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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
(Services A – Operational Matters)**

WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 30

PARKING MANAGEMENT IN HOWTH - AI110183

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

"That this Area Committee recommends that the Council Executive meet the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine to develop a coordinated and cooperative approach to parking management in Howth."

Report:

Fingal County Council's (FCC) Operations Department has previously had several dealings and meetings with the Department of Food, Agriculture & Marine (DAFM) on the introduction of Pay and Display (P&D) Parking in Howth.

It was FCC's original intention, by meeting with DAFM, that both FCC and DAFM could work towards collaboratively introducing P&D Parking on both the public street; Harbour Road, and in the DAFM's administrative area car parks in Howth at the same time. The introduction of P&D Parking in Howth was being progressed in order to encourage the turnover of existing parking spaces and to discourage all-day commuter parking. This would benefit visitors, residents and business patrons. It would also lead to a reduction in the traffic movements 'hunting' for available spaces.

In order for the DAFM to introduce P&D Parking in the car parks in their administrative area, they explained that this would require a review and change to their current Harbour Bye-laws. They said that they would take this away as it would require a Ministerial Instruction to change their Bye-Laws. The previous Director of Operations also proposed an alternative solution whereby FCC could enter a lease agreement with DAFM to include the Harbour controlled car park

areas in the FCC administered P&D Parking area however this did not progress at the time.

At this juncture, we understand that the DAFM do not have any current plans to introduce P&D Parking in the DAFM car parks. We will reconnect with DAFM to see if we can progress their introduction of P&D Parking in their area to complement the Harbour Road P&D Parking proposal.

Due to current parking demands, FCC is progressing ahead with the proposal to introduce P&D Parking on Harbour Road only. FCC has carried out a public consultation and are currently reviewing submissions which include the one made by the DAFM.

Following this review, we intend to bring a report to the Howth Malahide Area Committee (Services A) before year end 2026 with the intention of introducing P&D Parking on Harbour Road in the near future.

Source of Report:

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