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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of South Dublin County Council May 2025 Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 27 May 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
Hellen Farrel
Niamh Fennell
Glenn Moore
Madeleine Johansson
Jacqueline Sheehy
Liona O'Toole
Joanna Tuffy

Apologies were received from Councillors Alan Hayes and Vicky Casserly

Officials Present

Senior Executive Officers	Laura Leonard, Mary Maguire, Amanda Mills, Vivienne Hartnett, Edel Clancy
A/Senior Executive Officer	Fiona Hendley
Senior Engineers	John Hegarty, Gary Walsh
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent	David Fennell
Senior Executive Engineer	Andrew O'Mullane, Mick Heffernan
Senior Executive Planner	Colin Clarke, Sinead Geoghegan
Senior Executive Librarian	Rosena Hand
T/Active City Dublin Project Lead	Darragh Conway
Staff Officer	Eimear O'Sullivan
Clerical Officers	Vikki Cryan, Dylan Hayes

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Liona O'Toole presided.

LPNC/295/H1/0525 Item ID:87314 - Minutes

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

It was proposed by Councillor L O'Toole and seconded by Councillor H Farrell and RESOLVED: "That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 22nd April 2025 be ADOPTED and APPROVED."

H1 Minutes of April 2025 LPNC ACM

LPNC/296/0425 - Questions

It was proposed by Councillor L O'Toole and seconded by Councillor G Moore and RESOLVED "That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 that Questions 1 - 18 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**".

Housing

LPNC/297/Q1/0525 Item ID:87269 – Age Friendly Development St. Ronan's

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager for a updated timeline for the age friendly development in St Ronan's as works was to begin in Q1.

REPLY:

Construction of the nine age-friendly homes at St Ronan's is scheduled to begin by the end of May 2025. The project experienced a delay due to a change in contractor. Completion and delivery of the homes are expected in the third quarter of 2026

LPNC/298/Q2/0525 Item ID:87387 – Balgaddy Housing Maintenance

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive to produce a report on the total number of maintenance requests received by tenants in Foxdene Avenue, Meile An Ri, Tor An Ri and Buirg An Ri in 2024 including the average time between the lodging and closing of the request?

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:

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.
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1,118 work orders were raised in the Foxdene Avenue, Meile An Ri, Tor An Ri and Buirg An Ri area in 2024.

The table below provides an average timeframe for completion of works:

Category	Average No. of Days
Mechanical	3.65
Plumbing	2.32
Electrical	9.36
Miscellaneous	0.7

LPNC/299/H2/0525 Item ID:87340 – Housing Delivery Quarterly Report

The following report was presented by Vivienne Hartnett Senior Executive Officer

Housing Delivery Quarterly Report

[HI 2 Housing Delivery Report](#)

Following contributions from Councillors J Sheehy, C Brady, J Tuffy and L O'Toole, Vivienne Hartnett Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/300/H3/0525 Item ID:87341 – Housing Allocations Quarterly Report

The following report was presented by Amanda Mills Senior Executive Officer

Housing Allocations Quarterly Report

Q1 2025 Housing Allocations Report for the Lucan, Palmerstown, North Clondalkin area

Allocations	County wide Total	Lucan Palmerston, Fonthill
CBL-General	142	23
CBL-HAP	81	29
Homeless	62	13
Medical	25	4
Age Friendly	11	
Tenant in Situ	11	2
Total	332	71
Transfers	12	1
RAS NTQ	14	1

Priority – Welfare	13	4
TOTALS	371	77

This Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/301/H4/0525 Item ID:87342 – Balgaddy Housing Quarterly Update

The following report was presented by Amanda Mills and Fiona Hendley Senior Executive Officers

Balgaddy Housing Quarterly Update

H4 Balgaddy Housing Update Q1 2025

Following contributions from Councillors L O’Toole, M Johansson, J Tuffy and J Sheehy, Amanda Mills and Fiona Hendley Senior Executive Officers Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/302/H5/0525 Item ID:87343 – Anti-Social Behaviour Quarterly Report

The following report was presented by Fiona Hendley Senior Executive Officer

Anti- Social Behaviour report up to 31st March 2025.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTING & STATISTICS FOR LUCAN, PALMERSTOWN, NORTH CLONDALKIN					
Incidents	1st Qtr 2025	2nd Qtr 2025	3rd Qtr 2025	4th Qtr 2025	2025 TOTAL
CATEGORY A					
Drugs Activity reported to SDCC	6				6
Criminal Activity reported to SDCC	1				1
Joyriding reported to SDCC	0				0
Violence/intimidation/ harassment reported to SDCC	15				15
CATEGORY B					
Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC	3				3
Vandalism reported to SDCC	1				1
Physical condition of property reported to SDCC	2				2
Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC	10				10

Racism reported to SDCC	1				1
Vacant House reported to SDCC	4				4
Neighbour Dispute (including parking)reported to SDCC	7				7
CATEGORY C					
Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC	3				3
Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC	1				1
Children Nuisance reported to SDCC	0				0
Selling alcohol	0				0
Total Incidents reported to SDCC	63				63
Total Complaints reported to SDCC	40				40
Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff - Main actions listed below	544				544
Housecall / Inspection	48				48
Demand for Possession Section 15 & 17	0				0
Abandonment notice served	0				0
Surrenders Obtained (including Termination of Tenancy under Section 15)	10				10
Warnings issued	17				17
Interviews held (formal office and by phone)	71				71
Pre-Tenancies (includes Group meetings for new developments &following up Tenancy Checks)	130				130

Complaints received by Whatsapp	3				3
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Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole and H Farrell, Fiona Hendley Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/303/H6/0525 Item ID:87332 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/304/C1/0525 Item ID:87319 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Community

LPNC/305/Q3/0525 Item ID:87404 – Lucan Pool Update

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the CEO for an update on the Lucan Pool project, including what progress has been made to date, what tasks remain, the expected timeline for the staged opening of the Lucan Leisure Centre, the latest proposed pricing structure, what measures are being taken to keep prices affordable for targeted groups, and the length of the contract with the service provider.

REPLY:

Documentation for all completed works on the “dry” facilities have been provided by the building contractor. Our design team and the assigned certifier have reviewed these documents and found them to be in order.

There are a small number of certificates remaining for works scheduled for completion in the coming days. The most significant of these works involves the installation of tarmac across the full campus. To date, the builder has not been able to confirm a final date, and is coordinating with the sub-contractor to set a final schedule for this to be laid, which will complete the necessary external works to allow building handover.

The council have arranged for further additional site management and staff resources which have commenced on site and are assisting with the completion of the internal finishing works, general snagging and completions.

We anticipate that the documentation upload for certification under the Building Control Amendment Regulations (BCAR) will now take place in June which will allow handover of the “dry” facilities to the operator. Please note that this is contingent on the completion of the remaining works scheduled by the main contractor.

Regarding the “pool” side of the facility, the programming of the remaining works are progressing and we will keep you updated on the key milestones related to the pool opening.

The contract with Aura Leisure is for 5 years from when commercial operations commence.

Aura leisure have provided the below regarding the latest proposed pricing structure:

PAYG	Price
Adult Gym	€11.00
Student Gym (16+)	€8.00
OAP Gym	€6.00
Adult Swim	€10.50
Family Swim	€28.00
Child Swim (U-16)	€6.00
Student Swim (16+)	€8.00
OAP Swim	€6.00
Adult Gym & Swim	€12.50
Student Gym & Swim (16+)	€9.00
OAP Gym & Swim	€7.00

They note that pricing will be competitive and inclusive, with a range of concessions and community initiatives in place. These include, but not limited to:

- Free access for Leaving Cert students during the exam period
- Discounted student rates for those aged 16 to 18 or in full-time education (proof required for those over 18)
- Free entry for carers accompanying a person with a disability (with valid registered carer card)
- Free access for children under 3 years old
- Reduced Rates for PAYG + membership for people aged 65+

We are continuing to engage with them about their proposed price structure and expressing the views of the elected members and the public and will continue to encourage them to look at the feasibility of offering concession prices.

LPNC/306/Q4/0525 Item ID:87394 – EV Parking at Lucan Leisure Centre

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Chief Executive if electric vehicle (EV) parking spaces have been included in the new Lucan Leisure Centre car park; and if not, to explain why they were not provided as part of the development.

REPLY:

As part of the tender package for the development of the Lucan Leisure Centre campus, provision of 22kW AC EV charging points have been provided for. Since the publication of the tender package, technology and understanding of EV Charging operations has developed significantly. In order to better meet EV drivers' requirements, SDCC has deemed it more appropriate to upgrade the original

specification from slow AC charging to DC Fast Charging. The improvement to DC Fast Charging allows for a vehicle charge to occur within the average time drivers park in the area (60-90minutes).

Due to the increase in charging speed provided, and to ensure uniformity of service across the county, the DC fast charging for the Lucan Leisure Centre carpark will be delivered and managed through the council appointed Destination Charge Point Operator (ePower).

LPNC/307/H7/0525 Item ID:87326 – Deputations for Noting

Deputations for Noting

- (i) [HI 7 Lucan Harriers](#)
- (ii) [HI 7 Weston Hockey Club](#)

This report was **Noted**.

LPNC/308/H8/0525 Item ID:87328 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/309/C2/0525 Item ID:87316 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/310/M1/0525 Item ID:87221 – Adamstown Basketball Court

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

Cathaoirleach's Business

That this Council continues to work in partnership with Active South Dublin, the Active Cities Officer, and Adamstown Community College to progress plans for the shared community use of the school's basketball courts outside of school hours. This initiative, led by Active South Dublin and the Active Cities Officer in collaboration with the school, requires the installation of fencing to secure the court area and ensure safe access without compromising the security of the school building. The school has committed to funding the necessary works and is now seeking permission to install the fence.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

The Active Cities officer met with Adamstown Community Centre and Adamstown Community College following on from their joint proposal to allow the community centre to take ownership of the school basketball courts out of school hours to allow for extended community use.

In order for this project to progress the school wishes to install a fence to control access to the school grounds. Staff from the SDCC Community Facilities team visited the site to assess the viability of this. They are currently seeking to determine the legalities around installation of the fence before this project can progress further.

Following contributions from Councillor L O'Toole, Darragh Conway T/Active City Dublin Project Lead Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

LPNC/311/M2/0525 Item ID:87408 – Lucan Swimming Pool Pricing

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

To request the Manager provide a detailed report on the progress made in reviewing and adjusting the proposed membership and PAYG price plans, at the Lucan Swimming Pool and Leisure Centre. This report should outline the specific actions taken to review and potentially reduce prices, including the discussions and negotiations held with Aura Leisure regarding price adjustments, subject to confidentiality. Additionally, the report should provide an assessment of how the proposed price changes will affect accessibility and affordability for the community. Finally, the LPNC Committee asks for a clear timeline for when any agreed-upon price changes will be implemented, subject to opening dates, and that this be presented at the next meeting.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

Aura Leisure were awarded the tender for operating Lucan Pool and the prices they are providing are what they deem necessary to make it a viable operation.

Following on from a motion at the April 2024 Lucan, Palmerstown, Fonthill and North Clondalkin ACM a letter was issued to Aura Leisure expressing the concerns of the Elected Members and the community and asking for a response.

A response from Aura was circulated at the October 2024 Area Committee meeting in which they stated that their pricing and rates for Aura Lucan Leisure Campus are comparable with those charged by Aura in the other local authority owned facilities across the country, all of which they operate on a commercial basis, and are in line with comparable commercial facilities in the Dublin region

We are continuing to engage with Aura about their proposed price structure and expressing the views of the elected members and the public and will continue to encourage them to look at the feasibility of offering some concession prices.

Aura are aware themselves that specific cohorts of customers and members need additional support to facilitate their access to swimming facilities and as operator prioritise these groups for concessions.

These groups and the various supports provided will include but are not limited to:

- Under 3's are always free of charge with an accompanying adult.
- An accompanying adult (carer) is free of charge with a person with a disability.
- Regular promotions to encourage usage for various subgroups e.g. all Leaving Certificate students are facilitated with free of charge access to both the pool and the gym during the month of the exams.
- Older Adults (over 65) have a reduced rate - whether they choose to use the facility as a Pay as You Go user or as a prepaid member.
- Family passes for the swimming pool are available at a discounted rate.
- Free trials and guest passes are available to individuals to ensure people are fully comfortable purchasing or coming to annual membership.
- All new members upon joining receive a complimentary guest pass that can be utilised by a friend or family member.

- All new members upon joining can choose from a menu of complimentary unique fitness programs.
- All members have free access to our full range of group exercise classes including Cardio, Fitness, Spin, Toning up and Strength & Conditioning classes.
- Discounted corporate rates for membership are available for local businesses.

Additionally Active South Dublin will work with Aura leisure to subsidise various programs and ensure that specific cohorts of the community are not excluded from use of this facility.

This Motion was taken in conjunction with Motion 3.

LPNC/312/M3/0525 Item ID:87417 – Lucan Swimming Pool Update

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

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the long-awaited opening of the Lucan Swimming Pool and Leisure Centre. In addition, I wish to reiterate serious concerns raised by members of the community regarding the proposed pricing structure for the facility. As a publicly owned amenity funded and delivered by the local authority there is a strong expectation that the pricing should reflect that of a public leisure facility and remain accessible to all residents. However, the current pricing model appears significantly higher than comparable public pools and centres in surrounding areas. Can the Chief Executive clarify: 1. What oversight or control the Council has over the pricing structure of this facility? 2. Whether any reassessment of the pricing is being considered to ensure fair and affordable access? While the public welcomes initiatives such as subsidised school programmes it is the base-line pricing for everyday users individuals, families, seniors and regular swimmers that presents a barrier and contradicts the principles of accessibility and inclusion that should under-pin a publicly owned amenity.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

Documentation for all completed works on the “dry” facilities have been provided by the building contractor. Our design team and the assigned certifier have reviewed these documents and found them to be in order.

There are a small number of certificates remaining for works scheduled for completion in the coming days. The most significant of these works involves the installation of tarmac across the full campus. To date, the builder has not been able to confirm a final date and is coordinating with the sub-contractor to set a final schedule for this to be laid, which will complete the necessary external works to allow building handover.

The council have arranged for further additional site management and staff resources which have commenced on site and are assisting with the completion of the internal finishing works, general snagging and completions.

We anticipate that the documentation upload for certification under the Building Control Amendment Regulations (BCAR) will now take place in June which will allow handover of the “dry” facilities to the operator. Please note that this is contingent on the completion of the remaining works scheduled by the main contractor.

Regarding the “pool” side of the facility, the programming of the remaining works are progressing and we will keep you updated on the key milestones related to the pool opening.

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

Transportation

LPNC/313/Q5/0525 Item ID:87401 – Lucan Road/St. Josephs College Safety Audit

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the Manager for a date for the promised audit of the junction at the Lucan Road and St. Joseph's College, Lucan. To also confirm if this proposed audit will assess the traffic performance during term time and at peak school hours in morning and afternoon, and if road testing for suitability for both the width of the main road and the radii of the bends will include the SDCC Mobile Library, fire brigades & ambulances, construction vehicles and other large delivery vans, as well as the arrival of large school coaches and public transport passing on both sides of the road.

REPLY:

An agreement to change and widen the corner radii at the junction of the Lucan Road and Lucan Heights has been reached with the St. Joseph's school design team. The school contractor will carry out the works during the school holidays, as this is the safest, and quietest time to make the necessary improvements.

The proposed wider radii changes will stop the current issues being experienced by vehicles turning into and out of Lucan Heights Road. South Dublin County Council are confident that when the proposed corner radii have been fixed, that the junction will operate in a safe manner. There will be adequate room for all vehicles to make the turn at the junction at an appropriate low speed.

These proposed changes balance the needs for safe pedestrian movements and the safe movement of vehicles at this busy location. South Dublin County Council are happy with the agreed solution and are confident that the changes will be carried out early in the school summer break.

LPNC/314/Q6/0525 Item ID:87064 – Neilstown SC District Centre Enhancement Scheme

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the timeline for delivery of the District Centre Enhancement Scheme at Neilstown Shopping Centre?

REPLY:

Currently we are looking at Q2 2026 to commence engagement on the scheme.

LPNC/315/H9/0525 Item ID:87337 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/316/H10/0525 Item ID:87339 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads

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

LPNC/317/H11/0525 Item ID:87344 – Lucan Boardwalk Alteration Survey Report

This report was presented by Andrew O'Mullane Senior Executive Engineer

Lucan Boardwalk Alteration Non-Statutory Consultation Survey Report (Grand Canal to Lucan Phase 1c)

[HI 11 Grand Canal to Lucan Phase 1c Non-Statutory Consultation Survey Report
H11 Part 2](#)

Following contributions from Councillors J Tuffy, H Farrell, C Brady and L O'Toole, Andrew O'Mullane Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/318/H12/0525 Item ID:87481 – Lucan Village District Enhancement Scheme

This report was presented by Andrew O'Mullane Senior Executive Engineer

Update on Lucan Village District Enhancement Scheme

[H12 Lucan Village Public Realm Scheme](#)

This headed item was taken in conjunction with Motion 7.

LPNC/319/C3/0525 Item ID:87324 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/320/M4/0525 Item ID:87306 – Finnstown Abbey / Esker Road Bus Stop Shelter

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

Cathaoirleachs Business

That the council urgently engage with the NTA to install a temporary light at the bus stop shelter (3368) located outside Finnstown Abbey / Esker Road, as users are currently left in darkness due to a damaged shelter light that cannot be reinstated. The NTA has confirmed the shelter requires relocation and planning permission for a new installation, which will take time. In the meantime, the area remains unsafe, despite a nearby streetlight, as shown in the attached photos. A previously raised issue with the gap in the hedge behind the stop adds to safety concerns. A temporary light is essential until the full works are completed.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

As a once off, the Council has fixed the bus shelter light on the 22 May 2025. As outlined in the Motion, the NTA propose to relocate this bus stop at a near future date. The other safety concerns that have been raised can be addressed at that time. The fixed light in the Bus stop will certainly improve the sense of safety and security at this location.

[M4 Image 1](#)

[M4 Image 2](#)

[M4 Image 3](#)

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

LPNC/321/M5/0525 Item ID:87233 – Neilstown Road Ramp Repair

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

This area committee agrees that the ramp on Neilstown Road outside Rowlagh community centre is fully repaired as multiple residents have reported its impassable and inaccessible for people in wheelchairs and is in a state of disrepair.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

The repair of this ramp is with our contractor. We will ask them to prioritise it.

[M5 \(ii\) Photo](#)

Following contributions from Councillors N Fennell and J Sheehy, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

LPNC/322/M6/0525 Item ID:87253 – Neilstown SC District Centre Enhancement Scheme

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

To ask the Chief Executive give some guidance and assurance that the funds are still available within the timeframe of the District Enhancement Scheme listed for Neilstown Shopping Centre and that this be prioritised as soon as works come to an end at the Bawnogue Shopping Centre where it is evident that this scheme is in motion and currently being carried out. I would also ask for confirmation that the funds are indeed in place and will staff will be sourced to complete the project following a consultation phase with the retailers and the members of the community whose livelihood depends on this shopping centre and accessibility to all within the community. With a promise to make this an attractive and encouraging place to shop and connect with other members of the community by utilising the space for socialising and networking.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

SDCC are committed to delivering the best scheme we can for Neilstown District Centre. Funding and resources will be made available to the scheme but to try rush a scheme in now will result in insufficient resources being available and compromise the quality of what we want to deliver.

A site meeting with local stakeholders is scheduled for 4th June 2025 to explain the background of the scheme and to outline a projected timeline for the commencement.

This Motion was taken in conjunction with Motion 9.

LPNC/323/M7/0525 Item ID:87359 – Lucan Village Enhancement Scheme

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

That there is a headed item to update councillors about the works to the Village Green, Lucan Weir and Lucan Demesne, including length of time, any monitoring of the works, including from an environmental point of view, and plans for planting, materials to be used for finishes.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

The monitoring of the scheme has the following aspects: -

- SDCC Project Manager
- Permanent Resident Engineer appointed by Project Consultant to supervise and monitor all works
- Ecological Clerk of Works appointed by the Consultant
- Health and Safety Officer appointed by the Contractor
- Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) are updated including any Method Statement for works that may be require
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are updated including any Method Statement for works that may be require

A headed Item will address the following items: -

- Rational for the scheme
- length of time
- plans for planting
- materials to be used for finishes

Following contributions from Councillors from J Tuffy, C Brady, H Farrell, L O'Toole and G Moore, Andrew O'Mullane Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted** and the Motion was **Agreed**.

LPNC/324/M8/0525 Item ID:87411 – Adamstown Footpath Repair

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

This committee calls on the CEO to review whether repair works to the footpaths and cobbled areas in Castlegate, Adamstown may be accommodated within the 2024 Roads Programme. Multiple sections of cobblestones are raised or sunken, posing a serious trip hazard, especially for parents with young children and individuals with limited mobility or vision impairment. In addition, the surrounding footpaths are uneven and obstructive, creating ongoing safety and access issues for wheelchair users and visually impaired pedestrians. While these works are currently listed for consideration in the 2026 Roads Programme, the CEO is requested to review the feasibility of advancing some or all of the repairs into the 2024 programme, in light of the documented health and safety risks and the need to ensure safe and inclusive pedestrian infrastructure.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

Defects within these estates are predominantly caused by tree roots. Road Maintenance intend to carry out a section of repair later this year, but it will require the removal of existing trees.

We are currently in discussions with Public Realm to see if they intend to plant replacement trees at these locations while being conscious that we do not want this situation to repeat itself in 10 years' time.

Following contributions from Councillors C Brady, N Fennell, J Tuffy, and L O'Toole, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

LPNC/325/M9/0525 Item ID:87236 – Neilstown SC District Centre Enhancement Scheme

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

This committee notes the disappointment of shop owners and residents that resources have not been found to deliver the district enhancement scheme for Neilstown shopping centre and agrees that the Council provide the resources to complete the public consultation process that will allow the progress of the distract enhancement scheme for Neilstown shopping centre.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

The public consultation has not commenced for this scheme. To deliver a scheme to the standard we want/expect a very high level of consultation is required and this will be an intensive process. The intention is that once we commence engagement with the community we will be on site within one year.

Currently we are looking at Q2 2026 to commence engagement on the scheme.

Following contributions from Councillors J Sheehy and N Fennell, Gary Walsh Senior Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

LPNC/326/M10/0525 Item ID:87393 – Lucan Street Furniture

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

That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to examine the feasibility of supporting the installation of additional street furniture in the old bus stop lay-by outside Ryan's café area to complement the existing seating in the village. This underused space presents an opportunity to enhance the public realm encourage community interaction and build on recent improvements to make Lucan more welcoming. Any proposals should involve engagement with local stakeholders to ensure the street furniture aligns with the character of the village.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

The area in question is outside of the contract extents of the Lucan Village scheme currently under construction.

The Council is not opposed in principle to the redesignation of the space in question and the provision of seating, in line with the type of seating being provided elsewhere in the village under the current scheme.

The Roads Department will liaise with Public Realm with a view to engaging with the local stakeholders to assess their views on the suggestion.

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

LPNC/327/M11/0525 Item ID:87422 – Request for Safety Campaign on Electric Bicycles

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

To ask the manager to work on a campaign to create awareness and risk to pedestrians who are vulnerable to electric bikes and scooters travelling on the footpath in response to feedback and complaints.

M11 E-Scooter E Bike Presentation

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

South Dublin County Council along with An Garda Síochána launched a high profile Multi-agency social media campaign on the 7th February, which was aimed at educating and raising awareness to the public on the '***Safe Use of E-Scooters***'.

The campaign is still currently running on all SDCC Social Media channels, Libraries and SDCC & AGS public areas. [E-Scooter Campaign Launch - SDCC](#)

The Campaign focused on highlighting the ***Rules of the Road*** in relation to E-Scooter use, particularly their non-use on footpaths. Motorists sharing the road with E-Scooter users should treat them the same as Cyclists and consider them a Vulnerable Road User (VRU).

E-Bikes with a maximum power output of 250 W or less, with a motor that cuts off once pedalling stops (and has a maximum speed of 25km/hr), in other words E-bikes that the vast majority of people use, are treated the same as bicycles and are permitted to use cycle lanes and bus lanes, but **are not permitted for use on footpaths**.

Both E-Scooter Users and E-Bike users must be aware that breaking the rules of the road, not following regulations and improper or dangerous use may result in a fixed charge notice/fine. Enforcement is a matter for the Gardai.

See attached previous presentation on eScooters.

Following contributions from Councillors J Sheehy, H Farrell, N Fennell, and C Brady, Mary Maguire Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

Planning

LPNC/328/Q7/0525 Item ID:87402 – Planning Permission on Private Lands

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the Manager for details of all private lands currently zoned for housing where no planning permission has been sought, in the LPNC area.

REPLY:

The South Dublin Housing Supply Monitor tracks the delivery of housing across the county and by neighbourhood area, reflecting the targets set out in the core strategy of the County Development Plan (CDP). [Permissions | Housing Supply Monitor](#)

The Lucan Palmerstown North Clondalkin LEAs comprise of Lucan, Adamstown and Palmerstown and part of the Clondalkin, Clonburris and Grange Castle neighbourhood areas in the CDP.

A county-wide land capacity study was carried out for the core strategy leading up to the adoption of the CDP in 2022, indicating availability of 428ha to deliver the target of 15,576 units. Since that time 7,149 units have been completed across the county up to March 2025, representing delivery of 46% of the current target with the halfway point being August 2025.

However, the 428ha did not include lands which were zoned but which were likely to be delivered within parts of the strategic development areas in the longer term (that is, outside the CDP period). These lands were primarily in Clonburris SDZ, Tallaght Local Area Plan lands and City Edge.

The Development Plan identified a total land capacity, including long-term development lands of 990 hectares with capacity to accommodate 42,570 units.

The land capacity within the County is currently being reviewed by the Planning Department in anticipation of new targets being issued by the government in Q2 2025. This review will incorporate the density requirements set out in the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlement Guidelines published in early 2024 and take account of a number of factors including infrastructure delivery, sustainable planning criteria and the land developed to date.

In terms of the LPNC area, there have been 2,187 completions since the adoption of the CDP, with 1,293 units under construction and a further 2,489 permitted but not commenced. On that basis, analysis on initial review suggests that there remains approximately 153 hectares of zoned land for development in the LPNC area where there is no permission yet in place – ownership is not broken down. The significant majority of this is within the two SDZs. However, the final figures are subject to further analysis as work on the capacity review continues.

LPNC/329/Q8/0525 Item ID:87266 – Adamstown Library

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the Chief Executive for a further indicative date for the delivery of the new library in Lucan, as set out in the Adamstown planning scheme - phase 6 and to outline any the reason/s for the delays. Previously it was stated that a date of late 2023 / early 2024 would see construction commence.

REPLY:

The Adamstown Civic building which will incorporate Adamstown library is currently at pre-planning stage, with a planning application anticipated in late 2025. The programme for delivery forecasts construction commencing in Q1 2027.

The Adamstown Library building is one of three abnormal strategic infrastructure projects in Adamstown being part funded by the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF). Whilst this State funding is positive for Adamstown as the funding of this certainty has facilitated the delivery of much needed housing, it has added significant governance, legal, risk management and procurement requirements and associated additional timeline pressures to the project. Specifically, the following items are required to enable a drawdown URDF funding.

1. Governance

A detailed governance strategy has been drafted and adopted along with the establishment of the Adamstown Governance Group (comprised of SDCC, the housing providers, landowners, the delivery SPV and Project Coordinator) to ensure the project is properly overseen and all project scopes, appointments and expenditure are properly reviewed, approved and recorded by the Special Purpose Vehicle - Clear Developments Infrastructure DAC - which is responsible for the delivery of the project.

2. Public Spending Code, Business Cases and Approvals

A fundamental URDF funding requirement is adherence with the Public Spending Code and Capital Works Management Framework. This has required the production, review and approval of the Strategic Assessment Report (SAR-URDF Application) and Preliminary Business Case (PBC). A Final detailed Business Case (FBC) - for Adamstown Library - will also be required post tender. These reports take significant resources and time, both in terms of their production, but then also their review and approval by both the Sponsoring Agency (SDCC) and Approving Authority (Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage). The SAR commenced early 2020 was submitted May 2020 and received approval August 2021. The PBC was submitted in March 2022 and was approved in June 2022.

3. Legal

A key URDF funding requirement is to ensure a robust legal framework is in place between the parties which sets out the various responsibilities of the parties. This has been addressed in the execution of a Development Agreement between South Dublin County Council as the Sponsoring Agency, the delivery SPV Clear Developments Infrastructure DAC, the housing providers and landowners. This is a detailed and complex legal document and took considerable time to agree between the parties. It was executed 1st July 2024.

4. Procurement and project sequencing

In order to comply with the Public Spending Code and ensure value for money a Procurement Strategy was prepared and approved by the Adamstown Governance Group (AGG). Given the resources and time required to comply with the URDF requirements and ensure the unimpeded delivery of housing, the infrastructure projects were sequenced in the following priority:

- (a) Adamstown Station Plaza (FBC approved August 2022, with the project completed and open to the public in August 2023).
- (b) Central Boulevard Park (Planning granted December 2024 and now at detailed design stage).
- (c) Adamstown Library building (Commenced Planning Stage August 2024).

The Adamstown civic building will be presented upon as a Headed Item as part of this ACM.

LPNC/330/Q9/0525 Item ID:87423 – Planning Permission for Vape Shops

Proposed by Councillor J. Sheehy

To ask the manager is there any further Vaping shops planned to be opened in our local LEA as I am growing in concern for "Youth at Risk: The Public Health Implications of Expanding Vape Retail Outlets". Have shops in our LEA been fined for selling Vapes to underage children.

REPLY:

In terms of planning legislation, planning permission is not required to change the use of one type of shop to another. For example, permission would not be required to change the use of a newsagent to a vape shop. The selling of vapes to underage children does not fall under planning legislation.

LPNC/331/H13/0525 Item ID:87424 – Adamstown Civic Building

This report was presented by Colin Clarke Senior Executive Planner

[Adamstown Civic Building](#)

Following contributions from Councillors H Farrell, J Tuffy, C Brady, L O'Toole and N Fennell, Colin Clarke Senior Executive Planner Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

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

LPNC/332/H14/0525 Item ID:87335 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/333/C4/0525 Item ID:87322 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Economic Development

LPNC/334/H15/0525 Item ID:87330 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/335/C5/0525 Item ID:87318 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/336/M12/0525 Item ID:87405 – Lucan House Masterplan

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

This committee calls on the CEO to incorporate public engagement and option testing into the development of the Lucan House Masterplan prior to finalising the plan or progressing to a Part 8 process. This should include: a. Presenting a range of design and delivery options or phasing scenarios for feedback; b. Testing key assumptions with stakeholders and the public; and c. Publishing a summary of the engagement findings, including how input was considered in determining the preferred approach. d. These steps should be completed and presented to elected members in advance of any formal planning stage, to support transparency, build public trust, and ensure the process is informed by best practice in participatory development.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

The Masterplan when complete will not be a statutory document, but rather a strategic framework intended to guide future development in a coherent and considered manner. Further engagement opportunities will be carried out through the formal Part 8 application process.

A rigorous and inclusive consultation process has been carried out in the preparation of the Masterplan. This included early-stage engagement with the local community, stakeholders, and elected members, during which a range of ideas, priorities, and concerns were gathered and carefully assessed. Multiple options and scenarios were explored and tested through this engagement process, and the final Masterplan reflects the outcomes of these consultations. Public input played a central role in shaping the document and a summary of the consultations, as well as details on how feedback informed the final approach, has been documented and will be available for review.

The Council remains committed to continuing open dialogue and transparency as the project progresses, and elected members will be fully briefed on any subsequent Part 8 planning stages in advance of progression to formal consultation, the seeking of submissions and public display.

Following contributions from Councillor C Brady, Sinead Geoghegan Senior Executive Planner Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

LPNC/337/M13/0525 Item ID:87409 – Small Businesses in LPNC

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

To request the Manager to provide, if possible, a report detailing the number of small business start-ups and closures in the Lucan, Palmerstown, and North Clondalkin (LPNC) area from 2024 to the present. Ideally, the report should also specify the sectors these businesses belonged to and identify current and potential SWOT's for existing businesses in the area.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

Thank you for your request regarding small business start-ups and closures within the Lucan, Palmerstown, and North Clondalkin (LPNC) area from 2024 to the present.

The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) South Dublin does not maintain a record of all business start-ups and closures across the county, as this data is not centrally tracked at local authority level.

However, we can confirm that under our core grant schemes — that is Feasibility, Priming, and Business Expansion grants, that there have been 14 approvals to date in 2025, of with 21% of these applications originated from the LPNC area. In 2024, there were 37 approved applications, 22% of which came from this area.

In addition to our grant supports, we also delivered 126 mentor assignments in the LPNC area in 2024. To date in 2025, we have already completed 103 mentor assignments. We also offer a wide range of training programmes tailored to all sectors.

Local Enterprise Offices can offer:

- Financial grants and supports to help businesses establish or grow
- Advice on funding opportunities and state supports
- Information on local services and compliance requirements
- Programmes to support business efficiency, sustainability, and competitiveness
- Training for new and existing small business owners
- Mentor programmes

Full details on all our supports are available on [Local Enterprise Office Dublin South](#) and individual or business owners who are interested in specific supports or have particular needs, are encouraged to send their enquiry into info@leo.sdbublincoco.ie, where a member of our team will be happy to assist and direct them to the most appropriate supports available.

In response to the broader enterprise development issue raised, South Dublin County Council is actively progressing the creation of a new Economic Strategy aimed at shaping the county's economic future over the next 20 years. Building on the foundations of the Council's development plan, this strategy will serve as a practical and implementable roadmap, setting out clear goals, strategic recommendations, and a robust monitoring and evaluation framework to support economic growth across all areas and all sectors.

Following a tender process, OCO Global has been appointed to lead the development of this comprehensive strategy. OCO Global are specialists in economic development with a keen focus on internationalisation, providing end-to-end solutions from tailored strategic advisory to investment attraction and export acceleration.

OCO recommend a structured yet flexible programme of research strategy development through a 4-phased approach together with projected timeline is summarised as follows: -

Phase	Completion Date:
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Phase 0	Project inception	April 2025
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Objective: Establish finalised workplan, ways of working, determine key documentation and stakeholders.

Phase 1	Baseline Assessment	June 2025
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Objective: Establish a situational analysis of the current landscape in South Dublin County Council area.

2	Growth Capacity and Future Opportunities	July 2025
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Objective: Assess future opportunities and growth capacity for SDCC, identifying economic priorities and supportive environment needs.

1. Future Priorities and Strategy Development September

Objective: Develop implementable strategy for SDCC with clear goals, recommendations **September 2025**

and monitoring and evaluation framework.

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

Libraries & Arts

LPNC/338/Q10/0525 Item ID:87421 – Open Library Lucan

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the uptake to date of the Open Library initiative in Lucan Library, which was warmly welcomed by the community. Can statistics or feedback be provided to show how the service is being used since its introduction?

REPLY:

MOL in Lucan library opened to the public in mid-December 2024. Since then, over 303 customers have registered to become MOL members. The extended opening hours has been an incredible facility for all in the area - particularly students and families with young children. Since December 20th, 2024, There have been over 3 835 logins. The library is extremely busy with secondary and third level students since the end of January 2025. Students would account for the biggest usage to date. Both last weekend and this weekend saw over 150 visits to MOL.

LPNC/339/H16/0525 Item ID:87313 – Application for Arts Grants

This report was presented by Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian

South Dublin County Council Arts Office

1. Arts grants for approval

Lucan Drama (Lucan Dramatic Society)

Lucan Drama has applied for an Arts grant towards the cost of training for 12 members of the group, through participation in the Drama League of Ireland's annual summer school in Limerick from the 26th of July to the 2nd of August 2025. Members will engage in classes in acting, directing, stage movement and voice training, as well as technical courses in set design and lighting.

Lucan Drama (Lucan Dramatic Society) was first founded in 1957 as St. Mary's Dramatic Society and began its life with a production of Lennox Robinsons "The White-Headed Boy". Since those pioneering days the group has gone through many different stages of change and development. Over the years we have staged many well-known plays from the pens of Irish Masters such as Sean O'Casey, Brendan Behan, Brian Friel, J.B. Keane, Hugh Leonard, Frank McGuinness and internationally renowned playwrights. It currently has 188 members and are open to new members.

The Arts Office recommends that a grant of €2400 be allocated to Lucan Drama towards training at the Drama League of Ireland Summer school

Scoil Mhuire GNS Lucan

Scoil Mhuire GNS Lucan has applied for an Arts grant towards the cost of hiring a facilitator for 4 days, recording, and for guest musician (3 sessions), to develop a song that embodies their newly launched Bi Cinealta policy, this project will engage local musicians, students, and members of the wider community, including active retirement groups and the local library, to collaboratively compose and record a song that reflects their values of kindness, inclusivity, and community spirit.

This project will foster intergenerational collaboration and community engagement through music. and will strengthen relationships between their school and the wider community, while promoting positive social values.

The Arts Office recommends that a grant of €2,000 be allocated to Scoil Mhuire GNS Lucan towards to costs of developing, recording and performing their song.

Following contributions from Councillor L O'Toole, this report was **Noted**.

LPNC/340/H17/0525 Item ID:87327 – Library News & Events

This report was presented by Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian

Library News & Events

[HI 17 Library Event Stats](#)

[HI 17 LPNC Libraries Report May 2025](#)

Following contributions from Councillor L O'Toole, this report was **Noted**.

LPNC/341/H18/0525 Item ID:87333 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/342/C6/0525 Item ID:87320 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Corporate Support

LPNC/343/H19/0525 Item ID:87329 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/344/C7/0525 Item ID:87317 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/345/M14/0525 Item ID:87397 – Invitation to HSE to Attend ACM

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

Cathaoirleachs Business

That this Area Committee noting multiple prior invitations to the HSE to attend a meeting of this council to discuss local health services expresses concern that no such engagement has yet occurred. This is particularly urgent in light of recent developments including the closure of the dental service in Lucan Health Centre due to the inability to recruit a replacement dentist reports that public health nurses are not visiting new mothers and babies and confusion around how families are being advised

to seek support. Given the growing population of the Lucan area and increasing pressure on services this motion requests that the Chief Executive on behalf of this council takes further and stronger steps to secure the attendance of the HSE at a future Area Committee Meeting to discuss these and other pressing health service concerns.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

If this motion is passed, its terms will be brought to the attention of the HSE and a response requested.

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

LPNC/346/M15/0525 Item ID:87068 – School Places for Children with Special Educational Needs

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

That this committee expresses solidarity with families campaigning for school places for their children and agrees to write to the Minister for Education and the Minister for Children calling on them to provide adequate number of school places for children with Special Educational Needs in Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

If the motion is passed by the AC, details of same will be forwarded to the Minister of Education/Minister for Children, and a copy of the reply will be circulated if received.

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

LPNC/347/M16/0525 Item ID:87400 – Letter to the National Transport Authority

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To request the Manager to engage with the National Transport Authority (NTA) to explore the feasibility of repurposing existing public transport routes to facilitate direct connections to the airport, utilising alighting and embarking points that are not currently in operation. Furthermore, to urge and support the NTA to undertake a comprehensive review, in collaboration with all relevant authorities and stakeholders, including private operators, to evaluate the current transportation links from the Lucan, Palmerstown, and North Clondalkin (LPNC) area to Dublin Airport.

This review should include a thorough assessment of all potential options for reinstating direct transport services from the LPNC area to Dublin Airport. Coordination with all relevant bodies is essential to ensure that the transportation needs of the LPNC area are adequately addressed, considering the significant population size.

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

Performance & Change Management

LPNC/348/H20/0525 Item ID:87334 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/349/C8/0525 Item ID:87321 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Water & Drainage

LPNC/350/H21/0525 Item ID:87338 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/351/C9/0525 Item ID:87325 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Public Realm

LPNC/352/Q11/0525 Item ID:87410 – Tree Branch Pruning

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the CEO if the pruning of low overhanging tree branches in the Adamstown area, particularly along Castlegate Way and the route down to Lidl, can be expedited given the health and safety risk posed to pedestrians by branches obstructing the footpaths.

REPLY:

The trees on the roads which have been taken in charge in the Adamstown area will be inspected and arrangements made to have the low hanging branches pruned. These roads include Adamstown Avenue (up to the Adamstown Way Junction), Castle Gate Way and the residential roads in the Castlegate estate. Priority will be given to pruning the trees on the route down to Lidl along Castlegate Way.

A request to prune low hanging branches on trees which have not been taken in charge will be brought to the attention of landowner/developer.

LPNC/353/Q12/0525 Item ID:87414 – SDCC Sports Pavillion

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the CEO for an update on the Part 8 sports changing rooms pavilions. The update should include, by Part 8 project, the status, expected delivery timeframe, and the key milestones in bringing each project to delivery.

REPLY:

SDCC's pavilion programme was agreed by the Council as part of its commitment to the health and well-being of its citizens. As clubs grow and develop, facilities such as changing rooms, and secure storage areas become essential to a club's sustainability and success. A review of the pavilion programme was carried out and presented to the Council in April 2024. The review process identified a requirement for additional capital provision, which was approved for the 2025 budget. The programme will deliver sports changing rooms at 10 locations across the county, to facilitate groups using adjacent pitches / sport in parks as set out in the list below:

- Griffeen Valley Park
- Corkagh Park ORR
- Collinstown Park
- Kilnamanagh Open Space
- Dodder Valley Mt Carmel

- Griffeen Valley / Arthur Griffith Park
- Tymon Park South
- Sean Walsh Park Artificial Pitch
- Kiltipper Park
- Willsbrook Park

The Part 8s for all the pavillions that still required planning permission (at Collinstown, Kilnamanagh, Sean Walsh Park, Arthur Griffith Park, Tymon Park South, Kiltipper & Willsbrook) were completed and passed by the Council in November and December 2024.

A framework tender for the modular buildings framework using Corkagh & Griffeen as the primary locations has recently completed. The detailed design and tender processes were extended due to required changes to the contract documents and requests from tenderers for additional time. That tender process is now closed with tenders under assessment. It is planned to issue outcome letters in late May with manufacture to take place during the summer months with delivery to site estimated in early September / October for the first 2 locations. Once the manufacturers are appointed, this will enable their appointment to the remaining 8 locations. An indicative programme with key milestones is set out below, however it is expected these times will change following confirmation of appointment with the successful contractor, as the individual programmes from different bidders do differ. This cannot be avoided and will depend on the winning tenderer and pre and post appointment discussions.

Key Next Steps (tentative programme only*):

- Outcome letters May 2025. Standstill period and mobilisation
- Modular manufacture and simultaneous enabling works June-August / September 2025
- Installation of Modular Buildings at Corkagh and Griffeen Sept / October 2025 x 3-4 weeks placement.
- Finishes to buildings, tie-ins, landscape works, utility connections etc. 6-8 weeks
- Remaining approved locations will also be ordered and delivered on foot of the establishment of the two frameworks. This programme will also be subject to discussion and agreement with the successful contractor.

**Dates are subject to change*

LPNC/354/Q13/0525 Item ID:87403 – Griffeen Park Dog Run Public Lighting

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the Manager to look into the feasibility of installing lights at the Griffeen Park dog run, to prevent anti-social behaviour and allow later evening use during the winter months.

REPLY:

The dog run in Griffeen Valley Park was not designed to be used in the evenings. Lighting was not provided as the safety of users could not be guaranteed due to the remoteness of the location and the uneven ground that exists as a result of its use by dogs. There are no proposals to light this facility.

LPNC/355/Q14/0525 Item ID:87238 – Tree Pruning Programme

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager to detail the progress of the current tree pruning programme separately for Lucan and Palmerstown-Fonthill. The responses to outline the list of completions and specific works outstanding.

REPLY:

There are 55 locations included in the Tree Works Programme 2023 to 2025 for Lucan, Palmerstown and Fonthill of which 37 locations have been completed to date and 2 are partially complete or in progress. Twelve estates have been surveyed and scheduled for works and 4 estates have yet to be inspected and scheduled. Maintenance works are currently underway in Woodview Heights. The two tables below provide details of the status of estates in the Lucan area and the Palmerstown/Fonthill area as listed in the Tree Works Programme.

Lucan

Location	Update
Adamstown Link Rd	Scheduled
Abbeydale	Complete
Abbeywood	Complete
Ashpark street trees	Complete
Ashpark /Elm mature trees	Scheduled
Bewley	Complete
Brookvale	Complete
Castle Riada	Partially complete
Castle Road	Scheduled
Dodsborough Road & Cottages on o/s	Complete
Elm estate street trees	Complete
Earlsfort	Complete
Esker Park OS rear of 1-12	Scheduled
Esker Road, Esker Drive and L1011/Old Esker Lane	Complete
Esker Glebe and Esker Lane OS Mature trees	Complete
Esker Glebe, Esker Lane and The Glebe Street trees.	Complete

Esker Meadow	Complete
Esker Woods	Complete
Esker Lodge Street and mature trees	Complete
Fforster estate	Complete
Griffeen Road, Avenue & Way	Complete
Hermitage Way Valley - Rear of Houses	Scheduled
Hermitage Park - Mature Trees	Scheduled
Lucan Road (Ballydowd to Woodies)	To Be Scheduled
Liffey Estate	Complete
Newcastle Road/R120 to include Lucan Harriers car park frontage	Scheduled
Rochfort	Complete
Saint Finians	Complete
Sarsfield Park Mature Trees	To Be Scheduled
Tandys Lane Park (Additional)	To Be Scheduled
Woodview Heights	In Progress
Willsbrook Estate	Complete
Willsbrook Road	Scheduled
Westbury	To Be Scheduled
Finnstown Abbey (tree removals)	Complete

Palmerstown-Fonthill

Location	Update
Ballyowen Road - L1042 (Larkfield to Fonthill Road)	Scheduled
Culmore Road and Park	Complete
Fonthill Road and Coldcut Road cycle paths (Greenfort Boundary)	Complete
Foxford and Ballyowen Lane	Complete
Foxdene	Complete

Glenmaroon Road and Park	Complete
Greenfort estate & Coldcut Rd	Complete
Harelawn	Scheduled
*Manor Road and Park	Complete
Meile an Ri	Complete
Neilstown Estate	Complete
Riversdale Estate Palmerstown	Scheduled
Riverside Drive	Complete
Shancastle	Complete
Saint Marks	Complete
St. Lomans Road (L1042) and Ballyowen Road	Scheduled
Tor an Ri	Complete
Turret Road	Complete
Wood Avens	Complete
Woodfarm Drive and Avenue	Complete

LPNC/356/Q15/0525 Item ID:87388 – New Litter Bin Requests

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive how many requests for new litter bins in the Palmerstown-Fonthill LEA were received in 2024 and how many new bins were installed?

REPLY:

There have been 15 requests for new litter bins in the Palmerstown-Fonthill LEA in 2024. A number of these requests would be for the same location. All requests are assessed in accordance with the Litter Bin Installation Protocol as set out in the Litter Management Plan. There have been 3 bins installed at new locations. There have been 2 new bins provided where existing bins were absent for a prolonged period of time due to vandalism or removal during the course of footpath improvement works.

LPNC/357/Q16/0525 Item ID:87355 – Old Esker Cemetery Water Tap Request

Proposed by Councillor Joanna Tuffy

That on foot of previous replies to representations and questions that the CEO give an update in respect of request for a tap at the Old Esker Cemetery, including whether there is a water supply existing in the cemetery from the time there was a caretaker dwelling.

REPLY:

Uisce Éireann maps have been reviewed for the area and there is no identifiable water source on site. Further site investigation works are required to see if the water supply to the former outhouses beside the caretaker's house is still present and viable. If no viable source is identified a new supply will have to be brought from the main road/footpath and this will require approval and facilitation by Uisce Éireann.

LPNC/358/H22/0525 Item ID:87336 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/359/C10/0525 Item ID:87323 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/360/M17/0525 Item ID:87305 – Moy Glas Glade Green Area Maintenance

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

Cathaoirleachs Business

That this Council requests the Chief Executive to arrange for the green area in front of Moy Glas Glade to be examined. Residents have been unable to clarify who holds responsibility for its upkeep, despite efforts to engage with the associated Approved Housing Body (AHB). The area, which was once a well-used open space for children to play safely, is now neglected and overgrown. Vegetation planted in the past has not been maintained, and there are reports of rodent activity. The Council is asked to assess the situation and take appropriate steps to address the neglect and restore the green space for safe community use.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

The open space at Moy Glas Glade is on the side of the old esker. The steeply sloping nature of the site means that it is not accessible and is not capable of providing for safe community use. As the site is in a local Green Infrastructure Corridor native woodland planting was selected for this area and it is now in its second growing season. The site has been inspected and is neither neglected nor overgrown. With mini woodlands no weeding or other maintenance operations are carried out. The woodland is allowed to develop naturally. They are monitored and a management plan can be produced after 5 years if required. The maintenance of the area is a matter for the landowner until it is taken in charge. This process is currently ongoing however, there is no timeline currently available for when it will be concluded.

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

LPNC/361/M18/0525 Item ID:87051 – Hermitage Park Playground Maintenance

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

'To ask the Chief Executive as to when there will be a full upgrade of the equipment in Hermitage Park Playground, including replacement of the swing'.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

An assessment of Hermitage Park playspace will be carried out with a view to identifying areas where improvements can be made. This may be achieved through upgrading existing equipment or adding

new play items. Any works identified or required is subject to the source of funding to carry out. This will be considered further in the context of the budget process for 2026.

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

LPNC/362/M19/0525 Item ID:87053 – Neilstown Road Bollards

Proposed by Councillor G. Moore, Seconded by Councillor L. O'Toole

The Council resolves to replace the wooden bollards along Neilstown Road, extending to Coldcut Road, in areas including Harelawn and Liscarne. The existing bollards have been damaged due to erosion and, in some cases, replaced with non-matching metal poles. Residents strongly support reverting to stone bollards for their durability and to eliminate the maintenance required for wooden bollards.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

An inspection of the bollards along Neilstown Road will be arranged to determine their condition and identify those that need to be upgraded or replaced. The inspection will commence at Coldcut Road and include the bollards at the cul de sacs that adjoin Neilstown Road at Harelawn and Liscarne. Generally wood posts have been used in grass areas and metal posts used in hard surfaced area.

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

LPNC/363/M20/0525 Item ID:87267 – Collinstown Park Water Tap Request

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

This area committee agrees that the council should install water stations in Collinstown Park to meet the need of many park users including those using the playground/teen space, dog run, and using the park for training.

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

LPNC/364/M21/0525 Item ID:87398 – Griffeen Park Dog Run Water Tap Request

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

To ask the manager for an installation of a push-button (on/off) short-sequence water dispenser for dogs in Griffeen Park dog run.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

The provision of a water supply is currently being investigated and is subject to the availability of a water source in the area and the approval from Uisce Eireann to facilitate a connection. Should it prove feasible a tap will be listed for consideration in the draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme for 2026.

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

LPNC/365/M22/0525 Item ID:87391 - Griffeen Park Dog Run Water Tap Request

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

That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to consider the installation of a water tap within the Griffeen Dog Park as an addition to the works already carried out in the park. While there is a river nearby it is not always safe or suitable for dogs to drink from particularly during warmer months or after heavy rainfall. The provision of a water tap would offer a reliable and convenient source of drinking water for dogs and would greatly assist dog owners who bring bowls or bottles to the park. This request has been raised by a number of regular park users and would represent a simple yet valuable enhancement to the existing amenities.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

The provision of a water supply is currently being investigated and is subject to the availability of a water source in the area and the approval from Uisce Eireann to facilitate a connection. Should it prove feasible a tap will be listed for consideration in the draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme for 2026.

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

LPNC/366/M23/0525 Item ID:87415 – Neilstown Park Litter Bin Request

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

To ask the manager to place a dog bin on the far side of Neilstown park where dog walkers some of which are our more senior members of the community have asked to represent their voice in this request, please.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

The provision of litter bins is carried out in accordance with the Litter Bin Installation Protocol as set out in the Litter Management Plan. Residential areas with no mixed usage, especially cul-de-sac type developments are not considered to be suitable locations for bins as they attract dumping of household waste around the litter bins. To address litter needs in the area, bins were installed on Collinstown Road between Neilstown Park and Neilstown Drive and also between Moorfield Lawns and Moorfield Avenue opposite Neilstown Park. Unfortunately, the bin between Moorfield Lawns and Moorfield Avenue had to be removed due to persistent and regular dumping of household waste beside the bin. Give the experience with this bin, there is no current proposal to put a bin in the Neilstown Park estate.

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

LPNC/367/M24/0525 Item ID:87392 – Newcastle Road Hedge Pruning Request

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

That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to arrange for the trimming of hedges and the removal of low-hanging branches along Newcastle Road adjacent to the Teen Space. It was previously intended that the hedging be managed in a way that allows for clear visibility into the Teen Space from the road thereby enhancing passive surveillance and safety. A design approach that maintains structure while also providing visibility such as a block-style hedge or one with varied height may be considered.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

The low hanging branches at this location have been pruned back. The hedge is listed for pruning during the 2025/2026 winter pruning programme. The hedge will be reduced in height to allow for an increased level of passive supervision.

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

Environment

LPNC/368/Q17/0525 Item ID:87407 – Litter Warning Letters & Fines 2025

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To request the Manager to provide an update on the warning letters and fines issued by litter wardens to commercial premises in the Lucan, Palmerstown, and North Clondalkin (LPNC) area since the beginning of 2025, and to report the percentage of these fines that have been paid by the due date.

REPLY:

South Dublin County Council issued a total of 4No. fines in 2025 for littering and dumping offences under Sections 19.1 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, to commercial premises in the Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin area.

3No. of the fines were paid in full by the due date.

LPNC/369/Q18/0525 Item ID:87418 – Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 Fines

Proposed by Councillor J. Sheehy

To ask the manager what is the number of dog fouling fines in our community compared for the year 2024 compared to the year 2023. Can I also ask when is the dog fouling initiative that the council spoke about earlier this year in the chamber likely to start?

REPLY:

Under [Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997](#), where faeces has been deposited by a dog in any place to which the section applies, the person in charge of the dog shall immediately remove the faeces and shall ensure that it is properly disposed of in a suitable sanitary manner.

Three fines were issued in 2023, one fine was issued in 2024, and three fines have been issued to date in 2025.

The difficulty with enforcement of Section 22 is the requirement for witness testimony, to report that the offence happened and that an identified person, is the person in charge of the dog. In the absence of such testimony, fines cannot be issued. The Council continues to encourage residence groups and/or individuals to assist the Litter Warden Service in this regard.

South Dublin County Council are currently planning an educational and awareness campaign aimed at promoting responsible dog ownership. This is currently being organised for July. The campaign will focus on key issues such as dog fouling, clear and effective signage, the role and responsibilities of dog wardens, adherence to local bye-laws governing dogs in public open spaces and promoting best practices for keeping dogs in homes.

The campaign will include public workshops, digital material that will be shared on our social media, media outreach, and the involvement of local dog owners, communities, and relevant authorities such as our Dog Wardens. The aim of the campaign will be to raise awareness, educate dog owners about their responsibilities particularly regarding dog fouling, public safety, and compliance with local bye-laws.

LPNC/370/H23/0525 Item ID:87331 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/371/C11/0525 Item ID:87315 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/372/M25/0525 Item ID:87237 – Letter to Lucan & Adamstown Tidy Towns

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

"This committee acknowledges the ongoing efforts by Lucan Tidy Towns and Adamstown Tidy Towns, and in so doing agrees to a letter of commendation and public acknowledgement to all those involved. Immense efforts by volunteers and indeed with the support of council staff, have led to a branch of multiple initiatives being realised, including bulb planting, identifying mini-woodland sites and the fantastic recent joint clean-up venture with the Lucan Kayak Club, to remove litter pollution in the Liffey using kayaks."

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue as outlined above.

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

LPNC/373/M26/0525 Item ID:87399 – Request for SDCC Paint Amnesty for Residents

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

This committee calls on the CEO to organise a paint amnesty within the Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin (LPNC) electoral area to give residents a local and accessible option for the safe disposal of leftover or unwanted paint. This service is particularly important for those without access to private transport—including older residents and those reliant on public transport—for whom travelling to Ballymount Civic Amenity Centre is not feasible and for whom hiring transport can be prohibitively expensive. The paint amnesty should be well-publicised, include convenient local drop-off points, and be designed to maximise accessibility and participation.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

Our Waste Enforcement & Licensing team have applied to the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLA) for funding under the Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) to hold a hazardous liquid take back scheme in line with previous years.

As paints and thinners are considered hazardous, we engage a specialist firm - ENVA to dispose of the material correctly.

If funding is approved, the Waste Enforcement & Licensing team will run the amnesty again towards the end of the summer, but due to the nature of the material it is done centrally, where the appropriate mitigation measures can be put in place in case of spillages etc.

The event will be publicised well in advance, should funding become available.

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

Meeting Concluded at 18:10

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