Fingal County Council nominates Senator Joan Freeman as Presidential Election candidate

Fingal County Council has today nominated Senator Joan Freeman as a candidate to stand in the forthcoming Presidential election.

Two potential Presidential candidates, Senator Joan Freeman and Balbriggan resident Kevin Sharkey, addressed the special meeting this afternoon (Monday).

The meeting was chaired by Mayor of Fingal Cllr Anthony Lavin at the County Hall in Swords.

Before the vote, each candidate was given 10 minutes to address the meeting, followed by contributions and questions from elected members. They were then given a further 15 minutes to respond.

Two names went before the council for a vote.

Senator Joan Freeman was proposed by Cllr Cathal Boland and seconded by Cllr Joe Newman. Businessman Gavin Duffy was proposed by Cllr Keith Redmond and seconded by Cllr Tony Murphy.

Kevin Sharkey failed to secure a proposer or seconder from the floor.

The name of Sean Gallagher was withdrawn from the vote after it emerged that he had already secured the nominations of four councils.

Senator Freeman secured 14 votes, while Mr Duffy received five votes.
The decision was then formally ratified by Fingal County Council by 18 votes to 12.

Councils are each allowed to nominate one candidate, and the deadline for nominations is September 26 at 12pm. The date for the Presidential Election has been set for October 26.

The meeting, once archived, will be available to view again at www.fingal.ie.