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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area Committee Meeting dealing with Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Environment, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Housing, Community, Transportation, Planning, Economic Development and Libraries & Arts held on Wednesday 17th September 2025.

### **COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

 Cathaoirleach, Councillor Francis Timmons

Councillor Darragh Adelaide Councillor William Joseph Carey

Councillor Linda de Courcy

Councillor Trevor Gilligan

 Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

 Councillor Shirley O’Hara

**Apologies:**

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Senior Executive Officer Ms. Sharon Conroy,

Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Mr. David Fennell

Senior Executive Officer Ms. Vivienne Hartnett, Ms. Amanda Mills

A/Senior Executive Officer Ms. Fiona Hendley

Senior Planner Ms. Hazel Craigie

Senior Executive Engineer Mr. Andrew O’Mullane

Senior Engineer Mr. John Joe Hegarty

Senior Engineer Mr. Gary Walsh

Administrative Officer Ms. Maria Nugent

Executive Librarian (Senior Librarian) Ms. Aoife Horan

Senior Enterprise Development Officer Mr. Peter Connolly

Senior Staff Officer Mr. John Savage

Assistant Staff Officer Ms. Ciara O’Neill

Clerical Officer Ms. Jennifer Murphy

### **C/339/25 – H1 Item ID: 88022 – Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting Held on 18th June 2025**

The minutes of the June meeting of the Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area Committee meeting dealing with Planning, Transportation, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing and held on 18th June which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

[Minutes of 18th June 2025.docx](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=88022&itemTxt=H-I1)

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons, seconded by Councillor W. Carey, and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 18th June be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**C/340/25 – QUESTIONS**

Questions 1-14 were proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara:

“That pursuant to Standing Order 16, Questions 1 to 15 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**Economic Development**

**C/341/25 – H2 Item ID: 88012 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/342/25 – C1 Item ID: 87999 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/343/25 – M1 Item ID: 87877 – Support & encourage Saggart as a Fairtrade Town**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara.

That this Area Committee supports and encourage Saggart as a Fairtrade Town. To be recognised by residents, business community, suppliers, employees and the local authority as a town that actively supports and promotes Fairtrade and to increase the sale of products with the FAIRTRADE Mark. We actively support Saggart in achieving Fairtrade status as detailed in the Fairtrade Ireland's Towns Initiative.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

Analysis carried out by South Dublin Chamber (on behalf of SDCC) engaging directly with businesses shows that most businesses have the purchase of fairtrade and ethically sourced products integrated in their own purchase programmes and processes, with many having this engagement as part of their wider commitments. These wider commitments extend to upholding the UN SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) Climate Change programmes and their own local and worldwide ESG (Environmental Social Governance) programmes.

Businesses, driven by both internal commitments and national and EU regulations, are addressing multiple environmental and social objectives, which are much broader in their impact rather than looking at fair trade in isolation. From the analysis undertaken, it is acknowledged that while fair trade is recognised as important, it has been surpassed by more unified ESG initiatives and businesses prefer to integrate it within their broader sustainability strategies rather than focus on a single centralised fair trade initiative at the county or town level.

The Council will continue to realise the objectives of the SDGs through the implementation of its Corporate Plan and County Development Plan, which will provide for a much broader and integrated approach to meeting sustainability ambitions.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons and L. de Courcy.

Mr. Peter Connolly, Senior Enterprise Development Officer responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED.**

**C/344/25 – M2 Item ID: 88160 – Support the Fairtrade Ethos / Support the work of Saggart Tidy Towns**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara.

That this Area Committee recognise Saggart as a Fairtrade Town and support the Fairtrade Ethos and the work of Saggart Tidy Towns making Saggart a Fairtrade Town.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

Analysis carried out by South Dublin Chamber (on behalf of SDCC) engaging directly with businesses shows that most businesses have the purchase of fairtrade and ethically sourced products integrated in their own purchase programmes and processes, with many having this engagement as part of their wider commitments. These wider commitments extend to upholding the UN SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) Climate Change programmes and their own local and worldwide ESG (Environmental Social Governance) programmes.

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A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons and L. de Courcy.

Mr. Peter Connolly, Senior Enterprise Development Officer responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED.**

**Libraries & Arts**

**C/345/25 – H3 Item ID: 88009 – Library News & Events**

The following report was presented by Ms. A. Horan, Executive Librarian

[Library News & Events](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=88009&itemTxt=H-I3)

The report was **NOTED.**

**C/346/25 – H4 Item ID: 88015 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/347/25 – H5 Item ID: 88023 – Application for Arts grants**

(No Business)

**C/348/25 – C2 Item ID: 88001 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/349/25 – M3 Item ID: 88055 – Library Hub for Newcastle**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara and unanimously **AGREED** without debate to accept the Chief Executive’s report.

That this Area Committee request, on behalf of Newcastle Community, that SDCC Libraries Department consider how a 'Library hub' can be provided in Newcastle.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

SDCC Libraries current branch network consists of 6 full-time branches of varying size and age and one part-time branch in Palmerstown. In addition, our mobile library service operates across the county, serving a catchment population of around 10,000 people through the public stop timetable. In addition, the mobile library service delivers housebound services and visits to schools, creches, nursing homes, and other facilities.

The following projects are current capital priorities in line with Our Library, Our Future: SDCC Libraries Development Plan 2023-2027, and the County Development Plan (2022-2028).

* Clondalkin Library – Access Improvement and Refurbishment Works (Detailed design tender stage)
* Adamstown (Pre-planning)
* Citywest (construction stage)
* Rathcoole (Initiation)

While there are no current plans for a library for the area in question, preliminary planning work for future developments, i.e. analysis of our current network coverage, is ongoing. The process is led by the County Development Plan and influenced by the requirements to maintain and refurbish our current network. Other factors to be considered include; geographical area and population; location of next nearest library service; social impact; project complexity; potential for external funding; and range of ultimate cost.

**Corporate Support**

**C/350/25 – H6 Item ID: 88011 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/351/25 – C3 Item ID: 87998 – Correspondence**

* Acknowledgement letter from An Taoiseach, Office in response to [M87588](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/).
* Correspondence email from Jim O’Callaghan T.D. Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in response to [M87588](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/).
* Correspondence letter from - Principal Teacher, Scoil Naomh Áine in response to [M87570](https://meetings.southdublin.ie/).

The correspondence was NOTED.

**C/352/25 – M4 Item ID: 87795 – Minister of Health – Increase funding for Clondalkin Drug & Alcohol Taskforce**

Proposed by Councillor D. Adelaide and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons unanimously **AGREED** without debate to accept the Chief Executive’s report.

That this Area Committee write, requesting a response, to the Minister for Health calling for increased funding for the Clondalkin Drug and Alcohol Taskforce.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the Minister for Health as outlined above.

**C/353/25 – M5 Item ID: 87802 – Minister of Education – Review of school zoning in Citywest area**

Proposed by Councillor D. Adelaide and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons unanimously **AGREED** without debate to accept the Chief Executive’s report.

That this Area Committee write to the Minister for Education, requesting a review of school zoning in the Citywest area considering the 5,028 new housing units are projected for Citywest/ Saggart Q3 2023 to 2030.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

If this motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the Minister for Education requesting a review of school zoning in the Citywest area as outlined above.

**C/354/25 – M6 Item ID: 88046 – Request Garda Commissioner for CCTV for Saggart Plaza area**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor L. De Courcy unanimously **AGREED** without debate to accept the Chief Executive’s report.

That this Area Committee requests that SDCC work with local guards and make a formal request to Garda Commissioner for CCTV for Saggart plaza area.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the Garda Commissioner for CCTV for Saggart plaza area as outlined above.

**C/355/25 – M7 Item ID: 88049 – TII – Traffic Management Plan for Ring Road in Newcastle & Rung Road Flyover Bridge in Rathcoole**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor L. de Courcy.

That this Area Committee requests that SDCC make a formal request to Transport infrastructure Ireland for a ring road in Newcastle and a ring road- flyover bridge in Rathcoole and report back to this committee on both roads with a traffic management plan for both villages.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) for a ring road in Newcastle and a ring road flyover bridge in Rathcoole as outlined above.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, W. Carey, S. O’Hara, L. de Courcy, T. Gilligan and E. Ó Broin.

Ms. Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED.**

**C/356/25 – M8 Item ID: 88056 – Condemns all form of racism and attacks**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara.

That this Area Committee condemns all form of racism and attacks. We also send solidarity to the Indian community who have been targeted of late by writing to the Indian ambassador. No racist or any other attacks are acceptable or welcome in our community.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

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

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, L. de Courcy, S. O’Hara, D. Adelaide, E. Ó Broin and W. Carey.

Ms. Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED.**

**C/357/25 – M9 Item ID: 88187 – Requests Meeting with ESB regarding surge of power outages in Clondalkin area**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

That this Area Committee request an urgent meeting with ESB/ESB networks regarding constant surge of power outages in the Clondalkin area. To date, after several requests, I still have no reply from ESB.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the ESB/ESB networks regarding constant surge of power outages in the Clondalkin area as outlined above.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors T. Gilligan, F. Timmons, W. Carey and S. O’Hara.

Ms. Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED.**

**Performance & Change Management**

**C/358/25 – H7 Item ID: 88016 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/359/25 – C4 Item ID: 88002 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Environment**

**C/360/25 – H8 Item ID: 88013 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/361/25 – C5 Item ID: 87996 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Water & Drainage**

**C/362/25 – Q1 Item ID: 88071 – Outdated Council Vehicles – Action Requested**

Proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara.

To ask the Chief Executive, will the Council take meaningful and measurable action to address the continued use of outdated vehicles within our park and roads? These vehicles not only present an unprofessional image to the public but also appear to contradict the environmental commitments and operational standards that South Dublin County Council publicly promotes.

**REPLY:**  SDCC is committed to the decarbonisation of its fleet as per the targets set out in the SDCC Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 and is progressing a fleet transition and replacement plan. As part of this plan, SDCC has put in place a new Fleet Management System and, currently, are analysing all vehicle data and engaging with the relevant SDCC Departments to ensure the best use of resources to align with targets and support operational needs. The Council has indicated its intention to partake in the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) framework for the purchase of electric vehicles of various sizes and has commenced engagement with providers. In support of the fleet transition, the design, procurement and installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure for SDCC’s depots is also being developed.

All vehicles owned or used by the Council are subject to statutory inspections quarterly, with twice- yearly inspections being performed by an independent, external garage, as is required under the legislation. All vehicles which are being used by SDCC are maintained to a roadworthy standard. New vehicles will be prioritised for vehicle wrapping with the new SDCC branding. A programme for the wrapping of existing vehicles, where appropriate, will be rolled out also.

**C/363/25 – Q2 Item ID: 88218 – Camac River**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey.

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report on the recent overflow of water from Camac river close to Fonthill Road/Clondalkin Commons and if the response to flooding was considered a success.

**REPLY:**  SDCC responded to an orange flooding event at Clondalkin Community pitches in July. Due to the severity of this rainfall event on July 20th - 21st, flooding occurred at this green area. As it was in a green area, no intervention was deemed necessary and the water receded quickly.

This area has been notified to the Camac Flood Alleviation Scheme Team. This scheme will look at the modelling of the Camac and identify areas requiring protection works.

Natural Water are satisfied with the response to this flooding event.

**C/364/25 – H9 Item ID: 88020 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/365/25 – C6 Item ID: 88006 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**Public Realm**

**C/366/25 – Q3 Item ID: 87801 – Storage for community groups**

Proposed by Councillor D. Adelaide.

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on how the council plans to provide storage for community groups such as Cherrywood Tidy Towns and Clondalkin Celtic FC who need appropriate locations for equipment to continue their community activities.

**REPLY:**

To date it has not been possible to assist Cherrywood Tidy Towns with a location for a storage container/facility. Locations suggested up to now have not been suitable. Two recently suggested sites which are not under the remit of the Public Realm Section (Nangor Court and Oldchurch Crescent) have been referred to relevant departments for their attention.

Similarly, the request from Clondalkin Celtic FC to permit them to install a container in Clondalkin Park car park could not be accommodate as the location is not suitable. To assist in this matter junior goal posts will be installed on pitch 48 in Clondalkin Park. A quote has been requested for the supply and installation of same.

**C/367/25 – Q4 Item ID: 88050 – Report on Newcastle Allotments**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons.

To ask the Chief Executive for a report into allotments in Newcastle. How many are on Newcastle list and how many will be provided in New Newcastle Park?

**REPLY:**

There is a new allotment site currently being developed in Graydon's Lane, Newcastle with approx. 30 plots. The taking in charge process is well advanced in Graydon and these allotments will be available once taken in charge.

SDCC are currently reviewing all allotment waiting lists. As part of this process, allotment holders will be assigned to the new plots as soon as they are formally under the council’s management.

**C/368/25 – Q5 Item ID: 88067 – Public Realm Programme of Works 2025**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin.

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the implementation of the Public Realm Programme of Works for 2025?

**REPLY:**

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| **No** | **Location** | **Description of Works** | **Status** |
| 1 | Yellow Meadows | Surface path in park | Contractor appointed. Works to take place Oct/Nov.  |
| 2 | Knockmitten Park | Upgrade Community Centre car park barrier & wall cappings | Contractor appointed. Works to take place in Nov.  |
| 3 | Kilcronan Close | Path across open space from Kilcronan Close to Kilcronan Avenue | Contractor appointed. Works to take place Oct/Nov.  |
| 4 | St Cuthberts Road | Upgrade roundabout at Westbourne/St Cuthberts Road | Quote received. Design discussions ongoing. |
| 5 | Corkagh Park | Surface area at 'zorb' mound | Contractor appointed. Works to take place Oct/Nov.  |
| 6 | Corkagh Park | Surface section of Back Lane | Contractor appointed. Works to take place Oct/Nov.  |
| 7 | Corkagh Park | Surface path from hub area to lake | Contractor appointed. Works to take place Oct/Nov.  |
| 8 | Corkagh Park | Surface Rose Garden paths Phase 2 | Contractor appointed. Works to take place Oct/Nov.  |
| 9 | Corkagh Park | Surface path at Arboretum (Phase 1) | Contractor appointed. Works to take place Oct/Nov.  |
| 10 | Clondalkin Park | Upgrade vehicle barrier at end of Cherrywood Avenue | Gate fabrication to commence.  Installation in Q4 |
| 11 | Clondalkin Park | Landscape area in car park beside Sally Mills apartments | Contractor appointed. Works to take place Oct/Nov.  |
| 12 | Clondalkin Park | Path from car park to Cherrywood Avenue | Contractor appointed. Works to take place Oct/Nov.  |
| 13 | Oakwood Grove | Mini Woodland beside Dunawley Avenue | Ground preparation completed in May.  To be planted 14/15 November. |
| 14 | Pinewood to Oak Downs | New path across open space | Contractor appointed. Works to take place Oct/Nov.  |
| 15 | Rathcoole Park | Landscape upgrade at Time Capsule Garden | Completed |

**C/369/25 – Q6 Item ID: 88216 – Tree Audit.**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey.

To ask the Chief Executive if they can provide a report on the audit of condition of trees in the Greenpark/St Johns area.

**REPLY:**

The trees in Greenpark/St Johns were last pruned in May 2022 as part of the 2020-2022 Tree Maintenance Programme. The estate is listed for consideration on the Draft 2026 - 2028 Tree Maintenance Programme.

A visual inspection of the trees was carried on foot of M15 at the February ACM and there were no obvious dangerous or defective trees that required attention at the time.

In advance of commencing works within an estate or road, a full survey of all trees at the location is carried out to inform the programme and scheduling of tree maintenance. The survey involves an assessment of each tree’s health and condition and identifies the maintenance required, if any. Any works scheduled for trees located in close proximity to overhead electricity wires will require to be undertaken by an arborist suitably qualified in the skills of utility arboriculture and approved by the ESB.

**C/370/25 – Q7 Item ID: 88217 – Alpine Heights.**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey.

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the condition of trees in the Alpine Heights estate with a view to pruning and cutting large unmanageable trees here.

**REPLY:**

The trees in Alpine Heights were last pruned in June 2019 as part of the 2017-2019 Tree Maintenance Programme. The estate is listed for consideration on the Draft 2026 - 2028 Tree Maintenance Programme.

In advance of commencing works within an estate or road, a full survey of all trees at the location is carried out to inform the programme and scheduling of tree maintenance. The survey involves an assessment of each tree’s health and condition and identifies the maintenance required, if any. Any works scheduled for trees located in close proximity to overhead electricity wires will require to be undertaken by an arborist suitably qualified in the skills of utility arboriculture and approved by the ESB.

**C/371/25 – H10 Item ID: 88018 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/372/25 – C7 Item ID: 88004 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/373/25 – M10 Item ID: 87789 – Mount St. Joesph cemetery.**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan.

That this Area Committee requests the repair of headstones in Mount St. Joesph cemetery.

In the absence of Councillor T. Gilligan, the motion **FELL**.

**C/374/25 – M11 Item ID: 87851 – CB site.**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan.

That this Area Committee request the clean-up of the CB site and if not up to standards, enforce relevant fines as a matter of urgency.

In the absence of Councillor T. Gilligan, the motion **FELL**.

**C/375/25 – M12 Item ID: 88072 – Estate Road Sweeping Contractor.**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons

That this Area Committee agrees that the Estate Road Sweeping Contractor employed by SDCC will bring their vehicle onto Woodford Way, Woodford Meadows, Woodford Crescent, and Woodford Park not just Woodford Downs.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

Woodford Way, Woodford Meadows, Woodford Crescent, and Woodford Park are all included in the Councils roads sweeping contract which is currently operated by Oxygen Environmental Ltd. The roads are swept four times a year on the same date as Woodford Downs. The dates for sweeping in 2025 are:

* 19/03/2025
* 11/06/2025
* 09/09/2025
* 15/12/2025

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Ó Broin.

Mr. David Fennell, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED.**

**C/376/25 – M13 Item ID: 88074 – Routine cleaning of the visible and accessible water channel at St Brigid's Well.**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons unanimously **AGREED** without debate to accept the Chief Executive’s report.

That this Area Committee agrees to discuss the routine cleaning of the visible and accessible water channel at St Brigid's Well, Boot Road, Clondalkin.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

The water channel at St Brigids Well is currently cleaned each year prior to St Brigids Day on February 1st. To enhance the current arrangement the cleaning will be added to a regular schedule for maintenance on a quarterly basis. The schedule will be designed so that the channel is cleaned each year prior to St Brigids Day on February 1st. Should additional maintenance be required between the quarterly visits to deal with issues such as leaves, this can be arranged at the time.

**Housing**

**C/377/25 – Q8 Item ID: 88210 – Capacity of SDCC Homeless Services per LEA**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin.

To ask the Chief Executive what is the capacity of SDCC managed or contracted homeless services across the local electoral area (LEA)?

**REPLY:**  Within South Dublin County, the following emergency accommodation is currently provided:

Family Hubs:

* Cappaghmore Family Hub: Managed by Peter McVerry Trust, comprising 8 rooms for smaller families, currently fully occupied.
* High Street Family Hub (Abberley): a privately managed facility with 58 rooms (including 9 large family rooms) which is currently fully occupied with 54 households, some of whom require more than one room due to family size.
* Firhouse Family Hub: managed by Respond Housing with 20 rooms and currently fully occupied by 20 households.
* Springfield Family Hub: also managed by Respond Housing and fully occupied, accommodating 12 households in 12 family rooms.

Accommodation for Singles:

* Finnstown: privately managed facility comprising with capacity for approximately 170 single females
* Killininny: managed by Peter McVerry Trust with capacity for 21 for single males
* Kiltipper: managed by Peter McVerry Trust with capacity for 15 single males
* Riversdale House, managed by Dublin Simon, with 25 rooms for single, older persons.

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) is provided by Dublin City council as the lead statutory authority on the response to homelessness in Dublin and adopts a shared service approach across the Dublin region on behalf of South Dublin County Council, Fingal County Council and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

The DRHE manages the tendering process for the provision of properties for the use of Emergency accommodation for both Private Emergency Accommodation (under lease or contract) and Emergency Accommodation managed by NGOs.

The Council, in conjunction with the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE), will continue to actively explore and identify a suitable location within the Clondalkin Local Electoral Area for the provision of Homeless accommodation.

**C/378/25 – H11 Item ID: 88014 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/379/25 – H12 Item ID: 88252 – Housing Delivery Quarterly Report**

The following report was presented by Ms. V. Hartnett, Senior Executive Officer

[Housing Delivery Report](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=88252&itemTxt=H-I12)

A discussion followed with contributions Councillor F. Timmons, W. Carey and E. Ó Broin.

Ms. V. Hartnett, Senior Executive Officer, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

**C/380/25 – H13 Item ID: 88253 – Housing Allocations Quarterly Report**

The following report was presented by Ms. A. Mills, Senior Executive Officer

[Housing Allocations Quarterly Report](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=88253&itemTxt=H-I13)

A discussion followed with contributions Councillor, W. Carey, E. Ó Broin and F. Timmons.

Ms. A. Mills, Senior Executive Officer, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

**C/381/25 – H14 Item ID: 88254 – Anti-Social Behaviour Quarterly Report**

The following report was presented by Ms. F. Byrne, A/Senior Executive Officer

[Anti-Social Behaviour Quarterly Report](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=88254&itemTxt=H-I14)

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillor W. Carey.

Mr F. Byrne, A/Senior Executive Officer, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

**C/382/25 – C8 Item ID: 88000 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/383/25 – M14 Item ID: 88212 – Round Gardens**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons unanimously **AGREED** without debate to accept the Chief Executive’s report.

That this Area Committee agrees that the building quality of the social housing leased by SDCC at Round Gardens in Saggart is inadequate and calls for action.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

Further to recent concerns raised regarding damp and mould in six of the thirty-one units SDCC leased in 2019, I would like to provide you with an update.

We are aware of the reports and have already taken steps to address them. The management company carried out inspections of the affected units in conjunction with our own maintenance team, and we are closely monitoring the situation.

As per the terms of our lease agreement, responsibility for structural repairs rests with the landlord. We have taken a constructive and proactive approach by formally requesting a meeting directly with the property owners, rather than solely through the Management Company.

We are committed to keeping this matter on track and will provide you with a further update following our discussions with the property owners.

**C/384/25 – M15 Item ID: 88214 – Canal Bank Boundary**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

That this Area Committee agree that the Council housing and architects' sections should conduct site visits to no's (Addresses supplied) to discuss and agree appropriate final boundary treatments between the existing homes and the new Council homes in Canal Bank.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

Since construction commenced in November 2023, the council’s senior architect and the on-site contractor project manager have been in regular contact with homeowners whose properties are closest to the new development at Canal Bank, Dublin 22. Staff from the Housing and Architects’ departments have also undertaken several site visits, meeting directly with residents and responding to many calls to discuss concerns in detail.

As a result of this extensive engagement, a number of design changes have been incorporated into the scheme to enhance privacy. For the residents most directly affected, agreement has been reached on specific boundary treatments. Some of these measures have already been completed, with the remainder scheduled for delivery as part of the ongoing build programme. Other potential measures were also explored with residents, including the option of hedging along certain boundary walls. While this was ultimately declined due to maintenance concerns, it was proposed in good faith as part of efforts to address residents’ concerns.

It is important to note that the final boundary fencing and remaining landscaping works within the Canal Bank development will significantly improve the current outlook from existing homes. While the temporary construction phase may create an impression of proximity or exposure, the completed scheme will provide a more finished and enclosed environment, with enhanced privacy and visual separation between new and existing properties.

The Council recognises that developments of this nature inevitably bring some disruption to neighbouring residents. However, every reasonable step has been taken to mitigate these impacts and to respond constructively to issues raised. The Housing and Architects’ departments will continue to engage with affected homeowners and, if required, will carry out further site visits to discuss and agree final boundary treatments.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor W. Carey.

Ms. V. Hartnett, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED.**

**Community**

**C/385/25 – Q9 Item ID: 88051 – St Finians CC Newcastle**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey.

To ask the Chief Executive would they provide a roadmap and timeline on what needs to happen to progress allocated funding to St Finians CC Newcastle?

**REPLY:**

Community Dept are continuing to work with Architectural Services to prepare updated design proposals for the proposed redevelopment and extension of the St Finian’s Community Centre, to allow for further discussions with the local Board of Management of the St Finian’s Community Centre.

Currently a budget provision of €2mill has been made for the proposed project.

Further discussions are required with Planning Dept and a number of external partners to discuss the sequencing of the proposed project and progression of a number of legal matters. If all can be resolved and agreements met the Council would be aiming to progress the project to Part 8 before the end of the year.

**C/386/25 – H15 Item ID: 88007 – Deputations for Noting**

(No Business)

**C/387/25 – H16 Item ID: 88010 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/388/25 – C9 Item ID: 87997 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/389/25 – M16 Item ID: 87790 – CTT – Civic Offices**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons

That this area committee requests that the manager explain the delay in allowing CTT to place another container in the carpark of the Civic Offices.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

A review of Council Civic Offices is ongoing and therefore no provision can be made for further containers at this location at this time. Clondalkin Tidy Towns currently have a storage container in this carpark and are continuing to use this.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors T. Gilligan, F. Timmons, S. O’Hara, W. Carey and E. Ó Broin.

Ms. Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer, responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED.**

**C/390/25 – M17 Item ID: 88047 – Tallaght Alcohol and Drug Task Force**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara

That this Area Committee call on SDCC to urgently seek funding for the 'Tallaght Alcohol and Drug Task Force' to be able to expand into Saggart & Citywest Hotel and keep this committee informed of progress.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

The Community Department recognises the important contribution of the Clondalkin Drug and Alcohol Task Force (CDATF) and the Tallaght Drug and Alcohol Task Force (TADTF) in supporting individuals, families, and communities impacted by substance misuse.

At present, both Task Forces are funded directly through the Department of Health and the HSE, with allocations determined by fixed geographical boundaries. This approach restricts their capacity to respond to rapid population growth and emerging needs across South Dublin.

In light of the significant expansion in areas such as Saggart, Citywest, and other parts of the County, the Community Department representative on the Task Forces will raise this issue for discussion and collaborate with them to identify options for securing additional funding.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, and W. Carey.

Ms. Maria Nugent, Administrative Officer, responded to the members queries, and the motion was **AGREED.**

**Transportation**

**C/391/25 – Q10 Item ID: 87951 – Disabled parking – Brittas Community Centre**

Proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara

To ask the Chief Executive to consider repainting the disabled parking bay outside the Brittas Community Centre in blue, to ensure it is clearly identifiable and more visible to all road users.

**REPLY:**  I attach a copy of the Department of Transport (DOT) Traffic Signs Manual which contains details of how to mark and sign a Mobility Impaired (MI) parking space. On page 7/52, and paragraph 7.6.14, it says that the wheelchair symbol must be applied to the parking bay, an accompanying mobility impaired sign on a pole must be installed. Also it recommends that drop kerbs are installed to aid accessibility. Drop kerbs have been installed at the MI parking space in Brittas.

The DOT Traffic Signs Manual goes on to say that blue marking "may" be applied to the MI parking bay. Marking the blue colouring within the bay is not obligatory. Therefore, no blue colouration was applied to the mobility impaired parking space. The current MI parking bay complies with the current traffic signs manual specification. South Dublin County Council believe that the MI parking bay is sufficiently visible, signed and marked in accordance with the current design guidance.

**C/392/25 – Q11 Item ID: 88070 – Bawnogue District Centre Enhancement Scheme**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan

To ask the Chief Executive for details regarding the impact, successes / failures of the recent Bawnogue upgrade scheme. What changes have been complete since the initial delivery, and why were they necessary, are any further amendments require?

**REPLY:**  The Bawnogue District Centre Enhancement Scheme is still at construction phase so no post-construction analysis has been carried out.

**C/393/25 – Q12 Item ID: 88219 – Parking in Kilcarbery**

Proposed by Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief Executive to liaise with the new ‘Kilcarbery Residents Group’ in seeking to resolve parking issues here, including seeking changes in design of spaces from parallel to perpendicular spaces.

**REPLY:**  The Council has no remit in parking management within a development which is currently not in charge of the Council. At this stage, the estate is entirely the responsibility of the developer, until the agreed sections will be Taken in Charge by the Council. The development has been granted planning approval. The estate must be built in accordance with the plans and particulars submitted under the granted planning permission.

After the public areas are fully Taken in Charge by the Council, the Council are at liberty to manage the public areas in accordance with all national climate action and transport policies and our own County Development Plan climate action and transport objectives.

South Dublin County Council will comply with all national and SDCC guidance on sustainable development. This includes low parking provision and shared parking philosophies in estates.

It is unlikely that SDCC would support an increase in the agreed parking provision in the Kilcarbery estate. Also, it is inevitable that perpendicular parking would lead to knock on requirements to change road widths or take green space in order to facilitate the perpendicular parking.

The Kilcarbery estate is designed with sustainable development objectives in mind. That means that the estate is supposed to have low car parking provision, good active travel infrastructure and access to public transport.

South Dublin County Council is working with the NTA to provide new pedestrian access to the W4 services on the R136. This will include a new pedestrian crossing and bus stops close to the Kilcarberry estate.

**C/394/25 – H17 Item ID: 87781 – An update on school zone safety works in the area**

The following report was presented by Mr. A O’ Mullane, Senior Executive Engineer

[School zone safety works in the area](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=87781&itemTxt=H-I17)

A discussion followed with contributions by Councillor F. Timmons, W. Carey and E. Ó Broin.

Mr. A O’ Mullane, Senior Executive Engineer, responded to members queries and the report was **NOTED.**

**C/395/25 – H18 Item ID: 88019 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/396/25 – H19 Item ID: 88021 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

The following report was presented by Mr. J. Hegarty, Senior Engineer

[Proposed Taking in Charge of the St. Finian’s Road, Newcastle – Report on Public Consultation.](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=88021&itemTxt=H-I19)

The report was **NOTED**.

**C/397/25 – C10 Item ID: 88005 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/398/25 – M18 Item ID: 87778 – Village Enhancement Scheme for Rathcoole**

Proposed by Councillor S. O’Hara and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons, unanimously **AGREED** without debate to accept the Chief Executive’s report.

That this Area Committee launches a Village Enhancement Scheme for Rathcoole, with the aim of investing in the village while also addressing and alleviating ongoing traffic congestion issues.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

A traffic analysis is currently being carried out for the Rathcoole and Newcastle areas.

It would not be appropriate for an enhancement scheme to be considered until the findings of this report are examined.

A village enhancement scheme could progress without resolving the traffic issues but it would be preferable to design the two schemes as a single project to get the optimum outcome.

**C/399/25 – M19 Item ID: 87850 – New Bawnogue Road**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan.

That this Area Committee address residents' concerns for the new Bawnogue road works outside the shop / Lealand / school, etc... Coming into the area, down the left side of the road has been brought in a few feet, you'll barely get two cars passing on it. Starting from the entrance to Lealand down towards the school. it is very unsafe.

In the absence of Councillor T. Gilligan, the motion **FELL**.

**C/400/25 – M20 Item ID: 87850 – Roadworks Lealand Estate**

Proposed by Councillor T. Gilligan.

That this Area Committee address the issue of the roadworks at the entrance to Lealand estate in Bawnogue. The builders have the road reduced to 1 vehicles width and there is no one directing traffic. There have been a few near accidents already from it. It seems very dangerous how they have the junction blocked.

In the absence of Councillor T. Gilligan, the motion **FELL**.

**C/401/25 – M21 Item ID: 88206 – New Bus Stop**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons, unanimously **AGREED** without debate to accept the Chief Executive’s report.

That this Area Committee agrees to construct bus stops between on the Outer Ring Road, R136, between the back entrance to Corkagh Park and the junction with the New Nangor Road, to facilitate use of the W4 bus, without delay.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

The Traffic Section of South Dublin County Council is actively working with the National Transport Authority and their appointed designers to develop suitable bus stop locations on the R136 for the W4 bus route.

In particular there is a focus on providing both north bound and south bound bus stops to serve the new Kilcarbery estate.

It should be noted that there are multiple considerations to be addressed in delivering bus stops at this location. The R136 is a six-lane regional road with a sign-posted speed limit of 80 km/h, which presents significant design and safety challenges when considering the installation of pedestrian crossings (and bus stops) on the R136. These issues are currently being assessed as part of the design process to ensure that any proposed bus stops can be delivered safely and effectively. Safety Audits are being completed on the draft designs to ensure that any crossing proposal conforms with all the pedestrian safety guidance.

Regular design meetings are being held between the NTA design teams and SDCC as both parties are aware of the urgency of this bus stop delivery issue.

As soon as a preferred design option for the pedestrian crossing and the associated bus stops is decided, the traffic section will inform the members before any planning or associated special speed limit processes are initiated.

**C/402/25 – M22 Item ID: 88208 – Bawnogue District Enhancement Scheme**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons

That this Area Committee agrees to discuss the implementation of the Bawnogue District Enhancement Scheme.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

The Part VIII for Bawnogue District Enhancement Scheme was presented at this ACM in January 2024 and approved at the February Council meeting.

Since construction commenced in March 2025 a number of updates on this scheme have been circulated.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Ó Broin, W. Carey, F. Timmons and L. de Courcy.

Mr. Gary Walsh, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

**C/403/25 – M23 Item ID: 88215 – Bawnogue District Enhancement Scheme**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons

That this Area Committee agree that the Council review the section of the road improvement works at the junction of Lealand Road and Bawnogue Road with a view to increasing the turning radius at Bawnogue Road at the left entrance junction into Lealand Est and the entrance to shopping centre on right as the recently installed junction's are too restrictive and will result in traffic incidents including denying turning axis that can be safely negotiated by delivery vehicles.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

These road widths and junctions are designed in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets. The narrow radii require vehicles to slow down to a greater extent and drivers to carry out a tighter manoeuvre. As these junction designs become more common driving behaviours will adapt to them.

It is important to note that only the viewpoint of drivers is being considered in this request, these crossings provide a shorter safer crossing for pedestrians and will encourage more active travel.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Ó Broin, W. Carey, F. Timmons and L. de Courcy.

Mr. Gary Walsh, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED**.

**Planning**

**C/404/25 – Q13 Item ID: 88203 – Planning conditions SD20A/0234**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive if all planning conditions associated with SD20A/0234, on Watery Lane in Clondalkin, and subsequent planning permissions for the same site have been complied with?

**REPLY:**  All information pertaining to planning application Reg. Ref.: SD20A/0234, and any subsequent planning applications on the same site, including associated conditions and condition compliance submissions, are available on the South Dublin County Council Planning Portal (Search and View - SDCC) under the ‘Documents’ section. Inspections are also undertaken by Building Control and the Planning Enforcement Team, where required.

**C/405/25 – Q14 Item ID: 88204 – SDCC v Boherboy Properties ltd, SJM Properties, Brigid Wall and Ann Connors**

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive what the outcome was of the planning enforcement court case involving SDCC V Boherboy Properties ltd, SJM Properties, Brigid Wall and Ann Connors, heard on July 18th?

**REPLY:**  This case continues through a lengthy legal process. As such the Council will not be comment further at this point.

**C/406/25 – H20 Item ID: 88017 – New Works**

(No Business)

**C/407/25 – C11 Item ID: 88003 – Correspondence**

(No Business)

**C/408/25 – M24 Item ID: 87889 – Monastery Road Wall**

Proposed by Councillor L. de Courcy and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons, unanimously **AGREED** without debate to accept the Chief Executive’s report.

That this Area Committee recommend, after seeing the excellent work done to repair the damaged section of the wall, that the full repair and repointing of the wall along Monastery Road be included in the Local Area Plan.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

A section of random rubble stone boundary wall along Monastery Road was damaged during the Storm Eowyn by a fallen tree at this location - [https://maps.app.goo.gl/SfUZo3PGkcoc5Dtg7](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmaps.app.goo.gl%2FSfUZo3PGkcoc5Dtg7&data=05%7C02%7Chcraigie%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7C9eac5492c4814e9b062f08ddeece107e%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C638929291002545872%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=qAA8QqFlIBviazIAY1%2Bio1ND2pylCaFn3rwtEFufao4%3D&reserved=0)

As the tree and damaged wall was impacting directly on access along the road, the Transport section had to carry out emergency works to clear the road. As part of this, advised by the Conservation Officer, repairs were made to the wall using traditional methods of repair and material. The section of wall only required repair because it was damaged by the tree. The Conservation Officer has advised that there is nothing to indicate that the wall along this section needs further repair or repointing.  In the absence of identification of the need for such it would be an unnecessary demand on resources.

Notwithstanding above, it should be noted that the Draft Clondalkin Local Planning Framework, currently on public display, does include several objectives related to the protection of walls which have been identified as important to the heritage of the village.

Any proposed amendments to the draft plan can only be made through the on-going variation process at the relevant Council meeting.

**C/409/25 – M25 Item ID: 88053 – Newcastle Sports centre**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara

That this Area Committee request on behalf of Newcastle Community Council that SDCC planning department look at the allocation-designation of a Newcastle Sports centre (aside from CC) site for Newcastle in any future planning requests given the needs for Cricket, GAA pitches, Tennis, Basketball etc. in the Newcastle area.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

South Dublin’s Sports Pitch Strategy was published in 2020. The strategy period of 2019- 2035 date was chosen based on the completion of two full county development plan periods; allowing for long term planning of sports pitch facilities and allowing any reviews to correspond with the review of the subsequent county development plan.

The strategy focused on soccer, GAA, rugby, hockey, cricket and athletics for both formal and informal forms of play.

A new pitch, MUGA and play area in Taobh Chnoic Park is in the process of being taken in charge.

In any reviews of the Strategy further consideration can be given to the needs of the population in Newcastle for sports infrastructure beyond those currently existing or planned.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons and W. Carey.

Ms. Hazel Craigie, Senior Planner responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

**C/410/25 – M26 Item ID: 88054 – Secondary school site for Newcastle**

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor S. O’Hara.

That this Area Committee request, on behalf of Newcastle Community Council, that SDCC planning department look at the allocation-designation of a secondary school site for Newcastle in any future planning requests given that Newcastle now has the criteria of 2 allocated primary school sites.

The following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **READ:**

The Newcastle LAP, now expired, identified two primary schools for the projected population in Newcastle. One of these schools is built and operating and the second, adjacent to Taobh Chnoic Park, has planning permission.

A review of all school requirements, based on the projected population and zoning, reflected in the Core Strategy targets, was undertaken as part of the review of the current County Development Plan. This review was carried out in consultation with the Department of Education.

The Council has worked closely with the DoE since 2012 under a nationally agreed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), to proactively identify and acquire sites for new primary and post-primary schools and to support the Department’s Schools Building Programme.

An SLO was included in the current County Development Plan as follows:

COS8 SLO 1: To identify a site for the appropriate location of a new post primary school within the Neighbourhood Area of Citywest / Saggart / Rathcoole / Newcastle to provide for the needs identified for the catchment area by the Department of Education.

The Department of Education’s school catchment area for Newcastle includes the Citywest area. While the Department is keeping school provision in Newcastle under review, they have indicated to the Council that the new secondary school in Citywest, currently under construction on Fortunestown Lane, is sufficient to cater for the school catchment population at this time.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, W. Carey, L. de Courcy, W. Carey, S O’Hara and T. Gilligan.

Ms. Hazel Craigie, Senior Planner responded to the members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

### The meeting concluded at 5:52 P.M.

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