

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
[SERVICES A – OPERATIONAL MATTERS]**

THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2026

ITEM NO. 48

**AIRPORT TROLLEY RECOVERED NEAR WARD RIVER - SWORDS -
(K67 Y6T1) - AI107232**

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

“To ask the Chief Executive if give consideration can be given to collect the recovered airport trolley reported near the Ward River and to outline what agency is responsible for such removals?”

Reply:

Reports of trolleys abandoned or dumped on public lands are dealt with on a case-by-case basis as they are reported to the Operations Department. If a trolley (or other litter) is accessible by the Operations Crew, it will be removed.

If a trolley (or other litter) is located adjacent to a riverbank and can be reached by Operations staff without entering the water, then staff will endeavour to remove the trolley/litter from the river in a safe manner. Where retrieval is not deemed possible the location and information will be given to an appointed specialist contractor. This contractor is appointed to retrieve litter and debris from the Ward River and Broadmeadow River on request, with a general sweep of the river undertaken at specific locations on a quarterly basis also.

Due to the nature and safety requirements of the works, the operation must be planned accordingly and undertaken at the appropriate time which can be affected by weather conditions, water levels and accessibility.

Source of Reply: Mr. S Sutton, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.