**COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS**

**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LUCAN AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Minutes of Lucan Area Committee Meeting, dealing with Housing, Community, Planning, Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Water & Drainage, Public Realm and Environment held on 24th March 2015.**

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| **PRESENT** |
| **COUNCILLORS** |
| **V. Casserly** |
| **P. Gogarty** |
| **W. Lavelle** |
| **R. Nolan** |
| **D. O’Brien** |
| **E. O’Brien** |
| **G. O’Connell** |
| **L. O’Toole** |

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Senior Executive Officer | L. Leonard, P. Murphy, H. Hogan, E. O’Gorman. Y. Dervan |
| Senior Engineer | J. McLoughlin, T. O’Grady |
| Senior Executive Librarian | M. Donohoe |
| Senior Executive Planner | S. Duff |
| Executive Planner | N. Conlon |
| Senior Parks Superintendent | B. Sheehan |
| Senior Executive Parks Superintendent | M. Hannon, |
| Staff Officer | B. Reilly |
| Clerical Officer | A. Shaw |

**An Cathaoirleach Councillor P. Gogarty presided.**

**L/156/15 CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**HEADED ITEM (1): Item ID**: **43719**

Minutes of Lucan Area Committee Meeting dealing with, Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, Planning, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management and Corporate Support held on 24th February 2015, which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 24th February 2015 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**Housing**

**L/157/15 QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Question numbers 1-2 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/158/15 CLEANUP WORK BETWEEN DROIM NA COILLE AND THE HALTING SITE IN BALLYOWEN LANE**

**QUESTION (1): Councillor P. Gogarty Item ID: 43670**

"To ask the Chief Executive why the cleanup works between Droim Na Coille and the halting site in Ballyowen lane, have to be carried out by a contractor and to outline the timeframe for completion of these works?"

**REPLY:**

The Traveller Accommodation Unit has worked with the Licensing and Enforcement Section to address the problem of illegal dumping in public lands between the Ballyowen Lane Residential Caravan Park and houses at Drom Na Coille.

This area of public land is adjacent to Ballyowen Lane and is not easily accessible to carry out the necessary remedial works and would have necessitated the hiring of specialist equipment. It was agreed that a contractor be engaged to clean the area as they would have the necessary equipment available to complete the task in the shortest possible time frame.

The works commenced on 11th March 2015 and have now been completed in full.

The Traveller Accommodation Unit is liaising with all tenants in Ballyowen   Lane to remind them of their obligations under the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended & South Dublin County Council Waste Bye Laws 2012.

The area will be monitored for any incidents of fresh dumping and immediate action will be taken if it is proven to be from the Ballyowen Lane site.

**L/159/15 FAMILIES ON THE WAITING LIST FOR LUCAN HOUSING**

**QUESTION (2): Councillor R. Nolan Item ID: 43735**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of families on the waiting list for housing in Lucan. And how long they can expect to wait to be housed?"

**REPLY:**

There are currently 8,634 applications on the Council's Housing List of which 4,961 are seeking housing North of the Naas Road.  The average waiting time on list for housing applicants is 6.5 years.

**L/160/15 The Housing Procurement & Allocations Report**

**HEADED ITEM (2): Housing Department Item ID: 43691**

Mr. H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer presented the following report:

The Housing Procurement & Allocations Report

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| **LUCAN** | **2014** | **CURRENT 01/01/2015   TO 28/02/2015** | **CURRENT NOS ON LIST** |
| **HOUSING LIST ALLOCATIONS   Section** **categorised   as follows:-** | **31** | **2** | **4961** |
| CBL | 6 |  |  |
| ASH | 10 | 1 |  |
| OAP | 3 |  |  |
| Homeless | 6 |  |  |
| Medical | 4 | 1 |  |
| Priority Committee |  |  |  |
| Standard | 2 |  |  |
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| **HOUSING   LIST RAS Section   – Standard** |  |  |  |
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| **TRANSFERS** **Allocations   Section** | **4** |  | **365** |
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| **TOTAL** | **35** | **2** |  |

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| **COUNTYWIDE** | **2014** | **CURRENT 01/01/2015 TO 28/02/2015** | **CURRENT NOS ON LIST** |
| **HOUSING LIST ALLOCATIONS Section** **categorised as follows:-** | **229** | **34** | **8629** |
| CBL | 66 | 13 |  |
| ASH | 51 | 5 |  |
| OAP | 13 | 1 |  |
| Homeless | 44 | 10 |  |
| Medical | 31 | 3 |  |
| Priority Committee | 3 |  |  |
| Standard | 21 | 2 |  |
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| **HOUSING LIST RAS Section – Standard** | **178** |  |  |
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| **TRANSFERS** **Allocations Section** | **53** | **9** | **766** |
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| **TOTAL** | **460** | **43** |  |

The report was **NOTED** without debate.

**L/161/15 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (3): Housing Item ID: 43690**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/162/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (1): Housing Item ID: 43692**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/163/15 STEP DOWN TYPE ACCOMMODATIN FOR OVER 55’s**

**MOTION (1): Item ID: 43743**

It was proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty:-

"That this Committee debate the feasibility and possibilities of providing “step-down” type accommodation for over 55s who wish to adopt a lifestyle that allows then downsize to meet their needs but who wish to continue to reside within their own community."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“At present there are 767 applications on list for a transfer to alternative accommodation, of these 57 are Tenants of 55years+ (including 19 of 65years+) who would downsize to one bedroom accommodation primarily from three bedroom accommodation.  In accordance with The Council's Allocation Scheme older persons of 65 years+ are awarded a priority status for suitable accommodation.  The Council has older persons dwellings peppered throughout the County and specific complexes in Jobstown, Neilstown and Liscarne.  FOLD Approved Housing Body provides older persons dwellings in it's developments at Whitestown Way, Tallaght and Fortfield Road, Terenure, there are no current vacancies

The Council must also take cognisance of those on the Housing List of 55 years+, currently 395, who are residing in private rented properties in the main, often shared accommodation.  A recent Ministerial Directive instructed at 50% of allocations must be to those with Homeless/Medical circumstances for a six month period up to 26th July 2015 at present the Council has two of the three vacant older persons dwellings designated to Homeless older persons.”

Following contributions from Councillor G. O’Connell and P. Gogarty the report was **NOTED.**

**Community**

**L/164/15 QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Question number 3 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/165/15 PARK RUNS PROVISION OF GAZEBOS**

**QUESTION (3): Councillor L. O'Toole Item ID: 43749**

"To ask the Chief Executive that following my motion 41494 dated 12.11.14 re: Park Runs provision of Gazebos and the reply received from South Dublin Sports Partnership outlining the issues, can the local Park runs organiser be informed of these issues with a view to resolving them amicably."

**REPLY:**

As previously advised the Sports Partnership Officer contacted Parkrun through its National Director in relation to this proposal.

Parkrun was of the view that due to administrative, financial and organisational concerns, they were not supportive of the proposal. They confirmed that they had come to this view following consultation with volunteer organisers.

The Sports Partnership Officer has agreed to again raise the issue with the National Director when the programme is next reviewed.

**L/166/15 APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS**

**HEADED ITEM (4): Community Item ID: 43694**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/167/15 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (5): Community Item ID: 43695**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/168/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (2): Community Item ID: 43696**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/169/15 FUNDING FOR PALMERSTOWN FESTIVAL**

**MOTION (2): Item ID: 43342**

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell

"That this Committee having regard to the increased success of Palmerstown Festival year on year and acknowledging the significant financial undertaking of the Palmerstown Community Council in holding such an event every year and noting the great effort of the Community Council in promoting cultural, artistic and community events in the Palmerstown area, calls on the County Council to increase funding for the current festival programme in 2015. Such funding being possible from the increased budget for community events in 2015."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ**:-

“Palmerstown Community Council have received grant aid for the last number of years to support the holding of the Palmerstown Village Festival. The Council will continue to support this event in 2015.

The Community Worker for the area, as in previous years, will be available to meet with and assist the Festival Committee in the planning of this years event. Members should note that the level of grant aid will be dependent on the programme of events proposed, the level of participation to be achieved and the actual cost incurred in putting on the Festival.”

Following contributions from Councillors E. O’Brien, G. O’Connell, D. O’Brien, R. Nolan and P. Gogarty, the report was **NOTED.**

**L/170/15 SUSTAINABLE LONG-TERM PRESIMES FOR ESKER BOXING CLUB**

**MOTION (3): Item ID: 43451**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle seconded by Councillor D. O’Brien

"That this Area Committee:

Acknowledges the proactive support provided by South Dublin County Council in supporting amateur boxing in our County;

Commends Esker ABC on their rapid development as one of Ireland’s leading community-based boxing clubs, including hosting Ireland’s first All-Ireland underage girls tournament in Lucan in 2013 & 2014;

Thanks the Council for the financial support provided to date to Esker ABC, particularly in terms of supporting their move to new privately-rented premises in 2014;

However, notes the need to secure a sustainable long-term, preferably public, premises as a home for Esker ABC:

Agrees that Esker ABC should be provided with dedicated, permanent space in the new Adamstown Sports & Community Hall or in Lucan Sports & Leisure Centre or in another appropriate premises;

Requests that the Community Services Department would meet with Esker ABC to discuss their accommodation needs."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“The Council's Community Team have been actively engaged with the Esker Boxing Club for a considerable period and have had several meetings with the Club since the start of the New Year to assist them in addressing their accomodation needs and related issues.

At present they are located in Goodwins Industrial Estate, in an old warehouse unit. They have a short term lease on this premises which is due to expire in July 2017. The unit is of a very basic standard and would benefit for an immediate remedial upgrade subject to the identification of a source of finance which will be difficult given the short term nature of the letting. However all options are being examined to address this issue.

The Council recognises the valuable contribution that the Esker Boxing Club brings to the Lucan area. The clubs needs will be factored into any sporting developments that will be provided in the area but it is considered premature to consider their exact needs in advance of the planning and design phase of any future facility.”

Following contributions from Councillor W. Lavelle, E. O’Brien, D. O’Brien, L. O’Toole, R. Nolan, P. Gogarty and G. O’Connell the report was **NOTED.**

**L/171/15 EU FUNDING FOR LUCAN PROJECTS**

**MOTION (4): Item ID: 43674**

It was proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell

Public Realm Motion:

"Following the publication of the EU Funding Handbook 2014-2020 can the Chief Executive advise if any projects in the Lucan area qualify for EU funding, and if the following can be considered:

ERASMUS + (Education, Training & Youth) is the new 16 billion euro catch-all framework program for education, training, youth and sport. It is built on the well-known and respected EU brand of the highly

successful Erasmus student exchange program.

The contact point in Ireland is <http://www.leargas.ie/contact.php>."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“European Funding opportunities are available under a wide range of different thematic fields such as European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds; Employment and Social Policy; Civil Rights, Justice & Security and as in the example quoted in the motion, of the ERAMUS + in the thematic field of Culture, Education and Youth.

Any Community Group in the Lucan area who is considering making an application for European funding can contact the Community Development Team for the area to discuss and receive advice on their ideas and funding application.

In particular details on the ERAMUS+ funding programme are available at the following link:  [**http://www.eurireland.ie**](http://www.eurireland.ie)

Members should note that Budget 2015 contained a number of outline proposals in relation to youth education opportunities including the development of a number of training initiatives and new apprenticeship opportunities. From the perspective of the Council's Sports Section within Community Services Department work is progressing on the drafting of a new Sports Development Programme which will afford those interested in the programme a substantial range of new opportunities. All such programmes would be delivered on a county wide basis.”

Following contributions from Councillors E. O’Brien, G. O’Connell, D. O’Brien, R. Nolan and P. Gogarty, the report was **NOTED.**

**Planning**

**L/172/15 QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Question numbers 4-5 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/173/15 CONSERVATION REPORT IN RELATION TO THE CEMETERY SITE AT MILL LANE**

**QUESTION (4): Councillor E. O'Brien Item ID: 43343**

"To ask the Chief Executive to make available to Palmerstown Community Council the conservation report carried out in relation to the cemetery site at Mill Lane, Palmerstown?"

**REPLY:**

As you are aware the Conservation Report which has been completed for St. Catherine’s Church and Graveyard, Mill Lane, Palmerstown (please see copy of the report attached). The information and recommendations have been considered fully by the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer. A number of tasks have been outlined in the report as part of the conservation method statement included to safeguard the Protected Structure. The Councils Architectural Officer is happy to answer any queries with regard to the details and information contained in the report should the need arise.

The necessary remedial repair works to consolidate the structure and preserve the graveyard will be prioritised and will be dependant on funding as a long-term programme of works.  These recommendations are to form part of a programme of works to be agreed between the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer and Public Realm Section, Environmental Services schedules permitting. The Councils Architectural Conservation Officer has prioritised the remedial repair works to the stone church and will implement a programme of works once a full condition assessment by a qualified conservation engineer has been completed.

[Conservation Report](../../ITEMS/March%2015/Q4%2043343%20PLA%20Palmerstown%20Church%20Conservation%20Report%202013.pdf)

**L/174/15 LANEWAY BETWEEN 31-32 KEW PARK**

**QUESTION (5): Councillor E. O'Brien Item ID: 43641**

"To ask the Chief Executive if the laneway between number 31 and 32 Kew Park has been taken in charge by South Dublin County Council?"

**REPLY:**

This laneway is in the charge of the Council as there are council services installed.

**L/175/15 PLANNING FILES**

**HEADED ITEM (6): Planning Item ID: 43697**

Planning Files  
**A.** Large Applications Under Consideration

**File Discussed**: SD15A/0020

**Location**: Ballyowen Castle Primary Care Centre Ltd

**Comments**: Councillors W. Lavelle, R. Nolan, P. Gogarty, D. O’Brien and L. O’Toole commented on this application.

**File Discussed**: SD15A/0028

**Location**: Lock Road / Newcastle Road (R120), Finnstown, Lucan, Co. Dublin.

**Comments**: Councillors G. O’Connell, P. Gogarty, L. OToole and W. Lavelle commented on this application.

**B.** Files Requested by Members

**File Discussed**: SD15A/0020

**Location**: Ballyowen Castle Primary Care Centre Ltd

**Comments**: Councillors W. Lavelle, R. Nolan, P. Gogarty, D. O’Brien and L. O’Toole commented on this application.

**L/176/15 RUNWAY AT WESTON AERODROME**

**HEADED ITEM (7): Planning Department Item ID: 43795**

[**WESTON AIRPORT REPORT**](file:///F:\Meetings\Lucan%20ACM\2015\ITEMS\March%2015\HI17%20PLA%2043795%20WESTON%20REPORT.doc)

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Following contributions from Councillors P. Gogarty, W. Lavellle and E. O’Brien the report was **NOTED**. The members were satisfied with the report detailing history and current planning situation at Weston and asked for a summary to be circulated.

**L/177/15 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (8): Planning Item ID: 43698**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/178/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (3): Planning Item ID: 43699**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/179/15 MULTI-FUNCTIONAL SPORTS & COMMUNITY HALL IN THE LUCAN & ADAMSTOWN AREA**

**MOTION (5): Item ID: 43620**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle seconded by Councillor V. Casserly.

"That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to present a detailed update on

* the steps and indicative timeline for delivery, in conjunction with developers and the Education & Training Board, of a new multi-functional Sports & Community Hall which would provide a much needed sports hall for Adamstown Community College as well as providing much-needed indoor space for sports clubs and community group in the Lucan & Adamstown area as called for previous motions passed by this Committee and recommended in the Lucan Community Initiative; and
* to further examine the feasibility of SDCC acquiring the disused Marketing Suite building at Adamstown Boulevard for use by community groups and sports clubs and for provision of space for micro-enterprise and training."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“These matters remain subject to negotiation with the Adamstown developers.  We are currently assessing a proposal from the developers in order to ascertain likely benefit and cost in order to establish value and feasibility prior to a response.”

Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle, P. Gogarty, L. O’Toole the report was **NOTED.**

**L/180/15 CHAPEL LANE PALMERSTOWN**

**MOTION (6): Item ID: 43741**

It was proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell seconded by Councillor D. O’Brien.

"That the Chief Executive bring forward a report on Chapel Lane Palmerstown (off the Old Lucan Road between Palmerstown House and Clarkesville) indicating the status of this lane, i.e. is it in private ownership or in public charge and if local businesses have authority to use it as a storage area."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“We can confirm that this lane has been taken in charge, therefore local businesses would not be able to use it as a storage area.”

The report was **NOTED** without debate.

**Transportation**

**L/181/15 QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Question numbers 6-16 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/182/15 REINSTATE BOUNDARY AT LUCAN CENTRE**

**QUESTION (6): Councillor P. Gogarty Item ID: 43651**

"To ask the Chief Executive, in line with Members Reps Query 1077302, for a detailed report on the agreement made with the Lucan Centre, at the time of the N4 widening, to reinstate their boundary with replacement trees and shrubs, outlining the reasons for the delay in providing same and to give a timescale for the completion of these works?"

**REPLY:**

The agreement  the Council has with Lucan Centre as part of the CPO for the Lucan By pass upgrade scheme did not have any reference to trees in the final settlement and was only concerned with the 2m high wall which was provided. The Council also paid a sum of money as part of the settlement.

**L/183/15 CANNONBROOK**

**QUESTION (7): Councillor P. Gogarty Item ID: 43653**

"To ask the Chief Executive, further to the passing of Motion 10 at the February 24th Lucan Area Committee Meeting, to outline when letters were issued to stakeholders and to outline what replies were received as of this meeting in terms of willingness of the various parties to engage with each other at a meeting including elected reps and officials and to outline the likely timeframe for the firming up a date for such a meeting?"

**REPLY:**

A meeting to discuss the schooltime traffic issues has taken place with the Department of Education technical advisors with regard to the school extensions proposed at St. Thomas's and St. Anne’s.  A further meeting has been arranged with the residents of Cannonbrook for Thursday, 27th and a deputation is to be held with the residents of Hillcrest on Wednesday, 26th. The Council is also preparing a number of proposals with respect to the traffic management of traffic at this location including Hillcrest and the Newcastle road. As soon as these are finalised the members and other stakeholders will be informed.

**L/184/15 N4 OFF-RAMP AT AVOCA**

**QUESTION (8): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 43128**

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the engagement, both to date and planned, between the Council's Roads Department and Avoca with a view to agreeing traffic management measures at the N4 off-ramp to mitigate the impact of the new store?"

**REPLY:**

The Council have had no meetings with Avoca in relation to traffic management. It should be noted that the development of the premises by Avoca has an exemption certificate in terms of planning.

**L/185/15 TRIAL MINI-ROUNDABOUT AT NEWCASTLE ROAD/HILLCREST ROAD JUNCTION**

**QUESTION (9): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 43638**

"To ask the Chief Executive for a FURTHER detailed update on the design and implementation of the planned TRIAL mini-roundabout and safe crossing points at the Newcastle Road/Hillcrest Road junction; and of other measures to improve traffic flow at Newcastle Road including possible redesign of the SuperValu roundabout, installation of a SCOOTS system and changes to the 'green light' time afforded to motorists seeking to turn right from the overbridge to the N4 eastbound; and to again ask if any of these measures will be funded by way of the recent €250,000 allocation from the National Transport Authority?"

**REPLY:**

Traffic management issues in relation to Hillcrest, Supervalue and schools located in the area are currently being examined and a report will be made to members as soon as they are finalised. It is not possible to indicate if the NTA allocation is sufficient for all measures that might be proposed.

**L/186/15 LINK ROAD FROM THE PADDOCKS TO DODSBORO ROAD/TANDYS LANE**

**QUESTION (10): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 43639**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed update of planned opening of the link road from The Paddocks to Dodsboro Road/Tandy’s Lane including:

* planned timeframe for the opening
* clarification of the exact location for the new junction?
* details of road improvements along Dodsboro Road/Tandy’s Lane required or planned before the opening of the link road;
* details of any new traffic management measures planned for Dodsboro Road/Tandy’s Lane, for example, measures to ensure continuing ease of exit from the Dodsboro Cottages and Meadowview Grove residential areas;
* plans for new crossings and/or a school warden to ensure safe crossing points at Dodsboro Road for both residents and children walking to/from Scoil Mhuire?"

**REPLY:**

The phasing programme for the Adamstown SDZ requires the provision of the road linking the Newcastle Road to the proposed Adamstown Boulevard and Dodsboro by the time Phase 3 of the Scheme is complete that is when 3,400 dwellings are provided in Adamstown. There are currently 1,250 residential units in total in Adamstown.

Under Reg. Ref. SDZ07A/0001 there is provision for the construction of an access directly from the Paddocks onto the Dodsboro Road/Adamstown Boulevard which will serve the Paddocks development. The location of this access road is shown on drawings attached to this permission, the access road and junction is shown just south of dwellings currently under construction in the Paddocks. The permission expires in October of 2017 (extension of duration of permission granted in 2012). All provisions of the permission including the access to Dodsboro are required to be in place at that time. Through the further information process and conditions attached to this permission junction, footpath and kerb details affecting the Dodsboro Road sufficient to support this permission were agreed. A traffic assessment was also carried out.

Any further improvement works required to the Dodsboro Road arising from the future roll out of development in Adamstown will be assessed at application stage.

**L/187/15 FOOTPATHS ON ESKER LANE**

**QUESTION (11): Councillor E. O'Brien Item ID: 43344**

"To ask the Chief Executive to inspect the poor state of repair of footpaths and the road adjoining them, along Esker Lane, from old entrance to the N4 motorway to Willsbrook Park and the increased danger to pedestrians walking along the footpath, calls on this County Council to provide for the immediate repair of the said footpath."

**REPLY:**

Funding has been included in the 2015 Roadworks programme for repairs to footpaths in Esker Park. The paths on Esker Lane will be considered for repair under this programme.

**L/188/15 CLOSE THE RIGHT OF WAY AT THE BOTTOM OF LIFFEY CLOSE LUCAN**

**QUESTION (12): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 43740**

"That the Chief Executive provide a progress report in relation to my motion agreed at the October 2014 LAC to close the right of way at the bottom of Liffey Close Lucan as per petition (supplied) of the residents, and which the Chief Executive agreed to follow up and report back to this LAC on suitable options, as this is a most dangerous pedestrian exit of serious concern to parents of young children in the area and a source of anti-social behaviour including house breaking in this relatively quite cul de sac?"

**REPLY:**

As previously noted by the committee the closure of the right of way is not recommended and may in fact make the matter worse. A site meeting is best to discuss same further.

**L/189/15 PROPOSED UPGRADE OF THE NEWCASTLE ROAD WEST OF ADAMSTOWN**

**QUESTION (13): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 43745**

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the proposed upgrade of the Newcastle Road west of Adamstown and to include in his report what action he proposes to address the issues raised by the R120 delegation?"

**REPLY:**

The Council are developing a proposal for the upgrade of the Newcastle road from the railway bridge at Adamstown to its junction with the Nangor road at Plooyhops. The Council does not have the funding to proceed with the scheme at this time.

The Council has installed speed indicator signs on the route where the 60 KPH speed limit applies in order to inform motorists of the limits and encourage slower driving. In addition the existing road markings will be repaired as soon as this can be arranged.

**L/190/15 DANGEROUS POT HOLE ON MILL LANE PALMERSTOWN**

**QUESTION (14): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 43746**

"To ask the Chief Executive to have the dangerous pot hole on Mill Lane Palmerstown filled as it’s extremely dangerous"

**REPLY:**

The location will be inspected and any necessary repairs will be carried out.

**L/191/15 FOOTPATH ON NEWCASTLE ROAD OUTSIDE LUCAN SARSFIELD & MAXOL GARAGE**

**QUESTION (15): Councillor L. O'Toole Item ID: 43737**

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the footpath on the Newcastle road outside Lucan Sarsfield, Maxol Garage will be installed before the summertime when children and adults will start walking/cycling up to Lucan Sarsfield GAA club?"

**REPLY:**

Funding has been included in the 2015 Roadworks programme for works to be carried out on the R120 (Lock Road), including the path referred to. It is anticipated that the works will be carried out in summer 2015.

**L/192/15 SIGNS/MARKINGS ON NEWCASTLE ROAD**

**QUESTION (16): Councillor L. O'Toole Item ID: 43750**

"Further to confirmation from the Council that school signs/markings be provided on Newcastle road can the Chief Executive confirm what additional signs/markings will be installed and when will they be installed?"

**REPLY:**

Further to recent confirmation of additional signage to be provided at this location they matter is now being reviewed in the light of possible alteration to traffic management arrangements such that redundant signage is not provided. A report will issue to the next TMM.

**L/193/15 Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

**HEADED ITEM (9): Transportation Item ID: 43700**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading

**L/194/15 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (10): Transportation Item ID: 43701**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/195/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (4): Transportation Item ID: 43702**

Dublin Bus-25 Bus in Dodsboro prior to 7am

[Letter 28/01/15 to Dublin Bus](../../ITEMS/March%2015/C6%2043702%20Letter%20to%20Dublin%20Bus%20Re%2025%20Bus%20route.pdf)

[Reply 11/02/15 from Dublin Bus](../../ITEMS/March%2015/C6%2043702%20Reply%20from%20D.%20Bus%2009.02.15.pdf)

**L/196/15 Cathaoirleach's Business – traffic safety at the two adamstown primary schools**

**MOTION (7): Item ID: 43679**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty seconded by Councillor W. Lavelle

"That the Council prepare and cost plans for an upgrade to traffic safety at the two Adamstown primary schools, with proposals included for the next budget, specifically:

An extension to the weight restriction to the railway bridge beside Hanstead

A signal or flashing crossing between Hanstead and Adamstown

An extension of the weight restriction to the Adamstown SDZ

An extension of the times in which this restriction applies. This is to account for the various start and finish times of the local schools

An upgrade of the signage on approach to the Finnstown/ Adamstown Junction and the various crossing points along Adamstown Avenue

The creation of a school zone with pelican lights, enhanced road markings, ramps on approach to the crossing, flashing signs, etc.

The granting of a traffic warden.

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“The school time weight restriction on Newcastle road was put in place because of the proximity of schools to the Newcastle road at the approach to the N4 interchange and the significant volume of vulnerable road users crossing to the schools at that time. It is a school-time restriction and an extension to the railway bridge is not recommended as there is no school on Newcastle road in that vicinity.

The Council only has resources for a limited number of crossing points in 2015 and it is likely to be similar in 2016. The location can be added to the list and it should be decided on priority engineering and safety grounds in accordance with other areas across the county.

This traffic management issues highlighted will be examined and a report will issue to the next TMM. The Council is not in a position to employ additional traffic wardens at this time.”

Following contribution from Councillors P. Gogarty, the report was **NOTED.**

**L/197/15 OVERGROWN TREES AT FONTHILL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**

**MOTION (8): Item ID: 43225**

It was proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell.

"That this Committee agrees that the Council write to the management company of the Fonthill Industrial Estate and ask them to cut back the trees at the back of the Estate back as they are overgrown past the boundaries of the estate and they are damaging the house in Liffey Estate."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

The Management Company have been written to and asked to cut back the offending trees.

The report was **NOTED** without debate.

**L/198/15 TRAFFIC ISSUES AT SCHOOL TIMES AT LUCAN EDUCATE TOGETHER SCHOOL**

**MOTION (9): Item ID: 43345**

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien seconded by Councillor W. Lavelle.

"That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to facilitate a meeting between;

a) Mt. Bellew Residents association

b) Lucan Educate Together School Board

c) South Dublin County Council officials

to discuss ways to resolve ongoing traffic issues associated with the dropping off and picking up of school children from Lucan Educate Together School having regard to the suite of measures proposed to be introduced in plans put before the public during a Part 8 Consultation in early 2014."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“The Council would have no objection to such a meeting either collectively or singularly to discuss traffic issues at this location at a suitably agreed time. The Part 8 public consultation which took place in 2014 has been rejected by the Council in favour of the closure of the right of way. Funding which was to be provided for this scheme is no longer available from the NTA.”

Following contributions from Councillors E. O’Brien, W. Lavelle, D. O’Brien and P. Gogarty, the report was **NOTED**. The Manager agreed to look at Phase 3 in trying to facilitate Councillors request for cycle track as far as Mount Bellew with the caveat that it might not be possible.

**It was AGREED to take the following Headed Item (11) in conjunction with Motion 9.**

**Council owned land adjoining Lucan Educate Together for school parking drop off.**

**HEADED ITEM (11): Economic Development Item ID: 43566**

Ms. E. O’Gorman, A/Senior Executive Officer presented the following report:-

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“The area in question from the roundabout to the school has two owners, Tierra Ltd and the Council as indicated on the [**map**](file:///\\sdcc-file2\Share\BKENNY\Emer\Map%20for%20Headed%20Item%20%20March%20Lucan%20ACM\SDCC%20lands%20at%20Mount%20Bellew%20Way.jpg).  The Council owned site of circa one acre immediately adjoins the existing primary school.  The site is zoned residential and is one of very few potential ‘infill’ sites owned by the Council in the Greater Lucan area.

The sterilisation of this land through the provision of a drop off area for the school would greatly devalue this strategic site and would preclude it from being used in the future for infill housing at a time where identification of and provision of housing sites is a priority for this Council.

Therefore, it is felt that the provision of a drop off car parking area for the school is not an appropriate use of the Council’s asset.

The Council is currently involved in extensive upgrade work on the adjoining road network that will greatly enhance pedestrian and cycling routes to/from the school that should serve to reduce the need for car dependent travel in the future.”

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**L/199/15 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ISSUES ALONG LUCAN ROAD**

**MOTION (10): Item ID: 43507**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

"That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to:

* present a detailed report for discussion on the planned traffic management measures to re-designate 700m of road space along the Lucan Road bus lane between Chapel Hill & Woodville; and to construct bus bay and set back westbound bus stop at Woodville Lucan Road;
* outline how these works may impact on junctions along Lucan Road, most notably the Esker Lane and Chalet Gardens junctions where local residents face ongoing difficulties in seeking to exit onto Lucan Road;
* further outline how these works will impact on the planned traffic arrangements to be introduced along Lucan Road to facilitate access and egress from the new St. Andrew’s NS, due to open in September 2015; and
* indicate what accompanying measures are proposed to enhance pedestrian and cycle safety along Lucan Road."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“These matters are currently being examined by the Council's consulting engineers under the NTA programme for 2015 which when completed will be brought to the attention of the members.”

Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle and P. Gogarty, the report was **NOTED**.

**L/200/15 KEW PARK RESIDENTS**

**MOTION (11): Item ID: 43583**

It was approved by Councillor P. Gogarty seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell;-

"That this Committee, arising from the Deputation made by Kew Park Residents Association last month, commits to the following:

Changing the Yield sign at the Old Cornmill Road/N4 slip junction to a Stop sign so as to improve safety at this location and decrease speeds exiting from this junction towards the Spa Hotel and Kew Park

Contacts NRA contractor GSJ seeking an urgent meeting with elected representatives, officials and residents/businesses to discuss safety matters along this slip road. This should include issues such as the need for electronic driver feedback signage, similar to that along the Outer Ring Road; improved speed signage marking and a night-time light barrier in the vicinity of Kew Park and Spa Hotel exits; as well as measures to make the crossing over of vehicles heading up towards the Leixlip East interchange bridge after McCoy Motors safer."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“The provision of signage is an executive function in consultation with the Garda Authorities. The matter of the yield sign has been examined and it is considered that given the visibility envelope at this location and the speed limit of 50 kph the yield sign is appropriate.  The roads department have already opened discussion with the NRA on a number of matters relating to safety on this slip lane and when matters are finalised a report will be made to the TMM.”

The report was **NOTED** without debate.

**L/201/15 HILLCREST ROUNDABOUT TRIAL PERIOD**

**MOTION (12): Item ID: 43676**

It was proposed Councillor L. O'Toole seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty:-

"That the Chief Executive provides an updated report on the plans for the Hillcrest roundabout trial period including confirmation of schedule and reassurances that the measures are on a trial basis."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“As already explained to members this matter is currently being examined in the context of the overall traffic management of the Hillcrest, Esker and surrounding areas and also in the context of the NTA grant in 2015 for the Newcastle road area. As the detailed design is completed members will be informed. Any pilot or trial such as this proposal will be of a temporary nature pending evaluation. If it is of benefit it will be retained and if it has no benefit it will be removed. It is important that all avenues in relation to traffic management in the area are examined so that a fair traffic management scheme for all road users is put in place.”

Following contributions from Councillors L. O’Toole, W. Lavelle, V. Casserly, E. O’Brien, P. Gogarty and G. O’Connell the report was **NOTED.**

**L/202/15 HGV ENFORCEMENT BY WAY OF CCTV**

**MOTION (13): Item ID: 43686**

It was proposed by Councillor V. Casserly seconded by Councillor W. Lavelle:-

"That this Area Committee calls on the Minister for Transport to amend road traffic legislation to allow for the enforcement of HGV weight restrictions by way of CCTV."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“If the Motion is approved a letter will issue to the Minister for Tourism Transport and Sport and when a response is received the Committee will be notified.”

The report was **NOTED** without debate.

**L/203/15 STREET LIGHTING IN THE HOLLOWS LUCAN VILLAGE**

**MOTION (14): Item ID: 43734**

It was proposed by Councillor R. Nolan seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty:-

"That this Council agrees to rectify the lack of street lighting in The Hollows in Lucan village."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ**:

“It is assumed that the Motion refers to the lack of street lighting within the access and parking area behind the entrance gate to the estate "The Hollows".

This parking/access area has not been taken in charge by South Dublin County Council.”

The report was **NOTED** without debate.

**L/204/15 HGV’s ON SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY ROAD NETWORK**

**MOTION (15): Councillor G. O’Connell Item ID: 43739**

"As a follow up to my motion passed at the December 2013 LAC, and subsequent ones including November 2104, and given the agreed policy on the Mobility and Management of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) on South Dublin County Road Network, the subsequent review of weight restrictions that now include a weight restriction of 7.5 tonne on Kennelsfort Road and on the Estates between the R148 and Kennelsfort Road, the revised exclusion zone on Kennelsfort Road and the Chief Executives commitment to review the positon:

This committee now requests that the Chief Executive revisit the issue, as provided for in the Mobility and Management of Heavy Goods Policy adopted by this Council in 2013 and provide for:

(A) a restriction of 3.5 tonne on Kennelsfort Road Upper from the N148 to the entrance of Woodfarm Acres for the following evidence based reasons:

The Dublin City Council has installed a 3.5 tonne restriction on Ballyfermot Road and as both this road and Kennelsfort Road, are in effect the same road that meets at the County Boundary; as both feed into and serve traffic on the Coldcut Road which serves the Liffey Valley Town Centre, Fonthill Business Park, Park West and the Industrial/Business Estates in Clondalkin served by Cloverhill Road, it is imperative that both Ballyfermot Road and Kennelsfort Road have the same level of protection otherwise there will be (there already is) a huge displacement factor with Kennelsfort Road having to carry excessive and undesirable Heavy Goods Vehicle and Heavy (medium) Goods Vehicles traffic.

Kennelsfort Road is already carrying excessive levels of motorised traffic, mainly but not solely commuter traffic and increasingly Liffey Valley Town Centre Traffic (which will increase when the expansion of Liffey Valley Town Centre takes place) especially at peak times leading to serious congestion with attendant noise and air pollution and to an unacceptable level of safety hazards for residents, pedestrians and cyclists;

(B) by installing a barrier restricting barrier at the 18 Bus Terminus that will allow public vehicles but prevent Heavy Goods Vehicles and Heavy (medium) Goods Vehicles (C1 or C!+l) and permit cars and small vans of less than 3.5 tonne carrying capacity thus removing a significant percentage of the motorised traffic and attendant hazards from Kennelsfort Road. There are feasible alternative routes.

In seeking these restrictions, it should be noted that the houses on Kennelsfort Road with a current 7.5 tonne restriction are fronting onto Kennelsfort Road with consequential excessive motorised traffic, noise and air pollution due to the lack of a 'buffer' space, unlike the houses on Ballyfermot Road which are set well back from the roadway but have has a 3.5 tonne restriction/protection imposed by Dublin City Council.

Kennelsfort Road has four controlled pedestrian crossings reflecting the fact that it serves four crèches, two primary and one second level school with a combined young person population of in excess of 1500 children as well as an active and busy cemetery, a Public House and a significant Shopping Centre which incorporates the Post Office; Kennelsfort Road Upper is the distributor road for the residential estates of Woodfarm Acres (650 houses), Oak Court and Glenaulin Estates (600 houses), Palmerstown Court/adjacent residential by Shopping Centre (350 houses), Palmers Manor Estate (450 houses) and also provides access to Manor Road Shopping Area and Credit Union as well as to the 1300 homes between the R148 and Kennelsfort Road; all of which leads to it being extensively motorised and used by Senior Citizens, young persons and their parents and other pedestrians who arrive by Bus. 5. Kennelsfort Road has two cycle ways which promote this mode of transport even though the road is quite narrow, has two significant hill gradients and two serious bends and as such requires restricted vehicle flows which in accordance with the published Policy of this Council, and if permeability is to be promoted, should only allow for cars and light vans as in category B instead of the vans and small trucks allowed under (Category C1). Kennelsfort Road meets all the criteria set out in the Policy for a 3.5 tonne restriction.

(C) The current 7.50 tonne restriction on the Residential Estates between the R148 and Kennelsfort Road must be changed to a 3.5 tonne restriction. This is in keeping with Council policy. The facts speak for themselves; this is a high density residential area, built in the 1950s before progressive planning acts with two primary schools and very narrow roads. Again, if this Council is to seriously implement a coherent permeability policy it must improve the level of safety for pedestrians and cyclists within the area. The area qualifies for additional signage “for Cars only” as provided for in the Council Policy.

This Committee calls on the Chief Executive to initiate the necessary measures to install the above traffic restrictions on both Kennelsfort Road upper and the Estates between the R148 and Kennelsfort Road in accordance with the Mobility and Management of Heavy Goods Vehicles Policy of this Council and to bring a headed item to the May meeting of the Council on the matter."

The report was **MOVED** and **RE-ENTERED**

**Economic Development**

**L/205/15 QUESTIONS**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/206/15 Council owned land adjoining Lucan Educate Together for school parking drop off.**

**HEADED ITEM (11): Economic Development Item ID: 43566**

Ms. E. O’Gorman,A/Senior Executive Officer presented the followingreport:-

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“The area in question from the roundabout to the school has two owners, Tierra Ltd and the Council as indicated on the [**map**](file:///\\sdcc-file2\Share\BKENNY\Emer\Map%20for%20Headed%20Item%20%20March%20Lucan%20ACM\SDCC%20lands%20at%20Mount%20Bellew%20Way.jpg).  The Council owned site of circa one acre immediately adjoins the existing primary school.  The site is zoned residential and is one of very few potential ‘infill’ sites owned by the Council in the Greater Lucan area.

The sterilisation of this land through the provision of a drop off area for the school would greatly devalue this strategic site and would preclude it from being used in the future for infill housing at a time where identification of and provision of housing sites is a priority for this Council.

Therefore, it is felt that the provision of a drop off car parking area for the school is not an appropriate use of the Council’s asset.

The Council is currently involved in extensive upgrade work on the adjoining road network that will greatly enhance pedestrian and cycling routes to/from the school that should serve to reduce the need for car dependent travel in the future.”

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Following contributions from Councillors P. Gogarty, L. O’Toole, W. Lavelle, D. O’Brien, E. O’Brien, V. Casserly and R. Nolan and G. O’Connell the report was **NOTED.**

**L/207/15 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (12): Economic Development Item ID: 43703**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/208/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (5): Economic Development Item ID: 43704**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**Libraries & Arts**

**L/209/15 QUESTIONS**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/210/15 Library News & Events**

**HEADED ITEM (13): Libraries & Arts Item ID: 43705**

[**LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS**](../../ITEMS/March%2015/HI13%2043705%20LIB%20News%20&%20Events.doc)

The report was **NOTED** without debate.

**L/211/15 Application for Arts Grants**

**HEADED ITEM (14): Libraries & Arts Item ID: 43706**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/212/15 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (15): Libraries & Arts Item ID: 43707**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/213/15 CORREPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (6): Libraries & Arts Item ID: 43708**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**Corporate Support**

**L/214/15 QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Question numbers 17-19 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/215/15 PRIMARY CARE SERVICES IN LUCAN VILLAGE**

**QUESTION (17): Councillor W. Lavelle Item ID: 43752**

"To ask the Chief Executive to invite senior managers of the HSE to meet with this Committee to discuss the future of Primary Care Services in the Lucan Village area?"

**REPLY:**

If the question is approved an invite will issue to the HSE to meet with this Committee to discuss the future of Primary Care Services in the Lucan Village area.

**L/216/15 25a BUS FROM DOSSBORO LUCAN BEFORE 7am**

**QUESTION (18): Councillor R. Nolan Item ID: 43733**

"To ask the Chief Executive to write to Dublin Bus to enquire if they have reinstated the 25a bus from Dodsboro Lucan before 7am?"

**REPLY:**

We have been advised by Dublin Bus that the issue has been passed on to the relevant Area Manager to ascertain the possibility of such an extra resource being allocated to the Dodsboro Terminus.

**L/217/15 BURGLARIES IN LUCAN**

**QUESTION (19): Councillor R. Nolan Item ID: 43736**

"To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Gardaí requesting a report on the number of house burglaries in Lucan in the past twelve months and to indicate if certain estates are targeted more than others?"

**REPLY:**

If the question is approved a letter will issue to the Gardai and when a response is received the Councillor will be notified.

**L/218/15 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (16): Corporate Support Item ID: 43709**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/219/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (7): Corporate Support Item ID: 43710**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/220/15 Cathaoirleach's Business – extension to lucan community college**

**MOTION (16): Item ID: 43647**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty seconded by Councillor D. O’Brien:

"That this Committee - noting that Lucan Community College continues to receive a huge amount of applications each year from within its catchment area, far in excess of the maximum permitted number allowable by the Department of Education ability, causing huge stress on parents and children, most of whom live closer to this school than any other facility; and noting that the school has been seeking to build an extension for the last 10 years - calls on the Minister for Education to take a proactive approach in discussion with officials to sanction and fund the construction of an extension in the very near future, given that this will not in any way impact on attendance levels in other second level schools in the Lucan area as the school going population continues to rise."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“If the Motion is approved a letter will issue to the Minister for Education and when a response is received the Committee will be notified.”

Following contributions from Councillors P. Gogarty and V. Casserly, the report was **NOTED**.

**L/221/15 HEALTH SERVICE SERVICES AND WAITING LISTS IN THE LUCAN AREA**

**MOTION (17): Item ID: 43673**

It was proposed by Councillor V. Casserly seconded by Councillor W. Lavelle:-

"The Lucan Area Committee call on the Office of Area Manager, ISA Dublin South Central, Health Service Executive to present an up to date report on current levels of service for our area, to include all current waiting lists for assessments, and services required to the Lucan Area Committee at the nearest available date."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“If the Motion is approved a letter will issue to ISA, Dublin South Central, Health Service Executive and when a response is receive the Committee will be notified.”

The report was **NOTED** without debate.

**L/222/15 LUCAN AUTISM NETWORK**

**MOTION (18): Item ID: 43753**

It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle seconded by Councillor V. Casserly:-

"That this Area Committee:

- Expresses its support for the work of the Lucan Autism Network;

- Supports their call for increased provision of special classes for children with Austin Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in both primary and second-level schools in Lucan; and

- Calls on the National Council for Special Education & Minister for Education & Skills to ensure adequate provision of special ASD classes in Lucan, including in EVERY second-level school; and

* Extends an invitation to the local Special Education Needs Organiser (SENO) to meet with members of the Committee regarding this matter."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“If the Motion is approved a letter will issue to the National Council for Special Education & Minister for Education & Skills and an invitation extended to the Special Education Needs Organiser to meet with the members of this Committee.”

The report was **NOTED** without debate.

**Performance & Change Management**

**L/223/15 QUESTIONS**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/224/15 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (17): Performance & Change Management Item ID: 43711**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/225/15 CORRESPONDENACE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (8): Performance & Change Mgmt. Item ID: 43712**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**Water & Drainage**

**L/226/15 QUESTIONS**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/227/15 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (18): Water & Drainage Item ID: 43713**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/228/15 CORRESPONDENACE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (9): Water & Drainage Item ID: 43714**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**Public Realm**

**L/229/15 QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Question numbers 20-23 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/230/15 LIFFEY VALLEY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**QUESTION (20): Councillor P. Gogarty Item ID: 43630**

"To ask the Chief Executive why the Liffey Valley Management Advisory Committee meeting was not arranged for February as agreed by Councillors at the meeting, to outline when it will be arranged, given that I have been contacted by a Fingal Councillor wondering what the situation is and indicating that officials in Fingal are ready and waiting to proceed?"

**REPLY:**

No specific date for this meeting was agreed at the February 2015 Lucan ACM meeting. It is intended to arrange with Fingal County Council that a meeting of the Liffey Valley Management Advisory Committee be arranged as soon as possible and all parties involved will be given advanced notice of the proposed location, date and time.

**L/231/15 WORKS BUDGETED FOR WATERSTOWN PARK & GRIFFEEN VALLEY PARK**

**QUESTION (21): Councillor P. Gogarty Item ID: 43677**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeframe for the commencement and duration of the €180,000 works budgeted for Waterstown Park, Palmerstown and Griffeen Valley Park, Lucan respectively, including an indication of whether the Griffeen refurbishment will necessitate full or partial closure and if so, for how long?"

**REPLY:**

Both of these projects are at the design stage and it would be May 2015 at the earliest before a tender for them will be issued. In relation to the existing playground in Griffeen Valley: this will necessitate a complete closure of the facility and it is likely to be closed for at least 5 months.

**L/232/15 PLAY SPACED IN LUCAN/PALMERSTOWN AREA**

**QUESTION (22): Councillor E. O'Brien Item ID: 43644**

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the up to date status of all "Play Spaces" in the Lucan/Palmerstown area?"

**REPLY:**

The following is the Update on the Play Space Programme 2014 – 2018 for the Lucan Area Committee.

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| **2014 PLAY SPACE PROGRAMME** | |
| **Location** | **Status** |
| Woodfarm Acres | No agreement possible. Substituted with Riversdale |
| Riversdale | Works complete, opened 20/03/15 |
| Griffeen Valley Park - Hayden’s Park | This went to tender in 2014 but no suitable tender applications were received.  It has since been redesigned in-house and is currently out to tender. |
| Hermitage Park   *Department of Children and Youth Affairs funding* | Works substantially complete and play space is open. Works to complete this play space includes tree and shrub planting which will be done in conjunction with local families in the coming weeks. |
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| **2015 PLAY SPACE PROGRAMME** | |
| Waterstown Park | Local support expressed at Community Council Meeting in June 2014. Local consultations underway. Design process commenced. |
| Griffeen Valley Park | Design process commenced |
| Sarsfield Park, Lucan | Consultation process has commenced with Residents Association |

**L/233/15 TREES ON KENNELSFORT ROAD**

**QUESTION (23): Councillor G. O'Connell Item ID: 43747**

"To compliment Council Management and staff for the tree planting on Kennelsfort Road and to ask if there is anything can be done to both protect the trees and to prevent cars from driving/parking over the soft ground around each tree. The trees are a huge asset but the ground is very unsightly and unfinished?"

**REPLY:**

The cost of retrofitting a physical barrier to prevent cars from driving or parking on the tree pits is prohibitive. The most appropriate way is to stop cars parking on the footpaths in the first place. Under the Roads Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997, the parking of a vehicle on a footpath, grass margin or a median strip is illegal. Residents who wish to report illegal parking should refer the matter to An Gardaí Síochána who have the powers to enforce the laws.

In the meantime arrangements will be made to top up any tree pits where soil levels are low.

**L/234/15 Update on the Play Space Programme 2014 – 2018**

**HEADED ITEM (19): Public Realm Item ID: 43824**

Mr. B. Sheehan, Senior Parks Superintendent and Mr. M. Hannon, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent presented the following report:

**Update on the Play Space Programme 2014 – 2018**

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Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle, G. O’Connell and P. Gogarty the report was **NOTED**.

**L/235/15 Public Realm Works Programme 2015**

**HEADED ITEM (20): Public Realm Item ID: 43828**

Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent presented the following report:

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| **CAPITAL PROGRAMME** | | |
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| **Location** | **Nature of Works** | **Est. Cost** |
| Griffeen Valley Park, Lucan | Surfacing and marking of sports centre car park | €50,000 |
| Griffeen Valley Park, lucan | Regional playground | €180,000 |
| Sarsfield Park, Lucan | Local playground | €20,000 |
| Waterstown Park, Palmerstown | Regional playground | €180,000 |
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|  |  | **€430,000** |
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| **Location** | **Nature of Works** | **Est. Cost** |
| Ballyowen Park | Surface Vehicle & pedestrian Entrances | 3,530 |
| Hermitage Park | Improve and widen paths in park. Upgrade entrance bollards to car park | 12,000 |
| Hermitage Park | Car park extension (Phase 1) | 15,000 |
| Esker Cemetery | Install new bunker and footpath upgrade | 10,000 |
| Lucan Demesne | Improvements to car park surface | 6,500 |
| Dispensary Lane, Lucan Village | Upgrade steps outside Health Centre | 10,000 |
| Palmerstown Woods | Upgrade entrance to Collinstown Park | 4,000 |
| Balgaddy Road / Foxborough Estate | Roundabout improvements | 7,000 |
| R136 Adamstown Link Road junction | Upgrade and landscape roundabout | 50,000 |
| Glenaulin Park | upgrade entrance at Glenaulin Green | 3,000 |
| Griffeen Valley Park | Upgrade Sports Centre entrance | 15,000 |
| Waterstown Park | Provide new entrance path from car park into park | 5,000 |
| Willsbrook Park | Boundary treatment | 14,000 |
| Woodford Park | Provide improved pedestrian entrance to open space | 5,000 |
| Castle Road | Roundabout improvements at Earlsford/Newlands | 15,000 |
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|  |  | **€175,030** |

Following contributions from Councillors G. O’Connell, the report was **NOTED:**

**L/236/15 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (21): Public Realm Item ID: 43715**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/237/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (10): Public Realm Item ID: 43716**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**Environment**

**L/238/15 QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Question number 24 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**L/239/15 GREEN DOG WALKERS**

**QUESTION (24): Councillor E. O'Brien Item ID: 43643**

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the number of "Green Dog Walkers" currently operating in the Lucan/Palmerstown area?"

**REPLY:**

To date 583 dog owners have made the Green Dog Walker pledge, of these 86 are from the Lucan electoral area.

Two groups in the Lucan electoral area have also promoted the scheme by handing out leaflets and/or running a Green Dog Walker stand.

**L/240/15 NEW WORKS**

**HEADED ITEM (22): Environment Item ID: 43717**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/241/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE (11): Environment Item ID: 43718**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**L/242/15 CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS – ILLEGAL SIGNAGE**

**MOTION (19): Item ID: 43680**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty seconded by Councillor D. O’Brien:

"That this Council adopts a 'zero tolerance' approach to illegal signage from estate agents, 'cash for cars' peddlers and other law-breakers, including stricter enforcements of legal, date-specific event posters and to clarify whether it is legally possible for the Council to legally remove estate agent signs posted along roads adjoining estates, especially when some of the companies involved fail to remove signs even after warnings and/or fines have been issued.

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“The Council enforces the provisions of the [**Litter Pollution Act 1997**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1997/en/act/pub/0012/print.html) in regard to illegal signage and fines are issued where possible.

Auctioneers Signs fall under the provisions of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended and the Planning & Development Regulations.  Such advertising signs are classified in the Planning & Development Regulations as “exempted development” thereby do not require planning permission. However there are conditions under which such signs must be displayed:

1. Only one sign can be displayed on the structure or land to which it refers,

2. The sign must not exceed specified measurements,

3. The sign must be removed within seven days after the sale, or letting.

No sign therefore, (directional or other) can be displayed at a distance away from the property to which it refers. Anyone wishing to erect such signs is required to make an application to the Planning Authority prior to the display of a sign.

In the event where businesses fail to remove signs, the Councils Public Realm Section arrange to do so.  With regard to repeat offenders it is our practice to initiate a Direct Prosecution against the Company.

It should be noted that a difficulty arises in identifying the owners of businesses which use a website address only.”

The report was **NOTED** without debate.

**L/243/15 ILLEGAL DUMPING AND FLY TIPPING**

**MOTION (20): Item ID: 43642**

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell:

"That this Committee acknowledging the current frequency of fly tipping and other illegal dumping activities along Tandy's Lane from the entrance to The Paddocks estate to Dodsboro Road agree increased cleansing operations along this stretch of road in an effort to kerb such activities."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“Staff working on Tandy's Lane are exposed to an increased occupational risk due to the narrow nature of the roadway, the number of blind bends and the volumes of traffic which use the roadway.  For these reasons, only limited sections of the road can be maintained and material can be safely removed while maintaining through flows of traffic.

To undertake a comprehensive cleanup of the road margins in a manner that minimises the exposure of staff to unnecessary risk, it is necessary to close the road to through traffic for a limited period of time to enable the cleanup to take place safely.

A temporary Road Closure permit has been applied for to facilitate the clean-up works.  The process to undertake a temporary closure necessitates the setting up of alternative routes and advertising.  It is expected that clean-up works will take place at the end of April subject to the temporary road closure permit being granted.”

The report was **NOTED** without debate.

**L/244/15 CLEANING OF BACK LANES IN PALMERSTOWN**

**MOTION (21): Item ID: 43742**

It was proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell seconded by Councillor D. O’Brien:

"That the Chief Executive bring forward a report on the cost to this Council of cleaning the Back Lanes in Palmerstown and that this Committee debate the feasibility and practicality of erecting CCTV at strategic locations in the Back Lanes of Palmerstown given the level of dumping of anti-social behaviour that regularly occurs in some rather than all of them."

The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**

“The type of material removed from the lanes in Palmerstown includes builders rubble, skip bags, bottles and cans, mattresses, household furniture, green waste televisions and domestic waste. Due to the variety and size of waste found, a number of methods are used to collect it.  This includes removal by hand, by JCB or by grab truck.

It is not possible to quantify the cost of waste disposal as the machinery used is shared between various work programmes and the waste collected is not segregated from waste collected at other locations in the County during the course of the day.

A number of factors must be taken into account when considered requests for CCTV.  These include suitability of location (including positioning of ESB supply), potential for vandalism and the availability of financial resources.

We will arrange for the Contractor to assess suitability and cost for these laneways.”

Following contributions from Councillors G. O’Connell the report was **NOTED**

The meeting concluded at 6.00pm.

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