## **COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS****SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

##  **LUCAN AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

## Minutes of South Dublin County Council Lucan Area Committee Meeting dealing with Economic Development, Libraries, Corporate Support, Performance and Change Management, Public Realm, Environment, Water and Drainage, Housing, Community, Transport and Planning, held on 23rd May 2017.

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| **COUNCILLORS PRESENT** |
| Vicky Casserly |
| Paul Gogarty |
| William Lavelle |
| Ruth Nolan |
| Dan O’Brien |
| Ed O’Brien |
| Guss O’Connell |
| Liona O’Toole |

##  **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer

Tommy Kavanagh Head of Information Technology

Bernie Meenaghan Senior Executive Librarian

David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Mary Maguire Senior Executive Officer

Michael Hannon Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Richard Fitzpatrick Executive Environmental Scientific Officer

Chris Galvin Senior Engineer

Hugh Hogan Senior Executive Officer

Anne Byrne Administrative Officer

Willie Purcell Senior Engineer

Brian Keaney Senior Planner

Siobhán Duff Senior Executive Planner

Sheila Kelly Administrative Officer

Barbara Reilly Staff Officer

Tracey Hughes Clerical Officer

 Councillor L. O’ Toole presided as Cathaoirleach.

**L/314/17 - H1 Item ID: 53847 – CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF 25th APRIL 2017.**

Minutes of Lucan Area Committee Meeting dealing with Planning, Transportation, Libraries, Economic Development, Performance and Change Management, Corporate, Environment, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Community and Housing dated 25th April 2017, which have been circulated, were submitted and **APRROVED** as a true record and signed.

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr. L. O’ Toole, seconded by Cllr. R. Nolan and RESOLVED: “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 25th April 2017 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

[HI 1 - Minutes of April Meeting](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56077)

**L/315/17 – QUESTIONS**

The questions were proposed by Cllr. L. O’ Toole and seconded by Cllr. R. Nolan and **RESOLVED**: “That pursuant to Standing Order no. 13, Questions 1 – 13 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **L/316/17 - Q1 Item ID:53980 – TOWN AND VILLAGES RENEWAL PROGRAMME**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle

"To ask the Chief Executive to engage with local groups (Lucan Tidy Towns, Lucan Festival, Lucan Traders, Palmerstown Tidy Towns, Meitheal, Pink Ladies +1) in relation to the identification of possible projects which could be the subject of applications under the new Town & Villages Renewal Programme 2017?"

**REPLY:**

The Council has issued a press release along with web and newspaper advertisements seeking Expressions of Interest from business, community & other interested groups in towns and villages in the South Dublin administrative area for proposals for support under the [Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017](http://www.sdcc.ie/news/town-and-village-renewal-scheme). The scheme is also being promoted to community groups through the Public Participation Network and through the Local Enterprise Office and South Dublin Chamber for business groups.

The closing date for receipt of expressions of interest is 2nd June. Once proposals are received, the Council will engage with the relevant business, community & other groups with a view to examining their eligibility under the scheme and working on a formal application for funding to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs under the Scheme.

### **L/317/17 - H2 Item ID:53848 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Economic Development

New Works (No Business)

### **L/318/17 - C1 - Item ID:53849 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed by Economic Development

Correspondence (No Business)

## **LIBRARIES & ARTS**

### **L/319/17 - H3 Item ID:53850 – LIBRARIES NEWS & EVENTS**

Proposed by Libraries & Arts

Library News & Events

Ms. B. Meenaghan, Senior Executive Librarian presented the following report;

[HI 3 - Libraries, news and events](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55913)

The report was **NOTED**.

### **L/320/17 - H4 Item ID:53851 – APPLICATIONS FOR ARTS GRANTS**

Proposed by Libraries & Arts

Application for Arts Grants

**REPLY**:

An Application for an Arts Grant under Section 6 of the Arts Act 2003, has been received from the organisation listed below. Payment of this grant, in accordance with the conditions of the Scheme and in the amount set out hereunder, is recommended for approval:-

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| Ref: | Name of Group | Type of Application - Grant | Date Received  | Amount€ |
|  AGF 854 |  Carline Learning Centre | Grant to be used to run an 8 week drama course, for young people attending centre. |  23rd May 17 |  €1,000 |

### **L/321/17 - H5 Item ID:53852 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Libraries & Arts

New works (No Business)

### **L/322/17 - C2 Item ID:53853 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed by Libraries & Arts

Correspondence (No Business)

## **CORPORATE SUPPORT**

**L/323/17 - Q2 Item ID:54006 – UPDATE ON 25A & 25B BUSES**

Proposed by Councillor R. Nolan

"To ask the Chief Executive if there is an update from the NTA on more 25a and 25b buses for Lucan?"

**REPLY:**

A reply was received from the NTA and submitted as correspondence at the April Lucan Area Committee Meeting.  I attach a copy of same.

[Q2 Reply from NTA](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56018)

**L/324/17 - H6 Item ID:53854 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Corporate Support

New Works (No Business)

### **L/325/17 - C3 Item ID:53855 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed by Corporate Support

Cor 3 a(i) Parking St James Hospital letter out

Cor 3 a(ii) Reply St James Hospital

[C3 a(i) Parking St James Hospital Letter Out](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56023)
[C3 a(ii) Reply St James Hospital](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56024)

The correspondence was **NOTED**.

**L/326/17 - M1 Item ID:53804 – WIFI4EU, ACCESS TO FUNDS**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor G. O’ Connell.

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"Could the Chief Executive advise if South Dublin County Council have plans to apply for European funding through the wifi4eu fund which has €120million available to local authorities for the provision of free wifi in public spaces."

**REPORT:**

The Council notes the European Commission wishes to promote free Wi-Fi connectivity for citizens and visitors in public spaces such as parks, squares, public building, libraries, health centres, and museums everywhere in Europe through via the WiFi4EU. Of particular note in this regard is that South Dublin County Council has already made available or facilitated free public access Wi-Fi at the following locations:

All SDCC Libraries:

* County Library
* Castletymon Library
* Whitechurch Library
* Ballyroan Library - under reconstruction
* Lucan Library
* Clondalkin Library
* Stewarts Hospital Library & Coach House - 2 WAPs
* Palmerstown Library / Digital Hub

Community Centres:

* Brookfield Youth & Community Centre

Other:

* South Dublin County Council HQ Building - various locations
* Clondalkin Civic Offices
* Civic Theatre
* Tallaght Stadium
* Grange Castle Golf Club
* Corkagh Park
* Round Tower Clondalkin

Public Wi-Fi facilities are available at all of the above locations, free of charge to public users.

**Wifi in our Villages**

Roll out of free wifi to our villages in conjunction with local business communities has been completed and are operational in the following areas:

* Tallaght
* Rathcoole
* Palmerstown
* Saggart
* Clondalkin
* Lucan
* Templeogue
* Rathfarnham
* Newcastle

An assessment will be made as to additional areas which have potential for free public Wi-Fi to be rolled out and if viable locations are identified they may be applied for under the WiFi4EU programme when it formally launches which we understand to be during the summer months.

Following contributions from L. O’ Toole, T. Kavanagh Head of IT responded to queries and the report was **NOTED**.

### **L/327/17 M2 Item ID:54008 – DUBLIN BUS, TERMINUS FOR 155 BUS**

Proposed by Councillor R. Nolan, seconded by Councillor D. O’ Brien.

"That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive write to Dublin Bus to move the terminus of the 151 bus from Foxborough further into Lucan."

**REPLY:**

If the motion is passed, a letter will be written in this regard.

Following contributions from R. Nolan, L. Leonard Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the motion was **NOTED**.

### **L/328/17 - M3 Item ID:53997 – EXTENSION TO 26 BUS LINE**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell, seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty.

"That this Committee ask the Chief Executive to request that the Council write to Dublin Bus asking (1) why it is that the proposed extension of the 26 Bus to the Liffey Valley Shopping Centre did not take place (in Autumn 2016) as indicated and to ask that the service be extended now (2) To request that the 18 Bus display “Palmerstown Village” as the terminus instead of Old Lucan Road."

**REPLY:**

Should the motion be passed, a letter will be written to Dublin Bus in this regard.

Following contributions from G. O Connell, L. Leonard Senior Executive Officer responded and the motion was **NOTED**.

### **L/329/17 - M4 - Item ID:53999 – WRITE TO GOOGLE**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell

"That this Committee request that the Chief Executive write to GOOGLE pointing out that the people of the village of Palmerstown voted by plebiscite for the name “PALMERSTOWN” and that there is no such destination in this County as “PALMERSTON”.

Motion **WITHDRAWN**

## **PERFORMANCE & CHANGE MANAGEMENT**

### **L/330/17 - H7 - Item ID:53856 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Performance & Change Management

New Works (No Business)

### **L/331/17 - C4 - Item ID:53857 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed by Performance & Change Management

Correspondence (No Business)

### **PUBLIC REALM**

### **L/332/17 - Q3 - Item ID:53938 – CLEAN UP OF BOUNDARIES AT MOUNT ANDREW**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle

"To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a clean-out of the boundary between Mount Andrew Avenue and Hermitage Park/Lána na bPáirce apartments; and for removal of the ‘den’ area in shrubbery at the corner of Mount Andrew Avenue & Close?"

**REPLY:**

"Arrangement will be made to have the boundary between Mount Andrew Avenue and Hermitage Park/Lána na bPáirce apartments cleaned. The cleanup will be undertaken as soon as it can be included in the works programme for the area."

### **L/333/17 - Q4 Item ID:53976 – ALL WEATHER PITCH AT AIRLIE HEIGHTS**

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien

"To ask the Chief Executive, noting the ongoing delay in arranging a follow up meeting between stakeholders involved in the development of a proposed all weather pitch at Airlie Heights can he please clarify if such a meeting has been arranged and if not when it is likely to be arranged?"

**REPLY:**

The Council is eager to get both sides resolved on this matter, and is particularly conscious of the need for the project to be significantly advanced by the autumn in order to safeguard the Sports Capital Grant money already approved.

Despite best efforts, it has not been possible to get date(s) from the original facilitator to progress with a second similar "Finnstown 2" meeting and potential alternative facilitator is now being considered.

Members will be advised when the next meeting is being scheduled.

### **L/334/17 - Q5 - Item ID:53535 – STUDY OF NEEEDS FOR OLDER TEENAGERS**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the feasibility study in the Lucan/Palmerstown area for older teenagers?"

**REPLY:**

The study on the needs of teenagers in our public parks and open spaces is a county wide one. Initial work has commenced on this project - this work is scoping the areas of study, consultation parameters, the resources that may be required to undertake it and the extent of the study itself.  When this stage of the work has been completed an update will be provided to the Elected Members

### **L/335/17 - Q6 - Item ID:53977 – GREEN AREA FACING PALMERSTOWN MANOR**

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien

"To ask the Chief Executive to agree to meet with residents of Palmerstown Manor at their estate to inspect the green area facing the estate (opposite Coldcut Road) and discuss ways of securing the wall and fencing bordering this estate?"

**REPLY:**

"The Palmerstown Manor residents will be contacted in relation to the wall and railing at the open space upon receipt of a contact name and number."

### **L/336/17 - H8 - Item ID:53858 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Public Realm

New Works (No Business)

### **L/337/17 - C5 - Item ID:53859 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed by Public Realm

Correspondence (No Business)

### **L/338/17 - M5 - Item ID:53544 – WHEELIE BINS FOR SPORTS CLUBS**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor R. Nolan.

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Committee asks the Chief Executive to consider providing wheelie bins for sports clubs that train/play in the parks, which will help reduce the shredding of plastic / glass bottles.

**REPORT:**

While acknowledging the sentiments of the motion in an attempt to eliminate littering at playing facilities, since the Council exited the waste collection market at the end of 2011 it no longer holds or provides waste disposal receptacles other than public litter bins.

Litter control measures are conditioned as part of the annual pitch allocation, and clubs are required to ensure litter control measures are in place at times of usage.

As part of the 2016 Litter Management Action Plan, a pilot scheme was introduced to promote the use of reusable drinking bottles targeting gyms, sports centres and secondary schools. The aim of the pilot reusable water bottles scheme was to assist with the prevention and reduction in use of disposable plastic bottles.

Teams and club members are invited to request litter prevention promotional materials including reusable water bottles from the Environmental Awareness section as part of an awareness initiative promoting waste prevent and the use of reusable bottles during training/matches.

Following submissions from L. O’ Toole, L. Leonard Senior Executive Officer, and D Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

### **L/339/17 - M6 - Item ID:53526 – CLEANING OF CYCLE LANES**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor L. O’ Toole.

"That the Chief Executive report on how often the cycle lanes are cleaned in the Lucan area and if there is scope to improve how often they are cleaned."

**REPORT:**

"Cycle lanes contained within the road carriageway on main roads are cleaned on a monthly basis as part of the Councils road sweeping contract which is currently held by Oxigen Environmental Ltd. Off road cycle lanes are cleaned by the Public Realm Section. The frequency of sweeping of cycle lanes in the Lucan area is twice per month. Additional sweeping can be scheduled where warranted and this can arise in instances where debris or glass is found on cycle paths."

Following contributions from D. O’ Brien, D. Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

### **L/340/17 - M7 - Item ID:53795 – FRAME FOOTBALL FACILITY AT HERMITAGE PARK**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by Councillor W. Lavelle.

"That this Committee request the Chief Executive to provide a detailed report, for discussion, on the next steps in progressing the planned Frame Football facility at Hermitage Park."

**REPORT:**

It is intended to tender for this project in July 2017 and assuming that an acceptable tender is received the expected commencement time for the project on the ground would be September 2017.

Following contributions from V. Casserly, M. Hannon, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

### **L/341/17 - M8 - Item ID:53951 – GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty.

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the schedule of grass cutting in the Lucan LEA and that this schedule is listed on the Public Realm Operations map estate by estate for residents, so they will know when their estate will be cut."

**REPORT:**

The grass cutting schedule for the Lucan LEA takes place on a rotational basis with grass being cut on a 2 week cycle. When the mowers move through a residential area they will cut all open spaces in the vicinity before moving to the next residential area. The programme is operated from Grange and Waterstown Depots. The schedule is listed on the Public Realm Operations map which is available at the following [link.](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/index.aspx?pageid=6428)

Following contributions from D. O’ Brien and P. Gogarty, D. Fennell responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

### **L/342/17 - M9 - Item ID:53975 – ALL WEATHER PITCH AT AIRLIE HEIGHTS.**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, seconded by Councillor G. O’ Connell.

"That the Chief Executive and/or Directors explain in detail why a letter by six Councillors from the Lucan Area Committee in February to the Chief Executive and three Directors requesting an inclusive meeting in relation to long outstanding unanswered queries by residents of Airlie Heights (regarding the proposed all weather facility for Lucan United and related licensing/planning issues) was not responded to in any ascertainable capacity, given that the delay and uncertainty has damaged any progress made following the constructive meeting between the club and residents last September and may ultimately jeopardise this facility going ahead."

**REPORT**:

The Council is eager to get both sides resolved on this matter, and is particularly conscious of the need for the project to be significantly advanced by the autumn in order to safeguard the Sports Capital Grant money already approved.

A collective communication issued on 27th February 2017 to Lucan United, Airlie Heights Residents and Lucan Elected Members outlining the up-to-date position at that time.

Despite best efforts, it has not been possible to get date(s) from the original facilitator to progress with a second similar "Finnstown 2" meeting and potential alternative facilitator is now being considered.

Members will be advised when the next meeting is being scheduled.

Whilst there may appear to be stalemate in progressing the project, in tandem with the above, the Council has undertaken a topographical survey of the site which will be used to prepare plans for the all-weather facility.

Following contributions from G. O’ Connell, P. Gogarty, L. O’ Toole and D. O’ Brien, M. Maguire responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

### **L/343/17 - M10 - Item ID:53983 – BALLYOWEN CASTLE AND EARLSFORT IMPROVEMENTS**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor L. O’ Toole.

"That this Committee requests the Chief Executive to examine the need for enhancements and improved maintenance of the public realm along Castle Road, between Ballyowen Castle and the Earlsfort roundabout, including:

- Tidying-up of landscaped areas;

- Removal of non-functional lantern lighting at the entrance railings to Colthurst;

- More regular litter cleansing, particularly inside railings to Earlsfort Estate."

**REPORT:**

"The section of Castle Road, between Ballyowen Castle and the Earlsfort roundabout has undergone a number of landscape improvement works in recent years. The works include:

1. The thinning, pruning and tidying-up of vegetation at the entrance to Abbeywood estate.
2. The thinning, pruning and tidying-up of vegetation at the entrance to Colthurst estate.
3. The removal of a 50 meter section of hedge from the open space near Rochford/Abbeydale roundabout.
4. Landscaping the roundabout at Earlsfort.

The majority of interfaces between the housing estates and Castle Road are comprised of hedges which are cut on an annual basis as part of the hedge cutting programme. Areas that are planted with shrubs have been attended to recently as described above. If there are specific areas requiring further attention these can be targeted during the winter pruning season upon receipt of specific location details.

The non-functional lantern lighting at the entrance railings to Colthurst will be examined with a view to having it removed. The area inside the railings to Earlsfort Estate will be examined and a litter pick will be scheduled where required."

Following contributions from W. Lavelle, D. O’ Brien and E. O’ Brien, D. Fennell responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

### **L/344/17 - M11 - Item ID:53805 – FUNFAIR IN GRIFFEEN PARK**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor W. Lavelle.

"Following my motion raised in June 2016 (see below) that this council requests the Chief Executive to further examine the criteria for Fun Fairs in our parks and to consider removing the Fun Fair from the Griffeen Park, Newcastle Road following complaints from residents that are located in close proximity to park with a view to identifying a more appropriate location.”

*MOTION NO.21 - Monday, June 20, 2016*

***MOTION: Councillor L. O'Toole***

*That this Council asks the Chief Executive to consult with local residents and other local stakeholders regarding the suitability and impact of temporary Fun Fairs.*

***REPORT:***

[*Section 239 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000*](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2000/act/30/section/239/enacted/en/html) *(as amended) obliges a person who intends to hold or organise a funfair to give notice of this to the local authority in whose functional area the funfair will be held, and sets out the information which must accompany the notice such as valid safety certificate for each piece of funfair equipment.*

*Under Article 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), a person who intends to hold or organise a funfair shall give two working days’ notice in writing to the local authority in whose functional area the funfair is to be held.*

*Sites for circuses and funfairs are designated in each of the Council's Regional Parks and circuses and funfairs have been using them over a number of years.*

*The establishment of these sites developed through a process of consultation with local residents associations over the years, and with the passage of time, local residents have become accustomed to the annual arrival of circuses and funfairs to these Regional Parks.*

*The Council invites tenders, by public advertisement each year for these sites. Historically, these advertisements were placed around mid-May on the Council’s website. Following analysis, a programme is prepared based on the successful tenders.*

*The last Circus and Funfair tender was published in 2015 to cover the period August 2015 to September 2018 inclusive.*

*Council staff also engage in event planning with the operators of the funfairs, the*

*Gardaí and local residents associations (where such exists), with particular emphasis placed on dealing with issues that may have arisen the previous year and the identification of steps to improve the situation.*

*The Council would welcome feedback in relation to any specific location with which residents may have concern regarding the suitability and impact of temporary Fun Fairs.”*

**REPORT:**

In 2015 South Dublin County Council advertised tenders for the provision of Funfair/Circus for the 2015 – 2018 seasons within the county at the following locations;

1. Tymon Regional Park, Tallaght
2. Corkagh Regional Park, Clondalkin
3. Griffeen Valley Regional Park, Esker, Lucan

There was one successful tender received for the provision of a funfair at the above sites. There were no submissions received in relation to the Circus tender.

While the successful tender met with the obligations and responsibilities of the temporary letting agreement (e.g. including the notification of the proposed dates, security / event management plans etc.) the Council has become aware of difficulties in relation to crowd control and anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the funfair.

The Council has had preliminary discussions with the Superintendent of the Lucan District and the owner of the funfair with regard to concerns expressed by Councillors and Community / Residents.

While the Council could examine revoking the temporary licence for use of this location for 2018, there may be contractual issues to be considered.

A full debriefing is currently being arranged. This debriefing will allow for reflection on the recent experience, discuss what elements worked well / didn't work well and identify possible opportunities for improvement.

As previously outlined, feedback in relation to suitable locations for temporary Fun Fairs and / or suggested alternative family oriented events for our parks are always welcome.

**Motion 12 was taken in conjunction with Motion 11.**

### **M12 - Item ID:53914 – FUNFAIR AT GRIFFEEN PARK**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by Councillor W. Lavelle.

"That this Committee noting the very serious problems of anti-social behaviour which blighted the funfair at Griffeen Valley Park for the second year in a row; and which spilled over into adjoining residential areas; Further noting the wishes of many people in Lucan that are public parks be reclaimed from the gangs and the thugs; Calls on the Chief Executive to decline any future requests for holding of this funfair at this location; and further calls on the Chief Executive South Dublin County Council to examine options for alternative funfairs and events in Lucan that would be suitable, secure and safe for all Lucan families, children and teenagers to enjoy."

**REPORT:**

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A full debriefing is currently being arranged. This debriefing will allow for reflection on the recent experience, discuss what elements worked well / didn't work well and identify possible opportunities for improvement.

Suggestions / options for alternative family oriented activities in our parks are always welcome and will be examined.

Following contributions from L. O’ Toole, V. Casserly, E. O’ Brien, W. Lavelle, P. Gogarty and G. O’ Connell, M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **L/345/17 - Q7- Item ID:53932 – TRAFFIC NOISE LEVELS AT FOXBOROUGH**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle

"To ask the Chief Executive, further to the motion agreed at the April meeting, to provide an update on the request for an examination of complaints of excessive noise levels affecting homes at Foxborough Park, Drive, Avenue and Downes which back onto or adjoin the R136 Grangecastle Road between the junction with Griffeen Avenue/Balgaddy Road and Glenvale/Abbeywood estates?"

**REPLY:**

The Principal Environmental Health Officer reports, that he is in receipt of the complaint lodged on behalf of Foxborough residents regarding road traffic noise in the immediate vicinity of the R136 between the two major junctions mentioned above.

The Environmental Health Office reports that they are in liaison with the Traffic Section of the LUPT for the most recent traffic counts statistics from the nearest monitoring station at Foxborough Road. In addition, South Dublin County Council has located a fixed noise monitor at Moy Glas which measures noise levels 24 hours every day. This is one of the council’s 10 fixed permanent noise monitors and is used as a means of comparing the council’s real time monitoring of noise across the county.

Also the third round of the European Noise Directive (END) Noise Mapping and action plans is currently in progress in Ireland in 2017 and South Dublin County Council is a listed noise mapping body. This END Directive aims to provide a common framework across all member states to avoid, prevent or reduce, on a prioritised basis, the harmful effects of exposure to environmental noise from major roads and infrastructure.

The making of the noise action plans is prescribed as a statutory environmental function of Local Authorities. South Dublin County Council is one such prescribed noise mapping body and the departments of Environmental Health, Traffic and GIS are working together in revising our noise modelling for all our major and regional roads and some very specific local roads.

R136 will be included in this current round of noise mapping. This mapping is currently in progress and will be concluded in the next few months and will involve further up-to-date traffic counts. Such traffic data, in conjunction with the other variables of the Noise Mapping Model, should then provide SDCC with the expected noise levels being experienced by day, evening and night on this road.

However, the Directive neither sets limit values for noise exposure, nor does it prescribe measures for inclusion in the action plans. Noise maps are generated for strategic management of environmental noise, based upon a notional annual average day.

### **L/346/17 - Q8 - Item ID:53981 – MEETING WITH OWNERS OF FOXHUNTER SITE**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle

"To ask the Chief Executive for update on requests for a meeting with the agents of the owners of former Foxhunter site?"

**REPLY:**

 On 12th May, 2017, the agent advised Enforcement & Licencing that he is awaiting instructions from his client. He has made assurances that he will immediately make contact once he has received these instructions.

### **L/347/17 - H9 - Item ID:53860 - NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Environment

New Works (No Business)

### **L/0348/17 - C6 - Item ID:53861 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed by Environment

Correspondence (No Business)

## **WATER & DRAINAGE**

### **L/349/17 - H10 - Item ID:53600 – DRAFT RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Proposed by Chris Galvin

Draft River Basin Management Plan

[HI 10 - Draft River Basement Management Plan](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55935)

**Motion 13 taken in conjunction with Headed Item 10.**

### **M13 - Item ID:53931 – WATER QUALITY, GRIFFEEN RIVER**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor D. O’ Brien.

"That this Area Committee wishes to commend South Dublin County Council on efforts over the past number of years to improve water quality in the Griffeen River and particularly welcomes the increase of brown trout observed in the lower reaches of the river; and with a view to continuing these improvements, calls on the Chief Executive:

- To provide a report on the latest water quality testing and water quality status of the Griffeen River;

- To carry-out specific testing of the water discharging from outflow pipes and channels into the Griffeen River in Griffeen Valley Park, between the N4 and railway line;

- To seek to ensure that the need for continued improvement to water quality in the Griffeen River is prioritised in the upcoming River Basin Management Plan."

**REPORT:**

Water quality samples are collected from the River Griffeen at regular frequency from two locations, Amyler Road and Lucan Village, by Water Services staff of South Dublin County Council. Results show good water quality at Amyler Road sampling point and moderate water quality at Lucan Village for the relevant nutrient parameters of ammonia and phosphorus.

Over the past three years South Dublin County Council has carried out a significant amount of water quality sampling and assessment of the River Griffeen, including investigation at the discharge points to the river, as it is a river of interest to the Water Services section of the Council and will receive thorough consideration when the Council agrees its programmes of measures for the county with the EPA, for the second cycle of the Water Framework Directive.

Following contributions from W. Lavelle and G. O’ Connell, R. Fitzpatrick, Executive Environmental Scientific Officer and C. Galvin, Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

### **L/350/17 - H11 - Item ID:53862 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Water & Drainage

New Works (No Business)

### **L/351/17 - C7 - Item ID:53863 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed by Water & Drainage

Correspondence (No Business)

## **HOUSING**

### **L/352/17 - H12 - Item ID:53864 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Housing

New Works (No Business)

### **L/353/17 - C8 - Item ID:53865 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed by Housing

Correspondence (No Business)

### **L/354/17 - M14 - Item ID:54004 – TENANTS IN RENTAL ACCOMMODATION**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell, seconded by Councillor L. O’ Toole.

"That the Chief Executive advise what the policy and practice of this Council is for dealing with tenants who are supported/placed by this Council in rented accommodation in private estates and who subsequently become a nuisance and make life intolerable for their neighbours."

**REPORT:**

All Council tenants including those allocated dwellings within "private estates" are met by a member of the Estate Management Team prior to signing their Tenancy and their obligations to comply with the terms set out their Tenancy Agreement which includes clauses in respect of behaviour which cause nuisance to other residents within their neighbourhood are outlined them. Follow up meetings also take place with new tenants. The Council have no role in the behaviour of tenants who rent private dwellings with assistance through HAP or RAS as their tenancy contract is direct with the owner of the dwelling and all situations should be dealt with through Rental Tenancy Board.

If complaints are received in respect of the behaviour of any Council tenants/members of their household, they are investigated by the Estate Management Team. Through the work of the Estate Management Team, Housing Welfare and other agencies such as An Garda Síochána and Mediation Services satisfactory resolutions to the majority of situations are achieved.

Where people are being "caused Nuisance" or are the subject of Anti-Social behaviour by Council tenants there is action open to the Council if they can substantiate the "Nuisance" or Anti-Social Behaviour. It should be noted that if such issues are in relation to matters which come under Garda jurisdiction they should in the first instance be reported to An Garda Siochana and then to the Council. Any action open to the Council requires us to be fair in its investigation and any actions taken to be proportionate to the Anti -Social behaviour or "trauma" in question.

In the instance of complaints the Council will investigate them without endangering the complainant and will if sufficient evidence exists request the alleged offending tenant to attend for interview. At the interview we will bring to their attention their obligations under the Tenancy Agreement and outline the consequences of breaching their tenancy agreement.

Following the interview, if warranted a written Tenancy Warning may issue in this regard.

The Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 provides for the serving of Tenancy Warnings under Section 7.  In serving a Notice under Section 7 the Council are required to specify the following:

1. Clause of Tenancy Agreement breached
2. Who breached the Clause, (tenant, member of tenant’s household, visitor to tenant’s household)
3. Date and time of breach
4. Details of breach, (specifics of the anti-social behaviour, nuisance and/or annoyance)
5. What actions the tenant is required to take to ensure that the breach does not continue.
6. Tenants right to apply for a Review under Section 10
7. Indicate that if the breach continues or is repeated within 12 months the Council may apply for a Possession Order without issuing a further Tenancy Warning.

It should be noted that the tenant who has a Tenancy Warning Notice served on them has the right to appeal internally in the first instance and can seek to give oral evidence in the appeal

Following contributions from G. O’ Connell, R. Nolan, D O’ Brien, P. Gogarty, E. O’ Brien and L. O’ Toole, H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

## **COMMUNITY**

### **L/355/17 - Q9 - Item ID:53945 – LUCAN SWIMMING POOL**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

"To ask the Chief Executive for a further update on the timescale for the completion of the Lucan Swimming Pool, including the promised consultation meeting with those involved in the campaign such as the Pool4Lucan group and local councillors, the likely date for turning of sod and construction commencement and final opening of building?"

**REPLY:**

Drawings were presented to the Lucan ACM in April and were then sent on to the Dept. of Transport, Tourism and Sport for approval. We are awaiting their approval before putting up the drawings and reports for Part VIII Display.

A meeting will be arranged with the Pool4Lucan group once we have Dept. approval to move ahead and the consultation process opens.

The original Programme was that we would have Part VIII approval by the July County Council Meeting and have tenders out before the end of the year, with construction starting early in 2018. However this timescale may change while we wait for Department approval to proceed to Part VIII.

### **L/356/17 - Q10 - Item ID:54007 – SIGNING ON OFFICE FOR LUCAN**

Proposed by Councillor R. Nolan

"To ask the Chief Executive how many people are unemployed in Lucan and the Council's take on if the unemployment fixtures would suggest we need a signing on office in Lucan. The Clondalkin one which Lucan people use at the moment is only accessible from the 155 bus and that starts from Foxborough. So people further into Lucan would not be able to avail of this?"

**REPLY:**

Airo mapping for 2017 indicates that for the Clondalkin office which covers Lucan there are currently 5,187 people on the Live Register:

**All Persons on the Live Register (all ages) >> All Persons (all ages) on the Live Register (2008- 2017 M0NTH02)**

2017 MO2            5,187

2017 MO1            5,202

2016 MO2            6,121

2015 MO2            6,958

2014 MO2            8,255

2013 MO2            8,837

2012 MO2            9,073

2011 MO2            9,771

2010 MO2            10,064

2009 MO2            8,289

2008 MO2            4,237

<http://airo.maynoothuniversity.ie/external-content/live-register-office-monitoring-tool>

 The Department of Social Protection do not break this number down any further, so it is not possible to say how many people are unemployed in Lucan. In terms of the need for a signing on office in Lucan, this is outside the remit of South Dublin County Council.

### **L/357/17 - H13 - Item ID:54011 – DEPUTATIONS MEETING**

Proposed by Community

Deputations Meeting

[HI 13 - Concerned Residents of the Grange Lucan](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56037)

This report was **NOTED**.

### **L/358/17 - H14 - Item ID:53866 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Community

New Works (No Business)

### **L/359/17 - C9 - Item ID:53867 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed by Community

Correspondence (No Business)

### **L/360/17 - M15/0517 Item ID:53907 – UPDATE ON LUCAN SWIMMING POOL**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty.

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Committee ask the Chief Executive for an update on the swimming pool for Lucan, to confirm a date for the Pool Campaign representatives to meet and address a number of concerns raised by the group. To ask the Chief Executive to report on the amount of monies spent to date on the pool design."

**REPORT:**

Drawings were presented to the Lucan ACM in April and were then sent on to the Dept. of Transport, Tourism and Sport for approval. We are awaiting their approval before putting up the drawings and reports for Part VIII Display.

A meeting will be arranged with the Pool4Lucan group once we have Dept. approval to move ahead and the consultation process opens.

The original Programme was that we would have Part VIII approval by the July County Council Meeting and have tenders out before the end of the year, with construction starting early in 2018. However this timescale will be pushed out while we wait for Department approval to proceed to Part VIII.

To date, the Council has paid €59,398.83 Inc. VAT.

Following contributions from L. O’ Toole, A. Byrne, Administrative Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

### **L/361/17 - M16 - Item ID:53943 – LUCAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

"That this Committee and the Chief Executive actively supports the re-establishment of strong and apolitical Lucan Community Council as an effective community-driven forum for discussion and campaigning on a range of issues common to all communities in Lucan old and new, supporting and enhancing the work of residents associations, community groups, neighbourhood watch groups and sporting organisations, as well as acting as a voice for the concerns of individual residents."

Moved and **RE-ENTERED.**

### **L/362/17 - M17 - Item ID:53994 – MENS SHED**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by P. Gogarty.

"That this Committee asks the Chief Executive to support and assist the newly formed Men’s Shed Lucan, including registering with SDCC community section."

**REPORT:**

The Community Development team are available to support the Lucan Men's Shed. We can be contacted in community services department.

Alternatively if contact details are supplied we can make contact with them to advice and support.

Following contributions from L. O’ Toole, A. Byrne Administrative Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

## **TRANSPORT**

### **L/363/17 - Q11 - Item ID:53915 – ACCESSIBLE PARKING BAYS IN LUCAN/PALMERSTOWN LEA**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly

"To ask the Chief Executive what formula is used to determine how many accessible parking bays are allocated in the Lucan Palmerstown LEA and have management plans to develop further accessible parking to meet demand in the area?"

**REPLY:**

Accessible parking spaces are generally provided at a ratio of 1:25 of total spaces. They should also be located in areas convenient to shops, post office, banks, credit unions, churches etc if possible. If designated accessible spaces are full, vehicles with valid disabled badges on display are permitted to park in ordinary spaces free of charge. At present there are 9 spaces in Lucan village, 8 spaces in Palmerstown village and 33 in Adamstown (provided by the developer).

If requests for additional spaces are received these requests will be considered.

### **L/364/17 - Q12 - Item ID:53519 – ROAD ENHANCEMENTS AT WOODVILLE & BALLYDOWD GROVE**

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien

"To ask the Chief Executive, noting the recent meeting between management and residents of Woodville/Ballydowd Grove, please confirm the status of proposed road enhancements affecting those estates following the recent report on the Lucan Access Study?"

**REPLY:**

There has been no change to the status of the proposed roadworks adjacent to the junction of the R136/Lucan Road from those outlined at the April Lucan Area Committee Meeting.

### **L/365/17 - H15 - Item ID:53912 – HGV RESTRICTION SIGNAGE**

Proposed by Land Use Planning & Transportation

**HGV Restriction Signage.**

[HI 15 - Council Policy on HGV's on SDC Road Network](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56061)
[HI 15 - HGV Restrictive Signs](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56080)
[HI 15 - Lucan Area Weight Restrictions Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56074)

### Following contributions from L. O’ Toole and G. O’ Connell, W. Purcell, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

### **L/366/17 - H16 - Item ID:53913 – TRAFFIC ANALYSIS OVER THE N4**

Proposed by Land Use Planning & Transportation

**Traffic analysis, over the N4, between Cherbury Park and Esker Glebe**

**REPLY:**

At the April Lucan ACM the following issues were raised (motion 53368) and it was agreed to carry out a detailed investigation and bring a report back to the May Lucan ACM.

1. "That the Chief Executive, acknowledging that such a route is pencilled in as a potential linkage to Lucan village and local schools under the Lucan Access Study, and
2. In the absence of any formal plans to date, takes into account the existing steady stream of cycle traffic and pedestrian traffic using the footbridge over the N4 between Cherbury Park and Esker Glebe and clearly marks a temporary cycle route on the pathway between both roads and especially over the bridge so as to avoid increasing incidences of cyclists and pedestrians criss crossing one another, this being a danger to younger children and older persons and not a situation readily enforceable by Gardaí."

SDCC acknowledge that this route is mentioned in the Lucan Access Study.

This bridge is 4.0m wide and is used by a large number of pedestrians and cyclists. The approach paths to the bridge are only 2.0m wide each but are located in an area with a wide verge.

Works required:

* White lining across bridge to provide for a dedicated 2 way cycle lane and a separate pedestrian lane.
* Erect additional bollards to limit accessibility to pedestrians and cyclists.
* Provide new road markings on the approach ramps.
* Construct an additional 2.5m wide 2 way cycle lane beside the approach footpaths in macadam to provide colour contrast.
* Erection of appropriate signage on all approaches to indicate that the bridge is shared
* The likely cost of the above works would be €10,000-€15,000.

Please also find attached a sketch on OS background mapping of the bridge, the local primary and secondary schools and the most frequented routes to schools in the locality. As part of the study I also assessed the suitability of the footbridge from Willsbrook to Woodville and concluded that due to its width and gradients, it is only suitable for pedestrian traffic.

[HI 16b - Glebe Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55919)

### Following contributions from P. Gogarty, W. Purcell, Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

### **L/367/17 - H17 - Item ID:53868 – PROPOSED DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS.**

Proposed by Transportation

Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads (no business)

### **L/368/17 - H18 - Item ID:53869 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Transportation

New Works (No Business)

### **L/369/17 - C10 - Item ID:53870 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed by Transportation

Correspondence (No Business)

### **L/370/17 - M18 - Item ID:53996 – PARKING FINES AT SARSFIELD PARK**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor G. O’ Connell.

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on the number of parking fines issued in the vicinity of Sarsfields Park and to report on how many of these were related to the residents in Sarsfields Park."

**REPORT:**

The total number of valid fines issued from the 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016 in the Sarsfield Park area of Lucan is 154. It is not possible to ascertain the number of these fines that refer to residents of the area.  Furthermore, for data protection reasons the Council is precluded from supplying details of individuals issued with fines.

Following contributions from L. O’ Toole, W. Lavelle and E. O’ Brien, L. Leonard, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

### **L/371/17 - M19 - Item ID:53761 – RESTRICTED PARKING AREA – WILLSBROOK DRIVE**

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor L. O’ Toole.

"That the Chief Executive agrees at the request of residents of Willsbrook Drive to designate areas within that estate "Restricted Parking Area" with the restriction to be implemented in areas of the estate where it was previously agreed to put double yellow lines restricting parking to residents only between 7am and 10am to deal with vehicles being parked in this part of Willsbrook estate for the entire day."

**REPORT:**

The Council cannot provide "Restricted Parking Area" signs on public roads. The public have the right to park on any public road provided they are in compliance with the provisions of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997. A Local Authority may not designate public roadways for private use.

There was a recommendation at the Traffic Management Meeting in January to provide double yellow lines on the corner of Willsbrook Drive and also at the bottom of the cul-de-sac. The residents have since stated that they do not want this lining to be provided.

This matter has been relisted for discussion at the May TMM.

### Following contributions from E. O’ Brien, W. Purcell, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

### **L/372/17 - M20 - Item ID:53930 – N4 OVERBRIDGE MODIFICATIONS**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly and Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty.

"That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to arrange for a detailed traffic modelling of the proposals from a group of residents from the Finnstown & Westbury areas to allow both northbound lands on N4 overbridge to be used as turning lanes onto N4 eastbound on-ramp, with the existing bus-lane on the on-ramp to be open to all traffic, with accompanying revision to traffic signals and road marking on the N4; with a view to presenting a report on the detailed traffic modelling to this Committee."

**REPORT:**

A review of the operation of the junctions on the Newcastle Road is currently in hand.

This junction will be included in the review.

The review comprises a considerable body of work and a report will be available when complete.

Following contributions from W. Lavelle, P. Gogarty and L. O’ Toole, W. Lavelle, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

### **L/373/17 - M21 - Item ID:53985 – USE OF BUS LANE AT BALL ALLEY AS CAR PARKING**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, seconded by Councillor G. O Connell.

"That the Chief Executive, further to a request to Councillors by Lucan Planning Council, actively examines the practical feasibility of using the bus lane heading past the Ball Alley towards Lucan village as an additional car parking space after its daily 9:30am closure, with the possibility of making such a provision free for the first year to encourage use; acknowledging the potential for confusion without a workable plan and suitable dual markings put in place, which may have a cost implication; and if a statement could be made on the matter."

**REPORT:**

A review of parking in Lucan with a view to identifying additional car parking spaces (including the Leixlip Road bus lane) will be undertaken in accordance with the "Procedure for the Implementation of Pay and Display Parking Controls in a Particular Location" outlined in the South Dublin County Council (Control of Parking) Bye-Laws 2010.

A report will then be brought to the Area Committee.

**Motion 25 was taken in conjunction with Motion 21.**

### **M25 - Item ID:53995 – ADDITIONAL PARKING IN LUCAN VILLAGE**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell, seconded by L. O’ Toole.

"To ask the Chief Executive that a report be prepared for this committee for approval on additional parking space in Lucan Village, following consultation with the local traders and Lucan Planning Council, and that all of the metered parking in Palmerstown carry the same (Village) tariff including free parking on Saturdays."

**REPORT:**

A review of parking in Lucan with a view to identifying additional spaces and in Palmerstown in relation to tariff will be undertaken in accordance with the "Procedure for the Implementation of Pay and Display Parking Controls in a Particular Location" outlined in the South Dublin County Council (Control of Parking) Bye-Laws 2010. A report will then be brought to the Area Committee.

Following contributions from P. Gogarty and G. O’ Connell, W. Purcell Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

### **L/374/17 - M22 - Item ID:53993 – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AT KENNELSFORT ROAD**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell.

"That this Committee asks that traffic management on Kennelsfort Road be reviewed with the objective of proposing ways in which traffic exiting from Woodfarm Acres, The Cemetery/Shopping Centre, Wheatfield Road, Oak Court, Palmerstown Court and Palmerstown Manor Estates can be facilitated and that a report with recommendations be brought to the September meeting of this committee so that provision can be made in the 2018 Budget for any proposed measures."

Motion **WITHDRAWN**.

### **L/375/17 - M23 - Item ID:53998 – SAFETY MEASURES ADAMSTOWN SCHOOLS**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty.

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on the agreed additional safety measures for the Adamstown schools along the Station Road."

**REPORT:**

Following a recent recruitment process one School Warden will be appointed to facilitate the two schools, Lucan Educate Together and St. John the Evangelist Primary Schools.

However, this Warden will not be taking up duty until the commencement of the next school term (early Sept) as they will require training. This will be carried out during the summer months while the schools are off.

Roads Department are currently having difficulty in recruiting School Warden positions in the Lucan Area. If the Councillor is aware of anyone who would be interested in applying for the post, please forward their details to our HR Department who will send them an application form when the next recruitment drive takes place.

Following contributions from L. O’ Toole, W. Purcell, Senior Engineer and S. Kelly, Administrative Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

### **L/376/17 - M24 - Item ID:53929 – ROADS AMENDMENTS AT LUCAN VILLAGE**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty.

"That this Committee expresses it thanks to traffic engineering staff for the conducting the recent walk of the Lucan Road/Chapel Hill area to review issues of road safety along routes to the school; and to ask for a report on the steps necessary to implement the following proposals identified during the walk:

To address the narrowness of the footpath on the north side of Lucan Road, immediately west of the entrance to St. Ed’s hospital;

To provide bollards to prevent vehicles ‘for sale’ parking on footpaths between Esker Lane and Ballydowd Grove;

To seek a review and possible reconfiguring of crossing & island at junction of Lucan Road and Chapel Hill;

To provide additional parking on-road at Chapel Hill; including lengthened drop-off zone outside St. Mary’s BNS;

To provide bollards to prevent vehicles running up on footpath at mini-roundabout at junction of Main Street and Lucan Bridge."

**REPORT:**

The most important step necessary to implement the proposals is to identify a source of funding for implementation.

**Item 1**: At present there is a bus lane and two vehicle lanes on this road. A very small improvement could be facilitated in the footpath width by narrowing all of these traffic lanes. This would also require relining a long section of the Old Lucan Road. The principle issue here is the kerb height. If the footpath was a minimum of 125mm above road level, the limited local area of narrow footpath could be tolerated. To achieve this, it is required to place a continuous new kerb on top of the existing with no works to the footpath. This work could be supplemented with laying a new footpath and raising all the service covers at considerable expense. As a complete alternative, a continuous row of bollards could be placed but these would have the effect of narrowing the footpath locally.

**Item 2:** Yes, bollards or a raised kerb as detailed above could be provided.

**Item 3:** Yes, a number of solutions are possible here. One is illustrated on the attached plan for consideration.

**Item 4:** This is possible and illustrated on the attached plan.

**Item 5:** These can be provided and a separate to additional work requested to create an additional traffic lane on Chapel Hill into the roundabout. Both these measures are illustrated on the attached plan.

[M 24 - Map. Lucan Road](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55928)
[M 24 - Map. Possible additional footpath, near Old Hill](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55929)
[M 24 - Map. Roundabout near Village Weir](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55924)
[M 24 - Map. The Old Hill](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55925)

Following contributions from W. Lavelle and D. O’ Brien, W. Purcell, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

## **PLANNING**

### **L/377/17 - Q13 - Item ID:53979 – CONTAINERS AT PHOENIX GARAGE**

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on what steps if any, were taken on foot of a representation referred by Dublin City Council in relation to containers located in the Applegreen (Phoenix Garage) at the top of Ballyfermot Road relating to concerns raised by local residents re anti-social behaviour? (details of question to Dublin City Council available on request)"

**REPLY:**

This matter was investigated previously.  On inspection, the steel containers on site were found to be statute barred.

The placing of clothes banks at the location is a matter for the management company and the issues relating to anti-social behaviour should be brought to the attention of An Garda Siochana.

[Q 13- Details of Question from DCC](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56045)

**L/378/17 - H19 Item ID:54010 – ADAMSTOWN STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT**

Proposed by Planning

**Quarterly Report - Adamstown Strategy Development**

**REPLY:**

**Preplanning**

The landowners are actively engaging in preplanning consultation with the Planning Department regarding future planning applications, including the provision of the remaining Phase 2 infrastructure requirements (i.e. all-weather pitch and Loop Road 1). It is anticipated these planning applications will be lodged shortly.

**Construction**

Construction is currently underway in relation to Adamstown Square 3 where permission was granted for 177 housing units.

Construction has also commenced in Tobermaclugg where permission was granted for 267 housing units. A total of 61 housing units out of the 267 permitted housing units are under currently construction.

**Planning Applications**

On 23 January 2017 under **SDZ16A/0003** Cairn Homes were granted planning permission for 267 housing units in Tobermaclugg. Outstanding compliance being addressed.

Planning Permission was granted on 26 April 2017 under **SDZ16A/0005** to Castlethorn Construction for 246 dwellings at Somerton.

Planning Permission was granted on May 3 2017 under **SDZ17A/0001** for minor changes to house type in relation to the existing permission at Tobermaclugg (SDZ16A/0003).

Planning Permission was lodged on 24 April 2017 under **SDZ17A/0002** by Castlethorn Construction for 135 housing units at St. Helens. A decision is due by the 17 June 2017.

**Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF)**

On 14 October 2016, the Planning Authority submitted a proposal to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) for €36 million in funding under the LIHAF in relation to key pieces of cross cutting infrastructure (e.g. roads, parks, etc.) in Adamstown SDZ. The delivery of this infrastructure is contingent on the phased provision of 2,123 residential units over the life time of the Government’s “Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness: Rebuilding Ireland” (i.e. January 2017 to December 2021).

On 28 March 2017 the DHPLG approved €20 million for Celbridge Link Road, Tandy’s Lane Park and Airlie Park. SDCC are liaising with the DHPLG and the landowners to agree a mechanism for the delivery of the infrastructure.

**Community/Sports Hall**

Planning permission was granted on 29 November 2016 for a Community Centre with Sports Hall, adjacent to the existing secondary school site. Funding for the development of the facility is subject to ongoing negotiations between SDCC and land owners. The landowners are seeking to go to tender for the construction of the building in Q3 2017.

Following contributions from L. O’ Toole, B. Keaney, Senior Planner, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

### **L/379/17 - H20 - Item ID:53871 – LARGE PLANNING FILES**

Proposed by Planning

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

File Discussed: SD16A/0306

Applicant: Crekav Trading GP Ltd.

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

Comments: Councillors W. Lavelle and L. O’Toole commented on the application.

File Discussed: SDZ17A/0002

Applicant: Castlethorn Development

Location: Adamstown, Lucan, Co. Dublin

Comments: Councillor W. Lavelle commented on the application.

**Planning files B. Applications requested by Councillors**.

File Discussed: SD17A/0107

Applicant: Guo Heng

Location: Unit 4, Ballyowen Castle Shopping Centre, Lucan, Co. Dublin.

Requested by: Cllr. W. Lavelle

Comments: Councillor W. Lavelle commented on the application.

File Discussed: SD16A/0306

Applicant: Crekav Trading GP Ltd.

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

Requested by: Cllr. W. Lavelle

Comments: Councillors W. Lavelle and L. O’Toole commented on the application.

### **L/380/17 - H21 - Item ID:53872 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Planning

New Works (No Business)

### **L/381/17 - C11 - Item ID:53873 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed by Planning

Cor a(i) Paddocks Car Parking Letter Out

Cor a(ii) Reply Paddocks Car Parking

Cor b Reply Fingal re Weirview

[Cor a(i) Paddocks Car Parking Letter Out](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56026)
[Cor a(ii) Reply Paddocks Car Parking](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56027)
[Cor b Reply Fingal re Weirview](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56043)

The correspondence was **NOTED**.

### **L/382/17 - M26 - Item ID:54003 – UPDATE ON CLONBURRIS SDZ**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty.

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on the draft for Clonburris SDZ and to provide us with a time line."

**REPORT:**

The preparation of the draft Planning Scheme for Clonburris SDZ is in the final stages, along with respective assessments which will inform and form part of the scheme.

The Elected Members will be given a briefing in advance of the draft Planning Scheme going on public display in the next few weeks, the exact dates and times for which will be agreed in advance.

Following contributions from P. Gogarty, L.O’ Toole, W. Lavelle, B. Keaney Senior Planner responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

### **L/383/17 - M27 - Item ID:53917 – PRESERVATION OF LIFFEY VALLEY**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, Councillor W. Lavelle, seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty.

"That this Committee noting the ongoing serious concerns in relation to scarring of the scenic vista of the River Liffey Valley from our County as a result of ongoing works to the areas behind and around Weirview cottages; and further noting the serious concerns of residents of our County following a recent rock fall from the cliff behind Weirview (Sunday 7th May); therefore calls on the Chief Executive to provide a detailed report, for discussion, on:

- The nature and outcome of the engagement to date with Fingal County Council as a result of motion 52285 which was considered at both the January Area Committee meeting and the February Council meeting and which sought for engagement with Fingal County Council with a view to “ensure the preservation of both the landscape character and the biodiversity of the Liffey Valley in the area to the west of Lucan Bridge, including particularly the areas on top of and to either side of the cliff to the rear of Weirview Cottages”; and

- The possible extension of the 1990 Special Area Amenity Order (which stops at Lucan Bridge) to areas west of the bridge, including all lands south of the river zoned as Objective HA-LV and all lands north of the river below the top of the escarpment of the river valley, as far west as the footbridge from Lucan Demesne to St. Catherine’s Park which marks the western extent of Fingal County Council who are an existing party to the SAAO (general map of proposed area attached); with the aim of enhancing the preservation of the River Liffey Valley in this area including de-exempting certain classes of development which at present represent a serious threat to the environmental and visual amenity of the river valley."

**REPORT:**

As per the correspondence received from Fingal County Council dated 7th April 2017, a number of dangerous trees were removed from the embankment to the rear of Weirview Cottages on the instruction of Fingal County Council. The correspondence has also advised that an enforcement file has been opened in respect of developments at the rear of Weirview Cottages and remains under review.

The governance arrangements for the Liffey Valley SAAO are under review as advised to the Committee in September 2016 and January 2017. Discussions have previously been undertaken with Fingal County Council to ascertain the most suitable approach taking into account the nature of the SAAO area and the SAAO Order. At present, the issue is under active consideration within South Dublin County Council.

As previously advised to the ACM, it is an objective of the National Landscape Strategy 2015-2025 to prepare a national landscape character assessment. Work on this project has recently commenced, however, draft documents are not yet available. It is an objective of the National Landscape Strategy to produce guidelines on local landscape character assessments which also remain outstanding at this time in addition to regional landscape character assessments. The Liffey Valley traverses a number of council jurisdictions and it is considered important that an agreed approach is taken as to the appropriate boundary for the area and best manner of conserving the unique characteristics of the Valley. These assessments and guidelines would provide a framework which could be used to consider the extent of the area of the Liffey Valley which can be considered to represent a defined landscape character, the nature and characteristics of the area and would inform decisions regarding the extent and nature of any landscape designation for the Valley. It is considered to be premature at this stage to consider extending the SAAO in the absence of these studies and guidelines.

[SAAO ext map (from Cllr Lavelle)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55920)

Following contributions from W. Lavelle, B. Keaney Senior Planner responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**