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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

**COMMUNITY, SPORTS AND CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY
COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 6

**Proactively Working to encourage more Women to enter and
stay in Councillor roles - AI108606**

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

“That this Strategic Policy Committee prepares for the 2029 Local Elections by engaging with "Women for Election", "See Her Elected" or a similar organisation to design and deliver a tailored training programme for women who wish to run in the 2029 Elections DunLaoghaire/Rathdown County Council ran a campaign for the 2024 Local Elections in collaboration with Women for Election. We could use this as a model if we wish.”

Report:

The Council has secured funding to develop an appropriate programme under the category: 'Increase Diversity & Participation of Women in Local Government'. Initial engagement has already taken place with *“Women for Election”* to explore potential approaches and what such an initiative might involve. This work is being progressed as a joint endeavour between the Corporate and Community directorates and it is expected that it will get underway shortly in collaboration with *“Women for Election”*.

While it is anticipated that this initiative may evolve in the direction of a tailored training programme or campaign aimed at women who may wish to run in the 2029 Local Elections, it would be premature at this stage to define the precise scope or format of the programme. Further development work will be required before any final proposals are brought forward.

Source of Report: Nikki Halleran, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services

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