

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2026

MOTION NO. 46

PUBLIC LIGHTING - CIANLEA /LIOS CIAN - AI109747

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

“That the Chief Executive examine the provision of street lighting along the recently widened footpaths from Cianlea across the green towards Lios Cian and the bus stop, in the interests of pedestrian safety, particularly for residents using the route during late-night and early-morning hours.”

Report:

Before public lighting is considered for installation in open spaces and park areas, the requirements of Fingal County Council’s policies and plans must be taken into consideration and certain criteria has to be met.

The infrastructure required for the installation of lighting in any area of public open space is also cost prohibitive in many locations and can only be considered if the route is deemed high priority from an active travel perspective, and the works do not cause conflict with the natural biodiversity of that space. Additional criteria for the installation for public lighting in open spaces and park areas includes:

- That the path through the open space provides the most direct link to key community services (e.g. to public transport, shopping areas, schools);
- That the installation of any lighting on the paths to these community services would comply with Fingal County Council's tree strategy for 2022-2032 "Forest of Fingal - A Tree Strategy for Fingal", and would not be in conflict with any existing trees installed in the space;

- That the installation of any lighting in these parks or open space areas does not conflict with Fingal County Council's Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030; or
- That alternative well-lit routes are not available.

Where public lighting is provided in green spaces, it is only along footpaths that meet the above criteria.

With regards to the referenced footpaths in the green space between Cianlea and Lios Cian and the bus stops on Ardcian Park, an assessment will be carried out to determine if this area is suitable for lighting, in accordance with the criteria outlined above. If following this assessment it is determined that the path is suitable for lighting, the location will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion in a future programme of works, subject to available finances.

Source of Report: Mr. K Broderick, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting, Operations Department.