

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2026

MOTION NO. 80

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR ROAD UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE
IN THIS LEA - AI107259**

Motion: Councillor M.Quinn

“That this Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to make provision for additional financial resources to address the maintenance issues on the roads in this Local Electoral Area following the change in climate patterns.”

Report:

The months of January and February 2026 were exceptionally wet with both months ranking among the wettest on record for the region with 22 out of 31 days in January having recorded rainfall. Average rainfall was 113% of the norm making it the 17th wettest winter since records began.

The financial resources assigned to Regional and Local Roads has continued to increase over the last number of years. The total Revenue Budget for Regional and Local Roads for 2026 is €28.6m. This is an increase of €11.8m since 2021.

Additional funding is assigned in the Revenue Budget for roads maintenance under the annual Programme of Works. This year, the amount allocated to this LEA was over €2.55M which is an increase of €68k on 2025. The annual Programme of Works was presented to and agreed by the elected members at their ACM held on 15th January 2026.

In addition, there is approximately another €2.8M allocated to the Regional Roads Capital Programme, which is spread across the three LEAs. It is not necessarily allocated on an equal basis but rather on a needs basis across the County as

assessed by the Engineers. This year for example, it is anticipated that €1.5M will be spent in this LEA resurfacing the R127 from Lusk as far as Ardla (just south of Skerries) which is a total length of over 5km. This represents more than half of the entire county budget allocated to this LEA.

In recent years, the following, to name but only some of the roads addressed under the Capital Programme, have been resurfaced:

R132 from Bremore to the County Boundary with Meath

- R122 Naul to the M1
- R108 through Ballyboghill
- R129 Ballyboghill to the R132
- R127 from Blakes Cross to Lusk
- R128 from Rush to Skerries
- Sections of the R125 Swords-Ashbourne Road
- Airport south perimeter linking R108 Ballymun to R132 Dardistown

There has been a lot of damage to the roads in this LEA following the recent bad weather and works to repair damage and potholes will be carried out by the area engineers and their teams. It should be noted that the Council has applied through the Department for funding to recoup some additional costs incurred during the recent extreme weather events to the value of €143,136.

Source of Report: Ms. Áine Donlon Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department and Mr. Paul Graham, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.