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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council October 2024 Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd October 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

## Niamh Fennell

## Liona O’Toole

## Joanna Tuffy

# **Officials Present**

## Senior Executive Officers Laura Leonard, Mary Maguire, Sharon Conroy, Vivienne Hartnett

## A/Senior Executive Officer Edel Clancy

## Senior Engineers John Hegarty, Gary Walsh

## Senior Planner Eoin Burke

## Senior Environmental Health Officer Tom Mangan

## Senior Executive Engineer Andrew O'Mullane

## Senior Executive Librarian Rosena Hand

## Senior Executive Parks Superintendent David Fennell

## Administrative Officer Ralph McGarry

## Integration Support Coordinator Nicoletta Coppola

## Staff Officer Eimear O’Sullivan

## Assistant Staff Officer Eduardo De Oliveira

## Clerical Officer Vikki Cryan

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Liona O’Toole, presided.

## **LPNC /412/H1/1024 Item ID:84517 - Minutes**

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

It was proposed by Councillor S Moynihan and seconded by Councillor N Fennell and RESOLVED: “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 26th of September 2024 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

[H1 Minutes of September LPNC ACM](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83893)

## **LPNC/413/1024 – Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor S Moynihan and seconded by Councillor J Tuffy and RESOLVED “That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 that Questions 1 – 27 be ADOPTED and APPROVED

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **LPNC/414/H2/1024 Item ID:84537 – New works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/415/C1/1024 Item ID:84524 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **LPNC/416/Q1/1024 Item ID:84565 - Support to Customers**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the manager how the council ensures that those who are unable to use or access technology in the Lucan area still have access to the support and information they need, particularly face to face interactions.

**REPLY:**

For customers who wish to access Council information or submit an application to the Council, the Council recognises the need for those with limited I.T. skills or accessibility issues to speak directly with staff members. To ensure access to information, our telephone lines are open from 9am to 5pm – Monday to Thursday and 9am – 4.30pm on Friday for this purpose.

In-person meetings can be arranged through an appointments system to remove the queueing requirement for our customers and to ensure that discussions are fully private.

### **LPNC/417/Q2/1024 Item ID:84566 - Customer Services**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the manager has a review or study been undertaken to ensure that the current customer services model meets the needs of the Lucan community who have no local access to Council services

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council was the first local authority to create a one-stop-shop customer service centre in 2005 and the organisation has built up a significant competency in delivering quality customer services over those past fifteen years of operations.

The task has become increasingly complex, evidenced by the local government services catalogue which has identified over 1,100 services that are delivered by local authorities to many different customers and stakeholders. County Hall was redeveloped to reflect the open and engaging culture of a modern public service provider to all stakeholders, while also providing customers with comfortable discrete service areas where customer needs can be discussed sensitively and with privacy.

Digital and communication technologies have also developed significantly and have the potential to substantially both improve the customer experience and generate operational efficiencies. The services most in demand in the Council are housing related and these have been significantly transformed with the development of the Integrated Housing System and associated Housing Online portal.

This new service means customers are offered online and digital channels for standard service requests and focussed customer service for more complex service requests on an appointment basis. Much needed renovation works were completed resulting in the provision of the Housing Customer Centre.

These improvements in service delivery are communicated to our customers through our online channels and targeted media advertising campaigns and this will continue.

Of relevance here is the national digital strategy for public service, **Connecting Government 2030** which launched in 2022 and sets out the strategy for public service in Ireland to drive a step-change in how public services will be presented and used in the future with the target set for 90% of all applicable public services to be consumed online by 2030. South Dublin County Council's introduction of the Housing Online and ePlanning services are examples of progress made by this local authority in achieving this target.

### **LPNC/418/Q3/1024 Item ID:84571 - Monitoring of Contracts**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive to set out in detail the approach that is taken in monitoring the progress and implementation of currently awarded public contracts awarded by the Council in Lucan, to ensure on-time delivery of the projects to a high standard.

**REPLY:**

Once a Public contract has been awarded the contract manager has an active involvement in the management and monitoring of the contract as it is essential to maximise value for money (VFM) and quality of delivery. Depending on the nature of the contract there may be a requirement for a contract specific risk management plan to be put in place. Building a positive working relationship with suppliers/ service providers from the outset can help in managing a contract, for example by working together to get the best out of the contract or the council, by identifying and resolving problems before they escalate, identifying innovative or improvements to service delivery, can prove beneficial for resolving underperformance ensuring on-time delivery of the projects to a high standard. In larger scale contracts there is a resident engineer on site and if problems arise, they can be caught and dealt with in a timely manner.

All contracts would include monthly or quarterly meetings with the suppliers/service providers to ensure all KPI's are being adhered to. Each contract manager reports back to the Chief Executive on a quarterly basis on each capital project.

### **LPNC/419/H3/1024 Item ID:84532 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/420/C2/1024 Item ID:84520 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Environment**

### **LPNC/421/Q4/1024 Item ID:84547 - Nitrous Oxide Canisters**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager to provide a report on how best the public can dispose of discarded nitrous oxide canisters and to give a statement on the matter

**REPLY:**

The recommended way to dispose of Nitrous Oxide Cannisters is at the nearest recycling centre such as Ballymount Civic Amenity Centre. If members of the public disposing of these cannisters at Ballymount are uncertain whether the canisters are empty, they should be left in the cages designated for gas bottles. If it is known that they are fully empty, they may be deposited directly into the metal recycling stream area. For those unable to use their nearest recycling centre, the website for Ireland’s official guide to managing your waste at [www.mywaste.ie](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mywaste.ie%2F&amp;data=05%7C01%7Clmagee%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7C8abf745fb46b41a9683b08dbe440827e%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C638354737937713829%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=qqAGBmQpzyd%2BlE22Wbb8t0rcEK3hxJ4vTcKFPCll0WA%3D&amp;reserved=0) states that it is acceptable to place such containers in the household general waste bin. These are then extracted during the waste treatment process and recycled as metal.

The Council will explore the possibility of putting an arrangement in place for the public to dispose of these cannisters at a designated Local Authority site in the county. An awareness campaign by SDCC can be developed regarding the disposal of nitrous oxide cannisters. The Council has also sought information from the Regional Waste Management Project Office regarding any regional or national awareness campaigns that are to be planned in the future regarding this issue.

### **LPNC/422/Q5/1024 Item ID:84575 – Laneway Cleansing**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the Manager when the laneway between Wheatfield Road and Oakcourt Estate will be fully cleansed as per the schedule set out in May 2024.

**REPLY:**

The laneway in question between Wheatfield Road and Oakcourt Estate was visited by the Council's road sweeping contractor in July in accordance with the schedule that was issued. The laneway was not accessible at the time and the cleaning did not commence as scheduled. The contractor intends rescheduling the cleaning and completing this work before the end of October.

### **LPNC/423/H4/1024 Item ID:84534 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/424/C3/1024 Item ID:84518 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/425/M1/1024 Item ID:84583 – Illegal Dumping at Bottle Bank**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

This motion seeks the management's attention regarding ongoing issues at the bottle recycling banks located at Castle Riada and Moyglass. There is a persistent problem of illegal dumping, including mattresses and other large items, which requires action from waste management authorities. The design of the site, particularly the "reverse in only" policy, is also a concern due to its location on a road bend and lack of adherence by users. An update is requested on the monitoring of these issues, including information on how much illegally dumped waste has been removed since changes were implemented.

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

The Waste Management & Compliance Section supports the promotion of community-based recycling through the provision of bottle banks. The reorientation and layout adjustments of the bottle banks at Castle Riada and Moyglass were undertaken in collaboration with SDCC's Transportation Section, as part of upgrade works on Griffeen Road. The “reverse in only” signage was installed based on recommendations from a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit following the completion of these works. It is anticipated that a further Road Safety Audit will be conducted as part of the proposed active travel scheme for this area, and the behaviour of road users, including adherence to the reverse-only policy, should be considered as part of this review.

With regard to the issue of persistent illegal dumping, the Waste Management & Compliance Section has on record only one complaint of furniture dumping at this site since the improvement works were completed. The Public Realm Section carries out routine litter removal at bring bank locations, including this one. SDCC have received no complaints of dumping at this site for more than 6 months.

Based on the current records and the low number of complaints, it could be concluded that the site is not currently viewed as a prolific dumping location.

The council continues to examine all options available to it to improve the aesthetic appearance of the county and continues to work with the elected members to deliver the Litter Management Plan Annual Action Plans. As always, the public is encouraged to work with the Council in helping to identify culprits who engage in illegal dumping and to report any incidents observed.

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

Following Contributions from Councillors L O’Toole and M Johansson, Sharon Conroy Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/426/M2/1024 Item ID:84564 – Noise and Air Pollution**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes, seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

That this Committee requests SDCC to undertake a survey of both noise and air pollution generated by traffic volumes, stopping and starting at the junctions of The Oval and Kennelsfort Road in Palmerstown.

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

1. There are currently two noise monitors close to this location that provide real time noise results. There is one which is operated by SDCC and is located at Palmerstown Court, <https://sdcc.sonitussystems.com/monitor/SDCC-010> and the second noise monitor is run by TII and this is located at the old Lucan road, <https://tii.sonitussystems.com/monitor/10581>
2. In February 2021 Environmental Health in South Dublin County Council agreed to participate in a pilot scheme to monitor NO2 levels (an indicator of car exhaust pollution) at various sites around County Dublin. The Council worked with the EPA and Bureau Veritas to select 10 suitable sites for monitoring in both the Tallaght and Clondalkin areas. Sites were picked based on the close proximity of housing to a main or major roadway (M50, N7, R120 at Rathcoole, R136 Adamstown, R113 Clondalkin). One of the sites location was located at the junction of Kennelsfort Road and the Chapelizod bypass.

Following site selection diffusion tubes were installed to passively monitor for four week periods, over the course of the year. The monitoring tubes are collected and replaced on a monthly basis and dispatched for analysis. The results were returned for review. In 2022 we have noted that results ranged from 7 to 29 micrograms/ m3 which is noted to be indicative of low levels of atmospheric NO2 and do not exceed EU NO2 emission limit values. In consultation with EPA, the projected was ceased in mid 2022 due to the consistent low levels of NO2 recorded.

1. An upgrade is currently ongoing on the 11 noise monitors in place in SDCC area to ensuring we avail of the latest technology in monitoring the noise levels in our local areas. Real time data viewable on <https://sdcc.sonitussystems.com/>
2. Noise Action Plan (NAP) 2024-2028 has been finalised July 2024 and is published on SDCC website. <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/our-council/policies-and-plans/>

This is a Dublin Agglomeration and has specific section for SDCC functional area, including noise maps in Chapter 14.

The plan has identified 10 Priority Important Areas (PIAs) in SDCC area. Further investigative surveys or projects in respect of noise monitoring and actions would have regard to the NAP. Having only been finalised in July 2024, it is early stage implementation and will require a collaborative approach across all SDCC departments. Funding has been secured for investigative work on one of the PIAs identified and this is ongoing at present. The outcome and learning from this will be used to direct future projects.

Following Contributions from Councillors A Hayes, L O’Toole, C Brady and S Moynihan, Thomas Mangan Senior Environmental Health Officer Responded to queries raised and the managers Report was **Noted.**

## **Water & Drainage**

### **LPNC/427/H5/1024 Item ID:84541 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/428/C4/1024 Item ID:84528 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Public Realm**

### **LPNC/429/Q6/1024 Item ID:84561 – St Finians Church**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Manager for an update on the collapse of the wall surrounding a protected structure onto private property where the family must restrict their movements as a result and when is it envisaged that work will commence to remediate the risk, details provided.

**REPLY:**

St Finians Church and Graveyard is a Recorded Protected Structure (RPS) in the County Development Plan (RPS Ref. 100). The Church and Graveyard are also listed on the Record of Monuments and Places, Church Ref: DU017-022001 and Graveyard Ref: DU017-022002. The wall in question is the boundary wall to the graveyard. Arrangements are in hand to have an assessment of the wall carried out to determine the most appropriate course of action in this instance. The Public Realm Section will also liaise with the Councils Conservation Officer in relation to the matter.

### **LPNC/430/Q7/1024 Item ID:84563 – Tree at Woodview**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the manager for an update on a tree presenting a health and safety risk at details provided.

**REPLY:**

The tree in question was inspected on the 10th October 2024. The assessment found no obvious defects that would be a cause for concern. During the inspection it was observed that some footpath repair works had been carried out recently. There was a minor crack present in the footpath and this was referred to Roads Section for their attention.

With respect to 'sap' getting on the guide rails on the residents property, this is a sticky substance caused by insects feeding and is a natural occurrence that varies from year to year. The tree has been listed for pruning to remove the branches overhanging the customers property, which will in turn help to alleviate the sap issue.

### **LPNC/431/Q8/1024 Item ID:84603 – Hermitage Park Estate Tree Pruning**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

To ask the Chief Executive if the trees adjoining Hermitage Park estate within its remit along the R136 behind the barrier can be cut back as they are seriously interfering with the adjoining properties?

**REPLY:**

While the area in question is not on a regular maintenance schedule due to its restricted access, the Public Realm Section has carried out pruning works at this location in the past. An assessment of the area will be carried out and arrangements made to prune back branches overhanging the R136 and residents properties. Any additional information regarding the interference that the trees are having with the adjacent properties would be most welcomed.

### **LPNC/432/Q9/1024 Item ID:84569 – Hillcrest Heights Footpath Request**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive to consider the introduction of paving, kissing gates, CCTV and lighting at the informal walkways on the green area adjacent to Hillcrest Heights.

**REPLY:**

The provision of a footpath at this location is premature until such time as The Paddocks has been taken in charge. Once this has happened the Roads Section will consider a permeability project.

### **LPNC/433/Q10/1024 Item ID:84590 – Coffee Dock at Griffeen Park**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

This committee requests that the Chief Executive provide an update on the planned coffee dock at Griffeen Park, located next to the teen space.

**REPLY:**

The small coffee dock was proposed as part of the teen space programme. This initiative was tendered initially as part of a larger set of coffee shops, so it could be tendered as a separate contract, or as one of several coffee shop opportunities in parks across the county. This was done in order to increase its potential attractiveness as a business opportunity. This tender process failed to result in any interest in this commercial opportunity. SDCC have since tendered it as a single tender opportunity. However again, it failed to illicit any market interest. SDCC are now carrying out a further, new market checking exercise during the winter months to ascertain what type of refreshment dock facility might be suitable for this teenage space. It is noted that hospitality businesses are expressing market difficulties in the general media at this time so it may be prudent to re-advertise this opportunity early next year, leading to a provision leading into the Summer months.

### **LPNC/434/H6/1024 Item ID:84539 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/435/C5/1024 Item ID:84526 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/436/M3/1024 Item ID:84600 – GVP Volleyball**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor A. Hayes

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

This committee requests that the Chief Executive (CE) provide a report on the current status of the casual volleyball feature placed in Griffeen. The report should assess the usage, condition, and effectiveness of the feature. Additionally, the committee seeks to explore the possibility of progressing this amenity further by developing a plan to install an adequate playing surface to support volleyball and enhance recreational opportunities in the area.

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

The volleyball court in Griffeen Valley Park was installed in 2023 on a trial basis to increase the variety of recreation amenities available within the park. The initiative was a joint venture between Volleyball Ireland and South Dublin County Council. The net was replaced on one occasion since installation due to vandalism. The facility is being used by park visitors on a casual basis. To improve the appeal of the facility the ground where it is located has been listed in the draft 2025 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme for upgrading to make the area more level and uniform.

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

### **LPNC/437/M4/1024 Item ID:84543 – Griffeen Avenue**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

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

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

The trees on Griffeen Avenue will be assessed for pruning which will include measures to improve sightlines for drivers and safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Once the assessment has been completed any works considered necessary will be arranged to be carried out without delay.

Following Contributions from Councillors V Casserly and C Brady, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/438/M5/1024 Item ID:84574 – Tree Maintenance Programme**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress of the 2023-25 Tree Maintenance Programme in the Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin areas, identifying those estates where work has been complete (with number of trees pruned in each instance), where it is in progress and where it is planned (with planned date).

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

The table below sets out the list of estates, roads and other locations in the Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin area which have been included on the current three year tree programme 2023 to 2025 for planned maintenance. There are a total of 55 locations included on the programme with 14 of those completed to date. Maintenance works are currently underway in 2 locations and a further 22 locations have been assigned as per the status shown below. This means that the necessary tree surveys have been completed at the locations and either a Council tree 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 in the current year. Unfortunately, it is not possible to provide a planned date for each location due to the variance in number of trees that require works in estates and the differing pruning requirements that are involved. The remaining 17 locations will be addressed during the current three year period and will be completed before the end of 2025.

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| **Location** | **Status** | **Year** |
| Adamstown Link Rd | Assigned | 2024 |
| Abbeydale | Assigned | 2024 |
| Abbeywood | Assigned | 2024 |
| Ashpark street trees | Assigned | 2024 |
| Ashpark Mature trees | Assigned | 2024 |
| Bewley | Assigned | 2024 |
| Brookvale | Assigned | 2024 |
| Ballyowen Road - L1042 (Larkfield to Fonthill Road) |  | 2025 |
| Corkagh Park (Mature trees) | Assigned | 2024 |
| Culmore Road and Park | Complete - 27 Pruned |  |
| Castle Riada | Assigned | 2024 |
| Castle Road |  | 2025 |
| Coldcut Road |  | 2025 |
| Dodsborough Road & Cottages on o/s |  | 2025 |
| Elm estate street trees and mature trees | Assigned | 2024 |
| Earlsfort | Complete - 395 Pruned |  |
| Esker Road and Drive and L1011/Old Esker Lane | Assigned | 2024 |
| Esker Glebe and Esker Lane OS Mature trees | Assigned | 2024 |
| Esker Glebe, The Glebe and Esker Lane street trees. | Assigned | 2024 |
| Esker Park rear of houses on (Additional) | Assigned | 2024 |
| Esker Meadow | Assigned | 2024 |
| Esker Woods | Assigned | 2024 |
| Esker Lodge street and mature trees | Assigned | 2024 |
| Fonthill Road and Coldcut Road cycle paths (Greenfort Boundary) | Assigned | 2024 |
| Foxford and Ballyowen Lane |  | 2025 |
| Fforster estate | Complete- 104 Pruned |  |
| Foxdene | Complete- 93 Pruned |  |
| Glenmaroon Road and Park | Complete- 28 Pruned |  |
| Greenfort estate | Complete- 22 Pruned |  |
| Griffeen Road, Avenue & Way | Complete -149 Pruned |  |
| Harelawn | Assigned | 2024 |
| Hermitage Way Valley - Rear of Houses | Assigned | 2024 |
| Hermitage Park - Mature Trees | Assigned | 2024 |
| Lucan Road (Ballydowd to Woodies) |  | 2025 |
| Liffey Estate |  | 2025 |
| Manor Road and Park | Complete -23 Pruned |  |
| Meile An Ri |  | 2025 |
| Newcastle Road/R120 to include Lucan Harriers car park frontage |  | 2025 |
| Neilstown Estate | Complete -41 Pruned |  |
| Riversdale Estate Palmerstown |  | 2025 |
| Riverside Drive | Complete - 6 Pruned |  |
| Rochfort | In Progress | 2024 |
| Shancastle | Complete – 33 Pruned |  |
| Saint Marks | Complete- 10 Pruned |  |
| 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- 32 Pruned |  |
| Woodview Heights |  | 2025 |
| Willsbrook Estate and Road |  | 2025 |
| Wood Avens |  | 2025 |
| Woodfarm Drive and Avenue | Complete- 8 Pruned |  |
| Westbury |  | 2025 |

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

### **LPNC/439/M6/1024 Item ID:84544 – Haydens Lane Car Park**

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

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

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

The new gate at Haydens Lane car park was commissioned in May 2024 and is now fully operational. As previously committed to, an assessment to determine the need to extend the car park has commenced and is ongoing. Once we have the information, we will be in a position to make a decision. The Councillors will be updated at that stage.

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

**Community**

### **LPNC/440/Q11/1024 Item ID:84601 – Lucan Pool**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

That the Chief Executive provides a timescale for the completion of works at Lucan Swimming Pool and a date for Aura Leisure to commence preparation works within the building?

**REPLY:**

Progress continues to be made on the construction at Lucan Pool and Leisure Centre. The childcare portion of the leisure centre is open to the public, and we are preparing the area for the boxing club to use for storage between now and the opening of the building.

Significant progress has been made by the Electrical sub-contractor, with their portion of the works now near complete with commissioning of the systems within the building ongoing. Significant progress has also been made on the external works to the site and the completion of the building enclosure with roof works, parapets & cappings, window screens and external enclosures and steelwork all ongoing. A number of sub-contractors have returned to site to progress their works, as well as a limited increase in the number of workers from the main contractor having been seen in the last period. This has brought forward a number of areas in the building, in particular in the ‘dry’ areas such as the gym, reception areas, the fitness studios and the external works.

Completion of the building remains a challenge however with the works to the main ‘wet’ areas being most at risk of further delay due to continued slow progress by the main and sub-contractors. These areas include the main pool hall, the wet changing areas, and the commissioning of the mechanical and electrical installations. As with other areas, there has been progress to the tiling and vent channels, the general finishes, and the electrical systems.

The contractor submitted a revised programme in September as previously noted, with a completion date at the end of November. In order to mitigate against any potential further delay to the wet areas having a knock-on impact delaying overall completion of the building, SDCC in consultation with the operator have developed a detailed plan for phased completion and handover of the building. This plan prioritises the completion, commissioning and snagging of the dry areas of the building at the earliest possible stage. This will allow the operator to occupy portions of the building at the earliest possible date to begin integrating their operations IT systems with the building, and to commence their staff training and preparation for an opening of the building either in whole or in part to the public at the beginning of January. This does not mean that the pressure has been lifted from the completion cand commissioning of the pool in any respect, but it allows for areas to progress and be completed independently, in the event of further delays to any one portion.

The SDCC team and their design team continue to intensively engage with the Contractor to bring this much needed and much anticipated project to completion for the Lucan area.

### **LPNC/441/H7/1024 Item ID:84529 – Deputations for Noting**

Deputations for Noting (No Business)

### **LPNC/442/H8/1024 Item ID:84531 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/443/C6/1024 Item ID:84519 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/444/M7/1024 Item ID:84589 – Back Weston**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

This committee calls on the Chief Executive to once again request that the relevant departments connected to the Minister's office regarding the modular homes in Lucan (Backweston) meet with this committee, as previously requested in a motion passed by this committee.

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

At the February 2024 Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting an amended motion was passed by the majority of the members requesting the arrangement of a meeting between representatives from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY), the Office of Public Works (OPW), The Department of Health, the Department of Education and the members of the Local Area committee.

The following Departments were informed of this request by email on March 5th:

* Department of Education
* Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth
* Department of Health
* Office of Public Works

On March 12th correspondence was received from DCEDIY who confirmed that they would be happy to attend any meeting organised and also provided a contact in the Community Engagement Team who provided a list of the contacts for National Leads in the following services;

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| Department of Social Protection |
| Department of Rural and Community Development |
| Local Government Management Agency |
| Department of Justice |
| Department of Education |
| HSE |
| Department of Housing |
| Department of Transport |
| AGS |
| Department of Health |

On the 21st of June the Integration team invited all of the above to a meeting scheduled for July 23rd and only 2 of these groups agreed to attend the meeting.

After many attempts to try and engage with the above departments it was decided that the meeting would not go ahead.

Despite the meeting not taking place, the Integration team have continued to work with many departments and along with members of the South Dublin Community Integration Forum have tried to address any issues which they have been made aware of.

The Realt coordinator for the area has confirmed that all children have been accommodated in schools.

There are public buses serving the estate and discussions are taking place with LUPT to install footbaths and lighting on the Celbridge Road so that pedestrians can access the bus stop on this road safely.

Any residents who have been looking for a GP place have been facilitated.

On Friday October 4th the Integration team held a meet and greet between the residents of Back Weston and local services. There were 80 residents in attendance and they were able to meet and talk to the following services.

* Crosscare (They have a family support worker dedicated to Back Weston and a trauma counsellor)
* DePaul (They have a case worker allocated specifically to support residents in Back Weston)
* Adult Education Board (presented available services in the area)
* UCCI (Ukrainian Crisis Centre of Ireland) Provide support to displaced Ukrainian refugees
* LAIT (presented our service)

The Integration team continue to work to ensure the needs of the residents of Back Weston are addressed.

While it is acknowledged that the meeting requested did not take place every effort has been made from the Council to facilitate the meeting and if a meeting is still required it would be best coordinated directly from the Community Engagement Team of DCEDIY.

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

### **LPNC/445/M8/1024 Item ID:84573 - Expansion of the Ballyowen Community Centre**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to explore and identify options for the expansion of the Ballyowen Community Centre facility.

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

The local Community Development Team can engage with the local Board of Management of the Community Centre as an initial first step to look at current centre usage and what options may exist for additional space and activities within the existing building.

Structural changes or expansion options for the building will need the engagement, technical assistance and approval from the Architectural Services Department. It must be noted that there is currently a sizeable existing list of both new community facility construction and existing facility upgrade project commitments.

Following Contributions from Councillors S Moynihan, J Tuffy, V Casserly, C Brady and L O’Toole, Edel Clancy A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/446/M9/1024 Item ID:84598 - Community building on Manor Road**

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

That the Chief Executive provides a timeline for the works to upgrade the community building on Manor Road, Palmerstown; and if a statement can be made on the matter.

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

Following the discovery of unauthorised internal works previously carried out to the premises at Manor Road, SDCC Architectural Services Dept (ASD) procured and appointed a Fire Safety Consultant to complete a Fire Safety Audit on the building.

The Fire Safety Audit Report and associated recommendations have now been received and reviewed. A schedule is being prepared of necessary remediation works and upgrade works that now must be carried out, in order to reinstate compliance with regulations, and to have the building returned to a safe condition for the community to use.

Provisional costs are also being examined, with a view to issue Tender for the recommended package of works in November. It is proposed to utilise the existing Local Authority Maintenance Contract Framework, in order to identify and appoint a suitably qualified contractor to complete the works in the shortest possible timeframe.

The timescale for commencement of the works is dependent on the availability of resources from the successful bidder, but we expect to be in a position to award a contract in Q1 2025, and the expected duration of works is likely to be in the order of 8-10 weeks from commencement.

In the meantime, the local Community Development Team have offered their services and continue to be available to meet with any of the local community groups to see how they may be supported or accommodated in alternative community premises, such as the neighbouring Palmerstown Community & Youth Centre.

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

## **Housing**

### **LPNC/447/Q12/1024 Item ID:84559 – Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the manager for a report on the existing Building Energy Rating & building type categorisation across existing Housing Stock in Lucan LEA and how many homes are eligible for upgrade.

**REPLY:**

The Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP) was launched in 2013 with the aim of funding the retrofit of social homes requiring insulation and energy upgrade works. Selection criteria for inclusion in the programme includes property condition, age and property type. Once a property is selected a Pre-BER survey is completed and this informs the necessary works required to raise the BER rating up to B2 or above. In 2024 the Council was approved for EERP works for 83 properties at a total cost €2,822,000.

Categorisation of social housing stock in the Lucan LEA is as follows:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Property Type | Number |
| Apartment | 121 |
| Bungalow | 15 |
| Duplex | 44 |
| House | 321 |
| Total | 501 |

Homes constructed prior to 2009 are eligible for consideration for the programme and approximately 50% of our housing stock within this area was constructed prior to 2009.

### **LPNC/448/Q13/1024 Item ID:84560 – Energy Efficient Retro Fit Programme**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the manager for an update on the Stock Conditional Survey planned for 2025, including when will the review be concluded with the associated schedule of works and costs identified for the Energy Efficient Retro Fit programme for the Lucan LEA.

**REPLY:**

The tender process for a contractor to complete the stock condition surveys for South Dublin County Council's social housing stock is near completion. It is expected that the surveys will commence early 2025, the full survey process will take four years to complete.

The Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP) is due to run until 2030 with the aim of funding the retrofit of social homes requiring insulation and energy upgrade works.

The table below lists the targets set for local authority owned dwellings in South Dublin County to be retrofitted.

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Target No. of Units** | **Funding Available** |
| 2021 | 117 | €3,167,054 |
| 2022 | 146 | €5,100,000 |
| 2023 | 110 | €3,740,000 |
| 2024 | 83 | €2,822,000 |
| **Total** | **456** | **€14,829,054** |

Following the completion of a procurement process for the next phase of works, surveys will take place within the Lucan LEA for inclusion in the scheme in 2025/2026.

### **LPNC/449/Q14/1024 Item ID:84515 – Garda Checks**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the Manger for a report in tabular form on the process of getting Garda clearance for people to become social housing tenants, including in tabular form, the amount of Garda Clearance request applied for per month in the last year, the average waiting time for SDCC to receive clearance, in the Palmerstown, Fonthill and Lucan LEAs and to give a statement on the matter

**REPLY:**

To date in 2024, the Council has received 1338 Garda reports with an average processing time of 12 weeks. There are currently three hundred and fifty nine ‘Section 15’ requests outstanding, the majority of which are requested from Tallaght, Clondalkin and Lucan/Ronanstown Garda Stations. The Council has written to the Superintendents for these districts highlighting the impact on our housing allocation timeframes and our willingness to work with An Garda Síochána to review and streamline the process to improve efficiencies.

It is not possible to provide a breakdown of figures per LEA, as some Garda districts cross over different LEA’s and is also dependant on where the applicant currently resides and not where they are applying to live.

See table below for the number of Garda reports received per month for the County up to 8th October 2024.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jan** | **Feb** | **March** | **April** | **May** | **June** | **July** | **Aug** | **Sept** | **Oct 8th** |
| 20 | 23 | 17 | 93 | 87 | 293 | 96 | 356 | 337 | 16 |

### **LPNC/450/Q15/1024 Item ID:84584 – Homeless Services**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the Manager to clarify what Council supports, such as outreach, are available to members of the Public who are living rough on public land.

**REPLY:**

The Council provides supports to homeless individuals/households through its outreach services and collaborative efforts with various agencies. Recognising the complex needs of rough sleepers, the Council works closely with the HSE and operates a comprehensive and coordinated approach to identify individuals, sourcing appropriate accommodation and support services.

Households at risk of experiencing homelessness should engage with the Council to examine prevention measures including possible alternative accommodation and our Homeless team are available to help those who find themselves homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Working in conjunction with the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DHRE), this unit operates an advice clinic in County Hall, Tallaght as well as detailing emergency accommodation options including central placement, self-accommodate, family hubs and other supported accommodation.

Emergency accommodation is arranged for those assessed as homeless through the assessment and placement service and we will continue to actively explore further options for the provision of emergency accommodation across the County in collaboration with the DHRE.

The Outreach Worker can be contacted through the main South Dublin County Council phone number 01-4149000.

### **LPNC/451/Q16/1024 Item ID:84577 – Maintenance Requests**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive to account for the number of housing maintenance requests made to SDCC since January in the Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin areas, the length of time between request made and request resolved, categorised by request type and if they will make a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

The Council categorises all requests for repairs depending on the nature of the problem. These categories are emergency, urgent, routine or cyclical. We endeavour to respond to requests for repairs according to the guidelines below:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **CATEGORY** | **TIMESCALE** | **EXAMPLE** |
| Emergency | 1 – 5 working days | Smoking Fuse Board, Burst water tank |
| Urgent | 10 working days | Leak under sink unit, Leaking roof |
| Routine | 12 weeks + | Replace toilet cistern, Faulty radiator |
| Cyclical | 1 – 7 years | Leaking gutters, replacement hall door etc. |

To date this year in the Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin electoral areas, 3263 work orders have been raised and 1856 been completed as detailed in the table below:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Category** | **No. of Work Orders Complete** | **Average No. of Days** |
| Mechanical | 825 | 3.03 |
| Plumbing | 758 | 4.41 |
| Electrical | 200 | 12.16 |
| Miscellaneous | 73 | 35.62 |

### **LPNC/452/H9/1024 Item ID:84535 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/453/C7/1024 Item ID:84522 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/454/M10/1024 Item ID:84514 – New Social Housing Builds**

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

This Committee agrees that the Manager produces a report for discussion for an update on new social housing builds in Balgaddy, Cloverhill, Clonburris and Adamstown

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

The table below sets out the delivery pipeline for new social housing builds currently under construction in Balgaddy, Cloverhill, Clonburris and Adamstown for 2024, 2025 and 2026. This is a combination of Council own build projects, turnkey acquisitions and housing delivery in partnership with the AHB sector.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year | Project Name | Number of Units | Delivery Type | Status | AHB Partner | Comments |
| 2024 | Balgaddy | 69 | SDCC Build | On-site | N/A | Property breakdown: 45 x 3-Bed House,6 x 3-Bed Duplex, 1 x 2-Bed Duplex, 9x 1-Bed Duplex, 7x 2-Bed Apartment & 1 x 3-Bed Apartment. Three phase handover with all properties due in by 20/11/2024 |
| 2024 | Tandy's Lane, Adamstown | 3 | SDCC Acquisition | On-site | N/A | Property breakdown: 1 x 4-Bed House, 2 x 3-Bed House Properties due to be handed over mid November 2024 |
| 2024 | The Crossings, Adamstown | 30 | AHB CALF | Complete | Oaklee Housing | Property breakdown: 12 x 1-Bed Apartment & 18 x 2-Bed Apartment All properties handed over September 2024 and currently being tenanted |
| 2024 | Aderrig, Adamstown (Phase II) | 23 | AHB CALF | On-site | Cluid Housing | Property breakdown: 1 x 4-Bed House, 4 x 3-Bed House, 9 x 3-Bed Duplex, 9 x 2-Bed Apartment Properties due to be handed over mid October 2024 |
| 2024 | Hallwell, Adamstown (Phase II) | 64 | AHB CALF | On-site | Oaklee Housing | Property breakdown: 6 x 3-Bed Duplex, 4 x 2-Bed Duplex, 32 x 2-Bed Apartment, 22 x 1-Bed Apartment Properties due to be handed over mid November 2024 |
| 2024 | Cloverhill Lodge, Clondalkin | 40 | AHB CALF | Substantially Complete | Oaklee Housing | Property breakdown: 38 x 3-Bed House, 2 x 2-Bed House Properties due to be handed over early November 2024. All properties have been allocated |
| 2025 | Canal Bank, Clonburris | 56 | SDCC Build | On-site | N/A | Property breakdown: 3 x 4-Bed House, 3 x 3-Bed House, 8 x 3-Bed Duplex, 8 x 2-Bed Duplex, 34 x 1-Bed Apartment Construction progressing in line with programme. This scheme also includes 60 Affordable Purchase Homes. |
| 2025 | Tandy's Lane, Adamstown | 15 | AHB CALF | On-site | North & East Housing Association | Property breakdown: 3 x 4-Bed House, 9 x 3-Bed House, 3 x 2-Bed House Construction progressing in line with programme |
| 2026 | St Helen's Plaza, Adamstown | 80 | AHB CALF | On-site | Tuath Housing | Property breakdown: 24 x 2-Bed Apartments, 56 x 1-Bed Apartments Construction progressing in line with programme |
| 2026 | Somerton Gate, Adamstown | 68 | AHB CALF | On-site | Cluid Housing | Property breakdown: 19 x 2-Bed Apartments, 49 x 1-Bed Apartments Construction progressing in line with programme. This will be an age-friendly development |

Following Contributions from Councillors N Fennell, A Hayes, P Gogarty and M Johansson, Vivienne Hartnett Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

## **Planning**

### **LPNC/455/H10/1024 Item ID:84538 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/456/C8/1024 Item ID:84525 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/457/M11/1024 Item ID:84585 – Specialized School in Lucan**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

This motion requests that the Department of Education examine the introduction of a specialised school in the Lucan area, similar to St. Rose's in Tallaght, as part of the new schools being developed in Adamstown or Clonburris. Given the projected population growth in Lucan and the challenges parents face in accessing schools on the other side of the county, such a facility would serve the needs of local children with literacy difficulties. The growing population in South Dublin County Council would warrant this consideration.

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

The motion request, namely for the Department of Education to examine the introduction of a specialised school in the Lucan area, similar to St. Rose's in Tallaght, as part of the new schools being developed in Adamstown or Clonburris, will be raised at the next quarterly meeting with the Department of Education by the LUPT Forward Planning section.

With regard to Clonburris SDZ, the Department of Education is progressing school development as demand emerges in the SDZ - a new primary school permitted under SDZ22A/0011, located off Thomas Omar Way, is currently under construction and will comprise of a 16 classroom school with an additional 2 classroom Special Educational Needs Unit.

With regard to Adamstown SDZ, the amendment application (SDZ24A/0013W) to the permitted primary school at Tandy’s Lane as granted under SDZ21A/0001 was approved in June 2024. The amendment application includes the relocation of the SEN to the northern edge of the building, a new south facing SEN garden and a dedicated SEN set down on the eastern side. This large-scale project is currently at Stage 2a (Developed Sketch Scheme).

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

### **LPNC/458/M12/1024 Item ID:84556 – National Ten-Pin Bowling Centre in Clonburris**

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

This committee calls on the Chief Executive to engage with the Developers of the Clonburris SDZ and the Irish Ten Pin Bowling Association to include the provision of a National Ten Pin Bowling Centre in the Clonburris Development as underpinned by national policy such as Sport Ireland Statement of Strategy 2023-2027, guided by the National Sports Policy 2018-2027

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

The Land Use Planning and Transportation Department has reached out to the Irish Ten Pin Bowling Association to setup an introduction call. The Planning Scheme has an overarching land use principle to direct land-uses and densities across the SDZ lands in a manner that creates a sustainable urban district that is based on the integration of land-use and transport planning. The mixed use centres adjacent to the train stations list recreational facilities and sports club/ facilities as permitted in principle.

A Recreational Facility is defined as ‘A building or part thereof or land which is available for use by the public on payment of a charge or free of charge for the propose of recreation and may include facilities to support indoor or outdoor physical activities in the form of structured games or active pursuits for the purpose of recreation or amusement’

A Sports Club/Facility is defined as ‘A building or part thereof or land used for organised and competitive sporting activity that aims to promote physical activity and well-being, for example sports hall, gym, squash centre, tennis club, golf club, swimming pool, sports pitch, athletic track, skate park, health studio and including ancillary meeting or activity rooms and clubhouses’

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

## **Transportation**

### **LPNC/459/Q17/1024 Item ID:84562 – Overgrown Hedge**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the manager for an update on cutting of overgrown hedge (details provided).

**REPLY:**

This is on the list for our hedge cutting contractor and should be done in the near future.

We have requested our hedge cutting contractor to increase resources so that we may get through our list of locations faster

### **LPNC/460/Q18/1024 Item ID:84588 – Lucan Taking in Charge Status**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on estates completed but not yet taken in charge in this area committee area and the estimated timescale for completion of these?

**REPLY:**

A table of the current status of the Taking in Charge of housing estates in the Lucan EA is attached to this report. The percentage completion has been added to the table which gives an accurate summary of the of the TIC process on the estates detailed. As many of the items of information rely on third party engagement, it is impossible to accurately gauge the timelines for completion of the taking in charge of a particular estates. If there is good engagement, then the TIC will be completed quickly, if no engagement is received from third party stakeholders over the next time period, no TIC progress can be made on those estates.

[Q18 (ii) Lucan Housing Estates TIC Status Table](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83811)

### **LPNC/461/Q19/1024 Item ID:84582 – Gully Overflow**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the Manager for an explanation as to why the roadside gully outside (Address Provided) continues to overflow with water, for days, even after it has been jetted.

**REPLY:**

It is not known what the issue is with this gully so an inspection will be carried out to try determine what the cause of the issue is

[Q19 (ii) Gully Overflow photo](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83745)

### **LPNC/462/Q20/1024 Item ID:84580 – Internal Wall at Ballyowen Court Lucan**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the Dangerous Places report made in relation to the internal wall at Ballyowen Court Lucan, where one of the supporting pillars has come loose from the main wall and is now a danger to people in the area.

**REPLY:**

A tender process for repairing this is now complete and a contractor has been appointed to undertake this work

### **LPNC/463/Q21/1024 Item ID:84246 – Esker and The Paddocks**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

This committee requests an update from the Chief Executive regarding the progress of the permeability projects for both the Esker Embankment and The Paddocks and Hillcrest areas. We ask that a presentation on these items be provided at the earliest opportunity.

**REPLY:**

The Esker Permeability Scheme is proposed to provide a link along the north of Moy Glas and the South of Castle Riada between Griffen Road and the R136. It is intended that such a scheme provide a suitable link for all active travel users and modes in the surrounding area.

The active travel section is preparing a preliminary design which it is hoped to present to Members next year. As part of preparation of a preliminary design, it is intended to carry out a survey of this area in the coming months.

There is an existing gap in the boundary between the Paddocks and Hilcrest and a trail is visible in the grass. A project will be considered as soon as The Paddocks is taken in charge of South Dublin County Council.

### **LPNC/464/H11/1024 Item ID:84425 – 2025 Winter Service Plan**

This report was presented by Gary Walsh Senior Engineer

2025 Winter Service Plan

[H11 WSP](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83778)  
[H11 WSP Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83777)

Following Contributions from Councillors A Hayes and L O’Toole, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/465/H12/1024 Item ID:84542 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads / Taking In Charge**

This report was presented by John Hegarty Senior Engineer

Moy Glas Glade

[HI12 Moyglas Glade Roads Schedule](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83804)  
[HI12 Moyglas Glade TIC Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83799)

**REPORT:**

The following advertisement was published in The Echo and The Irish Independent newspapers and on the Council Consultation Portal:

"In accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993, South Dublin County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to consider the making of a declaration that the road listed hereunder be a public road.

**Moyglas Glade, Lucan, Co. Dublin.**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended, the Council considers the Taking in Charge of the open spaces, sewers, watermains, storm drains and public lighting within the attendant ground of the development.

Please note that Class 1 large green areas will be Taken in Charge and cut by the Council, however the small verge grass areas will be Taken in Charge but the maintenance / grass cutting of these areas will remain the responsibility of the residents of the estate.

This matter will be considered by South Dublin County Council at its Council Meeting on **11th November 2024**.

Maps showing the roads and the areas to be taken in charge are available for viewing at the Council’s public consultation portal at [**http://consult.sdublincoco.ie**](http://consult.sdublincoco.ie/) from **15th August 2024 until 26th September 2024.**

Objections or representations regarding the above proposal may be made via the portal or in writing to the Senior Executive Officer, Land Use, Planning and Transportation, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24, D24 A3XC.

The latest date for receipt of postal objections or representations via the portal was **26th September 2024.**

Objections or representations should be made in one Medium only and will only be accepted in either format outlined above.

**Web:** [**www.sdcc.ie**](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sdcc.ie%2F&amp;data=05%7C01%7Ccshanahan%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7Ce459c51f347d4404d6f008db79565f90%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C638237184114169439%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=71dLNTiuW%2FW8nc%2Bu5Oz0su1cZ%2FucvgAXI3TDxM7fbcE%3D&amp;reserved=0) **End of Notice**

**There were no submissions received in relation to the proposed Taking in Charge of this development.**

This Council is satisfied that this estate is constructed to a high standard of specification and quality and recommends that the **Moyglas Glade,** be taken in charge by the Council.

The recommendation of the Area Committee is required as follows:

That the proposal to declare the roads to be public roads, and to Take in Charge the open spaces, sewers, watermains, storm drains and public lighting within the attendant ground of the Moyglas Glade, development -being cognisant that Class 1 large green areas will be Taken in Charge and cut by the Council, however the small verge grass areas will be Taken in Charge but the maintenance / grass cutting of these areas will remain the responsibility of the residents of the estate. If agreed by this committee this TIC Item shall be considered by the Full Council at the November 2024 meeting.

Following Contributions from Councillors J Tuffy and P Gogarty, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/466/H13/1024 Item ID:84659 – Notification to Advertise Ballyowen Square for Taken in Charge**

This report was presented by John Hegarty Senior Engineer

Notification to Advertise Ballyowen Square for Taken in Charge

**REPLY:**

This Headed Item is to notify the members that SDCC intend to advertise the proposed Taking in Charge of the Ballyowen Square Estate adjacent to the Ballyowen Lane in Lucan. I have uploaded copies of the intended roads to be Taken in Charge and a copy of the Taking in Charge map for the members information. The advertisement will be in two local newspapers and the proposal will also be uploaded onto the Councils Consultation Portal. The advertisement period will start in the next number of weeks and will be open for people to make submissions on the proposal for the statutory time period.

[H13 (ii) Ballyowen Square Road Schedule](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83877)  
[H13 (iii) Taking in Charge Ballyowen Square](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83876)  
Following Contributions from Councillors L O’Toole and S Moynihan, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted.**

### **LPNC/467/H14/1024 Item ID:84540 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/468/C9/1024 Item ID:84527 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/469/M13/1024 Item ID:84213 – School Bus Services**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor J Tuffy

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

This committee requests that the Chief Executive provide an explanation as to why the council has not engaged with the relevant stakeholders, including the Department of Education and Bus Éireann, to explore the introduction of a school bus service in the Lucan area, particularly in light of motions raised in previous years.

With the continued growth in both traffic volume and the school-going population, the need for such a service has become increasingly critical. The existing public transport infrastructure in Lucan is facing significant challenges, including overcrowded buses and many students unable to secure seats, resulting in higher traffic congestion and safety concerns for schoolchildren.

Given the council's role as a Roads Authority, it is imperative to consider how a dedicated school bus service could relieve pressure on local traffic and enhance road safety. The motion calls on the Chief Executive to liaise with the appropriate national bodies and actively explore the feasibility of introducing a school bus service in Lucan to improve traffic management and provide a safe, efficient transportation option for students.

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

School transport does not fall within the function of the Local Authority but rather is the responsibility of Dept of Education, and delivered on its behalf by Bus Éireann.

The Council has a very positive approach to Active Travel across the county with significant investment in walking and cycling schemes via Cycle South Dublin (CySD) which was adopted in 2021 and proposes a set of 45 routes that will deliver over 260km of new and improved cycle lanes over a ten-year period. These programmes are aimed at making cycling a realistic and integral part of how people move around the County.

Active Travel schemes also incorporate the Safe Routes to School Programme and Traffic Schemes (New Pedestrian Crossings). The Safe Routes to School programme aims to create safer walking and cycling routes within communities, alleviate congestion at the school gates and increase the number of students who walk or cycle to school by providing walking and cycling facilities.

In summary there are no proposals to explore the feasibility of introducing and implementing a Council led school bus service anywhere within the county. However, given the sentiments outlined in the motion relative to Lucan, if the motion is passed by this Committee, a copy will issue to the NTA Bus Route Planning department, Bus Eireann and the Department of Education on behalf of the AC Members.

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

### **LPNC/470/M14/1024 Item ID:84545 – Esker Road Crossing Permeability**

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

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.

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

We have this location on our works list. I have asked the Area Engineer to review this piece of work and get it carried out asap.

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

### **LPNC/471/M15/1024 Item ID:84512 – HGV Review and HGV restriction enforcement**

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

This Committee agrees that the Council in conjunction with An Garda Síochána under take a review of the current HGV weight restrictions on the Kennelsfort Road, Palmerstown and the enforcement of the current restrictions.

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

A workshop will be held with the Elected members before Christmas to review the HGV weight restrictions in the Lucan EA. At this workshop the team will outline the HGV review process to be followed. We will review the existing set of restrictions that are in place: A discussion on the continuation of these restrictions or whether they continue with modifications: Suggestions will be taken from the members of locations where the need for new restrictions will be examined by the traffic technical team. These suggestions will be ranked by the number of votes: A limited number of the top ranked locations will be examined by our technical team for the suitability of applying a weight restriction. This is to help target our resources to those locations identified as most needing a weight restriction.

It must be kept in mind that on some strategic roads a balance is needed between the protection of pedestrians and cyclists and the need to facilitate economic activity.

In relation to the enforcement of the existing weight restrictions that are in place: It is a matter for An Garda Síochána to carry out the enforcement of the weight restrictions in our County. The traffic section will contact our Garda colleagues on the enforcement of the Kennelsfort Road and Palmerstown area weight restrictions.

Following Contributions from Councillor N Fennell, A Hayes, S Moynihan, L O’Toole and C Brady, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/472/M16/1024 Item ID:84557 – Lucan House Parking**

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

That this committee calls on the Chief Executive to conduct a feasibility study into the provision of a permeable-paved parking area on the easternmost part of Lucan House grounds (adjoining Main Street) so as to provide a much-needed solution to the parking shortage in Lucan Village, to provide parking for visitors to Lucan House, and the village; and to generally support traffic management and the economic sustainability of the village as proposed by Lucan Village stakeholders.

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

The forthcoming Masterplan for Lucan House and Demesne lands will address all aspects of the operation and functionality of the property. An assessment of parking matters generally will form part of the work.

Stakeholder engagement will be an important component and as such, engagement with key stakeholders and the community shall commence at an early stage of the process to obtain the local and wider community views and opinions and will actively continue right through concept design and inform the Masterplan. It is expected that a consultant will be appointed by November 2024 to commence the process.

Following Contributions from Councillors C Brady, J Tuffy, A Hayes, P Gogarty, V Casserly and L O’Toole, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer and John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised.

An Amendment was proposed by Councillor L O’Toole and seconded by Councillor N Fennell.

**Amended Motion:**

That this committee calls on the Chief Executive to conduct a feasibility study into the provision of a permeable-paved parking area **within the grounds of Lucan House** so as to provide a much-needed solution to the parking shortage in Lucan Village, to provide parking for visitors to Lucan House, and the village; and to generally support traffic management and the economic sustainability of the village as proposed by Lucan Village stakeholders.

Councillor L O’Toole requested that a vote be taken on the proposed amendment. The following was the result of the roll call vote:

FOR: 6 (Six) Councillors C Brady, N Fennell, P Gogarty, A Hayes, M Johansson and L O’Toole

AGAINST: 0 (Zero)

ABSTAIN: 2 (Two) Councillors V Casserly and J Tuffy

The Motion as amended was **Carried**.

### **LPNC/473/M17/1024 Item ID:84567 – New Layout at Kennelsfort Road Upper**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes, seconded by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the manager to review the impacts on all road users of the new layout at Kennelsfort Road Upper, opposite the Silver Granite, including increased tailbacks caused by delays in cars turning right onto Wheatfield Road.

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

The scheme on Kennelsfort Road was designed to improve the poor quality of infrastructure for pedestrians, cyclists and bus commuters at this location. The works involved the re-allocation of road space and did not reduce the number of lanes.

The current congestion is caused by two factors;

1. The bus stop is now inline as opposed to set in so cars cannot pass the bus out while it is picking up and dropping off passengers. The benefit of this is that once the bus is ready to move away it should have free road space in front of it to drive into and thus improve it's journey time.

2. Cars turning right into Wheatfield Road will block the straight through traffic. This is no different to the previous set up except that previously drivers would undertake the right turning car by driving into the cycle lane. To prevent this bad driver behaviour, we have introduced a kerb at this location to make it safer for cyclists.

The two factors that are causing frustration for drivers are designed to increase the safety and efficiency of sustainable transport and for that reason it is not proposed to make any amendments at this location.

Following Contributions from Councillors A Hayes, N Fennell and M Johansson, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/474/M18/1024 Item ID:84568 - Headed Item for November on Traffic Congestion in Lucan**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to bring forward a report on traffic and congestion in the Lucan Area as a headed item for November, with regard to congestion in the village as well as an outline of available options which could be implemented to alleviate congestion.

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

The Traffic Team along with our Active Travel and Construction Teams will jointly bring a headed Item with regard to congestion in Lucan village and the available options to the next ACM in November.

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

### **LPNC/475/M19/1024 Item ID:84592 – Faded Yellow Boxes**

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

To ask the Chief Executive why there are so many faded yellow boxes in our area at present and whether a blitz can be carried out to paint all those that are faded and contributing to congestion and road safety issues?

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

Our road marking contractor has been in the county this week and working through the list of locations for road marking renewal.

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

### **LPNC/476/M20/1024 Item ID:84546 – Somerton Park Entry & Exit Points**

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

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.

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

The Somerton Park estate remains a private estate for the moment. The manager of Goodrock Project Management Ltd. who is tasked with the day to day management of Somerton has been requested to make contact with Cllr in relation to this item.

It is noted that the estate is built in accordance with the granted planning permission, and in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets. This means the streets are narrow, with tight junction radii and traffic calming features employed within its design.

It is likely to be at least a year before Somerton is ready for Taking in Charge. Until that time SDCC cannot enter and carry out any additional works within this estate.

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

### **LPNC/477/M21/1024 Item ID:84586 – Footbridge over Adamstown Link Road**

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

This motion requests that management provide a report on any plans to upgrade the footbridge over the Adamstown Link Road. The current lighting is inadequate, and the bridge has not been properly maintained. Additionally, there are no litter bins to address ongoing issues with dog litter. As the bridge is frequently used by locals for walking and running, improvements are necessary to ensure it meets the needs of the community.

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

Adamstown Link Road Footbridge (connecting Hayden’s Lane over Adamstown Road/rail lines) is on the alignment of the Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway. The approved Part 8 identified this footbridge as an area for improvement, potentially through art. The team has been working on the scope of art within the project, with the assistance of the SDCC Arts office, and will continue to develop it. In the meantime, Phase 1a construction is scheduled to begin before the end of 2024 and includes improvements to the approach to the footbridge.

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

### **LPNC/478/M22/1024 Item ID:84513 – Water Attenuation at St Kevin’s Schools**

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

This Committee calls on the council to complete an investigation and a solution for the water attenuation that is occurring at St Kevin's school.

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

We will inspect this area during a period of wet weather to determine the source of the ponding

Following Contributions from Councillor N Fennell, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

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

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **LPNC/479/Q22/1024 Item ID:84570 – My Open Library**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive for a performance report on the implementation of the My Open Library initiative since its introduction, in terms of sign-ups and user hours logged.

**REPLY:**

Since the launch on 28th September, we have had significant interest in the My Open Library Service. There have been over 70 registrations for inductions so far, with many families signing up. My Open Library inductions will be taking place in the coming weeks. The inductions will point out the self-services available during unstaffed hours and will demonstrate the safety procedures in place. My Open Library membership is available to members aged 16 and over.

### **LPNC/480/Q23/1024 Item ID:84572 – Outdoor Live Arts Programme for Summer 2024**

Proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the performance of the Outdoor Live Arts Programme for Summer 2024.

[Q23 Outdoor Live Arts Programme for Summer 2024](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83916)

### **LPNC/481/Q24/1024 Item ID:84480 – My Open Library Registration**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

This committee would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all involved in the recent launch of the My Open Library service. Could the Chief Executive provide any available statistics on total interest and registrations for this new service since its implementation?

**REPLY:**

Since the launch of MOL on 28th September, we have had significant interest in the My Open Library Service. There have been over 70 registrations for inductions so far, with many families signing up. My Open Library Inductions will be taking place in the coming weeks. The inductions will point out self-services available during unstaffed hours and will demonstrate the safety procedures in place.

My Open Library membership is available to members aged 16 and over.

### **LPNC/482/H15/1024 Item ID:84530 - Library News & Events**

This report was presented by Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian

Library News & Events

[H14 (i) Library Event Stats](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83747)  
[H14 (ii) LPNC Library events October 2024](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=83755)

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

### **LPNC/483/H16/1024 Item ID:84516 – Application for Arts Grants**

Application for Arts Grants (No Business)

### **LPNC/484/H17/1024 Item ID:84536 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/485/C10/1024 Item ID:84523 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Economic Development**

### **LPNC/486/Q25/1024 Item ID:84558 – Schoolmaster’s House**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the manager for an update on the acquisition of the Schoolmasters / Tramway House in Lucan and what options are available to acquire this protected and valuable heritage building for the benefit of the community

**REPLY:**

The Council continues to await engagement from the vendor's side to progress this matter and understands that legal complications are a cause of delay. It is not possible to advise on a completion date at this point, but the Council will keep pursuing the acquisition of this property as the reactivation of the property remains an objective for the Council.

### **LPNC/487/Q26/1024 Item ID:84549 – Silver Bridge**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager for an update on the restoration of the silver bridge and if any further work is being proposed.

**REPLY:**

Fingal County Council completed conservation works on the Silver Bridge during the summer of 2024. The bridge structure has been restored, conserved, and lifted back into position.

Works did not include reinstatement of a bridge deck. Due to bridge dimensions, it is not feasible as a formal cycling route while the lands around are currently in private ownership, constraining any potential reopening.

Future phases of work will require a brief for a feasibility study to assess how and whether the bridge can be developed as an asset. This work is being undertaken by Fingal County Council in collaboration with South Dublin County Council. To this end it is the Council’s intention to conduct a meeting between the two client Departments of the Local Authorities in December 2024.

### **LPNC/488/Q27/1024 Item ID:84593 – Farmleigh Bridge**

Proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty

To ask the Chief Executive for a further update on the development of access to Farmleigh Bridge from South Dublin County Council side, including the acquisition of land to facilitate same?

**REPLY:**

Fingal County Council completed conservation works on the Silver Bridge during the summer of 2024. The bridge structure has been restored, conserved and lifted back into position.

Works did not include reinstatement of a bridge deck, and due to bridge dimensions, it is not feasible as a formal cycling route while the lands around are currently in private ownership, constraining any potential reopening.

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### **LPNC/489/H18/1024 Item ID:84533 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/490/C11/1024 Item ID:84521 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/491/M23/1024 Item ID:84579 – Silver Bridge Joint Feasibility Study**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Chief Executive of Fingal County Council to request an update on the joint feasibility study on opening up the Silver Bridge to pedestrian and cyclist access and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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

Fingal County Council and South Dublin County Council are in regular contact with regard the Silver Bridge at Palmerstown and following recent correspondence Fingal County Council were able to update South Dublin County Council that Fingal finished the bridge structural stabilisation works earlier this year (2024) and that future phases of work will require a brief for a feasibility study to assess how and whether the bridge can be developed as an asset.

That work is being undertaken by Fingal County Council in collaboration with South Dublin County Council. To this end it is the Council’s intention to conduct a meeting between the two client Departments of the Local Authorities in December 2024.

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

Meeting Concluded at 18:04

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