

**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. 34

RIVERVALLEY AREA SPORTS FACILITIES - SWORDS - AI109693

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

“That the Chief Executive notes forthcoming development at Fosterstown, including housing and a new school, as well as the growing need for additional community and social facilities in the wider Rivervalley area and calls on the Council to support the provision of sports facilities as part of the area’s development.”

Report:

The Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 recognises the importance of meeting the recreational and amenity needs of the community. A number of specific policies and objectives support the provision of sporting facilities across the county, including:

Policy CIOSP8: Ensure that all communities in the County are facilitated with a variety of sporting facilities that are fit for purpose, accessible and adaptable”.

Objective CIOSO13: Promote the development of high-quality and multi-functional recreational facilities throughout Fingal, including Active Recreational Hubs and Multi-Use Games Areas to meet existing and future community needs, in accordance with the National Sports Policy 2018–2027.

Policy CIOSP14: Support sports, recreational and play amenities in the County for all ages and abilities; encourage sporting and recreational organisations to achieve their aims and goals and support platforms for new and alternative sports to develop.

These objectives apply across the county including Swords. The Fosterstown Masterplan illustrates the future spatial framework for these lands. It includes a central area of open space, running on an east-west basis through the plan lands with active open space facilities in the form of playing pitches to be provided to the south of the plan lands.

Fingal County Council is in the process of developing a number of strategic active recreational hubs and sports/recreational facilities across the county consistent with the Development Plan policies. These include the Ward River Valley regional park and recreational hub in Swords, which benefits from newly developed pitches with floodlighting.

Source of Report: Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning & Development Department