

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
[SERVICES A – OPERATIONAL MATTERS]**

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2026

MOTION NO. 44

INSTALLATION OF BENCHES RIVERMEADE ESTATE - AI108406

Motion: Councillor D. Kelly

“That the Chief Executive arrange a site survey for benches to be installed in the Rivermeade Estate which will help support the elderly in the estate.”

Report:

There is one existing bench located on the main open space of Rivermeade Estate adjacent to the school and playground. Previous locations proposed to the Operations department were situated in locations which directly face residential properties and/or are not located on existing footpath routes. The placement of a bench adjacent to houses can impede resident privacy, while any anti-social behavior would also affect the adjacent residents, which in turn can result in requests for benches to be subsequently removed. A suitable location for a bench would also require formal footpaths to ensure they are accessible and cater for elderly residents.

Following receipt of initial proposed locations to the Operations department, the pathways of larger open spaces were viewed by the Executive Parks & Landscape Officer. It should be noted that the gradient of the ground is sloped alongside sections of the existing paths on the main open space and this would not be favorable for installation of a bench.

If there are new locations which residents would like to propose, they can be provided to the Operations Department (via google pins and photos) who can

assess for suitability. If a suitable location is identified, it can be included for consideration as part of a future programme of works subject to finance and resources available. The Executive Parks & Landscape Officer is happy to correspond with Local representatives and further assess locations identified to locate a suitable solution for placement of a bench.

Source of Reply: Mr. S. Sutton, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.