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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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Swords Cultural and Civic Centre

A potential site for a proposed Cultural and Civic Centre has emerged in the Master Plan. A tremendous opportunity is now presented for Swords as our County Town.

A 21st Century centre of learning, knowledge and culture, a neutral, open and welcoming space can be provided for all citizens. The scale of the centre will be appropriate to the town of Swords and the communities it serves. It will be an attractor destination helping to reinvigorate Swords Main Street, reinforcing its role as the core area of the town centre as envisaged in the Fingal Development Plan 2011-2017.

Project feasibility and planning will now commence in consultation with local communities. Potential facilities to be included in the civic centre are:

- A contemporary library service.
- A vibrant social space.
- A civic space for community interaction, with meeting rooms.
- Exhibition and showcase spaces.
- Performance space.

Detailed planning in accordance with highest design principles, ensuring all necessary services are delivered, will deliver a flagship development for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

It is estimated that the project is deliverable within a 5 year period. Regular progress reports and the proposed financial model will be presented to Council in due course.