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**BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE
MEETING**

(Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 22

Safe Routes to School - Naul – AI110138

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include Naul National School in the next round of Safe Routes to School given the ongoing safety concerns of parents and the school in relation to access to this school?”

Reply:

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programme is administered by An Taisce, grant funded by the National Transport Authority and delivered by Fingal County Council.

In 2021, An Taisce invited expressions of interest for the programme, which was open to all schools in the county. There was significant interest at that time and both An Taisce and Fingal County Council are currently working through the list of schools that applied.

Round 1 of the SRTS programme, which included eight schools, is now complete. Round 2 of the programme, which includes five schools, is currently at the construction stage. Round 3, which includes a further seven schools, is now at the design stage and An Taisce is currently undertaking early engagement for Round 4, which will include a further six schools. The remaining schools selected in 2021 will be included in subsequent rounds of the SRTS programme.

An Taisce may invite further expressions of interest once the initial schools have progressed through the programme. At that stage, all remaining schools in the county will have an opportunity to participate. However, it is not anticipated that a further call for expressions of interest will be issued for some time.

The Fingal County Council Active Travel Department maintains a Connectivity Tracker, which includes requests for active travel and school safety projects. The department has commenced an assessment of these requests using a multi-criteria assessment process and has begun progressing a number of front-of-school safety schemes under the Fingal Safer Schools Programme.

Naul National School will also be added to this list for future assessment and consideration under this scheme.

Source of Reply: Larry Bergin, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel.