# **COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS**

# **SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council January 2024 Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd January 2024 through Microsoft 365 Teams and in Person in the Council Chambers. Today’s Area Committee Meeting was webcast as the Council has extended webcasting to all Area Committee meetings from January 2023. The extension of webcasting Area Committee meetings demonstrates our commitment to promoting transparency and supporting understanding and participation in local democracy.

## **Councillors Present**

### Vicky Casserly

### Paul Gogarty

### Alan Hayes

### Madeleine Johansson

### Shane Moynihan

### Derren Ó’Brádaigh

### Ed O’Brien

### Guss O’Connell

### Liona O’Toole

### Joanna Tuffy

## **Officials Present**

Senior Executive Officers Laura Leonard, Mary Maguire,

A/Senior Executive Officers Mary Connell, Edel Clancy, Fiona Hendley

Senior Executive Parks Superintendents David Fennell, Laurence Colleran

Senior Planner Eoin Burke

Senior Engineers Gary Walsh, John Hegarty

A/Senior Engineer Michael McAdam

Senior Executive Engineer Michael Heffernan

Senior Executive Librarian Liz Corry

Senior Staff Officer Adrienne McGee

Staff Officer Eimear O’Sullivan

Clerical Officer Vikki Cryan, Sharayu Mishra

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Vicky Casserly, presided.

### **LPNC /1/H1/0124 Item ID:81705 - Minutes**

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of December 2023 Lucan Palmerstown North Clondalkin ACM dealing with business relating to Housing, Community, Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries, Corporate, Performance & Change Management, Public Realm, Environment and Water & Drainage.

It was proposed by Councillor V Casserly and seconded by Councillor D Ó'Brádaigh and RESOLVED: “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 19th December 2023 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

[H-I(1) Minutes of December 2023 LPNC ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81314)

### **LPNC/2/1223 – Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor V Casserly and seconded by Councillor L O’Toole and **RESOLVED** “That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 that Questions 1 - 20 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**

## **Transportation**

### **LPNC/3/Q1/0124 Item ID:81814 – No Right Turn at Palmerstown Gate**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the manager if a more robust system can be installed at the vehicle exit of Palmers Gate Apartments to physically stop cars exiting by turning right onto Kennelsfort Road lower.

**REPLY:**

The Traffic section will examine the feasibility of bollards or build out to direct people to the left. We have to carefully examine this because we do not want large vehicles knocking into these bollards and or build outs while entering the access road from Kennelsfort road lower. If we are satisfied that this measure or measures will not cause any additional safety hazard and that the measure will benefit proper traffic control, we will install the measure.

### **LPNC/4/Q2/0124 Item ID:81665 – Collins Bridge**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive as to the plans to improve cycling and walking access to the Royal Canal from Lucan/St Catherines Park, specifically with regard to Collins Bridge?

**REPLY:**

Collins bridge is in the Fingal County Council area. Fingal County Council (FCC) are assessing the area as part of the Grand Canal to Royal Canal Loop.

From enquiries made to FCC, we understand that they intend to make a presentation to FCC Councillors on the options for the area in Q1 2024.

### **LPNC/5/H2/0124 Item ID:81728 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/6/H3/0124 Item ID:81869 – 2024 Roadworks Program**

This report was presented by Gary Walsh Senior Engineer

**2024 Roadworks Programme**

[H-I (3) 2024 Roadwork Programme](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81306)

Following Contributions from Councillors A Hayes, G O’Connell, S Moynihan, D Ó'Brádaigh, P Gogarty, J Tuffy, L O’Toole and V Casserly, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/7/H4/0124 Item ID:81878 - Draft One-way Proposals on Palmerstown Lanes**

This report was presented by John Hegarty Senior Engineer and Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer

**Palmerstown Laneways**

[H-I 4(i) Draft Palmerstown Laneways Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81301)  
[H-I 4(ii) TIC MAP for Wheatfield, Glenmaroon, Oakcourt Manor Estates](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81310)

I have uploaded a draft one way-system proposal for the Palmerstown Lanes. This will need to be discussed with the residents and the members and agreed in principle. Then we need to conduct a formal change of access process which will need to be formally advertised. If broad support is achieved, SDCC can implement the appropriate signage on the laneways.

I want to make clear, what is outlined here is simply the re-directing of traffic in one direction. It does not have any connection with the extinguishments of rights of way or the blocking of rights of way in the laneways. It is also pointed out that if this proposal is implemented, that the laneways will remain as Taken in Charge by the Council. The TIC status of these laneways will not change under this one-way system proposal.

**Ownership / Legal Title To The Laneways**

The vast majority of the laneways in the locality are registered to private parties - the one exception is a small section at the eastern end, to the rear of Oakcourt Avenue which is in the ownership of the Council.

The Council do not hold legal title to most of the laneways in this area although most are in charge. In this instance, if the public right of way over these laneways was to be extinguished, the registered owners would then have unencumbered title to the laneways concerned and they should then be considered to be private property.

The attached map shows the roads, paths and laneways in Palmerstown which have been taken in charge by Roads. Those in charge are highlighted in yellow, those in red are not.

**This Headed Item was taken in conjunction with Motion 8**

### **LPNC/8/C1/0124 Item ID:81715 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/9/M1/0124 Item ID:81672 – Old Celbridge Road Cycle Lane**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That this committee agrees to examine the feasibility for the introduction of a contra flow cycle lane (measuring approximately 620mtrs) on the R835 Old Celbridge Road section, between Dodsboro Road and Tubber Lane, to achieve improved, direct and safer cycle connectivity between Lucan and Leixlip.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

The R835 Old Celbridge Road is not identified as part of the Cycle South Dublin (CySD) programme and we have no current plans for a scheme there. Nor do we have funding included for the route in the (expected) NTA 2024 allocations or in the 3 year Capital Programme.

An initial inspection indicates that there is not adequate available road width over the full length of the one way section of road to provide for a footpath and a minimum width of contra flow cycle lane while maintaining a minimum road width for vehicles. It will be necessary to undertake a topographical survey of the road to ensure that, that is the case.

Should there be a viable route, we will add it to the list of routes countywide to be considered for 'Rapid Deployment' measures and advance a scheme there once adequate funding becomes available.

[M1 Photo (i)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81342)  
[M1 Photo (ii)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81343)

Following Contributions from Councillors D Ó'Brádaigh, P Gogarty, L O’Toole and V Casserly, Michael McAdam A/Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/10/M2/0124 Item ID:81750 - M50 & Palmerstown Signage**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

This committee requests that the Chief Executive invite the M50 Concession Ltd and TII to a meeting of this committee to explain why the correct signage for Palmerstown has not been installed on the M50 of N4.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

This matter has been raised on numerous occasions via this ACM in the past, following which correspondence was passed to TII. See attached

If the motion is passed details will be forwarded to the TII and once received, a reply will be circulated to this committee.

[M2 TII 2018(i)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81177)  
[M2 TII 2019(ii)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81178)  
[M2 TII 2020(iii)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81179)

Following Contributions from Councillors G O’Connell and V Casserly, Mary Maguire Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/11/M3/0124 Item ID:81780 - Draft Proposals for the lining of the squares**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

This motion requests an update from CE regarding the motion passed in May 2022 (see attached), which addressed the road markings within the squares of Arthur Griffith Park. As outlined in the motion, the focus is on obtaining information on how management intends to carry out the survey. This survey is crucial for keeping residents informed and ensuring that the road markings, designed to alleviate parking challenges, are placed in the correct locations. Could you please provide details on the proposed survey methodology and the timeline for its implementation? Keeping residents updated on this matter is of paramount importance.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

The Traffic Section have begun the draft proposals for parking designs and have uploaded several locations with draft parking arrangements. There are a significant number of squares within the Arthur Griffith Park estates. This is likely to spark significant debate and we would like to conduct meetings with the residents at the earliest opportunity. We need consensus on agreed proposals in an efficient manner. If we get broad support for any proposals we will implement them. If there is any dissent we will not implement that proposal.

[M3 Draft Site Layout 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81295)  
[M3 Proposed Layout 2](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81296)  
[M3 Proposed Layout 3](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81297)  
[M3 Proposed Layout 4](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81298)  
[M3 Site Location Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81294)

Following Contributions from Councillor L O’Toole, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/12/M4/0124 Item ID:81785 - Castle Road & Ballyowen Junction**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

To ask the Chief Executive to consider what traffic engineering solutions could be put in place at the Castle Road/Ballyowen Road junction to improve traffic flow, including the revision of the sequencing of the lights or inclusion of a roundabout.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

The Ballyowen Castle Road junction is very complex traffic light controlled junction. It incorporates vehicular, cycling and pedestrian movements.

A traffic signal controlled junction is the most efficient and safe junction layout for all users. Each travel mode can be accommodated in a phased way which greatly improves the safety for all modes, but particularly for cycling and walking.

This junction is very busy and at peak times it is currently it is going to be at capacity and occasionally over capacity. However, it terms of junction type and efficiency, the current layout is optimal. The more modern junction designs would remove the slip roads and this in fact would reduce vehicular capacity of the junction, while making the cycling mode safer.

I have asked our Traffic maintenance contractor to examine the current phase times to see if any adjustments could be made to aid traffic flows.

The changing of the junction to a roundabout would be a backward step. It would reduce the vehicular efficiency making queue lengths longer. Timing adjustments on each leg would be removed unless you **doubled the land take** to make it a traffic light phased roundabout like the airport roundabout. But this measure would make cycling less safe . It would also make pedestrian movements longer with significantly increased sideways diversion around the roundabout. You will note that at the airport roundabout there are no cycling and very limited pedestrian movements on one leg of the roundabout.

In summary, the existing junction is the best layout for all modes of travel. The short term solution is to examine the traffic light phase timings to ensure they are at the optimum configuration. The long term solution is to improve bus services, improve the cycling and pedestrian facilities in order to reduce overall car numbers through this junction.

Following Contributions from Councillors S Moynihan and V Casserly, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/13/M5/0124 Item ID:81786 – Traffic Calming & Ballyowen Junction**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

To ask the Manager to undertake a traffic survey on Turret Road Palmerstown with a view to installing traffic calming measures on the road where speeding taking place.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

**These types of traffic item should go through the TMM process.**

SDCC traffic section can carry out speed surveys on Turret Road. We will examine the evidence to see if there is speeding taking place. If speeding is identified, we will propose a suitable traffic calming scheme for this location. This scheme along with the existing traffic calming schemes that have already been identified can be prioritised and delivered based on the funding available and their place on the agreed priority list. The discussions around the prioritisation of a programme of Safety and Traffic calming works will be decided at LEA workshops in Q1 of 2024. A reasonably even geographical spread will be maintained across the county wide delivery of traffic calming schemes.

Following Contributions from Councillors A Hayes, G O’Connell, P Gogarty and S Moynihan, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/14/M6/0124 Item ID:81787 – Independent Safety Audits**

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

That the Chief Executive presents the results of the independent audits carried out in relation to the junction upgrades in Griffeen Road, Lucan, as well as any other recent projects for Turret Road/Wheatfield Road junction in Palmerstown, Manor Road and Woodfarm Avenue and also at the entrance to Esker Meadow, Lucan (should any of these have already been audited at time of meeting) reporting on any recommendations that will be followed up as a result, given that residents have queried safe access/egress at all of these locations; and if a statement can be made on the matter.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

The Griffeen Road Scheme included work at several junctions and these have been conducted under a Pilot Project. As this work is different in nature and has a significant cost, it was decided to conduct an independent **Stage 3 Road Safety Audit** to assist in the learning process under this pilot scheme. This audit is due to be fully completed by the end of January and a report received in February.

**This approach aligns with the Department of Transport Guidance advice note:**

Where the intended road works are above €500,000 in value or where the works are complex in their design or there are exceptional safety issues at the site locations, a formal independent Road Safety Audit will be produced for the scheme.

**The Department of Transport guidance note goes on to quote the following:**

"Where works relate to low-cost safety less than €0.5m (incl. VAT), a formal audit would merely duplicate a situation where specialist consideration has already been given to safety issues."

Therefore, in relation to pedestrian crossings, traffic calming and minor alteration works, these schemes will only include SDCC considerations of the safety factors as per the guidance quoted above. The reason for this is that these works have very standardised approaches to their design, and siting. The implementation of these low cost interventions are set out clearly in documents such as the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets and the National Cycling Manual.

Following Contributions from Councillors P Gogarty, L O’Toole, D Ó’Brádaigh, and G O’Connell,Gary Walsh Senior Engineer and John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/15/M7/0124 Item ID:81757 - Installation of Benches Programme**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That this committee reasserts agreement reached to motion no. 3 (Item 71447 - June 2021 ACM) and requests a clear commitment, timeline from and details of proposed locations from the manager, for new seating at suitable locations on all main hilly approaches into Lucan Village, that promotes and meets SDCC active travel policy.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

There is no countywide programme, nor budget provision for the installation of benches. However, as part of setting the budget for 2024 there is scope to consider how a small programme of works could be put together, funded and agreed.

There will be some seating installed in the Lucan Village scheme but not on the ‘hilly approaches to Lucan Village’ as the scheme does not extend that far.

Seating will be installed on Cycle Routes in key locations as part of the Cycle South Dublin routes, such as the upcoming Canal Loop.

Following Contributions from Councillors D Ó’Brádaigh, Michael McAdam A/Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/16/M8/0124 Item ID:81823 - Palmerstown Laneways**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

This committee requests that the Council investigate the feasibility of installing a one-way system in the Laneways (or those that can accept a one-way system)\_at Palmerstown and that a headed item be brought to this committee on the matter. A recent survey amongst residents backing on to the laneways showed a majority in favour.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

I will examine the feasibility of implementing a one-way system on the laneways that can accept a one-way system in Q1 of 2024. I will return with a Headed Item with a workable plan for the vehicular access to the Laneways. I would like a copy of the survey results to help understand the extent of the support for the proposals.

Following Contributions from Councillor A Hayes, G O’Connell, M Johannson, S Moynihan, P Gogarty and V Casserly, John Hegarty Senior Engineer and Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was Agreed and Headed Item 4 was **Noted**.

Members agreed to meet to further discuss this matter and depending on the outcome of the meeting a further headed item may be requested.

### **LPNC/17/M9/0124 Item ID:81781 - Report of Dodsboro Hill**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

This committee brings forth this motion requesting the necessary works to be carried out along the road L1018, locally known as Dodsboro Hill, as follows: Cutting Back Overgrown Hedge: We urge the council to address the overgrown hedge along Dodsboro Hill, as it poses an obstruction and safety concern to pedestrians. Clearing Overgrown Debris on Footpath: The committee requests the removal of overgrown debris on the footpath, as highlighted in a member's report. This evidence underscores the narrowness of the footpath due to the overgrowth. Relocation of a bus stop: Considering changes in the bus network, the relocation of the bus stop to the bottom of Dodsboro Hill has resulted in locals having to walk down this road. Therefore, we propose necessary adjustments to ensure the safety and convenience of pedestrians in light of this change. These proposed works are essential to enhancing the safety and accessibility of Dodsboro Hill for the residents who regularly navigate this route.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

Road Maintenance will arrange for the cutting back of vegetation and the edging of footpaths along this stretch in the coming weeks

Following Contributions from Councillors L O’Toole, S Moynihan, P Gogarty and V Casserly, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/18/M10/0124 Item ID:81788 - Illegal Parking along Lucan Road**

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

That the Chief Executive finally addresses SDCC's failure to prioritise the safety of its citizens and schedules meaningful action to physically prevent vehicles from parking up on and blocking the footpath to wheelchair users and double buggies on the narrow stretches of pavement along the Lucan Road from the junction of Ballydowd Grove to the junction of Esker Lane, given that this matter has been raised over many years by multiple elected representatives on behalf of parents and the many children who use this route to access schools and creches, given the resourcing issues and practicalities preventing An Garda Síochana from enforcing the law on a daily basis, given the consistent concerns raised by parents of the hundreds of children who travel along this route to schools and creches; and if a statement can be made on the matter.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

The Traffic Section agree that there have been several instances of illegal parking blocking the footpath on the southern side of the Lucan Road between Esker Lane and Ballydowd Grove.

We propose to draw up a double yellow line design along the Lucan road at appropriate places, and get statutory approval for this design and after proceed to implement the additional double yellow lining.

This measure will further strengthen the powers of the Gardai to enforce the illegal parking.

Following Contributions from Councillors P. Gogarty, J Tuffy and V Casserly, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Planning**

### **LPNC/19/Q3/0124 Item ID:81751 – Project on Orchard Gate**

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell

To ask the Chief Executive if the developers of Orchard Gate have given any indication when it is intended to start work on the project and to include in the report what conditions are included to protect the existing community during construction.

**REPLY:**

Permission was granted by SDCC for the Orchard Gate development under Reg Ref LRD23A/0003 in July 2023 and upheld on appeal by An Bord Pleanala in November 2023. An Bord Pleanala's decision requires the developer submit some details for the agreement of SDCC prior to commencement of the development. These details have not yet been submitted and it is currently unknown when the developer intends to start work. An Bord Pleanala's decision includes conditions in relation to the hours of operation during construction 7am-7pm Monday-Friday, 8am-2pm Saturdays and no construction on Sundays/public holidays. Another condition requires the submission of a construction management plan for the agreement of SDCC. These conditions will protect the existing community during construction.

### **LPNC/20/Q4/0124 Item ID:81811 – Health Care Centre in Adamstown**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

The committee would like to formally request an update from the CE regarding the long-awaited and much-needed Health Care Centre in the Adamstown area. Could you please provide a detailed report on the current timeline for the opening of the Health Care Centre, along with information on the facility's setup? This information is crucial for the committee to keep the community well-informed about this important development.

**REPLY:**

The proposed health centre, which has planning permission for a change of use from marketing suite to health centre under REF: SDZ22A/0012, is proposed to be located at 1 Adamstown Boulevard, the former marketing suite in Adamstown. SDCC has sought details of the future health services to be provided in the building and timelines for occupation for the next quarterly Councillor SDZ briefing, scheduled for March 6th.

### **LPNC/21/H5/0124 Item ID:81726 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/22/C2/0124 Item ID:81713 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/23/M11/0124 Item ID:81789 – Update on Adamstown SDZ**

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

That the Chief Executive provides a comprehensive written update on the Adamstown SDZ progress given that the last briefing did not take place as originally scheduled and furthermore takes note of queries raised by members today that it cannot respond to immediately so that it these matters can be dealt with more adequately when the SDZ briefing eventually takes place, hopefully in the near future.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

Adamstown Update  
- c4,200 homes are now completed/occupied, and c.800 are under construction as of Q3 2023.  
- Adamstown District Centre Plaza open  
- Airlie Park opened in November 2023, which provides a plethora of facilities for residents, including a cricket pitch, tennis courts, a basketball court, full size astro turf and a pavilion café, in addition to several play and seating areas.  
- The proposed health centre, which has planning permission for a change of use from marketing suite to health centre under REF: SDZ22A/0012, is proposed to be located at 1 Adamstown Boulevard, the former marketing suite in Adamstown. SDCC has sought details of the future health services to be provided in the building and timelines for occupation for the next quarterly Councillor SDZ briefing, scheduled for March 6th.  
- SDCC submitted a proposed amendment to the Planning Scheme in February 2023, which SDCC Planning Delivery briefed the Councillors on in December 2022 and Q1 2023 with regard what was included in the proposed amendment. This was due for determination in June 2023, however no decision has been issued by An Bord Pleanála.  
- The delivery of the Planning Scheme has now entered Phase 6

The Land Use Planning and Transportation Department will continue to work with landowners, developers, state agencies and Cllrs to deliver the SDZ and will continue to provide updates and discussion with the Councillors via SDZ briefings, with the next one due to be held in March. A clerical error in relation to a specific briefing on the R136 Section 38 caused confusion in December. The next SDZ briefing on Adamstown and Clonburris is scheduled for March 6th

Following Contributions from Councillors P Gogarty and L O’Toole, Eoin Burke Senior Planner Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

## **Economic Development**

### **LPNC/24/Q5/0124 Item ID:81793 – Lands off Mount Bellew Way**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

To ask the Chief Executive for a status update in relation to the lands in its ownership off Mount Bellew Way, whether members will be consulted regarding potential uses in the future; and if a statement can be made on the matter?

**REPLY:**

The lands concerned are registered to the Council, since they were acquired as part of a CPO in the early 80’s. The lands are the subject of an SLO.

The Objective of SLO 1 ref: SM5 is stated as:

“To provide for visitor parking spaces, along with a turning point, on any primary access roadway off Mount Bellew Way so as to provide for future development of these zoned lands, and to facilitate the better management of drop-offs and pick-ups at the neighbouring Lucan Educate Together NS”.

### **LPNC/25/Q6/0124 Item ID:81806 - Tourism Event Grant in Lucan - Palmerstown**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive for the number of applications for the Tourism Event Grant in 2023 in the two LEAs and the plans to actively promote it for 2024 adoption.

**REPLY:**

The Council’s Tourism Event and Festival Grant scheme makes funding available to businesses and community groups across South Dublin County to support key priority areas such as cultural, food, sports and activity-based tourism aimed at growing the visitor economy. The aim is to fund innovative events/festivals that will be supported by local businesses and community groups, and which add value to our tourism product.

In 2023 the Tourism Event and Festival Grant scheme supported the 62nd annual Liffey Descent. The Liffey Descent travels through Kildare and Dublin, with a main spectator area at Lucan Weir. Lucan Weir provides spectators with exciting views of the whitewater drops, while allowing for retail and hospitality offerings close by in Lucan village. The route also takes the participants through Palmerstown Weir on its way to its finishing point in Dublin City.

It is estimated that the potential local economic dividend of this event was €26,266.

The grant was due to support a separate water-based event in Palmerstown in November 2023 but the event organiser had to cancel this event for operational reasons. This event was at approval in principle stage at the time of cancellation.

The 2024 marketing strategy for the Tourism Event and Festival Grant (TEFG) scheme includes cross county bus shelter adverts, adverts in local print media, the issuing of a press release to media organisations announcing details of the scheme along with posts on the Dublin’s Outdoors website, Dublin’s Outdoors Social Media platforms, SDCC website and SDCC social media platforms. A new QR code has been developed for the grant scheme. This QR code will be included on all TEFG promotional material and will direct interested parties back to the TEFG information page on the SDCC website.

Details of the grant scheme will also highlighted at many of the events with pop up banners and leaflets highlighting the support provided by SDCC. The aim of this is to alert other potential event organisers to the availability of grant funding for similar events.

Successful applicants must also include Dublin’s Outdoors branding on all pre event promotional material, social media posts, posters, leaflets, websites etc. The County Promotion Unit will also engage with relevant event and facility stakeholders in order to promote the existence of the scheme.

The application process remains open throughout the year, and interested parties are encouraged to make an early application (at least 6 weeks prior to start of event). Details are on the Council’s website <https://sdcc.ie/en/services/sport-and-recreation/tourism/tourism-events-and-festivals-grants/>

### **LPNC/26/Q7/0124 Item ID:81815 – Old School Gate**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

This committee seeks an update on the sale of the Old Master Schoolhouse. Could you kindly provide information on the progress of the sale and advise on the expected completion date?

**REPLY:**

Unfortunately, we continue to await engagement from the vendor side to progress this matter. It is not possible to advise on a completion date at this point.

### **LPNC/27/H6/0124 Item ID:81721 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/28/C3/0124 Item ID:81709 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **LPNC/29/Q8/0124 Item ID:81805 – Visitors Figure in Palmerstown Library**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive about customer attendance in Palmerstown library, since the introduction of additional opening hours.

**REPLY:**

Palmerstown Library began opening on new hours the week of 23rd October. November 2023 was the first full month on the newly extended opening hours. Visitor numbers increased from 648 in September to 1399 in November. December visitor figures were down slightly to 920. This can be accounted for by the fact that the library service was closed from Saturday 23rd December - Wednesday 3rd March. The highest footfall takes place on Wednesdays and Saturdays at around 11am.

### **LPNC/30/H7/0124 Item ID:81724 – New Works**

New works (No Business)

### **LPNC/31/H8/0124 Item ID:81718 - Libraries Report January 2024**

The following report was presented by Liz Corry Senior Executive Librarian

**Library News & Events**

[H8 Libraries Report January 2024](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81215)  
[H8 Library Events Stats](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81214)

Following Contributions from Councillors S Moynihan, G O’Connell, P Gogarty and V Casserly, Liz Corry Senior Executive Librarian Responded to queries raided and the Report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/32/C4/0124 Item ID:81711 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **LPNC/33/Q9/0124 Item ID:81755 – CCTV Code of Practice**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh

To ask the manager to provide an update on the development of the 'Code of Practice' offering guidelines for the use of CCTV and mobile recording devices in the county.

**REPLY:**

The Data Protection Officer has reviewed the Code of Practice and proposed an updated Surveillance Device Policy.

This proposed policy includes all of the recommendations from the Data Protection Commission and has been submitted in draft form to management for review.

### **LPNC/34/H9/0124 Item ID:81720 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/35/C5/0124 Item ID:81708 – Correspondence Noted**

Correspondence - replies from

(i) NTA - Response RE Item 81029 from December LPNC ACM

(ii) Iarnród Éireann - Response RE Item 81029 from December LPNC ACM

(iii) Minister of Education- Response RE Item 81031 from November LPNC ACM

(iv) Fingal County Council - Acknowledgement letter from Fingal County Council RE Item 80626 from October LPNC ACM

[C5 (i) Response from NTA re Item 81029 December 2023 LPNC ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81191)  
[C5 (ii) Response from Iarnrod Eireann re Item 81029 December 2023 LPNC ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81242)  
[C5 (iii) Response re Item 81031 Letter to Minister for Education November 2023 LPNC ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81320)  
[C5 (iv) Acknowledgement Letter from Fingal Co Co re Item 80626 October 2023 LPNC ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81327)

### **LPNC/36/M12/0124 Item ID:81768 – Letter to Iarnrod Éireann**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That this committee now agrees to write to Iarnrod Éireann requesting detail of additional train capacity provided since 2021 in meeting and servicing population and commuter growth through the Dublin Mid-West constituency, and confirmation with timeline of planned future increased train set plans to service Fonthill, Kishogue and Adamstown.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

A letter will issue to Iarnrod Éireann requesting the information if the Motion is Agreed.

This Motion was **Unanimously Agreed and Moved without Debate.**

## **Performance Change Management**

### **LPNC/37/H10/0124 Item ID:81725 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/38/C6/0124 Item ID:81712 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Public Realm**

### **LPNC/39/Q10/0124 Item ID:81795 – Tree Pruning**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

To ask the Chief Executive to list estates in this Area Committee that will be pruned under the regular maintenance schedule between January and June of this year; and if a statement can be made on the matter? Thanks in advance.

**REPLY:**

Tree pruning will take place in the following locations in the Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin area between now and June:

Adamstown Road/Avenue

Ashpark

Brookvale

Fforster Estate

Foxdene

Greenfort Estate

Griffeen Road/Avenue/Way

Shancastle

Woodavens

### **LPNC/40/Q11/0124 Item ID:81812 – Waterstown House**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the Manager to explain why the roof has not yet been installed on Waterstown House after €30,000 was ring-fenced in the budget of 2023.

**REPLY:**

The proposal to provide a roof on Waterstown House is for the purpose of protecting the structure. It is not a roof that will make the building useable or habitable. The works will need to be undertaken by a contractor who specialises in this type of work. To seek quotes, a suitable cost-effective design needs to be put together. The specific design of the roof structure has not yet been confirmed.

### **LPNC/41/H11/0124 Item ID:81727 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/42/H12/0124 Item ID:81821 - Draft Improvement Works Programme 2024- PR**

The following report was presented by David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

**Draft Improvement Works Programme 2024- PR**

The following is the list of improvement works proposed for the Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin area for 2024. These proposals have been compiled from issues raised as agenda items at area committee meetings throughout the course of 2023, undertakings given in response to members representations throughout the year as well as works that have been identified by staff. It should be noted that the list below does not include those works which have already been included in the Council's three year rolling capital works programme, it includes only those works of a small scale which are to be funded from the revenue budget. This list of schemes, along with lists of schemes for the other electoral areas, will be presented to the meeting of the County Council in February for noting by the elected members.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **No** | **Location** | **Description of Works** |
| 1 | Hermitage Park | Upgrade vehicle entrance |
| 2 | Hermitage Park | Path upgrade works throughout park |
| 3 | St Finian’s Crescent open space | Path upgrade works |
| 4 | Esker Glebe open space | New path between red bridge and post box |
| 5 | Willsbrook Park | Path upgrade works throughout park |
| 6 | Griffeen Valley Park | Upgrade Water font near playground |
| 7 | Griffeen Valley Park | Surface entrance path at The Old Forge |
| 8 | Griffeen Valley Park | Upgrade model car track area |
| 9 | Griffeen Valley Park | Replace yellow footbridge & upgrade entrance opposite Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada |
| 10 | Griffeen Valley Park | Path upgrade works throughout Newcastle Road/Esker Drive section |
| 11 | Griffeen Valley Park | Mini Woodland near King Johns Bridge |
| 12 | Tandy’s Lane Park | Upgrade 3 water fonts to solar units @ playground near car park, Calisthenics, playground near orchard |
| 13 | Woodview Heights | Trees & bulbs on open space |
| 14 | Waterstown | New gates and pillars at lower car park |
| 15 | Griffeen Road/Way roundabout | Bulb planting |
| 16 | Rochfort/Abbeydale roundabout | Bulb planting |
| 17 | Collinstown Park | Provide seating |
| 18 | Ballyowen Park | Provide seating |
| 19 | St Ronan’s Avenue | Resurface old section of black path |

### Following Contributions from Councillors S Moynihan, V Casserly, J Tuffy and L O’Toole, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries and the Report was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/43/C7/0124 Item ID:81714 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/44/M13/0124 Item ID:81731 - Litter bin**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

To ask the manager to reinstate the public litter bin previously located beside the bus stop (itself now relocated a short distance away) to the front of Finnstown House on the Newcastle Road.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

A new litter bin will be installed in the vicinity of the Newcastle Rd Bus Stop, outside Finnstown House in January.

This Motion was **Unanimously Agreed and Moved without Debate.**

### **LPNC/45/M14/0124 Item ID:81790 - Airlie Park 3G Artificial Grass Pitch**

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

That the Chief Executive reports on the uptake to date from clubs and individuals in terms of recorded use at various time slots for the all-weather pitches and tennis courts at Airlie Park and agrees to examine ways to increase bookings from the local community in particular so as to maximise access to this valuable amenity.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

[M14 Airlie Park 3G Artificial Grass Pitch](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81336)

Following Contributions from Councillors P Gogarty and V Casserly, Michael Heffernan Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/46/M15/0124 Item ID:81797 - Improvement Works Programme 2023**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update and progress report for the Public Realm Works Programme 2023, accounting for the works that have been completed and works that have not been completed, with reasons why.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

The table below provides an update on the 2023 Public Realm Works Programme.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **No** | **Location** | **Description of Works** | **Status** |
| 1 | Lucan Demesne | Path upgrade works | Completed |
| 2 | Lucan Demesne | Upgrade fairy walk and provide accessible picnic bench | Completed |
| 3 | Lucan Village | Provide 4 flower boxes at Lucan Bridge & 1 at Vesey Bridge | Completed |
| 4 | Lucan Village | Upgrade handrail on ramp to Lucan Weir at St Andrew's Hall | Handrail currently being fabricated |
| 5 | Vesey Park | Upgrade sections of path network throughout park | Completed |
| 6 | Beech Park Green | Provide 2 benches on open space | Completed |
| 7 | Beechpark | Upgrade section of path on open space | Completed |
| 8 | Airlie Park | Resurface path opposite Scoil Mhuire National School | Completed |
| 9 | Esker Glebe | Replace pedestrian bridge over River Griffeen | Completed |
| 10 | Griffeen Valley Park | Surface path in Haydens Estate natural playground | Completed |
| 11 | Griffeen Valley Park | Upgrade ramps to footbridges to improve accessibility | Completed |
| 12 | Griffeen Valley Park | Pollinator bulbs | Completed |
| 13 | GVP - Newcastle Road car park | Mark car park | Completed |
| 14 | GVP - Haydens Lane car Park | Landscape area between parking bays and boundary wall | Completed |
| 15 | GVP - Haydens Lane car Park | Provide new entrance gates | Completed |
| 16 | Haydens Lane/Griffeen Avenue | Upgrade 2 roundabouts at Haydens Lane & 1 at Rosberry | Completed |
| 17 | Hermitage Park playground | Upgrade path system in playground beside embankment slide | Completed |
| 18 | Balgaddy | Surface path from Tor an Rí to Méile An Rí across open space | Completed |
| 19 | Harelawn | Surface path between Harelawn Park & Grove | Completed |
| 20 | Collinstown Park | Widen & surface path | Completed |
| 21 | Collinstown Park | Surface area inside vehicle entrance | Completed |
| 22 | Collinstown Crescent | Upgrade kissing gate between Collinstown Cres & Palmerstown Woods | To complete by Q2. |
| 23 | Ballyowen Park | Path upgrade works | Completed |
| 24 | Glenaulin Park | Install interceptor drain along slope at the side of pitch 29 | Works completed included vertidraining & sanding |
| 25 | Waterstown Park | Pollinator bulbs | Completed |
| 26 | Waterstown Park | Wheelchair-capacity play equipment | Order issued for accessible trampoline. Installation in Q1 |

This Motion was **Unanimously Agreed and Moved without Debate**

### **LPNC/47/M16/0124 Item ID:81808 - The Old Forge trees**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

The committee is seeking information regarding the ownership and responsibility for the row of trees along Haydens, specifically between the roundabout and the end of the Old Forge estate. For your reference, attached to this motion are photos indicating the location in question. Residents in the area are facing challenges in maintaining the growth around these trees. Over time, a gap has formed, and it has been reported that the trees experienced fire damage some years ago. The attached photos clearly depict the current condition, showing an opening that has resulted in a lack of boundary between the estate and the laneway. In light of these circumstances, the committee kindly requests that the CE provide details to the members regarding the ownership and responsibility for these trees. Understanding this information is crucial for residents and the committee to address the necessary maintenance and restoration effort.

[M16 document(i)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81265)  
[M16 document(ii)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81266)  
[M16 document(iii)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81267)

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

The evergreen trees growing at the location in question are in private ownership and are not the responsibility of South Dublin County Council. The trees on the grass verge where the gap has formed are growing on private property registered to Eleveden Properties Limited. The management and maintenance of trees on private property is a matter for the property owner.

[M16 document (v)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81269)  
[M16 document(iv)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81268)

Following Contributions from Councillor L O’Toole, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/48/M17/0124 Item ID:81742 - St Finian's Grove**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

To now ask the manager to make safe the slippery cobblestone area (previously indicated in response to M.R. 1813991 as tended to on 27th Nov '23) by cleaning/powerwashing the cobble block (cul de sac-turning circle) at the end of St Finian's Grove Lucan, removing moss and sludge, and making the area safe for pedestrians (pictures attached).

[M17 Fin (i)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81085)  
[M17 Fin (ii)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81086)  
[M17 Fin(iii)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81087)  
[M17 Fin(iv)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81088)  
[M17 Fin(v)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81089)  
[m17 Fin(vi)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81084)

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

Following receipt of a representation on this matter on November 7th the Council's road sweeping contractor carried out a sweep of the paved cul de sac at the end of St Finian's Grove. This sweep which took place on November 27th was additional to the normal sweeping of this estate which is carried out by Oxigen Environmental on a quarterly basis.

An on-site meeting has been requested with the contractor to examine the issue referred to here. The photographs of the area which have been provided indicate that the full extent of the turning area is not being swept to an acceptable standard. This matter will be examined with the contractor at the site meeting, whatever action is considered necessary to clean the area to a satisfactory standard will be arranged after that site meeting takes place. This type of paved road surface has been used in many estates across the county and generally does not require power washing to keep it clean and safe.

This Motion was **Unanimously Agreed and Moved without Debate** .

### **LPNC/49/M18/0124 Item ID:81824 - Griffeen park car park**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

This committee requests that the Chief Executive confirms the plans to allow the car park in Griffeen Park to open early in the morning, enabling school traffic to take advantage of using the car park. Now that the gates on Newcastle Road are electric and switched on, the process to open early can be easily achieved. It's firmly believed that early access to the car park will significantly benefit school traffic and contribute to the efficient flow of morning activities.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

The automated gate at the Newcastle Road car park is scheduled to open after 9:00am each morning. The opening time has been set to avoid an issue of all day parking which would compromise the availability of parking spaces for park users. Subject to the approval of this motion, the gate opening time will be adjusted to an earlier time of 8:00am on a trial basis. The earlier opening time will be permanently retained if all day parking does not manifest itself.

This Motion was **Unanimously Agreed and Moved without Debate**

## **Environment**

### **LPNC/50/Q12/0124 Item ID:81813 – Junior Litter Picking**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

The committee enquires about the availability of children's litter pickers, gloves, and other child-friendly equipment as part of the community clean-up materials provided to residents. In recent community clean-up activities, I have noticed an increasing number of young children actively participating. I believe that incorporating child-friendly equipment would not only enhance their engagement but also contribute to fostering a sense of responsibility and community involvement from a young age. Could you please confirm if the council currently provides children's litter pickers and gloves as part of the community clean-up materials? If not, I would like to explore the possibility of including such items in the available resources to better accommodate the involvement of young residents in our community clean-up initiatives.

**REPLY:**

The Council ordered a small batch of Junior Litter Pickers in 2023 of which we have a number of these remaining. We did try to source childrens gloves previously and were unable to source them at the time. The demand has been low for Junior Litter Pickers and gloves over the last year.

Picker Pals is a litter-picking programme for primary school children in Ireland. It has been running since 2019 and we have had over 70,000 children across Ireland take part so far. Picker Pals equips and empowers these children, almost 3,500 of them from South Dublin County Council, to get out and start looking after their local environment by providing them with a litter-picking pack that everyone gets a chance to take home and go litter-picking with their family. Picker Pals provides a yearlong school-based programme of learning about litter, the impact it has on the environment and various child-friendly waste reduction ideas. This awareness and learning is created by using story books, workbooks, quizzes, games and competitions that run throughout the entire school year. Picker Pals also hosts regular zoom calls with classrooms (individual or group calls) where they talk about various environmental themes and chat to the children about the great work they are doing.

Last year under the Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Grant 2023, SDCC funded Picker Pals €4,200 to fund 6 classrooms in the SDCC area.

### **LPNC/51/H13/0124 Item ID:81722 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/52/C8/0124 Item ID:81706 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/53/M19/0124 Item ID:81796 - Illegal Dumping**

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

That the Chief Executive takes immediate action to clean up and prosecute offenders in relation to large quantities of skip bags and other dumped material adjacent to two schools [Address withheld] given that both residents of this area and parents of children attending these schools have complained about such dumping as well as the regular burning of dumped mattresses; and if a statement can be made on the matter.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

South Dublin County Council’s anti-litter warden service has been in receipt of a number of complaints of illegal dumping in the area, most recently of the 14th December last year.

As with all such incidents, the anti-litter wardens sift through the material with a view to gathering evidence that may connect the material to a probable offender. In the most recent case, no evidence was found, and the area was subsequently listed for a clean-up.

The protocol for investigating such issues throughout the county is to try to retrieve some evidential material that would allow South Dublin to take legal proceedings against offenders. In 2023 some 61 legal referrals were made and 35 cases relating to offences under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, were heard in the district court.

As always, the public is encouraged to work with the Council in helping to identify culprits who engage in illegal dumping and to report any incidents observed.

Reports of littering and illegal dumping can be made on the Council’s Litter Warden hotline on 01 4149220 and on the Environmental Protection Agency’s anti-dumping hotline on 1850 365 121.

Where there is an ongoing problem of illegal dumping in any area, local residents are urged to support the Council in taking the appropriate enforcement action by making reports to the Litter Warden Service for investigation and by providing evidence, including testimony, where possible. Additionally, residents are encouraged through the medium of the Council's Social Credits Scheme to seek rewards for community-based initiatives, such as community clean ups.

This Motion was **Unanimously Agreed and Moved without Debate**

## **Water Drainage**

### **LPNC/54/H14/0124 Item ID:81729 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/55/C9/0124 Item ID:81716 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Housing**

### **LPNC/56/Q13/0124 Item ID:81792 – Housing list Transfer**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on how many individuals/families on the SDCC housing list transferred to a property operated by an approved housing body in this Area Committee geographic zone in the last five years and to outline how many were permitted to transfer back to SDCC because of extenuating circumstances, if this is legally possible; and if a statement can be made on the matter?

**REPLY:**

Tenants of existing social homes and properties operated by an Approved Housing Body may apply for consideration for a transfer, under the following circumstances: -

Overcrowding

1. where older persons and other households wish to move to smaller accommodation(Right sizing)
2. medical/compassionate reasons
3. on grounds of anti-social behaviour where the Council’s Estate Management Liaison Officer and a Garda Superintendent support the transfer application
4. other exceptional circumstances.

In addition to the above criteria, tenants seeking a transfer must fulfil the following requirements:

* hold the tenancy in their present dwelling, for a period of at least two years
* have a clear rent account – any transfer will take account of rent arrears, but allowances may be made where an agreement is in place and being adhered to by the tenant to address any such arrears over an agreed period
* have kept their dwelling in satisfactory condition, subject to inspection
* have complied with the conditions of their Tenancy Agreement
* have no record of anti-social behaviour

Existing tenants must complete the [Transfer application form](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/download-it/apply-for-it/transfer-application-form.doc) and submit with necessary support documents. Transfers are facilitated in accordance with the Council’s [Allocation Scheme](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/housing/finding-a-home/allocations-scheme.pdf). Eligible applicants are placed on the Council’s Transfer List.

The Council also facilitates Mutual Transfers where two tenants apply to swap dwellings. This tends to be a quicker process than being placed on the Transfer List.

It is not possible to provide figures broken down in to LEA, please see transfer figures below for North of the Naas Road.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Totals North Naas Road** |
| **2019** | **32** |
| **2020** | **15** |
| **2021** | **39** |
| **2022** | **38** |
| **2023** | **41** |
| **Grand Total** | **165** |

### **LPNC/57/Q14/0124 Item ID:81816 – Palmers Gate**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the manager which Approved Housing Body will manage the Part V and other 60+ apartments at Palmers Gate complex that will be offered to social housing tenants.

**REPLY:**

Co-operative Housing Ireland will manage all social units in the Palmers Gate development.

### **LPNC/58/Q15/0124 Item ID:81803 – Utility Connection Delay**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive for the number of homes which have been built/acquired/leased by the Council which are completed but not occupied because of delay in in utility connection, in tabular form.

**REPLY:**

The table below illustrates the number of complete units awaiting allocating due to utility connection issues. The Council are actively engaging with the Utility providers and representatives of the schemes in question in order to expedite the letting of same.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | No of Units with Utility connection issues |
| Construction (LA and AHB Build) | 174 |
| Acquired (Tenant in situ) | 0 |
| Leasing | 0 |
| Total | 174 |

### **LPNC/59/Q16/0124 Item ID:81754 – Breakdown of Acquisition by LEA**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh

To ask the manager to detail the breakdown by LEA of the 507 expressions of interest received to the tenant-in-situ scheme to date, including the number of sale agreed per LEA.

**REPLY:**

At the end of December 2023, 514 expressions of interest had been received for potential acquisitions with 158 properties purchased, at conveyance, or sale agreed stage. 109 further properties are at valuation/negotiation stage where the Council is seeking to purchase having completed all pre-purchase checks, and another 105 properties at various stages of due diligence & pre-purchase checks. Sales are not currently proceeding in relation to the expressions of interest received for a further 142 properties due to either the property being vacant/tenant no longer in-situ, the tenant having been made a reasonable offer of alternative accommodation or where the property is the subject to planning issues.

Breakdown per LEA:

**Firhouse/Bohernabreena:** Not Progressing (17), Due Diligence (6), Valuers / Negotiations (6), Sale Agreed / Conveyance / Complete (7)

**Rathfarnham:** Not Progressing (17), Due Diligence (0), Valuers / Negotiations (0), Sale Agreed / Conveyance / Complete (2)

**Clondalkin:** Not Progressing (33), Due Diligence (25), Valuers / Negotiations (29), Sale Agreed / Conveyance / Complete (45)

**Tallaght South:** Not Progressing (26), Due Diligence (19), Valuers / Negotiations (22), Sale Agreed / Conveyance / Complete (43)

**Tallaght Central:** Not Progressing (20), Due Diligence (21), Valuers / Negotiations (17), Sale Agreed / Conveyance / Complete Law (34)

**Lucan:** Not Progressing (20), Due Diligence (14), Valuers / Negotiations (25), Sale Agreed / Conveyance / Complete (22)

**Palmerstown/Fonthill:** Not Progressing (9), Due Diligence (20), Valuers / Negotiations (10), Sale Agreed / Conveyance / Complete (5)

### **LPNC/60/Q17/0124 Item ID:81767 – Energy Retrofit Programme**

Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh

With regards to the ongoing Energy Retrofit Programme; To ask the manager to detail the cost and nature of works typically being upgraded in the Councils own housing stock that have been completed to date, and envisaged for the remaining 185 homes as identified, and are windows/doors being replaced alongside works, where previously approved?

**REPLY:**

Typically works involve the following (as determined by a building energy rating survey):

1. Insulation of both attic and cavity walls.

2. Window and Door replacement.

3. Installation of heat pump and ancillary works.

The works bring the property up to B2 standard. The capital budget allocated to the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme for 2024 is €6,000,000. The windows and doors programme is being phased out but any previously agreed works will be completed.

### **LPNC/61/Q18/0124 Item ID:81809 – Castle View Lucan**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

I wish to seek confirmation from the CE on a matter that has raised concerns within the community. There have been reports and concerns brought to my attention regarding a number of units in Castleview, Lucan being boarded up. To address these concerns and provide accurate information to the concerned residents, the committee requests your confirmation on whether this information is accurate.

**REPLY:**

The properties in Castleview, Lucan are owned by Respond Approved Housing Body. The Housing Officer in Respond has confirmed that there are no properties in Castle View boarded up as there are no vacant properties in the development.

### **LPNC/62/H15/0124 Item ID:81723 – New Woks**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/63/H16/0124 Item ID:81733 - Balgaddy Q4 update**

The following report was presented by Mary Connell A/Senior Executive Officer

[H-I(16) Quarterly Update Balgaddy Q4 2023](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81321)

This report was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/64/H17/0124 Item ID:81736 - Allocations Quarterly Report (for noting)**

**Allocations quarterly report (for noting)**

Quarter 4 allocations report, figures as at 31st December 2023 below;

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Allocations** | **County wide Total** | **Lucan Palmerston, Fonthill** |
| CBL-General | 118 | 13 |
| CBL-HAP | 120 | 19 |
| CBL-RAS Fixed T/F | 3 |  |
| CBL-Homeless |  |  |
| Homeless | 172 | 35 |
| Medical | 38 | 1 |
| Age Friendly | 37 | 4 |
| Tenant in Situ | 47 | 7 |
| **Total** | **535** | **79** |
| Transfers | 68 | 12 |
| RAS NTQ | 50 | 5 |
| Priority – Welfare | 23 | 1 |
| **TOTALS** | **676** | **97** |

### Following Contributions from Councillor M Johansson, Fiona Hendley A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/65/C10/0124 Item ID:81710 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/66/M20/0124 Item ID:81804 - Boarded up home**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

To call on the Chief Executive to bring the boarded up home at (Address Provided) back into use immediately.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

This property is managed by an Approved Housing Body on behalf of the Council. They confirmed that there has been no notice of surrender from the tenant.

In December 2023, the tenant reported damage to glass to front of the house. The Approved Housing Body provided boarding-over and make-safe response works.

The Councils social work team contacted the Approved Housing Body to determine if the tenant needs support. If the property is surrendered, pre-let repairs will be undertaken, and the Council will nominate a new tenant to ensure that the home is brought back into use at the earliest possible date.

This Motion was **Unanimously Agreed and Moved without Debate**

## **Community**

### **LPNC/67/Q19/0124 Item ID:81791 – Lucan Pool and Aura Leisure**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

To ask the Chief Executive for an updated completion timeline for the Lucan Swimming Pool and to outline dates for a site visit by members and the promised meeting with Aura Leisure should these regrettably not have been scheduled by the date of this meeting?

**REPLY:**

The current programmed completion date for Lucan Pool is still under review and is to be confirmed with the contractor and the design team in light of a number of significant milestones which are due in the coming weeks including the delivery and installation of the moveable floor, the main screeding of the pool, tiling packages and the Irish Water drainage connection. We will be able to provide a more reliable programme for overall completion once these milestones are achieved.

A site visit for Councillors has been arranged for 10am on Friday, 26th January and a meeting with Aura Leisure on Tuesday February 20th at 2pm

### **LPNC/68/Q20/0124 Item ID:81817 – Lucan Pool Update**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

The committee seeks an update on the long-awaited Lucan swimming pool. We are particularly interested in obtaining information on the current status of the project, including an expected completion date. Additionally, we would appreciate details on the planned meeting between the new management company, Aura, and local councillors

**REPLY:**

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### **LPNC/69/H18/0124 Item ID:81719 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/70/H19/0124 Item ID:81717 – New Works**

New Work (No Business)

### **LPNC/71/C11/0124 Item ID:81707 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/72/M21/0124 Item ID:81807 - Back Weston Development**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

This committee brings to your attention recent developments concerning the modular homes planned for Back Weston. It has come to our knowledge that there have been changes to the original plans that were initially made public. In light of this new information, the committee requests the arrangement of a meeting between representatives from the Office of Public Works (OPW), local councillors, and our committee. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an update on the alterations made to the original plans and to gain insight into the department's intentions for future housing and planning in the Back Weston area. We believe that open communication and collaboration between all stakeholders are essential for the success of any housing project. Such a meeting would facilitate a comprehensive understanding of the changes made and offer an opportunity to address any concerns or queries that the committee and local councillors may have.

**This Motion was Moved to Re-enter.**

**Meeting Concluded at 17:59**

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