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### **Fingal County Council Honours Local Cricket Star John Mooney**

The Mayor of Fingal, Councillor David O'Connor will host a reception in County Hall, Swords on the 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 where Fingal County Council will formally recognise and reward Mr John Mooney following his recent retirement from International Cricket. John is a very proud North County Fingal man who earned 182 caps in a wonderful career over 14 years playing cricket for Ireland. John is unique in having played in three Cricket World Cups and will be remembered for hitting the winning runs to beat England at the 2011 World Cup.

Mayor Councillor David O'Connor said, "as Mayor of Fingal and a keen cricket fan I am honoured to make this presentation to John Mooney, a proud citizen of Fingal, for his outstanding contribution to Irish and World Cricket. John played 182 times for Ireland in all competitions, including 64 One Day Internationals and 27 ICC World Twenty20s. He scored 2605 runs at an average of 23.68. John has, with other Fingal cricketers, raised the profile of this wonderful sport throughout Fingal and Ireland."

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid, stated "I am delighted to welcome John Mooney to County Hall this evening to celebrate his long and illustrious contribution to cricket. Fingal County Council recognises the importance of sport in our citizens' lives and, through our Sports Office, we work with a number of National Governing Bodies of sport including Cricket Leinster. This partnership has grown from strength to strength over the past 9 years and in excess of 7000 students in primary and secondary schools participated in our schools cricket programme throughout the county in 2015."

The event will be attended by John Mooney and his guests, the elected members of Fingal County Council and the incoming President of Cricket Ireland Mr. Henry Tighe.

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