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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of South Dublin County Council January 2026 Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 27th January 2026 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
Helen Farrell
Niamh Fennell
Alan Hayes
Madeleine Johansson
Liona O'Toole
Joanna Tuffy

Officials Present

Senior Executive Officers	Mary Maguire, Sharon Conroy, Amanda Mills, Edel Clancy, Michael Murtagh
A/Senior Executive Officer	Paul Fusco
Senior Planners	Hazel Craigie, Stephen Willoughby
Senior Engineers	John Hegarty, Gary Walsh, Damien McNulty
A/Senior Engineer	Lorcan Brennan
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent	David Fennell
Senior Executive Planner	James Phelan
Senior Executive Engineer	Farhan Nasiem, Andrew O'Mullane
Administrative Officer	David Morrissey
Senior Executive Librarian	Rosena Hand
Environmental Health Officer	Fiona Byrne
T/Assistant Arts Officer	Richie O'Sullivan
Staff Officer	Eimear O'Sullivan
Assistant Staff Officer	Vikki Cryan
Clerical Officers	Rebecca Brennan, Dylan Hayes

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Caroline Brady presided

LPNC/1/H1/O126 Item ID:89711 - Minutes

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting of December 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 C Brady and seconded by Councillor H Farrell and RESOLVED: "That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 16th December 2025 be ADOPTED and APPROVED."

[H1 Minutes of December 2025 LPNC ACM](#)

LPNC/1A/O126 - Questions

It was proposed by Councillor C Brady and seconded by Councillor N Fennell and RESOLVED "That pursuant to Standing Order No.13 that Questions 1 - 13 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**".

Transportation

LPNC/2/Q1/O126 Item ID:89827 - Taken in Charge Status Report

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the status of all housing estates that have not yet been taken in charge. Report to include, for each estate, whether or not it is prioritised, the current status of the taking in charge process including an estimated timeframe for when the process is expected to commence and conclude.

REPLY:

A table of all Lucan EA estates that are in the process of being taken in charge has been uploaded to this Item. The table also includes the amount of TIC checks completed in each scheme and an estimated timeline for completion of the TIC process.

[Q1 \(ii\) Table of Lucan TIC Status](#)

LPNC/3/H2/O126 Item ID:89646 - Roadworks Programme

This report was presented by Gary Walsh Senior Engineer

[HI.2 2026 Roadworks Programme](#)

Following contributions from Councillors N Fennell, L O'Toole, H Farrell and C Brady, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/4/H3/O126 Item ID:89736 – Public Roads to be Taken in Charge

This report was presented by John Hegarty Senior Engineer

Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads.

(I) Post Public Consultation report on the taking in charge of the Paddocks estate, Adamstown.

(II) Post Public Consultation report on the taking in charge of Shackleton Drive, Adamstown.

Paddocks Estate, Adamstown and Shackleton Drive Adamstown:

A public consultation was conducted on the proposal for South Dublin County Council to take in Charge the Paddocks Estate and Shackleton Drive, Adamstown from the 13 November 2025 until the 7 January 2026. The advertisement was published in a local paper and on the Council's consultation portal. Maps of the proposal were available to view on the consultation portal.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993, South Dublin County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to consider the making of a declaration that the roads detailed in the roads schedules attached be a public road.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended, the Council considers the Taking in Charge of the Class 1 green open spaces, sewers, watermains, storm drains and public lighting within the attendant ground of the development detailed in the three taking in charge maps attached.

Submissions were invited from the public on the taking in charge proposal. Submissions could be made either in writing to South Dublin County Council or via the consultation portal.

(1) Paddocks Submissions received:

There were 4no. submissions received on the Paddocks estate taking in Charge proposal. These submissions are listed in the table attached to this item.

Submission 1: Boundary between Paddocks and Hilcrest (pedestrian on this opening) antisocial, poor lighting and litter.

SDCC response: The planning grant does not have an opening between the Paddocks and Hilcrest. SDCC has advised the developer to close the unofficial opening several times in the lead up to the TIC public consultation. The opening has been re-opened by persons unknown on several occasions.

If the Paddocks estate is taken in charge by SDCC, the executive of Council will run a consultation process on whether to have a pedestrian/active link between the Paddocks and Hilcrest. The Council will carry out the wishes of the majority of local residents on this matter. The Council has assessed the current public lighting as adequate. The lighting requirements can be re-assessed if permanent changes in access between the 2 estates is agreed by residents. Again litter in public areas will be managed by SDCC after the Paddocks estate is taken in charge.

Submission 2: This was on the subjects of: (a) Electric Vehicle charging -current and future needs and (b) the large green space finishes.

SDCC response: (a) Electric vehicle charging is accommodated in the Paddocks proposal. On curtilage parking owners can install home EV charging units on their property.

Where parking spaces are shared, the Owner manager companies have and will continue to install more charging for these residents.

(b) Submission on Landscaping. The Landscaping of the open green space has not been completed in line with the original planning.

SDCC response: South Dublin County Council parks department as part of the TIC process has assessed the Green Open space for compliance and deemed it compliant.

Once the Green large green space has been Taken in Charge by the Council, residents can liaise with the Council on suggested improvements in public green areas.

Submission 3 (a) : What is the explanation on access for the watermains?

SDCC Response: Where a wayleave access is marked for watermains or foul sewers in a third party landholding, Uisce Eireann has the right to enter the area to carry out repairs to their infrastructure. Uisce Eireann must pre-inform the land owner of the need to access these areas for maintenance. Uisce Eireann must also reinstate any surfacing back to its original condition after any maintenance works are complete to the satisfaction of the landowner.

Submission 3 (b) Gap between the Paddocks and Hilcrest: This submission was in favour of the gap being retained between the paddocks and Hilcrest.

SDCC response: As stated in the response on submission 1, SDCC intend, after the TIC is complete, to run a consultation with the local residents on the proposal to have a link between the Paddocks and Hilcrest.

Submission 4: (a) Car Parking numbers (b) Speeding (c) Fees (d) Access to Hilcrest

SDCC Response: (a) Car Parking: The car parking numbers are in compliance with the planning permission. The Paddocks is a low car parking development, with good active travel and public transport provision. There is also good access to retail, schools and leisure amenities within short distances.

(b) Speeding: The roads in the Paddocks are designed in accordance with the (DMURS) Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets. The layouts encourage lower vehicle speeds with narrower carriageways, tighter junction radii, and raised tables where appropriate. When the roads are Taken in Charge, the Council will continue to monitor vehicle speeds, and if there are issues, the Council will install appropriate additional measures.

(c) Fees: The matter of fees needs to be discussed with the owner management company. It is likely that some maintenance activities will still need to be carried out by the OMC post the taking in charge process. e.g. Ornamental shrubbery and common areas.

(e) Access to Hilcrest: The submission was in favour of having a pedestrian link between the Paddocks and Hilcrest.

(II) Shackleton Drive TIC Proposal: There were no submissions received on the Shackleton Drive Taking in Charge proposal.

Executive Statement: The Paddocks Estate and Shackleton Drive, roads, footpaths, public lighting, storm drains and green areas are constructed to the Council's taking in charge standards.

Local Elected Member Consideration:

There were a low number of negative submissions on the proposals, some of items raised are owner management company items, while others will be dealt with by the Council as part of the ongoing management of the public areas, and the remaining aspects of the submissions were positive on the TIC proposal.

This report seeks the recommendation of this Area Committee to further refer the 2no. TIC proposals for the "**Taking in Charge of Paddocks estate and the Shackleton Drive, Adamstown**" to full Council on the **9 February 2026** for full ratification.

[H3 \(ii\) Table of the submissions received on the Paddocks estate during the TIC Public Consultation](#)

[H3 \(iii\) TIC Map 1 Shackleton Drive](#)

[H3 \(iv\) TIC Map 2 Shackleton Drive](#)

[H3 \(v\) TIC Map Paddocks Estate](#)

[H3 \(vi\) TIC Roads Schedule Paddocks](#)

[H3 \(vii\) TIC Roads Schedule Shackleton](#)

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole and C Brady, John Hegarty Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/5/H4/O126 Item ID:89734 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/6/C1/O126 Item ID:89662 - Correspondence

Correspondence:

(i) Reply TFI / Dublin Bus Re October ACM Item 88665

[C1. Item 88665 Reply Dublin Bus](#)

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

LPNC/7/M1/O126 Item ID:89663 – The Paddocks Permeability

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

Cathaoirleach's Business

That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive, given that the process to take in charge The Paddocks is progressing, to accelerate the delivery of a permanent permeable link between The Paddocks and Hillcrest, and to outline what is involved in delivering the link – for example, initiating a consultancy process with residents to agree on the provision of such a link and preparing to apply for funding from the National Transport Authority – and to provide an indicative timeframe for the project from commencement to completion.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

The Paddocks Estate is currently being progressed through the final stages of the Taking in Charge process. The granted planning does not have a permeable link between the Paddocks estate and Hillcrest. Generally, South Dublin County Council have followed the principle that all housing developments that SDCC wish to take into our charge must be in compliance with the plans and particulars set out in the granted planning permission. Therefore, SDCC has endeavoured to advise the developer to ensure that the development complies with the granted planning conditions. SDCC have advised that the unofficial opening between the Paddocks and Hillcrest be closed with a metal railing. The developer has

attempted to close the opening several times in an effort to comply with this SDCC instruction.

Should the taking in Charge process be passed by full Council in roughly 6 weeks' time, the Council would then be in a position to conduct a public consultation on having an official pedestrian link opened between the Paddocks and Hillcrest.

Whatever the majority of the local residents want in relation to a link, or no link can be accommodated in such a democratic process. If a permeability link was agreed by the residents of both estates, then funding could be sourced from existing SDCC budgets to complete a proper footpath link at the agreed location. It must be noted that in order to progress this link all the necessary lands must be either taken in charge or SDCC must have express permission from all the landowners to make the necessary footpath link.

Following contributions from Councillors C Brady and L O'Toole, John Hegarty Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

LPNC/8/M2/O126 Item ID:89560 - Community Centre Signage

Proposed by Councillor J. Tuffy, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

That the Council liaise with Ballyowen Castle Community Centre management about the placing of attractive signposts that point in the direction of the Community Centre and also let people know there is a community centre there - for e.g. on Ballyowen Lane and in the vicinity of the junction of the exit/entrance to Ballyowen Castle Shopping Centre.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

The South Dublin County Council 3 Year Capital Programme includes for a Signage Manual for the County, which is yet to be commissioned. It is envisaged that the County-Wide Signage Manual will involve the formulation of Urban Wayfinding and Interpretive signage for application to urban areas across the County. Led by an initial Pilot for Tallaght Town Centre and Village, the intention of the manual is to establish signage templates that can be consistently applied to all wayfinding and interpretive signage.

Once the signage manual is established SDCC will consider the above location for the suitability of wayfinding signage.

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

LPNC/9/M3/O126 Item ID:89819 - Irish Yield Sign Request

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

That this Area Committee calls on the Manager to arrange for the existing yield signs at the roundabout between Dodsborough Road and the Old Celbridge Road

(R835) to be updated to include bilingual text 'Yield / Géill Slí', in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual, in order to promote the Irish language in the public realm.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

The Traffic Signs Manual does not provide a bilingual option for yield signs. The signs can state either "Yield" or "Géill Slí".

While we do support the promotion of the Irish language the most important aspect to this junction is the safety of road users. Safety is supported by clear communication to road users and in this instance, it would be suggested that more people would understand "Yield", and it is suggested that this is what the signs should state.

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

LPNC/10/M4/O126 Item ID:89823 – Free Parking Request for Lucan Village

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

Can the Chief Executive outline what would be required to introduce a period of free car parking in one of the village centres such as Lucan Village, including any operational, financial or regulatory considerations involved? I had received requests from local businesses and residents regarding the possibility of providing free parking over the Christmas period but given the timing of ongoing works and the need for sufficient lead-in time it did not appear feasible this year. I would appreciate clarification on the processes, timelines and requirements associated with introducing free parking as this may be considered for a future period particularly in Lucan Village.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

The Council manages paid parking across the county through the Control of Parking Bye Laws 2021.

The making of Bye Laws is a reserved function of the Elected Members, and the current ByeLaws were made by the Council following a statutory process under Section 199(1) of the Local Government Act 2001, and Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended.

These Bye Laws provide for 30 mins free parking in all areas of application, and this means that no fee is due in respect of the first 30 minutes while parked in a Pay & Display area, and while displaying a valid, albeit free ticket. There is one exception to the 30 minutes free parking, which is applicable at the location where Tariff B (Park and Ride) is in place.

During deliberations on the previous 2010 Bye Laws during the drafting and making of the current Bye Laws in 2000/2021 it was noted that different parking tariffs and hours of operation within towns and villages caused confusion across the county, which was ultimately resolved by application of equitable Pay and Display fees, hours and days of operation, countywide.

There are no immediate plans for a review of the Control of Parking Bye Laws that would provide for unique parking arrangements at any one location.

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole, C Brady and H Farrell, Mary Maguire Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/11/M5/O126 Item ID:89821 – Road Narrows Signage Request

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

To call on the Manager to install 'Road Narrows' signage before St. Joseph's College, Lucan travelling East and West on the Lucan Road (R835).

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

The Traffic Section has reviewed the request for the installation of “Road Narrows” signage in the vicinity of St. Joseph’s College, Lucan, on the Lucan Road (R835), travelling eastbound and westbound.

Following the assessment, it has been determined that the existing road layout, carriageway width, and traffic conditions at this location do not warrant the installation of “Road Narrows” warning signage. The road operates in accordance with current design standards, and additional signage is not considered necessary or appropriate at this location.

The Traffic Section will continue to monitor the road network and will review locations where changes in conditions or collision trends indicate that additional traffic management measures may be required.

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

LPNC/12/M6/O126 Item ID:89877 – Safety Audit for St. Josephs College

Proposed by Councillor J. Tuffy, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

That the Council Roads Safety in conjunction with the Active travel section carry out or have carried out, a Safety Audit on recent changes by the school to the Lucan Heights Road at the entrance to St. Josephs / St. Marys Church, in relation to pedestrians safety in particular.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

The Traffic Section has reviewed the request in relation to carrying out a Road Safety Audit on the recent changes undertaken by the school on Lucan Heights Road at the entrance to St. Joseph's College / St. Mary's Church.

Road Safety Audits for works of this nature are the responsibility of the developer who carried out the works, in accordance with standard practice and planning requirements. The Council does not undertake Road Safety Audits for developer led works.

South Dublin County Council will contact the developer to request the submission of a Stage 4 Road Safety Audit, which relates to post construction and operational safety, with particular regard to pedestrian safety at this location.

Any recommendations arising from the audit will be reviewed by the Council in the normal manner.

Following contributions from Councillors J Tuffy, C Brady and H Farrell, Farhan Nasiem Senior Executive Engineer responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

Planning

LPNC/13/Q2/O126 Item ID:89840 - Adamstown Midway Review

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

Can the Chief Executive confirm that the recent Adamstown Midway Review will be circulated and presented to the local Area Committee Members and that a dedicated briefing or meeting will be arranged to appraise Members of the findings and recommendations with time allowed for discussion? In addition, can clarification be provided on whether this engagement will take place as part of the quarterly SDZ's update?

REPLY:

Dear Cllr. O'Toole,

The mid-term review was presented to the SPC 27/11/2025 and I will ensure the presentation is available online. I will also ensure a copy of the review itself is circulated to the ACM Members.

In addition, a section of the SDZ briefing to the Members in February can include the review as part of the overall update on Adamstown.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Clarke

Senior Executive Planner

LPNC/14/H5/O126 Item ID:89732 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/15/C2/O126 Item ID:89719 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/16/M7/O126 Item ID:89520 – County Development Plan – Coldcut Lands

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

That this committee agrees that it is vitally important that the Coldcut lands remain as an amenity for the people of North Clondalkin and Palmerstown, that South Dublin County Council does not put the lands at the Coldcut out for public consultation on rezoning and that the Council compulsory purchase these lands as a matter of urgency

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

The Council is currently preparing a Variation to the County Development Plan in response to the government's requirement to ensure that sufficient residential lands are available to meet the new targets set out in the Revised National Planning Framework and associated guidelines.

Members were briefed before Christmas on the potential lands for the forthcoming variation, noting that further assessment was required to identify those lands most appropriate for the variation. At that briefing the potential for an area of approximately 3 hectares to be rezoned for residential use was identified, out of the total Coldcut lands of 10.82 hectares, with the remainder of the lands to continue to be zoned as open space.

The Council recently went through a competitive process to purchase the lands, comprising 10.82 hectares, when they were put on the open market. It would appear that the Council's bid was unsuccessful, and it is not intended to compulsory purchase the lands.

A Report to Councillors on South Dublin's land capacity and the requirement for further zoned lands was submitted as a Headed Item in the October 2025 Council Meeting. This was followed by a briefing to members on potential lands for zoning in November 2025. The Coldcut lands were identified as being well located, in proximity to public transport and services. As such a portion of the lands, approximately 3ha, were being recommended for rezoning on the basis of the retention of the remaining area of open space to serve the community.

A further briefing to the Members is planned for the 28th January in advance of the publication of the variation.

Following contributions from Councillors N Fennell and M Johansson, Hazel Craigie Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the Mangers Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/17/M8/O126 Item ID:89818 – Vacant / Derelict Buildings Report Request

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

That this Committee requests the Manager to prepare a confidential report for this committee, identifying strategically important, historical or architecturally significant vacant or derelict buildings within our areas that could be considered for acquisition by South Dublin County Council through the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process. This could contribute to bringing these properties back into use and contribute towards addressing local housing needs, the preservation of our built heritage and contribute positively towards community morale.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

The principle of the proposal is welcomed; however, this would require a larger cross departmental management approach to addressing the issue of historic buildings being left vacant or derelict.

Currently the area of Vacant/Derelict buildings comes under the responsibility of the Housing and Climate Action Department (Enforcement/Licensing), and any related issues are dealt with under the Derelict sites legislation and vacant buildings if warranted are added to the vacant site registry. In the case that a site is brought to the attention of Derelict sites which is a Protected Structures or located within an Architectural Conservation Area advice is sought from the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer. As cases arise the Architectural Conservation Officer will advise on the feasibility of the adaptive reuse based on available proposals and plans.

Currently all Architectural Conservation services are delivered by the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer who is a one person team and therefore unless a particular site or related issue is brought to the attention of the Architectural Conservation Officer it would be very difficult to carry this out. In this situation the Architectural Conservation Officer would liaise with the relevant Council sections or recommend the necessary actions under related legislation available.

The sole identification of any vacant/derelict historic building within specific areas would be a significant strain on resource given other work commitments and the current issue of dereliction and reusing these buildings for housing requires a collective approach throughout the organisation and therefore any requirements to identify historic buildings within our villages and county would require the allocation of resources and inclusion within the relevant departments/sections work programme.

The Architectural Conservation Officer continues to liaise with owners of protected structures to encourage the reuse of their properties and raising awareness of the available grant funding available under the National Architectural Conservation Grant Schemes funded by the Department. In order to encourage owners of vacant/derelict private properties to seek the reuse of their properties to address housing needs a collective approach and incentives are required. CPO of properties by the Council would have to be feasible and be fit for the purpose of residential use.

Following contributions from Councillors H Farrell and C Brady, Stephen Willoughby Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and Managers Report was **Noted.**

Economic Development

LPNC/18/Q3/O126 Item ID:89512 – 12th Lock Masterplan Update

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

"To ask the manager to provide an update on how plans are advancing towards the delivery of key projects under the 12th Lock Masterplan on lands owned by South Dublin County Council. - Can this response offer details, site location/drawings and indicative timeline."

REPLY:

12th Lock Studio

The Fire Certificate application is due for determination by the end of January 2026. Subject to approval, the construction tender will be published in February 2026. Mobilisation is expected to take approximately 2–3 months, with construction anticipated to commence in **Q2 2026**. The projected operational date is **Q1 2027**.

An operator has been appointed following a competitive dialogue procurement process. The 12th Lock Studio will operate as a creative incubator focused on the development of original intellectual property and immersive content with international market potential. The facility will include film and television studios, digital and podcasting suites, gaming and visual effects production spaces, exhibition areas, creative offices, workshops, co-working accommodation and shared social spaces. The project is intended to function as a flagship hub for creative talent and investment, supporting collaboration, innovation and experimentation.

Grange Cottage Buildings, Grand Canal

Fire Certificates for the Grange Cottage buildings have been approved in principle. Operator tenders for the café and crèche have been published on eTenders. The construction tender is scheduled to issue in early February 2026, with works expected to commence in **Q2 2026**. The anticipated operational date for the facility is **Q1 2027**.

Grange Cottage is being developed as a community-focused destination along the Grand Canal, incorporating a café, events space, artist studios and a dedicated storage facility for canoes and paddle boats.

LPNC/19/H6/O126 Item ID:89727 - New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/20/C3/O126 Item ID:89715 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/21/M9/O126 Item ID:89824 - Old Master Schoolhouse Update

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

Can the Chief Executive provide an update on the status of the Old Master Schoolhouse project in Lucan Village noting that it remains within the planning process and advise whether engagement can now take place with the recently identified contact who may be able to support progress on this matter? I am happy to provide further information to facilitate that engagement if it would assist in advancing the project.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

There is no material change from the position outlined in the update to this Committee in December 2025. Unexpected legal complexities have arisen in relation to the estate of the Vendor since the Council agreed Heads of Terms for the property, and these matters are outside the Council's control. Contact has recently been made with the legal representatives for the other party to establish the current status and inform any potential next steps. To date, no new information has emerged that would resolve the outstanding legal issues, however the position will be kept under review.

Notwithstanding this, since agreeing Heads of Terms for the property, the Council has acquired Lucan House and prepared a masterplan for its development, providing for a wide range of tourism, recreational, cultural and hospitality uses. The Council's focus in the coming years will be on the delivery of this masterplan and the development of Lucan House as a key amenity for the Lucan area.

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole and C Brady, Paul Fusco A/Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

Libraries & Arts

LPNC/22/Q4/O126 Item ID:89835 – South Dublin Live Programme Information

Proposed by Councillor J. Tuffy

To ask the CEO for an update on how local bands can apply for South Dublin County Council supports, including funding, to perform live in their area

REPLY:

The South Dublin Live programme returns in 2026, and bands will have an opportunity to apply for funding to support live performances in the county through an Open Call. The dates for the Open Call have yet to be confirmed but Councillors will be notified as soon as details are available.

Amateur, voluntary and community performing groups can apply for funding, up to €3000 at any time during the year for funding to support programmes and performances through the Community Arts Grant 2026. The scheme will primarily grant aid groups based and performing in the County but also performing at events outside the County. Groups performing in, but not based, in the County will also be eligible to apply for support under the Scheme.

The activity that can be funded includes training, event subsidy, professional support, materials, project delivery and presentation. Application forms are available from cbaker@sdublincoco.ie

LPNC/23/H7/O126 Item ID:89724 – Library News & Events

This report was presented by Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian

[H1.7 Library Event Stats](#)

[H1.7 LPNC Libraries report January](#)

Following contributions from Councillors H Farrell, C Brady and L O'Toole, Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/24/H8/O126 Item ID:89767 – Arts Programme Update

This report was presented by Richie O'Sullivan T/Assistant Arts Officer

[H1.8 Arts Office Report January 2026](#)

Following contributions from Councillor C Brady, Richie O'Sullivan T/Assistant Arts Officer responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/25/H9/O126 Item ID:89730 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/26/C4/O126 Item ID:89717 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/27/M10/O126 Item ID:89773 - Palmerstown Library Opening Hours

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

That the Chief Executive examine the possibility of extending opening hours at the Library Hub in Palmerstown as the facility is now being used more and more by the local community including by students as a quiet study space.

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

Possible Extension of Palmerstown Library Opening Hours:

Palmerstown Library's current opening hours are:

Wednesday: 9.45-5pm

Thursday : 1.00-8pm

Friday : 9.45am-4.30pm

Saturday: 9.45am-4.30pm

The current extended opening hours were officially opened in December 2023 and increased access to Palmerstown library from 2- 4 days.

SDCC libraries are happy to explore options to extend hours further with consideration given to community demand and operational feasibility. We continue to focus on providing greater accessibility and convenience for our patrons.

Following contributions from Councillors M Johansson and N Fennell, Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

LPNC/28/M11/O126 Item ID:89837 - Promotion of Chess

Proposed by Councillor J. Tuffy, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

That the ACM administrative area be identified by the Library Service as a place for the promotion and education of interested members of the public in the tactics of chess.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

North Clondalkin Library and Lucan Library currently run Chess clubs/ meetups for both adults and children (Tuesdays/Fridays in Lucan Library; every second Monday evening and Thursday afternoons in North Clondalkin Library.)

We will examine the possibility of trialling a chess club in Palmerstown library- and explore further options to extend the chess offerings within the locality- further identifying the ACM administrative area as a place for the promotion and education of interested members of the public in chess.

Following contributions from Councillor J Tuffy, Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

Corporate Support

LPNC/29/Q5/O126 Item ID:89842 - HSE Meeting

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

Can the Chief Executive provide an update on the meeting with the HSE which was agreed following a motion at an ACM and subsequently I raised at the Regional Health Forum where the HSE confirmed their willingness to attend? Can confirmation be provided on when this meeting will take place.

REPLY:

Following the motion agreed at the ACM and the subsequent engagement at the Regional Health Forum, contact has been made with the HSE regarding the proposed meeting.

Two dates were provided by the HSE; however, on this occasion neither could be facilitated by the Council's meeting administration team. Alternative dates have since been requested from the HSE and confirmation will be provided once these are received and agreed.

LPNC/30/H10/O126 Item ID:89726 - New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/31/C5/O126 Item ID:89714 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Performance & Change Management

LPNC/32/H11/O126 Item ID:89731 - New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/33/C6/O126 Item ID:89718 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Water & Drainage

LPNC/34/Q6/O126 Item ID:89829 - Flood Alleviation Works Update

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

Can the Chief Executive provide a report to the Area Committee on the flooding issues reported following the storm weather in late 2025 outlining any flood alleviation works completed to date their effectiveness, and identifying any locations where flooding issues remain, and further flood alleviation works are required?

REPLY:

There are currently 2 Major Flood Alleviation Schemes under construction in South Dublin.

1- The Poddle FAS is 68% complete and is expected to be completed in 2027. In February 2025 the impoundment area at Tymon Park was completed and alleviated flooding events downstream during the November 2025 weather event.

2 - The Whitechurch FAS is 57% complete and will offer significant flood alleviation to the downstream areas when the works are complete in 2027.

The Camac FAS is currently at design stage, and the scheme emerging options will be presented to the Council at the year end.

Natural Water will present the 2026 Minor Works Programme to Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin ACM on January 27th.

LPNC/35/H12/O126 Item ID:89735 - Natural Water Minor Works Programme 2026

This report was presented by Lorcan Brennan A/Senior Engineer

[HL.12 Natural Water Minor Works Programme 2026](#)

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole, H Farrell and C Brady, Lorcan Brennan A/Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/36/C7/O126 Item ID:89722 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Public Realm

LPNC/37/Q7/O126 Item ID:89822 - Outdoor Exercise Equipment

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the Manager if there are any plans to install new outdoor exercise equipment areas in public places (especially, but not exclusively, at strategic points along the Greenway) in the LPNC areas, during 2026?

REPLY:

While there are no proposals to install exercise equipment along the Greenway, Hermitage Park has been listed in the Draft Improvement Works Programme 2026 for Calisthenics equipment. The Draft Improvement Works Programme is being presented as a Headed Item at the ACM today.

LPNC/38/Q8/O126 Item ID:89763 – Airlie Park Cricket Pitch Repair Update

Proposed by Councillor J. Tuffy

To ask the CEO for an update on recent destruction of mat at the Cricket Pitch at Airlie Park, Lucan

REPLY:

A small fire occurred on one of the artificial cricket creases at Airlie Park in December 2025. The damage resulted in the carpet being singed and fibres melting together. The area of concern is approximately 56cm x 30cm. The damage which is close to one of the wickets is to one side of the direct line of play. A review of the impact that it will have on the game and the safe use of the area will be carried out to determine what works are required in this instance.

LPNC/39/H13/O126 Item ID:89737 – Draft Improvement Works Programme 2026

This report was presented by David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Draft Improvement Works Programme 2026.

The following is the list of improvement works proposed for the Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin area for 2026. These proposals have been compiled from issues raised as agenda items at area committee meetings throughout the course of 2025, undertakings given in response to members representations throughout the year as well as works that have been identified by staff. It should be noted that the list below does not include those works which have already been included in the Council's three year rolling capital works programme, it includes only those works of a small scale which are to be funded from the revenue budget. This list of schemes, along with lists of schemes for the other electoral areas, will be presented to the meeting of the County Council in February for noting by the elected members.

Number	Location	Description of proposed work
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1	Abbeywood/Abbeydale open space	Footpath and open space upgrade works
2	Airlie Heights	Boundary treatment beside clubhouse road
3	Airlie Park/Griffeen Valley Park	Chess tables
4	Balgaddy Road	New link path from Foxborough Road to Balgaddy Road
5	Ballyowen Park	Upgrade Lucan/Newlands Rd entrance to enhance accessibility
6	Ballyowen Park	Path upgrades
7	Castle Road	Upgrade roundabout planting at Earlsfort
8	Collinstown Park	Path upgrades
9	Collinstown Park	Water Station
10	Elm Green entrance to GVP	Upgrade pedestrian entrance to enhance accessibility
11	Esker Cemetery	Surface paths
12	Glenaulin Park	Accessibility upgrade in vicinity of Glenaulin Green entrance
13	Glenaulin Park	Benches in Park
14	Griffeen Avenue	Landscape roundabouts on Griffeen Avenue at Haydens Lane and Griffeen Glen
15	Griffeen Valley Park	New link path from Elm Green entrance to River Griffeen
16	Griffeen Valley Park	Replace vehicle barrier at Newcastle Road teen facility with park gates
17	Griffeen Valley Park	Replace mounds at Haydens car park with fence
18	Griffeen Valley Park	Path upgrade works
19	Griffeen Valley Park	Remove model car containers and viewing mound & landscape area
20	GVP extension	Upgrade Haydens Lane vehicle barriers with park gates

21	Hermitage Road	Upgrade path on open space from Hermitage Gardens to Hermitage Road
22	Hermitage Park	Calisthenics equipment
23	Lucan Demesne	Upgrade paths
24	Lucan Running Track	Fence realignment & path upgrade
25	Waterstown Park	Surface path at rear of Waterstown House & new bridge
26	Weston Meadow	Widen & upgrade path between tennis court and Weston Meadow
27	Woodfarm Acres	Public lighting from the Dingle to Kennelsfort Rd Upper

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole, H Farrell, N Fennell, A Hayes, J Tuffy and C Brady, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**.

LPNC/40/H14/O126 Item ID:89733 - New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/41/C8/O126 Item ID:89720 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/42/M12/O126 Item ID:89701 - Tree Pruning on Griffeen Road

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

Cathaoirleach's Business

That this committee calls on the Chief Executive to arrange for the trimming of low-hanging trees along Griffeen Road, adjacent to the new cycle lanes beside Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada, as these trees are obstructing the footpath and forcing pedestrians, including children and parents, into the cycle lane. This presents a significant safety concern for those travelling to local schools and the Leisure Campus. This motion references Members Reps 1890021, 1894618, and 1905167, and your reference RMCCT01857

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

The low hanging branches on the trees along Griffeen Road adjacent to the new cycle lanes beside Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada have been pruned.

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

LPNC/43/M13/O126 Item ID:89825 – Request for Additional “Dogs on Leash”

Signage

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

That the Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to install additional 'Dogs on Leash' signage at key access points and along routes within Griffeen Valley Park particularly in areas used for regular organised events including the weekly parkrun in order to support public safety, shared use of the park and responsible dog ownership.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

In accordance with SDCC Parks and Open Spaces Byelaws, all dogs must be kept on a leash and under effective control when in any public park or open space in the county. The Byelaws acknowledges that many dog owners want space to exercise their dogs off-leash, and this is only permitted within designated dog-run areas such as the one provided in Griffeen Valley Park.

Due to the expansive nature of Griffeen Valley Park, it is not possible to install and maintain Dogs on Leash signs at all locations. However, signage has been provided at main park entrances, areas of high footfall and areas of concern, reminding dog owners of their responsibility. A review of existing signage in the park will be carried out and if there are any areas where there is a requirement for an additional sign, this will be addressed.

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

LPNC/44/M14/O126 Item ID:89555 – Bottle Bank Layout Review

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

To implore the manager to revisit the decision taken last year that resulted in a system of dangerous 'reverse parking' in order to use the busy bottle bank on Griffeen Road. In so doing, this assessment will prioritise road safety for motorists, cyclists and walkers in the first instance, by introducing a semi-circle, mini-roundabout or other deemed suitably safe system.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

The revised layout to the bottle bank on Griffeen Road was constructed as part of the installation of cycle tracks adjacent to the site. The design and construction of the project, including the bottle bank and associated parking, was subject to a multistage safety audit. Recommendations made during the audits were implemented during the construction of the project.

The Public Realm team will review the current operations of the bottle bank with our colleagues in Transportation section, to ensure the safety for all users concerned.

Following contributions from Councillors N Fennell and L O'Toole, Damien McNulty Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

LPNC/45/M15/O126 Item ID:89647 – Haydens Park Pedestrian Bridge Repair

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

That this Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to arrange an urgent inspection of the pedestrian bridge linking The Old Forge with Hayden's Park / Tullyhall which has been reported as sagging and showing signs of damage and to confirm:

- the current structural condition of the bridge,
- whether any immediate safety measures are required and
- the timeline and funding source for any necessary remedial or repair works.

This bridge forms part of a well-used pedestrian and recreational route and it is essential that any potential safety issues are addressed promptly to ensure continued safe access for residents, walkers, runners and families.

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The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

The deck of the bridge is comprised of 96 sections of grating. 5 sections of deck grating have been damaged which was most likely caused by a heavy vehicle crossing it. These damaged sections have been identified for repair/replacement as required. Apart from the deck repairs, there are no concerns regarding the overall structure of the bridge. The repair of the damaged deck sections will be carried out in Q1.

Following contributions from Councillor L O'Toole, the Motion was **Agreed**.

Environment

LPNC/46/Q9/O126 Item ID:89831 – Columbarium Wall at Esker Cemetery

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Columbarium Wall at Esker Cemetery, including details on pricing, booking procedures, and any other relevant information.

REPLY:

The Columbarium Wall at Esker Cemetery is in the final stages of completion, and administrative and operational steps are currently being finalised before the facility becomes available for public use. Esker Cemetery is one of the burial grounds owned and operated by South Dublin County Council. The Columbarium comprises 100 niches arranged across five walls, each wall containing 20 niches. Each niche measures approximately 400 mm (W) × 320 mm (H) × 230 mm (D) and is suitable for the interment of cremated remains. The Columbarium is located within a landscaped garden area, with pedestrian access available at all times and vehicular access during normal cemetery opening hours.

The charge for a Columbarium niche is €1,700 (including VAT at 13.5%). This fee includes the first interment of ashes and the memorial plaque with first inscription. Any additional ash interments or further inscriptions are subject to an additional charge, currently €310 (including VAT). Applications for the purchase of a niche and for interment are managed by the Council's Burial Grounds team and may be made directly to South Dublin County Council or through a funeral director. Pre-purchase of niches is not permitted. Interments take place Monday to Friday, 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. A bank holiday surcharge of €185 applies. All niche openings and closures are carried out by Council staff.

The Columbarium Wall will be maintained by SDCC. As the Columbarium is a communal space, personal items are not permitted to be left at the walls and will be removed by SDCC.

LPNC/47/Q10/O126 Item ID:89843 – Solar Panel Programme

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

Can the Chief Executive provide further detail on the agreed solar panel programme specifically outlining the proposed locations within the Lucan Area Committee area including any community or public sites and provide clarification on the exact locations and layouts where available? This is sought to allow Members to better understand the local impacts and opportunities arising from the programme.

REPLY:

SDCC awarded the contract to progress a programme to install solar PV on Council owned buildings in October 2025 and work is progressing on the first package of buildings. The first package focuses on Libraries and Community Centres, which were selected based on suitability for solar PV, energy consumption, other planned or ongoing building works or constraints.

This programme aims to provide financial savings on electricity bills and reduce the greenhouse gas emissions by utilising this renewable energy, working towards the targets in our Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. It is estimated that solar PV

may contribute between 20-34% of the average energy consumption needs for these buildings.

The detailed design for the solar array has been completed, with the exception of Ballyroan Community Centre which is at preliminary design stage, and applications are being made to the ESB. Pending approval of these applications, installation on site is expected to begin in March / April 2026.

Building	Estimated Number of Panels for Installation	Estimated Annual Production Yield (kWh/Year)	Carbon Emissions Avoided per year (kg/year)
North Clondalkin Library	95 (24 already in place, for a total of 119)	48,701	22,343
Quarryvale Community Centre	64	32,974	15,348
Jobstown Community and Youth Centre	41	19,471	7,476
Rowlagh Community Centre	48	21,718	10,211
Fettercarin Community and Youth Centre	44 (38 already in place, for a total of 82)	31,303	14,459
Brookfield Community and Youth Centre	64	29,170	13,465
Kilnamanagh Community Centre	64	29,944	14,159
Ballyroan Community and Youth Centre	TBC	TBC	TBC
Ballyroan Library	107	50,351	23,165
Castletymon Library	88	38,071	17,632

Lucan library and Palmerstown Libraries are located within shopping centres which are not SDCC owned buildings, and as such are not suitable for inclusion in the solar PV programme.

Palmerstown Community Centre and Neilstown Community Centre are amongst those being reviewed for inclusion in the next package of buildings. It is expected that preliminary design for the second package will be by Q2 2026.

LPNC/48/H15/0126 Item ID:89728 – Derelict Sites & Vacant Homes Update

This report was presented by David Morrissey Administrative Officer

[H15 Derelict Sites and Vacant Homes](#)

Following contributions from Councillors M Johansson, H Farrell, J Tuffy, L O’Toole and C Brady, Michael Murtagh Senior Executive Officer and David Morrissey responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/49/C9/0126 Item ID:89712 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/50/M16/0126 Item ID:89830 – Noise Monitoring

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

Cathaoirleach's Business

That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to present a headed item update on noise monitoring in the Lucan-Palmerstown North-Clondalkin area, including progress on the implementation of the Noise Action Plan 2024-2028. Given the consistently high noise levels recorded by the Lucan monitor, the update should outline what actions are planned to address this issue and the expected timeline for implementation.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

The European Communities (Environmental Noise) Regulations 2018 to 2021 require;

1. Noise Mapping Bodies to make and publish Strategic Noise Maps; and
 2. Action Planning Authorities to prepare Noise Action Plans every 5 years
- SDCC are the noise mapping body for Non-National Major Roads within the functional area. Transport Infrastructure Ireland are the noise mapping body for National Major Roads and the LUAS. Iarnród Éireann - Irish Rail are the noise mapping body responsible for Heavy Rail.

SDCC are the Action Planning Authorities for all major roads and rail. For the purpose of the Regulations, the Action Planning Authorities are responsible for “making and approving action plans in consultation with the Agency and the noise

mapping body for the noise map involved” i.e., SDCC may suggest noise mitigation measures however it requires consultation and approval with IE and TII for implementation.

The Noise Action Plan 2024-2028 states that "The Action Planning Authorities, in consultation with Noise Mapping Bodies will identify and agree on practical noise mitigation measures in relation to the Priority Important Areas. The practicality of the measures will take into consideration its potential impact in terms of noise exposure and harmful effects reduction, planning, land-use, cost and available technology. Consideration will also be given to measures that may result from existing road management, traffic and rail projects and works programmes."

In line with this, SDCC are part of a noise working group comprising the other Dublin Agglomeration Authorities, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and Iarnród Eireann. The purpose of the working group is to provide a forum for engagement on the issue of environmental noise, through the sharing of details of the projects and services they are engaged with and to exchange experiences on aspects of environmental noise and how they are or propose to contribute to its management, whilst maintaining critical transportation functions.

The overall objective being to provide a collaborative working platform from which to better manage noise related issues to achieve the goals of the Noise Action Plan and other Policy drivers (Transport Strategies, Development Plans, etc).

The issue of environmental noise is a complex one and similarly so is the use of noise mitigation measures such as speed restrictions, noise barriers and road surfaces which would be among the most prominent considerations in reducing noise. Studies have shown a reduction in tyre treads could reduce noise but there was a danger in terms of road safety. Similarly, the choice of road surface material while slightly better from a noise point of view can degrade quicker and in turn impact road users. While there may be some scope for changing road surface composition in urban settings, on motorways at higher speed limits, this needs to be strongly considered while offering limited acoustic benefits and only certain types of standard surface can be used. We will continue to participate along with the other Dublin Local Authorities, TII and IE on the noise working group to try agreeing an implementation strategy for relevant noise mitigation measures identified.

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

LPNC/51/M17/O126 Item ID:89561 – Christmas Tree Lighting Invitations

Proposed by Councillor J. Tuffy, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

That in relation to arrangements by the Council with local individuals or groups for the Christmas Tree lighting on the public realm in Lucan Village next year that

councillors will be kept informed on a timely basis and collectively by the relevant section of the Council collectively as to what the arrangements are.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

During the Lucan Village enhancement scheme in particular the Village Green the project team has been in contact with the festive committee regarding the provision of festive lighting. The Village Green is designed with power feeds for festive lighting and other activities. Relevant information regarding utilisation and use of the connection will be provided when the works are completed.

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

LPNC/52/M18/O126 Item ID:89764 - Lucan Village Green

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

That this Committee request an update from the Chief Executive on the current status of the Lucan Village Green project including the anticipated timeline for completion and public opening noting that prolonged delays have contributed to public frustration as the community has yet to see the project in its completed form.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

The Council's project team has requested an updated timeline from the Contractor, Bretland Construction Ltd., regarding the Lucan Village Enhancement Scheme. Comprising of the works at the Village Green, Demesne Park, and the Liffey Promenade (Weir).

The Contractor has advised that the works are expected to be completed by mid-March. They have also confirmed that additional supervisory staff have been assigned to the site to coordinate the remaining elements of the project and to prepare for the handover process.

The following significant works are to be carried out:

- The macadam paving of Lucan Road south of the Village Green, this has been scheduled for the 9th Feb for four nights.
- The completion of the paving surface and the landscape planting in the Village Green
- The bandstand and river side parapet wall
- The entrance to the Promenade at Watery Lane
- The Steps from the Lucan Bridge to the Promenade
- The in-wall seating at the Demesne Park Entrance.

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole, H Farrell and J Tuffy, Andrew O'Mullane Senior Executive Engineer responded to queries raised and the Managers report was **Noted**.

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

LPNC/53/M19/O126 Item ID:89768 – School Traffic on Station Road

Adamstown

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

"This committee agrees to conduct an inspection of the increasingly busy school traffic situation at drop off / collection times for the three schools on Station Road, Adamstown, with such undertaking to specifically explore the current school traffic warden arrangement."

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

Currently there are two (2) primary schools located near each other on this road, ADAMSTOWN CASTLE EDUCATE TOGETHER N.S. and ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The third school referred to in the item is a secondary school and does not fall within the remit of the School Warden Scheme operated by the Council.

Currently there is one SW covering 2 designated crossings and their times are staggered as follows to ensure the safety of children as they cross:

Crossing No 93: ADAMSTOWN ROAD ON RAMP OPPOSITE ADAMSTOWN CASTLE EDUCATE TOGETHER N.S. AM 8.20 - 8.40 PM 2.15 - 2.30

Crossing No 94: ADAMSTOWN ROAD ON RAMP OPPOSITE ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST N.S. AM 8.40 - 8.55 PM 2.30 - 2.45

All new requests for SW are examined on a case-by-case basis against certain criteria which includes usage rates across existing / unofficial school crossings and traffic counts for the peak/ school crossing times on a given school day, and all recruitment and appointments, including new school wardens, is contingent on approved work force plan numbers and budgetary resources.

An onsite inspection took place at this location in December 2025, and no issues were found from the SW service perspective. However, poor parking and inconsiderate stopping was identified, which are enforcement matters.

A count as referred to above was conducted and an analysis of the data to ascertain if any further works may be required is currently underway.

It should also be noted that it continues to be very difficult to recruit and maintain sufficient School Warden numbers within SDCC, and this problem is being replicated across the country. As a result, going forward it is becoming necessary for all stakeholders to consider alternative options to ensure that primary school children are enabled to safely cross public roads to get to school.

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

LPNC/54/M20/O126 Item ID:89833 – Air Quality Monitoring at Esker Hill

Proposed by Councillor Joanna Tuffy seconded by Councillor C. Brady

That the Chief Executive carries out air quality monitoring at nighttime in the vicinity of Esker Hill to Vesey Park - there is a smell of material being burned at night times in the vicinity so that the air is almost suffocating- also Esker Lawns and Cherbury - that needs investigating.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

SDCC currently have a permanent air monitor located on the R120 adjacent to St Patricks catholic Church. This monitor measure PM10 and NO₂ and in 2025 there were no exceedance under Ambient Air Quality Standards Regulations 2022. Under Ambient Air Quality and Cleaner Air for Europe (CAFE) Directive the daily limit for PM10 is 50 ug/m³. The limit is deemed breached if more than 35 exceedances occur during the year. The hourly limit for NO₂ is 200 ug/m³. The limit is deemed breached if more than 18 exceedances occur during the year. Neither of these figures were exceeded on any days in 2025.

In addition, in 2021 and 2022 SDCC participated in a pilot scheme to monitor NO₂ levels. Diffusion tubes were installed at various location throughout the county which passively monitored for four week periods. Two of the locations were Esker Hills Willsbrook Park and Chapel Hill Lucan Village. Over the course of the project the results ranged from 7 to 29 micrograms/ m³ which is noted to be indicative of low levels of atmospheric NO₂ and do not exceed EU NO₂ emission limit values.

This query will be investigated by the Environmental Health section. If there are any contact details from effected parties that the Environmental Health Officer can liaise with, could they be forwarded on as this will aid the investigation.

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

Housing

LPNC/55/Q11/O126 Item ID:89774 – Report on Vacant & Derelict Property Grants

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on any vacant/derelict property grants applied for or paid out for the derelict property at 35 Wheatfield Road?

REPLY:

As per the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant application form ‘ An agreement (comprising of the signed Application Form, signed Letter of Approval and signed Charge document) must be concluded between the local authority and the applicant(s) which contains the clawback agreement, including a charge on the property, which shall be binding on the applicant(s) upon drawdown’.

A grant application can be made for a principle private residence or for a rental property however if the applicant sells the property, or it is no longer available for rent, during the clawback period, the grant funds must be reimbursed to the local authority as follows:

<p>Property sold within 5 years or ceases to be principal residence or ceases to be a rental property with a tenancy registered with the Residential Tenancies Board.*</p>	<p>Property sold or ceases to be principal private residence, or ceases to be a rental property with a tenancy registered with the Residential Tenancies Board.</p> <p>Over 5 years and less than or equal to 10 years*</p>	<p>Property sold or ceases to be principal private residence, or ceases to be a rental property with a tenancy registered with the Residential Tenancies Board.</p> <p>Over 10 years*</p>
<p>100% of the monetary amount of the grant is repayable (the “Clawback”)</p>	<p>75% of the monetary amount of the grant is repayable (the “Clawback”)</p>	<p>No Clawback applies</p>

Information cannot be provided regarding a specific grant application, however as per the information provided above, the grant funds must be reimbursed to the local authority if the applicant is not adhering to the scheme guidelines.

LPNC/56/Q12/O126 Item ID:89876 – Sarsfield Park Traffic Management

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

Can the Chief Executive inform the Area Committee of the communications and engagement currently taking place between the appointed contractor and residents in Sarsfield’s Park in relation to traffic management arrangements and

resident notification. In this context, can the Chief Executive outline: (i) how the Council oversees contractor communications with residents; (ii) what measures are in place to ensure that information provided is clear, accessible and accurate; and (iii) how the Council monitors and intervenes where traffic management arrangements on site do not align with approved drawings or conditions.

REPLY:

Ongoing communication and engagement is taking place between the appointed contractor and residents of Sarsfield's Park in relation to the works and associated traffic management arrangements. In accordance with contractual requirements, the contractor engages directly with residents in advance of and during works that impact access or traffic movement. This engagement includes resident notification letters issued in advance of planned works, email notifications to councillors, information displayed on the site noticeboard, and the provision of site contact details for resident queries.

The council oversees contractor communications and traffic management arrangements through the project supervision team. The contractor is required to submit all resident communications for review and approval by the Housing Department and project team prior to issue, to ensure that information is clear, accessible, accurate, and consistent with the approved traffic management plans. Traffic management on site is monitored through regular inspections and where works do not align with approved plans, the project team will issue corrective instructions until full compliance is achieved.

LPNC/57/H16/O126 Item ID:89729 - New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/58/C10/O126 Item ID:89716 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/59/M21/O126 Item ID:89811 - Illegal Dumping

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

This committee agrees that action should be taken to remove the dumping that has occurred at (Address notified). This address has been boarded up for a year now after being petrol bombed in January 2025. It has become a dumping ground and needs immediate attention.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

The illegal waste at this location has been removed.

Residents can report issues of illegal dumping at council properties in confidence to the Estate Management team 01-4149000.

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[WhatsApp Image 2026-01-13 at 4.30.54 PM \(2\)](#)

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

Community

LPNC/60/Q13/O126 Item ID:89828 – Lucan Leisure Campus

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

In light of the recent update at the January County Council meeting indicating that the Lucan Pool is being filled and that a February handover to the operator is planned, can the Chief Executive provide a formal update on the current status of the Lucan Pool project and make a statement on the matter?

REPLY:

Works are progressing well at Lucan Leisure Campus under the new main contractor. The main pool has been filled with water which is a major milestone in the project and is testing well. The building management system is operational.

Commissioning, completion and finishing works are ongoing and handover of the pool to the operator is expected at the end of February 2026. This will allow the operator to undertake their required set up and training in the pool with the intention of opening to the public by the end of March. Any remaining completion and remedial works will be completed by the main contractor during this period.

LPNC/61/H17/O126 Item ID:89723 – Deputations for Noting

Deputations for Noting (No Business)

LPNC/62/H18/O126 Item ID:89725 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/63/C11/O126 Item ID:89713 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/64/M22/O126 Item ID:89814 – Palmerstown Youth & Community Centre

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

This committee agrees that when Palmerstown Youth and Community is upgraded, the council will consult with young people in the community to ensure the space becomes more accessible to the younger generation.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

The Community team have not received any request regarding an extension/upgrade to the Palmerstown Youth and Community centre, and it is not on the current 3 year Capital programme. However, if any development was to take place any decisions would be made in consultation with the members of the community and the Board of Management.

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

LPNC/65/M23/O126 Item ID:89820 – Lucan Leisure Centre

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

That this Area Committee requests South Dublin County Council to engage with Aura Leisure to extend weekend opening hours at Lucan Leisure Centre, to align with other SDCC leisure centres such as Tallaght and Clondalkin, with a minimum closing time of 5.00pm on at least one weekend day, as the centre currently closes at 3.00pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:

Discussions have taken place with Aura Leisure regarding the weekend opening times and the hours of opening have been reviewed. The weekend opening hours will be extended to 6pm on weekends starting on January 31st and once the pool is opened the weekend hours will be extended to 7pm and the mid-week hours will be extended to 10pm.

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

Meeting Concluded at 18:13

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