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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council June 2025 Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24th June 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

Vicki Casserly

Niamh Fennell

Alan Hayes

Madeleine Johansson

Liona O’Toole

Jacqueline Sheehy

Joanna Tuffy

### **Officials Present**

Senior Executive Officers Laura Leonard, Amanda Mills,

Sharon Conroy

Senior Engineers John Hegarty, Leo Magee

Senior Executive Engineers Andrew O’Mullane, Lorcan Brennan

Senior Executive Planners Colin Clarke, Colm Maguire

Administrative Officers Fionnuala Keane, Maria Nugent

Local Sports Co-Ordinator Thomas McDermott

Area Community Officer Aoife Troy

Executive Librarian Grainne Breen

Staff Officer Eimear O’Sullivan

Sound Recording Technician Gerry Horan

Clerical Officers Vikki Cryan, Dylan Hayes

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Liona O’Toole presided

### **LPNC/374/H1/0625 Item ID:87644 - Minutes**

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of May 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 C Brady and RESOLVED: “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 26th May 2025 be ADOPTED and APPROVED.”

[H1 Minutes of May 2025 LPNC ACM](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/86643)

## **LPNC/375/0525 - Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor L O’Toole and seconded by Councillor J Tuffy and RESOLVED “That pursuant to Standing Order No.13 that Questions 1 - 11 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”.

## **Planning**

### **LPNC/376/Q1/0625 Item ID:87738 – Planning Enforcement Larkfield House**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive to produce a report on the current status of planning enforcement at Larkfield House, Coldcut Road?

**REPLY:**

This planning enforcement case remains before the courts and has been adjourned to 22nd of July 2025 for mention.

### **LPNC/377/H2/0625 Item ID:87665 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/378/C1/0625 Item ID:87652 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/379/M1/0625 Item ID:87748 – Careline Site Plans**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to clarify the future plans for the Careline site located on Tomas Omer Way. Given that the site is currently in use as a school serving young people, and in light of multiple motions I have previously submitted over the years to safeguard this site from residential development, I call on the Council to ensure that any proposed change of use for this land remains consistent with its current role. Specifically, the site should be retained for uses that serve young people in a recreational, community, or educational capacity.

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

The Careline Learning Centre is located within the boundaries of the Clonburris SDZ. The site in question is located in Kishogue Northeast character area - subsector 1 of the Planning Scheme. This character area is identified for mixed development area with medium density residential development, closer to the centre with low density on the perimeters. Small scale retail, commercial and community uses will be facilitated close to the schools and Park. Page 124 of the Planning Scheme sets out how this sub-sector will be developed. Any future development on this site would need to be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the SDZ Planning Scheme [SDZ Planning Scheme - Clonburris](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclonburris.ie%2Fsdz-planning-scheme%2F&amp;data=05%7C01%7Ccolinclarke%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7Ca0f5639b7c0a4cb061f008db5623e7e5%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C638198484457700071%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=%2FU52ejqRZmv7iMk1rctUiUuEIpuQ5s89QJhx34aWd5w%3D&amp;reserved=0).

Following contributions from Councillors L O’Toole, J Tuffy, M Johansson and C Brady, Colin Clarke Senior Executive Planner Responded to queries raised, Councillor J Tuffy requested that her opposition to this Motion be noted, the Motion was **Agreed** by the other members present.

### **LPNC/380/M2/0625 Item ID:87745 – Vape Shop Locations**

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

That this Area Committee agrees that the proliferation of "Vape Shops", in the centre of our villages and close to schools, is an undesirable development in our communities and therefore calls for the banning of these shops within a distance of 500metres.

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

Planning application decisions are taken based on the County Development Plan 2022-2028 and any relevant local area plans; no policy is contained within these documents in relation to vape shops.

It is important to note that even if such policy were to be incorporated into the policy framework it would be very limited effect on the ground. This is because shops benefit from significant exemptions under the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). This means a wide range of commercial and retail premises in our villages and communities could be changed to vape shops without planning permission. This makes the planning system unsuited to the management of vape shops.

For example, it is possible to change the use of one type of shop to another, without planning permission (Article 10). It is also possible to change use from a wide range of commercial uses (e.g. restaurant, public house, betting office, car showroom, funeral home, arcade) to use as a shop (including vape shop) without planning permission (Article 6, Class 14). In addition, the term shop is widely also defined under the Planning and Development Regulations (2001) as amended and includes such uses as hairdresser, dry-cleaner, post office etc (Article 5).

An Amendment was proposed by Councillor M Johansson and seconded by Councillor L O’Toole

**Amended Motion**

That this Area Committee agrees that the proliferation of "Vape Shops", in the centre of our villages and close to schools, is an undesirable development in our communities and therefore agree to write to the relevant Minister with calls for the banning of these shops within a distance of 500metres.

 Following contributions from Councillors N Fennell, M Johansson and L O’Toole, Colm Maguire Senior Executive Planner Responded to queries raised and the Motion as Amended was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/381/M3/0625 Item ID:87750 Theatre / Multi-use Cultural Facility Lucan**

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

That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to provide a detailed update on any current or planned proposals for the development of a new theatre or multi-use cultural facility on the Lucan side of the county. Given the area's continued rapid population growth and the significant community demand for enhanced cultural infrastructure it is imperative that such a facility meets diverse needs. Furthermore, this Committee requests that consideration be given to incorporating dedicated space for a crèche, preschool, or childcare services within the design of any future theatre or cultural venue, in recognition of the considerable educational and social benefits that early childhood access to the arts can provide.

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

The Clonburris SDZ Planning Scheme contains provision for the delivery of community and cultural facilities. Clonburris Infrastructure Limited are in the process of progressing the procurement of design teams to design and deliver the community buildings required within the SDZ.

In parallel, the SDCC Arts Office is undertaking a countywide cultural mapping exercise to inform the development of a new Arts and Cultural Strategy for South Dublin. This strategy will include areas such as Clonburris and Lucan and will help guide the future provision of arts and cultural infrastructure across the county.  
   
 As part of the approved Part 8 proposals, three artist studios and a combined artist and community space are planned for delivery in the 12th Lock development  
   
In addition, emerging proposals for Lucan House include a strong emphasis on outdoor performance and cultural space within the grounds, as well as small-scale indoor performance areas appropriate to the character and scale of the house. The extensive grounds offer significant potential for flexible outdoor cultural use.

Following contributions from Councillors L O’Toole, J Tuffy, N Fennell, M Johansson, and C Brady, Colin Clarke Senior Executive Planner Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Transportation**

### **LPNC/382/Q2/0625 Item ID:87739 – Tree Replanting**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager to clarify if there will be a new inner tier of trees replanted along the section, where the proposed cycle loop boardwalk facing onto No’s 1 - 10A Sarsfield Park will see mature trees removed as part of that project - when will these trees be planted, what species and how many?

**REPLY:**

 As part of the Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway Part 8 proposal, provisions have been made for the planting of new trees in the area between the proposed boardwalk and Sarsfield Park Road. The specific details regarding the timeline, quantity, and species of trees will be carefully determined during the detailed design phase of the project.

### **LPNC/383/Q3/0625 Item ID:87740 – Lucan Village Green Works**

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager to outline if the Lucan Village Green project works will be completed in the timeline set out, and if the manager can offer any details of any unforeseen challenges that have arisen potentially delaying the works.

**REPLY:**

**Lucan Village Green**. The most extensive works are located at Lucan Village Green and provide for a substantial redevelopment of the Village Green area. At this time, the amphitheatre sub structure is in place, and the contractor is preparing traffic management plans for the installation of high-quality pedestrian crossing points to link the Village Green to Main Street Lucan House and Leixlip Road. With regard to Lucan Village Green two issues have impacted the sequencing of works, restricted access relating to carrying out works in the Griffeen River as stipulated by Inland Fisheries and availability of resources to switch over and underground cables following winter storms. While these events have impacted the scheduling of works the impact on the delivery of the of the scheme is not yet determined.

A headed item regarding the Lucan Village Enhancement Schemes will be brought to the next Area Committee meeting in September.

### **LPNC/384/Q4/0625 Item ID:87737 – Footpath Repairs Wheatfield Road**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on recent footpath on Wheatfield Road in Palmerstown including locations where repairs took place and if there are any works that are still due to be completed in the area?

**REPLY:**

Repairs are scheduled to take place along various sections of path from House 2 to House 34 in Wheatfield Court, footpath repair works also scheduled to take place along Palmers rd. in Palmerstown.

### **LPNC/385/Q5/0625 Item ID:87714 – Directional Signage Lucan Village**

Proposed by Councillor J. Tuffy

To ask the CEO for an update on the Primrose Lane directional sign in Lucan Village \* details supplied \*It was fixed recently but it needs to be checked to ensure it is facing in right direction.

**REPLY:**

 This sign will be adjusted to point in the right direction.

### **LPNC/386/H3/0625 Item ID:87669 - Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

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

# **LPNC/387/H4/0625 Item ID:87784 – Safe School Zone Update**

The following report was presented by Andrew O’Mullane Senior Executive Engineer

[HI 4 Safe School Zones Update](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/86639)

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

### **LPNC/388/H5/0625 Item ID:87667 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/389/C2/0625 Item ID:87654 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/390/M4/0625 Item ID:87753 – Garda Enforcement HGV Ban**

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

**Cathaoirleach’s Business**

That this Area Committee Meeting requests the Chief Executive to write to *An* *Garda Síochána* to provide a detailed report on recent Garda enforcement activities regarding Heavy Good Vehicles (HGV’s) on the Newcastle Road where there is a current school time HGV ban. Given the consistent concerns raised about the increased volume of HGV traffic on this road and previous motions calling for a full HGV ban this Committee welcomes information on Garda checks in the area. The report should include details of the frequency, scope and outcomes of these Garda operations specifically in relation to the stretch of the Newcastle Road where the school time ban is in place to inform and support the case for progressing a full HGV ban on this route.

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

If the motion is passed, its terms will be brought to the attention of An Garda Síochána and a response requested.

Following contributions from Councillor L O’Toole, Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/391/M5/0625 Item ID:87757 – Lucan Village Enhancement**

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

This committee requests the inclusion of a headed item to provide a comprehensive update to the committee on the Lucan Village Enhancement bundle of projects to include whether each project will be completed within budget, a breakdown of the tasks involved, associated challenges and dependencies, the status of remaining tasks, and the anticipated completion date.

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

The Lucan Village Enhancement Schemes comprise of three main work areas under a single works contract.

The works areas are Lucan Demesne car park, Liffey Prominade and Lucan Village Green. These projects are progressing as follows:

**Lucan Demesne**. The former Lucan Demesne car park is being redeveloped to a high-quality public space. The works at the entrance Lucan Demesne aim to upgrade the entrance, to advertise the existence to the park and mark its significance as an entry point to the Liffey Valley and to Lucan Village. Alternative car parking areas have been provided opposite the former car park and on the road leading to Dodsborough. The works at Lucan Demesne are scheduled to be completed in September. At this time, the contractor has commenced paving and preparation of the planting areas along the roadside of the site.

**Liffey Promenade**. The Liffey Promenade comprised of improved step access from the Liffey Bridge and Watery Lane entrances to the promenade. Along the promenade planting is taking place. An upgraded junction on Main Street at Watery Lane which leads to the promenade will be provided as part of the promenade development.

**Lucan Village Green**. The most extensive works are located at Lucan Village Green and provide for a substantial redevelopment of the Village Green area. At this time, the amphitheatre sub structure is in place, and the contractor is preparing traffic management plans for the installation of high-quality pedestrian crossing points to link the Village Green to Main Street Lucan House and Leixlip Road. With regard to Lucan Village Green two issues have impacted the sequencing of works, restricted access relating to carrying out works in the Griffeen River as stipulated by Inland Fisheries and availability of resources to switch over and underground cables following winter storms. While these events have impacted the scheduling of works the impact on the delivery of the of the scheme is not yet determined.

A headed item regarding the Lucan Village Enhancement Schemes will be brought to the next Area Committee meeting in September.

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

### **LPNC/392/M6/0625 Item ID:87773 – Public Transport Routes**

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.

In the absence of Councillor H Farrell, this motion **Falls.**

### **LPNC/393/M7/0625 Item ID:87768 – Public Transport Infrastructure Adamstown**

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

That this Committee requests the Chief Executive to provide an update on when Adamstown Lucan will finally receive the public transport infrastructure originally envisioned for the Strategic Development Zone (SDZ). Given Adamstown's designation as the very first SDZ in the country a status granted with the promise of sustainable integrated public infrastructure it is vital that the community receives the direct high-capacity public transport links it was promised. In particular we need clarity on 1. When a direct public transport link to the city centre will be delivered; 2. The provision of public transport connectivity north and south of the R136 Outer Ring Road; 3. Connections to and from the R120 corridor.

[C1 Bus Route Map](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/86628)  
[C2 Bus Route Map](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/86629)

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

Adamstown SDZ currently has the C1, C2, L51, L52 and L53 bus services serving the location.The C1 and C2 are at 8 to 10 minute frequency at peak times, and the local services are at one bus every hour.

Adamstown is also served by direct city centre train services.

The NTA and SDCC are working with the developers to add new bus stops on Shackleton Drive and Aderrig Park Avenue in order to improve services on the western side of Adamstown.

Currently, some residents on Shackleton have to travel 500m to Adamstown Boulevard to get a Bus.  This walking distance will be reduced when the C2 service runs along Shackleton and turns down by the Lidl store.

At the moment, both the C1 and C2 services run via Lucan and onwards into the city centre. I attach a map showing the route taken by the C1 and C2 bus services.  These routes have been carefully chosen to ensure there is good bus coverage where it is needed most.  As development in Adamstown increases, the NTA have committed to keep reviewing the service frequency and routes.  As Clonburris SDZ is also developed, there may be scope for reviewing the frequency, and direction of the bus routes there.

The NTA must ensure that the Bus routes are sustainable - therefore bus services will only be put in place when there is a sustainable demand to justify additional or new services.  It is good news that the buses at peak times are at full capacity.  The NTA is monitoring this carefully and will make different arrangements when a critical and sustainable demand is present.

I am meeting the NTA shortly (the week beginning 7th July) to discuss the matters in great detail with my NTA colleagues.  It is likely that much more will be discussed than can be publicised at this stage.  The reason for this is that early plans are subject to analysis, and the detailed analysis may mean changes in later iterations.  It is important that no false promises are made that are later retracted when the initial proposals are fully tested and found to be sub-optimal.

Suffice it to say that the NTA are constantly monitoring the changes in bus demand and will make appropriate provision for these bus travel services when a critical and sustainable demand is reached.

[Table of Adamstown Bus Services](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/86627)

Following contributions from Councillors L O’Toole, J Tuffy, M Johansson, N Fennell, and C Brady, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/394/M8/0625 Item ID:87759**

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

This committee calls on the CEO to ensure that flood alleviation works recommended in 2023 following an investigation by the Area Roads Engineer at Esker Park are completed without further delay in 2025. These works were identified as necessary to address persistent flooding issues affecting the area and given the ongoing impact on residents it is essential that the matter be prioritised and resolved urgently.

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

Tender prices have been received to install gullies and associated connections along stretch of road at 4 Esker Park to prevent flooding.

It is envisaged that this work will commence mid next month.

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

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **LPNC/395/H6/0625 Item ID:87657 – Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Grainne Breen Executive Librarian

[HI 5 Library Event Stats](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/86552)  
[HI 5 LPNC Library report June 2025](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/86533)

Following contributions from Councillors N Fennell and L O’Toole, Grainne Breen Executive Librarian Responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/396/H7/0625 Item ID:87663 – Arts Office Report**

The following report was presented by Gerry Horan Sound Recording Technician

[H.I 7 Arts Office Report](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/86664)

Following contributions from Councillors L O’Toole and C Brady, Gerry Horan Sound Recording Technician Responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/397/C3/0625 Item ID:87650 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/398/M9/0625 Item ID:87771 – Live Musical Performances**

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

To ask the CEO to give an update on any plans to support live musical performances in the 2 local electoral areas covered by this ACM.

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

Following on from the success of Ruaille Buaille Lucan Children’s Music Festival with Cruinniu na nOg, at Lucan House in June, the next scheduled event under the South Dubin Live programme will take place on August 17th in Waterstown Park. The event will feature **NoCrows in Concert - A Multicultural Dynamic Folk Orchestra.**Support acts from 2pm, NoCrows 4pm.

Also to be scheduled in August, is a series of cafe concerts **Making Creative Connexions**in Adamstown. (Dates and venues to be confirmed). In September, Lucan will be the location for a Culture Night concert on September 19th. Venue to be confirmed. This programme is delivered by the Arts Office with Artscope.

Following contributions from Councillors J Tuffy and L O’Toole, Gerry Horan Sound Recording Technician Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Economic Development**

### **LPNC/399/H8/0625 Item ID:87660 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/400/C4/0625 Item ID:87648 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **LPNC/401/H9/0625 Item ID:87664 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/402/C5/0625 Item ID:87651 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **LPNC/403/H10/0625 Item ID:87659 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/404/C6/0625 Item ID:87647 – Correspondence for Noting**

Correspondence Response from Liffey Valley Shopping Centre Management Company Hines Regarding February ACM Item 86196

[C6 Regarding February ACM Item 86196](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/86564)

This Correspondence was **Noted**.

## **Public Realm**

### **LPNC/405/Q6/0625 Item ID:87758 – Tree Maintenance Programme**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the CEO to provide an update in tabular format of the estates/locations in the LPNC LEA listed in the 2023/2025 tree maintenance program and a status report of the 2025 plan indicating where estates/locations are completed, in progress, scheduled, and where scheduled indicate the date scheduled?

**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.  Thirteen estates have been surveyed and scheduled for works and 3 estates have yet to be inspected and scheduled.  Maintenance works are currently underway in Woodview Heights.  The table below provides details of the status of estates in the Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin LEA as listed in the Tree Works Programme.

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| **Location** | **Status** | **Year** |
| Adamstown Link Rd | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Abbeydale | Complete | 2025 |
| Abbeywood | Complete | 2025 |
| Ashpark street trees | Complete | 2025 |
| Ashpark/Elm Mature trees | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Bewley | Complete | 2024 |
| Brookvale | Complete | 2025 |
| Ballyowen Road - L1042 (Larkfield to Fonthill Road) | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Culmore Road and Park | Complete | 2024 |
| Castle Riada | Partially complete | 2025 |
| Castle Road | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Dodsborough Road & Cottages on o/s | Complete | 2025 |
| Elm estate street trees | Complete | 2025 |
| Earlsfort | Complete | 2023 |
| Esker Road and Drive and L1011/Old Esker Lane | Complete | 2025 |
| Esker Glebe and Esker Lane OS Mature trees | Complete | 2025 |
| Esker Glebe, The Glebe and Esker Lane Street trees | Complete | 2025 |
| Esker Meadow | Complete | 2025 |
| Esker Woods | Complete | 2025 |
| Esker Lodge Street and mature trees | Complete | 2025 |
| Fonthill Road and Coldcut Road cycle paths (Greenfort Boundary) | Complete | 2024 |
| Foxford and Ballyowen Lane | Complete | 2025 |
| Fforster estate | Complete | 2024 |
| Foxdene | Complete | 2024 |
| Glenmaroon Road and Park | Complete | 2024 |
| Greenfort estate | Complete | 2024 |
| Griffeen Road, Avenue & Way | Complete | 2024 |
| Harelawn | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Hermitage Valley - Rear of Houses | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Hermitage Park - Mature Trees | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Lucan Road (Ballydowd to Woodies) | To be scheduled | 2025 |
| Liffey Estate | Complete | 2025 |
| Manor Road and Park | Complete | 2024 |
| Meile an Ri | Complete | 2025 |
| Newcastle Road/R120 to include Lucan Harriers car park frontage | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Neilstown estate | Complete | 2024 |
| Riversdale Estate Palmerstown | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Riverside Drive | Complete | 2024 |
| Rochfort | Complete | 2025 |
| Shancastle | Complete | 2024 |
| Saint Marks | Complete | 2024 |
| Saint Finian’s | Complete | 2024 |
| Sarsfield Park Mature Trees | To be scheduled | 2025 |
| St. Loman’s Road (L1042) and Ballyowen Road | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Tor an Ri | Complete | 2025 |
| Turret Road | Complete | 2024 |
| Westbury | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Willsbrook Estate | Complete | 2025 |
| Willsbrook Road | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Wood Avens | Complete | 2025 |
| Woodfarm Drive and Avenue | Complete | 2024 |
| Woodview Heights | In progress | 2025 |
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| **Additional locations** |  |  |
| Esker Park rear of houses on OS (Additional) | Scheduled | 2025 |
| Finnstown Abbey estate - tree removals | Complete | 2024 |
| Tandy’s Lane Park (Additional) | To be scheduled | 2025 |

### **LPNC/406/Q7/0625 Item ID:87770 – Tree Inspection Cherbury Park Road**

Proposed by Councillor J. Tuffy

To ask the CEO for an update on the tree on Cherbury Park Road and its roots coming up from underground and size of tree \* details supplied Note Members Reps. ID: 1839254 letter 21/6/24 said it would be inspected and listed if appropriate for maintenance

**REPLY:**

The tree has been inspected and listed for routine pruning.  The pruning will include a 30% crown reduction and a reduction of vegetation overhanging the property.  The works will be carried out in Autumn/Winter 2025.

### **LPNC/407/H11/0625 Item ID:87666 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/408/C7/0625 Item ID:87653 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/409/M10/0625 Item ID:87733 – Vessey Park Labyrinth Amenity**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to explore the feasibility of designing and installing a labyrinth-type feature in Vessey Park as a new recreational and community amenity. A labyrinth offers a calm engaging space that promotes mindfulness gentle exercise and exploration. It would enhance the park's appeal as a destination for all age groups supporting mental health and providing a distinctive nature-based experience for the community.

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

Vesey Park is approximately 3 hectares in size and is located close to Lucan village. It is bounded by the N4, a grassland field to the north, large suburban gardens and the original access road into Lucan Village on the south-west. The Griffeen River flows through the park entering from under the N4.

The park is a focus for passive recreation. It provides a through route to Lucan village to residents from the nearby estate. Dog walkers exercise their dogs in the park. There are a number of secluded areas in the park which have been created by the native hedgerows near the N4.  The grassland which is located in the valley beside the Griffeen River also provides an area for relaxation and mindfulness.

The layout of the park together with the use of native planting provides sufficient opportunity to promote mindfulness, gentle exercise and exploration.  There are no current proposals to install a labyrinth-type feature in the park.

Following contributions from Councillor L O’Toole, Leo Magee Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/410/M11/0625 Item ID:87704 – Tree Inspection Willsbrook Park**

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

That there is an inspection of Oak Tree Saplings in Willsbrook Park \* details supplied, and consideration of how to protect them and encourage their growth where feasible. \* The location is in the area that is closest to the entrance where Esker Park, Esker Lane and Elmbrook Road meet. Here is approximate dropped pin of the location from Google Maps.

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

A member of the Public Realm staff has met with a local resident in Willsbrook Park in relation to this matter.  The purpose of the meeting was to identify the location of the tree saplings, quantify the number present and assess their viability.

Many of the saplings are dotted within an existing long flowering meadow area that is maintained as part of SDCC’s meadow management programme. In general, the saplings are in good condition, multi stemmed, and between 60 to 120cm in height.  The resident estimated that there are approximately 50 saplings present but this has not been confirmed.

The fact that these trees have self-seeded is a positive effect of the meadow management that is in place in the park.  Orchids have also been found in the meadow that were previously not present.  It is a great testament to what can be achieved in terms of biodiversity development in a short space of time.

The question of what to do with the saplings now needs to be considered.  They will be reviewed in conjunction with the Council Heritage Officer having regard to SDCC’s green infrastructure strategy, biodiversity benefits and the meadow management programme.

Following contributions from Councillor J Tuffy, Leo Magee Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/411/M12/0625 Item ID:87735 – Bin Installation**

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

That the Chief Executive arrange for a litter bin to be installed at bus stop no 2118 on the Neilstown Road at Lett's field. There has been an issue with litter at this location because of the bus stop and the field being used for play and sports activities.

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

The location in question will be examined in accordance with the Litter Bin Installation Protocol as set out in the Litter Management Plan.  If the location is considered to be suitable a new bin will be installed.

Following contributions from Councillors M Johansson, N Fennell, and L O’Toole, Leo Magee Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/412/M13/0625 Item ID:87774 – Water Stations Collinstown Park**

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

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.

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

The provision of a water station was previously examined under the teen space programme for Collinstown Park.  At the time it was not possible to provide a water connection as the location of the nearest water supply on the opposite side of the road made it cost prohibitive in the context of the teen space programme.   The matter is now being reviewed with regard to the availability of a water source and the necessary approval for a connection which is required from Uisce Éireann.  If UE are satisfied with the proposed location of the water station and its proximity to the water supply, then provision of a water station at this location will proceed.

Following contributions from Councillors N Fennell and L O’Toole, Leo Magee Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/413/M14/0625 Item ID:87734 – Park Rangers**

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

That this Area Committee acknowledges the Chief Executive the significant growth in the Lucan area including the development of two new public parks and a third currently in planning and calls on the Chief Executive to consider the need for increased park ranger resources to ensure these amenities are properly maintained monitored and supported. While importance of aligning operational resources with the expanding demands of a growing community and park network.

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

There are 4 Park Rangers operating in the Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin area.  Adamstown is listed in the areas that they patrol, and this includes the two new parks which are Airlie Park and Tandy’s Lane Park.  The principal duty of the park Ranger is the enforcement of the Park Bye Laws. Park Rangers do not have a role in the maintenance of parks.

The supervisory staff in the Public Realm Section which includes the District Supervisor and Foremen, are responsible for the monitoring and maintenance of parks and facilities therein.  A system of weekly inspections of pitches and playgrounds is in place.  Playground inspections are augmented by quarterly inspection by an accredited 3rd party.  Reports of maintenance issues which are identified are addressed by the assigning of staff as required.  This is in addition to the regular routine works such as grass cutting, litter collection etc that is carried out during the year.

While there are no current proposals to increase the number of Park Rangers in the LPNC area, the distribution and assignment of Parks Rangers in the County will be reviewed in the context of additional parks and open spaces that have been taken in charge or will be taken in charge in the future.

Following contributions from Councillors L O’Toole and J Tuffy, Leo Magee Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/414/M15/0625 Item ID:87741 – Changing Room Facilities Quarryvale Park**

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

Old tower football club have reported that they have approached the council to use Quarryvale Park as the council have recently refurbished the park with a football pitch. They have reported that they need changing room facilities and a place to store their football equipment. Can the council please inspect this issue and come up with a solution?

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

The recently developed pitch in Quarryvale Park is in the establishment phase and will not be available for allocation until 2026. Goal posts will be installed on the pitch prior to allocation which will eliminate the need for a goal post storage compound.

SDCC’s pavilion programme was agreed by the Council as part of its commitment to the health and well-being of its citizens. 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

Quarryvale Park is not listed for a pavilion in the current programme.

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

### **LPNC/415/M16/0625 Item ID:87749 – Additional Seating / Benches**

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

That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to outline any existing or proposed plans for the installation of additional seating and benches in parks and open spaces across the area. A number of requests have been received from residents for more seating particularly in the Lucan area. This motion asks that management consider the installation of additional benches in Lucan and indicate whether further provision can be agreed to in response to local need. Furthermore, the Committee requests that a report or map be provided detailing any current or planned seating locations across the area and that Hermitage Park be specifically considered for additional benches in line with local requests.

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

The table below sets out the location and number of benches and proposed benches in parks and open spaces in the Lucan, Palmerstown, North Clondalkin electoral area.

5 benches will be installed in Hermitage Park and 3 in Vesey Park this year under the Public Realm Improvement Works Programme.

12 benches will be installed along the route of the Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway project which is currently underway.

Seating will also be provided in Lucan Village Park as part of the delivery of Village Park upgrade project.

Griffeen Valley Park (Newcastle Road): There is a large variety of seating at the teen facility which includes 2 lazy recliners, 4 hitch post type seats and 1 long raised hangout bench.

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| **Park Name** | **No of benches** | **No of picnic benches** | **No of individual seats/cubes** | **No of benches proposed** |
| Airlie Park | 24 | 7 | 41 |  |
| Ballyowen Park | 3 |  |  |  |
| Beechpark open space | 2 |  |  |  |
| Brookvale open space | 1 |  |  |  |
| Castlegate Park | 4 |  |  |  |
| Collinstown Park | 7 | 1 | 3 |  |
| Glenaulin Park | 2 |  |  |  |
| Griffeen Valley (Extension) | 1 |  |  |  |
| Griffeen Valley (Newcastle Road) | 2 |  | 9 |  |
| Griffeen Valley Park (North) | 24 | 4 |  |  |
| Hermitage Park | 0 |  |  | 5 |
| Lucan Demesne | 14 |  |  |  |
| Lucan Weir | 4 |  |  |  |
| Quarryvale Park | 18 |  |  |  |
| Tandy’s Lane Park | 38 | 7 |  |  |
| Vesey Park | 0 |  |  | 3 |
| Waterstown Park | 16 | 6 |  |  |
| Willsbrook Park | 6 |  |  |  |

## Following contributions from Councillors L O’Toole and J Tuffy, Leo Magee Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Environment**

### **LPNC/416/Q8/0625 Item ID:87754 – Dog Waste Bins**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

Can the Chief Executive please confirm: 1. Whether South Dublin County Council currently has any plans to roll out dedicated dog waste (dog poo) bins across the county? 2. Whether SDCC is currently unique among Irish local authorities in not providing or maintaining dedicated dog waste bins? 3. If there truly are none or significantly fewer dog waste bins in SDCC would the Council consider introducing them to improve environmental cleanliness, public health and recreational amenity in our parks and open spaces especially in higher usage areas like Lucan?

**REPLY:**

Every bin provided by the Council, of which there are approximately 900 around the county both on-street and in public parks, is available for the disposal of light litter including dog waste which has been properly bagged, and this is considered to be the best approach.  A review of the litter bin service was carried out under the remit of the Environment, Climate and Public Realm SPC in 2017. The review examined many aspects of the litter bin service including the issue of dog litter specific bins and the need to provide dispensers for dog waste disposal bags. The review concluded that the provision of dog litter specific bins would require a major change to the existing collection operation.   The current policy as determined through the SPC review is that dog litter specific bins are not required when standard litter bins can accept this waste.  The Council currently does not provide this type of bin and has no plans to change this policy at the present time.  With regard to other local authorities this Council has not gathered and collated this type of information.  The system currently in place already meets the requirements of environmental cleanliness and public health.

### **LPNC/417/H12/0625 Item ID:87661 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/418/C8/0625 Item ID:87645 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/419/M17/0625 Item ID:87744 – Feasibility Study Vacant Land**

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

This committee agrees that SDCC initiates a feasibility / exploratory study of the vacant land piece between the junction of Adamstown Way/Station Road and the northern side of the railway line, at the same location of a recently removed electricity pylon from here (folio DN218106F), and that could meet the growing calls for a small community allotment space, from a potential agreement permitting access and use for such purpose.

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

The land in question is privately owned and therefore South Dublin County Council are not in a position to initiate a feasibility study on this site. Such assessments would fall under the responsibility of the landowner.

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

### **LPNC/420/M18/0625 Item ID:87763 – Permanent / Pop-up Trading**

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

This committee calls on the Chief Executive to conduct a comprehensive review of permanent and pop-up trading locations within the LPNC (LEA), with the objective of identifying opportunities to expand and enhance these spaces including current availability, demand, length of time on waiting list, suitability of trading locations, potential sites for new permanent and temporary trading opportunities and what actions may be taken to facilitate increased access for local businesses, entrepreneurs, and market vendors, thereby supporting economic activity and community engagement.

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

The Designated Trading Areas, including those in the Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin Area, and appropriate fees are set out in the [**First Schedule**](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/business/casual-trading/casual-trading-first-schedule-amended.pdf) of The South Dublin County Council Casual Trading Byelaws 2016 made by resolution at the meeting of South Dublin County Council held on 20th June 2016. Identification and Designation of additional Casual Trading areas would entail a review of the Casual Trading Byelaws.

Enforcement and Licensing section have initiated a review of the South Dublin County Council Casual Trading Byelaws 2016 made under the Casual Trading Act, 1995 (the Act).

Section 6(1) of the Act provides a statutory requirement for each local authority to make byelaws in relation to the control, regulation, supervision, and administration of casual trading in its functional area. The procedure for making Casual Trading Byelaws is prescribed in Section 6 of the Act and includes a public consultation process.

Enforcement and Licensing section will be contacting all elected members by email in the coming week in relation to this review. The draft revision of the Casual Trading Byelaws will be brought to the Environment, Public Realm, and Climate Change SPC in September. The next step after the September SPC will be a public consultation process.

Some of the areas that SDCC have particular interest in getting the publics views on include:

* locations for casual trading
* if the existing trading areas are considered appropriate
* the types of goods that can be traded
* should trading times be specified in each licence
* the appropriate level of fees to be charged
* whether “preferred licences” should be offered i.e. licence issued in preference for locally/regionally produced food products or arts/crafts of exceptional quality.

Following this period of consultation, the amended draft byelaws will be brought back to the SPC in November for review before going to Council.

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

### **LPNC/421/M19/0625 Item ID:87772 – Laneway Cleaning Greenfort Park & Avenue**

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

To ask that the lane between Greenfort Park and Avenue be cleaned regularly

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

The Council’s Road sweeping contractor Oxigen Environmental Ltd has been requested to include this walkway in the estate sweeping programme.

Following contributions from Councillor J Tuffy this Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Water & Drainage**

### **LPNC/422/H13/0625 Item ID:87668 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **C9/0625 Item ID:87655 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Community**

### **LPNC/423/Q9/0625 Item ID:87764 – Lucan Leisure Campus Project**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the CEO for an update on the Lucan Leisure Campus project, including progress to date, the status of remaining tasks, the projected timeline for opening, and the proposed membership pricing structure.

**REPLY:**

All elements of the Phase 1 areas are at or near completion. Tarmac and line marking to the car park and concrete paths to the entrance are complete. The ER/ Assigned Certifier has commenced the BCAR upload of completed certs.

On completion of upload (subject to contractor performance) this will be followed by Substantial Completion and handover to the operator.

For Phase 2 of the swimming pool, the contactor is to present a strategy and programme for review by Friday June 20th.

In order to drive progress, we continue to apply substantial resources to site and those of the design team. We are directly engaging with more of the critical Sub-Contractors as far as we can under the contract.

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

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| **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 |
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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 to18 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+

### **LPNC/424/H14/0625 Item ID:87656 – Deputations for Noting**

Deputations for Noting (No Business)

### **LPNC/425/H15/0625 Item ID:87670 – Emerging Talent Bursary Scheme**

The following report was presented by Thomas McDermott Local Sports Co-Ordinator

[HI 15 Emerging Talent Bursary Scheme Lucan June 25](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/Home/ViewReply/86663)

Following contributions from Councillors A Hayes, J Tuffy, C Brady, N Fennell and L O’Toole, Thomas McDermott Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

### **LPNC/426/H16/0625 Item ID:87658 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/427/C10/0625 Item ID:87646 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/428/M20/0625 Item ID:87752 – Community Representatives**

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

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to provide a comprehensive report on the allocation of community representatives across all areas in the county. Specifically, the report should confirm whether Lucan currently has a dedicated community representative detail the geographical areas each community representative covers and includes the population size of each area. Given Lucan's significant and ongoing population growth it is vital that the area is adequately resourced with dedicated community representation to meet the increasing needs of its residents. This Committee calls on the Council to consider the case for increased community representation in Lucan accordingly.

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

At full capacity, the Community Development Team comprises eight Community Officers, divided equally between the north and south of the Naas Road. Each team reports to an Area Community Officer. Lucan currently falls under the remit of the North Team. The Community Officer ordinarily assigned to Lucan is currently on maternity leave and is expected to return in September 2025. In the meantime, all community engagement and support for the area are being managed by the wider team under the direct supervision of the Area Community Officer to ensure continuity of service.

While efforts are made to ensure balanced representation, it is important to note that community officer areas are not strictly aligned to Local Electoral Areas (LEAs), and as such, exact population figures per officer are not directly applicable. Assignments consider a variety of factors including geographic spread, existing community infrastructure, and emerging social needs.

That said, we acknowledge Lucan’s significant and growing population and the increasing demand for community support in the area. In recognition of this, community development budgets have increased over the past two years. Additionally, under current workforce planning, the case for appointing additional Community Officers has been proposed to support areas experiencing higher growth and demand.

Following contributions from Councillors L O’Toole and C Brady, Aoife Troy Area Community Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/429/M21/0625 Item ID:87705 – Community Policing**

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

That a letter would issue to the Superintendent in charge of the Lucan and Ronanstown Garda Stations \* details supplied to seek a meeting with all of the councillors on the Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin Area Committee and representatives of community policing in the station, preferably in early July, in order to ensure that councillors know the local community gardai and also that the gardai concerned have the opportunity to meet the local councillors with an opportunity to exchange views and information in relation to community policing priorities in the Area. \*Superintendent Paul Dolan

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

The Interagency Team, Community Department will request a meeting for early July with Superintendent Paul Dolan, who is in charge of the Lucan and Ronanstown Garda Stations, along with representatives of community policing and all Councillors from the Lucan, Palmerstown, and North Clondalkin Area Committee.

With the new Local Community Safety Partnership set to be established in the coming months, such a meeting would provide valuable context and insight—both for councillors and for the development of the partnership. It would also offer an important opportunity to strengthen links with community gardaí and to discuss policing priorities for the area.

Following contributions from Councillors J Tuffy and L O’Toole, Maria Nugent Administrative Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **LPNC/430/M22/0625 Item ID:87762**

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

This committee calls on the Chief Executive to conduct a comprehensive review of community grants to groups in the LPNC LEA to assess whether current funding levels remain sufficient given the increasing costs faced by community groups. The review should evaluate the impact of rising expenses on the ability of groups to deliver services and activities, and, where necessary, what adjustments may be applied to ensure adequate financial support.

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

Community grants are reviewed annually, with recommendations to increase the budget made as part of the Council’s budget-setting process. In recognition of growing demand and rising operational costs faced by community groups, funding for all community development streams has increased over each of the past two years.

Grants are assessed using a multi-criteria analysis by our community officers, who ensure that allocations are equitable and responsive to local needs. Where applications are unsuccessful, officers provide feedback and support to help groups strengthen future submissions.  
   
While regular review mechanisms are already in place, we acknowledge the importance of continually assessing whether current funding levels remain sufficient in the face of increasing costs. We will consider whether a more targeted review is needed to evaluate the specific impacts of rising expenses on service delivery within the LPNC LEA, and whether further adjustments to grant levels may be warranted.

Following contributions from Councillors C Brady and L O’Toole, Fionnuala Keane Administrative Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

**Housing**

### **LPNC/431/Q10/0625 Item ID:87736 – Tenant in Situ Scheme**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive how many Expressions of Interest for Tenant in situ in the two LEA's will not be proceeded due to the change in criteria and limit of funding?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council were allocated €25 million for acquisitions in 2025 with revised criteria from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) to focus on the following priorities:

• Tenancy sustainment / tenant in-situ acquisitions

• Older persons and persons with a disability

• Exits from homeless services and

• Buy and renew acquisitions which tackle vacancy.

We have completed a review of both current and potential acquisition commitments to assess our remaining capacity to support further acquisitions this year, in line with the revised DHLGH criteria, funding, and guidance.

To date, we have purchased four properties across Lucan, Palmerstown, and North Clondalkin. An additional nine properties are at the sale agreed or conveyancing stage, to which we are already committed. There are 18 further potential acquisitions, currently at various stages of due diligence under the Tenant in Situ process, which are being assessed in light of the updated DHLGH criteria and funding availability.

As part of this review, we are continuing to engage with our Allocations and Leasing teams to identify and explore any alternative options that may be available.

### **LPNC/432/Q11/0625 Item ID:87755 – Approved Housing Body Contact Information**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

Can the Chief Executive please provide direct contact numbers for each active Approved Housing Body (AHB) operating in the Lucan area? This information would assist in improving communication and coordination with local housing providers.

**REPORT:**

Below is a list of contact details for AHBs with properties within the Lucan Area:

* Circle, Phoenix House, 32-34 Castle Street, Dublin 2 (01-4072110)
* Clanmill, G4 Riverview Business Park, New Nangor Road, Dublin 12 (01-4568079)
* Clúid, 159-161 Sherrif Street Upper, North Dock, Dublin 1 (01-7072088)
* Co - Operative Housing, 11-12 Warrington Place, Dublin 2 (01-6612877)
* Focus Ireland, 9-12 High Street, Christchurch, Dublin 8 (01-8815900)
* Hail, 2nd Floor Central Hotel Chambers, 7-9 Dame Court, Dublin 2 (01-6718444)
* Home For Life, Industrial Development Agency Business Park, Southern Cross Road, Irishtown, Bray, Co. Wicklow (1800 832 190)
* iCare, Suite 407-409 The Capel Building, Mary's Abbey, Dublin 7 (1800 233 244)
* North & East Housing, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, 2G 287 Ballycoolin, Dublin 15 (01-8200002)
* Oaklee Housing Trust, 132 James Street, The Liberties, Dublin 8 (01-4002650)
* Peter McVerry Trust, 29 Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1 (01-8230776)
* Respond, Airmount, Dominick Place, Waterford (01 8087700)
* Stewarts Care, Mill Lane, Palmerstown, Dublin 20 (01 6264444)
* The Iveagh Trust, Bull Alley Street, Dublin 8 (01 4542312)
* Tuath, 33 Leeson Street Lower, Dublin 2 (01 6761602)

### **LPNC/433/H17/0625 Item ID:87662 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **LPNC/434/C11/0625 Item ID:87649 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/435/M23/0625 Item ID:87743 – Crosscare Maintenance Issues**

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

Crosscare in Tor an Rí have reported that there are numerous maintenance issues they would like repaired in their office in Tor an Rí. This area committee agrees the council should: Repair a leak under the sink in the bathroom. As this has caused significant damage to the floors and caused mould. They have also reported that there is a leak in the ceiling. Furthermore, there is an issue with the storage heating system All above has been reported to the council already.

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

The local area Foreman of Works has engaged extensively with staff from Crosscare regarding the maintenance issues reported.  The leak under the sink has been successfully repaired and all associated works, including the replacement of affected timbers and repainting, have also been completed.

The installation of a timer for the storage heating system is scheduled and and will rectify the systems operational functionality.

The leak in the ceiling has been identified as originating from another property and will be rectified once access to the area is provided.

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

### **LPNC/436/M24/0625 Item ID:87761 – Sarsfield Park Age Friendly Development**

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

This committee requests the inclusion of a headed item to provide a comprehensive update to the committee on the Sarsfield Park Age Friendly infill development to include whether the project will be completed within budget, a breakdown of the tasks involved, associated challenges and dependencies, the status of remaining tasks, and the anticipated completion date.

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

The Sarsfield Park development is currently in the early construction phase. Approximately 70% of the foundations are now complete.

The main stages of work to be complete include:

Complete the foundations (substructure)

Construction of the main structure (external walls, roof, internal walls)

Installation of all mechanical and electrical systems

Completion of external finishes

Installation of drainage and surface water systems (SuDS)

Landscaping (both hard and soft), and installation of public lighting

Connecting to utilities (e.g., water, electricity, gas)

Final commissioning and handover of the homes

Progress through these stages is sequential, with each one relying on the completion of the previous. There are additional dependencies in relation to timely connections by utility providers. Given the enclosed nature of the site and its location in a live residential area, this adds some further complexity to the works.

The current estimated completion date is January 2026. Our contractors are working under a design-and-build contract and are expected to deliver the project within the agreed budget, while meeting the council’s standards and performance expectations. The council has requested the contractor to review the construction schedule following completion of foundation work and to take all reasonable steps to keep the project on track.

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

Councillor L O’Toole thanked the staff and the members of the committee for their support and cooperation during the year.

Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer on behalf of the executive congratulated Councillor L. O’Toole and thanked the members for active participation and cooperation during the last year.

Meeting Concluded at 18:00

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**An Cathaoirleach**