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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council September 2024 Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24th September 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

## Glenn Moore

## Niamh Fennell

## Liona O’Toole

## Joanna Tuffy

# **Officials Present**

## Senior Executive Officer Amanda Mills, Laura Leonard,

## Sharon Conroy, Vivienne Hartnett

## A/Senior Executive Officer Fiona Hendley

## Senior Executive Parks Superintendent David Fennell

## Senior Engineers John Hegarty, Gary Walsh

## Senior Planners Eoin Burke

## Senior Parks Superintendent Suzanne Furlong

## Senior Executive Engineer Andrew O'Mullane, Colum Fagan

## Senior Executive Librarian Rosena Hand

## Assistant Staff Officer Eduardo De Oliveira

## Clerical Officers Vikki Cryan

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Liona O’Toole, presided.

## **LPNC/317/H1/0424 Item ID:83098 - Minutes**

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of April 23rd, 2024, Lucan Palmerstown North Clondalkin ACM dealing with business relating to Libraries, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate, Environment, Water & Drainage, Pb. Realm, Community, Housing, Planning, Transportation.

It was proposed by Councillor Liona O’Toole and seconded by Councillor S Moynihan and RESOLVED: “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 23rd of April 2024 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

[**H1 Minutes of April 2024 LPNC ACM**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83483)

**LPNC/318/156/0324 – Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor L O’Toole and seconded by Councillor S Moynihan and RESOLVED “That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 that Questions 1 – 31 be ADOPTED and APPROVED

## **Economic Development**

### **LPNC/319/Q1/0924 Item ID:84148 - Council Owned Lands**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list, to include the size of sites, and a map of all Council-owned lands in the Lucan and Palmerstown-Fonthill electoral areas?

**REPLY:**

The Council have worked with the Land Development Agency (LDA) who have developed a comprehensive State Land Database that includes detailed information on all public lands owned by various state bodies, including South Dublin County Council. The State Land Database can be accessed at the following link: https://lda.ie/public-lands/register-of-relevant-lands/map. This publicly accessible online register provides a detailed map of all state-owned lands, including those owned by South Dublin County Council, and includes information such as the registered owner, the size of the sites, and other relevant details.

### **LPNC/320/Q2/0924 Item ID:84150 – Lucan House**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the status of access to Lucan House for local groups, who were facilitated access by the Italian Ambassador, following the Council's acquisition of the property, and advise on how the council can ensure continued access for these groups to this significant archaeological and heritage site, pending the consultation and development of a formal plan for its future use?

**REPLY:**

The Council is currently in a public procurement process for a Masterplan for Lucan House and Demesne that will have full regard to the setting and integrity of this environmental and heritage landscape. As part of the Masterplan, an Archaeological Survey will be conducted which will survey the entire property, record baseline data and make recommendations where required. Any archaeological work carried out prior to this Survey, may impact on the development of the Masterplan. Stakeholder engagement will be part of the masterplan process.

In the interim EEDT are introducing a permit system for continued access for Local groups who can submit a request for access to the Economic Development Department [econdev@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:econdev@sdublincoco.ie)..

### **LPNC/321/Q3/0924 Item ID:84166 – Land Ownership**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

To ask the Chief Executive why it has taken so long to formalise legal arrangements around land ownership with the property owner in question under membersrep 1822155, as this has dragged on since March and the delay will shortly impact on the viability of the important community service provided; to outline if the matter can be resolved imminently and meetings set up if necessary; and if a statement can be made on the matter.

**REPLY:**

Further to reviewing the land ownership at the location in question, EETD engaged with relevant Council Departments to establish their views on taking steps to address the matter. The position re-stated on review is that the Council retain ownership of land in this location in the Griffeen Valley Park and proximate to St. Johns Bridge, a protected structure.

### **LPNC/322/Q4/0924 Item ID:84179 – Lucan House**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

To ask the Chief Executive if it will immediately continue to facilitate pre-arranged specialist tours and surveys of the Lucan House grounds by the Society for Old Lucan (SOL), given that these were permitted by the Italian Ambassador on a regular basis, given that this will not interfere with any scoping plan and consultation for future uses of the grounds, and if a statement can be made on the matter.

**REPLY:**

The Council is currently in a public procurement process for a Masterplan for Lucan House and Demesne that will have full regard to the setting and integrity of this environmental and heritage landscape. As part of the Masterplan, an Archaeological Survey will be conducted which will survey the entire property, record baseline data and make recommendations where required. Any archaeological work carried out prior to this Survey, may impact on the development of the Masterplan. Stakeholder engagement will be part of the masterplan process.

In the interim EEDT are introducing a permit system to facilitate continued access for Local groups who can submit a request for access to the Economic Development Department [econdev@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:econdev@sdublincoco.ie).

### **LPNC/323/Q5/0924 Item ID:84207 – Lucan House**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the Economic Development Directorate, and the Heritage Team, engage with the Society for Old Lucan and the National Monuments Service with regard to the identification and cataloguing of archaeological artefacts on the grounds of Lucan House.

**REPLY:**

The Council is currently in a public procurement process for a Masterplan for Lucan House and Demesne that will have full regard to the setting and integrity of this environmental and heritage landscape. As part of the Masterplan, an Archaeological Survey will be conducted which will survey the entire property, record baseline data and make recommendations where required. Any archaeological work carried out prior to this Survey, may impact on the development of the Masterplan. Stakeholder engagement will all statutory and interested parties will be an integral part of the Masterplanning process.

### **LPNC/324/H2/0924 Item ID:83914 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/325/C1/0924 Item ID:83902 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/326/M1/0924 Item ID:84215 - Land Ownership**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the land ownership of the area surrounding the 23rd Lucan Village Scouts building. It is believed that the ownership of the strip of land between the Scouts' property and the bordering developer's land is unknown (map provided). If it is confirmed that the land ownership is unknown, the motion requests that the Chief Executive explore the possibility of the council taking this land in charge.

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

The land on which the Scouts Den is situated was leased to the Scouts by the Council in 1981. The area outlined in the map associated with the motion is partly owned by the Council and part unregistered. The EETD Department will examine the history of ownership at the location and any options available to the Council although clarity on any intended future use would be important.

[M1 (ii) Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83521)

Following Contributions from Councillors L O’Toole and P Gogarty, Laura Leonard, Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/327/M2/0924 Item ID:83731 - Lucan House Masterplan**

Proposed by Councillor J Tuffy, seconded by Councillor L O’Toole

To ask the CEO for an update on the process for doing up a draft masterplan for Lucan House and to ask the CEO to consider having a process similar to that it had for the development of the Lucan Village Design Statement. This included a series of workshops involving a wide cross section of the community including adults, children, and young people. A similar approach to the drawing up of a masterplan for Lucan House would ensure a genuinely participative process with the widest potential involvement from the community and opportunities for a wide range of perspectives and ideas to be put forward in advance of the drawing up of the master plan. These workshops would be held in person in Lucan and not remotely (\*Details of Lucan Village Design Statement process supplied at \* \*<http://www.sdublincoco.ie/ga/Media/Item/13610?p=105>)

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

The Council is currently in a public procurement process for a Masterplan of Lucan House and Demesne that will have full regard to the setting and integrity of this environmental and heritage landscape. It is anticipated to appoint a successful tender by November 2024. The proposed approach mentioned is very welcomed and it is planned to carry out an engagement process very similar. Public engagement is a vital part of the Masterplanning process and as such, engagement with key stakeholders and the community shall commence at an early stage of the process to obtain views and opinions and actively continue right through concept design and proposed Masterplan. It is anticipated to appoint a communication consultant to work with the Council and the successful tenderer will lead this element of the Masterplan process. A communications and stakeholder consultation programme for in-person consultation events will be developed that will comprise of interactive focus group sessions, workshops, schools/children’s event and a non-statutory public consultation event. All events are intended to be in Lucan. Public engagement is important to the Council in order to facilitate a fully transparent and inclusive consultation process to capture stakeholder input to better inform the Masterplan.

Following Contributions from Councillors J Tuffy, P Gogarty and S Moynihan, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/328/M3/0924 Item ID:84199 - Arthur Griffith Park Laneway**

Proposed by Councillor J Tuffy, seconded by Councillor L O’Toole

To ask the CEO for a report on the laneway (address provided) in Arthur Griffith Park and any plans from an estate management perspective, including the possibility of acquisition by the residents adjacent to the laneway, if appropriate, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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

EETD will liaise with relevant Council Departments to establish the history of and current information on the location referred to in the Motion and in particular to establish the possible presence of utility services ahead of requesting internal Departments views on possible acquisition by the residents.

Following Contributions from Councillors J Tuffy, and P Gogarty, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **LPNC/329/Q6/0924 Item ID:84204 - Visitor Numbers Palmerstown Library**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of visitors attending Palmerstown Library over the past twelve months, by month and distinguishing when additional opening hours were introduced and if he will make a statement on planned increase in visiting hours.

**REPLY:**

Please find attached visitor figures for Palmerstown Library for 2023 and 2024. The extended opening hours of Palmerstown were officially launched on 1st December 2023-however the library commenced opening under the new hours from Wednesday 18th October.

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| **Month** | **2023** | **2024** |
| January | 647 | 819 |
| February | 943 | 1093 |
| March | 826 | 971 |
| April | 665 | 1084 |
| May | 704 | 1474 |
| June | 711 | 1340 |
| July | 763 | 1520 |
| August | 870 | 1600 |
| September | 648 |  |
| October | 900 |  |
| November | 1399 |  |
| December | 920 |  |
| **Total** | **9996** | **9901** |

Presently we are expanding the events run in Palmerstown library and have introduced a Book Club and Reading Circle for Adults along with a greater range of events for our younger members on Saturdays. This will be coupled with a membership drive with local schools and promotional events to increase library membership. Any increase in visiting hours will be based an increase in visitor numbers and membership.

### **LPNC/330/H3/0924 Item ID:83911 - Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian

[H3 (i) Libraries Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83328)  
[H3 (ii) Library Event Stats](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83291)

Following Contributions from Councillors L O’Toole, P Gogarty, S Moynihan, J Tuffy and G Moore, Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/331/H4/0924 Item ID:83897 - Application for Arts Grants**

The following report was presented by Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian

**REPLY:**

Women’s Collective Ireland Lucan

The Women’s Collective Ireland Lucan, based in Ballyowen Youth and Community Centre, is seeking support towards the cost of an Art installation, *The Red Shoes* at the steps of The Criminal Courts of Justice, Dublin, for one day on Sunday, 8th December 2024.

Since its inception in Juarez, Mexico, in 2009, this installation has been replicated over 80 times worldwide but has never been held in Ireland. The installation will feature around 266 pairs of red shoes, donated by the community representing each woman who has died violently in the Republic of Ireland from 1996 to the present.

The shoes will be arranged on the steps of The Criminal Courts of Justice for a full day of public viewing. The installation will be accompanied by an awareness campaign.

The Women's Collective Ireland (WCI) Lucan is a community organization dedicated to supporting women through grassroots initiatives. Since 2017, it has been working with women experiencing gender-based violence and it has conducted various art-based activism projects.

The Arts Office recommends that a contribution of €650 be allocated to Women’s Collective Ireland Lucan towards the presentation of the Red Shoes installation in Dublin.

Following Contributions from Councillor L O’Toole, Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/332/H5/0924 Item ID:83917 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/333/C2/0924 Item ID:83904 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **LPNC/334/H6/0924 Item ID:83913 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/336/C3/0924 Item ID:83901 Correspondence for Noting**

(i) Response from Minister of Communications re Postal Service in Lucan (Item 82882 April 2024 LPNC ACM)

(ii) Robzala Ltd re Invite to attend ACM (Item 81410 December 2023 LPNC ACM)

[Cor 3 (i) Response from Minister of Communications re Postal Service in Lucan (Item 82882 April 2024 LPNC ACM)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83152)  
[Cor 3 (ii) Robzala Ltd re Invite to attend ACM (Item 81410 December 2023 LPNC ACM)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83184)

The report was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/337/M4/0924 Item ID:84221 – Letter to HSE**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

This committee requests that a follow-up be conducted with the HSE to secure a representative to attend one of our upcoming meetings. The current health service situation in the Lucan area is extremely challenging, with reported issues such as a shortage of GPs, long waiting lists at healthcare centres, and other concerns. We believe it would be beneficial for the HSE to provide an update and address these issues directly with the committee.

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

If this motion is passed, a letter in this regard will be issued to the HSE on behalf of the local area committee. The response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

Following Contributions from Councillor L O’Toole, this Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/338/M5/0924 Item ID:84153 – Letter to NTA**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady, seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That this committee calls on the NTA to introduce an injector bus service from Penny Hill to address capacity issues on the C1 and C2 routes at the Mount Bellew and Willsbrook stops, as commuters at these stops are frequently left behind due to full buses, and this solution, which was provided successfully in the past, will enable more commuters to travel to and from work / study on time.

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

If this motion is passed, a letter in this regard will be issued to the NTA on behalf of the local area committee. The response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

Following Contributions from Councillors C Brady, S Moynihan, M Johansson and L O’Toole, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/339/M6/0924 Item ID:84183 – Letter to NTA**

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

That this Committee writes to the NTA seeking a stand-alone, face to face meeting with elected representatives to provide meaningful engagement and outline concrete action plans on the many local and regional concerns raised by the 'Bus Correct' survey of over 2,200 bus users (https://www.paulgogarty.com/post/bus-results), including multiple 'no shows', numerous full buses, the abolition of direct routes to the city centre in areas with high levels of bus pass users, and the lack of permission for bus companies to provide an 'auxiliary' buses to supplement areas when demand is high and people are left waiting at bus stops for protracted periods.

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

If this motion is passed, a letter in this regard can be issued to the NTA on behalf of the local area committee. Any response received will be circulated to members.

It is relevant to note that the NTA have requested that they provide a briefing to members on the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042 for which a briefing/presentation will be arranged for the October / November Council meeting as requested by the Chief Executive. Corporate services section are liaising with the NTA to arrange same.

Following Contributions from Councillors P Gogarty, G Moore, C Brady and L O’Toole, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/340/M7/0924 Item ID:84202 – Letter to Robzala Ltd**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan, seconded by Councillor L O’Toole

To ask the Chief Executive to write to Robzala Properties, the management company overseeing Ballyowen Shopping Centre, to ask them to make a presentation to the Area Committee on their improvement plans for the centre, how they plan to deal with the safety issues at the centre and the timeframe for their planned works.

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

Further to your Motion Agreed at the December meeting of the ACM, a letter issued to the Management Company of Ballyowen Shopping Centre. A response received on 1st March 2024 was brought to the attention of the April ACM. Since then, by way of follow up to the response received, a further letter has issued inviting representatives of the Management Committee which they have indicated they are willing to do, to meet with the members at the ACM in October.

Following Contributions from Councillors S Moynihan, P Gogarty, C Brady, N Fennell and L O’Toole, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**

## **Performance Change Management**

### **LPNC/341/H7/0924 Item ID:83918 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/342/C4/0924 Item ID:83905 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Public Realm**

### **LPNC/343/Q7/0924 Item ID:84173 – Tree Maintenance Program**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate, by quarter, when the remaining Lucan estates listed in the 2023/2025 tree maintenance program will be scheduled, and whether these estates will be completed by the end of the programme?

**REPLY:**

The table below sets out the detailed list of estates, roads and other locations which have been included on the current 3-year tree programme 2023 to 2025 for planned maintenance. Unfortunately, it is not possible to provide a breakdown by quarter. There are a total of 54 locations included on the programme with 15 of those completed to date, maintenance works are currently underway in 2 locations and a further 11 locations have been assigned as per the status shown below which means that the necessary tree surveys have been completed at the location and either a Council crew or tree maintenance contractor has been provided with details of the work required and has been requested to plan and proceed with the work. At the present time this equates to 52% of the programme completed and assigned to date. The programme will be fully completed by the end of 2025.

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| **Location** | **Status** | **Year** |
| Adamstown Link Rd | Assigned | 2024 |
| Abbeydale |  | 2024 |
| Abbeywood |  | 2024 |
| Ashpark street trees | Assigned | 2024 |
| Ashpark |  | 2024 |
| Bewley | Assigned | 2024 |
| Brookvale | Assigned | 2024 |
| Ballyowen Road - L1042 (Larkfield to Fonthill Road) |  | 2025 |
| Culmore Road and Park | Complete |  |
| Castle Riada | Assigned | 2024 |
| Castle Road |  | 2025 |
| Coldcut Road |  | 2025 |
| Dodsborough Road & Cottages on o/s |  |  |
| Elm estate street trees and mature trees |  | 2025 |
| Earlsfort | Complete |  |
| Esker Road and Drive and L1011/Old Esker Lane | Assigned | 2024 |
| Esker Glebe and Esker Lane OS Mature trees | Assigned | 2024 |
| Esker Glebe and Esker Lane Street trees | Assigned | 2024 |
| Esker Meadow |  | 2025 |
| Esker Woods |  | 2025 |
| Esker Lodge Street and mature trees |  | 2025 |
| Fonthill Road and Coldcut Road cycle paths (Greenfort Boundary) |  | 2024 |
| Foxford and Ballyowen Lane |  | 2025 |
| Fforster estate | Complete |  |
| Foxdene | Complete |  |
| Glenmaroon Road and Park | Complete |  |
| Greenfort estate | Complete |  |
| Griffeen Road, Avenue & Way | Complete |  |
| Harelawn | Assigned | 2024 |
| Hermitage Valley - Rear of Houses |  | 2025 |
| Hermitage Park - Mature Trees |  | 2025 |
| Lucan Road (Ballydowd to Woodies) |  | 2025 |
| Liffey Estate | Complete |  |
| Manor Road and Park | Complete |  |
| Meile an Ri |  | 2025 |
| Newcastle Road/R120 to include Lucan Harries car park frontage |  | 2025 |
| Neilstown estate | Complete |  |
| Riversdale Estate Palmerstown |  | 2025 |
| Riverside Drive | Complete |  |
| Rochfort | In Progress | 2024 |
| Shancastle | Complete |  |
| Saint Marks | Complete |  |
| Saint Finians | In Progress | 2024 |
| Sarsfield Park Mature Trees |  | 2025 |
| St. Lomans Road (L1042) and Ballyowen Road |  | 2025 |
| Tandys Lane Park (Additional) | Assigned | 2024 |
| Tor an Ri |  | 2025 |
| Turret Road | Complete |  |
| Woodview Heights |  |  |
| Willsbrook Estate and Road |  | 2025 |
| Wood Avens |  | 2025 |
| Woodfarm Drive and Avenue | Complete |  |
| Westbury |  | 2025 |

### **LPNC/344/Q8/0924 Item ID:84200 – Woodville Trees**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

To ask the Chief Executive if the Council will clear all the low hanging branches in Woodville estate as a matter of urgency as they are a hazard to pedestrians in advance of the estate hopefully being added onto the main tree maintenance schedule.

**REPLY:**

The low hanging branches on the trees in Woodville estate have been listed for pruning to be carried out as soon as they can be included in the works programme for the area.

### **LPNC/345/Q9/0924 Item ID:83602 – Waterstown Park**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the manager if SDCC would use willow trees, and/or other methods along the banks of the River Liffey at Watertown Park to help prevent erosion of the bank as is evident in parts.

**REPLY:**

The erosion of riverbanks is a natural phenomenon which continuously takes place as water courses make their way to the sea. Following periods of high rainfall, the effects of erosion can become more noticeable because of rising water levels and increased flow rates. The requirement to intervene in this natural process is dictated by several factors which include the necessity to protect property, structures or land. In this instance the erosion is affecting the land. An assessment of the affected area(s) will be undertaken to determine if the erosion is having a significant effect on the park or if it is of an acceptable level that does not require any action. Sometimes it is more appropriate not to intervene as it can result in consequences further downstream that might not have been initially apparent.

### **LPNC/346/Q10/0924 Item ID:84141 - IWP 2024**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the 2024 Public Realm Improvement Programme, the status of projects, expected completion dates and reasons for delay.

**REPLY:**

The status of projects in the 2024 Public Realm Improvement Programme is set out in the table below. The projects are undertaken throughout the year and scheduled to maximise the availability of resources over the course of the 12 months.

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| **No** | **Location** | **Description** | **Status** |
| 1 | Hermitage Park | Upgrade vehicle entrance | To commence in Q4 |
| 2 | Hermitage Park | Path upgrade works throughout park | On site W/C 23/09 |
| 3 | St Finians open space | Path upgrade | Completed |
| 4 | Esker Glebe open space | New path between red bridge and post box | Completed |
| 5 | Willsbrook Park | Path upgrade works throughout park | Completed |
| 6 | Griffeen Valley Park | Upgrade Water font near playground/skatepark | Completed |
| 7 | Griffeen Valley Park | Surface entrance path at The Old Forge | Completed |
| 8 | Griffeen Valley Park | Upgrade model car track | To commence in Q4 |
| 9 | Griffeen Valley Park | Replace Yellow bridge & upgrade entrance opposite Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada | Bridge fabrication commenced & area surfaced |
| 10 | Griffeen Valley Park | Path upgrade works throughout Newcastle Road/Esker Drive section | Completed |
| 11 | Griffeen Valley Park | Mini Woodland near King Johns Bridge | Ground preparation completed. To be planted in Q4 |
| 12 | Tandy’s Lane Park | Upgrade 3 water fonts to solar units | Completed |
| 13 | Woodview Heights | Trees & bulbs on open space | Bulb planting W/C 14/10 |
| 14 | Waterstown | New gates and pillars at lower car park | Works commenced on Site |
| 15 | Griffeen Road/Way roundabout | Bulb planting | Bulb planting W/C 14/10 |
| 16 | Rochfort/Abbeydale roundabout | Bulb planting | Bulb planting W/C 14/10 |
| 17 | Collinstown Park | Provide seating | Completed |
| 18 | Ballyowen Park | Provide seating | Completed |
| 19 | St Ronan’s Avenue | Resurface old section of black path | Completed |

### **LPNC/347/Q11/0924 Item ID:84170 – Wood Avens**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on progress and actions completed in response to Public Realm commitments provided at the Wood Avens Residents Deputation earlier this year.

**REPLY:**

The weeds on the 2 cobble lock areas at the entrance roads to the estate have been cleaned of vegetation. The rubbish in the hedges from the Neilstown Boxing club to Letts Field estate was removed earlier this year. Dumping in this area is a regular occurrence and a further clean-up has been organised for September. Tree pruning has been carried out to improve sightlines.

### **LPNC/348/Q12/0924 Item ID:84208 – GVP Gate**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the entrance/gate at Griffeen Park (Newcastle Road) is being opened early enough in the morning to allow the car park to be used for school parking by the nearby schools, as agreed in a previous meeting following the passing of my motion.

**REPLY:**

The current arrangement is the gate is operated solely by keypad. Once opened upon entry it remains open until the keypad is activated again at the end of the day when the last user exits the car park. To ensure consistency of the opening time, the Public Realm Section is currently in discussions with the appointed automated gate contractor to regularise the opening time for 8am.

### **LPNC/349/Q13/0924 Item ID:84198 – Esker Cemetery**

Proposed by Councillor Joanna Tuffy

To ask the CEO to give a report on improvements planned for Esker Cemetery including the columbarium, the angels plot and any maintenance of gates etc.

**REPLY:**

A tender competition has been advertised for Cemetery Upgrade Works in South Dublin County Council. It is intended that the first job awarded under this tender competition will be for the Columbarium Wall at Esker Cemetery. The tender closing date has passed and it is currently at tender assessment stage. It is hoped that this stage will be competed and proceed to tender award stage in the coming weeks.

A new fence and gate was fitted to the Angel plot in 2023. There are no further plans proposed for this area.

The gates and railings at the cemetery entrances on Lucan-Newlands Road have been replaced in recent years. In August 2024 the car park entrance gates and pillars were painted.

There are no other plans proposed for the cemetery at present.

### **LPNC/350/Q14/0924 Item ID:84214 – Hillcrest Tree**

Proposed by Councillor Joanna Tuffy

To ask for an update in relation to the tree at the address supplied at Hillcrest Walk and the outcome of any investigation into the tree and any need for maintenance (Address supplied)

**REPLY:**

The tree in question at Hillcrest Walk has been inspected recently by the Council’s Parks Supervisor for the area. The tree does not require any maintenance at present.

### **LPNC/351/H8/0924 Item ID:83920 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/352/C5/0924 Item ID:83907 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/353/M8/0924 Item ID:83927 – Apiary Lucan**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor M. Johansson

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

I propose that South Dublin County Council (SDCC) and the Chief Executive (CE) consider the implementation of an apiary in the Lucan area. Specifically, I suggest examining the feasibility of establishing an apiary on the rooftop of the 23rd Lucan Scout Group building in Lucan Village.

The potential benefits of an apiary include: Utilisation of Rooftop Space: The rooftop of the scout building presents a suitable and secure location for an apiary, making effective use of available space while keeping the apiary safe from public interference. Community Engagement: The apiary can be managed by local groups, including the scout group, fostering community involvement and ensuring the apiary is well-maintained. The scouts' committee is aware of this proposal and has expressed interest in learning more about its feasibility. Educational Opportunities: Linking the apiary with local educational institutions can provide students with hands-on learning experiences about beekeeping, ecology, and sustainability.

I request that SDCC and the CE evaluate the potential for this project and consider its integration into the community. An apiary would not only contribute to local biodiversity but also serve as a valuable educational and community resource.

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

The Scout Hall is located on land which has been leased to the Scout Foundation of Ireland. The use of the rooftop for an apiary would be a matter for Scouting Ireland. However, from a visual assessment of the building it is unlikely to be suitable for the following reasons.

* There is no means of access to the roof.
* The roof is not flat.
* There is no parapet or fall restraints around the roof.
* The roof would have not been designed to take the loading that would arise from bee hives and associated beekeeper(s).
* It would be impractical to carry bee keeping material up and down to the roof.

The potential to develop an apiary and integrate it into the community would need to be championed by a willing beekeeper. This individual needs to be able to travel and access the apiary wherever it is located. Visits during the winter period can be infrequent but this increases during the summer months when the colony is active. The site itself needs to consider the safety of members of the public and the security of the hives from vandalism. To date no suitable site has been identified. The development of an apiary will be examined further if an application is received from a beekeeper or beekeeping group.

In the meantime the Public Realm Section will continue to promote biodiversity and pollinator opportunities though its grassland management practices of Long Flowering Meadows and Short Flowering Meadows.

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

### **LPNC/354/M9/0924 Item ID:83827 – Large Trees**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson, seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That the Chief Executive examine possible actions to deal with a lot of very large trees in the Wheatfield estate in North Clondalkin, residents are becoming concerned about the size of the trees and some have asked if trees could be moved to alternative locations such as Collinstown Park.

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

In line with the Council's Tree Management Policy ‘Living With Trees’, the focus of the Tree Maintenance Programme is on entire roads or whole estates. Wheatfield estate is not scheduled for tree maintenance works on the current Tree Maintenance Programme. Wheatfields was pruned in 2020. It will be listed as part of a future Tree Maintenance Programme.

The option of moving large trees to an alternative location would not be feasible for a number of reasons.

* It would not be possible to access and remove enough roots to form a root ball because the trees are growing in grass verges adjacent to paths and roads.
* There would be underground services going through root zones of the tree which would prevent the trees from being lifted.
* The operation to relocate mature trees is costly and is generally only carried out for trees of note with the process undertaken over a full growing season.

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

### **LPNC/355/M10/0924 Item ID:84101 – Tree Maintenance on Fonthill and Coldcut Road**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell, seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That this Committee agrees that South Dublin County Council cut back and maintain the tree along the cycle path on the Fonthill Road and the CoIdcut Road. The tress along the cycle path are overgrown and dangerous to cyclist and pedestrians

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

Works have commenced on the cutting back of low hanging branches on the Fonthill Road. Once this road has been completed staff will move on to the Coldcut Road and carry out similar works to the trees there.

Following Contributions from Councillors N Fennell and S Moynihan, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/356/M11/0924 Item ID:84154 – New GAA Pitches**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady, seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That this committee calls on the Chief Executive to engage with Lucan Sarsfields and Na Gaeil Óga to strategically review the planning of GAA pitches in the Lucan area, including in both Adamstown and Clonburris SDZs, to develop a plan for the provision of additional GAA pitches to address existing, actual demands from both clubs, and to meet future demographic demand.

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

Recognising the challenges in the provision of sports pitches; South Dublin County Council commissioned a Sport Pitch Strategy (SPS) in 2020 to provide the Council with a clear evidence base and set of recommendations for future outdoor sports facility development across the district. A SPS is a strategic assessment that provides an up-to-date analysis of supply and demand for playing pitches (grass and artificial) in the local authority. The strategy and the evidence upon which it is based is delivered using insight from specific Governing Bodies of Sport, national guidance and local stakeholder input. The strategy focused on the following sports: Soccer, GAA, Rugby Union, Hockey, Cricket and Athletics. Meeting pitch demand requires actions on a number of fronts and the SPS defined 5 main actions for the council to deliver; the actions are set out below as follows:

**Increase maintenance of existing pitches to improve match play equivalents:**  
Following adoption of the strategy the Council has provided additional revenue budget to support these actions. The annual pitch maintenance budget 2024 is €409,000 which covers regular fortnightly maintenance and includes a sum of €150,000 for engagement of specialist contractors to do minor drainage improvements as well as goal mouth repairs and replacement of goal posts. SDCC manage regular grass cutting of pitches by direct labour. A sum of €250,000 has also been provided in 2024 which will facilitate an intensive upgrade of compacted, waterlogged pitches.

The Council’s Public Realm Section has in the past 5 to 7 years installed drainage systems on pitches in Tymon Park (4), Jobstown Park (1), Butler McGee Park (1), Clondalkin Park (1) and Ballymount Park (1). These schemes have been funded through a combination of sports capital funding as well as council own capital and revenue resources, with other funding where available.  
A further 4 pitches have received sports capital funding, and work on 2 of these pitches; at Glenaulin and Griffeen has commenced in Sept 2024. In addition to these; another 10 pitches have been included in the current sports capital funding application and a decision is awaited on these. The installation of such drainage schemes will improve waterlogging and playability issues on those pitches which require this level of intervention.

**Develop a revised allocation policy; including pitch sharing and multipurpose use of facilities where appropriate:**  
In 2021, the Council introduced a new online Pitch Allocation and Booking system which went live for the 2021/2022 playing season. The South Dublin County Council’s Annual Allocation of Pitches/Sporting Facilities – Policy and Conditions can be found at [**www.sdcc.ie/bookapitch**](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/sport-and-recreation/playing-pitches-and-facilities/allocation-of-pitch-sporting-facilities-policy-and-conditions.pdf). Once clubs are allocated pitches via the online system they are given access to “Pitch Manager” software which enables the club to manage and record all activity on the pitches allocated to them.  
The information allows SDCC gather valuable key data to better manage and maintain pitches against a scenario of growing demand. It will also help identity any pitches that are underused and provide more availability for pitch sharing etc.

**Reserve ability to change the configuration of pitches:**  
This ability is built into the allocation policies, and pitches are swapped out as required/if appropriate. Flexibility in configuration/layout is provided as much as possible at the planning and design stage to future proof pitches to allow for changes as required.

**Provide new grass pitches to meet capacity issues:**  
New grass pitches are planned and are under delivery/completed as set out below:  
Dodder Valley Mt Carmel: (1 athletics track, 1 soccer pitch: Construction completed)  
Adamstown SDZ parks: (1 cricket pitch complete at Airlie, 1 GAA-sized pitch complete at Tandy’s Lane Park)  
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**Provide Artificial Grass Pitches to augment long term capacity and meet training need:**  
At present; there is a council approved and funded 3G Artificial Grass Pitch Programme, based on the recommendations from the SPS and is agreed and underway. 2 No. artificial grass pitches have been delivered (1 GAA sized pitch at Airlie Park and 1 soccer sized pitch at Sean Walsh Park) as part of this programme of delivery, the other 3 no. required locations are in the west and east of the county and a number of new 3G pitches at the new Strategic Development Zone area at Clonburris.

Clonburris SDZ contains 3 significant areas of open space including a Canal Park, Griffeen Valley Park extension and Na Cluainte Park. A Parks and Landscaping Strategy (PLS) has been agreed as per the requirements of the Clonburris Phasing Programme and this report provides high level information on the future plans for these parks and the wider open space network. This plan is available at the following link [**Parks-and-Landscape-Strategy.pdf (clonburris.ie)**](https://clonburris.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Parks-and-Landscape-Strategy.pdf)

A Design Team is developing a detailed planning application and delivery strategy for these Parks. This work will advance the detail included in the agreed Parks and Landscape Strategy and will set the exact quantum and location for future pitches and community spaces. URDF funding has been earmarked to deliver these parks and pitches, but this funding is subject to a final planning application approval and business case.

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The SPS defined future locations of additional floodlit artificial grass pitches, as it provides evidence based upon local team usage and future team generation rates that would be the predominant users of the facility. The SPS demonstrates that there is a need to provide AGP’s as a vital asset to the local community in terms of a training and match-play facility for clubs, teams and others. The delivery of the SPS is reviewed on a regular basis and implementation is reported and discussed at the relevant SPC. Artificial grass pitches can support far more matches and training sessions compared to regular grass pitches and the sports pitch strategy recommends the provision of 5 No. pitches across the county to allow for an even distribution and facilitate use county-wide as set out above.

Public Realm meet with clubs regularly to discuss their needs, the SDCC facilities available to clubs and how best SDCC can meet the clubs needs within the facilities we have available. We are happy to engage with all clubs in the Lucan, Palmerstown, North Clondalkin area at any time. It is worth noting that all GAA clubs in this area received the allocation they requested from SDCC for the 2024/2025 season apart from 2 clubs who got the allocation they requested minus one pitch each. Both of these clubs are aware of the maintenance works that are planned for these pitches and once the works are complete, the pitches will be available again to the clubs that they are allocated to.

County wide, Public Realm through the allocations process, met the requested allocation of 80% of all sports clubs.

If any club wishes to meet with Public Realm, please contact us at [publicrealm@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:publicrealm@sdublincoco.ie) and we will arrange a meeting with the club.

**This motion was taken in conjunction with Motion 12**

### **LPNC/357/M12/0924 Item ID:84155 – GAA Pitch**

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

That the Chief Executive, given the huge demand that exists locally and the lack of sufficient future allocation in SDZs such as Clonburris, actively seeks to find space for another full size GAA pitch within Griffeen Valley Park, or immediately adjacent, given the continued growth of local clubs at juvenile level such as Na Gael Óga and Lucan Sarsfields.

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Following Contributions from Councillors C Brady, P Gogarty, S Moynihan, A Hayes and L O’Toole, Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent and Sharon Conroy Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/358/M13/0924 Item ID:84196 – Griffen Avenue Trees**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly

To call on the manager to prune and shape trees on Griffeen Avenue to improve sightlines for driver, pedestrian and cyclist safety

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

### **LPNC/359/M14/0924 Item ID:83926 - Depots**

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

I propose that the Chief Executive (CE) provide a statement on the current distribution of depots within South Dublin County Council (SDCC) and address the notable absence of a depot in the Lucan area.

According to a recent report on depot locations (see attached), there are several depots distributed across the county to serve various regions. However, it is observed that Lucan, which has experienced substantial population growth and the development of new parks and amenities, does not currently have a dedicated depot. Given the increasing demands on local services, it is crucial to address this shortfall. Establishing a depot in Lucan would improve the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery and maintenance in the area, thereby supporting the needs of our expanding community.

I request that the CE assess the need for a depot in Lucan and explore the necessary planning and implementation strategies to address this gap. This motion seeks to ensure that Lucan's infrastructure is aligned with its growing demands and supports its development adequately.

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

The Council engaged a specialist consultancy service to carry out a detailed strategic review of it's operational depots in 2018/'19 and this resulted in a depot rationalisation plan being drafted and agreed with affected operational staff. The review aimed to assess how depot services could be optimised to meet the needs of the county, now and into the future. This included consideration of factors such as population growth, travel times between depots, infrastructure expansion, and the efficient use of existing property. While the report explored various options, including localised depots, it placed a particular focus on the development of a new main depot built to contemporary standards to support county-wide service delivery. Based on the review, the development of Deansrath depot as a main depot has been identified. Although the growing needs of the Lucan area are recognised, the review concluded that the existing distribution of depots, combined with the planned reorganisation of services is sufficient to meet the current and anticipated demands of the area. Therefore, the establishment of an additional depot dedicated solely to Lucan is not considered necessary at this time. The forthcoming completion of the depot reorganisation will ensure that all areas of South Dublin, including Lucan, continue to be adequately serviced in an efficient and sustainable manner. The Council remains committed to monitoring service requirements across the county, and Lucan's infrastructure needs will continue to be reviewed as part of our ongoing planning efforts.

The review of depots recommended, among other things, that the number of depots would reduce from 12 at the time to 7 and that some of the larger depots where space was underutilised would be consolidated. In this regard Tymon depot has now taken staff from Sean Walsh depot and Rathfarnham depot, enabling the former to be used for age friendly housing and the latter to be included in a tourism development proposal around Rathfarnham Castle. It is intended that Deansrath depot will take staff from the Grange public realm depot and this move is imminent as the Grange depot lands are required for the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone project. The depot review did not envisage the development of any additional depots due mostly to the scarcity of land in the county and the need to make land available for other pressing uses particularly housing. It was also felt that a number of existing depots were underutilised and could take more staff. The review also considered the issues of travel distances and times and in a very small county these were not considered to be significant. With regard to Lucan and Adamstown it should be noted that Lucan Village is approximately 7km from Deansrath depot while Adamstown is between 4 and 5km, this is similar to Tymon depot where Tallaght Village is between 4 and 5km away while Rathfarnham Village is 7km away.

Following Contributions from Councillors L O’Toole, P Gogarty and C Brady, Colum Fagan Senior Executive Engineer and David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/360/M15/0924 Item ID:83830 – Goalposts at St Marks**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson, seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That the Chief Executive look at rearranging the layout of the football nets on St Mark's Avenue as the current location of the net means that children have to run into the road to collect balls that miss the goal which is unsafe.

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

An inspection of the goal posts on the open space at St Marks Avenue will be carried out to determine the most appropriate way to reduce the incidences of footballs ending up on the road. The options that will be considered include (a) moving one or both goal posts further back from the road (b) orientating the pitch to run perpendicular to its current position. The inspection will be carried out in September.

Following Contributions from Councillor M Johansson, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/361/M16/0924 Item ID:84103 – Collinstown Park**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell, seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

This Committee calls for the installation of a water station in Collinstown Park dog run. This is a needed facilitated with many residents and dog owners asking for this to be put in place.

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

The provision of a water station in Collinstown Park is subject to the availability of an accessible water supply from the public water network system in the area. An examination of existing water services will be carried out to determine the feasibility of this request. Should it prove feasible the proposal will be listed for consideration in the draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme for 2025. It would not be prudent to install the water station in the dog run as it would limit access to other park users. Therefore, the water station would be listed for installation in a central location within the park close to existing amenities.

Following Contributions from Councillors N Fennell and G Moore, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/362/M17/0924 Item ID:84197 – Haydens Lane Carpark**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly

Following on from previous motions and representations, can the manger give an update on plans to progress overflow parking at Haydens Lane Carpark.

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

## **Environment**

### **LPNC/363/Q15/0924 Item ID:83825 - CPO**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the CPO of 35 Wheatfield Road and 11 Turret Road in Palmerstown?

**REPLY:**

The Vacant Homes Unit in Housing is currently in correspondence with the owners of 35 Wheatfield Road in relation to the possible acquisition of the property. There is a plan to progress 11 Turret Road in Q4 this year.

### **LPNC/364/H9/0924 Item ID:83915 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/365/C6/0924 Item ID:83899 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/366/M18/0924 Item ID:83826 – Rodent Activity**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson, seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That the Chief Executive investigate the recurring problem of rodents along the eastern side of the Fonthill Road between the Liffey Valley roundabout and the Castle Road junction and consider possible solutions to this problem.

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

There are no recent or open investigations in respect of rodent activity in the area as described or of any illegal dumping. However, having discussed the exact locations with Councillor Johansson, the Environmental Health team have actioned the information received and are planning a mail drop to residents in the area, initially those in closest proximity to the road. This will give information on how to minimise rodent activity by reducing access to food and water, ensuring their properties are pest proofed and general good waste management. Details of the HSE Pest Control service and contact information for the Environmental Health team will also be included. The Environmental Health team are also making contact with the school to raise awareness of litter management and ask that they raise awareness with the students as to the consequences of littering, as a means of feeding the rodents and providing a constant food source.

The Management Company for the Retail Park is also being contacted to raise awareness and ensure the necessary mitigation measures are in place. The area flagged is a very large and a staged approach will be taken in terms of mail drop. This will be reviewed and extended based on review of the measures in place from all SDCC departments and effectiveness of these measures, i.e. are we targeting the right location.

Feedback from the residents and local Councillors will aid this process greatly.

Following Contributions from Councillor M Johansson, Sharon Conroy Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

## **Water & Drainage**

### **LPNC/367/H10/0924 Item ID:83922 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/368/C7/0924 Item ID:83909 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/369/M19/0924 Item ID:84089 – Griffeen Glen**

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

That the Chief Executive, following SDCC's refusal to respond to my query of December 16 last despite repeated reminders (membersrep 1818591), outlines a timescale to deal with the issue of the ongoing foul smells affecting residents in Griffeen Glen Road, Dale and surrounding areas, which Irish Water has clarified is entirely the Council's responsibility.

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

As part of the Dublin Urban Rivers Life (DURL) Project, a number of estates in the South Dublin area have been surveyed to investigate possible mis-connections in the surface water drainage network. Griffeen Glen area was included and surveyed as part of the DURL Project. As mentioned in the motion, pollution has been identified entering the surface water network from a number of properties at Griffeen Glen Road, due to poor workmanship carried out during the development of the estate. Corrective measures have been identified which requires work within a private homeowner’s garden. With the cooperation of the property owner, SDCC have engaged a contractor to carry out the necessary works to separate the pollution. The contractor is expected on site week commencing 23rd September 2024, with works expected to be complete within 2-3 days from the start date.

Following similar investigations by the DURL team in the Tullyhall and Castleriada area, similar issues resulting from poor workmanship has been identified at two additional locations. The same contractor engaged, will complete the necessary repairs at these locations in the coming 2-3 weeks.

Following Contributions from Councillor P Gogarty, Sharon Conroy Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

## **Community**

### **LPNC/370/Q16/0924 Item ID:84167 – Lucan Pool**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

To ask the Chief Executive to provide further clarity since the monthly Council meeting on whether the construction works at Lucan pool still look to be on schedule for a November completion date; and if a statement can be made on the matter?

**REPLY:**

Works have been completed on the refurbishment of portions of the ground floor of the old leisure centre part of the new Lucan Pool Campus and the creche is now open and operating. Work has also completed on the refurbishment of the area that Esker Boxing club will use and they will begin to move their equipment into the facility in the coming weeks following final cleaning of the existing floor. The contractor has issued an updated programme advising of a completion date at the end of November 2024 and this is under review by SDCC and their Design Team. Once complete Aura leisure will require a period of time before opening the facility to the public as previously advised.

### **LPNC/371/Q17/0924 Item ID:84211 – Esker Initiative**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the status of the Esker Initiative project. This was a well-planned project aimed at providing much-needed community amenities and fostering collaboration between community groups.

**REPLY:**

SDCC completed a land disposal to St Thomas National School as part of this initiative. The terms of the land disposal included a condition that any disposals would include access to the facility for community use. The community team will engage with the school when they are ready to progress to the next stage and ensure that the conditions are met.

### **LPNC/372/H11/0924 Item ID:83910 - Deputations**

Deputations for Noting (No Business)

### **LPNC/373/H12/0924 Item ID:83912 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/374/C8/0924 Item ID:83900 - Correspondence**

Correspondence for Noting

(i) Letter from Aura Leisure

[C8 Letter from Aura Leisure](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83498)

The report was **Noted.**

## **Transportation**

### **LPNC/375/Q18/0924 Item ID:84146 - Weight Restrictions Liffey Bridge Lucan**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive, to report on any plans, to include a timeline, to review weight restrictions on the Liffey bridge at Lucan given there are no existing weight restrictions and given three primary schools and two post primary schools share this infrastructure (roads and paths).

**REPLY:**

There is a 7.5 tonne School Time weight restriction in place from the mini roundabout at Coyne's Solicitors along the Chapel Hill Road and the R835 Lucan Road as far as the junction with the R136 near Woodies. This restriction is sufficient to protect the 3no. primary schools and 2no. post primary schools in this area. The enforcement of this bye-law is the responsibility of An Garda Síochána. SDCC have regular meetings with the traffic sections of An Garda Síochána and we will highlight this matter to them.

SDCC have no immediate plans to review this particular weight restriction as it is believed to be set at an appropriate weight category and time period.

It must be also borne in mind that the Lucan bridge remains one of the few secondary routes across the Liffey for traffic in the event of a major incident on the M50. Therefore, introducing a more restrictive weight bye-law at this location would close off this route as an alternative in emergencies leading to major increased traffic problems spilling into the wider road network.

### **LPNC/376/Q19/0924 Item ID:84147 – Footpath Repairs**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive the number of outstanding footpath repair requests recorded by the Council in the Lucan electoral area and how many will be repaired in 2024?

**REPLY:**

Below is an update for the 2024 Lucan EA footpath repair programme;

Completed

* Westbrook Park
* Green Park

On Site

* Balgaddy Road
* Esker Park/Lane
* Earlsfort Park

Locations to Commence Work

* Adamstown Estate
* Ardeevin
* Hermitage Rd

All planned works will be completed before the end of the year.

The value of footpath contracts in Lucan this year is over €350,000.

In addition to that list our direct labour crews are also carrying out footpath repair works at numerous locations during the year.

The draft 2025 RWP will be brought to ACMs in January for review and discussion.

### **LPNC/377/Q20/0924 Item ID:84105 – Speed limit Thomas Omar Road**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager to produce a report on the speed limits on the Thomas Omar Road and if they are sufficient?

**REPLY:**

The current speed limit on Thomas Omar Way is 60km/h. There is the existing Kishogue Community College on this road. There will be significant changes with new vehicular accesses from the Clonburris SDZ Scheme as it gets built out. SDCC have had discussions with the some of the Clonburris design teams and the item of an appropriate speed limit for the new built out Clonburris road network has been discussed.

Separately, in the new year there will be a Countywide review of urban speed limits. This road will be included in this review.

I am not in a position at the moment to make a recommendation on what the speed limits should be on Thomas Omar Way. But it is the case that pedestrian and cycle safety is key driver in the implementation of the Department of Transports new default and special urban speed limits review.

### **LPNC/378/Q21/0924 Item ID:83823 – Bollards St Ronan’s Drive**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on any actions to improve/replace the bollards in St Ronan's Drive (See MembersRep Ticket: 1825451)?

**REPLY:**

Road Maintenance will inspect the current condition of the bollards and replace them as necessary

### **LPNC/379/Q22/0924 Item ID:83824 - Cycle South Dublin**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on all projects in the Lucan area under the Cycle South Dublin Programme?

**REPLY:**

The Active Travel Section is progressing the following Cycle South Dublin schemes in the Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Area:

**Grand Canal to Lucan urban greenway:**

Phase 1a, Griffeen Valley Park is in process of procuring a contractor. These works consist of the cycle track linking the Grand Canal Greenway to the N4 Pedestrian Bridge via Griffeen Valley Park. Road crossings along the route will be upgraded as well as a high standard Greenway in the park. Note: there are several river crossings along the route in the park which require specific bridge works and are being progressed separately.

Phase 1b from the N4 to Lucan Village will move to detailed design once the land ownership issues are resolved. Significant progress has been made on this issue in recent months.

**Esker Permeability Scheme:**

This scheme is now being resumed. A concept design is in the final stages of development, and this will be used as a starting point for discussions with local representatives to exchange views on the form of the proposed link and the degree of permeability to be included. A key element of this scheme will be incorporating the views received during the consultation process from local residents, potential users, and those who feel they will be affected by the scheme. Surveys previously undertaken by elected representatives with individual residents and residents’ groups will be a valuable addition to the wider consultation. Following this process (and if broad agreement is reached) funding for the project will be sought from the NTA.

**Adamstown to the Grand Canal:**

This is a future scheme within the Cycle South Dublin Programme. This Scheme is yet to be initiated. It is anticipated that preliminary design will commence in 2025, funding permitting.

### **LPNC/380/Q23/0924 Item ID:84087 - Paved Walkway**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive when the strip of land between Mount Andrew and St Edmunds will be taken in charge to facilitate the completion of the paved walkway between both estates.

**REPLY:**

The strip of ground between St. Andrews and St. Edmunds has a large number of mature trees on it. SDCC cannot take this in charge until the issue of who pays for the tree removal or significant pruning is decided.

These trees have been flagged as a safety concern by several residents. The cost of the tree removal / significant pruning will be expensive. SDCC are continuing to discuss this at a high level to see if a solution can be found. I will give an update to the members on these discussions once they are complete. Once the land is Taken in Charge, the short footpath link can be completed.

### **LPNC/381/Q24/0924 Item ID:84212 – Path and road repairs Adamstown**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the road surface and footpath repairs in the Adamstown area, specifically around the Castlegate area.

**REPLY:**

SDCC have carried out kerb repairs in Adamstown Estate this year and have also reset a number of ironworks. There are further ironwork repairs to be carried out and we would hope to complete them this year

### **LPNC/382/Q25/0924 Item ID:84216 – Land rear of Esker Lawns**

Proposed by Councillor Joanna Tuffy

To ask for an update in respect of the land at the rear of Esker Lawns that is adjacent to Lucan Road in terms of road and footpath safety and to give a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

We will arrange a visual inspection of this retaining wall and identify any (potential) issues.

We will also cut back any overgrowth

### **LPNC/383/H13/0924 Item ID:83923 - Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

This report was presented by John Hegarty Senior Engineer

Notification of the intention to Take into Charge the Hallwell Estate, Adamstown.

**REPLY:**

The Taking in Charge section hereby give notice to the members that it is intended to advertise the Hallwell Estate Phase 1 for Taking in Charge shortly.

The advertisement will be in the press and on the Council Consultation Portal and details will be circulated to ensure Councillors are aware and also to make it known locally of the timeframes

It is intended to Take in charge the roads, footpaths, public lighting, green open spaces and storm, watermain and foul drainage areas outlined in red on the layout drawing attached.

The legend drawing has clear notes indicating what is intended to be Taken in Charge by the Council. These items will form part of the pack put up on the portal for viewing. Our Team will be available to discuss and clarify any items raised during this advertisement process.

NOTE: The reason for the large wayleave areas within the park is to ensure that the Council has access to the piped services in lands that are not completely finished yet. These lands will be TIC fully when they are completed.

[H13 (ii) Hallwell Phase 1 TIC Layout](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83378)  
[H13 (iii) Hallwell TIC Location Plan](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83370)

The report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/384/H14/0924 Item ID:84098 - Canal Loop Project Update Summary***.*

Proposed by Andrew O'Mullane Senior Executive Engineer

[H14 Canal Loop Scheme update](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83516)

Following Contributions from Councillors J Tuffy, P Gogarty, L O’Toole, Andrew O’Mullane Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised and report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/385/H15/0924 Item ID:83921 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/386/C9/0924 Item ID:83908 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/387/M20/0924 Item ID:84209 – Griffen Glen**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor N. Fennell

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

To ask the Chief Executive to replace the broken bike stands at Griffeen Park (Newcastle Road) and to consider installing new stands specifically designed for young people and teenagers. There are several examples of such stands that have been installed nationally, which could serve as a reference for this improvement.

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

The existing cycle parking stands at this location have been reviewed and are considered not to be sufficiently robust. The existing bicycle stands will be removed and suitable replacement stands appropriate to the location will be provided.

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

### **LPNC/388/M21/0924 Item ID:84086 – Boundary Fence Ballyowen and Hermitage Estates**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan, seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

To ask the Chief Executive when the boundary fence on the R136 outside Ballyowen and Hermitage estates will be replaced with a more robust structure and if this could be included as part of improvement works.

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

There is no proposal to replace this boundary fence currently but we will undertake an assessment of it and if necessary it can be considered for the 2025 RWP.

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

### **LPNC/389/M22/0924 Item ID:84102 – Footpath Repair Liscarne Garden**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell, seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

Can South Dublin County Council complete the upgrade of the foot paths in Liscarne Garden. Some work had been started but has not been concluded. This leaves the estate unsightly with residents also having health and safety concerns.

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

Repair works within this estate were carried out by direct labour and a crew will be returning to this estate later in the year to continue the repairs.

Following Contributions from Councillor N Fennell, this Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/390/M23/0924 Item ID:84162 – Safe Access**

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

That the Chief Executive prioritises the owner identification and taking in charge process for the green space area along Mount Andrew Avenue adjoining St Edmunds Grove, as this is delaying a safe access point between the two estates as well as impacting on a local property due to trees overhanging; and if a statement can be made on the matter.

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

The strip of ground between St. Andrews and St. Edmunds has a large number of mature trees on it. SDCC cannot take this in charge until the safety issue of the trees is examined fully and any identified remedial measures are put in place.

These trees have been flagged as a safety concern by several residents. The first step is that someone in Public Realm will take a look at the health of the trees to see if a further detailed Arborist survey is required. This in-house inspection will establish whether any of the trees are in poor condition and posing any danger. Should this inspection recommend an arborist report leading to remedial actions, a significant budget will be required. The cost of the tree removal/ significant pruning is significant. SDCC are continuing to discuss this at a high level to see if a solution can be found. I will give an update to the members on the in-house inspection, any follow on surveying and measures identified when they are complete.

When the tree issue is resolved, the traffic section will deliver the short footpath link between Mount Andrew and St. Edmunds.

Following Contributions from Councillor P Gogarty, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/391/M24/0924 Item ID:84191 - Esker Road Crossing**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly

Following on from previous ITEM ID: 79626 13/06/2023, item 82738 March 2024, I'm seeking an update from the manager to improve permeability by installing an additional pathway at the location of Esker Road Crossing.

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

### **LPNC/392/M25/0924 Item ID:84218 - Dodsboro Hill Roundabout**

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

To request that the Chief Executive arrange for the replacement of the large concrete blocks at the roundabout at the end of Dodsboro Hill. These blocks, while placed for safety reasons, are considered unattractive and detract from the appearance of this main gateway into the village. The motion proposes exploring alternative solutions that are both aesthetically pleasing and effective for safety purposes.

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

Road Maintenance will do some investigation into what was the reason these concrete blocks were installed. We would agree that a more aesthetic and positive solution could be found to whatever the issue was

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

### **LPNC/393/M26/0924 Item ID:84192 - Somerton Park**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly

That this area committee calls on the manager to revise and review traffic management plan in Somerton Park on the various entry/exit points to the estate alongside enhanced road safety and traffic calming measures.

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

## **Planning**

### **LPNC/394/Q26/0924 Item ID:84107 - Ballyowen Shopping Centre**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the Manager for an update on any planning applications for the upgrade of Ballyowen Castle Shopping Centre, including the much needed upgrade of the car park

**REPLY:**

Planning Permission was granted on planning ref SD24A/0004 on 2nd September as follows:

Units 2 - 10, Ballyowen Castle Shopping Centre, Castle Road, Ballyowen, Lucan, Dublin - Single storey extension to front/side of units 2 to 10 and change of use from Retail/Pharmacy to Doctors/Medical use to proposed extended Unit 10. The proposal involves works within the curtilage of a protected structure. (Ballyowen Castle RPS Ref. No. 105). Previous Granted Planning Ref. No. SD17A/0405. Full details of the application, including the Chief Executive’s Order granting permission, are available at this link: [Planning Portal (agileapplications.ie)](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fplanning.agileapplications.ie%2Fsouthdublin%2Fsearch-applications%2Fresults%3Fcriteria%3D%257B%2522reference%2522%3A%2522SD24A%252F0004%2522%257D%26page%3D1&amp;data=05%7C02%7Cmarymaguire%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7C3424f3593781409029dd08dcd3ead45a%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C638618252739285833%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=TfZqMcFQj2N503sQja8RClUoLxJqr9f8XkHTb1NjSpU%3D&amp;reserved=0)

As part of the above permission, a revised car parking layout for the shopping centre was requested by the planning authority and provided by the applicant and this forms part of the above permission.

### **LPNC/395/Q27/0924 Item ID:84217 - School build Clonburris**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

Could the Chief Executive provide an update on the progress of the permanent school build on the lands of SDZ Clonburris (Griffeen CC) ? It has been observed locally in recent weeks that some preliminary work has begun. Any clarification the Council could provide regarding the current status and next steps would be greatly appreciated.

**REPLY:**

Following recent meetings on school delivery with the Department of Education, the status of the Griffeen CC project, as of the 31 August 2024 is indicated as Stage 3 (Tender Stage).  
The current works in the area are the progression of undergrounding of the overhead lines to facilitate the school.

### **LPNC/396/H16/0924 Item ID:83919 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/397/C10/0924 Item ID:83906 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/398/M27/0924 Item ID:83925 – Adamstown Pool**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

I propose that we formally emphasise the critical importance of including the planned swimming pool in Adamstown as part of Phase 7 of the development plans.

As planning applications are currently being received for this phase, it is essential that the swimming pool, which is a key element of the SDZ plan, remains a priority. Given the projected growth of the greater Lucan area, including both the Adamstown and Clonburris SDZs—two of the largest development zones in the country—the inclusion of this pool is vital for serving the recreational and community needs of all residents.

To ensure that the community's needs and preferences are properly reflected in the final development plans, I request that the Chief Executive (CE) initiate an immediate consultation process with local residents and stakeholders. Additionally, I would like to highlight an independent survey conducted by the local community, which shows overwhelming support for the inclusion of the swimming pool.

This motion aims to reaffirm our commitment to integrating community-cantered facilities within the development plans and to ensure that the swimming pool remains a key feature of the Adamstown area.

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

An Bord Pleanala approved a series of non material amendments to the Adamstown Planning Scheme in April 2024. One of the non material amendments provided a change of wording in relation to the leisure centre with a swimming pool to  
‘Construction of a Leisure Centre with Swimming Pool, or equivalent community facility and/or community gain, to be agreed with the Development Agency’

SDCC is completing the Lucan Swimming Pool, which is c1.5k from the Adamstown SDZ boundary. It is considered that the Adamstown SDZ population is within the catchment of the Lucan Swimming Pool.

In this context, the Chief Executive is commencing a review process, including looking at alternative community facilities and/or community gain as per the revised Planning Scheme. Public consultation will form part of this process as advocated in the motion.

Please note that there is a briefing on the Clonburris and Adamstown SDZ scheduled for Wednesday October 2nd.

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

### **LPNC/399/M28/0924 Item ID:84152 – Tobermaclugg Park**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady, seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That this committee calls on the Chief Executive to engage with the developers of Adamstown SDZ to seek to fast-track the development of Tobermaclugg Park, connecting Airlie Heights with Shackleton and Hallwell. With planning permission for this park already approved, accelerating this project will provide much-needed infrastructure for pedestrian and cycle routes for students, parents, and residents enhancing connectivity and safety and providing safe walking to school routes.

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

Tobermaclugg Park is a Phase 9 requirement in the Planning Scheme. Planning permission was secured for the park by Cairn Homes Properties Ltd, Tierra Ltd & Hugh McGreevy & Sons Ltd under planning reference SDZ20A/0005 in April 2020. The progression of the park is a matter for the developers and it is not currently an immediate phasing requirement. The developers are encouraged to deliver social infrastructure ahead of the phasing schedule and the Planning Section will discuss the timeline for the delivery of the park with the developers.  
Please note that there is a briefing on the Clonburris and Adamstown SDZs scheduled for Wednesday October 2nd.

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

## **Housing**

### **LPNC/400/Q28/0924 Item ID:84149 - Kishogue Clonburris**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed update, including timelines, on plans for development of the council-owned lands in the Kishogue area of Clonburris adjoining Griffeen Avenue, and Oldbridge, Rossberry, and Tullyhall estates?

**REPLY:**

This scheme is currently being prepared for Part 10 Planning to An Bord Pleanála in compliance with the adopted SDZ Planning scheme.

The overall plan will be presented to the Council in November. Following this the Council will lodge the Part 10 Planning Application to demonstrate compliance with the SDZ in December 2024.

The development seeks to deliver a mixture of cost rental, affordable purchase and social housing development and will include a creche and associated open space in line with the SDZ.

### **LPNC/401/Q29/0924 Item ID:84151 - Planned Maintenance AGP, Airlie Heights and St. Finians**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive how many houses in Arthur Griffith Park, Airlie Heights, and St. Finian's estates have been surveyed for either the Windows and Doors program or Energy Efficient Retro Fit program; how many have of these houses have been upgraded to date and how many are outstanding, and to outline how houses are selected for survey?

**REPLY:**

To date fifteen houses have been included under the window and doors scheme within Arthur Griffith Park, Airlie Heights and Saint Finian’s estates. Of the fifteen, five houses are at survey stage, three are at tender stage and seven locations have been completed. The selection criteria for inclusion under this programme includes window type, age and condition.

The locations haven't, as yet, been considered for inclusion under the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP). The locations for the EERP programme are determined by our technical team based on existing Building Energy Rating & building type with the project spread across our existing Housing Stock.

It is envisaged that future location selection for both schemes will be determined by the stock conditional surveys when completed.

### **LPNC/402/Q30/0924 Item ID:84104 - Tenant in situ**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager to produce a report in tabular form on the amount of homes purchased by South Dublin County Council under the tenant in situ scheme, per month since its inception in the Palmerstown, Fonthill and Lucan LEA

**REPLY:**

The table below outlines the number of properties acquired under the Tenant in Situ scheme 2023 and 2024 for the Palmerstown/Fonthill and Lucan LEA's. 29 properties have been acquired during the period 2023 to 16th September, 2024. There are a further 18 properties currently at conveyancing stage for the Palmerstown/Fonthill and Lucan LEA's.

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|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Lucan LEA | Lucan LEA | Palmerstown Fonthill LEA | Palmerstown Fonthill LEA |
|  | 2023 | 2024 | 2023 | 2024 |
| January | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| February | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| March | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| April | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| May | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| June | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| July | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| August | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| September | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| October | 0 | - | 0 | - |
| November | 2 | - | 0 | - |
| December | 3 | - | 1 | - |
| Total acquired per year | 7 | 17 | 1 | 4 |

### **LPNC/403/Q31/0924 Item ID:84206 - Allocations**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the number of housing units which have been allocated but have not yet been occupied by tenants yet, categorised by new build or relet and type of allocation, date of allocation and expected date of occupation.

**REPLY:**

Official offers and acceptance have been received in respect of 79 homes, 69 of which are new builds and 10 are re-lets.

The breakdown of the type of allocation is listed below -

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **CBL** | **Homeless** | **Transfers** | **Medical** | **Ras NTQ** |
| **New Builds** | 23 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 1 |
| **Leased** | 20 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| **Relets** | 7 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| **Total** | **50** | **9** | **3** | **14** | **3** |

The Housing Allocations team are making effort to have these units allocated as soon as possible.

### **LPNC/404/H17/0924 Item ID:84241 - Quarterly Anti-Social Report (For Noting).**

The following report was presented by Fiona Hendley, A/Senior Executive Officer

**REPLY:**

Anti-Social report up to 30th June 2024.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTING & STATISTICS FOR LUCAN, PALMERSTOWN, NORTH CLONDALKIN** | | | | | | |
| **Incidents** | **2023 TOTAL** | **1st Qtr 2024** | **2nd Qtr 2024** | **3rd Qtr 2024** | **4th Qtr 2024** | **2024 TOTAL** |
| **CATEGORY A** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drugs Activity reported to SDCC | 0 | 4 | 2 |  |  | **6** |
| Criminal Activity reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  | **0** |
| Joyriding reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  | **0** |
| Violence/intimidation/ harassment reported to SDCC | 5 | 3 | 0 |  |  | **3** |
| **CATEGORY B** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC | 3 | 0 | 1 |  |  | **1** |
| Vandalism reported to SDCC | 0 | 1 | 0 |  |  | **1** |
| Physical condition of property reported to SDCC | 1 | 1 | 3 |  |  | **4** |
| Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC | 0 | 5 | 1 |  |  | **6** |
| Racism reported to SDCC | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vacant House reported to SDCC | 6 | 6 | 2 |  |  | **8** |
| Neighbour Dispute (including parking) reported to SDCC | 5 | 1 | 3 |  |  | **4** |
| **CATEGORY C** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC | 1 | 1 | 2 |  |  | **3** |
| Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC | 0 | 3 | 2 |  |  | **5** |
| Children Nuisance reported to SDCC | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |  | **0** |
| Selling alcohol |  | 0 | 0 |  |  | **0** |
| **Total Incidents reported to SDCC** | 20 | 25 | 16 |  |  | 41 |
| **Total Complaints reported to SDCC** | 135 | 29 | 18 |  |  | **47** |
| **Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff - Main actions listed below** | 1108 | 303 | 138 |  |  | **441** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Housecall / Inspection | 21 | 34 | 13 |  |  | **47** |
| Demand for Possession Section 15 & 17 | 1 | 34 | 13 |  |  | **47** |
| Abandonment notice served | 0 | 1 | 0 |  |  | **1** |
| Surrenders Obtained (including Termination of Tenancy under Section 15) | 2 | 12 | 5 |  |  | **17** |
| Warnings issued | 1 | 2 | 0 |  |  | **2** |
| Interviews held (formal office and by phone) | 22 | 5 | 1 |  |  | **6** |
| Pre-Tenancies (includes Group meetings for new developments &following up Tenancy Checks) | 37 | 21 | 7 |  |  | **28** |
| Complaints received by Whatsapp | 10 | 0 | 0 |  |  | **0** |

### Following Contributions from Councillors P Gogarty, M Johansson and L O’Toole, Fiona Hendley A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/405/H18/0924 Item ID:84242 - Quarterly Housing Allocations Report**

The following report was presented by Amanda Mills, Senior Executive Officer

**REPLY:**

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| **Allocations** | **County wide Total** | **Lucan Palmerston, Fonthill** |
| CBL-General | 68 | 26 |
| CBL-HAP | 71 | 18 |
| CBL-RAS Fixed T/F | 4 | 2 |
| CBL-Homeless |  |  |
| Homeless | 115 | 23 |
| Medical | 44 | 9 |
| Age Friendly | 52 | 3 |
| Tenant in Situ | 42 | 8 |
| **Total** | **396** | **89** |
| Transfers | 67 | 8 |
| RAS NTQ | 29 | 5 |
| Priority – Welfare | 17 | 4 |
| **TOTALS** | **509** | **106** |

### Following Contributions from Councillors M Johansson and L O’Toole, Amanda Mills Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/406/H19/0924 Item ID:84243 - Quarterly Housing Delivery Report**

The following report was presented by Vivienne Hartnett Senior Executive Officer

[H19 Quarterly Housing Delivery Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83466)

### Following Contributions from Councillors M Johansson, P Gogarty, G Moore and L O’Toole, Vivienne Hartnett Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**.

**At this point in the meeting, the Chair agreed to suspend Standing Orders to conclude the agenda.**

### **LPNC/407/H20/0924 Item ID:84245 - Quarterly Balgaddy Housing Update**

The following report was presented by Amanda Mills Senior Executive Officer and Fiona Hendley, A/Senior Executive Officer

[Balgaddy Housing Update](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83557)

### Following Contributions from Councillors M Johansson and C Brady, Fiona Hendley A/Senior Executive Officer and Amanda Mills Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/408/H21/0924 Item ID:83916 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/409/C11/0924 Item ID:83903 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/410/M29/0924 Item ID:84100 – St Marks Grove**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell, seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

The pedestrian access from St Marks Grove to the new houses is St Marks meadows has resulted in cars, vans and scramblers accessing and leaving St Marks Meadows at this point. This has caused huge safety concerns for the residents on St Marks Grove. This committee calls for the South Dublin County Council to put in place anti-vehicle measures as a matter of urgency

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

The housing department has consulted internally with our public realm and roads sections on the most appropriate calming measures that will mitigate the problems reported. A further update will issue once an appropriate solution has been identified.

Following Contributions from Councillor N Fennell, Vivienne Hartnett Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/4111/M30/0924 Item ID:84187 - Meeting with DRHE & Service Provider**

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

That the Chief Executive arranges a follow up meeting with the DRHE and the owners of the homeless hub at named location (Address provided) to see what progress has been made since last year's meeting and what else can be done to make further improvements for residents following representations made by a local charity earlier this month.

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

The DRHE and the service provider have confirmed that they are happy to arrange a follow up meeting to discuss operations at this location. A member of the Homeless team will be in contact to confirm proposed dates for this meeting.

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

Meeting Concluded at 18:09

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