

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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council March 2026 Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 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  
Tanya McDonald  
Glen Moore  
Liona O'Toole  
Joanna Tuffy

**Officials Present**

A/Senior Executive Officers	Paul Fusco, Fiona Hendley, Brenda Shannon
Senior Engineer	John Hegarty, Gary Walsh
A/Senior Community Officer	Aoife Troy
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent	David Fennell, Laurence Colleran
Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer	Damien Wildes
Senior Executive Engineer	Andrew O'Mullane
Administrative Officer	Joe Lumumba
Executive Librarian	Nicola Guy
Staff Officer	Eimear O'Sullivan
Assistant Staff Officer	Vikki Cryan
T/Assistant Arts Officer	Richie O'Sullivan
Clerical Officer	Dylan Hayes

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Caroline Brady presided.

### **LPNC/208/H1/0426 Item ID:90867 – Minutes**

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting of March 2026 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 O’Toole and RESOLVED: “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 be ADOPTED and APPROVED.”

### **[H1 Minutes of March 2026 LPNC ACM](#)**

### **LPNC/209/141/0426 – Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor C Brady and seconded by Councillor O’Toole and RESOLVED “That pursuant to Standing Order No.13 that Questions 1 – 22 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”.

## **Water & Drainage**

### **LPNC/210/Q1/0426 Item ID:91024 – Dodsboro Road Flooding**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on progress in resolving persistent flooding during heavy rain on Dodsboro Road (ref. 1911808), and whether they will make a statement on the matter?

#### **REPLY:**

Natural Water will send an inspector to 3 Dodsborough Road to check the surface water pipework at this location.

If there are any obstructions in the SW network, this will be actioned accordingly.

### **LPNC/211/Q2/0426 Item ID:91013 – Water Sample Testing Lucan Demesne**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the Manager for the results to the test carried out late 2025/early 2026 by SDCC of the water source in Lucan Demesne that runs under the road at the end of Tandy's Lane, by the "Bath House" in Lucan Demesne, joining the River Liffey to the North, and to report back on the water quality

and chemical composition. Using 18th C scientific sources, we may be able to use this information to prove (or disprove) that this is the original "spa" discovered during the 18th century, despite another spa water found near the Spa Hotel and a second in what is now the park beside Sarsfield Park, as the chemical composition of each differed slightly.

**REPLY:**

The surface water outfall at the 'Bath House' in Lucan Demense was sampled on 11th December 2025. The results do not indicate the presence of ground water.

The out of specification results highlighted in bold, indicate some pollution entering from the surface water system in Lucan.

A desktop and mapping survey is being undertaken to locate the source of pollution.

Once completed the Water Pollution Team will try to identify the source of the pollution on site and stop it.

<b>Ammonia as N</b>	<b>0.10mg/l</b>
COD	19mg/l
Conductivity (20°C)	657µS/cm
<b>E. coli</b>	<b>31062 MPN/100ml</b>
Nitrate	2.87 mg/l as N
Nitrite	0.024 mg/l as N
pH	8.1
<b>Phosphorus (React)</b>	<b>0.14mg/l as P</b>
Suspended Solids	<5mg/l
TON	2.89mg/l as N
<b>Total B.O.D.</b>	<b>7mg/l</b>
Total Coliforms	>48392 MPN/100ml

**Bold** - Outside limits set in Surface Water (Amendment) Regulations 2019  
- >1000/100 ml E. coli (Good Quality Status, Bathing Water Quality Regs, SI 79 of 2008)

**LPNC/212/H2/0426 Item ID:90865 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/213/C1/0426 Item ID:90852 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**Public Realm**

**LPNC/214/Q3/0426 Item ID:91022 – Lucan Demesne**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the Manager for details of measures being taken (where confidentiality is not an issue) to protect animal, plant, fungal, riverine, pollinator & insect, tree and bird species that may be protected or at risk ecologically, within Lucan Demesne, from the opening of the demesne as a public park, with an increase in dog and human traffic through what may be, in places, ecologically-sensitive areas.

**REPLY:**

SDCC is delighted to be able to open the grounds of Lucan House to the public which will officially commence on the May bank Holiday weekend. Access will be restricted to areas that are safe for visitors and fencing has been erected to protect some areas that are currently out of bounds. In time the extent of the accessible areas will increase as the park develops.

Defined paths will be used to guide visitors in area to minimise disturbance and habitat damage. Dogs are welcome in the park however they must be on a leash at all times. Signage to this effect will be visible within the park. Buffer zones will be maintained around riparian areas to ensure the safety of visitors and ecological areas. This will be achieved by reduced grass mowing in these areas. A Park Ranger will also be periodically present in the park as required to ensure compliance with the Parks and Open Space byelaws.

**LPNC/215/Q4/0426 Item ID:91031 – Waterstown House Roof**

**Installation**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes

To ask the manager for an updated timeline on the installation of a roof for Waterstown House in Palmerstown.

**REPLY:**

A structural design consultant has produced drawings for the provision of a roof for Waterstown House. The consultant has progressed the project to quotation stage for construction however to date they have been unable to identify contractors willing to quote for this stage of the project.

In the event that it is not possible for the consultant to obtain quotes then a tender package will be drawn up for advertising using a public procurement process.

**LPNC/216/Q5/0426 Item ID:90892 – Glenaulin Park Pitch Works**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive when the pitch works in Glenaulin park will be completed and to confirm that the commitment to close the gate at Glenmaroon Road be honoured once works are completed?

**REPLY:**

The pitch is establishing well at Glenaulin Park, however there is still some remedial work to be carried out in certain areas and around the boundary of the site. This work is scheduled to take place over the next 2 weeks. The pitch will then be inspected in early summer to determine if it has established sufficiently for use. The gate at Glenmaroon Road will be closed once the work is fully completed.

**LPNC/217/Q6/0426 Item ID:90979 – Tree Management**

Proposed by Councillor T. McDonald

How does the Council respond in cases where a resident does not want trees planted directly in front or along the side of their property? Will permission be obtained from the resident before planting commences?

**REPLY:**

As outlined in the Tree Management Policy ‘Living with Trees’, South Dublin County Council recognises the value of street trees in the urban environment and is committed to planting new trees annually to ensure that the visual amenity in South Dublin is assured for future generations. Trees provide significant economic, social, environmental, ecological and aesthetic benefits to communities and to urban and

residential streets, parks and open spaces. They also enhance biodiversity and play a crucial role in mitigating climate change.

Trees are selected for their appropriateness of scale and proportion to their surroundings and the aesthetic contribution they make to that environment. Planting density and species selection are guided by available space to ensure that each tree planted is planned accordingly and compatible with its new site and has every opportunity to develop into a healthy mature specimen. Suitable planting sites are selected and listed for consideration on the draft Tree Planting Programme. Areas targeted for new tree planting are those where trees have been removed or where there is an identified need to increase the overall tree cover.

The principle of planting the 'right tree in the right place' applies for all new and replacement tree planting. Potential sites for replacement tree planting are inspected in advance to assess their suitability for new trees, considering factors such as services, sight lines, warning signs and traffic signals, distance from public lighting columns, space for future crown and root growth, etc.

Due to the extensive planting programme that take place each year it is not possible to liaise with residents on individual trees. Residents who have concerns in this regard should contact the Public Realm Section.

**LPNC/218/Q7/0426 Item ID:91026 – Ballyowen Park Accessibility**

Proposed by Councillor T. McDonald

Do the council have a visual mock-up and timeline for the planned accessibility upgrade to the Ballyowen Park entrance at Lucan/ Newlands Road, and will it resemble the impressive park entrance enhancements on Griffeen Avenue?

**REPLY:**

The park entrance enhancements on Griffeen Avenue were carried out as part of the Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway project and funded through the NTA. The funding included provision for an enhancement of the surrounding area which included significant hard and soft landscape elements.

The upgrade of the Lucan/Newlands entrance at Ballyowen Park is being carried out as part of the Public Realm Improvement Works

Programme. This programme includes works of a small scale which are funded from the revenue budget. Works similar to that at Griffeen Avenue would require a significant budget and are outside the scope of the Improvement Works Programme. There is no visual mock up for the project suffice to say that the work is designed to enhance accessibility and will result in the removal of the existing kissing gate. The work will be carried out during 2026.

### **LPNC/219/H3/0426 Item ID:90863 – Palmerstown Play Survey Results**

This report was presented by Laurence Collieran Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

#### H3 Playspace Consultation Palmerstown

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

### **LPNC/220/C2/0426 Item ID:90850 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **LPNC/221/M1/0426 Item ID:91009 – Pavilion Programme Works**

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

#### **Cathaoirleach's Business**

That this committee request the Chief Executive report on progress to date in delivering the sports changing room pavilion programme in the LEA, including the current status of the pavilion at Griffeen Valley Park, previously programmed for delivery in early Q1 2026, and an outline plan with indicative timelines for the delivery of the remaining pavilion units within the LEA, including how remaining locations will be prioritised for delivery, given that public park pitches used by local clubs do not have access to toilet or changing facilities.

#### **The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

SDCC’s pavilion programme was agreed by the Council as part of its commitment to the health and well-being of its citizens. The implementation will support active recreation in local communities, support the growth and development of sports clubs and groups facilities such as changing rooms, and provide secure storage areas to ensure access to recreation, sustainability of service delivery and enable success. A review of

the pavilion programme was carried out and presented to the Council in April 2024. The review process identified a requirement for additional capital provision, which was approved for the 2025 budget. The programme will deliver sports changing rooms at 10 locations across the county, to facilitate groups using adjacent pitches / sport in parks as set out in the list below:

- Griffeen Valley Park (Underway)
- Corkagh Park ORR (Underway)
- Collinstown Park
- Kilnamanagh Open Space
- Dodder Valley Mt Carmel
- Griffeen Valley / Arthur Griffith Park
- Tymon Park South
- Sean Walsh Park Artificial Pitch
- Kiltipper Park
- Willsbrook Park

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

A framework tender for the modular buildings framework using Corkagh & Griffeen as the primary locations has been completed and a design and build contractor is appointed. The detailed design and tender processes were extended due to required changes to the contract documents and requests from tenderers for additional time. The appointment of the successful contractor was subject to the resolution of challenges, which were required to be dealt with in line with appropriate procurement processes and procedures. All challenges were resolved allowing the official signing of contracts at the end of August 2025. The first 2 units, at Griffeen Valley Park and Corkagh Park are programmed for delivery in May 2026 having dealt with significant rain fall and challenging conditions in the early part of the programme. Progress will then continue to the remaining 8 locations. A detailed programme for the remaining locations will be available once the contract is extended to the 8 remaining locations (post successful delivery of Griffeen Valley Park and Corkagh pavilions).

Following contributions from Councillors C Brady, L O'Toole, M Johansson and T McDonald, Damien Wildes Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

**LPNC/222/M2/0426 Item ID:90893 - Glenaulin Park Car Park**

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

That the Chief Executive arranges for the provision of car parking in Glenaulin Park in Palmerstown, due to the increasing use of the park for sports and the new proposed play space. Parking could be provided on the Western edge of the park (near the pitch) using a one way system for traffic entering through the lane at Culmore Road and exiting through the lane onto Glenaulin Road (see map attached). The parking should be eco-friendly and permeable for minimal reduction of green space

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

The lanes at Culmore Road are designed to provide access to the rear of properties that back on to it. They are not designed to facilitate access to Glenaulin Park and there is not sufficient carriage width to enable them to be used for this purpose. In addition, due to the proximity of boundary walls along the route there a number of blind spots in existence which would present an unacceptable risk to users.

The park is located in a residential area and well served by the nine entrances which are located around the boundary. These entrances provide permeability from all directions. There is a large amount of on street parking available in the vicinity of these entrances. Parking is also available within the curtilage of club house grounds. As with all sporting activities players are encouraged to reduce car journeys by carpooling or travelling by sustainable means. Given the high level of parking that is already in existence in and around Glenaulin Park, there are no proposals to provided additional parking within the park.

[M2 Image \(i\)](#)

[M2 Image \(ii\)](#)

[M2 Image \(iii\)](#)

Following contributions from Councillors M Johansson, L O'Toole, A Hayes and C Brady, David Fennell Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Responded to queries raised and the Managers Report was **Noted**.

**LPNC/223/M3/0426 Item ID:91011 – Airlie & Beech Park Storage Request**

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

That this Committee calls on South Dublin County Council to install secure storage cages in Airlie Park and Beech Park to support badly needed storage at these locations.

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

The all-weather pitch at Airlie Park has a set of GAA goal posts and two sets of soccer posts in situ. Clubs who book the pitch can avail of these goal posts. There is no proposal to provide a goal post storage compound at Airlie Park.

The storage facilities which have been provided at other locations in recent years have been generally funded by sports capital grant allocations with the Council providing the necessary 30% match funding for each project. Beech Park open space will be included for consideration for the provision of a goal post storage compound subject to the identification of a source of funding.

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

**Environment**

**LPNC/224/Q8/0426 Item ID:91010 – Derelict Site Levies 2025**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask for a report on the totals of derelict site levies collected in the LEA in 2025, with a breakdown on the rough age of construction of the properties, and if any of the properties are on the Protected Structures list for SDCC.

**REPLY:**

SDCC maintains a Derelict Sites Register under section 8 of the Act for sites which they consider are derelict under the Act. Sites entered on the Derelict Sites Register are subject to an annual derelict sites levy of 7% of market value which will continue to apply until the site is rendered non-derelict.

In 2025 SDCC applied €279,722 in levies to properties listed on the Derelict Sites Register. To date, €98,470.80 has been received in levies for 2025.

As per Section 24 of the Derelict Sites Act 1990, where derelict site levies remain unpaid, SDCC will place a charge on the relevant urban land, which will remain in place until payment of levies and interest due has been received. In addition to pursuing outstanding levies, SDCC have started the process of applying levies to properties on the Derelict Sites Register for 2026.

SDCC does not record this data by Local Electoral Area and therefore cannot provide a breakdown as requested. The derelict sites records are maintained for enforcement and monitoring purposes and do not hold information on file in relation to the age of construction of each property or full property history.

There is currently no property that is listed on both the Derelict Sites register and the protected structures list. See links to both here:

Protected structures: [record-of-protected-structures-schedule-2.pdf](#)

Derelict Sites register: [20260324-register-of-derelict-sites-for-website.xlsx](#)

### **LPNC/225/Q9/O426 Item ID:90980 - Lucan Village Green Christmas Tree**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to bring forward proposals in relation to the Christmas tree on Lucan Village Green, including its appropriate siting and future arrangements for installation and lighting, and to outline what engagement has taken place with the Lucan Festival Committee and Lucan Tidy Towns in this regard.

### **REPLY:**

Now that the Lucan Village Green Works are being completed, a meeting will be arranged with Members and relevant Festive Committee representatives to discuss power provision in place for the installation of festive lighting in the village. There has been no communication since temporary arrangements were put in place during the works with the

assistance of the contractor.

**LPNC/226/H4/0426 Item ID:90858 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/227/C3/0426 Item ID:90841 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**LPNC/228/M4/0426 Item ID:90918 – Lucan Village Green Landscaping**

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

That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to bring forward a plan for the reinstatement of semi mature, native and environmentally appropriate tree planting within Lucan Village Green, noting the recent removal of mature trees. The plan should identify suitable locations for replacement planting in order to restore the character and amenity of the Green and support biodiversity and climate resilience.

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

The Lucan Village Green scheme has been designed and overseen by the scheme architect DHB Architects and their suitably qualified professional landscape architect. The planting strategy is informed by best practice in landscape design and forms part of an overall transformative and coherent urban design strategy to reflect the progression and enhancement of Lucan as a destination and is consistent with the approved scheme.

The design incorporates a carefully considered mix of tree species, listed below, complemented with riverside and shrub planting that is environmentally appropriate and supports the long-term sustainability of the Village Green.

Furthermore, the establishment and performance of the new planting is included in the contractual requirements of the scheme and will deliver a structured maintenance and aftercare regime, being undertaken by a qualified horticulturalist over a 24-month period following opening of the Village Green. This will ensure successful establishment, ongoing health and replacement of planting where necessary, thereby safeguarding the character, amenity value of Lucan Village Green. On this basis, it is considered that the objectives of project design are already being

appropriately addressed through the existing scheme and its associated maintenance arrangements.

Trees and their planting locations:

BETULA PUBESCENS (DOWNY BIRCH) or BETULA UTILIS VAR.

JACQUEMONTII (HIMALAYAN BIRCH) – mature height more than 10 metres

- at the South Bridge
- Adjacent to the large amphitheatre
- Adjacent to the small amphitheatre

EUONYMUS EUROPAEUS "RED CASCADE" (SPINDLE TREE) – mature height 3 metres

- At the north end or the wall along Dispensary Lane

ABIES KOREANA (KOREAN FIR) – mature height 12 to 15 metres

- At the south end or the wall along Dispensary Lane

AMELANCHIER CANADENSIS (SNOWY MESPILUS) – mature height 8 to 9 metres

- Adjacent to the bandstand
- Adjacent to the wall along Dispensary Lane
- Adjacent to the wall along Dispensary Lane

The existing sycamore tree at north end of green is retained.

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole, J Tuffy, H Farrell, T McDonald and C Brady, Andrew O'Mullane Senior Executive Engineer Responded to queries raised.

Councillor O'Toole sought further clarification from the relevant Departmental representative.

Cllr Tuffy raised a point of order in relation to the proceedings.

Councillor L O'Toole requested that a vote be taken on the Motion. The following was the result of the roll call:

FOR: 4 (FOUR) Councillors C Brady, A Hayes, J Tuffy & T McDonald

AGAINST: 1 (ONE) Councillor L O'Toole

ABSTAIN: 5 (FIVE) Councillors V Casserly, H Farrell, N Fennell, M Johansson &

G Moore

The Motion was **AGREED**.

**LPNC/229/M5/O426 Item ID:90957 - Public Litter Bin Lucan Village**

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

"To ask the manager to reinstate new public litter bins back between AIB and Bank of Ireland on that side of the street in Lucan Village, following the recent completion of footpaths, and as part of the Lucan Village enhancement works"

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

The new bins between AIB and Bank of Ireland in Lucan Village are now installed to the requirements of the Public Realm section.

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

**LPNC/230/M6/O426 Item ID:91012 - Lucan Village Green Landscaping**

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

To ask the Manager for a firm commitment to immediately return the wooden sculpture that previously stood in Lucan village green, to the green, on completion of the works, as promised by SDCC Management to both previous and current Councillors. The "look" of the village green has been drastically altered by the recent redesign, but it should be perfectly possible to choose a suitable location in the new green for the sculpture, as it is a valued part of street art by Lucanian's.

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

The wooden sculpture previously removed from the Village Green is currently located in Waterstown Park. It can be reinstalled in Lucan, either

within the Village Green or the Lucan House grounds. A suitable location will be identified following the upcoming completion of the ongoing works in the Village.

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

## **Community**

### **LPNC/231/Q10/0426 Item ID:91015 - Lucan Leisure Campus Swimming Pool**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive, given the imminent opening of the Swimming Pool at Lucan Leisure Campus, what engagement, if any, has taken place to date in relation to pricing and concessions, following the indicative concessions referenced in response to my question of May 2025, and if no such engagement has yet taken place when this will occur, and to confirm what concessions will be in place on opening, and whether they will make a statement on the matter?

#### **REPLY:**

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

While the focus in recent weeks has been on bringing the works on the pool to completion we have not yet engaged with Aura on available concessions; this engagement will take place once the pool is open to the public.

However, the following are concessions currently available:

- Under 3's are always free of charge with an accompanying adult.
- An accompanying adult (carer) is free of charge with a person with a disability.
- Older Adults (over 65) have a reduced rate - whether they choose to use the facility as a Pay as You Go user or as a prepaid member.
- Family passes for the swimming pool are available at a discounted rate.
- Free water assessments for any child to determine their level of skill / ability.

There are also regular promotions to encourage usage for various subgroups. A popular promotion held is for all Leaving Certificate students, whereby they are facilitated with free of charge access to both the pool and the gym during the month of the exams. Once the pool is open the Community Development and Active South Dublin teams will work with Aura and see if they can help run similar promotions for members of our community. The first of these will be the school swim programme which is now open for applications and enables subsidised swimming lessons for school children.

Any updates arising from this engagement, including confirmation of concessions and any additional community initiatives, will be communicated once agreed.

**LPNC/232/Q11/0426 Item ID:91018 - Lucan IPAS Accommodation**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Chief Executive to provide:

The number of International Protection Accommodation (IPAS) centres in the Lucan Electoral Area

Of these how many are:

- (a) operated by South Dublin County Council/DRHE, and
- (b) operated by private providers

**REPLY:**

In the Lucan Electoral Area there is only one B&B used to accommodate International Protection Applicants. Mostly single females occupy the property.

The facility is not operated by the Council however the Local Authority Integration Team supports the residents with their needs if requested.

**LPNC/233/H5/0426 Item ID:90853 - Deputations for Noting**

Deputations for Noting (No Business)

**LPNC/234/H6/0426 Item ID:90855 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

## **LPNC/235/C4/0426 Item ID:90842 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **LPNC/236/M7/0426 Item ID:91004 - Lucan Mens Shed Meeting**

### **Request**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady, Councillor H. Farrell, Councillor J. Tuffy, Councillor L. O'Toole and Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by Councillor M. Johansson

That this Area Committee requests that the Chief Executive arrange an early meeting between relevant Council management, representatives of the Mens Shed Lucan and local councillors.

This meeting is sought in light of the significant work undertaken to date in identifying a suitable location and facility for the Mens Shed Lucan. A coordinated engagement at this stage would be beneficial to all parties in progressing the project addressing any outstanding issues and supporting the delivery of this important community initiative.

### **The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

We acknowledge the significant value that Men's Sheds bring to communities, providing important social, recreational, and wellbeing supports, particularly in fostering inclusion, connection, and positive mental health outcomes.

We also wish to recognise and commend the considerable work undertaken to date by the members of the Men's Shed Lucan in progressing this initiative. Their commitment and collaborative approach are a testament to the strength of community-led development, and we congratulate all involved for working constructively together on this motion.

The Community Department remains supportive of all initiatives that seek to enhance service provision and strengthen community infrastructure. In this regard, we would be happy to facilitate and convene a meeting between relevant council management, representatives of the Men's Shed Lucan, and local councillors to discuss how best to progress the scheme

### **[Mens Shed Presentation](#)**

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole, J Tuffy and C Brady, Joe Lumumba Administrative Officer Responded to queries raised and the

Motion was **Agreed**.

**LPNC/237/M8/0426 Item ID:91019 – Community Group Links**

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

Given the imminent large population increase expected in the greater Lucan area (including parts of Adamstown and Clonburris SDZ's) which has yet to be built, I am calling on the Manager to develop plans or funding (or to flag existing, external sources of such funding with Councillors) dedicated to creating linkages between existing and established community groups in the older parts of Lucan, with the newer communities and groups, in order to share experiences, create linkages and friendships, explore collaborations and cultural richness, and overall enhance both newer and older communities.

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

The designated Community Officer for the Lucan area continues to engage with all community groups and community centre managers to support collaborative and integrated approaches to community development. She is available to meet with existing and emerging groups, to assist in progressing new initiatives and to advise of available funding support.

The work of the Community Development Team is supported by a range of funding streams, including Community Development Grants and Community Events and Festival funding. These funding streams have increased over the past three years in response to population growth. The team provides support and guidance to groups in making applications and also highlight relevant external funding opportunities to other grant schemes, where appropriate.

The Council is monitoring population growth and the distribution of community facilities within the area and is working to identify future needs to ensure adequate resources are in place to meet increasing demand. An audit of existing community facilities is also being undertaken to ensure the most effective use of existing assets and to inform future planning.

Following contributions from Councillors H Farrell, L O'Toole and C Brady, Aoife Troy A/Senior Community Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## Housing

### **LPNC/238/Q12/O426 Item ID:90969 - Council Housing Stock Figures**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive how many houses are owned by the council in the following estates (in absolute number or percentage): Rowlagh, St Mark's, Harelawn, Neilstown, Moorfield, St Ronan's, Shancastle and Greenfort?

#### **REPLY:**

The table below details the number of social homes within the specified estates, which in total account for approximately 12% of our overall housing stock.

<b>Estates</b>	<b>Number of homes</b>
Rowlagh	137
St. Marks	252
Harelawn	178
Neilstown	90
Moorfield	141
St Ronan's	132
Shancastle	141
Greenfort	247

### **LPNC/239/Q13/O426 Item ID:91035 - Homeless Accommodation Facility Stats**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the number of homeless accommodation facilities (including family hubs) in the Lucan Electoral Area

Of these how many are:

(a) operated by South Dublin County Council/DRHE, and

(b) operated by private providers

**REPLY:**

Within the Lucan Electoral Area, emergency accommodation is provided at Finnstown. This is a privately managed facility offering emergency accommodation for families and single women. On-site supports are delivered by Focus Ireland, the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) Housing Support Team, and SDCC's Outreach Worker.

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

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

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

**LPNC/240/H7/0426 Item ID:90859 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/241/C5/0426 Item ID:90845 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**LPNC/242/M9/0426 Item ID:90896 - Kishoge Community College**

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

That this Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to investigate and address the deteriorating public realm conditions at the student drop-off area to the rear of Kishoge Community College, which has become a noticeable black spot in terms of cleanliness, maintenance and overall amenity.

Given that this location serves as a key access route for students, the Committee requests that immediate clean-up and improvement works are undertaken, along with ongoing maintenance measures to restore and sustain the area to an appropriate standard.

The Committee further requests a report outlining actions taken and any proposed measures to prevent the area from falling into disrepair again.

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

The council are aware of the ongoing issues with dumping and unauthorised caravans at this location. Action is taken where possible, through the serving of Section 10 Notices under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act to remove unauthorised caravans from the location. Regular cleansing of the area is also carried out by our site caretakers. The area has recently been reinspected by the Traveller Accommodation Unit, and deep cleansing is due to take place shortly.

The lands adjacent to Lynches Park are not within council ownership. Where the council are advised of dumping at these lands, the owners are notified and requested to carry out cleansing and put preventative measures in place, where possible.

Following contributions from Councillors L O'Toole and T McDonald, Fiona Hendley A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

## **Planning**

### **LPNC/243/Q14/O426 Item ID:91020 - Protected Structures**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the Manager of any refurbishment plans of Protected Structures and/or heritage buildings owned by SDCC, aimed at bringing them back into community or housing use, in the LEA, planned for 2026?

**REPLY:**

There are a number of Capital projects being delivered that include conservation repairs and upgrading works for the adaptive reuse or continued use of Protected Structures/historic structures owned by SDCC with community end use. One such project is located within the Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin area is Lucan House. Priority

conservation repair works were undertaken on the property 2025/2026 which included urgent remedial repairs to the roof. A larger scale conservation programme of works will take place as part of the larger project works. Procurement is progressing for consultants to manage delivery of the full masterplan for Lucan House, from planning consent through to construction.

**LPNC/244/Q15/0426 Item ID:90878 – Clonburris Arts Centre Update Request**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Chief Executive further to discussions at the previous Area Committee Meeting to provide an update on the proposal to either hold a separate meeting or include a dedicated agenda item at a future ACM subject to time requirements to allow for a detailed discussion on the proposed Arts Centre in Clonburris. This should include clarification on the proposed design, scale and the level of input from the Library Services Department.

**REPLY:**

A Members Briefing on the Clonburris SDZ is scheduled for the 19th of May and a full update on the current state-of-play vis-a-vis the design, scale and level of input from SDCC library services can be presented on this Centre.

**LPNC/245/H8/0426 Item ID:90862 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/246/C6/0426 Item ID:90849 – Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Transportation**

**LPNC/247/Q16/0426 Item ID:91025 – Ramp Repair Dodsboro Road**

Proposed by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on when repairs to the ramp on Dodsboro Road / Tandys Lane, adjacent to the traffic lights at Dodsboro Cottages (ref. 1915833), are scheduled to be carried out, and whether they will make a statement on the matter?

**REPLY:**

Ramp repairs are scheduled to be carried out in June

**LPNC/248/Q17/O426 Item ID:91021 – NTA Workshop Update Request**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To ask the Manager to update Councillors on any progress made in organising or planning the promised NTA workshop with Local Councillors (due in Feb 26) to explore local public transport issues and opportunities at a dedicated workshop.

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MEETING OF LUCAN / PALMERSTOWN / NORTH CLONDALKIN AREA  
COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

QUESTION NO.17

**QUESTION: Councillor H. Farrell**

To ask the Manager to update Councillors on any progress made in organising or planning the promised NTA workshop with Local Councillors (due in Feb 26) to explore local public transport issues and opportunities at a dedicated workshop.

**REPLY**

South Dublin County Council (SDCC) has requested 2no. briefing sessions with the NTA and Dublin Bus to address the many issues raised by the councillors on the existing and planned bus services in our County. To date I have not received a reply from either organisation confirming a date. South Dublin County Council will continue to press the two organisations on having a briefing session with the members as soon as is practicable. As soon as SDCC know the meeting dates, we will send out a team's invite to the elected members. South Dublin County Council are giving this item our utmost attention.

**LPNC/249/Q18/O426 Item ID:90972 – Public Lighting Report**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report regarding faulty public lighting in the North Clondalkin area, including the total number of public

lights currently reported as faulty, the number of those faults outstanding beyond the 10 working day timeframe set out in the service level agreement, the average and longest repair times currently recorded and the specific reasons why these cases remain unresolved beyond the agreed timeframe?

**REPLY:**

**Public lighting repairs in the Palmerstown–Fonthill LEA, which forms part of the wider North Clondalkin area:**

Currently there are 65 public lighting units recorded as faulty within the Palmerstown–Fonthill LEA. This represents 1.6% of the overall stock in the area

52 faults are currently outstanding beyond the 10 working day repair timeframe set out in the public lighting service level agreement.

The average repair time for the outstanding faults exceeds the agreed timeframe due to the nature of the faults involved, with the longest-outstanding issues dating back a number of months.

The main reasons for the extended repair times include:

- Underground cable faults, which require fault location, excavation works and reinstatement
- No ESB supply to specific lighting circuits, requiring coordination with ESB Networks
- Repeated tripping issues affecting multiple lights on the same circuit
- Vandalism, including cases where lights have failed again shortly after repair
- Harvested Parts required in order to repair older style lanterns (SOX)
- Cases requiring additional inspection or survey work prior to permanent repair

Each of these fault categories typically involves longer lead-in times than standard lamp replacements and, in some cases, requires coordination with third parties such as ESB Networks and Traffic Management providers, tree surgeons or additional safety measures.

All outstanding faults are logged on the Council's asset management system. Faults are prioritised based on public safety and network impact,

with particular attention given to locations where multiple lighting units are affected.

**LPNC/250/Q19/0426 Item ID:90877 – Adamstown Boulevard Parking**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

That this Area Committee requests that the Chief Executive prepare a feasibility report on the potential for a structured parking arrangement along the linear green at Adamstown Boulevard to better support access to local services, including the Primary Care Centre, in light of the existing shortfall in parking provision.

The report should examine:

- Short term parking needs for patients, visitors, and those with reduced mobility
- Provision for service and delivery access
- Current pressures on surrounding roads and the extent of informal parking
- Interaction with nearby parking infrastructure, including the shopping centre
- Impacts on and requirements of local businesses and service providers

The purpose of this report is to establish whether a managed parking solution could appropriately balance improved accessibility with protection of the linear green space

**REPLY:**

The Council acknowledges the concerns raised regarding access and parking in the context of the Primary Care Centre and surrounding local services at Adamstown.

Adamstown was planned and delivered within the Adamstown Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) Planning Scheme, which sets out a comprehensive and integrated approach to land use, transport, parking provision and public open space. The SDZ Planning Scheme establishes a reduced-car, public-transport-led development model, supported by district centres, local services and communal parking solutions rather than extensive surface parking.

All development within Adamstown, including the Primary Care Centre (PCC), has been subject to due statutory planning process and assessment, having regard to the Adamstown SDZ Planning Scheme, the South Dublin

County Development Plan and national guidance. Each planning application has been assessed on its individual merits, including parking provision, accessibility, service access and impacts on the surrounding road network. In the primary care grant of planning, a small number of Ambulance, set down and delivery parking spaces were positioned beside the Primary care building, while the bulk of the visitor parking was provided within the multi-storey car park close by. This arrangement was accepted by the current managers of the PCC as an acceptable arrangement. In relation to the use of the linear green space for additional car parking spaces: the protection of the linear green space along Adamstown Boulevard is a key policy objective for South Dublin County Council. This green corridor forms an integral part of the SDZ's open space network, providing recreation, amenity value, visual relief, and sustainable drainage functions. The Council's policy is to safeguard such strategic green infrastructure and to resist encroachment that would compromise its function or long-term value to the community.

When considered in a county-wide context, the overall parking provision in Adamstown is generous and exceeds that available in many other metropolitan locations with comparable levels of public transport accessibility. The SDZ model relies on the availability and use of shared parking infrastructure, walking, cycling and public transport, rather than the provision of additional bespoke parking adjacent to individual services.

At the moment the Adamstown Boulevard remains private property and the control of illegal parking is managed by the developer and OMC. It is likely that some elements of the external infrastructure will be Taken in Charge by the Council in the near future. Similar management tools will be used by SDCC, such as parking tickets and other methods along Adamstown Boulevard to control illegal and irresponsible parking.

In the areas to be Taken in Charge by the Council, SDCC will monitor parking demand, usage patterns and any instances of inappropriate or informal parking on surrounding roads and take appropriate actions in line with our parking management policies. The private areas will continue to be managed by the designated OMC for those locations.

**LPNC/251/H9/0426 Item ID:90866 – Roads to be Taken In Charge**

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

**LPNC/252/LPNC/H10/0426 Item ID:90864 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/253/C7/0426 Item ID:90851 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**LPNC/254/M10/0426 Item ID:90926 – Road Opening Licences**

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

That this Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to provide a report outlining all road openings and utility/civil works carried out in the Lucan area over the past 12 months, including locations, contractors involved and the frequency of repeat works at the same sites with particular reference to Newcastle Road. The report should also set out the current coordination and monitoring processes in place between the Local Authority and road licensees. Furthermore, this Committee requests the immediate identification and repair of damaged road surfaces and potholes arising from these works as current conditions are unacceptable and present a safety risk to all road users.

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

Unfortunately, Maproad (the national road licencing system) does not allow us to prepare reports by broad location or LEA.

A high level overview of the last 12 months shows there were approximately 299 T2 & T3 road opening licences issued in the Lucan LEA and 3641 road opening licences issued in total in SDCC.

With respect to the section of Newcastle Road within the Lucan LEA there were 10 licences issued,

- 5 for new duct infrastructure,
- 1 for new utility connection,
- 2 for Traffic Improvements,
- 1 for maintenance
- 1 for tree cutting.

SDCC condition all T2 licences and when we deem it necessary a site meeting with the applicant is held in advance.

In 2025 SDCC launched our one dig policy, and we are the only LA to have a one year advance notice for large works. This process is aimed at aligning larger works to minimise disruption to members of the public.

### M10 Screenshot of ROLs in Lucan

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

### **LPNC/255/M11/O426 Item ID:90943 – Foxborough Boundary Wall**

Proposed by Councillor T. McDonald, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

To call on the Chief Executive to review the boundary wall between Foxborough and the R136, and to bring forward proposals and a timeline to complete it with a suitable finish, in line with other estates bordering the R136.

#### **The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

There is no allocation for this work this year, but it will be listed for consideration in future programmes.

Following contributions from Councillors T McDonald and L O'Toole, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/256/M12/O426 Item ID:91006 – Public Lighting Pole Numbers**

Proposed by Councillor A. Hayes, seconded by Councillor T. McDonald

That SDCC replace faded pole numbers on public lighting columns where they are faded or removed and unidentifiable.

#### **The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

We have a rolling programme in place to replace pole numbering labels on all stock greater than 10 years old.

We are addressing these estates alphabetically. If there are any particular estates that require immediate attention, please email me directly at [clambert@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:clambert@sdublincoco.ie) and I will make sure that they are prioritised.

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

### **LPNC/257/M13/O426 Item ID:91017 – Lucan Village Bus Stop**

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

To call on the Manager to return the area designated a 'bus stop' that is not associated with any bus stop, which is currently in front of the line of shops on the R835 in Lucan village just east of the crossroads in the village, to demarcated car-parking spaces. The more westerly bus stop area functions well because a bus stop is located at it, but the more easterly bus stop area has no associated buses linked to it, and it is a serious loss to the local businesses in terms of customer parking.

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

This location is included as part of the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme, which is currently reviewing bus stop arrangements across the area.

As part of this review, we will consider whether the existing bus stop can be relocated. Any proposed changes or improvements would need to be designed appropriately and approved by the National Transport Authority (NTA) Bus Stop Team.

At present, work is ongoing at a number of other bus stop locations that are further advanced. Once those locations progress, the bus stop in Lucan Village will also be considered for progression.

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

**LPNC/258/M14/O426 Item ID:90945 - St Ronans Avenue Footpath Flooding**

Proposed by Councillor T. McDonald, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

To ask the Chief Executive to request inspection of the pedestrian path running parallel to St. Ronan's Avenue adjacent to Wood Avens, which is prone to regular flooding, and to assess whether drainage works are required to alleviate water pooling and improve accessibility during wet weather conditions.

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

The footpath at this location is in reasonable condition but unfortunately the high verges on each side are preventing water from draining away. The area engineer is examining solutions to this issue with the intention to resolve it before next winter.

Following contributions from Councillor T McDonald, Gary Walsh Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed.**

### **LPNC/259/M15/O426 Item ID:91005 – Palmerstown Gate Road Layout**

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

That SDCC extend the flexi wands outside Palmers Gate apartments to eliminate the illegal right hand turns into the and out of the complex at Kennelsfort Road lower

#### **The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

The layout at Palmerstown Gate has been very carefully designed and constructed. The aim is to prevent right turns when exiting the residential development. This manoeuvre is not allowed as the junction is very close to the stop line of the Kennelsfort Lower junction onto the R148. In most instances there will be a queue at this junction not allowing right turning traffic from the apartment complex to safely join the main line queue.

Therefore, the council insisted that the developer install a raised island and flexi-bollards to direct all Palmers gate exiting traffic to turn left only and go down through the village.

On careful re-examination, there are no changes that the council can do to further enhance the operation of the Palmers gate junction.

If there continues to be illegal moves by vehicle drivers, then these incidences need to be reported to the Guards. In addition, the Council will highlight this matter to the Guards directly. SDCC will continue to keep monitoring this location to ensure driver compliance and inform the Guards of any further dangerous driving observed.

Following contributions from Councillor A Hayes, John Hegarty Senior Engineer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

### **Libraries & Arts**

#### **LPNC/260/Q20/O426 Item ID:91003 – Palmerstown Library Opening Hours**

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to increase the opening hours of the Library Hub in Palmerstown, and if so, when this would be likely to be implemented?

**REPLY:**

Palmerstown Library currently opens to the public 4 days a week. An extension of the service to the public from 2 - 4 days was launched in December 2023.

The library service is currently exploring options to extend hours - with consideration given to community demand and operational feasibility.

We anticipate that an extension to opening hours may take place in 2027.

**LPNC/261/Q21/O426 Item ID:91023 - Out of Hours Book Returns Plans**

Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Chief Executive while acknowledging the My Open Library service as a very positive and accessible initiative whether South Dublin County Council Libraries have considered the introduction of external out-of-hours book return facilities (post box-style drop-off points) at library branches and if there are any plans to pilot or roll out such a service to further enhance accessibility and convenience for users.

**REPLY:**

SDCC Libraries have not undertaken a review of external 24/7 return chutes/post boxes for branches to date. At present, 5 of our branch libraries provide opening hours of over 54 hours per week, with Lucan Library operating My Open Library (MOL) service. Ballyroan Library is also due to open as a MOL branch later this year. This will give registered members access from 8am-10pm, 365 days a year - allowing self-service borrowing and returns.

In terms of 24/7 access, a book borrowing and return service is already available at Tallaght University Hospital via the new library kiosk cabinet. This offers round the clock borrowing and returns to hospital patrons and staff. We would be happy to provide usage data from Lucan MOL and Tallaght Hospital Kiosk.

Any expansion of out-of-hours return facilities for library branches would require assessment of building suitability/security - and are not in plans at present.

**LPNC/262/H11/O426 Item ID:90854 - Library News & Events**

This report was presented by Nicola Guy Executive Librarian

[H11 \(i\) Library News & Events](#)

[H11 \(ii\) Library Stats](#)

Following contributions from Councillor N Fennell, Nicola Guy Executive Librarian Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

**LPNC/263/H12/O426 Item ID:91034 - Arts Programme Update**

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

[H12 Arts Programme Update](#)

Following contributions from Councillors M Johansson and T McDonald, Richie O'Sullivan T/Assistant Arts Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

**LPNC/264/H13/O426 Item ID:90860 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/265/C8/O426 Item ID:90846 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Economic Development**

**LPNC/266/Q22/O426 Item ID:91014 - Lucan Village Economy**

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

To call on the Manager to update this committee on preparation, any steps taken, meetings held with local businesses, and any relevant timelines for implementation of the targeted Economic Recovery Plan for Lucan Village businesses that was passed following my successful motion in November 2025. This plan was aiming to address the long-term impact of recent roadworks and planning schemes on footfall and growth.

**REPLY:**

The Economic Development Department has been liaising closely with relevant internal Council departments to ensure there is a focused promotional campaign designed to showcase local businesses and maximise opportunities to increase footfall and encourage increased visitor activity following the completion of the public realm works and opening of the grounds of Lucan House to members of the public. A meeting with local businesses is due to take place early in May regarding the rollout of the campaign which will include the use of Council communication channels, in

particular a targeted social media campaign, to promote Lucan as a vibrant visitor and commercial destination, by highlighting the offer within the village and reinforcing positive messaging around enhanced public realm, accessibility and trading.

**LPNC/267/H14/O426 Item ID:90857 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/268/C9/O426 Item ID:90844 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**Performance & Change Management**

**LPNC/269/H15/O426 Item ID:90861 - New Works**

New Works (No Business)

**LPNC/270/C10/O426 Item ID:90848 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

**Corporate Support**

**LPNC/271/H16/O426 Item ID:90868 - Local Priorities Fund**

This report was presented by Brenda Shannon A/Senior Executive Officer

Local Priorities Fund Update

With the elected members' decision to apply a 7.5% reduction in Local Property Tax for 2026, a Local Priorities Fund totalling €1 million, equivalent to €25,000 per Councillor was approved at the Annual Budget Meeting in November 2025 to give Councillors the opportunity to fund specific projects in their local electoral areas (LEAs) in 2026. A Local Priorities Fund Allocation Protocol (the protocol), as agreed between the executive and elected representatives, sets out the approval, drawdown, monitoring and reporting mechanisms to provide oversight on all expenditure under the fund.

The fund assigned to this area committee's LEAs is as follows:

LEA	No. of Councillors	Total Fund
Allocation		
Lucan	5	
€125,000		

Palmerstown – Fonthill 5

€125,000

All completed applications complying with the protocol will be presented quarterly to each relevant area committee meeting for noting.

Up to 23 April 2026, no completed applications have been received from this area committee.

#### [H16 \(ii\) Local Priorities Fund Allocation Protocol](#)

Following contributions from Councillors J Tuffy and M Johansson, Brenda Shannon A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted**.

#### **LPNC/272/H17/0426 Item ID:90856 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

#### **LPNC/273/C11/0426 Item ID:90843 - Correspondence**

Correspondence Re An Post (Item 89997) For Noting

[C11 - Reply From An Post re Item 89997 Motion 3 February 2026 LPNC ACM](#)

[Item 89997 - Letter to An Post Motion 3 February 2026 LPNC ACM](#)

This report was **Noted**.

#### **LPNC/274/M16/0426 Item ID:90944 – Letter to ESB**

Proposed by Councillor T. McDonald, seconded by Councillor C. Brady

That this Area Committee write to ESB to request that they examine and implement measures to secure the entrance to the ESB substation opposite Kishoge Community College, Lucan, in order to prevent ongoing illegal dumping, and to arrange for a thorough clean-up of the area, given the unsanitary and unsightly conditions currently impacting staff, students and visitors on their passage in and out of the school.

#### **The following Report from the Chief Executive was read:**

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

[M16 \(ii\) Kishoge Substation Dumping](#)

Following contributions from Councillor T McDonald, Paul Fusco A/Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Motion was **Agreed**.

Meeting Concluded at 17:20

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