

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
(Services B – Strategic & General Matters)**

THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 31

RIVERVALLEY SUMMER FESTIVAL - AI109672

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive in light of the recent success of the ‘Festival in a Van’ with the Swords Neurodiversity Network at Rivervalley Community Centre, if the Council would consider convening a Committee with the aim of developing a similar summer festival event at this location in 2027?”

Reply:

The festival in a van “Sounds like Summer” programme in Fingal is a successful collaboration between Fingal libraries, Creative Fingal and the Fingal Community section. As in previous years, we brought the van to various different community locations with a focus on areas/groups that do not always have access to live music and poetry events. The event with Swords Neurodiversity Network has been noted as a particular success for the Rivervalley community with strong local buy in.

Festival in a van will be repeated in 2027 and we are happy to discuss this with Swords Neurodiversity Network.

Source of Reply: Lilian Whelan, Acting County Librarian