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

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

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Vicky Casserly

Paul Gogarty

Ruth Nolan

Danny O’ Brien

Ed O’ Brien

Liona O’ Toole

**OFFICALS PRESENT**

Senior Executive Officer Mary Maguire, Hugh Hogan

Senior Executive Officer Marguerite Staunton

Administrative Officer Brian Leonard, Sheila Kelly, Elaine Leech

Rapid Co-ordinator Andy Lane

Communications Manager Niall Noonan

Senior Engineer Willie Purcell, Tony O Grady

Senior Engineer Leo Magee

A/Senior Engineer Michael McAdam

Senior Executive Engineer Helena Fallon

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent David Fennell

Senior Parks Superintendent Suzanne Furlong

Senior Planner Brian Keaney

Chief Technician Kevin Reilly

Senior Executive Planner Siobhán Duff

County Librarian Bernadette Fennell

County Architect Eddie Conroy

Staff Officer Barbara Reilly

Clerical Officer Tracey Hughes

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Ed O’ Brien presided.

### **L/603/17 - H1 Item ID: 55448**

It was proposed by Councillor D. O’ Brien, seconded by Councillor P. Gogarty and **RESOLVED**: “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 24th October 2017 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

[HI1 - October Lucan ACM Minutes](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57588)

**L/604/17 - Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor Liona O’ Toole, seconded by Councillor D. O’ Brien and **RESOLVED**

“That pursuant to Standing Order no. 13, Questions 1 – 21 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”.

## **Transportation**

### **L/605/17 - H2 Item ID: 55471 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Transportation

New Works (No Business)

### **L/606/17 - C1 Item ID: 55459 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed by Transportation

Correspondence (No Business)

### **L/607/17 - H3 Item ID: 55474 – DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC**

Proposed by Transportation

Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads (No Business)

### **L/608/17 - H4 Item ID: 55399 – WINTER MAINTENANCE PLAN 2017 -2018**

Proposed by Tony O Grady

Winter Maintenance Plan 2017 - 2018

[HI4 - Winter Maintenance Plan 2017-2018](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57512)

The report presented by Tony O’ Grady - Senior Engineer, was **NOTED**.

### **L/609/17 - H5 Item ID: 55684 – TRAFFIC MODELLING REPORT**

Proposed by Transportation

Traffic Modelling Report - Newcastle Road Interchange

[HI5 - 2 plus 1 lanes](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57552)  
[HI5 - Current layout](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57554)  
[HI5 - Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57555)  
[HI5 - Right turn lanes](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57553)

The report presented by Kevin Reilly – Chief Technician, was **NOTED.**

### **L/610/17 - Q1 Item ID: 55757 – STREET LIGHTING UPGRADE**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to upgrade the street lighting in Palmerstown and to ask why it has taken so long to have lights in the Coppice repaired recently."

**REPLY:**

The programme for PL Upgrades for Q1 and Q2 of 2018 will be issued in December. This programme will include some areas of Palmerstown. The delay on repairs in The Coppice was due to a problem with the supply of suitable replacement lamps.

### **L/611/17 - Q2 Item ID: 55321 – SCHOOL WARDENS**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update regarding School Wardens in Lucan & Palmerstown area including the recently agreed one for St. Andrews, Lucan?"

**REPLY:**

New School Warden locations provided at Adamstown and Eiscair Riada on 31st August, 2017.

No further school crossing points were approved. St. Andrews N.S. has a school warden operating at this location for some time.

### **L/612/17 - Q3 Item ID: 55761 – FOOTPATH REPAIRS**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on what housing estates and roads listed for footpath repairs in the Lucan LEA will be completed this year and for an update on what areas will be done in 2018."

**REPLY:**

The following repairs were carried out in 2017 in the Lucan Area.

**Roads**

Mill Lane

Kennelsfort Road Upper

Lucan Newlands Road

Lucan Heights

**Footpaths**

Ballyowen Lane

Woodville

Elmbrook

Beech Grove

Wheatfield Road

Ballyowen Park

Wheatfield Estate

Kennelsfort Road

Ardeevin

Turret Road

Ballyowen Lane at the apartments

Old Palmerstown Road

The 2018 Roadworks and Footpath programme is being prepared.

### **L/613/17 - M1 Item ID: 55687 – WESTON AERODROME**

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor G. O’ Connell

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the recent concerts held in Weston Aerodrome and in particular the impact on neighbouring estates, traffic management and any other matters arising from these concerts which might inform the event management of future concerts."

**REPORT:**

The recent concerts at Weston were events which, due to their scale, required no license from South Dublin County Council. The event organisers agreed a Traffic Management plan with An Garda Siochana which addressed issues such as access to residential areas, pedestrian management, onsite parking, emergency vehicle access etc. While no formal close out meetings have yet taken place with South Dublin County Council, the Council is not aware of any significant issues arising on either night.

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

### **L/614/17 - M2 Item ID: 55421 – FOOTPATH REPAIR SCHEME**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by Councillor E. O’ Brien.

"That this Committee call on the Chief Executive to include Woodview Estate Lucan for footpath repair scheme in 2018."

**REPORT:**

Woodview Estate will be considered for inclusion in the 2018 Footpath Programme.

Following contributions from Cllrs. V. Casserly, D. O’ Brien and R. Nolan, Tony O’ Grady – Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

### **L/615/17 - M3 Item ID: 55685 – GUIDANCE STRIPS ON FOOTPATHS**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by Councillor D. O’ Brien.

"That this area committee calls on management as part of ongoing footpath repairs in Lucan village and Palmerstown to install guidance strips for visually impaired residents along our walkways. An example of the implementation of this is Grafton Street with Dublin City Council promoting the initiative. To also further make sure sandwich boards are not placed outside of businesses outside of planning regulations which hinder access for all pedestrians."

**REPORT:**

Dublin City Council Roads Dept. have confirmed that they have used guidance strips on Grafton Street. This was carried out on the advice of the National Council of the Blind for Ireland (NCBI) as Grafton St is a very wide paved area and the guidance strips help to orientate the person.

They have not installed them in any other location.

Following discussions with Traffic Dept. it is not intended to include them as part of Footpath Maintenance.

Following contributions from Cllr. V. Casserly, Tony O’ Grady – Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

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### **L/616/17 - M4 Item ID: 55678 – WOODIES CYCLEWAY**

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

"That the Chief Executive provides a full report on the current status of the Outer Ring Road/Woodies cycleway and interchange improvement scheme including clarifying that the submissions made by approximately 200 residents opposing the abolition of the right hand turn from the bridge at Woodies to the N4 will be heeded now and in the future; and also to outline what correspondence has been received from the NTA in relation to any future plans for the area that would enhance pedestrian safety, cycle safety and traffic flow, while at the same time taking on board public submissions regarding same."

**REPORT:**

At the September ACM, a S38 report was presented with a recommendation that a pilot scheme be implemented in respect of the N4/ City Centre Scheme. It was agreed that no works would commence before the Councillors were presented with a drawing of temporary measures proposed and a Headed Item would be brought to the October Lucan ACM.

At the October Lucan ACM, an item to further discuss Phase 2 of the N4 to City Centre Cycle and Pedestrian Improvements Scheme was deferred on the basis that a drawing of the proposed pilot scheme had been prepared as undertaken at the Sept ACM and had been sent to the NTA for approval and their response was awaited. The Council continued to engage with the NTA to further discuss the pilot and to outline the concerns expressed at the meeting in particular concerns about the perceived traffic impact of the right turn ban.

As the Bus Connects project will address the broader provision of bus and cycle provision in the Lucan sub region in any case, the Council and the NTA have decided not to proceed with the cycle way scheme.

No correspondence has been received from the NTA on future plans for the Lucan Area since.

**MOVED WITHOUT DEBATE.**

### **L/617/17 - M5 Item ID: 55739 – PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT DODSBORO**

Proposed by Councillor R. Nolan, seconded by Councillor Casserly.

"That this Committee agree to put in place a pedestrian crossing on Dodsboro Road, particularly outside the Paddocks to assist children from the Paddocks and surrounding areas to cross the road on their journey to and from Scoil Mhuire in Airlie Heights."

**REPORT:**

This matter is being explored at present with Cairn Homes and we hope to make progress in the short term. In the absence of success, the request will be added to the list of request for pedestrian crossings.

Following contributions from Cllr. R. Nolan, Willie Purcell – Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

### **L/618/17 - M6 Item ID: 55754 – GATES ON LANEWAY**

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

"That this Committee requests a report on the process involved in installing gates (as already requested by the residents and reflected in a Part 8) on a Pilot basis at the Eastern end of the Laneway between Kennelsfort Road and the Coppice as discussed many times in this chamber so that the feasibility of gating all laneways in Palmerstown can be examined to control both dumping and anti-social behaviour."

**REPORT:**

This and related matters were discussed in previous Lucan ACM's under items 54435 (June 2017), 51091 (October 2016) and 48826 (March 2016).

Our search for a Part VIII bore no success and we request further details on the part viii referred to in your Motion.

The process for installing lockable gates starts with the residents who back directly onto the section of laneway that is proposed to be locked reaching agreement amongst themselves that they wish to install the gates. Implicit in such a written request to the Council is a request to have the public Right of Way extinguished on the section of laneway. There is no cost for an extinguishment application and the members determine the application.

All costs associated with the erection and maintenance of gates, insurance, cleaning etc are borne by the residents. They also pay the cost of the removal of public infrastructure such as public lighting.

There are ongoing similar applications in the Dublin City area and further details on these developments are included in the summary on the attached document. The most similar to this is the example from Clontarf.

[M6 - supporting document](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57608)

Following contributions from Cllr. O’ Connell, Willie Purcell – Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

### **L/619/17 - M7 Item ID: 55765 – FOOTPATH REPAIRS**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle

"That this Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to include provision in the 2018 road works programme for measures to improve footpaths and safe routes to schools along Lucan Road, including as requested in previous motions 53929 & 54414; along with the provision of additional bollards be installed to prevent parking inside the new hedge at the corner at the entrance to Ballydowd Grove as vehicles are still pulling into this area blocking the footpath and sightlines for motorists exiting Ballydowd Grove and posing risks to pedestrians and cyclists."

### This item **FELL.**

### **L/620/17 - M8 Item ID: 55766 – TRAFFIC CALMING AT ESKER MEADOWS**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle

"That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to meet with residents of Esker Meadows View to review the planned location of traffic calming; and to further request that the proposed bus cushions are replaced with full road-width ramps noting that this cul-de-sac is not used by Dublin Bus services but is subject to regular speeding including dangerous high-speed driving behaviour by ‘boy racers’."

This item **FELL**.

## **Planning**

### **L/621/17 - H6 Item ID: 55469 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Planning

New Works (No Business)

### **L/622/17 - C2 Item ID: 55457 - CORREPSONDENCE**

Proposed by Planning

Correspondence (No Business)

### **L/623/17 - H7 Item ID: 55473 – LARGE PLANNING FILES**

Proposed by Planning

Planning Files A. Large Applications under consideration B. Files Requested by Members

**HEADED ITEM NO. 7 (A)**

**Reference No:** SD17A/0404

**Applicant:** Liffey Valley Management Ltd.

**Location:** Unit 42, Liffey Valley Shopping Centre, Fonthill Rd, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.

**Development:** Redevelopment (including demolition) of Unit No. 42 (c.497sq.m) and the Shop Mobility unit (c.79sq.m) on a site of c.1.06 hectares, consisting of the provision of 2 restaurant units (Unit No. 9 and No. 10) and 2 retail units (Unit No. 8 and No. 42). Permission is also sought for the replacement of existing signage and new signage, a new free-standing decorative sign at the entrance to the West End car park; an extension to the public plaza to include external seating for the restaurant units, two pavilion type structures accommodating a new taxi office (c.4 8sq.m) and the relocated shop mobility unit (c.46sq.m), a dedicated taxi-rank area and separate set down areas, cycle stands, a reorganised car park layout with 14 mobility impaired parking spaces and an overall reduction of 49 car parking spaces, an electricity substation, plant and all ancillary site works associated with the development. The proposal will result in a net increase of c.364sq.m restaurant use (including a mezzanine of c. 180sq.m within unit No. 9), c 2126sq.m of retail use and c.366sq.m of circulation space within a 3 storey structure.

**Decision due:** 13/01/18

This report was presented by Siobhán Duff – Senior Executive Planner. Cllrs. G. O’ Connell, L. O’ Toole and E. O’ Brien commented on this application.

### **L/624/17 - Q4 Item ID: 55744 – SUBMISSIONS FOR CLONBURRIS SDZ**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

"To ask the Chief Executive for an interim report on the number of submissions received under the Clonburris SDZ and to outline when the full response from the Council with proposed amendments will be reported to members and made available publicly, so that the elected members can begin consultations with residents, community groups and other stakeholders with a view to tabling amendments if necessary?"

**REPLY:**

The Clonburris Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) draft Planning Scheme (the draft Scheme) was on public consultation for a six (6) week period between 22nd September 2017 and 3rd November 2017. Extensive public engagement was carried out during this period culminating in over six hundred (600) submissions being received via the Communications Portal and by post.

The Chief Executive’s Report (the Report) on the submissions is currently being prepared. On 14th December 2017, the Report, will be issued to the Elected Members. On the 15th of December 2017, the Elected Members will be briefed on the Report. At the briefing the dates for submitting motions, preparation of responses and dates in January 2018 for the special Council Meetings to consider the Report will be addressed. The Report will include a summary of the issues raised in the submissions, the Chief Executive’s Response and Recommendations. The Report is prepared for and issued to the Elected Members. The Report is not available to the public until after it has been discussed at the special Council Meetings.

If the Elected Members resolve to make material alterations to the draft Scheme further public consultation will be carried out.

### **L/625/17 - Q5 Item ID: 55770 – CELBRIDGE LINK ROAD**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed update on the timeframe for the planning process for the proposed development of the Adamstown SDZ to Celbridge Road link?

**REPLY:**

The Celbridge Link Road will be subject to planning consent under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) (Part 8). The design of the road and the associated planning requirements is currently being finalised, with an expectation that a Part 8 will be lodged either before the end of the year or early in 2018. The Part 8 will go on public display for a minimum of six (6) weeks, following which  South Dublin County Council (SDCC) will prepare a Chief Executive's Report (the Report) based on the submissions. Upon receipt of the Report, SDCC elected representatives shall within six (6) weeks of the receipt of the Report, consider the proposed development and the Report. It is anticipated that the planning process associated with the Celbridge Link Road will be completed in Spring 2018.

### **L/626/17 - Q6 Item ID: 55748 – WESTON AERODROME**

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if all submissions received during the recent public consultation in relation to the future planning framework of Weston Aerodrome have been considered and what action if any is to be taken on foot of these submissions."

**REPLY:**

All the submissions received in relation to the review of the Weston Aerodrome Planning Framework are currently being considered as part of the preparation of the Chief Executive's report. This report, which will include a recommendation will be presented at the Land Use Planning and Transportation SPC on the 4th of December 2017, following which, any further actions, if so required, will be determined.

### **L/627/17 - Q7 Item ID: 55689 – VACANT PROPERTY REGISTER**

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien

"Noting that this Council's vacant property register is now complete to ask the Chief Executive to confirm if any of the sites listed are located in the Lucan/Palmerstown area and if the listing of any such site has been appealed to An Bord Pleanala?"

**REPLY:**

At present, South Dublin County Council (SDCC) Vacant Site Register (VSR) contains seven (7) sites. The entry of two (2) of these sites on the VSR is currently under appeal to An Bord Pleanála. It is anticipated that An Bord Pleanála will make a decision on these appeals shortly. Currently, the VSR contains no sites situated in the Lucan/Palmerstown area.

However, the determination of sites for entry on the VSR has not concluded. It is important to point out that the VSR is a dynamic rather than a static exercise. The VSR is part of a process which identifies sites within SDCC on housing or regeneration lands suitable for homes but not, as yet, coming forward for development. Vacant sites which meet the relevant criteria will be subject to a detailed assessment involving correspondence with the landowner(s) at various stages throughout the process. In due course, it is anticipated that more sites, including locations within Lucan/Palmerstown, will be entered into the VSR.

### **L/628/17 - Q8 Item ID: 55749 – SHACKLETON PARK**

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien

"Can the Chief Executive request a meeting with Cairn Developments, developers of Shackleton Park, and residents of Dodsboro Cottages to discuss ongoing issues being experienced by residents due to the manner in which this development is being carried out."

**REPLY:**

In advance of requesting a meeting with Cairn Developments, developers of Shackleton Park, and residents of Dodsboro Cottages some clarity is required regarding the nature and extent of ongoing issues being experienced by residents due to the manner in which this development is being carried out.

### **L/629/17 - M9 Item ID: 55778 – PUBLIC LIGHTING DELAYS AT ADAMSTOWN**

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

"With current development taking place in Adamstown a number of issues has arisen over the last number of months, some of which have been discussed and addressed. Recently the subject of public lighting has become a concern whereby delays in connecting public lighting and activating an ESB account has occurred due to various factors.  
This Committee asks that the Chief Executive look at examining the criteria for planning applications in the area of ‘public street lighting’ and to consider making changes to these criteria’s to ensure that re occurrence of delays and complaints are reduced and that improvements are made regarding the transfer of ownership to SDCC. To also ask the Chief Executive to comment on the resources that are presently within the planning department specifically the number of employees and to confirm if there are plans to increase the numbers to cater for future planning applications which will be presented to the planning section from the Adamstown area resulting in a greater demand on this department."

**REPORT:**

Public lighting is dealt with by the Public Lighting Section of the Land Use Planning and Roads Department. The requirements of this section are considered during the planning application process and are finalised by way of compliance. These design requirements provide for a high quality public lighting scheme throughout the public realm of a site, which are in accordance with National and European standards. Connecting to the electricity network and any delays that may occur within that process are outside of the control of South Dublin County Council.

Staff numbers and resources are set out in the Councils Workforce Plan. Requirements to revise these numbers will be closely monitored.

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

### **L/630/17 - M10 Item ID: 55753 – LIFFEY VALLEY MONITORING COMMITTEE**

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

"That the Chief Executive make contact with his counterpart in Fingal County Council to set a date for a meeting of the Liffey Valley Monitoring Committee."

**REPORT:**

The Liffey Valley Monitoring Committee was established to oversee the implementation of the Management Plan for the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) lands. Delivery of objectives in the plan has not progressed in recent years due to there being no specific budget provision or available staff resources assigned to implementation.

However, a feasibilty study on options and recommendations for tourism and recreational opportunities for the Liffey Valley which was commissioned by South Dublin County Council and Fingal County Council has identified a series of objectives which, if implemented, may achieve a number of actions of the SAAO Management Plan. It is an action of the South Dublin County Council Management Team Plan for 2018 to progress the recommendations of this study.

A briefing will be arranged with the Members of Lucan ACM to outline the approach to delivery and implementation of the study in the coming weeks.

Following contributions from Cllrs. G. O’ Connell and P. Gogarty, Brian Keaney – Senior Planner, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

## **Economic Development**

### **L/631/17 - H8 Item ID: 55464 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Economic Development

New Works (No Business)

### **L/632/17 - C3 Item ID: 55452 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed by Economic Development

Correspondence (No Business)

### **L/633/17 - M11 Item ID: 55764 – LIFFEY BLUEWAY STUDY**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle

"That this Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to publish the report and recommendations of the Liffey Blueway study along with a funded plan for implementation."

This item **FELL.**

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **L/634/17 - H9 Item ID: 55467 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Libraries & Arts

NEW WORKS (No Business)

### **L/635/17 - C4 Item ID: 55454 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed by Libraries & Arts

Correspondence (No Business)

### **L/636/17 - H10 Item ID: 55461 – LIBRARIES NEWS AND EVENTS**

Proposed by Libraries & Arts

Library News & Events

[HI10 - Library News Events](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57561)

### This report was presented by Bernadette Fennell – County Librarian, the report was **NOTED.**

### **L/637/17 - H11 Item ID: 55447 – ARTS GRANTS**

Proposed by Libraries & Arts

Application for Arts Grants (No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **L/638/17 - H12 Item ID: 55463 – NEW WORK**

Proposed by Corporate Support

New Works (No Business)

### **L/639/17 - C5 Item ID: 55451 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed by Corporate Support

Correspondence

[Cor 5 - Follow up from HSE presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57684)

### This correspondence was **NOTED**

### **L/640/17 - H13 Item ID: 55686 - €300K HAVE YOUR SAY - UPDATE**

Proposed by Corporate Performance and Change Management Directorate

€300k - Have your say - update

**REPLY:**

The following is an update on each of the eight projects supported and funded through the €300K Have Your Say participatory budgeting initiative in Lucan in 2017:

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| Project | Update November 2017 |
| Project: Playground in Waterstown Park, Palmerstown | It is intended to commence a tender process before end of 2017. It usually takes about 8 weeks to order and deliver equipment so construction is programmed for early 2018. This timeframe is based on similar projects elsewhere but is highly dependent on the outcome of the consultation. |
| Project: Planting of native apple trees, Lucan electoral area | The Irish Seed Savers Association have been contracted to provide the trees. Park locations to be finalised. |
| Project: Free Library Book Banks in Public Places – Lucan Electoral Area | South Dublin County Council are in the process of purchasing books for the free library books initiative and finding suitable locations. |
| Project: Christmas Lights in Lucan Village | The group consulted with initially for the Lucan lights project was the three individuals who put forward this suggestion, they are part of the Lucan Festival Committee. Switch on date set for December 3rd at 5pm. |
| Project: Feasibility Study for the Restoration of Silver Bridge, Palmerstown | Fingal County Council are appointing a consultant for this study, details to follow. |
| Project: Restoration of King John’s Bridge Griffeen Park | Public Realm is assessing the level of vegetation and site clearance and how this will be dealt with as currently the site is inaccessible.  Therefore, before a programme of works can be formed the site needs to be cleared and works agreed.  A condition assessment report has been previously completed by a consultant conservation engineer and on foot of his recommendations a mortar analysis has been taken, this will be analysed in order to assist with the remedial repair works. |
| Project: Access to Church and Graveyard at Mill Lane, Palmerstown | The Council is in the process of confirming land ownership at the site with regard to gaining the proper and formal permission to carry out these works as the area for the pathway and revised entrance are not Council lands. |
| Project: Multi-Games Wall, Lucan | It is intended to commence a tender process before end of 2017. It usually takes about 8 weeks to order and deliver equipment so construction is programmed for early 2018. |

South Dublin County Council has also updated the Have Your Say section of the Council website to update citizens on these projects  **<http://www.southdublin.ie/HaveYourSay/>**

### This report was presented by Niall Noonan – Communications Manager. It was agreed that a Headed Item will be brought to the Lucan ACM every quarter and the report was **NOTED.**

### **L/641/17 - Q9 Item ID: 55683 – WATERSTOWN PARK**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

"To ask the Chief Executive for a timeframe update on design, tender, construction and opening of the playground at Waterstown Park given that funding for this was voted for as part of the Have Your Say €300k process and substantial public submissions on the type of playground wanted have been made? Residents of Palmerstown are eager for this facility to be made available as soon as possible."

**REPLY:**

After the outcome of the participatory budget process, the Council initiated a separate public consultation process and a Questionnaire was issued on the 13th June 2017. Questionnaires were sent to all the elected members and to the PPN for distribution. They were also sent to local primary schools and became available for download from Council website. A notice was also posted through the Councils Facebook page and questionnaires were delivered to Palmerstown Youth and Community Centre. At the request of local residents the consultation was extended by a month. The questionnaires have all been returned and are currently being assessed. It is hoped to commence a tender process before end of 2017. Construction is planned for early 2018.

### **L/642/17 - M12 Item ID: 55760 – NUMBER 67 BUS**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor E. O’ Brien.

"This Area Committee calls on Dublin Bus to improve the service at peak times on the number 67 bus route. Currently people are been left at bus stops from Heuston station to Palmerstown as the bus is full when they get to this point."

**REPORT:**

If this motion is passed, a letter will be issued to Dublin Bus.

Following consultation, the report was **NOTED.**

### **L/643/17 - M13 Item ID: 55763 – ADDITIONAL BUSES**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle

"That this Area Committee, noting that Ms. Anne Graham, CEO of the National Transport Authority, has responded to calls for additional peak hour bus services to/from Lucan with the line that “resources are limited”, hereby calls on the Minister for Transport Shane Ross TD to provide additional resource to the NTA to allow them to expand peak hour bus services to/from Lucan."

### This item **FELL**.

### **L/644/17 - M14 Item ID: 55780 – INVITATION TO DUBLIN BUS**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

"Further to Dublin Bus recently hosting a roadshow at Lucan Shopping Centre to give customers the opportunity to provide feedback and suggestion about the services in the Lucan area, which facilitated the members of the public to engage directly with the management and representative, that this Committee sends an invite to Dublin Bus to provide a report to member of its findings."

**REPORT:**

If the motion is passed a letter will issue to Dublin Bus.

## Following contribution from Cllr. L. O’ Toole, this report was **NOTED**.

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **L/645/17 - H14 Item ID: 55468 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Performance & Change Management

New Works (No Business)

### **L/646/17 - C6 Item ID: 55456 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed by Performance & Change Management

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Water & Drainage**

### **L/647/17 - H15 Item ID: 55472 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Water & Drainage

New Works (No Business)

### **L/648/17 - C7 Item ID: 55460 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Water & Drainage

Correspondence (No Business)

### **L/649/17 - M15 Item ID: 55679 – LOW WATER PRESSURE IN ADAMSTOWN**

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

"That the Chief Executive provides a full report on the recent low water pressure being experienced by residents of Adamstown SDZ (eg Castlegate, Adamstown Avenue, The Paddocks), including any liaison with Irish Water and clarify that these issues have now been identified and dealt with and systems put in place to prevent them happening again."

**REPORT:**

Irish Water was designated as the Water Services Authority on 1st January 2014. This made them responsible for the management of the Drinking Water and Foul Drainage Networks

Local Authorities including SDCC currently continue to deliver some of the water and wastewater functions on behalf of Irish Water through a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with them. Irish Water assign works to SDCC by raising Work Orders through their systems, this enables them to track works that we carry out on their behalf. We have been directed by Irish Water to refer all customer enquiries to the Irish Water call centre so that they can track customer requests, queries and complaints.

As part of the SLA, SDCC was asked to investigate complaints from members of the public and elected representatives in relation to reports of low water pressure in the estates mentioned in the Motion (Castlegate, Adamstown Avenue, and The Paddocks).

Upon investigation it was found that the water pressure in the public water mains was significantly above the minimum Irish Water target of 1.5 bar. Readings were recorded consistently in the range of 1.8 to 2.0 bar. It is believed that the water pressure one is a private side matter. We understand that Irish Water were in direct consultation with the residents and developers in the area in this regard.

At the time of the reported low pressure, SDCC was also carrying out a significant new connection on behalf of Irish Water in the area. This necessitated an alternation in the water supply route which resulted in a marginal reduction in water pressure. However, readings taken in the area indicated that the water pressure remained significantly above the IW minimum target level of 1.5 bar, albeit below levels previously available. That connection has been completed, the original supply route restored and the water pressure returned to the previous, marginally higher levels.

Members are reminded that 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

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Following contributions from Cllrs. P. Gogarty, L. O’ Toole and D. O’ Brien, Michael McAdam – A/Senior Engineer, responded to queries raise and the report was **NOTED**.

## **Public Realm**

### **L/650/17 - H16 Item ID: 55470 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Public Realm

New Works (No Business)

### **L/651/17 - C8 Item ID: 55458 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed by Public Realm

Correspondence (No Business)

### **L/652/17 - Q10 Item ID: 55682 – GAP BETWEEN THE PADDOCKS AND HILLCREST**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

"To ask the Chief Executive when Public Realm will close the gap at the dangerous location between The Paddocks and Hillcrest as specified under the SDZ and as agreed by the Council in March, and also when a formal liaison process can be set up between Hillcrest and The Paddocks to see if there is agreement for an alternative suitable permeability location or else agreement on a permanent closure?"

**REPLY:**

An order has been issued for the installation of a railing at this location. However, given the proximity of the ESB substation it is not confirmed if it will be possible to install the railing. An onsite meeting has been requested with the ESB to confirm the position of underground cables after which a decision will be made on how to proceed.

As previously advised, constructing a suitable link between these two estates would require agreement from both estates. Should a petition be received from each estate with an indicative route, the matter will be considered further. The petition would need to be comprehensive and consult with residents directly opposite any proposed link paths or access routes.

### **L/653/17 - Q11 Item ID: 55768 – SHRUBBERY AT WILLSBROOK**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle

"To ask the Chief Executive, further to very effective works carried out in the Spring, to ensure the continued pruning and removal of undergrowth and shrubbery at Willsbrook Park during Winter 2017/Spring 2018 with a view to further improving visibility and public safety for park users, particularly close to junctions and secluded corners?"

**REPLY:**

Willsbrook Park is included on the 2017 Tree Maintenance Programme for implementation of a programme of work for trees categorised as priority 1 in a tree survey of the park. Works are scheduled to be carried out on approximately 30 mature trees within the park over the winter period. This work will involve removal of dead, dying or significantly damaged trees, pruning and removal of ivy growth as necessary. The pruning of vegetation close to junctions and secluded corners will be continued during the winter pruning period. Works will be of a similar nature to those carried out in recent years.

### **L/654/17 - Q12 Item ID: 55741 – ROUNDABOUT AT EARLSFORT ESTATE**

Proposed by Councillor R. Nolan

"To ask the Chief Executive about the roundabout outside the Earlsfort Estate which is still in an awful state. Are there any plans to rectify this soon?"

**REPLY:**

Further to the commitment under [Motion 6](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56917) at the Lucan ACM in September 2017, additional shrubs have recently been purchased for this roundabout. It is intended to plant the shrubs on the roundabout in December.

### **L/655/17 - Q13 Item ID: 55776 – GATE AT BALLYFERMOT SPORTS COMPLEX**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

"That this Committee requests that the Chief Executive consider the following proposal:

That SDCC Parks Department in agreement with the Management committee of Ballyfermot Sports Complex Gurteen Road Ballyfermot Dublin 10 put in at the Councils cost a pedestrian gate from Gleanaulin Park Palmerstown Dublin 20 into the grounds of Ballyfermot Sports Complex this would facilitate safe pedestrian traffic, allow people use bathrooms, car-parking etc. The Sports Complex was built by Dublin Corporation in 1985 & the lease with the park lands known as the Gaels where transferred to the then Dublin Co Council in the early 1990`s."

**REPLY:**

There is a difference in level between the Sports Complex and Glenaulin Park. In order to assess this proposal fully, further details of the location for the proposed gate are required. Upon receipt of these details the matter will be considered further.

### **L/656/17 - M/16 Item ID: 55746 – THE OLD CHURCH AT ESKER GLEBE**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"Noting work being carried out at King Johns Bridge as part of the 300K Have Your Say programme that this Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to carry out cleansing and ancillary environmental works at the Old Church in ruins at Esker Glebe as an extension a future heritage trail."

**REPORT:**

The Old Church at Esker Glebe is listed as a Protected Structure in the County Development Plan 2016-2022. It is identified as Esker Church and described as a “stone church (Ruin), Monument and Graveyard (RM)”. The RM denotes that it is a recorded monument.

The Public Realm Section will liaise with the Councils Conservation Officer in relation to assessing the site with a view to determining the most appropriate course of action for the future maintenance and upkeep of the Protected Structure.

### Following a contribution from Cllr. E. O’ Brien, David Fennell – Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

### **L/657/17 - M17 Item ID: 54930 – PUPPY AREA AT GRIFFEEN**

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

"That this Area Committee requests that the Chief Executive examine the possibility of designing a ‘puppy pound’ at Griffeen Dog Park which would assist those with new dogs and provide training in a safe and controlled environment."

**REPORT:**

“As previously reported under [Motion 4](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=53168) at the Lucan ACM in September 2016, the Public Realm Section is not in favour of introducing a "puppy pound".  This type of facility would be difficult to manage in the absence of a system to police it.

The most appropriate course of action in this instance would be for dog owners to introduce their puppies to dog runs when they consider that they are ready for this experience. Puppy social skills and interaction with other dogs can be achieved through puppy training classes which all responsible dog owners should be encouraged to attend."

### Following contributions from Cllr. L. O’ Toole, David Fennell - Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

### **L/658/17 - M18 Item ID: 55653 – RECYCLING BINS**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, seconded by Councillor R. Nolan.

That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to introduce a pilot scheme in the Lucan EA whereby recycling bins are provided alongside general waste bins in public places and indoors in all buildings that have SDCC involvement in Lucan and Palmerstown, so as to prevent unnecessary materials going to landfill; and that this proposal be examined by the Environment SPC with a view to rolling out county-wide.

**REPORT:**

It is a requirement of the EU Landfill Directive that all municipal solid waste is either segregated at source or processed/treated at a waste treatment plant in such a way that it is separated into compostable, recyclable and residual fractions with only the residual fraction going on to landfill. It is only possible to dispose of residual waste at a landfill when the waste has either been pre-treated in this manner, or else segregated at source, and therefore there is no waste currently going to landfill which is either compostable or recyclable. Nevertheless the Council's Environment Section in conjunction with the Environmental Awareness Officer and other Council departments concerned will undertake to examine this matter to determine what measures, if any, are required and could be implemented in this regard.

It should be noted that a review of the litter bin service was carried out by the Environment Section in recent times with a report presented on the matter to the Environment SPC in February 2017. The report did not consider the matter of street bins for recyclables and there was no request from the SPC at the time to do so. The matter will be placed on the agenda of the February meeting of the SPC for an initial discussion and to agree the scope of an examination to be carried out which would in turn lead to a pilot scheme being run, if this is deemed necessary by the SPC.

With regard to the provision of such facilities in public buildings, this obviously concerns a number of sections and departments within the Council such as Corporate Services, Libraries and Community Services to name a few. It is proposed to consult those departments on the matter in the first instance to collect information on the existing provision of waste receptacles, arrangements for the segregation of waste in those buildings and arrangements in place for the collection of waste from those buildings. This will help to establish the current situation at each building and to identify what actions, if any, are required to be taken at each one.

### ***Motion 20 taken in conjunction with Motion 18.***

### **M20 Item ID: 55738 – MULTI - WASTE BINS**

Proposed by Councillor R. Nolan, seconded by Councillor G. O’ Connell.

"That this Committee avail of multi-waste bins which would allow people to segregate rubbish in public places which would cut landfill space requirements. In principle and action, this project would not only cut landfill costs but also aid in the battle against litter and carbon footprints."

**REPORT:**

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Following contributions from Cllrs. P. Gogarty, R, Nolan, G. O’ Connell and L. O’ Toole, Leo Magee – Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

### **L/659/17 - M19 Item ID: 55721 – WALL AT COLTHURST ESTATE**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor G. O’ Connell.

"That this Committee agrees that the Council comes up with a plan to stop people climbing over the wall from Colthurst estate in to the back of Eurospar.  
Currently there is a big gap on both sides of the wall with no planting in place. Can a fast growing bush be planted beside this wall?"  
   
 **REPORT:**

An examination of Google maps, Street View image for the location in question shows that there was no traversing of the wall taking place in 2009. This is due to the presence of an established laurel hedge which was growing on the Eurospar side of the wall. At some stage in the intervening years the hedge was set alight resulting in a gap being created thus allowing access over the wall.

The taking in charge of the public open space includes all land up to but not including boundaries where they adjoin private property. The maintenance and upkeep of this wall would be a matter for the adjacent landowner.  The management company responsible for the maintenance of Ballyowen Castle Shopping Centre will be contacted in relation to this matter and when a reply is received, the Committee will be notified accordingly.

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

### **L/660/17 - M21 Item ID: 55756 – CHILDRENS PLAY AREA AT GRIFFEEN PARK**

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

"As a follow up to my question at the October meeting (Q 24) to ask the Chief Executive for a report on the recently renovated Childrens' Play Area in the Griffeen Valley Park. Local residents and dog walkers continue to complain about the results of vandalism on this beautiful play area. To include in the report how many times the fence at this location has been damaged, the cost of repairs and what action the Council has taken to address the vandals and that the Chief Executive make a statement on the matter?"

**REPORT:**

The playground upgrade has been a welcome addition to the Griffeen Valley Park facilities and is really well used by people from the Lucan area and wider afield.

There has been only a minor incident of vandalism to playground equipment since the playground opened; with some minor damage to a swing seat around Hallowe’en time.

As reported at the Lucan ACM in September; following the re-opening of the playground, a number of fencing panels were pulled down and were re-erected by SDCC staff. The contractor was asked to strengthen the fence and carried out this work in late October. This prevented the panels being detachable. The cost of repair for the 4 panels damaged was subsumed into the cost of the upgrade of the fence. Since this work was carried out, one panel was damaged at Hallowe’en; which has since been re-erected and there has been no further incidents of this nature.

In addition since before the opening of the playground the Council has been in close communication with Lucan Gardai and have been working in tandem with them since the opening. This has resulted in a lot of active management within the area by both community Gardai and SDCC ranger staff. It has been noticed that in the weeks prior to Hallowe’en, and on-going since then, there has been a noticeable reduction in the amount of unwanted activity at the playground.

SDCC will continue to work in close co-operation with local Gardai in Lucan to prevent anti-social behaviour in Griffeen Valley Park. A recent meeting between SDCC and Lucan Gardai has outlined a number of new possibilities to pursue in this regard.

### Following contributions from Cllrs. G. O’ Connell, P. Gogarty, D. O’ Brien, E. O’ Brien and L. O’ Toole, Suzanne Furlong – Senior Parks Superintendent, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

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### **L/661/17 - M22 Item ID: 55767 – TREE PRUNING AT CHALET GARDENS**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle

"That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to expedite the pruning of trees blocking public lighting at Chalet Gardens (as proposed by the Public Lighting section at the September 2016 ACM) and at Beech Park."

**This item FELL.**

### **L/662/17 - M23 Item ID: 55747 – SHRUBBERY ADJACENT TO EARLSFORT LAWN**

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor R. Nolan.

To ask the Chief Executive to clear away bushes/shrubbery located between trees on the green adjacent to Earlsfort Lawn, Lucan to assist the Gardaí in dealing with repeated and dangerous incidents of anti-social behaviour in this area.

**REPORT:**

It is the policy of the Council to protect and promote the conservation of biodiversity outside of designated areas and to ensure that species and habitats are adequately protected. HCL15 Objective 3 in the Heritage, Conservation and Landscapes section of the County Development Plan 2016-2022 states as follows “to protect existing trees, hedgerows, and woodlands which are of amenity or biodiversity value and/or contribute to landscape character and ensure that proper provision is made for their protection and managements in accordance with Living with Trees: South Dublin County Council’s Tree Management Policy 2015-2020.”

An initial inspection of the location showed that some works are required in the vicinity of 12 Earlsfort Lawn where a limb has fallen from a tree. There was significant dumping of rubbish and items identified on site included a child’s scooter, toy car, carpet, BBQ, paint pot, plastic draining board tray, pieces of pallet, bricks, concrete blocks, section of PVC door/window frame, 3 footballs, green waste, soft drink bottles/cans and sweet wrappers. The items identified appear to be of local origin and there was no evidence of anti-social activity taking place.

At the time of inspection the area was being used by children at play with one child in the process of removing a rope swing from a tree.

In light of the Councils Policy and the absence of evidence to suggest the presence of anti-social activity, there are no current proposals to remove the hedgerow. The hedge will be cleaned and pruning works opposite No 12 will be undertaken.

Should further details of anti-social activity be made available, the hedge can be reviewed having regard to the Councils policy and any works considered necessary will carried out accordingly.

### ***Motion 24 taken in conjunction with Motion 23.***

### **M24 Item ID: 55762 – BUSHES AT EARLSFORT LAWN**

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

"This Area Committee agrees that the patch of bushes and trees in the middle of the green space in front of the house on Earlsfort Lawn be cut back and the area be made more open."

**REPORT:**

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At the time of inspection the area was being used by children at play with one child in the process of removing a rope swing from a tree.

It is proposed to carry out a clean-up of the hedge and prune the tree opposite No 12. A further inspection of the hedge will be carried out at the time having regard to the Councils policy outlined above, and any cutting back works considered necessary will undertaken accordingly.

### Following contributions from Cllrs. E. O’ Brien, D. O’ Brien and R. Nolan, David Fennell – Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

### **L/663/17 - M25 Item ID: 55755 – LIVING WITH TREES**

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

"To ask the Chief Executive on progress to date on the review on the operation of the “Living with Trees” policy and to include in the report how many trees in the Palmerstown Lucan Area were knocked or damaged in the recent Hurricane/Storm and their locations."

**REPORT:**

South Dublin County Council's Tree Management Policy 2015-2020 'Living with Trees' was adopted at a meeting of the Council on July 13, 2015. This is a 5-Year management policy which is now scheduled for a mid-term review in accordance with the relevant specific action listed in the Action Plan which accompanies and supports the Tree Management Policy. It is intended to present the mid-term review for discussion at the next meeting of the Environment, Public Realm & Climate Change Strategic Policy Committee in early 2018.

Arising from storm Ophelia on October 16th last, the Council’s tree maintenance crews pruned 26 trees and removed 10 trees in the Lucan and Palmerstown areas.  The locations where remedial works were carried out on storm damaged trees included Ballyowen Lane, Beech Park, Beech Grove, Colthurst Road & Crescent, Chalet Gardens, Esker Park, Hillcrest Close, Larchfield Way, Mill Lane Park, Mount Andrew estate, Palmers Crescent, Willsbrook Way, Willsbrook Park and Woodville Avenue.

Following contributions from Cllrs. G, O’ Connell and L. O’ Toole, David Fennell – Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

## **Environment**

### **L/664/17 - H17 Item ID: 55465 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Environment

New Works (No Business)

### **L/665/17 - C9 Item ID: 55449 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed by Environment

Correspondence (No Business)

### **L/666/17 - Q14 Item ID: 55769 – TRAFFIC NOISE FROM R136 EFFECTING 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 third round of the European Noise Directive on Noise Mapping is almost complete for the South Dublin area. This mapping exercise will provide up to date noise analysis for the Foxborough and Balgaddy areas that adjoin the R136 road. The results of this noise mapping exercise will then be examined in the light of the complaints received on behalf of residents and in relation to mitigation measures for noise.

### **L/667/17 - Q15 Item ID: 55772 – ANTI-LITTER SIGNAGE**

Proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on previous requests for installation ´no littering´ and ´no dumping´ signage at Lucan Road, opposite St. Josephs College in the vicinity of the bus stop and steps down to Sarsfield Park. (Note: previous membereps 1260471 & 1272883 refer)."

**REPLY:**

6 “no dumping” signs were erected along the steps between Lucan Road and Chapel Hill. 5 of the signs are still present and visible on the lighting columns located on the steps. The 6th sign was vandalised and found lying in the shrubs to the side of the steps. Due to the presence of the bin beside the bus stop it was not considered necessary at the time to erect a “no littering” sign. There is some litter on the open space side of the wall at the bus stop. The litter appears to have been there for some time and arrangements are currently being made to have this area cleaned up.

### **L/668/17 - M26 Item ID: 55775 - WILDFLOWERS**

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

"That this Committee requests the Chief Executive to examine the possibility of introducing a project where the community will be provided with additional bulbs (daffodils) in line with the ‘bulbs not bonfire’ initiative. In addition to this request to examine areas where the grassland could be replaced with Wildflowers which would reduce the demand on grass cutting in areas and contribute to the environment.

(**Please see attached detailed email and accompanied photos)**

*“I’m looking for the SDCC to donate 1000s of Daffodil bulbs to the communities of Lucan/Admanstown and Ronanstown so that we can plant them along the main roads in Lucan in order to brighten up the place and help offset antisocial behaviour and to get community estates out to take pride in the local area.*

*The place is littered with rubbish due to lack of bins at locations like bus stops and particularly along long stretches of footpaths where you can never find a bin so people just throw it on the ground or over the wall in to many of the estates.*

*On a separate matter, SDCC has thousands of acres of grassland that could be planted with Wildflowers to help the environment, help improve bee and insect numbers and allow for more bee keeping. It would also help to offset any spraying SDCC does and to help the heritage and wildlife in SDCC areas. I’d like to see some of grass in the Fforster Estate among the Ballyowen Road planted with Wildflowers to create a wild meadow effect. This would look amazing from the road. By doing the above also would save SDCC thousands of Euro in grass cutting expenses each month and year.*

*By not cutting the grass and planting wildflower you also create a better place to live within.*

*Finally, planting bulbs along each road is needed to lift people’s spirits. Additionally, a number of the roundabouts (Willsbrook Road and Castleroad along with Griffeen way towards the park) could be planted with Wildflowers again to create a wonderful visual effect all summer long. Can I just say also that a lot of the footpaths in Lucan have vegetation growing outwards causing people to be forced out in to the cycle paths. All streets need maintenance in this regard. If the above can’t be done then I’ll do it and let the vegetation in piles to be collected by SDCC.*

*Thanks for your help and I will meet with anyone in SDCC to get them a tour of the areas I’ve in mind to help improve. “*

[M26 - email photos from Cllr](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57671)

**REPORT:**

South Dublin County Council through the Social Credit Scheme is piloting a new initiative the “new community minor landscaping scheme” This scheme is to assist groups to enhance the green space in their communities in an environmentally conscious manner and to encourage biodiversity through the planting of native seeds and bulbs appropriate to the area.

As part of this initiative community groups can apply through the SCS to gain support from a facilitator in the form of a workshop, that would allow them to improve their areas in the most efficient and cost effective manner possible by upskilling in appropriate native planting, maintenance and propagation.

An initial meeting is held with each group to allow them to outline how the area might be improved, to establish what their priorities are, and to assess what skills are already present in the group. Through this assessment the facilitator makes a recommendation outlining the materials and supports needed for groups. The groups are provided with the knowledge and skills to maintain the area (which is a commitment given by the groups involved) with the support of SDCC.

The "Bulbs not Bonfires" is also provided through the Council’s Social Credits Scheme but is a separate reward to the community minor landscaping scheme. The "Bulbs not Bonfires" scheme rewards community groups for undertaking specially pro-environmental/non bonfire orientated Halloween activities and projects.

Community groups, environmental groups, resident associations and schools can apply in October outlining a plan to create a Safe Halloween.

The growing of wildflowers has significant benefits in terms of enhancing biodiversity. Wildflower meadows do not establish overnight and can take several years to be successful. They establish better on infertile soils and would not be suitable to high profile fertile areas such as roundabouts or Fforster estate. There are a number of wildflower meadows in the Lucan EA located in regional and local Parks eg, Griffeen Valley Park, Lucan Demesne, Vesey Park and Waterstown Park. The Public Realm Section would be open to exploring options for establishing wildflower meadows in residential areas however it would need to be driven and supported by an interested residents association, community group or tidy towns group.

Following contributions from Cllrs. L. O’ Toole and G, O’ Connell, David Fennell – Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

## **Housing**

### **L/669/17 - H18 Item ID: 55466 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Housing

New Works (No Business)

### **L/670/17 - C10 Item ID: 55453 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed by Housing

Correspondence (No Business)

### **L/671/17 - Q16 Item ID: 55745 – ADDITIONAL SOCIAL HOUSING UNIT**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the number of additional social housing units or long-term rental units made available in the Lucan and Palmerstown area since December 2016 and to outline how many additional units are likely to be made available in the coming 12 months?"

**REPLY:**

A total of **46** units have been delivered through Approved Housing Body turnkey acquisitions and Part V units in the Lucan/Palmerstown area since December 2016 to date.

The projected number due for delivery in 2018 is **19** units according to current supply and delivery timeframes. This supply will most likely increase through the delivery of further units through the Part V acquisition programme in the Lucan and Palmerstown area and in particular within the Adamstown SDZ. Part V agreements are currently being negotiated with developers for units within this area which will increase supply in the later end of 2018 and early 2019.

### **L/672/17 - Q17 Item ID: 55722 – LANDS ZONED FOR HOUSING**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on all the current land SDCC has that is zoned for housing in the Lucan LEA and for this report to state how many houses could be built on this land?"

**REPLY:**

The Housing Department are currently reviewing sites zoned for housing as presented at the November Housing SPC which will be suitable for future social housing developments. A feasibility study of these sites will be carried out to review constraints and opportunities on these sites. In addition a number of sites are located within the Clonburris SDZ which is has recently completed the public consultation process. It is not possible to state the number of units which will be delivered until a full review has been carried out.

### **L/673/17 - Q18 Item ID: 55690 – HOUSE INSPECTIONS**

Proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the number of housing inspections carried out by this Local Authority in the Lucan/Palmerstown area in the last 24 months, the percentage of private rented dwellings in the electoral area inspected, and the outcomes, if any, of these inspections?"

**REPLY:**

A total of 310 private rented property inspections were carried out during the period 01/11/2015 and 23/11/2017 in the Lucan Electoral Area.

The current percentage rate of private rented properties is 10% of all private rented propertied registered with the Residential Tenancy Board with the county.

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| Private Rented / HAP Inspections carried out | 310 |
| Inspections passed on date | 37 |
| Inspections failed on date | 228 |
| Issues passed/ resolved after notification of failure | 45 |

### **L/674/17 - M27 Item ID: 55751 – STEP DOWN HOUSING**

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

"To ask the Chief Executive for an up to date report on the provision of step-down housing accommodation planned for the Lucan Palmerstown area, and in particular, but not only, for the former Poolhall site on Old Lucan Road."

**REPORT:**

The Housing Department intend to make this site available to Approved Housing Bodies through expressions of interest for development of step-down housing for older persons. No timeframe has been set at present to publish this expression of interest but will be considered further for 2018.

Following contributions from Cllrs. P. Gogarty and D. O’ Brien, Marguerite Staunton – Senior Executive Officer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

## **Community**

### **L/675/17 - H19 Item ID: 55462 – NEW WORKS**

Proposed by Community

New Works (No Business)

### **L/676/17 - C11 Item ID: 55450 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed by Community

Correspondence (No Business)

### **L/677/17 - H20 Item ID: 55688 – DEPUTATION MEETING**

Proposed by Community

Deputation Meetings

[HI20 - Esker Drive Residents](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57560)

### This report was **NOTED**.

### **L/678/17 - Q19 Item ID: 55680 – LUCAN POOL UPDATE**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

"To ask the Chief Executive for a further update on the Lucan Swimming Pool project, including draft dates for sod turning, commencement of construction, completion and opening, as well as providing any details of plans to maximise energy efficiency and energy self-sufficency, including the provision of electric car charging points, given the anticipated increased update of EVs in the near future?"

**REPLY:**

The Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificate applications were submitted on 13th October.

The Design Team are progressing well with the preparation of tender documents. Detail design of all the main elements is well advanced.

The Prequalification process for the main contractor and reserved specialists is due to commence early in December.

Final tender documents will be complete and requests for tender are due to be made at the end of February 2018.

The tender process will take six weeks to complete.

On conclusion of the tender process a Tender Report will be prepared and issued to the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport for final approval.

Once this approval is received the Contractor will be appointed and work will begin. This start date is dependent on the Departments approval but is estimated at June 2018.

The project will take 12 – 18months to complete and fit out ready for operation by the end of 2019.

The new Lucan Swimming Pool is being designed to the nearly Zero Energy standard. This means that the building must attain a very high level of energy performance with a significant extent of the energy required to run the building produced from renewable sources on site or nearby. Lucan Swimming Pool will be the first public swimming pool in Ireland to attain this standard. The building fabric will be super insulated and airtight. The most efficient and innovative mechanical and electrical systems and pool design are being employed to make the building very energy efficient. Renewable technologies such as photovoltaic panels and combined heat and power will be included. The addition of electric car charging points is currently being considered in an overall plan for the roll out of electric vehicle charging points at public buildings in the county.

### **L/679/17 - Q20 Item ID: 55752 – ESKER BOXING CLUB**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on progress in relation to helping both the Palmerstown and Esker Boxing Clubs to secure permanent premises."

**REPLY:**

The Community Dept has not received any correspondence or request for assistance from Palmerstown Boxing club.

In relation to Esker Boxing Club, the Council has met with the club on a number of occasions and has offered advice in relation to funding for a facility.

### **L/680/17 - Q21 Item ID: 55720 – LUCAN LEISURE CENTRE**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the Council's plans for the Lucan Leisure Centre and for this report to include;

What plans do SDCC have for the centre when the new swimming pool is built?  
Will the Council keep maintaining the centre as the roof needs to be repaired and there has been a delay in repairing broken windows?  
I believe the Karate club have had to cancel classes due to the poor condition of the roof."  
   
**REPLY:**

The Council has carried out major works on the Centre over the last 4 years. These included an energy retrofit and the installation of a new heating system. In addition major repairs have been carried out to the roof system and the most recent work has addressed the leaking problem.

A new CCTV system was installed last year, however this has not addressed the anti-social activity which has led to the continuous breaking of windows. A number of windows have had to be replaced on several occasions during the year. This process takes several site visits as some of the window units are positioned in the hall area and this requires working at height with hoist equipment. For safety reasons, areas within the danger zone have to be isolated to ensure that slivers of glass from the window frames do not fall out and cause harm. The Centre Management are working closely with the Gardaí to resolve this issue.

The Centre will form an integrated part of the new campus and will complement the new leisure centre. This Council is committed to supporting the many local organisations that avail of these facilities.

### **L/681/17 - M28 Item ID: 55759 – POLICING FORUM**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Brien

"This Area Committee welcomes the setting up of a new Policing Forum for Lucan as agreed at the last North Clondalkin forum. Can an update be given as to the way this forum will be set up, when the first meeting will take place and the timeframe for it to be up and running."

**REPORT:**

It was agreed at the group session at the North Clondalkin, Palmerstown and Lucan LPF Public meeting held on the 9th November 2017 to set up a structure for the involvement of residents in the Lucan Village and Adamstown areas policed from Lucan Garda Station possibly through the Neighbourhood Watch structure. A meeting was provisionally set, but it clashes with the North Clondalkin, Palmerstown and Lucan LPF Management meeting in December 2017 where feedback on the public meeting will be considered. It is anticipated that a meeting will now be held early in 2018.

### **L/682/17 - M29 Item ID: 55781 – SWIMMING POOL UPDATE**

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

"This Committee requests the Chief Executive provide an updated detailed report on the swimming pool for Lucan including confirmation that the timeline for completion remains as previously reported."

**REPORT:**

The Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificate applications were submitted on 13th October.

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The project will take 12 – 18months to complete and fit out ready for operation by the end of 2019.

Following contributions from Cllr. L. O’ Toole, Eddie Conroy – County Architect, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.

The meeting concluded at 5.30pm

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