

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

THURSDAY 20th MARCH 2025

ITEM 06

**REPORT ON PROGRESS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC ACCESS ALONG
COASTLINE – AI100749**

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

“That the Chief Executive reports on progress around protecting public rights of way, as per policy CMP11, Objectives CMO14 and CMO15 of the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, in particular given the need to improve public access to places of natural beauty along our coastline.”

Report:

The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 contains Policy and Objectives in relation to preserving and identifying Public Rights of Way within the county. The following in particular are noted in this regard.

Objective CMP11 Protection of Public Rights of Way

Protect public rights of way as set out in Table 6.2 that give access to areas of natural beauty or recreation.

Objective CMO14 Mapping of Public Rights of Way

Identify further Public Rights of Way during the lifetime of the Development Plan and to update the ‘Public Rights of Way’ mapping.

Objective CMO15 – Engagement towards Improved Access

The Local Authority will continue to engage with landowners, public bodies, adjoining Local Authorities and state agencies to improve access to publicly owned lands and to investigate opportunities for additional permissive access paths wherever possible and appropriate.

In addition, there are a number of Greenway and active travel schemes which when delivered, will further improve general public access (via active travel) to places of natural beauty along the coastline. The Fingal coastal Way, the Broadmeadow Way and the Sutton to Malahide greenway are currently being progressed by the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department. Subject to planning approval and funding being in place, these schemes will generally improve public access on a year-round basis.

Source:

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