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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

17th SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 05

TACKLING PERIOD POVERTY – AI109488

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

"That the Chief Executive reviews Fingal's policy on providing free period products in Fingal buildings to ensure no woman or girl feels disadvantaged by this additional monthly spend."

Report:

Fingal County Council recognises the importance of ensuring that women and girls can access period products when using Council facilities and acknowledges the objective of reducing barriers associated with period poverty. Motions were passed in this regard at the April 2021 Full Council meeting with arrangements made for provision of free period products arising from same. Provision of free period products currently takes place across a number of Council facilities through a collaborative approach involving Building Facilities, Community Facilities and Libraries. Current arrangements are set out in the table below.

	Community Centres	Libraries
Buildings part of the Scheme	Mulhuddart Community Centre Parslickstown House Corduff Community Centre Flemington Community Centre Aster Balbriggan Huntstown Community Centre Liam Rodgers Centre	Balbriggan Library Blanchardstown Library Rush Library Malahide Library Baldoyle Library Corporate Building – County Hall & Civic Offices Draoicht (awaiting new vending machines)

Where are the products available?	Women's and accessible toilets in centres involved	Ladies & Accessible toilets in all library branches
How are They Presented?	'Drop Down' vending machines	Drop Down' vending machines
Who is Responsible for Re-stocking?	Individual Community Centres are responsible for filling on a day to day basis and contact FCC Building Facilities to order additional stock as required.	Orders are made through Building Facilities & delivered to the individual branch libraries.
Who ensures period products are available in our toilets?	Centre Managers, Community Department and Building Facilities	Cleaners & Library staff Building Facilities supply to Libraries
How can we improve our current practice?	Increase advertising with posters and digital screens in relevant centres. Advertise in Fingal Community Facilities Newsletter highlighting initiative. Staff to continue to engage with relevant centre users. Building Facilities will forward HSE posters again to all centres. Review opportunities for provision in additional facilities where feasible.	Continued use of the HSE promotional posters. Libraries to examine displaying information on digital screens. Order extra stock in advance of anticipated busy times in libraries (exam times)

The Council will continue to monitor uptake and user feedback and will review existing provision on an ongoing basis. Opportunities to increase awareness of the initiative, enhance accessibility and expand provision within Council-operated facilities will be considered by the relevant departments, subject to operational and resource considerations.

Source of Report – Cormac Healy, Senior Executive Officer, Community Development and Inclusion, Economic Community & Cultural Development Department, Lilian Whelan, Acting County Librarian, Fingal libraries, Economic, Community and Cultural Development, Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, People, Corporate & Digital Services Department