief Executive to consider including the dishing/lowering of footpath kerbs along St. Columba's Heights in Swords to improve access to those with mobility issues?"

17 Councillor J. Smyth - Bus Enhancement Scheme - Rolestown- AI109679

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the bus enhancement works will commence and be completed opposite the Circle K garage in Rolestown on the R125 heading towards Swords?"

18 Councillor M. Quinn - Lady's Stairs Clean Up - Barnageeragh - Balbriggan - AI109162

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the de-weeding and a general clean-up of the Lady's Stairs footbridge in

Balbriggan?"

19 Councillor M. Quinn - Replacement of Street Bin - Moylaragh - Balbriggan - AI109163

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the replacement of the existing street bin adjacent to the new half basketball court on the open space in Moylaragh, Balbriggan?"

20 Councillor M. Quinn - Crossing at Strand Street - Skerries - AI109210

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for an assessment of the crossing at (details supplied) Skerries with regard to the line-of-sight issues caused by nuisance parking adjacent to the crossing?"

21 Councillor M. Quinn - Bench Installation - Mill Pond Park - Balbriggan - AI109256

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing benches further into the Mill Pond Park adjacent to the laneway exiting from Dublin Street in Balbriggan?"

22 Councillor M. Quinn - Tree Pruning - St. Paul's Crescent - Balbriggan - AI109387

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the pruning of the trees at St. Paul's Crescent that are growing over the front of the Council's properties?"

23 Councillor M. Quinn - Clean-up of Open Space - St. Paul's Crescent - Balbriggan - AI109388

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the clean-up of the open space adjacent to (details supplied) St. Paul's Crescent?"

24 Councillor M. Quinn - Tidy up of Overgrown Area along Seapoint Road to Quay Street - Balbriggan - AI109390

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the clean-up of the overgrown area along Seapoint Road to Quay Street, as it is encroaching on the road and if a deep clean of the sides of the road under the railway arch linking Seapoint with Quay Street can be undertaken?"

25 Councillor G. Maguire - Dredging of Balbriggan Harbour - AI109290

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to the dredging of Balbriggan Harbour?"

26 Councillor G. Maguire - Update on Martello Car Park - Balbriggan - AI109668

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update as to immediate measures that can be put in place to address the various issues at Martello car park in Balbriggan?"

27 Councillor J. Newman - Foul/Stormwater Tank at Balheary - Swords - AI109593

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate when the retention tank at Balheary Road (close to Holybanks) will be completed, verified and operational, the purpose of the tank is to prevent storm surge into the Sewage Wastewater Treatment Plant?"

28 Councillor T. Murphy - Footpath Reinstatement - Main Street - Balbriggan - AI109607

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to contact utility companies to correct footpath reinstatement in a timely manner along the Main Street in Balbriggan?"

29 Councillor T. Murphy - Bin Presentation - Main Street - Balbriggan - AI109608

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a cyclical bin cleaning regime in order to improve the presentation of the Main Street in Balbriggan?"

30 Councillor T. Murphy - Road Resurfacing - New Haven Bay - Balbriggan - AI109610

"To ask the Chief Executive if an assessment can be provided on New Haven Bay for new road surfacing in the next Programme of Works?"

31 Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Calming Measures - Oldtown - AI109698

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Item 23 of 15th January 2026 meeting to consider the provision of traffic calming measures, including road signage and markings on the approach to either side of the chicane on Oldtown Road?"

32 Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Calming Measures - Lusk - AI109700

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of additional traffic calming measures on Station Road in Lusk between the Rathmore roundabout and the lights at the Chinese takeaway given the increase in speeding vehicles along this stretch of road?"

33 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Traffic Calming Measures - Rush - AI109702

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of traffic calming measures in the Tayleur's Point Estate in Rush to include signage and ramps given the concerns of parents with young children playing alongside cars speeding in the estate?"

34 Councillor C. Johnston - Resurfacing of Road Surface - Quay Road - Portrane - AI109704

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the necessary finance in next year's Programme of Works for the resurfacing of the road surface at Quay Road in Portrane given the ongoing issues with potholes along this busy road?"

35 Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Illegal Encampment Preventative Measures - Donabate - AI109712

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the provision of illegal encampment preventative measures along the grass verge on the Donabate Distributor Road adjacent to the entrance to the sports grounds given the recent illegal encampment on two occasions at this location?"

36 Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Lights - Turvey Avenue - Donabate - AI109713

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the traffic lights on Turvey Avenue in Donabate in the vicinity of the new Aldi store will be operational given the safety concerns of many pedestrians crossing this busy road?"

37 Councillor C. Johnston - Re-location of White Line - Main Street - Rush - AI109714

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to relocating the white line on the road on the Main Street in Rush, in the vicinity of The Strand Bar to improve the flow of traffic at this location in both

directions?"

38 Councillor B. Ryan - Coastal Erosion - Martello Tower - Balbriggan - AI109703

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any engagement with the Office of Public Works in relation to the most recent coastal erosion adjacent to the Martello Tower at Lambreecher in Balbriggan?"

39 Councillor B. Ryan - Reinstate Right Turn Box - Church Street - Skerries - AI109708

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the reinstatement of the right turn box into Church Street in Skerries, from Thomas Hand Street to facilitate onward traffic flow towards the monument?"

40 Councillor B. Ryan - Re-painting of Speed Ramps - Darcystown - Balrothery - AI109709

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to re-painting the white sections of the speed ramps on Darcystown Road in Balrothery to restore their visibility?"

41 Councillor B. Ryan - Restoration of Pump - Barnageeragh Hill - AI109710

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the painting and restoration of the recently repaired pump at the lower end of Barnageeragh Hill, adjacent to the bridge and to examine the feasibility of its restoration to full functionality?"

42 Councillor P. Mulville - Upkeep of New Road Vegetation Area - Donabate - AI109719

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for regular ongoing attention to the sloped area of vegetation behind (details supplied), the Strand in Donabate, along the New (Corballis/Balcarrick) Road, to ensure that it is well kept and attractive looking given its central location in Donabate?"

43 Councillor P. Mulville - Upkeep of Swords Riverwalk - AI109720

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the upkeep of the Swords Riverside walk from the Castle Shopping Centre

to the Old Schoolhouse pub, to keep it clean and attractive for the public to use?"

44 Councillor P. Mulville - Public Seating Benches - Donabate - AI109721

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide further public seating benches in Donabate Town Centre, as set out in the Fingal Age Friendly Strategy?"

45 Councillor P. Mulville - Public Seating Benches in this LEA - AI109722

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the number of public seating benches in each town and village in this Local Electoral Area?"

46 Councillor P. Mulville - Public Toilets - Donabate and Portrane - AI109723

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when public consultation will commence for the permanent public toilets for Donabate and Portrane beaches, as previously agreed?"

47 Councillor P. Mulville - Donabate Cycle Path Maintenance - Donabate Distributor Road - AI109724

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a maintenance schedule for the cycle path along the Donabate Distributor Road and to advise if the bike path markings, as it crosses the Portrane Road, can be re-instated?"

48 Councillor P. Mulville - Flash Flooding Blocking Roads in this LEA - AI109725

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the plans to deal with increasing occurrences of flash flooding in the Autumn/Winter months blocking various road locations across the Local Electoral Area?"

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49 Councillor T. O'Leary - Site Meeting Roadworks - Shenick Road - Skerries - AI109254

"That the Chief Executive prepare a list of short-term traffic calming measures (appropriate signage etc.) and other possible hard engineering solutions options, (safe ramp crossing at shops and/or traffic calming ramps) to bring forward to a site meeting with residents at Shenick Road in Skerries."

MOTIONS

50 Councillor E. Dockrell - Coastline Erosion - Rush - AI108900

“That the Chief Executive arrange for engagement with the Government, including the Office of Public Works, in setting out a plan for Rush to address erosion on the Rush coastline.”

51 Councillor P. Mulville - Improve Water Safety in this LEA - AI108919

“That the Chief Executive report on the steps that can be taken to improve water safety along the beaches and coastline in this Local Electoral Area ahead of the 2027 bathing season.”

52 Councillor D. Kelly - Installation of Yellow Box outside Ardcian Estate - Swords - AI107260

“That the Chief Executive installs a small yellow box outside the Ardcian Estate in Swords at the junction of Murrough Road.”

53 Councillor J. Smyth - Rathbeale Road Junctions Review - Swords - AI108543

“That the Chief Executive arranges for a meeting between the relevant parties, namely Glasmore Residents Association, Howards Hardware, Rathbeale Take Away, Rathbeale Residents, Old Mooretown Residents, HSE, JC’s, Lidl Ireland and Council Departments, to examine the ongoing issues facing the stretch of road adjacent to the shops to discuss how a workable solution can be found for all those impacted.”

54 Councillor M. Quinn - Resurfacing of Pathways in St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery - Balbriggan - AI109112

“That this Committee supports the improvement of the pathways within St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery in Balbriggan.”

55 Councillor M. Boland - Pedestrian Safety and Wheelchair Accessibility Crossing - Rush - AI109440

“That the Chief Executive arranges a site meeting with the Operations Department, at the corner of Whitestown Road and Doctor’s Lane, Rush, to review pedestrian safety and wheelchair accessibility crossing at this location, including access to nearby bus stops and that this Committee requests that practical options be identified to improve accessibility, prior to the meeting including clearer crossing markings, flashing beacons, footpath works, and removal or relocation of any

obstructions so wheelchair users can access public transport in Rush.”

56 Councillor T. O’Leary - Skerries Harbour Road Licensed Hospitality Service outside Restaurants and Bars - AI109451

“That the Chief Executive engages with the hospitality businesses on Skerries Harbour to explore the possibility of having licensed, appropriately managed hospitality services on the public realm area, directly outside the businesses, restaurants and bars and arranges a meeting to discuss this option, noting that licensed tables and chairs under Section 254 (Planning & Development Act, 2000, as amended) seem to be working well in New Street in Malahide.”

57 Councillor G. Maguire - Provision of Boardwalk - Balbriggan Beach - AI109564

“That the Chief Executive gives consideration to the provision of a boardwalk on Balbriggan Beach in order to provide access for all.”

58 Councillor T. Murphy - Footpath Cleaning Machine - Balbriggan - AI109606

“That the Chief Executive considers leasing or the purchase of a footpath cleaning machine to address the issue with deep soiling on the footpath/square area of Balbriggan and to manage the maintenance of the new Quay Street Plaza.”

59 Councillor L. Corkery - Illegal Parking - Estuary Pub - Swords - AI109654

“That the Chief Executive take measures to combat illegal parking to the side of the Estuary Pub, onto Watery Lane, as vehicles parking on this path on a regular basis impedes access for prams and wheelchairs.”

60 Councillor C. Johnston - Urgent Coastal Erosion Measures - Rush - AI109694

“That the Chief Executive carry out an immediate assessment of the worsening coastal erosion at Rush South Beach in the vicinity of Rush Golf Course and nearby properties to include a plan to address this as a priority.”

61 Councillor B. Ryan - Acquisition of Land - Shenick Road - Skerries - AI109711

“That the Chief Executive engage with the owner of the land to the rear of the bus stop at the junction of Shenick Road and Rush Road,

Skerries with a view to acquiring sufficient land to provide a bus shelter."

62 Councillor D. Kelly - Removal of Shopping Trolleys from Rivers - Swords - AI107261

"That the Chief Executive arrange for the removal of illegally dumped shopping trolleys from the local rivers in Swords."

63 Councillor E. Dockrell - Road Surface Review - Blake's Cross - AI109215

"That the Chief Executive considers a review of the surface of the road at and near the Blake's Cross junction to ensure that all potholes at this location are filled in and the nearby R132 cycle lane is cleared and cleaned for use by cyclists."

64 Councillor J. Smyth - Halloween Waste Collection/Amnesty - AI109601

"That the Chief Executive consider an Amnesty/Halloween waste collection service within this LEA, which could incorporate a free drop off service at our recycling centres and/or a door-to-door collection from specific estates in the weeks leading up to Halloween."

65 Councillor T. Murphy - Sea Wall Defence - Balbriggan - AI109609

"That the Chief Executive provide a more aesthetically appropriate form of temporary fencing or screening that would provide the same level of safety and keep the public out while being more sympathetic to the surroundings at Balbriggan Beach near the Martello Tower."

66 Councillor L. Corkery - Highfields Traffic Calming - Swords - AI109655

"That the Chief Executive arranges for a Road Traffic and Speed Survey to be undertaken on Highfield Green in Swords, with a view to assessing the need for speed ramps, raised tables, signage, road markings or other measures deemed appropriate, with the findings reported back to this Area Committee."

67 Councillor C. Johnston - Road Safety Review - New Road, Strand Junction to Main Street - Donabate - AI109696

"That the Chief Executive carry out a Road Safety review to assess the need for traffic calming measures, safe pedestrian crossing and vehicular access from the New Road/Strand Estate junction to the New Road/Main Street Junction in Donabate given ongoing safety

concerns of pedestrians and motorists with increasing traffic along this road with residents in new estates accessing the Town Centre via this road."

68 Councillor P. Mulville - Road Repair and Re-instatement Works - Longstone Park - AI109727

"That the Chief Executive consider inclusion of funding in next year's Local Works Programme for road repair and re-instatement works for Longstone Park, Portrane."
