

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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council February 2025 Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 25 February 2025 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**

Caroline Brady  
Vicky Casserly  
Hellen Farrel  
Niamh Fennell  
Madeleine Johansson  
Glenn Moore  
Jacqueline Sheehy  
Liona O'Toole  
Joanna Tuffy

**Apologies**

Councillor Alan Hayes

**Officials Present**

County Architect	Cian Harte
Senior Executive Officers	Laura Leonard, Edel Clancy, Amanda Mills, Sharon Conroy
A/Senior Executive Officers	Fiona Hendley, Brenda Shannon
Senior Engineers	John Hegarty, Gary Walsh
Senior Executive Engineer	Andrew O'Mullane
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent	David Fennell
Senior Executive Librarian	Rosena Hand
Administrative Officer	Ralph McGarry, Susan Sinclair
Staff Officer	Eimear O'Sullivan
Assistant Staff Officer	Eduardo De Oliveira
Clerical Officer	Vikki Cryan

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Liona O'Toole presided.

### **LPNC/79/H1/0225 Item ID:86123 - Minutes**

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of January 2025 Lucan Palmerstown North Clondalkin ACM dealing with business relating to Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries, Corporate, Per & Change Management, Environment, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Housing, Community.

It was proposed by Councillor J Tuffy and seconded by Councillor M Johansson and RESOLVED: "That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

### **H1 - Minutes of January 2025 LPNC ACM**

Councillor J Tuffy indicated to the committee that she wished to apologise and correct the record in relation to figures she had quoted during her contribution to the discussion on Motion 14 at the January ACM. The correct figures direct from the Crosscare Annual Financial Report were stated.

### **LPNC/79A/0225 – Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor L O'Toole and seconded by Councillor H Farrell and RESOLVED "That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 that Questions 1 - 22 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**".

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **LPNC/80/Q1/0225 Item ID:86208 - Free Basic AI Training**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the manager if basic training sessions in the positive and responsible use of free AI tools (such as Microsoft Copilot and ChatGPT) are planned for SDCC public libraries, during 2025 or 2026? Considering the significant impact AI has on various aspects of our lives and work, offering basic training programs for interested public library users could be highly popular and relevant.

### **Q1 Free Basic AI Training**

### **LPNC/81/H2/0225 Item ID:86136 - Library News & Events**

This report was presented by Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian

Library News & Events

### **H2 (i) LPNC Library report February 2025**

### **H2 (ii) Library Stats**

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole and M Johansson, Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/82/H3/0225 Item ID:86122 - Application for Arts Grants**

Application for Arts Grants (No Business)

### **LPNC/83/H4/0225 Item ID:86142 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/84/C1/0225 Item ID:86129 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**Economic Development**

**LPNC/85/Q2/0225 Item ID:86119 – Grand Canal Greenway**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the Chief Executive for an update and further revised projected completion date for the Grand Canal extension to Hazelhatch, outlining the reason for the delays to date - this project was to commence in Q1 2024 with an estimated construction period of 12 months?"

**REPLY:**

Contractors to construct the Grand Canal Greenway from 12th Lock to Hazelhatch were appointed in late December 2024 and have commenced works on site. It is expected that the works will be completed by the end of this year.

Delays arose primarily due to prolonged engagement with the landowner Waterways Ireland, in meeting their requirements and securing a Licence from them to enable us proceed with the project to construct the Greenway.

**LPNC/86/Q3/0225 Item ID:86226 – Lucan Scouts Den Land Ownership**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Chief Executive if there is any update regarding the ownership of the land beside the Scouts building/site and the Edmundsbury lands, as per the previously agreed motion.

**REPLY:**

The land on which the Lucan Scouts Den is situated and a portion of the surrounding area to the east of the site are in the registered ownership of the Council, with the Scouts currently occupying part of this land. The remaining lands further to the east, while part of the broader vicinity, are not in the Council's ownership. The Council can only confirm ownership of lands that are within its ownership. Information on the ownership of other lands is available through Land Registry where a record of ownership of lands and property within the state is maintained. The lands owned by the Council were originally acquired in the 1970s from the St. Laurence O'Toole Trust for open space purposes.

The scout's leadership have been in contact with the Council in recent months and are being assisted with their queries.

**LPNC/87/H5/0225 Item ID:86139 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/88/C2/0225 Item ID:86127 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**LPNC/89/M1/0225 Item ID:86219 – Griffen Clubhouse Lease Agreement**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

That this committee requests an urgent update from the Chief Executive regarding the lease agreement for Griffeen Clubhouse (Weston Hockey, Lucan Harriers, and AGP). Furthermore, we ask that management provide a timeline outlining how long this process has taken to date. The prolonged delays have been excruciatingly frustrating for the clubs involved, all of whom have worked tirelessly in a voluntary capacity to develop and support their respective sports. Given that the completion of the lease is crucial for the clubs to access essential grants and funding opportunities, this motion urges that every effort be made to finalise the lease without further delay.

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

The original lease with the Association representing the clubs was agreed in 2003. This lease was for the lands at Esker South and permitted the building of a Clubhouse subject to certain terms and conditions regarding insurance, maintenance and other matters. This lease is no longer valid due to the dissolution of the Association.

EETD have engaged over a prolonged period with the clubs involved with the objective of agreeing a new lease. The clubs have been strongly advised that a Trust Agreement should be put in place between them so that they can agree on how the obligations under the lease will be managed.

The clubs were encouraged to seek their own legal advice but guided as to the terms and minimum requirements of a Trust Agreement which should deal with the following items:

- Maintenance of clubhouse and buildings.
- Payment of Utilities Bills.
- Schedules of Access for each club.
- Payment of Insurances
- Mortgaging/Borrowing Powers in respect of any Sports Capital Grants.
- Name and address of key holder(s).

There has been a level of ongoing engagement with some of the parties involved in an effort to move the matter on. EETD remains available to assist with the framing of a new lease underpinned with an agreement between the clubs involved.

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole and C Brady, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer and Sharon Conroy Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

**LPNC/90/M2/0225 Item ID:86197 – 12<sup>th</sup> Lock Film Studio**

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

That an update be provided in relation to the development by the Council of a film studio at the 12th Lock including when it is expected the film studio will open, and what is hoped in terms of opportunities for young people when it is up and running

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

There has been significant progress since the Council approved the Part 8 for the development of a film studio at 12th Lock, Grand Canal mid last year. A tender to appoint an Architect led design team for stages III to IV of the project was concluded. A further tender to appoint an operator to run and operate the facility is at stage three of a negotiated procedure. This has been a very worthwhile

process in better informing the specification of the studio to meet the needs of the sector. Final proposals are due on March 7th and the appointment of the successful operator will follow.

It is expected that construction will commence towards the end of this year, with the studio to be operational by end 2026. It will provide many opportunities for young people in the area and for students and graduates of film and media.

Following contributions from Councillor J Tuffy, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

#### **LPNC/91/M3/0225 Item ID:86209 – Lucan Historic Trail**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell, Seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole

To call on the Manager to progress plans for an historic trail around Lucan village in 2025 and to update councillors on the project approach, scope and timeline of same.

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

Public realm improvements works at the entrance to Lucan Demesne, the promenade at Lucan Weir, and at Lucan village at the village green are currently underway and are expected to be completed by September 2025.

It is expected that a digital heritage trail app for Lucan will be developed to take advantage of the public realm improvements and other tourism related projects taking place in the village. But it was felt prudent to hold off on launching a digital walking trail heritage app for the Lucan area before these public realm works are completed.

It is estimated that it would cost in the region of €15,000 for an app of this scale. It would take approximately 6 to 8 months to deliver and, pending resources, it is expected that initial preparatory and research work will commence later in 2025.

Following contributions from Councillors H Farrell, J Tuffy and C Brady, Ralph McGarry Administrative Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **Performance & Change Management**

#### **LPNC/92/H6/0225 Item ID:86143- New Works**

New Works (No Business)

#### **LPNC/93/C3/0225 Item ID:86130 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **Corporate Support**

#### **LPNC/94/H7/0225 Item ID:86138- New Works**

New Works (No Business)

#### **LPNC/95/C4/0225 Item ID:86126 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/96/M4/0225 Item ID:86228 - Defibrillators**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, Seconded by Councillor J. Sheehy

#### **Cathaoirleach's Business**

Defibrillator Expansion This committee requests that the Chief Executive explore how local outdoor defibrillators can be expanded across the wider Lucan area. There have been numerous requests from residents highlighting the vital importance of these devices, and increasing their availability would be a significant benefit to the community. Can grants be applied for to support this initiative? Additionally, can the council examine whether other local authorities provide publicly accessible outdoor defibrillators (beyond council buildings)? Could SDCC take the lead in becoming the first council to provide this essential amenity?

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

Defibrillators have been installed by the Council in County Hall, Tallaght in the Clondalkin Civic Offices and at Public Libraries.

Further defibrillators are provided throughout the County by a wide variety of groups and organisations including Community groups, sports clubs, shopping centres, individual pharmacies and private commercial companies. The installation, upkeep and maintenance of defibrillators is the responsibility of the relevant committee, management or company.

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole, J Sheehy, J Tuffy, H Farrell, C Brady and G Moore, Brenda Shannon A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/97/M5/0225 Item ID:86196 – Bike Lockers at Liffey Valley Shopping Centre**

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

That Hines, who manage the Liffey Valley Shopping Centre, shall be contacted in relation to the need for bike lockers at the shopping centre, in particular for employees of the Centre and any of its tenants including shops and cafes and that it be asked for an update on this and any other steps it is taking to encourage and facilitate cycling by employees and customers to and from the shopping centre.

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

If the motion is passed, its terms will be brought to the attention of Shopping Centre management and a response requested.

Following contributions from Councillors J Tuffy, N Fennell, M Johansson, H Farrell, L O'Toole and J Sheehy, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

## **Water & Drainage**

### **LPNC/98/H8/0225 Item ID:86147- New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/99/C5/0225 Item ID:86134 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**Public Realm**

**LPNC/100/Q4/0225 Item ID:86195 – Tree Maintenance budget**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the manager to outline the budget allocated for 2025 to the tree maintenance programme for the area and the actual spend for 2024, and 2023?

**REPLY:**

The revenue budget for 2025 was agreed by the elected members at the annual budget meeting which was held on Thursday November 14th and includes a provision for tree and hedgerow management for the entire county of €4.59 million. The budget is not broken down by electoral area, nor is expenditure on the agreed tree works programme recorded to give a breakdown by electoral area. The actual expenditure on tree maintenance in 2023 was €2.91m while the actual expenditure in 2024 was €3.84m.

**LPNC/102/Q5/0225 Item ID:86194 – Tree Maintenance Programme**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the manager based on the status of the 2023 to 2025 tree maintenance programme report provided in January to the local area committee meeting, the update indicates that 22 areas are completed, 3 are in progress, 2 are partially complete, and 15 are yet to be scheduled (out of a total of 42 locations), can you confirm there are sufficient resources to complete all remaining work? Additionally, do you anticipate that all work will be completed by the end of 2025? If not, what challenges or risks need to be addressed?

**REPLY:**

There are a total of 55 locations included on the 3-year tree programme 2023 to 2025, works at 26 of these locations have been completed to date. Maintenance works are currently underway at a further three locations in Abbeywood, Abbeydale and Brookvale.

The tree schedule works are based on whole roads and entire estates. Areas are listed in accordance with works required, however this is subject to amendment as priorities can change. Example of changes are Finnstown Abbey estate which was added to the programme for tree removals in April 2024, Tandy's Lane Park was added to address Ash Die Back disease and Esker Park, rear of houses, was added due to complaints regarding overhanging trees.

Unscheduled off programme works such as emergency works, works arising from storm damage and individual works may affect the delivery of the programme in 2025. While recent storm events have diverted tree crews to emergency works, the councils Public Realm Section are confident that resources are in place to complete the works programme by the end of 2025.

**LPNC/103/Q6/0225 Item ID:86210 – Storage Facilities Tandy's Lane Park**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask for an update from Public Realm re. any progress on the discussions around storage for Na Gaeil Óga, which arose from the question by P. Gogarty in November 2024, 'To ask the Chief Executive if the Council could facilitate a secure storage area for nets, juvenile goalposts and flags etc for Na Gaeil Óga at Tandy's Lane Park in the coming months?', when Public Realm agreed to assess the situation. The current GAA season is well under way and the storage is needed urgently for their equipment.

**REPLY:**

The request for storage facilities for Na Gaeil Óga has been noted however there is no provision in the current year's budget to provide such a facility. Traditionally goal post storage compounds have been provided in the past through funding received via a Sports Capital Grant with match funding from SDCC. The request for a storage facility for goal posts will be listed for consideration in the next round of Sports Capital Grant applications when they are announced.

**LPNC/104/Q7/0225 Item ID:86118 – Castlegate Park Playground Update**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager for an update on previously agreed motion No. 3 LPNC 26-09-23 calling for playground upgrades at Castlegate Park? It was stated in the response and from the manager, that following a new framework for playground works, that there would be significant upgrades, and not only confined to resurfacing and repairs." Please note that this playground is approximately 20 years old, the surrounding population has increased, and this is the only playground serving the immediate original vicinity of Castlegate/Adamstown with over 1100 homes."

**REPLY:**

The playground at Castlegate was upgraded in Q4 2024. The works included the replacement of the existing wet pour surface and the replacement of three older items of equipment with new items of equipment. The new items include a multiplay unit, roundabout, basket swing, springer and DJ post. The space net which was part of the original design was in good condition so rather than remove it, it was retained and retensioned to prolong its lifespan.

**LPNC/105/Q8/0225 Item ID:86120 – Griffeen Valley Park Pitch Arrangements**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

"To ask the manager to outline the existing arrangement regarding the use of pitches at Griffeen Valley Park, Lucan for all clubs. Furthermore, will there be any changes to this, when the anticipated pitch regrading and drainage works are completed on AGP 1 at Haydens Lane, and when this pitch comes back into use early next year?"

**REPLY:**

The 2024/2025 allocation for Griffeen Valley Park is as follows:

<b>SDCC Park Name</b>	<b>Pitch No.</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Allocation 2024/2025</b>
Griffeen Valley Park	4	Soccer	Arthur Griffith Park FC

Griffeen Valley Park	5	GAA	Lucan Sarsfields
Griffeen Valley Park	6	Soccer	Ballyowen Celtic FC
Griffeen Valley Park	7	Soccer	Ballyowen Celtic FC
Griffeen Valley Park	8	Soccer	Ballyowen Celtic FC
Griffeen Valley Park	9	Soccer	Beech Park FC
Griffeen Valley Park	10	Soccer	Beech Park FC
Griffeen Valley Park	11	GAA	Lucan Sarsfields
Griffeen Valley Park	12	GAA	Lucan Sarsfields
Griffeen Valley Park	13	GAA	NOT AVAILABLE – Lucan Sarsfield
Griffeen Valley Park	162	Soccer	Arthur Griffith Park FC

SDCC will include pitch 13 in the 2025/2026 allocations process for Griffeen Valley Park once the drainage works are completed and the pitch is ready for use again. All application requests will be reviewed and considered in Q2 2025 for the 2025/2026 season and pitches will be allocated accordingly.

**LPNC/106/Q9/0225 Item ID:86225 – Woodview Heights to Tandy’s Lane Footpath Update**

Proposed by Councillor L. O’Toole

To ask the Chief Executive if there is any update on the footpath for the route to Woodview/local school via Tandy's Lane, which was awaiting a technical review, as discussed and agreed at a previous Area Committee Meeting.

**REPLY:**

The provision of a link path from Woodview Heights to Tandy's Lane is included in the Improvement Works Programme for 2025. The works will be carried out in consultation with LUPT to ensure that where the path meets Tandy’s Lane it is constructed in a safe manner. There is no technical review outstanding.

**LPNC/107/H9/0225 Item ID:86305- Tree Maintenance Programme Update**

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

[HI 9 \(i\) - Report](#)

[HI 9 \(ii\) Tree Maintenance Programme](#)

[HI 9 \(iii\) Tree Planting List](#)

Following contributions from Councillors C Brady, M Johannson, J Tuffy, H Farrell, N Fennell and L O’Toole, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

**LPNC/108/H10/0225 Item ID:86145 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/109/C6/0225 Item ID:86132 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**LPNC/110/M6/0225 Item ID:86166 - Foxborough Park Play Space Request**

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

That the Chief Executive, subject to appropriate public consultation, consider providing a play space on the green in Foxborough Park.

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

Following the completion of the playspace programme, there is currently no further funding allocated for additional local playspaces. If a future programme is established, Public Realm would be happy to include Foxborough Park as a location and to consult with residents on creating an appropriate playspace to meet local needs.

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

**LPNC/111/M7/0225 Item ID:86202 – Playground Maps**

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

To ask the manager to reexamine the playground maps to improve them to easy read use for park users.

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

The playground maps are designed to inform playground users of what play equipment is in the playground and the age range that each item is provided for. The maps are colour coded into a junior play area which is suitable for children aged 1 – 4 yrs and a Senior play area which is suitable for children aged 4 – 12 yrs. Some of the larger playgrounds will also have an All Ages Play Area.

The signs on which the maps are displayed also includes information in text in Irish and English together with pictograms. The signs and maps have been kept as simple as possible to relay the relevant necessary information. A review of all playground signs in the LPNC area will be carried out to ensure that signs and maps are up to date. SDCC is open to suggestion about improvement to signs to make them more user friendly.

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

**LPNC/112/M8/0225 Item ID:86213 – Tandy's Lane Car Park**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell, Seconded by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Manager to assess the current insufficient car parking at Tandy's Lane GAA pitch in order to facilitate hosting games by multiple clubs at the site, and seek a solution for this need?

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

The car park at Tandy's Lane Park has 39 parking spaces, 4 of which are designated as accessible parking spaces and 1 which is used to store glass bring banks. The park was designed to provide a

wide range of activities within the area available and includes, a pitch, 2 playgrounds, extensive network of walks, wildlife areas, an orchard, teen space, basketball hoop, parkour equipment, exercise equipment, ruins, tree planting, swales and water attenuation areas. The size of the park circa 7.3 hectares, limits the size and number of facilities that can be provided. It is therefore not possible to extend the car park or provide additional onsite car park facilities.

As part of the conditions of pitch use, clubs are advised to make use of car park facilities and to practice carpooling. The value of carpooling should not be understated as it is an important factor to help to reduce our carbon footprint. A letter will be issued to club(s) allocated to this pitch to encourage their members to practice carpooling.

Following contributions from Councillors H Farrell and L O'Toole, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Environment**

### **LPNC/113/Q10/0225 Item ID:86179 – CCTV Anti-Social Behaviour & Illegal Dumping**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager what the process is for the installation of CCTV cameras for anti- social behaviour and illegal dumping.

#### **REPLY:**

In relation to proposed installation of CCTV for waste enforcement measures, the process must be carried out in line with the LGMA 'Code of Practice for the Operation of CCTV for the purposes of prevention, detection, and prosecution of Waste Offences'.

To justify the necessity of implementing a CCTV Scheme for waste management issues at a specific site, evidence to prove necessity shall be based on the number of:

- Relevant complaints received from the public
- Relevant enforcement actions taken and successful prosecutions
- Relevant recorded observations from the local authority

Before proposing a CCTV scheme, SDCC will demonstrate that less intrusive measures have been considered.

Once less intrusive measures have been implemented but no discernible effect realised, a CCTV business case will be prepared for submission to the oversight board. If approved, a public consultation shall take place, and the scheme shall be implemented for a short duration in line with the LGMA code of practice.

In relation to anti-social behaviour, Section 38 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 provides that the Garda Commissioner may authorise the installation and operation of CCTV for the sole or primary purpose of securing public order and safety in public places by facilitating the deterrence, prevention, detection and prosecution of offences. Authorisation may be given to An Garda Síochána or to “persons who meet the established criteria and whose application for authorisation in respect of a specified area within the administrative area of a local authority has been approved by the local authority after consulting with the joint policing committee for that administrative area.”

Applications for Community Based CCTV must also be supported by crime statistics and a crime prevention report. There are five steps involved:

- Establish a project team
- Carry out an Assessment
- Presentation of Proposal
- Submission of Application
- Oral Presentation to the CCTV Advisory Committee

The proposal for Community Based CCTV under Section 38 requires approval from the Joint Policing Committee. Following the June 2024 Local Elections, the South Dublin Joint Policing Committee was not re-established. A new Local Community Safety Partnership is soon to be established once the legislation is enacted. New CCTV legislation is also to be enacted.

**LPNC/114/H11/0225 Item ID:86140- New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/115/C7/0225 Item ID:86124 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Community**

**LPNC/116/Q11/0225 Item ID:86201 – Jam Card Training**

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly

To ask the manager for an update on JAM Card training for community officers in the Lucan and North Clondalkin LEA.

**REPLY:**

All the members of the Community Development team, including the Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin Officers have now completed the Jam Card training.

**LPNC/117/Q12/0225 Item ID:86212 – Ash Park Traffic Disruption**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask if the Manager could consider ways of compensating residents of Ash Park for the years of traffic disruptions (parking impacts, dirt, etc.) that many residents have experienced, due to prolonged construction in the nearby Lucan Pool car park & site? This could perhaps be through free leisure tokens for the gym, or similar.

**REPLY:**

We are not aware of any complaints regarding traffic disruption to the residents of Ash Park. An issue was raised last October regarding a depression in the road in Ash Park, but these works were outside the boundary of the Lucan Leisure Campus site and were carried out directly by contractors on behalf of Uisce Éireann.

**LPNC/118/Q13/0225 Item ID:86224 – Community Events in Balgaddy**

Proposed by Councillor J. Sheehy

To ask the manager for an update on how many community events have been held in Balgaddy and the Quarryvale area in the years 2023-2024 and what was the footfall at each event.

**REPLY:**

In 2023 South Dublin County Council provided funding for four events, they included Halloween, summer family days, Winter Wonderland and Christmas. We increased our level of support in 2024 by providing additional funding for a summer camp, an Easter outing and a three-day Halloween event. The wonderful Wednesday summer camp in Quarryvale recorded over two thousand attendances during the summer period.

These events were funded by South Dublin County Council but organised and delivered by relevant communities who recorded attendance levels locally.

**LPNC/119/Q14/0225 Item ID:86227 – Participation Survey**

Proposed by Councillor J. Sheehy

To ask the manager has there been a public survey in 2024 to invite feedback on services/activities delivered by local community centres in the Lucan, North Clondalkin and Palmerstown area and if so, how many people participated in the survey.

**REPLY:**

There has not been a public survey of the services and activities delivered by the local community centres in Lucan, North Clondalkin and Palmerstown The Community Development team can link in with the relevant board of management and offer assistance to produce a survey.

**LPNC/120/H12/0225 Item ID:86137- New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/121/H13/0225 Item ID:86135 – Deputations for Noting**

Deputations for Noting (No Business)

**LPNC/122/C8/0225 Item ID:86125 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**LPNC/123/M9/0225 Item ID:86216 – Lucan Pool**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

That this committee seeks an update regarding the Lucan Pool/Leisure Centre, as there is growing concern among residents due to the lack of clarity around its opening date. The operator, Aura, has actively promoted memberships through leaflet drops and other channels, generating significant public interest. However, there has been no official confirmation of the opening timeline. Additionally, the pricing structure remains unclear, with ongoing concerns about fairness and transparency. Residents have raised questions that remain unanswered regarding pricing policies and how they compare to other facilities. This committee requests that an update be provided on the opening date, pricing structure, and overall transparency regarding the operation of Lucan Pool.

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

Following extensive negotiations, we have now reached agreement with the main contractor on a framework of revised arrangements for delivery of key elements of the project. SDCC and our consultants have assigned additional resources to programme & co-ordinate remaining activities to expedite project completion. We are now reviewing all outstanding aspects of the project, and once this process is completed in the coming days, an updated project completion date will be communicated to provide certainty to the public regarding the timeframe for opening of the facility.

We are continuing to engage with Aura about their proposed price structure and the views of the elected members have been communicated in respect of examining the feasibility of pricing concessions.

We understand both the importance of this project to the local community and the frustration that the delays have caused. Our desire to implement revised project delivery arrangements and to apply additional resources to the project reflect our commitment to complete this fantastic amenity as soon as possible and to the highest standard.

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Tool, M Johansson, C Brady, H Farrell, J Sheehy and J Tuffy, Cian Harte County Architect and Edel Clancy Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Housing**

### **LPNC/124/H14/0225 Item ID:86239 – Quarterly Housing Allocations Report**

The following report was presented by Amanda Mills Senior Executive Officer

Housing Allocations Report

#### **REPLY:**

The Q4 Allocations Report for Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin is:

<b>Allocations</b>	<b>County wide Total</b>	<b>Lucan Palmerston, Fonthill</b>
CBL-General	210	57
CBL-HAP	239	66
CBL-RAS Fixed T/F	5	2
Homeless	267	70
Medical	122	32
Age Friendly	94	6
Tenant/Ras in Situ	106	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>1043</b>	<b>256</b>
Transfers	103	19
RAS NTQ	62	14

Priority – Welfare	37	7
Sub Total	<b>202</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1245</b>	<b>296</b>

This Report was **Noted**.

**LPNC/125/H15/0225 Item ID:86240 - Quarterly Report on Anti-Social Behaviour**

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

Quarterly Report on Anti-Social Behaviour

**REPLY:**

Anti-Social Behaviour report up to 31st December 2024.

<b>ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTING &amp; STATISTICS FOR LUCAN, PALMERSTOWN, NORTH CLONDALKIN</b>						
<b>Incidents</b>	<b>2023 TOTAL</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2024</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2024</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2024</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Qtr 2024</b>	<b>2024 TOTAL</b>
<b>CATEGORY A</b>						
Drugs Activity reported to SDCC	0	4	2	0	6	<b>12</b>
Criminal Activity reported to SDCC	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Joyriding reported to SDCC	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Violence/intimidation/harassment reported to SDCC	5	3	0	6	10	<b>19</b>
<b>CATEGORY B</b>						
Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC	3	0	1	0	1	<b>2</b>
Vandalism reported to SDCC	0	1	0	4	4	<b>9</b>
Physical condition of property reported to SDCC	1	1	3	0	0	<b>4</b>

Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC	0	5	1	3	3	<b>12</b>
Racism reported to SDCC	0			0	0	
Vacant House reported to SDCC	6	6	2	4	5	<b>17</b>
Neighbour Dispute (including parking) reported to SDCC	5	1	3	1	4	<b>9</b>
<b>CATEGORY C</b>						
Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC	1	1	2	2	4	<b>9</b>
Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC	0	3	2	0	0	<b>5</b>
Children Nuisance reported to SDCC	1	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Selling alcohol		0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Incidents reported to SDCC</b>	20	25	16	21	38	100
<b>Total Complaints reported to SDCC</b>		29	18	23	40	<b>110</b>
<b>Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff - Main actions listed below</b>	1255	303	138	452	343	<b>1236</b>
Housecall / Inspection	21	34	13	39	32	<b>118</b>
Demand for Possession Section 15 & 17	1	34	13	0	0	<b>47</b>
Abandonment notice served	0	1	0	1	1	<b>3</b>
Surrenders Obtained (including Termination of Tenancy under Section 15)	2	12	5	12	3	<b>32</b>
Warnings issued	1	2	0	3	1	<b>6</b>

Interviews held (formal office and by phone)	22	5	1	17	6	<b>29</b>
Pre-Tenancies (includes Group meetings for new developments & following up Tenancy Checks)	37	21	7	22	35	<b>85</b>
Complaints received by Whatsapp	10	0	0	0	2	<b>2</b>

Following Contributions from Councillors C Brady, M Johansson, L O'Toole and H Farrell, Fiona Hendley A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

**LPNC/126/H16/0225 Item ID:86241 - Quarterly Balgaddy Housing Update**

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

Quarterly Balgaddy Housing Update

[H16 Balgaddy Housing Update Q4 2024](#)

Following Contributions from Councillors M Johansson, J Tuffy, L O'Toole and J Sheehy, Fiona Hendley A/Senior Executive Officer and Amanda Mills Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

**LPNC/127/H17/0225 Item ID:86141- New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/128/C9/0225 Item ID:86128 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**LPNC/129/M10/0225 Item ID:86121 – St. Marks Meadows**

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

This area committee agrees that the stones on the path verges in St Marks Meadows should be removed as the stones being thrown all over the road leading to many residents reporting damages to their cars.

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

A meeting will be held between the Housing Department and the relevant internal departments in order to resolve the issues raised. A report will issue to members when a satisfactory solution is agreed upon.

Following contributions from Councillor N Fennell, Cian Harte County Architect Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## Planning

### LPNC/130/Q15/0225 Item ID:86193 – Airlie House

Proposed by Councillor Joanna Tuffy

To the ask the CEO for an update on Airlie House and its condition as a protected structure. Has there been any recent liaison with the owners to see what is planned for the house?

#### **REPLY:**

The Councils Architectural Conservation Officer had been in contact with the owners of Airlie House during December 2024 with regard to the current condition of the roof after vandalism and unauthorised removal of the roofing tiles. Quintain (owners) had been liaising with the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer in agreeing on a suitable solution and remedial repairs to prevent any further deterioration to the roof and structure. The necessary roof repairs were completed prior to the Christmas break and the structure is now watertight.

The Councils Architectural Conservation Officer has been in contact with Quintain with regard to the sale of Airlie House and she has been informed that the sale is still progressing and that legal contracts are with the purchasers' solicitors.

With regard to the future use, planning permission was sought under Reg. Ref. SDZ24A/0022W for a new vehicular entrance to support the future reuse of the property. Planning permission has been granted and Quintain are finalising pre-commencement conditions for submission to SDCC and expect to commence works in the near future.

### LPNC/131/H18/0225 Item ID:86144- New Works

New Works (No Business)

### LPNC/132/C10/0225 Item ID:86131 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

## Transportation

### LPNC/133/Q16/0225 Item ID:86204 – Lucan District Enhancement Scheme

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly

To ask the manager for an update on the Lucan Village Enhancement Scheme.

#### **REPLY:**

The Lucan Public Realm Schemes include:

- The Village Green
- The Promenade, and
- The Demesne Park entrance

These projects are being progressed as one construction project which commenced at the end of September last year. The contract duration is 12 months and at this early stage is on programme, with substantial completion of the Schemes expected by September 2025.

The following should be noted.

- At the Village Green, the site clearance, including tree removal, is completed. Construction of the amphitheatre and steps is underway. Liaison with Inland Fisheries Ireland is ongoing in relation to the adjacent Griffeen river.
- The next significant element of the works at the Village Green is the commencement of undergrounding of the ESB network. This element of works requires duct installation in the roadways adjoining the site. Traffic management will be in place and some local congestion will occur. The contractor's liaison will continue to be in contact with traders regarding works arrangements and their relevant requirements.
- At the Demesne Park the new car park areas complete and are available for public use. Guidance signage to the access point of the Demesne Park is provided in place.
- Works at the Lucan Demesne Plaza at the former car park has commenced with site clearance works ongoing
- Works on the Lucan Promenade have commenced with the construction of the new staircase at the eastern end of the Promenade now underway.
- A specialist contractor to carry out cleaning and restoration works on the Liffey Bridge has been procured. It is anticipated that those works will commence during the summer months, when the main construction works on the Promenade have been completed.
- Finally, the damaged section of boundary wall at Lucan House has been fully repaired, the protective barriers have now been removed from Leixlip Road, and a new footpath has been installed.

#### **LPNC/134/Q17/0225 Item ID:86214 – Speed Surveys**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the Manager if traffic studies on vehicle speeds have been (or intend to be) carried out in the greater Hillcrest area, in particular, in Meadowview Grove and environs, following reports of excessive speed during daytime hours, despite ramps being in place.

#### **REPLY:**

The Traffic Section has recently conducted speed surveys on nearby routes, including Griffeen Road, Adamstown Road, and Dodsborough Cottages. However, no speed surveys have been conducted on Meadowview Grove to date.

The findings from the completed surveys indicate that the **average vehicle speed is below the posted speed limit**, while the **85th percentile speed** (the speed at or below which 85% of vehicles travel) is approximately **5% above the speed limit**.

Should further speed assessments be required for Meadowview Grove and its environs, the Traffic Section can consider this in future survey planning.

#### **LPNC/135/Q18/0225 Item ID:86215 – Dodsborough Road Weight Restriction**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the Manager what measures can be taken to address the current 3 tonnes max vehicle limit on Dodsborough road being exceeded regularly?

#### **REPLY:**

There is no 3 tonne weight limit on the Dodsborough road in the current weight restrictions that are in force. There is an existing 7.5 tonne weight restriction on the old Tandys lane, most of which has been subsumed under the Adamstown SDZ road layouts. There is a remaining section of Dodsborough road from Shackleton Avenue to the junction of Dodsborough Cottages which has an existing 7.5 tonne weight restriction in force.

The Traffic Section has started the process of reviewing the existing weight restrictions in the County. We have sent out requests to the Councillors to send in road sections for our team to assess for weight restrictions prior to having workshops with each ACM. Each member is encouraged to send in their road suggestions and the traffic section will review these for feasibility.

**LPNC/136/Q19/0225 Item ID:86117 – Permeability at Hillcrest Heights and The Paddocks**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager for an update on a previously agreed motion at this ACM, regarding the question of developing a safe permeability route between the Paddocks and Hillcrest Heights? The motion referenced the importance of a consultation with residents ahead of any decision, and now asks for feedback from the agreed engagement that was to occur between the Active Travel team and the landowner/management and / or the NTA"

**REPLY:**

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. In December members were notified that it is intended to advertise The Paddocks Estate, Lucan, Co. Dublin for Taking in Charge. On completion of the Taking in Charge of The Paddocks Estate we will seek funding from the NTA to commence a permeability project in this location.

**LPNC/137/Q20/0225 Item ID:86149 – Footpath Repair Programme**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager if a schedule for footpath maintenance and upgrading for 2025 is available for Lucan / North Clondalkin & Palmerstown

**REPLY:**

The list of schemes for the 2025 footpath programme was presented at the Jan ACM.

There is no current timeline for works as scheme procurement documents are only being prepared

**LPNC/138/Q21/0225 Item ID:86049 – District Enhancement Programme**

Proposed by Councillor J. Sheehy

To ask the manager for an update on the District Enhancement Programme for Neilstown Shopping Centre and to establish who owns the lights in the shopping centre and as to when they can be repaired. I have received reports from local who say they feel intimidated frequenting the retail unit to purchase much needed supplies, whilst it is dark after 5pm and this is not good for local business who also report same to myself as local councillor.

**REPLY:**

A scoping exercise is to be carried out in 2025 to come up with a very high level concept for the Neilstown DCEP. If resources are available, we will look to procure a consultant to progress this scheme through prelim consultation and design.

We will look into the current public lighting outage to see who is responsible for this

**LPNC/139/Q22/0225 Item ID:86229 – Footpath Inspection Neilstown Shopping Centre Vicinity**

Proposed by Councillor J. Sheehy

To ask the manager when can the community expect the footpath from Liscarne estate to Neilstown Shopping centre on the Collinstown Park Community College side expect to be repaired given the number of potential trip hazards the pose great risk to the community especially those most vulnerable who travel by wheelchair and the elderly. This particular footpath has a footfall of potentially 569 students, and this does not take into account the further education students and members of the community using it to travel to local primary schools and employment. If we are to encourage greater participation in walking to school similar to cycle lanes we must provide a better standard of paths. I do trust South Dublin County Council will prioritise this area and the cutting back of grass which has overgrown and subsequently narrowed ingress and egress of paths. The Balgaddy/Ronanstown road must be also included in this question.

**REPLY:**

Following an inspection of the footpath in the vicinity of Neilstown Shopping Centre it was found that they were in quite good condition with a small number of defects which we will list for repair.

It should be noted that the new school crossing constructed at St. Peters has included some footpath repairs that were included in the question.

[Q22 \(i\) image](#)

[Q22 \(ii\) image](#)

[Q22 \(iii\) image](#)

**LPNC/140/H19/0225 Item ID:86148 - Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

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

**LPNC/141/H20/0225 Item ID:86146- New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/142/C11/0225 Item ID:86133 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**LPNC/143/M11/0225 Item ID:86206 – Lucan Festival Committee**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

That the Chief Executive (CE) engage with Lucan Festival Committee in a timely manner regarding plans for the Christmas Tree event (switching on of the Christmas lights). Given the scale of this important community event and the volunteer-led nature of the organising committee, early

engagement is essential for effective planning. Discussions should include the new village green layout, utility elements of the design, and how the new layout can accommodate future Christmas tree events. Additionally, can the report provide an update on the expected completion date for the village upgrade?

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

The Lucan Public Realm Scheme contractor is currently installing ducts for the undergrounding of ESB Network cables within the Village Green area. This element of the works includes the installation the power feed locations for Festive Lighting. The project liaison has been directed to make arrangements to meet with the Lucan Festival Committee to provide details of the Power Connection points and the other features of the Village Green which may be of interest to the Committee.

The contract commenced in late September 2024 with a duration is 12 months and is on programme, substantial completion of the Schemes expected by September 2025.

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole and J Tuffy, Andrew O'Mullane Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

**LPNC/144/M12/0225 Item ID:85924 – Main Street, Lucan Footpath Repair**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

This committee calls on the manager to review the condition of the footpaths on Main Street and revert with a comprehensive plan to upgrade the footpaths in the village, with particular attention to the sloping and slippery sections opposite The Mall. The plan should also address other problematic areas, such as the sloped footpaths adjacent to Staggs Bicycle Shop, which present significant challenges for individuals with mobility issues. These upgrades are essential to ensure safe and accessible walking conditions for all residents and visitors.

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

**LPNC/145/M13/0225 Item ID:86089 – Letter to NTA ref bus Stop 2120**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to write to the NTA and ask when the bus stop 2120 on the Neilstown Road will be upgraded with a shelter?

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

If the motion is passed by the Area Committee, details of same will be forwarded to the NTA, and a copy of the reply will be circulated if received.

Following contributions from Councillors M Johansson and N Fennell, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

**LPNC/146/M14/0225 Item ID:86198 – Footpath Inspection Request**

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

To call on the manager to urgently examine the hazardous footpaths throughout Earlsfort Estate and also on the Lock Road (Adamstown Road) in the direction of Lucan Village.

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

Earlfort Estate is listed for footpath repair in 2025.

If there is any underspend, we can review Lock Road footpaths and allocate as necessary

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

**LPNC/147/M15/0225 Item ID:86205 - Footpath Maintenance in Esker Estate**

Proposed by Councillor Joanna Tuffy

That a report be given to the meeting in respect of the land adjoining the Lucan Road (or Old Lucan Road) that is at the rear of Esker Lawns estate in relation to its proximity to the road and footpath and any potential hazards for pedestrians or motorists from slippage from the land or trees or branches falling (details supplied\*) \*See attached reply to a representation when there was some slippage from the land on to the footpath last year. This was raised by councillors and local candidates and also Lucan Tidy Towns at the time. It is a place of natural beauty and wildlife as a lead into the village but there are concerns of residents in terms of slippage from the land on to the road and footpath. Most of the land is unregistered land and not owned by householders or the Council. It is in effect in limbo but is shown on old maps as "plantation". Is there anything the Council can do to make it safer or are there Government agencies such as Coillte that could be contacted by the Council to assess?

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

**LPNC/148/M16/0225 Item ID:86192 - Local Transportation Plan**

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

This committee calls on the manager to report on the status of the Local Transportation Plan for Lucan, the budget set aside and whether it has been allocated, and whether a timeline for reporting from this study may be shared at this stage.

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

There is a budget set aside for Local Transportation Plans of €300,000 in the Capital Programme 2025-2027. This budget allocation is meant for a number of Transportation studies at congestion hotspots throughout the county, Lucan being one of them. Transport consultants will have to be appointed for the various transportation studies under a tendering process. A detailed scoping of the needs for Lucan will have to be decided. The appointed consultants will be given time to carry out their transportation surveys, analysis and report on their findings on the key deliverables.

The estimated timeline for the reporting of the findings of the Lucan Transportation Study to the members is towards the last quarter of 2025.

**This motion was taken in conjunction with Motion 19.**

**LPNC/149/M17/0225 Item ID:86164 - Letter to NTA & Transport for Ireland**

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

That the members of the area committee agree to write to the NTA and Transport for Ireland calling on them to end the contracts with Go Ahead for delivery of bus services in the area including routes S4, W2, W4 and local routes L51 and L52, due to their consistent inability to provide a service on these routes.

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

If this motion is passed by the Area Committee, details of same will be forwarded to the NTA and Transport for Ireland, and a copy of the reply will be circulated if received.

Following contributions from Councillors M Johansson, L O'Toole, H Farrell, N Fennell and C Brady, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised.

An Amendment was proposed by Councillor C Brady and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole which was unanimously Agreed.

**Amended Motion**

That the members of the area committee agree to write to the NTA and Transport for Ireland calling on them to review the delivery of bus services in the area including routes S4, W2, W4 and local routes L51 and L52, due to their consistent inability to provide a service on these routes."

The amended Motion was **Agreed**.

**LPNC/150/M18/0225 Item ID:86207 - Letter to NTA ref Lucan to Dublin Airport**

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

That this committee requests the Chief Executive to write to the National Transport Authority (NTA) to consider the introduction of a public bus route from Lucan to Dublin Airport as part of the bus network. Currently, this service is provided solely by private operators, and there are reports that it may be discontinued. Given Lucan's growing population and the significant number of residents potentially employed at the airport and surrounding areas, this route could be both viable and essential. Additionally, a public service would help reduce reliance on expensive taxi fares and the need for residents to depend on family or friends for airport transport both of which contribute to increased congestion on the M50. We request that the NTA explores this option to ensure adequate public transport connectivity between Lucan and Dublin Airport.

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

If the motion is passed by the Area Committee, details of same will be forwarded to the NTA, and a copy of the reply will be circulated if received.

Following contributions from Councillor L O'Toole, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer 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.**

**LPNC/151/M19/0225 Item ID:86220 - Lucan Transportation Plan**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole, Seconded by Councillor H. Farrell

That this committee requests a comprehensive study on the current state of traffic congestion in and around Lucan village, considering the significant increase in traffic volume and ongoing congestion issues. This study should include: • The date of the last official traffic count and whether an origin-destination study has been conducted to determine the extent of rat-running traffic compared to local traffic. • An assessment of the impact of the M50 toll bridge as a contributing factor to congestion in Lucan. • A review of previous proposals regarding traffic direction changes around the Village Green, including any recommendations made by local groups in past consultations. Given the worsening congestion and its impact on residents, businesses, and commuters, we urge that updated traffic data be gathered and potential mitigation measures explored.

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

There is a budget set aside for Local Transportation Plans of €300,000 in the Capital Programme 2025-2027. This budget allocation is meant for a number of Transportation studies at congestion hotspots throughout the county, Lucan being one of them.

Transport consultants will be appointed for the various transportation studies under a tendering process. A detailed scoping of the needs for Lucan will have to be decided. The Council supports the several items mentioned in this Motion as being required in the proposed Transportation Plan. We also agree that the final report of the Transportation Plan must contain practical and implementable measures to help mitigate the traffic issues being experienced in Lucan and the surrounding areas.

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole and C Brady, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motions were **Agreed**.

Meeting Concluded at 18:12

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**An Cathaoirleach**

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