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**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LUCAN AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Minutes of Lucan Area Committee Meeting dealing with Housing, Community, Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Water & Drainage, Public Realm and Environment held on 28th March 2017.**

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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  Senior Librarian  Senior Executive Engineer  Senior Executive Parks Superintendent  Executive Parks Superintendent  Senior Planner  Senior Executive Planner | L. Leonard, M. Maguire  B. Meenaghan  J. Kennelly  D. Fennell, M. Keenan, M. Hannon  L. Colleran  B. Keaney, N. Byrne  S. Duff |
| Administrative Officer  Staff Officer  Clerical Officer | S. Kelly, A. Byrne, B. Pierce  B. Reilly  A. Shaw |

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor L. O’Toole presided.

### L/158/17 - H1 Item ID: 53145 – CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF 28th February, 2017.

Minutes of Lucan Area Committee Meeting dealing with Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Planning, Transportation, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management and Corporate Support 28th February 2017**,** which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor E. O’Brien, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell and **RESOLVED**: “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 28th February 2017 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

[HI1 - Minutes](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=54986)

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| **L/159/17 - QUESTIONS** It was proposed by Councillor G. O’Connell, seconded by Councillor D. O’Brien and RESOLVED:“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Questions 1-26 be ADOPTED and APPROVED”HousingL/160/17 - Q1 Item ID:53088 – HOUSING STOCK Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien  "To ask the Chief Executive to please outline how many Part 5 homes will be coming into Council stock as a result of developments that are taken place and planning this year in the Lucan area, and outline the allocation procedures for these?"  **REPLY:**  Currently there is one development in the Lucan area which will yield social units under Part V of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended. The development is at Tullyhall, Lucan and will yield 6 social units.  All allocations will be in line with the Council's Allocation Scheme which includes priority cases. L/161/17 - Q2 Item ID:53193 – HOUSING IN LUCAN ELECTORAL AREA Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell  "To ask for a specific report on applications for housing in the Lucan Electoral Area and to include in the report the demand for one, two and three bed units."  **REPLY:**  The total number of applicants on the Housing List is 8,139 and 4,592 of these have expressed an interest in housing North of the Naas Road.  This breaks down as follows   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **SIZE REQUIRED NNR** | **NOS ON LIST NNR** | **% of NNR LIST** | | 1 Bedroom | 1429 | 31% | | 2 Bedroom | 1911 | 42% | | 3 Bedroom | 1128 | 24% | | 4 Bedroom | 124 | 3% |  L/162/17 - H2 Item ID:53121 – NEW WORKS New Works (No Business) L/163/17 - C1 Item ID:53122 – CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence (No Business) CommunityL/164/17 - Q3 Item ID:53183 – SWIMMING POOL Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty  "To ask the Chief Executive for an updated timescale since last month’s reply in relation to progress on the Lucan swimming pool project as well as consultation/briefing meetings with stakeholder groups as mentioned several times previously?"  **REPLY:**  The Design Team appointed by the Council met with the Chief Executive and Senior Management and based on their brief outlined a number of proposals for the pool in Lucan and explained these  in terms of cost and site opportunities and restrictions.  Following this meeting the Design Team were requested by the Chief Executive to look again at the options and report back again taking into account the budget and site available.  A meeting will be held with the Lucan Pool Campaign Group following provisional agreement on the findings. L/165/17 - Q4 Item ID:53112 – SWIMMING POOL Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle  "To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed update and timeline for the Lucan Swimming Pool project, along with latest drawings; and for a specific update on my request at the November meeting of this Committee for a consultation meeting with members of the #Pool4Lucan Campaign?"  **REPLY:**  The Design Team appointed by the Council met with the Chief Executive and Senior Management and based on their brief outlined a number of proposals for the pool in Lucan and explained these  in terms of cost and site opportunities and restrictions.  Following this meeting the Design Team were requested by the Chief Executive to review and detail design the options. They are to report back again taking into account the budget and site available.  A meeting will be held with the Lucan Pool Campaign Group as soon as is practicable. L/166/17 - Q5 Item ID:53113 – LUCAN SCOUTS/THE BUSH CENTRE Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle  "To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on engagement with Scouting Ireland and the 180th Lucan Scouts in relation to the planned redevelopment of The Bush Centre?  **REPLY:**  Initial discussions have been held with the 180th Lucan Scout Group when they attended a recent Community Grants Workshop. A meeting has been scheduled with the Community Services Department and the Scouts Group next week to discuss their proposals for the redevelopment of The Bush Centre. L/167/17 - Q6 Item ID:53206 – SWIMMING POOL Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole  "To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the swimming pool for Lucan and what are the plans to meet with representatives of the Pool campaign as agreed by this council?"  **REPLY:**  The Design Team appointed by the Council met with the Chief Executive and Senior Management and based on their brief outlined a number of proposals for the pool in Lucan and explained these  in terms of cost and site opportunities and restrictions.  Following this meeting the Design Team were requested by the Chief Executive to review and detail design the options. They are to report back again taking into account the budget and site available.  A meeting will be held with the Lucan Pool Campaign Group as soon as is practicable. L/168/17 - Q7 Item ID:53041 – SWIMMING POOL Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole  "Could the Chief Executive confirm what is the total amount spent to date on design costs towards the Lucan swimming pool from the agreed €450,000 allocated to this project?"  **REPLY:**  A design team were appointed by the Council and this consists of Architectural, Quantity Surveyor, Structural and Civil Engineering and Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Consultants.  Payment will be made on a staged basis to the consultants and to date payment of €11,685 has been made. L/169/17 - H3 Item ID:53123 – NEW WORKS New Works (No Business) L/170/17 - C2 Item ID:53124 - CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence (No Business) L/171/17 - M1 Item ID:53204 – ADAMSTOWN SPORTS/COMMUNITY HALL Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell, Councillor L. O'Toole, Councillor P. Gogarty seconded by Councillor R. Nolan:-  **Cathaoirleach's Business**  "Following the success of the many stakeholders meetings which took place in relation to Adamstown Sports/Community hall which resulted in the formation of **Adamstown Input Group** along with the various school community group, both now representing the residents and school community. This committee asks the Chief Executive to make plans for setting up of a new “Management Committee” for the Sports & Community hall similar to the ones already in place. This would allow for the community to make plans alongside the construction/building works of the hall."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "The Community Services Department will be looking into the formation of a Management Structure for this new community facility in advance of the building coming on stream. A meeting with DDLETB has been set up to discuss options and best practice in terms of management and resources. It is envisaged that a similar Management Structure as is in place for other pre-existing similar Community Facilities will be replicated for the new Adamstown building."  Following contributions from Councillors L. O’Toole, G. O’Connell and P. Gogarty, Ms. A. Byrne, Administrative Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.** L/172/17 - M2 Item ID:53086 – TIDY TOWNS Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien seconded by Councillor seconded by R. Nolan:-  "That this area committee calls on the Chief Executive to arrange a site meeting with Lucan Tidy Towns to discuss projects the Tidy Town would like to do this year and next. We also would like a report at the next area committee meeting to discuss the report and the councils plan to tackle the work in partnership with the tidy towns."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "South Dublin County Council's Community Section supports the work of Lucan Tidy Towns by liaising with relevant council departments on their behalf.  Meetings have been held with Lucan Tidy Town Committee including an onsite meeting to discuss the Village Green.   SDCC financially support Tidy Towns groups, including Lucan who received funding in 2016, covering insurance, planting programmes and the cost of the development of their 3 year plan 2017 to 2020.   So far in 2017 the group have received seed funding, with the opportunity to apply for a 2nd and 3rd round of funding later in the year.  **The following items have been raised through consultation with the group and have been sent to the relevant departments for discussion.**   1. Redevelopment of the centre green area in the village 2. Stone wall on Lucan Road toward N4 3. Grave yard behind Kenny’s and old cemetery 4. Buildings – Old School House Building 5. Rubbish, Grasscutting, tree pruning 6. Redundant poles   South Dublin County Council also support the South Dublin Tidy Towns Network, organising meetings and ongoing support and advice to the groups. In February 2017, a field trip to Skerries (Overall Winner 2016) which included representatives from Lucan Tidy Towns took place where they met with representatives of the winning group."  Following contributions from Councillor D. O’Brien, Ms. A. Byrne, Administrative Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**. TransportationL/173/17 - Q8 Item ID:53104 - Grangecastle Road/Woodies junction and Newcastle Road Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly  "To ask the Chief Executive to facilitate a comprehensive and widespread public consultation on planned NTA-funded proposals for both Grangecastle Road/Woodies junction and Newcastle Road?"  **REPLY:**  The Council intends to carry out modifications to the existing road layout on R136 (Outer Ring Road) and the R835 (Lucan Road) in the vicinity of Woodies in accordance with Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994.  The Council has convened a meeting with Woodville residents and elected members for the Lucan area for 23 March 2017 to outline how the Works will encroach on the northern edge of the open space in Woodville beside Lucan Road.  The Council is currently reviewing their options for the SUPERVALU and Hillcrest junctions on Newcastle Road and has put in place measures to carry out traffic counts at these locations to assist with this. The elected members will then be briefed on the outcome. L/174/17 - Q9 Item ID:53110 - TRAFFIC DELAYS ESKER ROAD Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly  "To ask the Chief Executive for a further update on the examination of measures to address traffic delays on Esker Road approaching the Newcastle Road signalised junctions as raised at the December 2016 and February 2017 meetings; including the proposal in the report on the question at the February meeting in relation to “an investigation of possible alternate methods of control?"  **REPLY:**  The investigation referred to is ongoing. L/175/17 - Q10 Item ID:53085 – VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME LUCAN Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien  "To ask the Chief Executive for an updated report on the village improvement scheme in Lucan village has the design for the village and for the weir been finalised and what is the timeframe for this work to take place?"  **REPLY:**   * **Lucan Village Green** - This has to undergo a revised Part VIII for this location since there is a design revision in progress. This Part VIII process is due to undergo preliminary consultation later on this year. * **Lucan Bridge Plaza** - A structural design engineer must be procured in order to finalise the design and tender documents for this scheme. This procurement is scheduled to commence during the summer.  L/176/17 - Q11 Item ID:53190 – PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS Proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien  "To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the number and location of all pedestrian crossings agreed to be installed by this area committee in the past 24 months and report on the installation of those pedestrian crossings?"  **REPLY:**  In 2015 it was proposed to install 2 no pedestrian crossings in each ACM area subject to suitable locations being identified. No such locations were identified but the equipment for the crossings was purchased and held in stock.  In 2016 it was again proposed to install 2 number pedestrian crossings in each ACM area. 52 pedestrian and vehicle counts were carried out and two locations have been identified as meeting the criteria. (Esker Road (Lucan ACM) and Meile an Ri (Clondalkin ACM)). Signalised pedestrian crossings were installed at these locations.  As so few locations were identified the Senior Engineer proposed to each ACM that locations be considered by the members for the installation of the remaining signals and several locations were suggested for consideration in each ACM area.  The locations in Lucan/ Palmerstown were  1) Foxborough Rd at Centra/ Bus Stop  2) Old Galway Rd Palmerstown at Community Centre  3) Leixlip Rd at Tay Lane  4) Chapel Hill near Liffey Bridge.  The locations were not in any order and were presented for comment/discussion with members free to suggest alternative locations  Following discussions the members agreed that the crossing be installed on the Foxborough Rd. The crossing was installed at this location and will be commissioned as soon as a connection to the ESB network is provided.  There are currently no further proposals for the installation of pedestrian crossings. L/177/17 - Q12 Item ID:53191 – AREA OUTSIDE EIRCOM EXCHANGE BUILDING Proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien  "To ask the Chief Executive to clarify if the area located outside of the Eircom exchange building on Esker Lane (adjacent to Anley Court estate) is in the charge of South Dublin County Council and if so to ensure that the area is properly marked to prevent cars being improperly parked in the area?"  **REPLY:**  This area is in charge of SDCC. The lining of the area should be addressed at a Traffic Management Meeting. L/178/17 - Q13 Item ID:52794 – 3.5T AT THE OVAL/WHEATFIELD ROAD Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell  "To ask for an update on the installation of the 3.5T restriction on the Oval/Wheatfield Road, the promised upgrading of related signage and if there has been a response from An Gard Siochana re the reduction of the restriction on Kennelsfort Road from 7.5T to 3?"  **REPLY:**  A response is awaited from the Garda Commissioner on the request for a 3.5 tonne limit on the estate roads between the Oval and the junction of Wheatfield Road/Kennelsfort Road.  Signage has been installed indicating the current weight restrictions. If the restriction is altered new signage will have to be provided.  A response is awaited from the Garda Commissioner in relation to the weight restriction on Kennelsfort Road. L/179/17 - Q14 Item ID:53195 – PALMERSTOWN VILLAGE RENEWAL Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell  "To ask the Chief Executive arrange a meeting with local stakeholders to begin the process of phase two of the Palmerstown Village renewal?"  **REPLY:**  The Village Initiative programme is currently engaged in completing our roll out of improvement schemes in the county which is up to the end of 2018.  The programme will be reviewed at that point. L/180/17 - H4 Item ID:53052 – ROAD SAFETY AT DODSBORO ROAD **Mr. J. Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer presented the following report:-**  **ROAD SAFETY AT DODSBORO ROAD**  "The planning permission, when implemented will involve re-alignment of a section of Dodsboro Road. This will greatly improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclists with the addition of new footpaths, cycle track and pedestrian lights.  The existing arrangement at Dodsboro Road/Woodview Heights is a safe crossing point for students from Hillcrest and the Paddocks to Scoil Mhuire incorporating pedestrian facilities at the traffic lights and a school warden.  It is intended to monitor the situation further to determine if other improvements are possible."  Following contributions from Councillors V Casserly, E. O’Brien, W. Lavelle and L. O’Toole, Mr. J. Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.** L/181/17 - H5 Item ID:53125 – PROPOSED DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads (No business) L/182/17 - H6 Item ID:53126 – NEW WORKS New Works (No Business) L/183/17 - C3 Item ID:53127 - CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence (No Business) L/184/17 - M3 Item ID:53200 – SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY OUTSIDE ADAMSTOWN SCHOOLS Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty:-  **Cathaoirleach's Business**  "That this Committee requests the Chief Executive to further examine the school road safety measures outside Adamstown schools on the Newcastle road and consider adding in a pedestrian crossing."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "The provision of a pedestrian crossing as requested will be examined."  Following contributions from Councillor L. O’Toole, Mr. J. Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.** L/185/17 - M4 Item ID:52773 – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN PALMERSTOWN 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 options for traffic management in Palmerstown Village (north of N4), including efficiency of access to the R148, noting the fresh concerns of local residents regarding the impact of the likely development of the former V Byrne site through either implementation of the current ‘live’ planning permission or any new planning application which may arise."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "SCOOT was implemented on the R148 in 2015. In early 2016 additional detection was installed in Palmerstown village which greatly increased the efficiency of the signals. Delays have been substantially reduced as a result.  The impact of the present or any new planning permission at the site at the R148/Kennelsfort Road Lower junction will have to be assessed and taken into consideration in accordance with the conditions of the planning permission."  Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle, G. O’Connell, P. Gogarty, Mr. J. Kennelly Senior Executive Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.** L/186/17 - M5 Item ID:53201 – LINK ROAD BETWEEN THE PADDOCKS & ADAMSTOWN Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell:-  "That this committee asks the Chief Executive for an update on the opening of the link road between the Paddocks and Adamstown and also to advise if there is a time frame for the proposed Long term Celbridge link road, considering there is no time frame indication given on the CDP plan."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "The provision of the link road between the Paddocks and Adamstown along with other future links is included in the approved SDZ. However, it is affected by/contingent on a number of other issues such as land ownership/sale, planning permissions, legal issues and phasing.  There is no definitive timeline for the opening of new roads. Funding has been sought under LIHAF for the delivery of the main infrastructure with Adamstown. Overall development is currently in Phase 2 of 13 Phases. The north south connection is due to be completed in this phase - possibly within 2 years.  The proposed link road from the Adamstown SDZ lands to the Celbridge Road (R403) is included in the County Development Plan 2016 -2022 as part of a 6 year road programme (Table 6.5). It is due to be delivered in Phase 5 of the Planning Scheme. There are no short term plans to commence this scheme."  It was **AGREED** to take Motion 10 in conjunction with the above Motion. M10 Item ID:53095 – ADAMSTOWN SDZ LANDS Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell:-  "That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to present a detailed report, for discussion, on the latest plans and timeframe for the opening of new roads on the Adamstown SDZ lands."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "There is presently no definitive timeline for the opening of new roads in Adamstown. Funding has been sought under LIHAF from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government for the delivery of the main road infrastructure within Adamstown. The delivery period for these projects is to be within the lifetime of the Action Plan for Housing i.e. to 2021. A decision on the application is expected at the end of March 2017.  Notwithstanding the LIHAF application, development is presently in Phase 2 within Adamstown. The north-south connection from Adamstown Drive to Adamstown Avenue (Loop Road 1) is to be completed within Phase 2. As construction has recommenced in Adamstown in recent times, it is anticipated that the likely delivery timeframe for this road would be within the next 1-2 years, if not earlier. The remaining main road networks are to be provided between Phases 4-7 of the Planning Scheme. Flexibility within the Planning Scheme allows for infrastructure to be delivered ahead of schedule if required."  Following contributions from Councillors L. O’Toole, W. Lavelle, G. O’Connell and P. Gogarty, Mr. B. Keaney, Senior Planner responded to queries raised and it was **AGREED** to restart the steering group to keep members updated on progress and the report was **NOTED**. L/187/17 - M6 Item ID:52972 – SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG LUCAN ROAD Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle seconded by Councillor V. Casserly:-  "That this Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to prioritise low-cost road safety improvements along Lucan Road during 2017 in a bid to improve safe walking and cycling routes to the five schools in the Lucan Road/Chapel Hill area; including examining:  - Provision of improved kerbing and guard-railing (at narrowest footpath locations) along the footpath on the northern side of Lucan Road;  - Improvements to the footpath surface and kerbing in the vicinity of the pedestrian crossing and island at the top of Chapel Hill;  - A more stringent enforcement approach to the parking of vehicles ‘for sale’ on footpaths along Lucan Road;  - Provision of addition safe drop-off spaces outside St. Mary’s Boy NS so as to provide an alternative to unsafe parking on footpaths."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "It is considered that there is sufficient guard railing in place on the northern side of Lucan road.  The footpath and kerbing are in good condition although the kerbing is low in the vicinity of Chapel Hill.  There are no plans for footpath improvements in this location for 2017 (see H-I (9).  In relation to the parking of vehicles for sale on the footpath, this is an offence under Section 36 (2) (i) of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997. It will be referred to An Garda Siochana for enforcement.  The issue of providing additional "drop off space" outside St. Mary's Boys NS will be investigated. However, the possibility of providing a small length of space for this purpose will only have a minor impact on the overall extent of parking on footpaths here at school times."  Motion 6 was **MOVED** without Debate. L/188/17 - M7 Item ID:53202 – ROAD SAFETY MEASURES NEWCASTLE ROAD Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell:-  "Following the issue I raised in November (51619) and the agreed proposals of road safety measures along the Newcastle road leading into the club house / car park that this committee asks the CE for an update on these measures."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "On further examination it is not possible to implement the measures referred to as some are not in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual - removal of the bus-lane arrows and installation of "Yield" markings.  It is intended to provide the "Keep Clear" markings as proposed."  Following contributions from Councillor L. O’Toole, Mr. J. Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**. PlanningL/189/17 - Q15 Item ID:53150 – PLANNING FEES Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty  "To ask the Chief Executive to explain how planning fees are assessed in relation to applications for permission and retention in domestic dwellings that are being constructed for charitable purposes, what leeway or discretion exists in terms of assessing such fees at a reduced rate and/or waiving same, such as in relation to (SD16B/0382) given the circumstances involved; and if a statement can be made on the matter?"  **REPLY:**  Condition 10(ii) of South Dublin County Council Development Contribution Schemes states the following:  The first 40sq metres of a permitted first extension (including garages, conversion of attic to habitable areas) to a residential or a non-residential development shall be exempted (subsequent extensions or extensions above 40 square metres to be charged at the applicable rate per square metre).These exemptions will not apply to development for which retention permission is sought.  Therefore the exemption in respect of the first 40 square metres of an extension to a dwelling does not apply to retention applications.  Condition 10(xix) of the schemes states the following:   1. Development in receipt of a disabled persons grant shall be exempt; It is the Council policy not to comment on individual planning cases in the area committee forum but we are aware of the circumstances in respect of the planning permission quoted above and will all we can do to assist the applicants in this matter.  L/190/17 - Q16 Item ID:53114 – WEIRVIEW COTTAGES Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle  "To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed update on this Council's engagement with Fingal County Council (as confirmed by the Director in response to item 6b at the February Council meeting) in relation to an examination of options to protect the landscape character of the River Liffey Valley to the west of Lucan Bridge, including the areas on top of and to either side of the cliff to the rear of Weirview Cottages?"  **REPLY:**  A letter has been sent to Fingal County Council in relation to this matter. Once Fingal County Council respond to this matter it will be communicated to the members of the Lucan Area Committee. L/191/17 - Q17 Item ID:53196 – LIFEY VALLEY MONITORING COMMITTEE Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell  "To ask the Chief Executive for a definite date when the Liffey Valley Monitoring Committee will meet?"  **REPLY:**  The governance arrangements for the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO), and consequently role of the Liffey Valley Monitoring Committee, are under review as previously advised in September 2016. Consideration of the issue is ongoing within South Dublin County Council and discussions have been undertaken under Fingal County Council to ascertain the most suitable approach taking into account the nature of the SAAO area and the SAAO Order. A meeting will be convened with the members in South Dublin County Council and Fingal County Council to outline a preferred course of action and define the agenda and workings of the Committee. L/192/17 - H7 Item ID:53128 – PLANNING FILES **Planning Files  A. Large Applications Under Consideration**  **FILE DISCUSSED**: SDZ17A/0001  **LOCATION**: Tobermaclugg Village Area, Adamstown, Co. Dublin.  **COMMENTS**: Councillor W. Lavelle commented on this application.    **B. Files Requested by Members**  **FILE DISCUSSED**: SDZ17A/0001  **LOCATION**: Tobermaclugg Village Area, Adamstown, Co. Dublin.  **COMMENTS**: Councillor W. Lavelle commented on this application.  **FILE DISCUSSED**: SD16A/0306  **LOCATION**: Lock Road/Newcastle Road (R120), Finnstown, Lucan, Co. Dublin.  **COMMENTS**: Councillor W. Lavelle commented on this application.  **FILE DISCUSSED**: SD16A/0299  **LOCATION**: St. Thomas' JNS & Scoil Aine Naofa NS, Esker, Lucan, Co. Dublin  **COMMENTS**: Councillors W. Lavelle, P.N. Gogarty and L. O’Toole supported this application.  **FILE DISCUSSED**: SD16A/0245  **LOCATION**: Unit, 1A, Rosse Court Way, Balgaddy, Lucan, Co. Dublin  **COMMENTS**: Councillors R. Nolan, V. Casserly and W. Lavelle objected to this application. L/193/17 - H8 Item ID:53129 – NEW WORKS New Works (No Business) L/194/17 - C4 Item ID:53130 - CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence (No Business) L/195/17 - M8 Item ID:53199 – ADAMSTOWN TRAIN STATION Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty:-  "Following the increased usage of residents now using the Adamstown train station a number of issues have been identified with the Car Park that exists (see email received on file). This committee asks the Chief Executive to consider examining the existing car park facility at Adamstown train station with a view to relocating it which would ensure the necessary safety measures that are now identified be put in place."  (Email from resident in Paddocks highlighting the issue on file. “I am writing to you in relation to the parking at Adamstown railway station. I have been a user of this service for a number of years and have parked in the spaces beside the train as opposed to the car park. This is due to a number of factors. 1. The proximity of the car park to the station. 2. The lack of lighting in the area 3. The secluded location of the car park which is out of sight for people parking their cars at the station. There is no line of sight to anyone's vehicle at any time. Could a suggestion be made to use the vacant land for parking directly opposite the station? This would be very beneficial for users and also increase the users of the service from Adamstown to city centre, hopefully taking some pressure off the already over loaded bus service in Lucan. I have previously been a user of the luas at the red cow park and ride. This facility works due to its closeness to the actual luas stop itself. It is served and maintained well and all vehicles can be seen from the luas itself.”)  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "The existing park and ride facility at Adamstown was provided on a temporary basis until such time as the permanent park and ride facility was delivered at the District Centre (i.e. opposite the existing train station). Permission was granted in 2008 for Phase 1 of the District Centre which included the permanent car park and ride facility. This permission however was never constructed and has since expired.  The permanent park and ride facility is a requirement of Phase 7 of the Adamstown Planning Scheme 2014. There is presently no anticipated timeframe for the delivery of the permanent park and ride facility above and beyond the phasing requirements of the Planning Scheme."  Following contributions from Councillors L. O’Toole and W. Lavelle, Mr. B. Keaney, Senior Planner responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**. L/196/17 - M9 Item ID:52729 – LIFFEY VALLEY TOWN CENTER LAP Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly seconded by Councillor W. Lavelle:-  “That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to present a report, for discussion, on the future viability of the current Liffey Valley Town Centre LAP in light of Bord Pleanala’s decision this month to refuse permission for a major expansion to the Liffey Valley Centre noting the ruling of Bord Pleanala that the proposed development will “have a negative impact on the operation and safety of the strategic road network in the area, in particular the N4 and M50 and important junctions, and on the local road network accessing the site, thereby creating serious traffic congestion, and considers that the proposed development would be premature pending resolution of this matter.”  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "The Liffey Valley Town Centre Local Area Plan (LAP) was adopted in 2008 and extended in 2013 until March 2018. The LAP is still the relevant statutory plan for the Liffey Valley Retail site. The County Development Plan 2016-2022 (Development Plan) was adopted in June 2016. Policy R2 of the Development Plan supports the level 2 retail function of the Liffey Valley Shopping Centre and includes R4 Objective 4 ’To prepare a Local Area Plan for the Liffey Valley Major Retail Centre with reference to the retail warehousing zone at the adjoining Fonthill Industrial Estate'. The LAP will be reviewed once the Liffey Valley Town Centre LAP expires.  In February 2017 An Bord Pleanála refused planning permission for a mixed leisure, entertainment, commercial and retail extension to the existing Liffey Valley Centre. Planning permission was refused on the grounds that the Board was not satisfied on the basis of the information submitted by the applicant that there would be sufficient public transport infrastructure available to enable patrons to access the Liffey Valley Centre without recourse to the private car. As a result the applicant was not able to demonstrate that the proposed development would not result in serious traffic congestion and have a negative impact on the operation and safety of the strategic road network in the area, in particular the N4 and M50, and on the local road network.  Any future planning application for a similar type of development will have to address and overcome An Bord Pleanála reason for refusal."  Following contributions from Councillor V. Casserly, Mr. B. Keaney, Senior Planner responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.** L/197/17 M11 Item ID:53192 – MILL LANE PALMERSTOWN Proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole:-  "Noting the resurfacing work approved for this year on the Mill Lane in Palmerstown and noting the ongoing efforts of the Meithil and Pink Ladies amongst others, that this area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to assist in continuing works to preserve the Mill Lane cemetery in particular stone-masonry required to preserve the archways at the entrance to the cemetery."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "St. Catherine’s Church, Mill Lane, Palmerstown was detailed in and has been included in the work programme for 2017 under Architectural Conservation Projects for Council owned structures. This project is being managed by the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer and funded by Land Use Planning and Transportation Dept. as part of the on-going architectural conservation projects.  Conservation contractors commenced on site Monday 6th March 2017 and the local and community groups/key holders were informed of their commencement. Works are being done as part of phase two works identified under the condition assessment and specifications completed in 2015 by a consultant conservation engineer. The following works are being completed under this scope of works by a suitable conservation contractor; Completion of further re-pointing works to the perimeter wall including the stone piers (entrance to the graveyard); repointing and repairing any loose capping, repair and rebuilding sections of the church gable, repointing the church structure where required, removing any vegetation and inserting a lime flaunching to the top of the church walls and removal of graffiti.  Works are progressing really well and the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer will continue to inspect the works regularly until completion."  Motion 11 was **MOVED** without Debate. L/198/17 - M12 Item ID:53105 – PLANS / ST. THOMAS NS & SCOIL AINE NAOFA Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly.  "That this Committee expresses its full support for revised plans submitted by St. Thomas NS & Scoil Áine Naofa - Planning File No: SD16A/0299."  Motion 12 was **MOVED** and **RE-ENTERED** Economic DevelopmentL/199/17 - H9 Item ID:53180 – NEW WORKS New Works (No Business) L/200/17 - C5 Item ID:53181 - CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence (No Business) L/201/17 - M13 Item ID:53182 – KISHOGUE RAIL STATION Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole:-  "That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive:   * To report on any requests from Irish Rail to enter negotiation in relation to the leasing or acquisition of council-owned land adjacent to Kishogue Rail Station for the purposes of formalising, repairing and opening of the car-park and access road to the station; * To contact Irish Rail with a view to inviting them to urgently enter negotiations for the leasing or disposal of the necessary lands at an affordable albeit reasonable price; * To write to both the Minister for Transport and the National Transport Authority with a request that they support and fund the leasing or acquisition by Irish Rail of lands from the Council along with provision of funding for necessary repairs works to the car-park and access road."   **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  To date there have been no requests from Irish Rail to enter into negotiations in relation to the leasing or acquisition of council owned land adjacent to Kishogue Rail Station.  The land adjacent to Kishogue railway station is not in Council ownership and the location of the current surface car park and temporary access road is located on land currently registered to Shelbourne Developments Ltd. on foot of a land transfer agreed by S 183 in November 2006.  . It is understood that a licence was issued to Irish Rail during construction of the station to build the temporary car park and temporary access road. In accordance with a later agreement the Council are currently seeking the re-transfer of the property, including the area subject to the licence, into Council ownership.  A proposal to provide 350 park and ride spaces for Kishogue station as part of a larger development on adjacent lands was granted permission under SD09A/0149 but did not progress due to the economic downturn.  The location of the permanent car park for Kishogue railway station in the Rail Order was located on land to the South of the train station and formed part of the Rail Order acquisition.  This Council has written to the Minister of Transport as requested by the members and his reply states that a review will not be carried out until late 2017 - 2018 as to the viability of opening the station prior to development of the surrounding lands.  Following contributions from Councillors E. O’Brien, L. O’Toole, W. Lavelle, G. O’Connell and P. Gogarty, Ms. B. Pierce, Administrative Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**. Libraries & ArtsL/202/17 - H10 Item ID:53144 – LIBRARU NEWS & EVENTS Ms. B. Meenaghan, Senior Executive Librarian presented the following report:-  Library News & Events  [HI 10 - Library News & Events](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55282)  The report was **NOTED.** L/203/17 - H11 Item ID:53131 – APPLICATION FOR ARTS GRANTS Application for Arts Grants (No business) L/204/17 - H12 Item ID:53132 – NEW WORKS NEW WORKS (No Business) L/205/17 - C6 Item ID:53133 - CORRESPONENCE Correspondence (No Business) L/206/17 - M14 Item ID:53188 – RUAILLE BUAILLE Proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole:-  "That this Area Committee, noting the continued success and growth of the "Ruaille Buaille" music festival in partnership with South Dublin County Council, agrees to augment the facilities available to the organisers of the festival including making refreshments such as tea and coffee available and other facilities which might enhance the experience of visitors to the festival."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "As producers of this festival, the Arts and Libraries Service strives to improve the festival content and the facilities offered to families each year at the Ruaille Buaille festival in Griffeen Park. In 2017, the festival will introduce an early-years tent for parents and children under 7 years, in addition to the main festival tent.  Venders will be invited to provide refreshments at the festival so that those attending will have a more comfortable experience and stay longer at this day-long event.  The event manager has been put in touch with Parks Events and advised on the Council’s regulations for venders. Expressions of interest will be sought by the event manager from vendors who can provide these refreshment services during the Ruaille Buaille festival event in Griffeen Park."  Following contributions from Councillor E. O’Brien, Ms. B. Meenaghan, Senior Executive Librarian responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**. Corporate SupportL/207/17 - Q18 Item ID:53210 – DUBLIN BUS ROUTE 25A & B Proposed by Councillor R. Nolan  "To ask the Chief Executive has any response been received from Dublin Bus on the 25a and 25b bus in regard to more busses prior to 9.00am?"  **REPLY:**  Following a question at the February Lucan ACM, an email was issued to Dublin Bus and NTA on 13th March 2017 looking for an update on the review of these busses.  To date no reply has been received. L/208/17 - Q19 Item ID:53208 – ONLINE PORTAL Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole  "To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of residents using the online portal from the Lucan and Palmerston area and to comment of the successfulness since its introduction?"  **REPLY:**  There are currently 274 registered and “active” users on the council's consultation portal. This is a hub for all consultations underway in the county and there is no facility to extract or analyse registered users on the basis of address or area for public consultations.  As part of the 300K- Have Your Say Initiative, there is a facility in the survey module to ask members of the public/groups to indicate if they are from the Lucan. Adamstown or Palmerstown Area. When the survey is closed, we will be able to provide information on the breakdown of submissions from each of these areas for this initiative. L/209/17 - H13 Item ID:53134 – NEW WORKS New Works (No Business) L/210/17 - C7 Item ID:53135 - CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence  **Kishogue Train Station**  [C7a - Reply from Irish Rail](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55292) [C7b - Reply from NTA](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55293) The Correspondence were NOTED.L/211/17 - M15 Item ID:53207 – DUBLIN BUS – OUTER RING ROAD Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole seconded by Councillor R. Nolan:-  **Cathaoirleach's Business**  "That this committee asks the Chief Executive to advise on feedback from Dublin Bus following previous requests for the introduction of Bus route along the Outer Ring Road."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "Following previous correspondence in relation to the introduction of a bus route along the Outer Ring Road, Dublin Bus confirmed that their main concentration for the Lucan Area is on improving the service on the Lucan Road and surrounding area.  However, they will investigate the provision of a service on the Outer Ring Road again in about 6 months.  All final decisions in relation to new bus routes rests with the National Roads Authority."  Following contributions from Councillor L. O’Toole, Ms. L. Leonard, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**. L/212/17 - M16 Item ID:53090 – FREE PARKING AT TALLAGHT HOSPITAL Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien seconded by Councillor R. Nolan:-  "This Area committee write to the management of Tallaght Hospital to ask that every efforts is made to ensure free car parking is provided for cancer patients or a designated family member or carer during their treatment."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  If the motion is passed a letter will be written to the Management of Tallaght Hospital in this regard.  Following contributions from Councillors R. Nolan and D. O’Brien, Ms. L. Leonard, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.** L/213/17 - M17 Item ID:53108 – SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY CLASSES IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly seconded by Councillor W. Lavelle:-  "That this Committee calls on the HSE, Minister for Health and Minister of State for Disabilities to make provision for necessary clinical support to allow for the establishment of dedicated Speech-and-Language Therapy Classes in primary schools, including at St, Thomas NS, Esker and Scoil Mhuire, Woodview Heights; and to ensure inclusion of this objective in the next HSE Service Plan."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "If the Motion is passed, the relevant agencies will be contacted in this regard."  Motion 17 was **MOVED** without debate. L/214/17 - M18 Item ID:53209 – SPEECH AND LANGUAGE TEACHER Proposed by Councillor R. Nolan seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty:-  "That this committee write to the Minister for Education requesting a Speech and Language teacher for Scoil Mhuire in Airlie Heights."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "If the motion is passed a letter will issue in this regard".  Following contributions from Councillors R. Nolan and D. O’Brien, Ms. L. Leonard, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.** L/215/17 - M19 Item ID:53092 – WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS ISSUES IN COMMON BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT AREAS Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien seconded by Councillor R. Nolan:-  "That the Chief Executive arrange to set up a working group with councillors from Lucan and Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District, South Dublin County Council and Kildare County Council, to discuss issues common to both area's."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "If the motion is passed, the request will be listed for discussion at the next CPG Meeting as it involves a change to the Council's Standing Orders."  Following contributions from Councillors D. O’Brien and L. O’Toole, Ms. L. Leonard, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.** Performance & Change ManagementL/216/17 - H14 Item ID:53136 – NEW WORKS New Works (No Business) L/217/17 - C8 Item ID:53137 - CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence (No Business) Water & DrainageL/218/17 - Q20 Item ID:53186 – SEWAGE MAINS IN TUBBER LANE Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty  "To ask the Chief Executive for a progress report on upgrading mains sewage for three houses listed in Tubber Lane (Ref membersrep 1218451), especially with potential opportunities provided by housing works now commencing in Tubbermaclug nearby, as residents had a phone call from the Council in November but have heard nothing since; and if a statement can be made on the matter?"  **REPLY:**  Irish Water have established a Local Representatives Service Desk which is committed to giving speedy responses to Elected Officials. This Service Desk can be contacted at [localrepsupport@water.ie](mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie) or at 1890 178 178  As this query relates to the foul network, it should be directed to the Irish Water Public Representative System for reply. Irish Water would then need to do a feasibility study to determine if levels would allow for the connection of these dwellings to the existing 225mm diameter gravity foul sewer on Tubber Lane. It would be helpful if you could include in your request a map showing the location of the houses concerned.  Alternatively the customers can submit a Pre-Connection Enquiry directly to Irish Water for consideration. Details can be found on the Irish Water website <https://www.water.ie/connections/> or by email at [newconnections@water.ie](mailto:newconnections@water.ie) L/219/17 - H15 Item ID:53138 – NEW WORKS New Works (No Business) L/220/17 - C9 Item ID:53139 - CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence (No Business) Public RealmL/221/17 - Q21 Item ID:53187 – GOALPOSTS ON GREEN SPACES Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty  "To ask the Chief Executive if the Council is responsible for taking down goalposts on green space areas (such as Hillcrest, Beech Park and Oak Court), whether they can be reinstated, and whether such requests come from clubs or residents and what is being done to counterbalance desires by young people in particular for casual kick-a-bouts arranged with friends during term times and in the brighter evenings?"  **REPLY:**  The Public Realm Section manages a total of 162 pitches throughout the county. At all times it endeavours to maintain the pitches in a playable condition within the resources available. The various sports clubs pay a fee during the allocation process and in return they expect a pitch which they can play on regularly. It is therefore important that the focus of meeting the clubs reasonable expectations are met.  With the advent of portable goal posts some clubs have approached the Council and requested that the fixed goal posts are removed to ensure that the goalmouths are not damaged by casual use. Unfortunately damage caused by casual use is to the detriment of the club who are allocated the pitches in question. The goal posts were removed from Beech Park following a request from the club but were subsequently reinstated a year later following a further request from the club. The goal posts on the open space at Oak Court were removed over 5 years ago as the location was considered to be unsuitable at the time for a football pitch. The goal posts were removed from Hillcrest following a request from the club. The area was being used for younger players who made use of smaller sized portable goal posts. The larger posts were no longer required and were in the way.  While posts may be absent from a small number of pitches in the area, the pitches are still available for informal kick about by all park users. L/222/17 - Q22 Item ID:53111 – TREE PRUNING & REMOVAL IN BALLYDOWD GROVE Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle  "To ask the Chief Executive to include tree pruning and removal in Ballydowd Grove in the next whole-estate tree maintenance programme?"  **REPLY:**  Ballydowd Grove is being prioritised for a programme of tree maintenance works as part of the 2018 Tree Maintenance Programme.  In advance of works being carried out, a full survey of all of the trees in the estate will be undertaken to inform the scheduling and programme of works for all trees that are identified as requiring maintenance. L/223/17 - Q23 Item ID:53089 – WALKTHROUGH BETWEEN CASTLE RIADA DRIVE & MOY GLAS LAWNS Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien  "To ask the Chief Executive for an updated report on the motion below passed by this Committee and ask why this walkthrough has not been closed off by now. (Oct15 - 46423) Lucan ACM?"  ("That this committee agrees that the Council should inspect and take action at the unofficial walkthrough between Castle Riada Drive and Moy Glas Lawns as this location is the site of significant anti-social behaviour, illegal dumping and dangerous fires. The walk through is on land that is the responsibility of public realm.")  **REPLY:**  As reported under [Motion 3](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=53247) at the ACM in September 2016 “it is not proposed to fence off this gap however with some minor intervention, the natural vegetation is slowly colonising this area which over time should help prevent access. This has taken place successfully on the top part of the esker and it may be possible to achieve a similar outcome at this location.”  The area will be examined to determine the extent of colonisation and further assistance provided if required. The colonisation process will be more successful if residents refrain from dumping green waste in the gap as has been the practice in the past. L/224/17 -Q24 Item ID:53098 – PLANTING OF TREES/ Proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien  "To ask the Chief Executive to clarify if re planting of trees/hedgerows will take place in Willsbrook Park during the current remedial works being carried out?"  **REPLY:**  There are no current plans to undertake replanting works in Willsbrook Park however the matter will be examined once the pruning, thinning and removal of trees and vegetation has been completed. The areas where vegetation was recently removed from will not be replanted. L/225/17 - Q25 Item ID:53189 – TREE MAINTENANCE IN LUCAN Proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien  "To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the current average lead time for the replacement of trees cut down by tree maintenance crews in Lucan area?"  **REPLY:**  In line with the Council's Tree Management Policy 2015-2020 'Living With Trees', the Council aims to ensure, subject to available budget resources, that every tree felled should be replaced to ensure that over the years, the County retains its tree stock for future generations.  However, it is not always practical or prudent to replace a tree in the same location or with the same species that was previously planted.  If a site where a tree was removed is considered suitable to support a new tree, the site is noted for future replanting. Because sufficient time needs to elapse to allow breakdown of residual underground root material, the process from removal to replanting may take up to 3-5 years. L/226/17 – HI16 Item ID:53294 – REPORT ON 2016 TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME **Ms. M. Keenan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent presented the following report:-**  **Report on 2016 Tree Maintenance programme**  “During 2016, the Council has had two full-time tree maintenance crews carrying out works, one operating primarily in areas north of the N7 and the other operating primarily in areas south of the N7.  In the period January – December 2016, tree maintenance involving tree pruning and removal, was carried out on just over 2,200 trees across the county. This figure includes tree maintenance works completed on over 500 trees in the Lucan and Palmerstown areas.  In line with the Council's Tree Management Policy 2015-2020 "Living With Trees", the focus of the 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme has been on entire roads or whole estates. This represents a move away from reactive pruning of individual trees on a one off basis to a planned maintenance programme. The objective of this approach is to increase the efficiency and productivity of the tree maintenance crews and advance a proactive programme of cyclical pruning targeting priority locations where intervention is most needed and where it will yield greatest community benefit.  In addition to the planned whole estate and road programme, reactive and emergency works are carried out on individually located trees as necessary in order to manage risks to the public. If a tree is identified as posing an immediate and present danger action will be taken to make the tree safe. Emergency works are also carried out where a tree is rendered hazardous as a result of severe weather conditions. An emergency is defined as a tree that is in immediate danger of collapse or causing an obstruction requiring urgent attention. Emergency and reactive tree works will normally take priority over the planned programme of tree maintenance works in estates and it must be recognised that there is consequent impact on progress with the planned programme. In the Lucan Area, emergency and reactive tree works were carried out on c.150 no. trees during 2016.  The following is a list of estates in the Lucan Area where a complete programme of tree maintenance involving removal or pruning of all trees that were identified as requiring works was carried out during 2016. In advance of commencing works within an estate or road, a full survey of all trees at the location is carried out to inform the programme and scheduling of tree pruning and removal works for all trees in the estate or road that are identified as requiring tree maintenance.  There are a small number of estates which were listed on the 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme where works remain outstanding for completion. These estates have been carried forward to the 2017 Tree Maintenance Programme and are being prioritised for completion as part of the ongoing programme of work.”  **Whole Estates Completed During 2016**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Estate / Road** | **Status** | | Airlie Heights | Crown lifting completed | | Ardeevin | Tree survey complete | | Ballyowen Estate | Tree survey complete | | Kew Park | Works Complete | | Liffey Estate | Works Complete | | Woodfarm Acres - The Coppice | Crown lifting completed | | Woodville | Crown lifting completed | | Woodview Heights | Crown lifting completed |  Following contributions from Councillors E. O’Brien, W. Lavelle and D. O’Brien, Ms. M. Keenan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries and the report was NOTED.L/227/H17 - Item ID:52859 – PROPOSED TREE MAINTENACNE PROGRAMME FOR 2017,2018 AND 2019 **Ms. M. Keenan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent presented the following report:-**  **Proposed Tree Maintenance Programme for 2017, 2018 and 2019**  “In line with the Council's Tree Management Policy 2015-2020 "Living With Trees", the focus of all future Tree Maintenance Programmes is on entire roads or whole estates. The objective of this approach is to increase the efficiency and productivity of the tree maintenance crews and advance a proactive programme of cyclical pruning targeting priority locations where intervention is most needed and where it will yield greatest community benefit.  The application of this more strategic and planned approach to tree maintenance commenced in delivery of the 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme. As a result, the efficiency of the Council’s tree maintenance operations has increased and public reaction has been generally positive.  In addition to the planned whole estate and road programme, reactive and emergency works will continue to be carried out on individually located trees as necessary in order to manage risks to the public. An emergency is defined as a tree that is in immediate and present danger of collapse or causing an obstruction requiring urgent attention. Emergency and reactive tree works will normally take priority over the planned programme of tree maintenance works in estates and it must be recognised that there is consequent impact on progress with the planned programme.  Currently, the Council has two full-time tree maintenance crews carrying out works, one operating primarily in areas north of the N7 and the other operating primarily in areas south of the N7. Provision has been made in the Council’s 2017 budget for setup of a third, full-time tree maintenance crew.  In order to further increase efficiency in planning and delivery of the Council’s tree maintenance service, a 3 Year Rolling Programme of Tree Maintenance is proposed for 2017, 2018 and 2019. This 3 year programme demonstrates further progress in developing a more strategic and planned approach to tree maintenance. The programme is informed and prioritised based on increased knowledge of the health and condition of our trees across the county and on cluster analysis of customer care enquiries as they relate to trees. In 2015 the Council commenced an ongoing baseline survey of street trees across the county and a tree management software system was purchased in early 2016. The recording of tree surveys and inspections into this tree management system is enabling the survey data to be queried and managed to inform the planning and prioritisation of estates for tree maintenance in a more effective manner. The proposed 3 year Programme of Tree Maintenance is a rolling programme to be reviewed annually and it will be published and regularly updated on the Council’s website [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie/) where it is can be easily accessed by elected members and members of the public.  In advance of commencing works within an estate or road, a full survey of all trees at the location is carried out to inform the programme and scheduling of tree pruning. The survey involves an assessment of each tree’s health and condition and identifies the maintenance required, if any. During 2017, as tree surveys are completed and in advance of works commencing in an estate or road, it is planned to publish on the Council’s website the locations and details of tree maintenance works to be carried out in each estate. This will enable elected member and residents to access the details of tree works planned for a particular location.  The proposed programme for 2017 includes a small number of estates and roads carried over from the 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme. These locations will be prioritised for completion as early as possible in 2017. Some of these locations are noted as having trees in close proximity or in conflict with overhead electricity wires. In such locations, the required tree maintenance works need to be undertaken by an ESB approved arborist suitably qualified in the specialist skills of utility arboriculture. The Council is currently preparing the procurement process to seek the services of a suitably qualified arborist to undertake these works during 2017.  The following is a list of whole estates and roads proposed for tree maintenance in 2017, 2018 and 2019:”  **Whole Estates carried over from 2016 to be prioritised for completion in 2017**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Estate/Road** | **Status** | **Notes** | | Airlie Heights | Tree survey to be completed | 64 trees crown lifted in 2016. | | Ardeevin | Tree survey complete. Works to be scheduled. | ESB wires | | Abbeywood | Tree survey to be completed |  | | Ballyowen Estate | Tree survey complete. Works to be scheduled |  | | Cherbury Park | Works complete |  | | Culmore Road | Tree survey to be completed |  | | Elmbrook Estate | Tree survey to be completed |  | | Hermitage Park Estate | Tree survey commenced |  | | Palmerstown Avenue | Tree survey to be completed |  | | Palmerstown Court | Tree survey to be completed |  | | Woodville | Tree survey to be completed | 102 trees crown lifted in 2016. | | Woodview | Tree survey to be completed |  | | Woodview Heights | Tree survey to be completed | 40 trees crown lifted in 2016. |   Commitments for tree maintenance of individually located trees carried over from 2016: no. of trees = 75  **Additional Whole Estates / Roads 2017**   |  | | --- | | Hillcrest | | Mount Andrew | | Riversdale estate – mature trees on open space area | | Willsbrook Park – trees categorised as Priority 1 in Arborist’s report |     **Whole Estates / Roads 2018**  **Estate / Road Name**   |  | | --- | | Ballydowd Grove | | Beech Park | | Bewley – mature trees on open space area | | Cluain Ri and Cluain Ri Park – mature trees | | Lucan Heights | | Palmerstown Lawn, Close and Green | | Palmerstown Woods | | St Andrews / The Fairways | | Sarsfield Park – mature trees | | Wheatfield Road |     **Whole Estates / Roads 2019**  **Estate / Road Name**   |  | | --- | | Cannonbrook | | Colthurst (to include Castle Road at estate entrance) | | Edmondsbury Court | | Foxborough Road and Avenue | | Lucan village | | Oakcourt | | Palmerstown Drive | | Roselawn | | Weston | | Whitethorn Following contributions from Councillors L. O’Toole and D. O’Brien, Ms. M. Keenan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries and the report was NOTED. |  L/228/17 - H18 Item ID:53147 – DESIGN FOR GRIFFEEN VALLEY PARK PLAYGROUND **Mr. L. Colleran, Executive Parks Superintendent presented the following report:-**  **Design for Griffeen Valley Park playground**  [HI19 Griffeen Valley Park Playground](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55326) Following contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle, D. O’Brien, P. Gogarty, R. Nolan and L. O’Toole, Mr. L. Colleran, Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was NOTED.L/229/17 - H19 Item ID:53140 – NEW WORKS New Works (No Business) L/230/17 - C10 Item ID:53141 - CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence (No Business) L/231/17 - M20 Item ID:52776 – RUNNIN TREK WITHING THE GRIFFEEN PARK & WILLSBROOK PARK Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole seconded by Councillor D. O’Brien:-  **Cathaoirleach's Business**  "That this Committee requests the Chief Executive to examine the possibility of designing a mapped out running trek within the Griffeen Park and Willsbrook park. The trek can be a mixture of pathway/grass/gravel, etc. Considering the amount of people that are now running and walking these treks would be a fantastic amenity at a low cost to the council and would help more people to be encouraged to take up walking or jogging.  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "A number of marked routes have been installed in parks throughout the County over the years. These would include iWalks, Orienteering routes, Slí na Sláinte routes, Maths Eye trails, Fairy trails etc. It has been the experience of the Public Realm Section that the routes attract a lot of attention initially after they are first installed. This attention tends falls off as the novelty factor dissipates.  Generally Griffeen Valley Park and Willsbrook Park are visited by local residents who are familiar with the network of paths.  This familiarity is further enhanced in Griffeen Valley Park by the Park Run which takes place there every Saturday morning at 9:30am over a 2.5km circuit. Details of the circuit can be found on the Park Run website which is linked [here](http://www.parkrun.ie/griffeen/course/). The Park is also used as a venue for primary schools cross country heats which take place there on three occasions each year. Willsbrook Park also plays a role in the cross country runs and is used as training location by a local school.  Given the high level of use within both park there are no current proposals to introduce marked running routes in these parks." Following contributions from Councillors L. O’Toole and D. O’Brien, Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was NOTED.L/232/17 - M21 Item ID:52779 – FUNFAIR AT GRIFFEEN VALLEY PARK Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly seconded by Councillor W. Lavelle:-  "That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to engage with An Garda Siochána to ensure the preparation and implementation of an appropriate policing plan for the next scheduled funfair at Griffeen Valley Park."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "As part of the tender agreement the operator of the funfair must have proposals for site management including litter control, site security, and liaise with An Garda Síochána on matters of traffic control, crowd control and dispersal of customers after closing time each day.  Prior to setting up the funfair the operator arranges and maintains contact with the local Garda Síochána to advise them of the proposed event and consult with them on matters of traffic control, parking and management of public order. Written confirmation and agreement of procedures and conditions in relation to these matters should be obtained from the Garda Síochána.  Following consultation with the Gardaí, the event operator shall be responsible for ensuring that there is no disruption to the normal flow of traffic, at the location involved.  South Dublin County Council also write to the local Garda Superintendent notifying him of the event and the dates."  Motion 21 was **MOVED** without debate. L/233/17 - M22 Item ID:52986 – UNOFFICIAL ACCESS BETWEEN HILLCRST AND THE PADDOCKS Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole:-  "That this Committee calls on the management of South Dublin County Council to immediately close off the unofficial access between Hillcrest open space and The Paddocks - as Public Realm has already agreed - on safety and antisocial behaviour grounds, pending a full discussion in the near future involving residents of Hillcrest and The Paddocks around this access or a suitable nearby alternative permeability, subject to final agreement of a plan that would include outlining the steps necessary to make such a link workable without any of the antisocial problems that are currently being reported on a regular basis, and taking into account the future housing development in this part of the Adamstown SDZ and potential expansion of the retail space in Lucan Shopping Centre."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "Arrangements are currently being made to close off the gap between The Paddocks and Hillcrest by the continuation of the existing fence." Following contributions from Councillors P. Gogarty, L. O’Toole and E. O’Brien, Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was NOTED.L/234/17 - M23 Item ID:53091 – GLENAULIN PARK Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole:-  "That the Chief Executive arrange a site meeting with Ballyfermot de la Salle to discuss and agree a work program as agree on this motion below.   |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 51604 | Councillor D. O'Brien | Lucan Area Committee | [Lucan Area Committee Meeting 29th November 2016](http://membersnet.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/Agenda/1481) | Motions | 16/11/2016 | | "That the Chief Executive assist Ballyfermot de La Salle GAA Club who play in Glenaulin park with the upgrades they are trying to get for the club.  1. They are looking for the path that runs behind the Goal at the changing room end to be moved closer to the goal so they can have a training area.  2. They are looking for the licensee agreement with SDCC regarding the lights on the changing room to be changed  3. They are looking to be allowed to put a sign up on the changing rooms" | | | | | |   **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "A meeting will be arranged with Ballyfermot de la Salle GAA club to discuss realigning the pitch to provide a training area.  The position in relation to lighting has not changed and is as set out in the report to the November 2016 meeting. The position is as follows:  “The use of lighting for evening/night time training leads to concentrated wear and tear on grass pitches and training areas. Where this activity takes place during the late autumn/winter/early spring months, it coincides with the poorest conditions for grass growth where daylight hours are short, rainfall levels and water tables are high, drainage is slow and ground temperatures are low. All of these factors impact adversely on the ability of grass to recover from excess wear and tear.  Any increased wear to grass surfaces at this time of the year results in the deterioration of the grass sward which in turn leads to ongoing problems such as loss of grass cover, compaction and weed growth throughout the rest of the year. Where grass playing surfaces are damaged at this time of the year, there is an increased probability that such surfaces will become unplayable for an extended part of the year. Where significant damage has occurred, they may have to be taken out of play completely for anything up to two years to enable repairs and recovery to take place.  For the reasons outlined above, the Council does not favour the use of lighting for evening/night time training on grass pitches or training areas in public parks.”  Ballyfermot de la Salle GAA club occupy the site and premises under a Management Licence from the Council. Any request to alter the licence or seek consents under the terms of the licence should be submitted by the club for the attention of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Department. The submission from the club regarding the proposed sign is still outstanding.  It is not possible to advise further on this issue at present." Following contributions from Councillor D. O’Brien, Mr. D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was NOTED.L/235/17 - M24 Item ID:53094 – PLAYGROUND AT GRIFFEEN VALLEY PARK Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole:-  "That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to present a detailed report, for discussion, on the progress with respect to plans to provide regional-scale playground at Griffeen Valley Park (replacement) and in Palmerstown."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "The report on Griffeen Valley Park is presented under Headed Item 20. The refurbishment of Griffeen Valley Park regional playground was listed in the capital programme for a number of years and the budgeted within the 2017 to 2019 rolling capital programme. It is intended to commence construction in 2017 as per the details submitted under Headed Item no. 20.  In relation to Waterstown Park; it has been previously indicated to the council that there is no budget available for a playground at this location."  Motion 24 was **MOVED** without debate. L/236/17 - M25 Item ID:52777 – ADDITIONAL BIN ALONG BALLYOWEN LANE AT WILLSBROOK ROAD Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty:-  "That the Chief Executive arrange to install an additional bin along the Ballyowen lane at the Willsbrook road end and if an update can be given on the Litter Policy specifically the "Big Belly" bins as discussed at the SPC."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "A report on the recently completed Litter Bin Review was presented and considered at the last EPR&CC SPC.  It was noted that Litter Bin numbers are increasing steadily as commitments to provide bins at new locations are being given and delivered on. Public Realm will continue to examine bin requests as they are received and determine the need for each individual request, including this request for Ballyowen Lane (at the Willsbrook Road end).  The SPC meeting also consider the viability of installing compactor (Big Belly) bins and it was noted that a ‘big belly bin’ was trialled some years ago in Tallaght where the bin was repeatedly vandalised and the trial deemed unsuccessful as a result. It was agreed that 2 Big Belly Compactor Bins will be piloted, one in Rathfarnham Park and another in a street / village environment, the location of which has not yet been determined." Following contributions from Councillor L. O’Toole, Ms. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the report was NOTED.L/237/17 - M26 Item ID:53107 – TREES IN ARDEEVIN DRIVE Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly seconded by Councillor W. Lavelle:-  "That this Committee requests that works to remove problematic trees which are causing damage to footpaths at Ardeevin Drive should take place at the same time as upcoming footpath repair works which have been agreed as part of the 2017 road maintenance programme."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "A survey of all the trees in Ardeevin estate has been completed to inform a programme of tree pruning and removals for the whole estate including Ardeevin Drive.  The majority of the trees in Ardeevin Drive are in close proximity or in conflict with overhead electricity wires. Consequently, the required tree maintenance works need to be undertaken by an ESB approved arborist suitably qualified in the specialist skills of utility arboriculture. The Council is currently preparing a tender to seek the services of a suitably qualified arborist to undertake these works as soon as possible.  Public Realm will liaise with the Council's Roads Maintenance section in regard to scheduling of the planned tree maintenance works having regard to the 2017 Road Maintenance programme."  Motion 26 was **MOVED** without debate. L/238/17 - M27 Item ID:52782 – ELECTRIC GATES AT ENTRANCE TO GRIFFEN PARK ON NEWCASTLE ROAD Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty:-  "This committee requests the Chief Executive to examine the possibility of installing electric gates at the park entrance of Griffeen Park on Newcastle road. The location is very busy with the increase in the number of various clubs now using the facilities."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "The automation of the gates to Griffeen Valley Park at Haydens Lane is included in the 2017 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme. There is no provision in the current programme to automate the Newcastle Road gates. These gates will be listed for consideration for inclusion in the draft 2018 programme however given the varied and irregular use of the car park in the evenings, it might not be possible to automate the gates. This mater will be explored further before a final decision is made."  Motion 27 was **MOVED** without debate. EnvironmentL/239/17 - Q26 Item ID:53115 – CLEAN UP OF DERELICT PROPERTY Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle  "To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed update on efforts to secure the tidy-up of the gardens at the abandoned and derelict property at No. 4 Abbeywood Close?"  **REPLY:**  It can be confirmed that the site at 4 Abbeywood Close, Lucan, Co. Dublin first came to the attention of Enforcement & Licencing on 24th August, 2016 when a petition from the Abbeywood Residents was delivered via the Environmental Health Section.  Notwithstanding that this is a difficult case, (as are most cases concerning dereliction) the Council continues to exercise the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act 1990 in relation to this property since September 2016.  A series of correspondence and formal notices have issued to the registered owners of the property and due process is required in relation to each notice.  This is a private house and therefore the care and maintenance is currently the responsibility of the registered owner.  The Council will continue to monitor the site, it is due for re-inspection again within due process, at the end of March. L/240/17 - H20 Item ID:53142 – NEW WORKS New Works (No Business) L/241/17 - C11 Item ID:53143 - CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence (No Business) L//17 - M28 Item ID:53194 – HORSES ROAMING ON NEWCASTLE ROAD Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole:-  "That action be taken to prevent horses from roaming on the Newcastle Road as they are a constant source of danger to traffic and local residents and that regular checks be carried out on this road to both remove rubbish that is constantly being dumped there and to prevent dumping."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "The Council received 4 separate reports of loose horses on the Newcastle Road this year to date, in all cases, the Horse Contractor attended the site given in the reports.  Up to 16th March, 2017 6 horses were seized and brought to the Pound.  There have been no further reports received regarding this area.  All complaints of loose horses should be reported promptly and directly to the Council to afford the South Dublin County Council's Horse Contractor the best chance of seizure.  Reports of sightings of loose horses outside of office hours should be made directly to the Gardaí.  When a report is received regarding loose horses, South Dublin County Council's Horse Contractor is informed and requested to attend the site and seize any loose horses.  The Contractor requires Garda assistance in a lot of these seizures for safety reasons".  Over the last twelve months, dated 1.3.2016 until 28.2.2017 South Dublin County Council have received 13 complaints with regards to illegal dumping/litter along various stretches of the Newcastle Road. All complaints received were investigated by the Litter Warden but no enforcement action could be taken due to lack of evidence, unwillingness of complainants to provide witness statement or difficulty in identifying the legal entity responsible.  Increasingly, it is found that no personal information relating to the polluter is contained within the dumped material with personal information having been removed or shredded.”  Motion 26 was **MOVED** without debate. L//17 - M29 Item ID:53203 – DOG LITTER BINS Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty:-  "That this committee asks the Chief Executive to look into the possibility of piloting dog litter bins throughout the Lucan and Palmerstown area. There is a growing demand for the need of dog bins placed at specific locations, these bins are used widely in parts of the country and would further enhance the area benefiting the community."  **The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:**  "A recent review of litter bins was initiated and reported to the recent SPC meeting, with a view to presentation at forthcoming Area Committee Meetings.  This review has concluded that the provision of dog litter specific bins would require a major change to the existing collection operation.  It is not Council policy to provide separate bins for separate types of waste and no change is proposed in that regard.  Every bin provided by the Council, of which there are in excess of 650, whether on street or in a public park is available for the disposal of light litter including dog waste and is considered the best approach.  Under [Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997,](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1997/act/12/section/22/enacted/en/html) where faeces has been deposited by a dog in any place to which the section applies, the person in charge of the dog shall immediately remove the faeces and shall ensure that it is properly disposed of in a suitable sanitary manner.  The Council provides dog litter bags directly to dog owners when they purchase a new dog licence and when they renew an existing licence and the Council also participates in the Green Dog Walker Programme.  The Green Dog Walkers Programme is a non-confrontational, friendly way to change people's attitudes about dog fouling.  It is a community based scheme where volunteers in the community can adopt and promote in their own area.  Members of the public can apply through Social Credits at [www.socialcredits.ie](http://www.socialcredits.ie)  Volunteers who become Green Dog Walkers are provided with an armband and bone shaped bag dispenser and commit to the following -   * wear the armband or put the Green Dog Walker collar on their dog when out walking * clean up after their dog * carry extra dog waste bags * be happy to be approached to lend a dog waste bag to those without * be a friendly reminder to other dog walkers to clean up after their dogs   Similarly, in an effort to tackle the combat the problem of dog litter dog owners can expect to see raised visibility of our warden service." Following contributions from Councillors L. O’Toole, E. O’Brien, D. O’Brien and P. Gogarty, Ms. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the report was NOTED. |
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The meeting concluded at 6.08 pm.

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