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**To Each Member of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area
Committee (Services B - Strategic and General Matters)**

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B - Strategic and General Matters)** will be held in the **MS Teams** on **Thursday, 14th January, 2021 on conclusion of the Services "A" Meeting** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

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A G E N D A

- 1 **Confirmation and re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) held on Thursday 10th December 2020**

(to be circulated)

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor B. Dennehy - Drumanagh Site - AI055997**

"To ask the Chief Executive to carry out an assessment of the coastal route from Loughshinny to the Martello Tower on the site and provide a plan that will tackle the mud bath that the route has now become?"

- 3 **Councillor B. Dennehy - Purchase of Peels House, Rush - AI055998** (Pages 1 - 2)

"To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the potential of acquiring the property referred to as "Peels House" on the Rush/Lusk Road as it has been lying idle and disused for many years and as a community building could be strategically used as it is in very close proximity to the proposed Coastal Greenway?"

- 4 **Councillor B. Dennehy - Coastal Erosion caused by Brook Stream, Rush - AI055999**

"To ask the Chief Executive to investigate and formulate a plan to tackle and prevent the constant erosion of residents properties and boundaries on the North Beach, Rush caused by the erratic movement of the Brook Stream on the beach, bearing in mind the area has recently been excluded from the Coastal Erosion study carried out on the beaches in the area?"

- 5 **Councillor B. Dennehy - Reopening of Rush Garda Station - AI056000** (Pages 3 - 4)

"To ask the Chief Executive to contact An Garda Síochána to ascertain the current timeline for the reopening of Rush Garda Station?"

6 Councillor B. Dennehy - Planning Permission F09A/0226/E1 Ballyboughal - AI056461

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the landscape plans for planning permission F09A/0226/E1, Ballyboughal will be complete as per the planning permission with particular emphasis on the 50 trees and two park benches which were designed to be placed along the pocket park on the main Ballyboughal/Lusk Road and bordering onto Barley Hill and if the Landscape Plan is not due to be carried out as per the drawings why not?"

7 Councillor A. Henchy - Painting of utility boxes - Donabate - AI055939 (Pages 5 - 6)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration could be given to a project to include local artists looking at the painting of large utility boxes and any large cement blocks that stop cars from driving through areas for example the newly installed concrete blocks at the old road used for travelling to and from the local GAA and soccer pitches in Donabate. This is similar to the Dublin Canvas Scheme rolled out across Dublin City?"

8 Councillor A. Henchy - Donabate/Portrane Cliff Way - AI055965

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update as to where the negotiations are with the HSE with regard to the acquisition of lands in order to fully complete a safe pathway along the immensely popular Portrane to Donabate Cliff Walk and to request that this pathway is completed to a much higher specification given that a number of walkers are still using the old pathway due the footpath surfaces being much higher quality?"

9 Councillor A. Henchy - Donabate Portrane Community Centre - AI056398

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the heating upgrades works being carried out by the Architects Department at Donabate Portrane Community Centre to ensure that the Centre is compliant to a level that will satisfy the County Sheriff to consider Donabate Portrane Community Centre as a polling station into the future?"

10 Councillor A. Henchy - Realignment of Hearse Road, Donabate - AI056438

“To ask the Chief Executive to give a specific commitment with regards to the delivery and timeline for the realignment of the Hearse Road, Donabate which will result in the removal of the notorious accident black spot bad bend and given the strategic location of these proposed works, is a detailed traffic management plan included in the project?”

11 Councillor A. Henchy - Portrane Beach and exercise equipment - AI056443

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update as to when the area at Portrane Beach, currently fenced off, will be reseeded and back open to the public and in the interim when is the fence going to be repositioned in order to once again allow residents access to the outdoor gym equipment in Portrane?”

12 Councillor A. Henchy - St. Mary's National School, Oldtown - AI056445 (Pages 7 - 8)

“To ask the Chief Executive, to request that the EETCD Department fully engage with St. Mary's National School, Oldtown to explore all potential funding opportunities and any other schemes in order to help the school achieve some enhanced amenities to serve both the school and the wider Oldtown community?”

13 Councillor A. Henchy - Stella's Castle, Portrane and St. Catherine's Church, Portrane - AI056458

To ask the Chief Executive to recognise and thank the Council for the current conservation and restoration works at both St. Catherine's Church Portrane and Stella's Castle Portrane and to also ask that serious consideration be given to enhancing the Council owned land all around Stella's Castle with a view to improving this space and making it more accessible to the general public given the historic and landmark location of Stella's Tower in the centre of Portrane?”

14 Councillor K. Power - Animal Wildlife Hospital - AI056017

“To ask the Chief Executive for a status update on the proposals for a wildlife hospital, seal sanctuary and environmental hub at Turvey and for details on any work done to date on this?”

15 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Vacant/Derelict Dwellings, Palmer Avenue Estate, Rush - AI056333

"To ask the Chief Executive why the derelict houses in the Palmer Avenue Estate, Rush, that are on the left hand side of the Estate adjacent to the St. Catherine's playground have not been put on the vacant or derelict sites list. Can the process be started in putting these dwellings which have been boarded up for some time onto these lists?"

16 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Rush Main Street Development - AI056377

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report as to what progress has been made on the development of the site on Rush Main Street adjacent to and at the back of Rush Post Office?"

17 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Lusk Village Taking in Charge - AI056379

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of outstanding works to be carried out in 2021 by the appointed contractor responsible in Lusk Village, prior to the proposed taking in charge process being instigated?"

18 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Coastal Erosion, Portrane - AI056412

"To ask the Chief Executive in respect of the coastal erosion at the Brook Beach, Portrane to confirm
a) does she propose to implement any interim proposals to protect the dune structures and properties including the extension of the Seabees fronting the houses on Beach Lane and
b) for the rock armour to be extended from its present location to the rear of the Brook especially as a result of the installation of the rock armour which is welcomed, which has redirected the flow of the tide and has already resulted in further erosion, and has put businesses and properties in jeopardy as these proposals have no impact on the scheme that has gone on public display as they were not provided for in same?"

19 Councillor G. Maguire - Water Quality at Beaches, Skerries/Balbriggan - AI056331

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise as to how often the water quality

is checked on beaches in the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area?"

20 Councillor G. Maguire - Hampton Gardens Taking In Charge - AI056362

"To ask the Chief Executive if she can advise the current position in relation to the taking in charge of Hampton Gardens and what is left outstanding to complete the taking in charge?"

21 Councillor P. Mulville - Pilot Coastal Monitoring Programme - AI055581

"To ask the Chief Executive what the current position is regarding the Pilot Coastal Monitoring Programme for Portrane, whether the Office of Public Works has approved the scheme, whether a contractor has been appointed, when the monitoring programme can commence and if an outline brief can be provided setting out exactly what is entailed?"

22 Councillor P. Mulville - Taking in Charge - Lusk Village Estate - AI055706

"To ask the Chief Executive, further to Services B Questions 35 of January 2020, 16 of March 2020 and 4 of October 2020, and CRMs R20\9319, R20\9398 & R20\10275, for an update on the taking in charge of Lusk Village Estate, in particular if she can outline in detail the Developer's contractor's work programme, and the projected start and end date for each item on the list?"

23 Councillor P. Mulville - Dun Emer Affordable Home Purchase Scheme - AI055970

"To ask the Chief Executive if the development agreement has yet been signed with the builders for the Dun Emer Affordable Home Purchase Scheme, Lusk and if so, will she confirm the name of the builders and if a copy of the development agreement can now be provided to the Elected Members?"

24 Councillor P. Mulville - Pedestrian link from Turvey Avenue/Beresford into the Turvey Nature Reserve - AI055975

"To ask the Chief Executive if she will provide a projected timeline for the opening of the new pedestrian link from Turvey Avenue/ Beresford, into the Turvey Nature Reserve?"

25 Councillor P. Mulville - Vacant retail and commercial sites, Donabate - AI055978

“To ask the Chief Executive if she will give consideration to entering the vacant town centre zoned sites in Donabate, namely the site beside Donabate train station on Turvey Avenue (Planning Permission F15A/0181) and the former Emerald shop beside the train station also, onto the Council’s Vacant Sites Register in order to encourage much needed retail and commercial provision given the rapidly expanding population in Donabate?”

26 Councillor P. Mulville - Safe cycling and pedestrian route along Kilhedge Lane, Lusk - AI056092 (Pages 9 - 10)

“To ask the Chief Executive if she will give consideration to the provision of a safe cycling and pedestrian route along Kilhedge Lane, Lusk, in the context in particular of the planned new Affordable Purchase and Council Housing Scheme at Dun Emer, Lusk, taking care to protect the ancient native hedgerow along Kilhedge Lane?”

27 Councillor P. Mulville - Illegal dumping at Kilhedge Lane, Lusk - AI056093 (Pages 11 - 12)

“To ask the Chief Executive if steps can be taken to address the ongoing illegal dumping along Kilhedge Lane, Lusk, as well as the fields off the lane?”

28 Councillor D. Mulligan - Bottle Bank Review in the Operational Area - AI056386 (Pages 13 - 16)

“To ask the Chief Executive if the Council can offer an overview of bottle bank revision scheme locations in the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords areas as soon as possible to allow Councillor feedback as bottle banks have been a particular area of health and safety concern over the Christmas period?”

29 Councillor D. Mulligan - Housing allocation waiting list - AI056393 (Pages 17 - 18)

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the housing allocation waiting list for each area within the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords LEA,

taking into consideration figures overlap and can be in multiple areas?"

30 Councillor D. Mulligan - Houses bought in Open Market from Council - AI056394

"To ask the Chief Executive how many houses and the locations of such that have been bought from the Council from the open market for housing allocation purposes in the final quarter of 2020 in the LEA?"

31 Councillor D. Mulligan - North Runways Mode of Operation - Swords Residents - AI056396

"To ask the Chief Executive to clarify the process for the residents of Swords what process the Dublin Airport Authority have to go through in order to change or pursue changing amendments to North Runways Mode Of Operation, regarding the Noise Authority and the Council?"

32 Councillor D. Mulligan - Homeless Services - AI056397 (Pages 19 - 20)

"To ask the Chief Executive how many people availed of homeless services over the Christmas period in this LEA?"

33 Councillor D. Mulligan - HAP process timelines - AI056399 (Pages 21 - 22)

"To ask the Chief Executive to give an overview of the HAP process (stages) and timelines applicable to the Council as a point of reference to feedback to constituents in this LEA?"

34 Councillor A. Graves - Cycle tracks - Swords - AI056407 (Pages 23 - 24)

"To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on the cycle lanes in Rivervalley and the proposed track on the Murrough Road and whether any decisions have been made in relation to adding either reflective paint or reflectors to the "kerb" to ensure better safety?"

35 Councillor A. Graves - Rivervalley all-weather pitch - AI056414

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the all-weather pitch in Rivervalley and whether there will be an opportunity to revisit the

plans, particularly in relation to the car park which will result in the loss of a pitch and is a cause for concern for some residents. Will the installation of the new cycle track and its purpose to promote cycling have any impact on the plans?"

36 Councillor I. Carey - Post Brexit and CoVid economic and community development planning - AI056417

"To ask the Chief Executive if there have been any preparations put in place or approaches devised to activate and stimulate the local economy and wider community in the middle of next year when we may be out of Covid restrictions. Perhaps a task force to look at options like festivals or one-off initiatives in the LEA?"

37 Councillor I. Carey - Fines for littering in the Operational Area 2020 - AI056418 (Pages 25 - 26)

"To ask the Chief Executive for information on the number of littering fines issued in the Operational Area over the last year?"

38 Councillor I. Carey - Dog Warden fines in the Operational Area 2020 - AI056419 (Pages 27 - 28)

"To ask the Chief Executive for the number of fines issued by the Dog Warden in the Operational Area over the last year?"

39 Councillor J. Humphreys - Signage for Rogerstown Estuary - AI056425

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the need for warning signage at the Inner Rogerstown Estuary which has seen an increase in kayaks and paddle boards on the Estuary in recent times which may be causing a disturbance to roosting and feeding birds and given its designation as a Special Area of Conservation and Special Protection Area for birds to work with Fingal Bird Watch Ireland on the provision of suitable signage at this highly sensitive location?"

40 Councillor J. Humphreys - Beverton Court, Donabate - AI056426

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Beverton Court Apartment complex in Donabate including the car park and main entrance has been taken in charge by the Council and if not to initiate the process as a priority on behalf of the residents?"

41 Councillor J. Humphreys - Carnegie Library - AI056427

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on Swords Carnegie Library, is there a date when the planning process will commence and an expected date when the works will be completed?"

42 Councillor J. Humphreys - Sustainable Swords Project - AI056429

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Sustainable Swords Project?"

43 Councillor J. Humphreys - Progress Report on feasibility study for swimming pool - AI056436 (Pages 29 - 30)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the feasibility study for a swimming pool in the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Operational Area?"

44 Councillor B. Manton - Pinegrove Park, Playgrounds - AI056422

"To ask the Chief Executive if provision of a playground could be considered on the greenspace servicing Pinegrove Park, Mooretown, Castlefarm and Broadmeadows as this area has no playground facilities and services a lot of young families from surrounding areas including lots of Estates on the peripheries?"

45 Councillor B. Manton - Sports Hub for Swords - AI056423

"To ask the Chief Executive if land could be identified in the Mooretown area of Swords which would supply all weather and other facilities in Swords for combined clubs?"

46 Councillor B. Manton - Recycling Holywell Mountgorry Area - AI056437 (Pages 31 - 32)

"To ask the Chief Executive if a Bring Centre for recycling bottles, clothes etc, could be provided for the residents of this area and if she could outline how many centres there are in Swords and how it compares with other areas taking into account the numbers of people living in each area?"

47 Councillor T. Murphy - Balrothery Works completion - AI056322

"To ask the Chief Executive, as the Balrothery Community Association expressed concerns that the issue of the removal of €500,000 from the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure budget for Glebe Park will

impact the delivery and completion of projects agreed, and that the community of Balrothery are seeking some reassurance from the Council that the removal of the budget will not prevent the completion of the elements of the approved plan that remain outstanding which are namely within the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords;

- Community Garden
- New football pitch
- Upgrade of existing pitch
- New entrance from R132 and upgrade of carpark.
- Upgrade of car park at Community Centre
- Extended path network
- Bins and Benches

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48 Proposed Disposals:

- a Proposed disposal of land, grant of wayleaves and grant of right of way at Ballalease, Donabate, Co. Dublin to Irish Water (Pages 33 - 36)**

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49 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Update on the Taking in Charge Process, Lusk Village Estate - AI055154

“That the Chief Executive provides an itemised list outlining the works that have been carried out by the Developer of Lusk Village and works that are still outstanding prior to the taking in charge of The Village Scheme as works on the final snag list prior to the Estate being taken in charge by the Council were to begin in mid-August 2020 and can a final date for when outstanding works are to be completed be provided or failing that an indicative timeline.”

MOTIONS

50 Councillor B. Dennehy - Golden Ridge Taking in Charge process - AI054329

"That the Chief Executive pursues the previous request to take Phase Two of Golden Ridge, Rush in charge by the Council even if the request has to be limited to the areas around The Mews in Golden Ridge to begin with in order to implement urgently required boundary measures to protect bordering properties."

51 Councillor C. Boland - Swords Health Care Facilities - AI054598
(Pages 37 - 38)

"That the Chief Executive, noting the inadequate medical facilities currently on offer in Swords promotes and supports the establishment of appropriate sized Health Care facilities located in close proximity to the Pavilion/Brays Park area of the town thus reducing the need for long delays and travel outside this Committees area for appropriate medical care."

52 Councillor A. Henchy - Planning and Development Donabate - AI054621

"That the Chief Executive provides a detailed breakdown of a local Donabate map of the different parcels of land that are zoned for residential development, providing for the approximate upper limit of housing units within each parcel that clearly illustrates their overall compliance with the Donabate Local Area Plan and what steps, if any, are the Council taking against any Developer whose applications to An Bord Pleanála far exceed the numbers of houses allowed for in the Local Area Plan."

53 Councillor J. Newman - Safer Cycleways - Swords - AI056358
(Pages 39 - 40)

"That the Chief Executive produce a report on what issues have been highlighted in relation to the installation of the new safer cycleways along the Rivervalley and Rathingle road in Swords and to include what actions have been taken to address issues of safety that have been highlighted in relation to the kerbing at the edge of the cycleways."

54 Councillor D. Mulligan - Online framework for housing in the LEA - AI055486 (Pages 41 - 42)

"That the Chief Executive develops a pilot programme for Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords LEA to assist the public in terms of ascertaining reference numbers and places on the housing list, viewing discrepancies or a "to do" or "to submit" function re documentation for social housing and/or HAP requirements and that an online portal and framework with secure log in be created to enable residents check these details in a proactive, cost effective and time efficient manner."

55 Councillor I. Carey - Waste Inspectors calling to homes with no waste collector - AI055095 (Pages 43 - 44)

"That the Chief Executive instructs the Waste Inspectors in the Council to call to homes where no waste collector is listed and ask where waste is being dumped, starting with a pilot project in the area surrounding The Ward, Rivervalley which is blighted by domestic waste dumping."

56 Councillor B. Manton - Third Level Education - Swords - AI055924 (Pages 45 - 46)

"That the Chief Executive actively pursues in conjunction with the Department of Education and DDLETB the provision of a third level PLC College for Swords."

57 Councillor P. Mulville - Beach Lane, The Burrow, Portrane - AI055986

"That the Chief Executive takes urgent steps to make safe and reinstate the collapsed part of the northern end of Beach Lane, The Burrow, Portrane, as this is the only access road for permanent residents living here who will otherwise be entirely cut off."

58 Councillor K. Power - National Broadband Ireland rollout progress - AI056103

"That the Chief Executive write to the National Broadband Ireland and request that a Representative attend our Area Committee meeting to provide a progress report in the roll out of fibre broadband in Skerries

and other areas within the LEA?"

59 Councillor T. Murphy and Cllr. G. Maguire - Commemorate Seamus Murphy - AI056321 (Pages 47 - 48)

"That this Council acknowledge the uncompromising support the late Seamus Murphy has given to the townspeople of Balbriggan over his lifetime and that a fitting installation, i.e. memorial stone or plaque be considered when the time is appropriate."

60 Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Lusk Recreational Hub Update - AI055515

"That the Chief Executive provide a report regarding the Lusk 2020 Group and its engagement with the Council providing an update on the current status between FCC/Lusk 2020 with regard to the Lusk Recreational Hub and can she also provide an indicative timeline as to when the northern section of the lands that will be included in Phase Two of the Hub, will be handed over from the Developer."

61 Councillor B. Dennehy - Future usages of the approx. 46 acres of Council owned land at The Nevitt, Lusk - AI055085 (Pages 49 - 50)

"That the Chief Executive will consider prioritising the creation of a public amenity facility as the future usages of the approx. 46 acres of the Council owned land at The Nevitt, Lusk in order to capitalise on its full potential with the following items to be taken into consideration in any future plans for the site.

1. The site already has a substantial forested area that can be enlarged and enhanced by taking advantage of current grants available for forestry which will be in line with the Council' Forestry Plan currently being discussed at SPC Committees in the Council.
2. The enhanced forestry on site has also the potential of becoming a picnic area for tourists and residents alike as well as an area where environmentally friendly projects can be promoted.
3. The area with its large greenspace has also the potential of becoming a community sports area accommodating playing pitches and already several neighbouring sports clubs have, through their Committees expressed a strong desire to be part

of any usage list if playing pitches are located in the area.”

62 Councillor C. Boland - Town and Village Renewal - Garristown - AI054600 (Pages 51 - 52)

“That the Chief Executive, bearing in mind that the Housing Executive have no objection to the delivery of this concept thus affording this Council a real opportunity, provides a new alternative entrance to Garristown National School via Windmill Way, which not only supports a Safe Walking to School Initiative but also addresses the chaotic drop off parking issues at the current entrance and the situation experienced at the adjacent crossroads, and in pursuit of this that a submission be made for funding from all available schemes.”

63 Councillor A. Henchy - Name of Donabate in the Rush Lusk Electoral Area - AI055562 (Pages 53 - 54)

“That the Chief Executive begin the process with all relevant stakeholders to add the name Donabate to the Rush/Lusk local electoral area.”

64 Councillor B. Manton - Empty /Derelict Buildings, Swords Main Street - AI056428

“That the Chief Executive carry out a survey in Swords to ascertain how many vacant and derelict buildings are in the town with a view to getting them back in use or making sure some development takes place in them . Some of the buildings opposite the Lord Mayors site have been vacant for two decades and are an eyesore.”

65 Councillor P. Mulville - Rodent infestation issue at Knightswood Estate, Santry, Dublin 9 - AI055908

“That the Chief Executive reports on steps being taken to address an ongoing rodent infestation issue at Knightswood Estate, Santry, Dublin 9, and to address residents’ concerns that they are falling through the cracks between different public agencies.”

66 Councillor G. Maguire - Word of thanks - Christmas - AI056332
(Pages 55 - 56)

“To thank all relevant Departments in Fingal especially Fingal Events for all the online promotion of Shop Local and the lighting up of various buildings in our towns and villages.”
