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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of South Dublin County Council February 2026 Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24th February 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	Sharon Conroy, Edel Clancy, Vivienne Hartnett, Amanda Mills
A/Senior Executive Officers	Paul Fusco, Fiona Hendley
Senior Engineer	Gary Walsh, John Hegarty
Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer	Damien Wildes
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent	David Fennell
Senior Executive Engineer	Andrew O'Mullane
Senior Executive Librarian	Rosena Hand
Arts Officer	Orla Scannell
Administrative Officer	Fionnuala Keane
Area Community Officer	Aoife Troy
Staff Officer	Eimear O'Sullivan
Assistant Staff Officer	Vikki Cryan
Clerical Officers	Rebecca Brennan, Dylan Hayes

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Caroline Brady presided.

LPNC/66/H1/O226 Item ID:89711 - Minutes

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting of January 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 H Farrell and seconded by Councillor J Tuffy and RESOLVED: "That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 27th January 2026 be ADOPTED and APPROVED."

[H1 Minutes of January 2026 LPNC ACM](#)

LPNC/67/O226 - Questions

It was proposed by Councillor A Hayes and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole and RESOLVED "That pursuant to Standing Order No.13 that Questions 1 – 21 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**".

Libraries & Arts

LPNC/68/H2/O226 Item ID:90095 - Library News & Events

This report was presented by Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian

[H1.2 Library Event Stats](#)

[H1.2 LPNC libraries report February](#)

Following contributions from Councillors A Hayes and C Brady, Rosena Hand Senior Executive Librarian Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/69/H3/O226 Item ID:90300 - Arts Programme Update

This report was presented by Orla Scannell Arts Officer

[H1.3 February Lucan, Palmerstown, North Clondalkin ACM Arts Programme Update](#)

This Headed Item was taken in conjunction with Headed Item 4

LPNC/70/H4/O226 Item ID:90301 - Application for Arts Grants

This report was presented by Orla Scannell Arts Officer

[H1.4 February Arts Grants LPNC ACM](#)

Following contributions from Councillors C Brady and J Tuffy, Orla Scannell Arts Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/71/H5/O226 Item ID:90101 - New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/72/C1/0226 Item ID:90088 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Economic Development

LPNC/73/Q1/0226 Item ID:90183 – Silver Bridge Update

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson.

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Silver Bridge including the CPO of the lands on the South Dublin side of the Liffey?

REPLY:

South Dublin are committed to preparing a Silver Bridge Feasibility Study with Fingal County Council, which will examine landownership matters, connectivity with active travel routes, alignment with supporting tourism and active travel strategies, technical engineering requirements and the potential future use of the bridge. Upon completion of the feasibility study, the Council are fully committed to pursuing the acquisition of any relevant lands, which will be directly informed by the feasibility study that is expected to be advanced in 2026.

LPNC/74/H6/0226 Item ID:90098 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/75/C2/0226 Item ID:90086 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/76/M1/0226 Item ID:90257 – Lucan Village Green

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

That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to examine what measures if any, could be put in place to recognise and support Lucan Village businesses that were adversely affected by the Village Green upgrade works particularly those in the village centre where prolonged works and delays had a knock-on impact on trading. This request follows engagement with local business owners, including a meeting attended by 17 businesses prior to Christmas, where significant reductions in turnover were outlined. The motion seeks clarification on whether any form of goodwill support, compensation mechanism, business support scheme or community-based credit or reinvestment initiative could be considered and to report back to Members on available options, constraints, or precedents.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The Council acknowledges that public realm and infrastructure works can cause temporary disruption during delivery. However, such investment is essential to enhance the long-term vitality, accessibility and attractiveness of Lucan Village.

The Village Green upgrade and associated Demesne works and the inclusion of purchase and enhancement of Lucan House, alongside €500,000 under the 'Lucan Destination Town' initiative represent a multi-million investment in Lucan. Since opening, Council-led events at Lucan House have already demonstrated strong demand, with approximately 3,000 attendees at the Christmas Market and 8,000 at the Christmas Circus. A preliminary economic assessment undertaken as part of the acquisition indicated that, when fully activated, Lucan House and Demesne could attract up to 150,000 visitors annually, generating an estimated €1.5 million in direct visitor revenue and a further €2.25 million in indirect and induced economic benefits per annum. These improvements are intended to strengthen the village's appeal and support sustained local economic activity over the long term. Public infrastructure investment is delivered for the collective benefit of the community and local economy, and there is no statutory mechanism for compensating individual businesses for temporary impacts arising from such works.

As previously noted, the Economic Development Department will coordinate a targeted social media and promotional campaign upon completion of the works to highlight that Lucan Village is open for business and to encourage increased footfall and renewed engagement with local traders.

Following contributions from Councillor L O'Toole, Paul Fusco A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/77/M2/O226 Item ID:90205 - Lucan Village Works

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

That this Area Committee notes the disruption experienced by businesses in Lucan Village during the Village Enhancement Scheme works and requests the Manager to examine and report on potential measures to support business recovery following completion of the works, including the feasibility, statutory requirements and cost implications of initiatives such as temporary parking incentives and promotional or communications campaigns.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

As previously noted, the position in relation to the Control of Parking Bye-Laws was set out at that time. Parking charges and any waivers or variations are governed by the Control of Parking Bye-Laws 2021, which are a reserved function of the full Council adopted following a statutory process. The Bye-Laws already provide for 30 minutes free parking countywide (with limited exceptions), and there are no current plans to review them to allow for location-specific arrangements. Accordingly, an Area Committee cannot agree free parking or direct the Executive to waive parking charges, as this would be outside the Committee's remit and inconsistent with the existing Bye-Laws.

The Council remains committed to supporting local enterprise and town centre activity. As previously indicated, the Economic Development Section will coordinate a targeted promotional and social media campaign upon completion of the works to highlight that Lucan Village is open for business and to encourage increased footfall.

Following contributions from Councillors V Casserly, L O'Toole and J Tuffy, Paul Fusco A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

Performance & Change Management

LPNC/78/H7/0226 Item ID:90102 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/79/C3/0226 Item ID:90089 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Corporate Support

LPNC/80/Q2/0226 Item ID:90271 – St Brigid's Day Event

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Chief Executive if he/she will formally convey the Area Committee's appreciation to the Community and Tourism Sections for their support in delivering Lucan's first St Brigid's Day community event, including the engagement of the Community Representative for the Lucan area and the assistance provided in facilitating the collection of reeds for cross-making in Blessington, and to acknowledge the contribution of the many women involved in making the event a success.

REPLY:

The Chief Executive is very pleased to formally convey the Area Committee's appreciation to the Community and Tourism Sections for their support in the delivery of Lucan's first St Brigid's Day community event.

The event was organised in collaboration between a local resident, Natalie Ryan, and Councillor Lina O'Toole within a very short timeframe, and the support provided by the Council's teams — particularly the engagement of the new Community Representative for the Lucan area — was greatly valued by the organisers and the wider community.

The assistance provided in facilitating the collection of reeds for cross-making in Blessington added a meaningful and memorable element to the celebration. The

Council also wishes to recognise the many women whose efforts contributed to making the event such a success.

This message of thanks will be formally passed on to all involved.

LPNC/81/H8/0226 Item ID:90097 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/82/C4/0226 Item ID:90085 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/83/M3/0226 Item ID:89997 – Postal Delivery Issues

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

That this Area Committee write to An Post seeking an urgent update on ongoing postal delivery issues in the Lucan area including persistent delays, non-delivery and mail being delivered to incorrect addresses. The Committee requests clarification on the causes of these issues including staffing and operational challenges and the measures being taken to restore a reliable service. Particular concern has been raised regarding missed medical appointments, delayed health-related correspondence and the impact on families including those with vulnerable children or older relatives. Given the significant impact on residents' day-to-day lives the Committee further requests that An Post engage directly with the Area Committee either by written response or attendance at a meeting or pre-meeting briefing to outline how these issues will be addressed and prevented from recurring.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

If this motion is passed, a letter in this regard will be issued to An Post on behalf of the Local Area Committee. The response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole, J Tuffy, H Farrell, C Brady, Paul Fusco A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Agreed**.

LPNC/84/M4/0226 Item ID:90244 – ESNB Power Failures

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes, seconded by M. Johansson

Given the significant interruption to local businesses and households during power failures over the last year, that this Committee write to ESNB to request a written explanation for the interruptions to power supply in Palmerstown Village on the following dates: 5 Oct 2024 20 Oct 2024 18 Nov 2024 29 Apr 2025 2 June 2025 10 June 2025 - (split second went) 12 June 2025 25 June 2025 4 December

2025 27 January 2026 28 January 2026 And to ask what assurances can be given that interruptions will be less frequent in the year ahead.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

If this motion is passed, a letter in this regard will be issued to ESNB on behalf of the Local Area Committee. The response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

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

Public Realm

LPNC/85/Q3/O226 Item ID:90118 - Works on Griffeen Park Pitch

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

Can we receive an update on the works carried out on the pitch at Griffeen Park?
Can details of cost and a project update on the pitch be given along with details of any future plans for all-weather pitches in the area?

REPLY:

Improvement works to pitch no.13 at Griffeen Park has been completed and the pitch is now establishing. Minor finishing works are required such as landscape finishes to the areas around the boundary of the pitch, and this will be carried out when weather conditions improve later in the Spring. Project cost is €223,811.00 exclusive of VAT and this work is supported by a Sports Capital Grant.

In relation to the question regarding the provision of all-weather pitches; South Dublin County Council commissioned a Sport Pitch Strategy (SPS) in 2020 to provide the Council with a clear evidence base and set of recommendations for future outdoor sports facility development across the district. A SPS is a strategic assessment that provides an up-to-date analysis of supply and demand for playing pitches (grass and artificial) in the local authority. The strategy and the evidence upon which it is based is delivered using insight from specific Governing Bodies of Sport, national guidance and local stakeholder input. The strategy focused on the following sports: Soccer, GAA, Rugby Union, Hockey, Cricket and Athletics. The SPS is an important document in the future locations of additional floodlit artificial grass pitches as it provides evidence based upon local team usage and future team generation rates that would be the predominant users of the facility. The SPS demonstrates that the requirement for grass sports pitches generally is growing and in order to meet that requirement; there is a need to provide Artificial Grass Pitches in both this LEA and elsewhere in the county (amongst other complementary actions identified within the SPS as well). The provision of Artificial Grass Pitches across the county are a strategic provision. Artificial Grass Pitches are as a vital recreational asset to the local community in terms of a

training and match-play facility for clubs, teams and others. The delivery of the SPS is reviewed on a regular basis and implementation is reported and discussed at the relevant SPC.

Artificial grass pitches can support far more matches and training sessions compared to regular grass pitches and the sports pitch strategy recommends the provision of at least 5 No. pitches across the county to allow for an even distribution and facilitate use county-wide. At present, there is a council approved and funded Artificial Grass Pitch Programme agreed and underway. 2 No. artificial grass pitches have been delivered (at Airlie Park and Sean Walsh Park) as part of this programme of delivery. The other 3 no. required locations are in the west and east of the county and within the new Strategic Development Zone area at Clonburris. The GAA sized 3G Pitch and Soccer Sized 3G pitch associated with the Clonburris SDZ have received planning permission and are currently at detailed design stage.

With an increased budget made available for the establishment of further Artificial Grass Pitches, additional sites from across the county are being evaluated, including within the Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin area. At present there is a Part 8 underway for the Artificial Grass pitch in the east of the county. Once complete, the team will proceed to evaluating potential sites across the rest of the County. Consideration will include lands within the Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin area. Site selection location will be determined by a number of factors including: site availability, site suitability and other feasibility assessments in line with the Sports Pitch Strategy.

LPNC/86/Q4/O226 Item ID:90248 - Bin installation at Glenaulin Park

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the manager if he would consider installing a public bin at the entrance to Glenaulin Park/The Gaels from Oakcourt Lawn, the entrance used by the majority of park users from Oakcourt estate and surrounds.

REPLY:

The entrance to Glenaulin Park at Oakcourt Lawn will be examined for the provision of a litter bin having regard to the litter bin installation protocol as set out in the Litter Management Plan. If it is considered to be a suitable location, a bin will be installed.

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LPNC/87/Q5/O226 Item ID:90261 - Storage Container Griffeen Park

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what engagement has taken place with local parkrun volunteer groups regarding the replacement of the storage container at Griffeen Park, Haydens Lane previously used for equipment storage further to motions previously raised and agreed by members. Given that secure storage is vital for the ongoing operation of parkrun events can the Chief Executive also outline the current status, timeline and next steps for providing a suitable replacement noting that contact details for the volunteer groups can be made available.

REPLY:

Parkrun have been contacted in relation to the former model car racing storage area in Griffeen Valley Park. A joint inspection of the facility has been arranged to determine the existing use of the facility and to consider options to meet their storage needs.

LPNC/88/Q6/O226 Item ID:90237 - Tree Pruning Cherbury Park

Proposed by Councillor Joanna Tuffy

To ask the CEO for an update on the Question I asked at Area Committee Meeting Tuesday, June 24, 2025 QUESTION NO.7 to see if the need for pruning re a tree in Cherbury Park has been addressed and if it has been considered if this tree should be removed and replaced in light of new policy, and in the event not, has pruning taken place since question No. 7 was asked by me or when will it take place?

*details supplied *note exact number of house tree is outside of should not be referred to in the reply - - see also members reps and Members Reps. ID: 1839254 letter 21/6/24 and attached approved response ID 1876421 7/5/2025

REPLY:

Following a commitment to prune the tree given at the ACM in June 2025, the tree at the location in question was pruned on 14/10/2025. The tree was inspected recently and does not warrant removal. There are no further works necessary for the tree at this time.

The trees in Cherbury estate are listed for pruning on the current Tree Maintenance Programme. Prior to works commencing a full survey of all trees will be carried out to determine the extent of the tree maintenance requirement. Arising from that survey, any works considered necessary will be scheduled for attention. The tree in question will be inspected again as part of this process.

[Q6 \(ii\) Approved Official Response \(55\)](#)

LPNC/89/H9/O226 Item ID:90104 - New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/90/C5/O226 Item ID:90091 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/91/M5/O226 Item ID:89962 – All-Weather Pitch Griffeen Park

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

Cathaoirleach's Business

That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to deliver a full all-weather, multi-use pitch, within Griffeen Valley Park supported by appropriate drainage and lighting infrastructure, to ensure year-round access for all local clubs and sporting groups.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

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Site selection location will be determined by a number of factors including: site availability, site suitability and other feasibility assessments in line with the Sports Pitch Strategy.

Following contributions from Councillors C Brady, L O'Toole, H Farrell and A Hayes, Damien Wildes Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

LPNC/92/M6/O226 Item ID:89874 - Lucan Allotments

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

To call on the Manager to allocate public land for the use as public allotments in the Lucan area given, that there are no allotments available to the population.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

SDCC's County Development Plan and Parks and Open Space Strategy supports the provision of allotments in new developments. SDCC's county development plan also supports the development of compact settlements and the provision and support of sustainable transport to new developments. The policies supporting smaller gardens in new developments, as per the government published compact settlement guidelines, and increased apartment living, is likely to increase demand for allotments. Provision of allotments contribute to delivering the Green Infrastructure Strategy and Climate Change Action for the county as they act as both a mitigation and adaptation measure to combat Climate Change.

SDCC currently manage and provide a total of 443 allotments. Friarstown: 312; Corkagh: 42; Mill Lane, Palmerstown 74; Tymon Park: 15.

All Council-provided allotments are accessible to the public either on foot or via existing public transport services, with only short walking distances required from the nearest bus stops.

For the Lucan ACM area there are approx 154 people who have expressed interest in the operation of an allotment and SDCC currently manage a waiting list for same.

As part of the capital programme 2026-2028 SDCC have made provision for the delivery of allotments across the county. The next stage of delivery will be to examine feasible locations and carry out relevant assessments and planning processes as required, prior to construction stage. Simultaneously SDCC continue to review existing allotments as in some cases the subdivision of existing allotments can be appropriate in some circumstances. Councillors will be kept apprised of progress during the process of delivery.

Following contributions from Councillors H Farrell, A Hayes, M Johansson, V Casserly and C Brady, Damien Wildes Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

LPNC/93/M7/O226 Item ID:90109 - Airlie Car Park Permeable Paving

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

'To ask the manager to extend the permeable paving in Airlie Park car park, to address problematic / dangerous issues in the spaces between car parking bays, including the entrance and exit corners.'

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The access and egress routes into the car park in Airlie Park were specifically designed to control the speed of vehicles as they enter and exit the car park. This is achieved by directing vehicles to travel around a 90-degree bend as opposed to 'cutting the corner'. This is of particular importance to the safety of other user groups in the area as vehicles cross a public footpath and cycle lane when moving between the road and the car park. The damage that is being caused to the grass at the entry/exit points will be examined to see if suitable solution can be identified to resolve the matter.

The space between the car parking bays was provided for tree planting and it was never intended to be driven on. There is sufficient space in the car park for cars to enter and exit parking spaces without driving on this soft grass margin. The significant amount of persistent rain that has fallen in recent weeks has exacerbated the issue of soft ground and has made this problem worse. The area will be monitored over the growing season to see if it recovers or if further intervention is required.

[M7 \(ii\) 20260119 131642](#)

[M7 \(iii\) 20260119 131529](#)

[M7 \(iv\) 20260119 131512](#)

[M7 \(v\) 20260119 131459](#)

Following contributions from Councillors N Fennell, M Johansson and C Brady, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/94/M8/0226 Item ID:90207 – Tandy’s Lane Carpark Upgrade

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

To call on the manager to upgrade Tandy's Lane Carpark due to widespread mud, waterlogging and uneven surface in the carpark. If a time commitment could be given to same.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The surface of Tandys Lane car park has deteriorated over time since the park was first opened. The cellular grass system which was used in the construction was designed to provide an aesthetically pleasing porous surface. Unfortunately, the movement of vehicles in the car park has caused undulations to the surface. This has resulted in a breakdown of the growing medium where grass previously existed and a manifestation in the muddy conditions which are currently present. The issue has likely been exacerbated by the significant amount of persistent rain that has fallen in January and February.

A review of the construction of the car park is currently underway to determine the most appropriate method to reinstate the car park to fulfil the purpose for which it is required. The review will consider reinstating the existing surface or using an alternative method of construction. The timeframe for the implementation of a solution will be determined by the findings of the review and is subject to budget availability and the procurement of a contractor to carry out works.

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

LPNC/95/M9/0226 Item ID:90258 – Community Apiary Lucan House

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

That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to examine and report on the feasibility of locating a community apiary within the grounds of Lucan House in Lucan Village, having regard to site suitability, access, safety, security, biodiversity considerations, and any statutory or management constraints, noting that local beekeepers have expressed interest in supporting such an initiative.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

Lucan House and Demesne Masterplan which was presented to the County Council meeting in June 2025 sets out the proposed uses for the house and grounds. The masterplan is an ambitious and future-focused initiative that will transform the

historic Lucan House estate into a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable public amenity for the local community and the wider region.

This carefully considered masterplan integrates:

- Heritage conservation
- Climate resilience and biodiversity
- Expanded green infrastructure
- New cultural and community spaces
- Accessible amenities

The wide and varied uses that are required of the outdoor space places an onus on SDCC to ensure that the area is fully inclusive for all visitors. Regrettably, it is not possible to allocate and segregate specific areas within the grounds to cater for individual groups such as beekeepers at the exclusion of other visitors.

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

LPNC/96/M10/0226 Item ID:90208 – Accessibility Airlie Park

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

To call on the manager to provide wheelchair accessible surfaces in Airlie Park. While seating is available due to the surface they are inaccessible for wheelchair/mobility aid users. A hard accessible pathway to the seating would afford opportunity to use the facility.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

A review of access routes to seating areas in Airlie Park will be carried out to determine the condition and accessibility of each location. Areas that are identified as being inaccessible will be quantified and a programme of works put in place to have them upgraded. The timeframe for upgrading is subject to the number of locations and extent of areas involved, nevertheless every effort will be made have works carried out within the current year. If there are areas where significant funding is required these may have to be considered in the context of the 2027 budget process.

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

Environment

LPNC/97/Q7/0226 Item ID:89872 – Update on Greenway Plans

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the Manager to provide an update on expected quarterly plans to be implemented during 2026 on each part of the Greenway, to include any plans for the Boardwalk, and to include the expected project spends and the sources of funding for this.

REPLY:

Phase 1a (Grand Canal to N4)

This phase is funded by the NTA. 2026 NTA Allocation: € 445,000

Construction of the Parklands and secondary links (to local schools) will be completed in February, except for the planting (to be done within the appropriate planting season).

The current projected total costs of the construction phase of Ph1a is approx. €3,180,861.22 (includes costs of consultants for the construction phase). The majority of that was paid in 2025, with the 2026 allocation for last invoices and final accounts.

The upgrade of pathways within the Clonburris Grounds will be covered by future Clonburris Parks work.

Phase 1b (N4 to Lucan)

This phase is funded by the NTA. 2026 NTA Allocation: € 200,000

Status: On Hold, due to resources and minimal movement on the land transfer. When there is progress the land transfer, the 2026 allocation will be used to procure a design consultant for detailed design.

Phase 1c (Bridges& Boardwalk)

This phase is funded by the NTA. 2026 NTA Allocation: € 50,000

Bridge Status: On Hold, funding allocation for Q4 publication of tender for construction.

Boardwalk Status: Detailed Design: On Hold, due to resources

LPNC/98/Q8/O226 Item ID:90265 – Public Realm Works Lucan Village

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the public realm works in Lucan Village further to the motion raised and debated at last month's Area Committee meeting and to confirm that the remaining elements are on track for completion by mid-March as previously agreed. I would also appreciate confirmation that the completion of these works will be managed in a manner that minimises disruption to local businesses and village activity.

REPLY:

The contractor for the Lucan Village Enhancement Scheme Comprising of the works at the Village Green, Demesne Park, and the Liffey Promenade (Weir), Bretland Construction Ltd., has advised that the works are expected to be completed and available for handover by mid-March. The contractor has also provided additional supervisory staff to the site to coordinate the remaining elements of the project and to prepare for the handover process.

Significant elements of work underway and recently completed

- The macadam paving of Lucan Road south of the Village Green, this works includes the provision of road marking and was extended in area at the request of the road maintenance section to complete upcoming maintenance works without further disruption.
- The improvement of the narrow section of footway at O'Neill's and Kenny's
- The footpath entrance at Watery Lane, of access to Lucan Weir Promenade

These elements of the scheme conclude the disruptive roadworks for the scheme.

The following significant works are to be carried out:

- Removal of defunct ESB poles and overhead cables, scheduled for this week.
- The completion of the paving surface and the landscape planting in the Village Green
- The bandstand and river side parapet wall
- The Steps from the Lucan Bridge to the Promenade
- The in-wall seating at the Demesne Park Entrance.

LPNC/99/H10/0226 Item ID:90099 - New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/100/C6/0226 Item ID:90083 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/101/M11/0226 Item ID:90255 - Pre-purchase of Columbarium Niches

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

Cathaoirleach's Business

That this committee calls on the Chief Executive to review the pre-purchase of columbarium niches for residents over the age of 65, to support older residents in planning ahead with dignity and to ensure clear, accessible arrangements for those who wish to be interred close to their loved ones.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

SDCC fully recognise and respect the desire of residents aged 65 and over to plan ahead and make clear arrangements for their interment. The current policy for the purchase of columbarium niches is that they can only be purchased at the time of interment.

This policy is in place for several reasons. There are currently no grave spaces available for new coffin burials. As a result, burial capacity at the cemetery is extremely limited. The Council must therefore prioritise meeting immediate need at the time of death, rather than facilitating advance reservations which could significantly reduce availability for families facing bereavement.

The demand for columbarium niches remains ongoing and must be carefully managed to ensure fair and equitable access for all residents. Allowing pre-purchases could restrict supply and unintentionally disadvantage families requiring arrangements at short notice.

While Esker Cemetery no longer has new grave spaces available for coffin burials, the Columbarium Wall provides a meaningful and dignified alternative for families wishing to commemorate their loved ones at this location. The facility offers a respectful setting where ashes can be interred close to family members, subject to availability at the time of need.

We understand that advance planning is important to many older residents, and the Council remains committed to providing clear, accessible information about interment options and processes. However, at present, the allocation of niches at the time of interment ensures that limited space is managed responsibly and fairly for the whole community.

Following contributions from Councillors C Brady, J Tuffy and A Hayes, Sharon Conroy Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/102/M12/0226 Item ID:90238 - Outstanding Works Lucan Village Green

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

That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to bring a headed report to the Committee on the outstanding works at the Village Green, including details of the proposed planting scheme and the reconstruction of the stone wall using salvaged materials. The report should outline how heritage and biodiversity considerations are being incorporated into the design and implementation of the works, and confirm the oversight arrangements in place to ensure quality and appropriate character.

[M12 Lucan Village Enhancement Scheme proposed planting](#)

The following report from the Chief Executive was read:

The contractor for the Lucan Village Enhancement Scheme (comprising of the works at the Village Green, Demesne Park, and the Liffey Promenade (Weir), Bretland Construction Ltd., has advised that the works are expected to be completed and available for handover by mid-March. The contractor has also provided additional supervisory staff to the site to coordinate the remaining elements of the project and to prepare for the handover process.

Elements of work underway and recently completed

- The macadam paving of Lucan Road south of the Village Green, this work includes the provision of road marking and was extended in area at the request of the road maintenance section to complete upcoming maintenance works without further disruption.
- The improvement of the narrow section of footway at O'Neill's and Kenny's
- The footpath entrance at Watery Lane, of access to Lucan Weir Promenade

These elements of the scheme conclude the roadworks for the scheme.

The following significant works are to be carried out:

- Removal of defunct ESB poles and overhead cables, scheduled for this week.
- The completion of the paving surface and the landscape planting in the Village Green
- The bandstand and river side parapet wall
- The Steps from the Lucan Bridge to the Promenade
- The in-wall seating at the Demesne Park Entrance.

Landscape planting will be undertaken by a specialist subcontractor over the coming weeks and comprises of a significant number of plants and grassed area. The proposed planting plan is provided with this report.

[M12 Proposed Village Green Landscape Plan](#)

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

LPNC/103/M13/0226 Item ID:90245 - Review Kennelsfort Road layout

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

To request SDCC to review the installation of an in-line bus stop and cycle kerb on Kennelsfort road Palmerstown and propose an alternative from DMURS due to the increase in traffic delays back to Coldcut road and associated delays to the Number 80 bus route from Liffey Valley.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The bus stop on Kennelsfort Road has been designed in accordance with the *Cycle Design Manual*, ensuring that both the cycle track, the footpath and the bus stop comply with the required standards for this section of the cycle route. Given the potential conflict points that can arise between cyclists, pedestrians, and bus operations at such locations, particular care is required in the design of cycle tracks at bus stops.

The layout provided is a function of the physical constraints of the site, including the available width to accommodate the cycle track, the footpath, and the bus stop infrastructure. The bus services operating at this location consist of the No. 80 route, with a frequency of every 10 minutes, and the L55 route, which operates on an hourly basis. Current mandatory design guidance does not include specific provisions for additional space to facilitate bus accommodation within this type of constrained layout.

Following contributions from Councillors A Hayes, N Fennell and M Johansson, Andrew O' Mullane Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

Water & Drainage

LPNC/104/Q9/0226 Item ID:90254 – Environmental Priorities for Rivers

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the Manager for information on specific environmental priorities for rivers in the Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin areas during 2026.

REPLY:

There are 3 rivers in this area, the Camac, the Liffey and the Griffeen.

Sampling/monitoring measures

- In 2026, routine monthly sampling will occur in each river including EPA testing, along with any pollution investigation samples.
- We take approximately 16 samples per month to monitor various parameters such as BOD, Suspended Solids, Phosphates and pH.
- Additional sampling of Griffeen in relation to DURL project will also continue to ensure water quality.
- We are in the process of organising a second micro invertebrate survey at the Griffeen ICW to see how this project has improved biodiversity in the area. Funding application has been submitted.
- The team also plans on increasing work regarding Section 4 Discharge Licenses; this is critical in commercial areas around Clondalkin where development is occurring.

- Continue to sample sites with existing section 4 Licenses and investigate other discharges in the commercial areas.

Misconnection assessments

- Subject to resources, misconnection assessments in areas around Lucan and the Italian Ambassadors former residence.
- Prioritise misconnection assessments in residential areas around Oakcourt Drive.
- We also want to conduct commercial misconnection assessments this year, potentially in business parks like Fonthill and Park West.
- Misconnection works to be organised subject to staffing levels and training available.

Pollution Investigations

- The team will conduct pollution investigations in the area as required.
- Samples will be taken during the pollution investigations where needed.
- Close out complaints as promptly as possible and do follow up visits if required.

LPNC/105/Q10/0226 Item ID:90246 – Gully Blockages Kennelsfort Road

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the manager to explain the cause of persistent gully blockages outside 134 Kennelsfort road and downhill at Wheatfield road junction. Previous motion at this ACM in November 2025 relates.

REPLY:

Due to the low-lying nature of the gullies located at 134 Kennelsfort Road and the junction of Kennelsfort Road and Wheatfield Road, in times of heavy rainfall water can pond in these areas.

To remedy this, these gullies are to be cleaned regularly in addition to our annual gully cleaning programme.

These areas have been added to the list of drainage hotspots.

LPNC/106/H11/0226 Item ID:90106 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/107/C7/0226 Item ID:90093 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Community

LPNC/108/Q11/0226 Item ID:90252 – Review of Community Grants

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask if any review of the impact of Community Grant Scheme or Local Enhancement Programme Grants have been carried out by SDCC in the last 5 years?

REPLY:

The Community Department administers a significant number of grants annually under these and related schemes. While routine monitoring and reporting arrangements are in place to ensure that grants are delivered in line with schemes objectives and funding conditions, a single, comprehensive impact assessment covering all grants awarded over the last five years has not been undertaken.

It is worth noting that a full review of this nature would constitute a significant body of work, given the scale and diversity of grants issued during that period, the range of community organisations supported, and the differing aims of the various funding streams. Any consideration of a broader evaluation would need to take account of available resources, data availability and the potential alignment with wider programme or policy reviews.

In the meantime, the Community Department continues to receive and review feedback through standard reporting from grant recipients and ongoing engagement with community groups, which helps to inform the continued development and delivery of these schemes.

LPNC/109/Q12/0226 Item ID:90266 – Youth Engagement Levels

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm whether the Council will write to youth service providers in the Lucan and Lucan-Adamstown areas to obtain information on current and projected youth engagement levels. Can the Chief Executive also outline how existing youth service facilities in these areas compare with other parts of the county on a per-population basis and whether this identifies any deficit in provision.

REPLY:

The Community Department is currently undertaking an audit of community facilities. As part of this process, we are gathering the relevant information and, once complete, we will be in a position to provide an update in response to this question.

However, based on preliminary findings, there is currently one youth service provider operating in the Lucan and Lucan-Adamstown area: Crosscare, which operates from Adamstown Community Centre.

LPNC/110/Q13/O226 Item ID:90267 – Swimming Pool Lucan Leisure Centre

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the Area Committee with an update report on the completion of the swimming pool element of the Lucan Leisure Centre, including the current status and anticipated opening timeline.

REPLY:

The main pool was filled in early January. The filling of the variable depth pool commenced the week on February 9th. Both concrete pool tanks were test filled earlier in the project and passed the water retention tests.

The completion contract at Lucan pool is progressing well with all of the builders work items complete or in progress as per the programme. Having filled the main pool, some remedial works have been identified with regard to the plant and equipment associated with the pool-water circulation and filtration systems. This is due to the time elapsed between their original installation and their being brought online in the past weeks.

The required repairs have resulted in some shifting of the timeline for the completion and commissioning process. The repairs to the main pool water treatment system are now complete and SDCC will be in a position to confirm a timeline for completion and handover to Aura Leisure once filling of the variable-depth pool is complete, and all systems have been brought online. We will communicate that date at the earliest possible opportunity.

LPNC/111/H12/O226 Item ID:90147 – 2025 Community Development Grants Report

This report was presented by Fionnuala Keane Administrative Officer

[HL12 Community and Sports Grants 2025 - Information](#)

The Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/112/H13/O226 Item ID:90094 – Deputations

Deputations for Noting (No Business)

LPNC/113/H14/O226 Item ID:90096 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/114/C8/O226 Item ID:90084 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/115/M14/O226 Item ID:89965 – Esker Hill Bench

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

That an area for a bench in the vicinity of Esker Hill on the way to and from Lucan Village towards Esker Lawns, Cherbury Park, the cemeteries and the foot bridge, be identified and funding explored.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The Age Friendly Programme Manager is currently liaising with Roads and Public Realm to agree an operational framework to facilitate the effective drawdown and delivery of the ringfenced budget for the installation of Age Friendly benches.

The identification and assessment of suitable locations will form part of this process. Lucan Village will be included for consideration in the context of the overall programme rollout, subject to the agreed criteria and available resources.

Following contributions from Councillor J Tuffy, Aoife Troy Area Community Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

LPNC/116/M15/0226 Item ID:90204 – Festival Grant Funding

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by Councillor H. Farrell

To call on the manager to examine and increase funding for the Festival Grant for Lucan St Patricks Day Parade. With ongoing and rising costs, I am seeking the manager to revisit this in line with increase in Budget 2026 to further enhance this much enjoyed community event.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The Community Department offer assistance through our community grants scheme to local community festivals.

The funding granted to Lucan St Patricks Day Parade has increased over the years with their full grant application of €10,000 being awarded in 2025. This covered a large proportion of the parade costs and accounted for recent rising costs.

The 2026 grants are now open for applications and we are committed to funding this event into the future comparable with grant funding we award to other festivals in SDCC.

In addition, event organisers may also be eligible to apply for support under the South Dublin Tourism Events and Festivals Grant, which assists festivals that enhance the visitor experience and support the local economy. This provides an additional potential funding stream alongside the Community Grants Scheme.

To apply for the scheme please submit your online application here www.submit.link/eF. Please note that although there is no closing date for applications there is limited funding available. In the event the number of applications exceeds the value of the overall fund, preference will be given to the events / festivals that in the Council's view drives tourism and helps to develop the

visitor experience on offer in the area.

Queries in relation to this scheme should be emailed to econdev@sdblincoco.ie.

Following contributions from Councillors V Casserly and C Brady, Edel Clancy Senior Executive Officer and Paul Fusco A/ Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

Housing

LPNC/117/Q14/O226 Item ID:89849 – St Mark’s Meadows

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager if St Mark's Meadows is due to be taken in charge, and if so what is the time frame?

REPLY:

The Taking in Charge (TIC) process for St Mark's Meadows is currently underway. We are in the process of completing final snag items and agreeing handover with internal departments, primarily in relation to external works. Once these matters are finalised and agreed, the TIC will be completed.

LPNC/118/Q15/O226 Item ID:90209 – Accessible and Medical Need Homes

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly

This committee calls on the Manager to provide a detailed report on the number of medical need and fully accessible homes being delivered within new housing developments across the Lucan area. The report should outline: The number of units designed for wheelchair users or with enhanced accessibility features Units allocated or planned for persons with specific medical or disability-related housing needs The tenure of these homes (social, affordable, cost rental or private) How universal design and lifetime adaptable standards are being incorporated into new developments.

REPLY:

The table below details local authority and AHB Universal Design (UD)/UD+/Medically Adapted homes on our existing pipeline to be delivered across the Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin electoral area:

Development	Tenure Type	Number of Units	UD/UD+/Medically Adapted	Delivery Stream	EDD
Sarsfield Park	Social (Age-Friendly)	5	5	LA Build	Q2.2026

St Ronan's Crescent	Social (Age-Friendly)	9	9	LA Build	Q3.2026
Clonburriss Phase 1 (Kishoge Gardens)	Social	108	9	LA Build	Q1.2028
Clonburriss Phase 1 (Kishoge Gardens)	Affordable Purchase	93	1	LA Build	Q1.2028
Clonburriss Phase 1 (Kishoge Gardens)	Cost Rental	83	1	LA Build	Q1.2028
Clonburriss Phase 3,4 & 5 (Subject to Planning)	Social	409	102	LA Build	Q3.2028 - Q4.2030
Clonburriss Phase 3,4 & 5 (Subject to Planning)	Affordable Purchase	696	11	LA Build	Q3.2028 - Q4.2030
Somerton Gate, Adamstown	Social (Age-Friendly)	68	68	AHB Delivery	Q3.2026

In Council own-build developments, accessibility and lifetime adaptability are included at the design stage. Design teams are instructed to incorporate Universal Design principles, lifetime adaptable layouts and an appropriate proportion of fully wheelchair-accessible dwellings in line with identified housing need.

Through the Part V process, we actively seek the inclusion of units designed in accordance with Universal Design principles and units suitable for persons with medical or disability-related housing needs where developers have indicated such provision within their planning applications. The Part V team consistently seek the delivery of homes that can meet a broad range of needs. In particular, we request ground-floor own-door units where feasible, as these are generally more suitable for adaptation post-handover to accommodate medical or mobility requirements. In addition, we include the Irish Wheelchair Association's Best Practice Guidelines for Wheelchair Accessible Housing within the Part V information pack issued to developers. This is intended to support and encourage developers to incorporate enhanced accessibility measures, insofar as they are compatible with the permissions already granted.

LPNC/119/H15/O226 Item ID:90111 - Housing Delivery Report

This report was presented by Vivienne Hartnett Senior Executive Officer

[HL15 Housing Delivery Report](#)

Following contributions from Councillor A Hayes, Vivienne Hartnett Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/120/H16/0226 Item ID:90112 - Allocations Report

This report was presented by Amanda Mills Senior Executive Officer

Q4 2025 Allocations Report for the Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin area:

Allocations	County wide Total	Lucan Palmerstown, Fonthill
CBL-General	583	102
CBL-HAP	302	70
Homeless	206	36
Medical	77	5
Age Friendly	42	1
Tenant/Ras in Situ	49	9
Total	1,259	223
Transfers	44	7
TOT	2	0
RAS NTQ	61	11
Priority – Welfare	32	8
Mutual	6	0
TOTALS	1,404	249

Following contributions from Councillor A Hayes, Amanda Mills Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was Noted.

LPNC/121/H17/0226 Item ID:90113 - Anti-Social Behaviour Report

This report was presented by Fiona Hendley A/ Senior Executive Officer

Anti-Social Behaviour Report up to the 31st December 2025.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTING & STATISTICS FOR LUCAN, PALMERSTOWN, NORTH CLONDALKIN

Incidents	1st Qtr 2025	2nd Qtr 2025	3rd Qtr 2025	4th Qtr 2025	2025 TOTAL
CATEGORY A					
Drugs Activity reported to SDCC	6	12	5	3	26
Criminal Activity reported to SDCC	1	0	1	1	3
Joyriding reported to SDCC	0	0	0	0	0
Violence/intimidation/harassment reported to SDCC	15	10	10	9	44
CATEGORY B					
Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC	3	7	7	7	24
Vandalism reported to SDCC	1	3	2	4	10
Physical condition of property reported to SDCC	2	5	2	2	11
Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC	10	33	13	10	66
Racism reported to SDCC	1	0	0	0	1
Vacant House reported to SDCC	4	4	7	1	16
Neighbour Dispute (including parking) reported to SDCC	7	2	1	1	11
CATEGORY C					
Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC	3	3	4	1	11

Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC	1	1	2	1	5
Children Nuisance reported to SDCC	0	0	2	1	3
Selling alcohol	0	0		0	0
Total Incidents reported to SDCC	63	83	60	45	251
Total Complaints reported to SDCC	40	68	43	26	177
Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff - Main actions listed below	544	662	401	225	1832
House call / Inspection	48	62	73	27	210
Demand for Possession Section 15 & 17	0	0	0	1	1
Abandonment notice served	0	2	0	0	2
Surrenders Obtained (including Termination of Tenancy under Section 15)	10	5	3	4	22
Warnings issued	17	17	11	13	58
Interviews held (formal office and by phone)	71	59	39	22	191
Pre-Tenancies (includes Group meetings for new developments & following up Tenancy Checks)	130	204	49	14	397

Complaints received by WhatsApp	3	4	3	2	12
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Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole and M Johansson, Fiona Hendley A/ Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

LPNC/122/H18/0226 Item ID:90100 – Balgaddy Housing Quarterly Report

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

[HI.18 2025 Balgaddy Housing Maintenance Estate Management Report](#)

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

LPNC/123/C9/0226 Item ID:90087 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

Planning

LPNC/124/Q16/0226 Item ID:89873 – Community Resources Adamstown

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the Manager for an update on any plans for additional creches, gyms or other community resources planned for Adamstown in 2026.

REPLY:

Dear Cllr. Farrell,

To date two childcare facilities with a combined capacity for over 200 childcare spaces have been provided within the Adamstown Planning Scheme. 100 childcare spaces have been granted in St Helen's (under planning Register Reference SDZ23A/0017), and the development is under construction. It is anticipated this will be operational by Q3/Q4 2026 and it is our understanding that an operator has been secured.

Planning permission was granted (SDZ24A/0034W) for a residential development and a creche (100 childcare spaces) within the Tandy's Lane Village Development Area. It is anticipated by the developer that this will commence construction Q2 2026.

An application was lodged in December 2025 (SDZ25A/0050W) for a mixed-use development in Adamstown District Centre which includes a 1,000sqm, childcare

facility, this would equate to approximately 200 childcare spaces. A decision is pending on that application. In total, the Scheme requires a minimum of 600 childcare spaces.

In relation to other community resources, an application for Adamstown civic building (SDZ26A/0003W) has been lodged, which includes a library (this element has secured funding through the URDF) and enterprise centre. In addition to this and contained within the application for the civic building, is a copy of a community equivalent/community gain proposal in lieu of the swimming pool/leisure centre. The package proposed includes the transfer of a site of c0.6ha on a prominent location beside the existing community centre, existing schools, in close proximity to the train station etc which has the potential to delivery community focused use in a well utilised area. In addition to this, the proposal includes 600sqm of library led public/community use, designed for public programmes, activities and events etc located on the middle floor between the library and enterprise centre within the proposed civic building. Finally, the package includes the fit out of the enterprise centre. This community equivalent/community gain proposal in lieu of the swimming pool/leisure centre proposal will be reviewed, and due diligence is currently underway.

Construction on Central Boulevard Park commenced 03/02/2026 (anticipated 57-week construction period). The park will cater for a wide range of ages and interests, with distinct play and recreation zones, natural play areas, teen space including an informal basketball area/Multi Use Games Area, a boules space, and a callisthenics area.

We will continue to keep Elected Members updated on progress on upcoming social and community infrastructure.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Willoughby

Senior Planner

LPNC/125/Q17/O226 Item ID:90172 - Adamstown Planning Scheme

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

That the Chief Executive now detail the findings of the review (mentioned below) amid continued calls by the local community for a pool within the Adamstown SDZ. An Bord Pleanála approved a non-material amendment in 2024, altering a commitment for a leisure centre/swimming pool in the original Adamstown Planning Scheme - and it was since stated that SDCC considered the Adamstown population to be within the catchment area of the Lucan pool - nevertheless a review would be undertaken.

REPLY:

Dear Cllr. Fennell,

The question of swimming pool/leisure centre provision in Adamstown was considered in the course of the assessment of the non-material amendment to the Adamstown Planning Scheme (which was submitted to An Bord Pleanála/now An Coimisiún Pleanála in 2023 and subsequently approved by the Commission in 2024). As part of that process, SDCC had regard to the planned delivery of the Lucan swimming pool and leisure centre, including its proximity to Adamstown and the wider catchment area.

The proximity of the Lucan pool and leisure centre, which is currently being completed, was taken into account in assessing the appropriateness and feasibility of providing two public swimming pool facilities in close proximity, having regard to population catchment, accessibility, the coordinated delivery of social infrastructure in the area, and the ongoing operational and management associated with the provision of two public swimming pool and leisure facilities.

For clarity, no subsequent review was undertaken by the SDCC in respect of swimming pool provision in Adamstown. The matters referred to above formed part of the considerations informing the non-material amendment process itself.

As previously advised (by email 26/01/2026 and at the SDZ update briefing 12/02/2026), an application for Adamstown civic building (SDZ26A/0003W) has been lodged (22/01/2026 and is currently within the 5-week public consultation period). Contained within the application for the civic building, is a copy of a community equivalent/community gain proposal in lieu of the swimming pool/leisure centre. The package proposed includes the transfer of a site of c0.6ha on a prominent location beside the existing community centre, existing schools, in close proximity to the train station etc which has the potential to deliver a community focused use in a well utilised area. In addition to this, the proposal includes the fit out of the enterprise centre to the requirements of the SDCC Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Department and also approximately 600sqm of library led public/community use, designed for public programmes, activities and events etc located on the middle floor between the library and enterprise centre within the proposed civic building.

This community equivalent/community gain proposal in lieu of the swimming pool/leisure centre proposal will be reviewed, and due diligence is currently underway.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Willoughby

Senior Planner

LPNC/126/Q18/O226 Item ID:90239 – Construction in Clonburris SDZ

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive if there has been any delays to housing construction in Clonburris SDZ due to electricity grid/ESB Networks issues?

REPLY:

"There are currently no confirmed immediate delays to housing construction within the Clonburris SDZ arising from electricity grid capacity constraints. ESB Networks attend quarterly Clonburris Project Oversight Group meetings and are actively engaged with South Dublin County Council and the landowners in respect of connection sequencing and programme coordination.

The position across the SDZ is as follows:

A number of developments have connection agreements in place, with units already energised and occupied or scheduled for occupation in 2026–2027.

- Other developments have applications submitted and are progressing through the standard ESB Networks connection process.*
- SDCC-led schemes (including Kishoge Gardens Phase 1) are currently progressing connection offers in line with the construction programme.*
- For some sites, connections will be required from 2026 onwards and engagement with ESB Networks is ongoing to align delivery timelines.*

At present, localised issues may relate to standard connection applications and timing coordination rather than broader grid capacity constraints. The Council will continue to monitor connection delivery through the quarterly oversight process and liaise directly with ESB Networks to ensure alignment with housing delivery programmes."

LPNC/127/H19/O226 Item ID:90103 – New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/128/C10/O226 Item ID:90090 – Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/129/M16/O226 Item ID:90259 – Residential Development Lucan LEA

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

That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to provide a clear update on the scale of approved residential development and housing yet to be built on currently zoned lands within the Lucan LEA and to set this out in comparison with the other LEAs across the county. The report should include Strategic Development Zones (SDZs) and clearly identify which elements of the Clonburris

SDZ fall within the Lucan, Palmerstown & North Clondalkin LEA and which fall within the Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas LEA to ensure members have a clear understanding of the quantum of development already approved and still to be delivered in Lucan.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The report below is also attached to this motion for ease of reading the tables. The attachment also includes a map of the status of planning permissions within Lucan LEA taken from SDCCs publicly facing Housing Supply Monitor.

The tables below set out the distribution of housing growth across the county. The main table indicates the status of all approved residential developments and the estimated potential housing capacity on the remaining undeveloped zoned lands across each Local Electoral Area (LEA). The figures are separated to show the units which relate to Strategic Development Zones (Clonburriss and Adamstown SDZs) and Regeneration (REGEN) zoned lands within each LEA. For Lucan, an extracted table is also included setting out the permitted and potential growth for the two SDZs where they are within the LEA.

Table 1 - breakdown of all approved residential developments and the estimated potential housing capacity on the remaining undeveloped zoned lands across each Local Electoral Area (LEA). For clarity, Strategic Development Zones (SDZ) and Regeneration (REGEN) lands are identified separately.

Local Electoral Area	Clondalkin		Lucan		Palmerstown-Fonthill			Rathfarnham-Templeogue		Tallaght Central		Tallaght South	Firhouse-Bohernabreena
	SDZ	All Other Zonings	SDZ	All Other Zonings	SDZ	REGEN	All other Zonings	REGEN	All other Zonings	REGEN	All other Zonings	All other Zonings	All other Zonings
Permitted including Under Construction	2363	1814	3865	121	118	127	122	0	142	1634	58	809	1451
Zoned With Potential	521	4080	1519	279	3265	522	659	21936	291	6447	1932	130	2321
Total	2884	5894	5384	400	3383	649	781	21936	433	8081	1990	939	3772
LEA Grand Total	8778		5784		4813			22369		10071		939	3772

Table 2 - Lucan LEA extracted from Table 1 showing the breakdown of the different SDZ provision within the LEA.

LEA	Lucan			Total Lucan (as above)
Zoning Type	SDZ Adamstown	SDZ Clonburriss	All Other Zonings	

Permitted including Under Construction	3186	679	121	
Zoned with Potential	187	1332	279	
Total	3373	2011	400	5784

The figures include lands which will be developed over the longer term, up to 2040 and beyond. This will have been reflected in the recent land capacity audit undertaken for the NPF Implementation Variation and associated Report to Councillors in October 2025. For example, the Rathfarnham-Templeogue LEA shows the greatest capacity because of the Regen potential set out within the City Edge Framework Plan. Delivery for those lands is forecast for a long-term time horizon (post 2040). Tallaght Central provides for the figures set out in the Tallaght LAP which made clear that this would require a number of plan cycles for delivery.

Within Lucan LEA, the growth is split across the two SDZs with the majority of the 3,865 units permitted / under construction within Adamstown SDZ and potential on remaining zoned land within the LEA for 1,500 units, most of those as part of delivery of the western part of Clonburriss SDZ.

SDCC has a publicly facing Housing Supply Monitor dashboard. This currently shows the status of all planning applications within the County and can be queried by LEA, Neighbourhood Area or various sub-areas. A screenshot of the status of planning permissions within the Lucan LEA from the dashboard is included below by way of example of the information it contains.

[M16 Residential Development Lucan LEA and County attachment](#)

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

Transportation

LPNC/130/Q19/0226 Item ID:90260 – Dodsboro Shopping Centre Flower Bed

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the procurement of the annual service and maintenance of the flower bed at Dodsboro Shopping Centre (in front of the Spar). This flower bed was created during the Part 8 upgrade of the centre and is unsightly which is not in keeping with the public realm standard and level of investment associated with a project of this type (members' representation 1876489 and associated correspondence)

REPLY:

Following the failure of the contractor to carry out the necessary maintenance of the plants at Dodsboro SDCC are now designing an improved planting plan for this location. This plan will be implemented in the coming weeks.

LPNC/131/Q20/0226 Item ID:90262 – Unconnected Public Infrastructure

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive to identify public infrastructure in our area – for example public lighting, pedestrian crossings and similar installations – that has been installed but remains unconnected to the electrical network and is not in service, and to provide a list of the locations of same and make a statement on the matter.

REPLY:

Regarding Public Lighting installations, there aren't any **in our charge** that are unconnected. There may be a number of them in the county currently under construction but until they request us for an electrical inspection, we have no way of knowing where these are and how many.

LPNC/132/Q21/0226 Item ID:90117 – Bus Shelter Enhancements

Proposed by Councillor N. Fennell

To ask the manager to provide a breakdown of known locations for bus shelter enhancements / new bus shelters for the Lucan LEA and Palmerstown-Fonthill LEA for 2026, 2027 & 2028 as per the capital budget.

REPLY:

The bus shelter enhancements and new bus shelter installations in the Lucan LEA and Palmerstown-Fonthill LEA are delivered under the NTA-funded **Bus Stop Enhancement Programme**.

For the 2026 programme, the Council has already sent a list of proposed locations for the County to the NTA for consideration, with the intention that the NTA approved sites will be delivered in 2026. **The final approval for any bus stop enhancement works and the provision of new bus shelters rests with the NTA.** When South Dublin County Council have the approved list that are going to be delivered, we will circulate this to the elected members.

The Bus Stop Enhancement Programme is funded on a yearly basis by the National Transport Authority. SDCC have been assured that the NTA are committed to continue funding this project for the foreseeable future. However, the NTA work on yearly cycle for this type of funding. It is not the same as the **Capital Programme** which is on a three-year cycle.

The NTA have imposed strict controls on the funding and approval processes for this programme. The process is as follows: South Dublin County Council traffic team collate the preliminary Bus Stop improvement proposals which have been generated by public and raised by the elected members. South Dublin County Council then carry out a screening of the proposed locations to check whether the suggestions are feasible to deliver. The screening includes safety considerations, available space and land ownership considerations. SDCC also produce a preliminary cost estimate of the proposed Bus Stop improvements. SDCC forward our prioritised list to the NTA for the upcoming year in Q4 of the previous year. For example, SDCC has submitted our proposals for 2026 in Q4 2025. The NTA will consider this list early in 2026 and announce an agreed programme in Q1 2026. The same process will be followed for Bus Stop improvement proposals in 2027 and 2028.

Suitable locations for future years are subject to Bus Stop usage, priority Bus Stop routes, site safety assessment, design checks, accessibility requirements, utilities review, and funding approval. This is why a multi-annual announcement of Bus Stop enhancements is not possible.

SDCC are keeping a database of requested and assessed locations and this is updated as new submissions are received. The Elected Members may continue to forward suggested locations, which will be added for future consideration under upcoming programme rounds.

When South Dublin County Council are notified by the NTA of the agreed yearly programme, we will inform the members at the earliest possible time.

LPNC/133/H20/0226 Item ID:90107 - Proposed Roads to be Taken in Charge

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

LPNC/134/H21/0226 Item ID:90105 - New Works

New Works (No Business)

LPNC/135/C11/0226 Item ID:90092 - Correspondence

Correspondence (No Business)

LPNC/136/M17/0226 Item ID:90012 - Traffic Calming Airlie Heights

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly

Cathaoirleach's Business

That this committee calls on the CEO to prioritise traffic-calming measures at Airlie Heights in Lucan and to engage with residents to progress these works (ref. TMM/26/976, members reps 1884041 and 1901009)

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

The item regarding traffic calming at Airlie Heights, Lucan (Ref. TMM/26/976 and Members' Reps 1884041 and 1901009) was raised at the Traffic Management Meeting in **January 2026**.

At that time, it was confirmed that the location will be reviewed for potential traffic calming measures. A request was also to be forwarded to the Council's Active Travel Section in relation to the Safe Routes to School initiative.

SDCC traffic section can confirm again that Airlie Heights will be included in next year's (2027) traffic calming proposals.

The public consultation process for the **2026 Traffic Calming Programme** has recently concluded and the approved sites will move to construction in 2026. The elected members were consulted on these proposals prior to the public consultation.

It is intended that preparation of the **2027 Traffic Calming Programme** will commence in the third quarter of 2026. Airlie Heights will be included in that review. Any proposed measures will be presented to the elected members in workshop, and if there is general support, the traffic calming proposals will proceed to public consultation and then to construction in 2027.

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

LPNC/137/M18/O226 Item ID:90173 – Street Sign Palmerstown Avenue

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson, seconded by N Fennell

That the Chief Executive replaces the street sign on Palmerstown Avenue near Wheatfield Road as per MembersRep no 1901978.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

This sign has been ordered and we are awaiting delivery. This will be installed as soon as delivered.

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

LPNC/138/M19/O226 Item ID:90206 – Castlegate Footpath Infrastructure

Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

This committee calls on the Manager to undertake an urgent assessment of footpath infrastructure throughout the Castlegate area of Adamstown, with particular focus on damaged surfaces, trip hazards, uneven sections, drainage issues and overall accessibility for pedestrians. The committee requests that necessary repair and reinstatement works be prioritised within the current programme of works, and that a clear timeline for remedial action be provided.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

Castlegate is included in the 2026 footpath programme.

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

LPNC/139/M20/O226 Item ID:90263 – School Transport Service

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

That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to engage with the Department of Education to seek consideration of Lucan as a pilot area for a dedicated school transport service. This request is made in light of capacity constraints on the public transport network in Lucan, ongoing and planned residential and school expansion including within the Clonburr area and the resulting congestion impacts. The motion notes the Department of Education School Transport Scheme Review (January 2024) which supports climate action objectives and improved integration between school and public transport. A dedicated school transport service could reduce pressure on the public bus network, improve reliability for other users and help address congestion and safety issues associated with school travel. The Chief Executive is requested to report back on the outcome of this engagement.

The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:

If this motion is passed, a letter in this regard will be issued to the Department of Education and Youth on behalf of the Local Area Committee. The response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole, J Tuffy and M Johansson, Paul Fusco A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

Meeting Concluded at 17.55

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