

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2026

ITEM NO. 53

REPORT ON COASTAL EROSION IN THIS LEA – AI107247

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to report on how recent weather and tidal conditions have impacted on coastal erosion at locations, other than Portrane, in this Local Electoral Area, and to indicate what, if any, short term measures will be required to prevent additional serious damage?”

Reply:

Coastal erosion is a natural phenomenon and is the process whereby the coastline is worn away by the sea through wave and storm actions and tidal currents. Projected changes in sea level and in the occurrence of more intense coastal storms and surges mean that areas currently at risk will be at greater risk under projected changes in climate.

Following the exceptionally bad weather during January and February coastal erosion has occurred in various locations in the Local Electoral Area which has affected public infrastructure. The Council has carried out restorative works as a short term measure in a number of locations to deal with the issues as they arose. Areas include:

- South Strand Skerries
- South Shore Beach Car Park Rush
- Martello Tower Car Park Balbriggan

- Kilcree, Donabate
- Red Island, Skerries

We will continue to monitor and examine appropriate means to deal with the impacts caused by coastal change including coastal erosion with a view to the protection of infrastructure noting that cross Departmental support and collaboration with various other stakeholders including the Office of Public Works, the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage and the National Parks & Wildlife Service who have a national remit with regard to coastal change.

Source of Reply: Áine Donlon Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer