

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL  
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**ITEM NO. 80**

**Swords Recreational Facilities**

**Motion: Councillor D. Mulligan**

“That the Chief Executive make improvements to Swords recreational facilities, namely that a skateboard park and basketball area in Balheary be advanced and potential for incorporating new facilities be explored as Swords is crying out for improvements in this regard, and has a separation distance of 20km between Balbriggan skate park to Swords and these townlands make up the youngest population in the country. Therefore, these improvements should commence within the next 6 months”

**Report:**

The Operations Department is limited to what it can deliver in a six-month time frame due to procurement thresholds, contractor availability and commitment to deliver projects that are already committed. Play Spaces such as half Basketball Courts, Parkour and outdoor fitness Callisthenics areas are currently being looked at by the Operations Department as part of a procurement framework. However, larger installations can only be delivered by Planning & Strategic Infrastructure due to project value, planning restrictions and capital project planning.

