

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 05

UPDATE ON RIVERMEADE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the expected re-opening of the Rivermeade Community Centre and any associated works required?”

Reply:

The Council’s Community Development & Inclusion Division continues to engage with the Rivermeade community in relation to the reopening of the centre, ensuring that any refurbishment works are informed by identified local needs and aligned with best practice in community development.

As part of this process, the application of the Place Standard Tool is designed to support residents in identifying local priorities, aspirations and potential future uses for the facility, while also helping to identify an appropriate end user or management structure for the centre once reopened.

As community engagement and assessment work will continue throughout 2026, it is not possible to provide a definitive reopening timeline at this stage.

Subject to the outcomes of this process, refurbishment works are provisionally envisaged for 2027, as set out in the 2026-2028 Capital Programme and will be included in the forthcoming Capital Programme 2027 – 2029.

However, it should be noted that the project funding remains Under Assessment, and progression is dependent on both the identification of a confirmed funding source and the completion of the community development process to ensure that the future operation and use of the centre reflects the needs and priorities identified by the local community.

Source of Reply: Linda Ennis, Community Development & Inclusion Division