

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE
MEETING
[Services A – Operational Matters and Water Services]**

Thursday, 14th October 2021

ITEM NO. 87

Grass cutting and maintenance

Motion: Councillor D. Mulligan

“That the Chief Executive provide an updated rationale regards not including sites which are not distinguishable to any household for grass cutting relating to the operational area of this Committee and that provisions are made for such sites when requested by the public and Councillors within the areas covered by the Committees operations.”

Report:

The Council prioritises how we deliver the grass cutting service based on a number of factors principally meeting the requirements of “Keeping it Green”, An Open Space Strategy for Fingal and matching resources against the acreage of area to be maintained. As a rule of thumb playing pitches get priority in terms of being cut usually every 5 to 7 days and then all other open spaces are cut on rotation. Grass margins opposite open spaces are cut in this cycle. As grass cutting is weather dependent it is not always possible to achieve these targets. Our aim is to provide a consistent approach right across the county in terms of how works are delivered. Through the Citizen Charter our expectation is that individual residents or residents groups would take care of areas outside or abutting their property either individually or as part of a resident’s group. There

will always be exceptions for specific reasons, and these are dealt with by the Area Inspector and his team on a case by case basis. The recent changes that have taken place in the Swords area have met with mixed reaction from residents in specific estates. It is acknowledged that any changes to service delivery will be met with different reactions specifically from those who want to see manicured public spaces. However, the changes made in the Swords area have allowed us to meet our target in the priority maintenance areas.