

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

Thursday 12th September 2024

ITEM NO. 37

Report on Tree Removal under Fingal Tree Strategy in this LEA - AI098239

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report, with the breakdown of the rationale for tree removal from the forest of Fingal Strategy, that can be passed on by Councillors as a point of clarification for queries that do not meet standard to mitigate need for inspections within this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

The ‘Forest of Fingal - A Tree Strategy for Fingal’ defines the tree management strategy adapted by Fingal County council, as approved by elected members. The Strategy applies to all trees, woodlands and hedgerows managed by the Council, as well as seeking to ensure due consideration is given to trees in the planning and development process.

Within the Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy document, section 4 outlines ‘*The Sustainable Management of Trees in Fingal*’ and within this chapter, gives further detail of the reasons for and when tree removal and other tree works should be carried out.

It will be arranged to extract the details in Section 4 of the Tree Strategy and create a report that will be e-mailed to all elected representatives. It can also be arranged to organise a questions and answers session with the Tree Officer and relevant staff from the Operations Department to further explain the decision rationale involved.

Source of Reply: Ms A O’Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations.