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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

Monday, July 13, 2026

HEADED ITEM NO. 1 (a)

CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF MINUTES - FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of South Dublin County Council June 2026 Meeting held on
Monday 8 June 2026

PRESENT

Barnes, S.	Lawlor, B.
Brady, C.	Loftus, D.
Carey, W.	Mannion, R.
Casserly, V.	McCrave, L.
Collins, Y.	McMahon, R.
Cosgrave, P.	McManus, D.
de Courcy, L.	Moore, G.
Donnelly, D.	Murphy, E.
Duff, M.	Ó Broin, E.
Dunne, L.	O'Hara, S.
Edge, A.	O'Toole, L.
Farrell, H.	Pereppadan Britto
Gilligan, T.	Richardson, D.
Hayes, A.	Sinnott, J.
Holohan, P.	Smyth, A.
Johansson, M.	Spear, J.
Keane, K.	Timmons, F.
Kearns, P.	Tuffy, J.
Kenny, G.	Whelan, N.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Chief Executive	C. Ward
Directors	J. Frehill, E. Burke, T. Walsh, E. Leech, T. Kavanagh, E. Clancy
County Architect	C. Harte
Senior Executive Officer	B. Shannon
Financial Management Accountant	F. Carroll
Senior Engineer	G. Walsh
Senior Executive Engineer	C. Fay
Senior Executive Park and Landscape Officer	D. Wildes
Senior Staff Officer	K. McLoughlin
Staff Officer	P. Mens
Assistant Staff Officer	R. Murray

The Mayor, Councillor P. Kearns, presided

Apologies were received from Mr. R. FitzGerald, Councillor Baby Pereppadan and Councillor T. McDonald.

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The Mayor, Councillor Pamela Kearns, welcomed everyone and informed the Members of the etiquette for Hybrid Meetings:

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H1/0626 CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF MINUTES - FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of the May Council Meeting held on 11 May 2026, which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor P. Kearns and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and the members **AGREED**.

[H1 1 Minutes for the May 2026 Council Meeting](#)

H2/0626 FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.19 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR N. FENNELL - FOR APPROVAL

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated were **CONSIDERED**.

REPLY:

As a result of the resignation of Niamh Fennell (Sinn Féin) on 24 May 2026, a casual vacancy occurred on South Dublin County Council (Palmerstown - Fonthill Local Electoral Area).

Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001 provides that a casual vacancy shall be filled by the co-option by the Local Authority of a person to fill the vacancy and such co-option shall be made at the next meeting of the local authority after the expiration of 14 days

from the occurrence of the vacancy or as soon after the expiration of the 14 days as circumstances permit.

Mr Daniel Loftus has been nominated by Sinn Fein to replace Niamh Fennell, and in accordance with Section 19(5) Mr Daniel Loftus written consent to his proposed co-option has been received.

Members are required to ratify the co-option of Mr Daniel Loftus at today's meeting.

HI 2 (b) Sinn Fein - D. Loftus

HI 2 (c) Sinn Fein - D. Loftus Acceptance

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor L. Dunne and seconded by Councillor W. Carey and **AGREED** that Daniel Loftus be co-opted to fill the vacancy and replace Niamh Fennell.

Councillors L. Dunne, W. Carey, E. Murphy, A. Hayes, E. Ó Broin, J. Tuffy, M. Johansson and P. Kearns congratulated Councillor D. Loftus and welcomed him to the council.

Mr. C. Ward, Chief Executive welcomed Councillor D. Loftus and wished him well.

Councillor D. Loftus thanked the members for the warm welcome.

Vacancies on statutory bodies/committees

Vacancies exist on the following committees due to the resignation of Niamh Fennell on 24 May 2026:

- Audit Committee
- Land Use, Planning and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

This is now before the Council for consideration.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor L. Dunne, seconded by Councillor W. Carey and **AGREED**:

That Daniel Loftus fill the vacancies to replace Niamh Fennell on the Audit Committee and the Land Use, Planning and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

H15/0626 LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT - FOR NOTING

The following report was presented by Ms. T. Nolan, Chairperson of LCDC.

HI 15 LCDC PowerPoint Presentation by Tricia Nolan
South Dublin County LCDC Annual Report 2025

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors J. Sinnott, E. Ó Broin and P. Cosgrave with queries on ETB, Smoking Cessation Program and Edmondstown.

Ms. T. Nolan, Chairperson of LCDC responded to the members queries.

The report was **NOTED**.

H3/0626 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING

*It was **NOTED** that there was no **business** under this Heading.*

H4/0626 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL

HI 4 (a) Calendar of Meeting Dates

HI 4 (b) Reports on Conferences and Training

HI 4 (c) (i) Review of Standing Orders in relation to Motions

HI 4 (c) (ii) "Proposed amendments to Standing Orders" November 2025

HI 4 (d) (i) Local Priorities Fund - report

HI 4 (d) (ii) Revised Local Priorities Fund Allocation Protocol

The reports were **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor P. Kearns and seconded by Councillor Y. Collins and **AGREED**.

H5/0626 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING

HI 5 (a)(i) Report from the May meeting of the Social, Community, Equality SPC May 2026

HI 5 (a)(ii) Approved Minutes from Social, Community, Equality Integration SPC February 2026

HI 5 (b)(i) Report from the May meeting of the Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism SPC

HI 5 (b)(ii) Minutes from the February meeting of the Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism SPC

HI 5 (c)(i) Report for Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage and Libraries May SPC Meeting

HI 5 (c)(ii) Minutes for Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage and Libraries

May SPC Meeting

HI 5 (d)(i) Report of Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC meeting 5th May 2026

HI 5 (d)(ii) Minutes of Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC meeting 30th March 2026

HI 5 (e)(i) Report of Housing SPC held 14th of May 2026

HI 5 (e)(ii) Minutes of Housing SPC held 12th February 2026

The reports were **NOTED**.

H6/0626 LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP REPORT - FOR NOTING

HI 6 Report of South Dublin LCSP Public Meeting on the 14th May 2026

The report was **NOTED**.

H7/0626 REPORTS REQUESTED BY AREA COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING

*It was **NOTED** that there was **no business** under this Heading.*

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor P. Kearns and seconded by Councillor D. McManus and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 22, Questions numbered Q1 – Q19 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”

Q1/0626 Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief Executive what provision SDCC is making to ensure sufficient EV charging infrastructure is included in all new housing developments.

REPLY:

The South Dublin County Development Plan 2022–2028 sets out clear policy requirements in this regard. In particular, the Development Plan recognises the critical role of EV infrastructure in supporting national and local climate action objectives, reducing transport-related emissions, and enabling the transition to low-carbon mobility.

For new residential developments, the Development Plan specifically provides for EV charging infrastructure as follows:

“All new multi-unit residential developments shall provide a minimum of 20% of car parking spaces equipped with EV charging points, with ducting and infrastructure provided to facilitate the future provision of EV charging points to the remainder of spaces.”

This requirement ensures that EV charging is incorporated from the outset in apartment schemes and other multi-unit developments, avoiding costly retrofitting and supporting future demand growth as EV uptake increases.

Planning applications are assessed to ensure compliance with these standards, and conditions are attached to permissions where necessary to ensure sufficient EV chargers are installed in new housing estates.

In summary, the combination of minimum provision, forward-looking infrastructure design requirements, and ongoing public charging investment ensures that sufficient EV charging infrastructure is being embedded in all newly planned housing developments within the County.

The 20% number in practice is currently exceeding the overall demand. It must be noted that on-curtilage parking spaces can connect an EV charger to the owners house supply. Off curtilage or shared car parking spaces charging must be installed by competent providers and managed by the OMC's with professional monitoring and maintenance protocols in place. Currently, private power cables are not allowed in public or shared areas.

It is not envisaged that EV chargers will be needed for all parking spaces. A single shared charger location can charge multiple cars, which is much more efficient infrastructure use. Therefore, the percentage of chargers needed in the future may not exceed the current 20% target.

Q2/0626

Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief Executive whether EV charging infrastructure will be considered in co-operation with the ESB as part of the future County Development Plan.

REPLY:

The Council is committed to ensuring that adequate and future-proofed EV infrastructure is planned for and delivered in a coordinated manner with the help of a supporting County Development Plan EV policy framework.

At present, public on-street EV charging infrastructure must comply with ESB Networks' technical and safety requirements, including the "*Overview of Public On-Street Electric Vehicle Charging ≤49 kVA (71 A)*" guidance, which sets out the connection standards, electrical specifications, and operational considerations for such installations. These requirements ensure that all infrastructure is delivered safely, reliably, and in accordance with national electrical standards.

As part of the next County Development Plan preparation process, the Council will review and update its policies relating to EV charging infrastructure. This review will take account of any new or updated national legislation, government policy, climate action targets, and evolving electrical safety guidance.

The forthcoming County Development Plan will endeavour to support and facilitate the provision of appropriate EV infrastructure across the County, including public, residential, and commercial charging solutions. This will be undertaken in alignment with current national policy and best practice guidance, while also considering local needs, spatial planning objectives, and ongoing engagement with ESB Networks and other relevant agencies.

Q3/0626 Councillor W. Carey

To ask the Chief Executive whether unauthorised EV charging points in private estates or on public footpaths are a barrier to estates being taken in charge by SDCC, and if the Chief Executive will make a statement on the matter.

REPLY:

The Council must ensure that estates being considered for Taking in Charge meet the required standards, including full compliance with granted planning permissions and the absence of unauthorised structures or encroachments within areas intended to become public infrastructure.

In this context, the presence of unauthorised private Electric Vehicle (EV) charging installations within communal areas, including public footpaths and shared parking spaces, represents a material issue. Allowing such installations to remain as part of the Taking in Charge process would compromise the integrity of that process and create precedents that are inconsistent with the Council's statutory obligations. It would also introduce ongoing operational, safety and liability concerns in relation to infrastructure for which the Council would subsequently become responsible.

At present, there is no legislative provision in Ireland that permits the installation of private EV charging cables across or within the public realm, nor is there a national guidance framework supporting such arrangements. In the absence of an appropriate statutory and regulatory framework, such installations cannot be regularised.

Accordingly, unauthorised private EV charging installations located within the public realm or communal areas are a barrier to the Taking in Charge of estates, and their removal is required in order to facilitate the proper completion of that process in compliance with statutory standards.

Q4/0626 Councillor D. Donnelly

To ask the Chief Executive, over the next 2 years, how much the council has planned to invest in upgrading social housing that does not have a BER rating of A or above?

REPLY:

The Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP) continues to form a central part of our multi-annual investment in housing stock, supporting both sustainability objectives and improved living standards for tenants. As part of our Capital Programme 2026–2028, significant investment is being directed towards housing and building works, with combined expenditure of €27 million provided for energy efficiency upgrades and retrofit works. This programme aims to improve the energy performance of existing homes, reduce carbon emissions, and enhance comfort and affordability for tenants.

While the EERP is funded on an ongoing basis through national programmes and annual allocations, it sits within our broader housing stock capital investment framework and is delivered alongside complementary works such as window and door replacement, heating upgrades and wider refurbishment programmes.

We remain committed to scaling up delivery under the EERP over the 2026–2028 period, aligned with national climate action targets and housing policy priorities. The DHLGH have set us a target of 125 homes for 2026 and have provided funding of €5m including project management fees.

Q5/0626 Councillor D. Donnelly

To ask the Chief Executive what the process is for the development of a new bus stop

REPLY:

The process of the development of a new bus stop typically begins with the identification of a need for a new stop, which may arise from requests from residents, elected members, public transport operators, development proposals, or transport studies.

A proposed bus stop location is then assessed by Council staff and the National Transport Authority (NTA) to determine its suitability, taking into account factors such as passenger demand, road safety, accessibility requirements, proximity to existing stops, traffic impacts, available space within the public road, and compliance with relevant design standards.

Where a location is deemed suitable, a design is prepared and submitted to the NTA for approval and funding consideration. Subject to NTA approval and the availability of funding, the project proceeds through detailed design, procurement (if required), and construction.

The decision regarding the provision of new bus stops and associated infrastructure rests with the NTA, with the Council acting as the delivery agent where approved and funded.

Q6/0626 Councillor D. Donnelly

To ask the Chief Executive whether social housing tenants are eligible to apply for grants to improve the Building Energy Rating (BER) of their homes outside of the Council's energy upgrade programme and, if so, to outline the process?

REPLY:

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) introduced the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP) to support the upgrade of local authority housing stock, with the objective of achieving a Building Energy Rating (BER) of B2 or cost-optimal equivalent.

The programme provides significant funding to improve the energy efficiency of social housing, with a particular focus on fabric-first measures. Typical works delivered under the programme include the installation of heat pumps, wall and attic insulation, and the replacement of windows and doors.

To date, 429 social homes across the county have benefited from works completed under the EERP, resulting in improved energy performance, enhanced living conditions, and reduced energy costs for tenants. In 2026, we received approval from the DHLGH for works to 125 properties under the EERP, supported by funding of €5 million, inclusive of project management costs.

There are no standalone grant schemes available to social housing tenants to undertake BER improvement works independently. All such upgrade works are delivered directly by the Council under the national programme, ensuring a co-ordinated, consistent and cost-effective approach to improving the energy performance of the social housing portfolio.

Q7/0626 **Councillor P. Holohan**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the position in relation to cars damaged by potholes on roads in the County that are taken in charge?

REPLY:

In 2025, SDCC spent approximately €3,300,000 on the road work programme and an additional €250,000 on pothole repairs. A similar level of expenditure is expected in 2026.

With respect to reports of a car damaged by a pothole, a member of the public is entitled to make a claim to SDCC if they feel SDCC are at fault. Any claim made by a member of the public is referred to our insurer Irish Public Bodies (IPB). IPB investigate and make a determination on the claim. SDCC may be required to assist them in the investigation but would not be involved in the determination.

Q8/0626 **Councillor M. Johansson**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on horse seizures, including the number of horses seized this year and details of the contractor carrying out this work on behalf of SDCC.

REPLY:

Under the **Control of Horses Act, 1996**, all local authorities are responsible for the control of horses in their areas.

The following is a monthly breakdown of horses seized from 1/1/26 to 30/4/26 within the SDCC administrative area:

Month	Horses Seized
January	5
February	13
March	0
April	4
Total	22

SDCC publishes information regarding horses seized by the Council when ownership is unknown. Seized horses are held at the Council's Horse Pound, where a comprehensive description is documented and each animal is scanned for a microchip. If no microchip is present, one is implanted for identification purposes.

The owner, if identified, will be notified accordingly. In cases where ownership cannot be determined, a public notice is posted at County Hall, Tallaght, Civic Offices, Clondalkin and on the Council's website under **Current Seized Horses** detailing the horse(s) seized and stating that if not claimed within 5 days the horses will be disposed of or rehomed by the Council's Pound.

Further information on horses seized by the Council is available on **Horses - SDCC** page.

Where details of horses seized are published, they are listed on the **Seized Horses - SDCC** page. At present, there are no horses listed. Further national statistics are available from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine at **gov - Animal Welfare (www.gov.ie)**

Henry Management & Maintenance Services Ltd t/a HMS are currently contracted for the provision of services for the control of stray, abandoned and unidentified horses in the South Dublin County Council administrative area.

Q9/0626

Councillor K. Keane

To ask the Chief Executive to report on what steps the Council has taken to implement motion 4 passed in February 2026, which called for a consultation with tenants, tenants unions and organisations with expertise in poverty prior to the drafting of any new Differential Rent Scheme, to include the dates of any consultation held, the organisations involved and any submissions received.

REPLY:

Our 2026 Revenue Budget, adopted by elected members last November, recognised the need for additional income through an updated differential rent scheme to sustainably maintain and improve our social housing stock.

Each local authority has autonomy in determining how social housing rents are set through a differential rent scheme which is a function of the council's executive and are not required to conduct a public consultation process. We are however, very conscious that any adjustments to the scheme must first and foremost be equitable and affordable for our tenants, while also being sufficient to meet all of

the costs involved in managing, maintaining and upgrading our social homes now and into the future.

The Housing Strategic Policy Committee was consulted on proposed amendments to the scheme at meetings held on 11th November 2025, 12th February 2026 and 14th May 2026.

Proposed amendments to rents have been informed by a detailed review of tenant household incomes, local and national rents, and future housing maintenance requirements arising from ongoing social housing stock condition surveys.

In particular, the recent Local Government Audit Service [VFM Report on Local Authorities Differential Rent Schemes](#) demonstrated that, despite our higher maintenance costs and increasing future requirements, rents charged by SDCC were generally lowest of all local authorities nationally across a range of different household sizes and incomes.

Data from the LGAS report shows that during 2025 some households in South Dublin were being charged rents that were an average of 55% less than similar households in similar properties in other Dublin local authority areas which is clearly not sustainable or equitable.

Separately, local councillors have highlighted some instances where households with incomes in excess of social housing thresholds were paying a disproportionately higher percentage of their income on rent which equally needed to be addressed.

The revised rent scheme, under which tenant household incomes will start being reassessed from 1 July 2026, provides consistency across all households with updated rents of up to 12.5% of net household income, ensuring that rents correspond with tenants' ability to pay. Average rents under the new scheme are expected to be approximately €346 per month for households in social homes, an increase of 3.7%.

The scheme also features new measures to ensure that rents remain fair, proportionate and reasonable, including:

- Maximum €40 weekly charge on income from subsidiary earners
- Removal of €3 fixed weekly additional charge
- €10 weekly rent discount for persons aged 65+ with state pension income only
- Weekly discount of €2 for each dependent child
- Income from children under the age of 18 is now excluded from rent calculations

Adjustments to the council's rental income are essential to fund projected investment of over €49m for planned maintenance work in our current three-year capital programme. This work will enhance living conditions and home energy efficiency for tenants while being sustainably funded from equitable and affordable rents.

Q10/0626 Councillor K. Keane

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the implementation of motion 9 from March 2025 full council meeting on housing for those leaving domestic violence refuges and if any funding is required in next years budget to ensure its implementation.

REPLY:

We continue to work in collaboration with key stakeholders, including Cuan, the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE), Approved Housing Bodies (AHB) and domestic violence service providers to strengthen coordinated responses for victims of DSGBV and improving housing pathways for individuals and families exiting domestic violence refuges. This includes the use of homeless supports where appropriate, and improved inter-agency referrals to ensure that exits from refuge settings are supported by sustainable housing solutions.

The principles of the motion are being progressed through existing housing delivery mechanisms, including social housing allocations, provision of safe houses and support pathways through HAP and homeless services. There is no specific additional funding provision identified to date for the 2027 budget solely in respect of this measure. However, we will continue to keep this under review as part of the annual budget and service planning process, particularly in the context of emerging needs, national policy direction, and any opportunities for targeted funding streams.

In addition, the Council has regard to national policy developments in this area, and the Director of Housing is a member of the DHLGH subgroup currently finalising a national DSGBV Protocol. Under the new national housing plan- 'Building Homes, Sustaining Communities' there are commitments to enhance protections and housing options for victims of domestic violence.

We remain committed to supporting vulnerable households exiting domestic violence situations and will continue to progress this matter in collaboration with relevant agencies.

Q11/0626 Councillor K. Keane

To ask the Chief Executive what data the Council holds on levels of poverty and deprivation among its social housing tenants, including tenants under HAP and Ras arrangements and whether the Council has considered this data in the drafting of the Differential Rent Scheme.

REPLY:

The Council does not maintain a single composite measure of “poverty” or “deprivation” specific to social housing tenants. However, it holds and routinely analyses a range of relevant indicators, primarily centred on verified household income data across all tenancy types, including Council, RAS, Leased and HAP-supported households.

This income data, together with analysis of rent levels and rent-to-income ratios, formed a central evidence base in the development of the Differential Rent Scheme "Scheme"

In preparing the Scheme, we undertook a detailed assessment of:

- Household income distribution across all tenancy types, including HAP and RAS
- Rent levels relative to net household income (i.e. rent as a percentage of income)
- Local and national rent trends
- Future maintenance and investment requirements arising from ongoing stock condition surveys

This approach provides a practical method for assessing affordability and financial pressure on households, allowing the Council to evaluate rent burden across household income bands.

The analysis demonstrates that:

- The majority of households are in lower to moderate income bands, with a significant concentration below €40,000 per annum
- Rent increases under the amended Scheme are structured progressively, with minimum increases applied to the lowest income households
- Across all tenancy types, rent as a proportion of income remains well below commonly recognised affordability stress thresholds (generally 30%), thereby limiting financial burden on lower-income tenants

The tables below set out:

- The distribution of households across tenancy types (Table 1)

- The breakdown of household incomes across Council, RAS, Leased and HAP tenancies (Table 2)
- The projected impact of the amended Scheme, including rent changes and rent-to-income ratios (Table 3)

Overall, the Scheme has been designed having regard to the income profile of tenants and the need to balance:

- Affordability – protecting lower-income households and minimising financial hardship
- Equity – ensuring those with greater means contribute proportionately more
- Sustainability – supporting ongoing investment in housing stock and services

Table 1: Tenancy Type

Tenancy Type	Number
SDCC Social Housing	10,512
Approved Housing Bodies	4,961
Leased Units	603
Rental Accommodation Scheme	451
Housing Assistance Payment	1,787
Homeless Housing Assistance Payment	2,048
Total	20,362

Annual Household Income	No. of Tenancies				
	COUNCIL	RAS	LEASE	HAP	Homeless HAP
€0 - €10,000	37	2	5	33	31
€10,001 - €20,000	2,273	65	138	587	873
€20,001 - €30,000	1,996	61	135	624	647
€30,001 - €40,000	1,689	75	125	409	364
€40,001 - €50,000	1,237	64	63	77	82
€50,001 - €60,000	971	55	41	10	21
€60,001 - €70,000	636	29	37	4	8
€70,001 - €80,000	452	21	19	5	1
€80,001 - €90,000	292	20	17	0	0
€90,000+	576	45	24	0	0

Table 2: Household Income Bands

Weekly Household Income Category	Tenancy Type	No. of Households	Average Net Annual Income €	Average Net Monthly Income €	Average Weekly Rent Increase €	Average Monthly Rent €	Rent as % of Monthly Net Income	% of Overall Tenancies
Up to €1,000 net per week (no change arising from DR Scheme)	Council	105	16,640.00	1,386.67	0.00	151.70	10.9%	0.9%
	RAS	2	17,263.00	1,438.58	0.00	155.50	10.8%	0.0%
	Lease	5	16,820.00	1,401.67	0.00	153.00	10.9%	0.0%
Up to €1,000 net per week	Council	7,367	28,302.78	2,358.57	7.90	266.00	11.3%	65.8%
	RAS	274	31,684.81	2,640.40	8.10	290.90	11.0%	2.4%
	Lease	471	44,603.13	3,716.93	7.20	427.10	11.5%	4.2%
Between €1,000 and €1,500 net per week	Council	1,760	61,617.40	5,134.78	43.00	701.10	13.7%	15.7%
	RAS	95	61,970.38	5,164.20	40.40	689.80	13.4%	0.8%
	Lease	81	59,488.90	4,957.41	32.10	643.30	13.0%	0.7%
Between €1,500 and €2,000 net per week	Council	596	86,210.79	7,184.23	81.40	1,086.60	15.1%	5.3%
	RAS	39	87,518.80	7,293.23	83.60	1,115.90	15.3%	0.3%
	Lease	32	87,042.62	7,253.55	89.50	1,103.70	15.2%	0.3%
Greater than €2,000 net per week	Council	331	112,030.72	9,335.89	87.90	1,464.30	15.7%	3.0%
	RAS	27	116,297.90	9,691.49	81.60	1,541.70	15.9%	0.2%
	Lease	15	105,090.93	8,757.58	66.00	1,360.30	15.5%	0.1%

Table 3: Rent to Income Ratio

Q12/0626 Councillor D. McManus

To ask the Chief Executive what if any measures are available to SDCC in the management and control of foxes in public areas and if the Chief Executive is aware of any public health risks or advice to the public?

REPLY:

Local authorities do not have a role in the management and control of foxes in public areas. Foxes are generally visible in the urban environment due to food being available, however the council advises against the deliberate feeding of wild animals in the urban environment as it can lead to stressful situations with some residents.

Zoologists classify them as a part of the biodiversity of Dublin City and County and they have a role in the control of vermin. The introduction of wheelie bins has restricted their access to waste domestic food as they generally cannot overturn these bins. However, foxes can also cause noise disturbance during the night when they excite domestic animals.

If residents are experiencing difficulty with foxes, the DSPCA or wildlife management/control services providers can be contacted.

Further Information can be found on the sites listed below:

[Wildlife Facts: Red Fox Care in the Garden - Irish Wildlife Trust](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions - DSPCA](#)

<http://www.thefoxwebsite.net>

<http://irishwildlifematters.ie/animals/fox/>

Q13/0626 Councillor D. McManus

To ask the Chief Executive if SDCC has authorised officers with statutory powers under the Animal Health & Welfare Act 2013 which would permit animals to be seized on welfare grounds?

REPLY:

Under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013, the local authority has appointed authorised officers who are vested with statutory powers under the Act. These powers include the investigation of animal welfare complaints, the inspection of animals and premises, the requiring of information and documentation and, where necessary, the taking of such action as is permitted under the Act to safeguard animal welfare.

There are currently four Dog Wardens employed by SDCC, two of whom are appointed as authorised officers under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013. This will increase to four on completion of the required onboarding and training processes by the newly appointed Dog Wardens.

Where there are reasonable grounds to believe that an animal's health or welfare has been compromised, authorised officers may take enforcement action in accordance with the provisions of the Act. This may include the seizure, detention, treatment or disposal of an animal, subject to the safeguards and procedures set out in the legislation.

SDCC also has a veterinary services contract in place to provide for the regular inspection of facilities, including the County Dog Shelter and the Horse Pound. Any issues identified through these inspections are brought to the attention of the Council and addressed as a matter of priority. Follow-up inspections are undertaken by the veterinary practitioner where required.

In the exercise of its functions under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013, SDCC works closely with relevant agencies, including the NSPCA, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and An Garda Síochána, as appropriate, particularly in cases where a multi-agency response is required.

Q14/0626 Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive if SDCC has ever acquired land by Compulsory Purchase Order for the creation of new sports and recreation amenities

REPLY:

The Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, provides the statutory basis under which a local authority may, where necessary, acquire lands by way of Compulsory Purchase Order for legitimate public purposes, including the provision of community and social infrastructure such as sports facilities, parks, open space, community centres and libraries.

To date, SDCC has not found it necessary to utilise the Compulsory Purchase Order process to acquire lands for the development of new sports and recreation amenities. In general, the provision of such facilities is supported in the first instance through the zoning and reservation of lands in successive Development Plans.

Where lands are not already in Council ownership, they are typically secured by one or more of the following means:

- purchase by agreement, based on market value;
- transfer of lands from the State or other public agencies; and
- the planning process, including the reservation of zoned amenity lands and the taking in charge of facilities delivered by developers pursuant to planning permissions.

At present, there are no proposals for the development of sports or recreational facilities that would require the use of the Compulsory Purchase Order process.

Q15/0626 Councillor E. Ó Broin

To ask the Chief Executive whether there is a mechanism for public representatives or members of the public to discuss with planners the acceptance of a developer's choice of landscaping and external finishing materials in a new development, without having to make a planning enforcement complaint?

REPLY:

Landscaping and external materials are generally detailed in plans provided as part of planning applications. Elected members and the public can make submissions on such matters as part of the public consultation, which the planning authority will have regard to.

In many grants of planning permission, matters of detailed design may be required to be agreed by way of a compliance condition. Whether in assessing a planning application or assessing a compliance submission, the planning authority is guided by the County Development Plan which includes policy in relation to material finishes and planting / landscaping. The planning authority is required by planning legislation to deal with compliance submissions within a statutory timeframe.

There is no mechanism for planners to formally discuss the landscaping or external finishes of individual planning applications with elected members or the public once permission is granted. The Planning Authority does not have the resources or statutory support to consult on compliance submissions. The review and preparation of a new County Development Plan is an opportunity to shape the policy of the Council on such issues.

Q16/0626 Councillor S. O'Hara

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the delivery of the evidence-based analysis of employment lands, including the potential for agri-hub employment, that is due to be undertaken as part of the 2 year review of the County Development Plan.

REPLY:

The 2 Year Progress Report of the County Development Plan 2022-2028 was noted at the December 2024 Council Meeting, Item ID: 85242 (Headed Item 12). The Progress Report included Appendix 3 Employment Review which responded to CS5 Objective 6 of the adopted CDP which stated:

CS5 Objective 6:

To ensure, that as part of the two-year statutory review of the Development Plan, an evidence based analysis of employment lands, including the potential for agri-hub employment, will be undertaken and should there be evidence for the need for further employment zoning within the lifetime of the Plan, a Variation to the Plan will be immediately initiated informed by:

- Analysis of the type of employment need*
- Analysis of the appropriate location(s) to serve such need and the appropriate zoning objective*
- Relevant National and Regional policy and proper planning and sustainable development.*

The report examined the take-up of lands within the EE zoning. Having regard to the analysis indicating that there was sufficient land zoned to meet the employment targets, and to the fact that EE zoning constitutes just one of a number of employment zonings, the report identified that there was no immediate need to undergo a variation to the County Development Plan.

Since then, the South Dublin Economic Strategy 2026-2030 has been prepared and noted by Members. This strategy sets out a vision for sustainable, inclusive and innovation-driven growth.

The Eastern and Midlands Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy is currently being reviewed and has just come off pre-draft public consultation. Once this review is complete, the preparation for the County Development Plan can commence in the context of the SDCC Economic Strategy and the regional approach and objectives for employment and the economy. This will be further informed by population growth within the County, both existing and planned for. The outcome of Variation no. 2 of the County Development Plan will be relevant in this regard.

Q17/0626 Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive what the Council's policy is on litter collection and grass cutting, whether litter should be collected

before grass cutting takes place, and how this is monitored and checked?

REPLY:

The Council maintains approximately 1,750 hectares of grassed areas across the County. These areas are managed under a range of maintenance regimes, having regard to location, usage, operational requirements and biodiversity objectives, and include the following principal categories:

- Housing estates and local greens (approximately 1,300 hectares): these areas include estate greens and neighbourhood parks and are generally cut on a bi-weekly rota. In suitable locations, selected areas are intentionally left uncut for longer periods in order to support biodiversity and pollinators, with such areas typically cut every six to eight weeks.
- Roadside verges and roundabouts: grass verges along main roads are generally maintained on a bi-weekly basis during the growing season.
- Sports pitches (166 pitches): pitches are cut on a weekly basis during the peak growing season.
- Wildflower meadows (approximately 210 hectares): these areas are cut once annually, with the arisings removed in order to support the continued establishment and management of meadow habitat.

As a general operational practice, litter picking is undertaken one to two days in advance of grass cutting, with a view to minimising the scattering of litter and the risk of damage to grass cutting machinery from discarded items, including canisters and similar objects. In heavily littered areas, the time required for litter removal can have an impact on the productivity of grass cutting crews. While every effort is made to remove litter in advance of cutting, it is not always possible, having regard to the scale of the area maintained by the Council, to identify and remove every individual item prior to works commencing.

The performance of grass cutting operations is monitored by supervisory staff through on-site inspection. Where litter remains evident following grass cutting, appropriate corrective action is put in place.

Q18/0626 Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive how SDCC works to protect protected species such as swans, what role the Council has in this area, and how members of the public can report any concerns.

REPLY:

The South Dublin County Development Plan seeks to ensure the protection of protected species through numerous policies/objectives aligning with NPO 59 to *‘Enhance the conservation status and improve the management of protected areas and protected species’* of the National Planning Framework and RPO 7.16 *‘Support the implementation of the Habitats Directives in achieving an improvement in the conservation status of protected species and habitats in the Region and to ensure alignment between the core objectives of the EU Birds and Habitats Directives and local authority development plans’* of the Regional and Spatial Economic Strategy.

Such measures are detailed in various chapters of the plan with a particular emphasis under NCBH 3 Natura 2000 Sites where it is a policy to *‘Conserve and protect Natura 2000 sites and achieve and maintain favourable conservation status for habitats and species that are considered to be at risk through the protection of the Natura 2000 network from any plans or projects that are likely to have a significant effect on their coherence or integrity’*.

Through the development management process, Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA), Habitats Directive assessments and Ecological Impact Assessments may be required for certain development types / locations with relevant policies and objectives of the County Development Plan such as NCBH4 Objective 2, NCBH5 Objectives 2, NCBH9 Objectives 4 & 7, SM2 Objective 14, SM3 Objective 10, SM4 Objective 8 seeking to ensure the protection of such species.

Specifically relating to swans; SDCC protects listed species such as swans by managing and preserving habitats in parks and waterways like the River Dodder and Tymon Park, ensuring safe nesting and feeding areas. It enforces the Wildlife Acts through planning controls and monitors illegal dumping and pollution to maintain water quality. The Council regulates human activity by applying dog control by-laws and providing signage to prevent disturbance or harmful feeding.

Through its Biodiversity Action Plan, SDCC monitors wildlife and enhances habitats with measures like wetland protection and reduced pesticide use and promotes public awareness through education and community involvement, helping to ensure the long-term protection of swans.

Also, the many ponds and lakes in SDCC’s public parks support a significant population of swans across the county of Dublin. In recent years, support has been contributed under the County Heritage Plan

to a voluntary group to ring-tag new cygnets in public ponds and lakes. This project has helped to build a picture of the importance of the Council's parks in the support and growth of these urban swan populations.

Swans, like all wild bird species, are protected under the Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000 [Wildlife \(Amendment\) Act, 2000 | National Parks & Wildlife Service](#). This Act provides for the imposition of fines for contraventions of the Act, and to allow for the imposition of prison sentences, where appropriate.

The Parks and Open Space Bye-Laws (2011) also contain objectives to protect wildlife, including bird species, in public parks. Section 4.2(a) of these Bye-laws specifically refers to birds: "No person shall take from the Park or destroy or injure or otherwise interfere with any bird, bird's nest or bird's eggs in the Park, or ill-treat or worry any bird population."

Section 8.5. of the Bye-laws address contraventions of the Bye-laws: "A person who contravenes a provision of these Bye-Laws is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding € 2,500.00."

Where park users have any concerns regarding disturbance to wildlife in public parks they may report these concerns using the general Council contact number (01 414 9000) with calls directed to the relevant Parks Ranger. Where urgent situations arise with animal welfare issues, reports can also be made directly to the DSPCA, or to voluntary animal welfare response agencies such as the Kildare Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre.

Q19/0626 [Councillor N. Whelan](#)

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what the cost was to SDCC for 2025 to board up and secure vacant council homes?

REPLY:

The total expenditure on re-let costs for social housing stock in 2025 was €6.5 million, of which €293,000, or 4.5% of the overall budget, was spent on securing vacant social homes. This work forms part of our proactive management of vacant stock and is carried out where necessary to protect properties from unauthorised access, vandalism, or further deterioration while re-let works are underway. Importantly, this should be viewed in the context of a very low vacancy rate across the housing stock and strong overall re-let performance.

In 2025, 186 properties were successfully re-tenanted and, by year end, only 61 properties remained vacant, representing a vacancy rate

of 0.6% across our housing stock. Our average turnaround time from surrender to allocation in 2025 was 22.19 weeks, and we continue to focus on reducing this further through close co-ordination between maintenance and allocations teams, earlier advertising of homes through CBL and streamlined re-let standards. Securing a property is therefore a temporary protective measure to prevent avoidable damage and help ensure homes can be returned to productive use as quickly as possible.

H8/0626 DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE MADE PUBLIC ROADS

*It was **NOTED** that there was **no business** under this Heading.*

H9/0626 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES - FOR APPROVAL

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. J. Frehill, Director of Economic Development and was **CONSIDERED**.

- (a) Disposal of substation site to ESB at Melrose Court, Clondalkin, Dublin 22

HI 9 (a) (i) Report - LD 1646 - Disposal of substation site to ESB at Melrose Court, Clondalkin, Dublin 22

HI 9 (a) (ii) Map- LD 1646 - Disposal of substation site to ESB at Melrose Court, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.

Councillor E. Ó Broin asked if other sites had been considered for the location of the substation.

Mr. J. Frehill, Director of Economic Development responded to the member's query.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor P. Kearns, seconded by Councillor A. Edge and **RESOLVED**:

"That the Proposed disposal of substation site to ESB at Melrose Court, Clondalkin, Dublin 22. be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

H10/0626 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT - FOR NOTING

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. C. Ward, Chief Executive and were **CONSIDERED**.

HI 10 (a) Chief Executive's Report (draft) - June 2026

HI 10 (b) Statistics Report

HI 10 (c) Finance Report

The reports were **NOTED**.

H11/0626 GREENHILLS ALL-WEATHER PITCH PART 8 - FOR APPROVAL

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. T. Walsh, Director of Climate Action and was **CONSIDERED**.

HI 11 (a) Greenhills All Weather Pitch Part 8 Presentation

HI 11 (b) CE Report for a proposed All Weather Sports Pitch at Greenhills Park

HI 11 (c) Appendix A - List of Submissions

HI 11 (d) Appendix B - ACP Submissions List

HI 11 (e) All Weather Pitch Plan

HI 11 (f) Pitch Design Access Statement

HI 11 (g) AA Determination

HI 11 (h) EIA Determination

HI 11 (i) Public Notice

HI 11 (j) Newspaper Notice

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Kearns, L. Dunne, Y. Collins, L. De Courcy, P. Cosgrave, K. Keane, J. Spear, D. McManus, A. Edge, P. Holohan, J. Sinnott, R. McMahon, E. Murphy, W. Carey, A. Hayes, L. McCrave and B. Lawlor with queries raised in relation to resident communication, sports clubs, safety, other locations, parking and pitch strategy.

Mr C. Ward, Chief Executive and Ms. T. Walsh, Director of Climate Action responded to the members.

A **Roll Call Vote** was called for in the names of Councillors P. Kearns, A. Edge and L. Dunne.

For 20: (TWENTY)

Councillor S. Barnes, C. Brady, V. Casserly, M. Duff, L. Dunne, A. Edge, H. Farrell, T. Gilligan, A. Hayes, B. Lawlor, D. Loftus, E. Murphy, E. Ó Broin, S. O Hara, L. O'Toole, Britto Pereppadan, A. Smyth, F. Timmons, J. Tuffy and N. Whelan

Against: 15 (FIFTEEN)

Councillors Y. Collins, P. Cosgrave, L. De Courcy, D. Donnelly, P. Holohan, M. Johansson, K. Keane, P. Kearns, L. McCrave, R. McMahon, D. McManus, G. Moore, D. Richardson, J. Sinnott and J. Spear.

Abstain: 3 (THREE)

Councillors W. Carey, G. Kenny and R. Mannion.

As a result of the **Roll Call Vote** the Greenhills All-Weather Pitch Part 8 was **AGREED**.

H12/0626 TALLAGHT VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT SCHEME PART 8 - FOR APPROVAL

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. G. Walsh, Senior Engineer and was **CONSIDERED**.

[HI 12 TalVES - Appendix A1 - Public Consultation Submission](#)

[HI 12 TalVES - Appendix A2 - CE Response to Submissions](#)

[HI 12 TalVES - Appendix B - Survey Responses](#)

[HI 12 TalVES - Appendix C - Part VIII Planning Notice](#)

[HI 12 TalVES - Appendix D1 - Part VIII Planning Drawings](#)

[HI 12 TalVES - Appendix D2 - Part VIII Amendment Drawings](#)

[HI 12 TalVES - Appendix E - EIA Screening Report](#)

[HI 12 TalVES - Appendix F - AA Screening Report](#)

[HI 12 TalVES Chief Executive Report](#)

[HI 12 TalVES Presentation](#)

Mr. E. Burke, Director of Planning and Transportation addressed the members.

An amended resolution to this item was proposed by Councillor N. Whelan and seconded by Councillor. L. Dunne as follows:

Proposed Amended Resolution to HI 12 Tallaght Village Enhancement Scheme Part 8 proposed by Cllr Mick Duff, Cllr Louise Dunne, Cllr Kay Keane, Cllr Adam Smyth, Cllr Jess Spear and Cllr Niamh Whelan:

“The proposed development of the Tallaght Village Enhancement Scheme as recommended in the chief executive’s report is hereby approved, subject to further liaison with local residents and businesses during detailed design to address their concerns where possible, including, to retain 6 spaces on Main Street for existing Main Street resident parking permit holders, engage with local disability services around crossings and subject to engagement with the NTA to ensure that the proposed development is fully compatible with the approved Bus Connects scheme”

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors N. Whelan, M. Duff, J. Spear, A. Smyth, Britto Pereppadan, K. Keane, P. Holohan, L. De Courcy, R. McMahon, E. Murphy, D. Donnelly, B. Lawlor, L. Dunne, D. Richardson, M. Johansson, E. Ó Broin, A. Hayes and P. Kearns with queries in relation to public engagement, parking, footpaths, accessibility, NTA and businesses.

Mr C. Ward, Chief Executive and Mr. G. Walsh, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries.

A **Roll Call Vote** was called for in the names of Councillors P. Kearns, A. Edge and P. Holohan

For: 22 (TWENTY-TWO)

Councillors W. Carey, Y. Collins, P. Cosgrave, M. Duff, L. Dunne, A. Edge, H. Farrell, T. Gilligan, A. Hayes, K. Keane, P. Kearns, G. Kenny, D. Loftus, R. Mannion, E. Murphy, E. Ó Broin, J. Sinnott, A. Smyth, J. Spear, F. Timmons, J. Tuffy and N. Whelan

Against: 12 (TWELVE)

Councillors S. Barnes, C. Brady, L. De Courcy, D. Donnelly, P. Holohan, B. Lawlor, L. McCrave, R. McMahon, G. Moore, S. O’Hara, Britto Pereppadan and D. Richardson.

Abstain: 2 (TWO)

Councillors M. Johansson and L. O’Toole.

As a result of the **Roll Call Vote** the amendment resolution for the Tallaght Village Enhancement Scheme Part 8 was **AGREED**.

H13/0626 CASTLEFIELD MIXED TENURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PART 8 - FOR APPROVAL

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. E. Leech, Director of Housing and Mr. P. Harrington, Senior Executive Architect and were **CONSIDERED**.

[HI13 Appendix A Scheme Drawings](#)

[HI13 Appendix B Flood Risk Assessment \(Site at Castlefield, Dublin 16\)](#)

[HI13 Appendix C \(i\) EIA Screening Report](#)

[HI13 Appendix C \(ii\) EIA Screening Determination](#)

[HI13 Appendix D \(i\) AA Screening Report](#)

[HI13 Appendix D \(ii\) AA Screening Determination](#)

[HI13 Castlefield Part 8 Presentation](#)

[HI13 Chief Executives Report](#)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Cosgrave, A. Edge, P. Holohan, E. Ó Broin, P. Kearns and E. Murphy with queries in relation to design, M50, parking spaces and noise.

Ms. E. Leech, Director of Housing, responded to the members queries.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Kearns, seconded by Councillor A. Hayes and **AGREED** that this Council approves of the proposed development consisting of the construction of a Social and Affordable Mixed Tenure Development of 29 homes and all associated open spaces and all site and development works necessary to facilitate the proposed development on SDCC lands at Castlefield Avenue, Old Knocklyon Road, Dublin 16, it being in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

H14/0626 RAISING OF HOUSING LOANS - FOR APPROVAL

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Fiona Carroll, Financial Management Accountant and was **CONSIDERED**.

[HI 14 Raising of Loans for Housing Purposes](#)

[HI 14 SDCC 2026 Allocation Letter](#)

It was proposed by Councillor P. Kearns, seconded by Councillor D. Richardson and **AGREED** that approval is given for authority to raise loans to a limit of €11,210,000 from the Housing Finance Agency plc

for the Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL) and Local Authority Purchase and Renovation (LAPR) schemes.

H16/0626 COMMUNITY GRANTS - FOR NOTING

HI 16 - Community Sports Development Grants for Noting

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. E. Clancy, Acting Director of Community and were **CONSIDERED**.

Councillor E. Murphy had queries in relation to funding, grants and timeframes.

Ms. E. Clancy, Acting Director of Community responded to the member's queries.

The report was **NOTED**.

H17/0626 ANNUAL REPORT 2025 - FOR NOTING

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. E. Clancy, Acting Director of Community and were **CONSIDERED**.

HI 17 SDCC ANNUAL REPORT 2025

The report was **NOTED**.

C1/0626 REPLIES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE
Correspondence

(a) Correspondence received from Roscommon County Council

(b) Correspondence received from Clare County Council

(c) Correspondence received from Cavan County Council

(d) Correspondence received from Galway County Council

(e) Correspondence received from Limerick City and County Council

(a) Correspondence received from Roscommon County Council

(b) Correspondence received from Clare County Council

(c) Correspondence received from Cavan County Council

(d) Correspondence received from Galway County Council

(e) Correspondence received from Limerick City and County Council

*The correspondence was **NOTED**.*

M7/0626 Universal Social Charge

It was proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole seconded by Councillor P. Kearns and **MOVED WITHOUT DEBATE**

That this Council calls on the Government to abolish the Universal Social Charge (USC) in Budget 2027 recognising that it was introduced as a temporary emergency measure during the financial crisis and that workers and families continue to face significant cost-of-living pressures.

REPORT:

If the motion is passed, a letter will be issued to the Minister for Finance; the response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

Meeting ended at 18.57

MOTIONS NOT REACHED

M1/0626 Private EV Charging

Proposed by Councillor H. Farrell

That the Chief Executive intervenes to halt the dismantling of EV chargers at kerbside locations that require a cable from a household under footpaths to a charging point at a parking space, sets up an inspection process whereby currently safe installations can apply for retrospective planning permission, to ensure that developers do not have to remove such safe connections already in situ to conclude a taking in charge process, by means of amendment or other legal mechanisms; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

M2/0626 Parking for Small Commercial Vehicles

Proposed by Councillor R. Mannion

That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to incorporate provision within planning standards for the parking of small commercial vehicles, such as vans up to two tonnes, within residential developments, in recognition of current working practices

M3/0626 Sunscreen Dispensers

Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy

That this Council requests the Chief Executive to install sunscreen dispensers in each park in South Dublin County

M4/0626 Inspection of Roads

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin

That this Council requests the Chief Executive to ensure that all roads in the County are inspected at least twice yearly for misaligned or obscured signs, missing street name signs, and hedges encroaching on footpaths.

M5/0626 CE Scheme Top Up Payment

Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

That this council calls on the Minister for Social Protection to look at increasing the top up payment to Community Employment (CE) scheme workers to a minimum of €50 and broadening the eligibility criteria to access CE schemes to encourage uptake and provide workers for community services.

M6/0626 National Ambulance Service

Proposed by Councillor M. Johansson

That the elected members of this council express their solidarity with the workers at the National Ambulance Service who have been on strike due to the failure of the HSE to implement a 2020 report on improved pay scales reflecting the increased workload and responsibilities of frontline workers, and that a letter be issued to the Minister for Health and the HSE calling on them to immediately implement the recommendations of the report.