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Thursday, 11th December 2025

**To Each Member of the
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area
Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)**

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)** will be held **Hybrid** in the **Council Chamber - Grove Road, Blanchardstown** at **3.30 pm** on **Thursday, 18th December, 2025** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services

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A G E N D A

- 1 **Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 27th November 2025**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Boundary between Hamilton and Mulberry Estates - AI105187**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the boundary between Hamilton and Mulberry Estates?"

- 3 **Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Ash Dieback Replacement in Clonsilla - AI105399**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the replacement for the ash dieback in Clonsilla?"

- 4 **Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Planting at Shackleton Garden - AI105560**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the €50,000 allocated in the capital programme for planting at Shackleton Garden and when this might commence?"

- 5 **Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Update on Gritting of Roads in this LEA - AI105504**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the gritting of roads in this Local Electoral Area as the temperature drops?"

- 6 **Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan - Installation of Yellow Box - Collegewood, Carpenterstown Road - AI105654**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of a yellow box at the entrance to Collegewood on Carpenterstown Road, due to the increased volume of traffic it is becoming increasingly difficult for residents and for families attending the on-site crèche to safely enter and exit, particularly during peak times?"

7 Councillor P. Quinlan - Update on Road Resurfacing Works in this LEA - AI105669

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the road resurfacing works which are scheduled for this Local Electoral Area in 2026?"

8 Councillor A. Donnelly - Leaf Clearing Requests in this LEA - AI105707

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on how many requests were received in relation to the clearing of leaves, year to date, in this Local Electoral Area?"

9 Councillor A. Donnelly - Nitrous Oxide Cannisters in this LEA - AI105709

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on how many nitrous oxide cannisters have been collected by the cleaning crew this year to date in this Local Electoral Area?"

10 Councillor A. Donnelly - Replacement of Benches in Hartstown Park - AI105710

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for the installation of replacement benches in Hartstown Park?"

11 Councillor A. Donnelly - Non-Wooden Benches in this LEA - AI105711

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of non-wooden benches in some areas within this Local Electoral Area?"

12 Councillor A. Donnelly - Tree Planting Programme in this LEA - AI105712

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an overview of tree planting programme in this Local Electoral Area for 2026?"

13 Councillor A. Donnelly - Provision of Christmas Tree in Hartstown - AI105713

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of a Christmas tree to be provided beside the Circle K garage in Hartstown for Christmas 2026?"

14 Councillor A. Donnelly - Ash Tree Replacement in Ravenswood - AI105714

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a schedule of when new trees will be planted to replace the ash trees which were removed due to ash dieback in Ravenswood?"

15 Councillor E. Troy - Road Resurfacing at Beechpark Lawn and Avenue - AI105708

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report outlining when the roads in Beechpark Lawn and Avenue will be resurfaced?"

16 Councillor E. Troy - Material Inspections - Coolmine Recycling Centre - AI105715

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an outline on what level of inspection is carried out on materials being brought into Coolmine Recycling Centre?"

**OPERATIONAL
NEW WORKS, ETC.**

17 Traffic Calming Scheme 2025 - Porterstown Road

**18 Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Operations
2025 Programme of Works**

MOTIONS

19 Councillor J. Walsh - Traffic Survey on the Clonsilla Road - AI105360

"That the Chief Executive initiates a traffic survey on the Clonsilla Road, particularly between Coolmine Road and Blanchardstown Village, to ascertain whether traffic calming may be appropriate."

20 Councillor P. Quinlan - Traffic Calming Measures - Deerhaven - AI105412

"That this Local Area Committee, noting repeated excessive speeding and safety concerns to pedestrians, recommends the immediate installation of physical traffic calming measures (speed bumps, ramps, or raised tables) outside Mary Mother of Hope National School and the local shops on Deerhaven Avenue, and that the Chief Executive provide a timeline for same."

21 Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Lighting in Parks in this LEA - AI105398

"That the Chief Executive provides an update on any plans to provide evening lighting in local parks in this Local Electoral Area to support sports and outdoor activity."

22 Councillor A. Donnelly - Planting Scheme - Ongar Distributor Road - AI105688

"That the Chief Executive undertakes to examine a review of the Ongar Distributor Road with a view to a planting scheme for the replacement of ash trees that were removed so that this road becomes welcoming and appealing for pedestrians and cyclists, this scheme can be done in phases as funding becomes available."

23 Councillor T. Leddy - Public Parking - Tyrellstown Park - AI105737

"That the Chief Executive directs the Parks Department to develop a public parking facility at Tyrellstown Park."

24 Councillor A. Donnelly - Utility Companies in this LEA - AI105706

"That the Chief Executive provides an update on utility companies in this Local Electoral Area, insofar as their response time and actions regarding graffiti on their infrastructure."

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**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council
BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR
AREA COMMITTEE
(Services A – Operational Matters)
Thursday 27th November 2025**

A meeting of the Members of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A-Operational Matters) was held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Blanchardstown, at 3.30pm on Thursday 27th November 2025

PRESENT

John Burtchaell	JK Onwumereh
Eimear Carbone Mangan	Patrick Quinlan
Kieran Dennison	Helen Redwood
Breda Hanaphy	Siobhan Shovlin
Angela Donnelly	Ellen Troy
Tom Kitt	John Walsh
Mary McCamley	Ted Leddy
Gerard Sheehan	

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Eimear Carbone Mangan, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Vanessa Carey (Senior Executive Officer); Deirdre Sinclair (Administrative Officer); Hugh James (Senior Executive Engineer); Quintin Greally (Executive Engineer); Kevin Broderick (Executive Engineer); Laura Darcy (Assistant Parks & Landscape Officer); Ronan Davis (Staff Officer); Elaine Tobin (Assistant Staff Officer)

The following agenda items were considered during the meeting:

CMA/222/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) meeting held on Thursday the 23rd of October 2025

Minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) on Thursday 23rd October 2025 which had been circulated were **CONSIDERED**.

It was proposed by Councillor JK. Onwumereh and seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and **RESOLVED**:

“That the minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) held on Thursday 23rd October 2025 be **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

CMA/223/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 02 to 19 inclusive be **ADOPTED**.

CMA/224/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Solutions for Blind Spot - Tinkers Hill - AI104824

CMA/225/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Public Lighting - Huntington Lodge - AI105228

CMA/226/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor H. Redwood - Basketball Facilities for Carpenterstown - AI104877

CMA/227/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor J. Walsh - Installation of Name Signs/Name Stones - Blanchardstown Village - AI105250

CMA/228/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor J. Walsh - Timeframe for Reduction of Urban Speed Limit in this LEA - AI105361

CMA/229/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor J. Walsh - Faded Traffic Signs - Luttrell Park Heath, Riverwood - AI105367

CMA/230/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor J. Walsh - Black Capping on Pedestrian Lights - Diswellstown Roundabout - AI105368

CMA/231/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor J. Burtchaell - Persistent Sewage Odour - Church Road Mulhuddart - AI105264

CMA/232/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Clearing of Shrubbery - Allendale Roundabout - Ongar Distributor Road - AI105305

CMA/233/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Clearing of Shrubbery - Clonsilla Link Road - Ongar Distributor Road - AI105307

CMA/234/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Maintenance of Junction - Hartstown Road and Hartstown Link Road - AI105320

CMA/235/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Inspection for Repair Works of MUGA - Millennium Park - AI105321

CMA/236/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Dog Fouling - Hansfield Park Playground - AI105354

CMA/237/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Extended Opening Hours of Coolmine Recycling Centre - AI105355

CMA/238/25 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Installation of Yellow Box - Corduff Park Estate - AI105362

CMA/239/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Update on Plans for Tyrrelstown Park - AI105363

CMA/240/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Clearing of Cycle Path - Blackcourt Road - AI105364

CMA/241/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Installation of Guard Rail - Mount Garrett, Tyrrelstown Park - AI105365

MOTIONS

CMA/242/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Councillor J. Walsh - Overflow Parking in Bramley and Park Manor - AI104837

The motion in the name of Councillor J. Walsh was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor H. Redwood

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

Following discussion, the Committee **ACCEPTED** the report.

CMA/243/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor M. McCamley - Road Exit Times at Waterville Estate - AI105308

The motion in the name of Councillor M. McCamley was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley and seconded by Councillor H. Redwood

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

Following discussion, the Committee **ACCEPTED** the report.

CMA/244/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Keeping Paths and Roads Clear in this LEA - AI105309

The motion in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

Following discussion, the Committee **ACCEPTED** the report.

CMA/245/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Meeting for Tyrrelstown Park - AI105363A

The motion in the name of Councillor B. Hanaphy was proposed by Councillor B. Hanaphy and seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

Following discussion, the Committee **ACCEPTED** the report.

CMA/246/25 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Lighting in Hansfield Park Playground - AI105315

The motion in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

Following discussion, the Committee **ACCEPTED** the report.

The Meeting concluded at 16.33hrs.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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**BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR
AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
(Services A – Operational Matters)**

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 02

**UPDATE ON BOUNDARY BETWEEN HAMILTON AND MULBERRY
ESTATES - AI105187**

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the boundary between Hamilton and Mulberry Estates?”

Reply:

The Hamilton side of this boundary is not under Fingal’s remit. This piece of land is classed as environmental open space and is under the remit of the developer.

Source of Reply:

Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 03

UPDATE ON ASH DIEBACK REPLACEMENT IN CLONSILLA - AI105399

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the replacement for the Ash dieback in Clonsilla?”

Reply:

We are currently in the first phase of our ash dieback (ADB) management Plan. This includes the identification and removal of identified trees.

Stump removal is scheduled for the second phase. During the stump removal, the immediate site will be assessed for replacement planting and will be recorded on the Councils tree management system.

The record will show:

- Whether it is appropriate to re-plant that specific site (some sites may not be replanted)
- Whether a Small, Medium or Large tree is appropriate
- We will have a list of tree species options for each size category which will give us an opportunity to increase species diversity.

The replacement planting of ash trees is the third and final phase of this management plan. Tree planting will be added to the annual tree planting programme and will be carried out in line with resources available.

Source of Reply:

Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department
Cormac Downey, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services A – Operational Matters)

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 04

UPDATE ON PLANTING AT SHACKLETON GARDEN - AI105560

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the €50,000 allocated in the capital programme to planting at Shackleton Garden and when this might commence?”

Reply:

The provision made for Shackleton Garden in the 2025 Capital programme is not to cover planting works. Larger infrastructure is still being developed by the Planning and strategic infrastructure Parks team. The Operations capital budget in 2025 covered mains connection works for a new staff facility at the depot at Shackleton garden. Future provision allows for the moving of the current tunnel and development of a plant nursery.

Planting and propagation take place throughout the year at Shackleton Garden allowing for seasonal availability of stock.

Source of Reply:

Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 05

UPDATE ON GRITTING OF ROADS IN THIS LEA - AI105504

Question: Councillor JK. Onwumereh

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the gritting of roads in this Local Electoral Area as the temperature drops?”

Reply:

The 2025/2026 Gritting Season commenced on the 20th of October and will run until April 27th 2026.

The roads/weather will be monitored and gritted when required throughout the season, as per the Winter Services Management Plan.

Source of Reply:

Greg Quinn, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 06

**INSTALLATION OF YELLOW BOX - COLLEGEWOOD,
CARPENTERSTOWN ROAD - AI105654**

Question: Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of a yellow box at the entrance to Collegewood on Carpenterstown Road, due to the increased volume of traffic, it is becoming increasingly difficult for residents and for families attending the on-site crèche to safely enter and exit, particularly during peak times?”

Reply:

There currently is a yellow box in place at this junction. It needs to be repainted.

The Traffic Section will get the yellow box repainted in the coming weeks, subject to the weather being favourable for installation.

Source of Reply:

Quintin Greally, Executive Engineer, Traffic Section, Operations Department

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THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 7

UPDATE ON ROAD RESURFACING WORKS IN THIS LEA - AI105669

Question: Councillor P. Quinlan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on road surfacing works which are scheduled for this Local Electoral Area in 2026?”

Reply:

The Operations department are currently in the process of formulating the 2026 Surface Restoration Programme.

The draft programme will be submitted to the Members for approval at the next Area Committee in January.

Source of Reply:

Greg Quinn, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 08

LEAF CLEARING REQUESTS IN THIS LEA - AI105707

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on how many requests were received in relation to the clearing of leaves, year to date, in this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

128 requests have been logged in relation to clearing of leaves this year to date in this Local Electoral Area.

The road sweeping crew are continuing to carry out the sweeping of footpaths and housing estates throughout the Dublin 15 area, from estate to estate based on the need.

Bags are also provided to the local community as requested.

Source of Reply:

Anne Raj, Senior Staff Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 09

NITROUS OXIDE CANNISTERS IN THIS LEA - AI105709

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide how many nitrous oxide cannisters have been collected by the cleansing crew this year to date in this Local Electoral Area?"

Reply:

This year, to date, 1300 Nitrous Oxide Cannisters have been collected, stored and disposed of in accordance with the relevant Health & Safety guidelines, in this Local Electoral Area.

Approx. 500 Cannisters are currently still on-site, stored securely in Coolmine Depot, awaiting removal.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gilhooley, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 10

REPLACEMENT OF BENCHES IN HARTSTOWN PARK - AI105710

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for installation of replacement benches in Hartstown Park?"

Reply:

The delivery of these replacement benches is due this week and they will be installed by the end of 2025.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gilhooley, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 11

NON-WOODEN BENCHES IN THIS LEA – AI105711

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration would be given for the installation of non-wooden benches in some areas within this Local Electoral Area?"

Reply:

It is the Operation Departments preference to install Timber Benches.

However, each location is reviewed on a case-by-case basis, mainly due to anti-social behaviour, and if required a steel bench will be installed.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gilhooly, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 12

TREE PLANTING PROGRAMME IN THIS LEA - AI105712

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an overview of tree planting programme in this Local Electoral Area for 2026?"

Reply:

Tree Planting schedule for 2026 includes:

- **Street Trees - 280**
 - Blanchardstown - 70
 - Mulhuddart - 70
 - Castleknock - 70
 - Ongar - 70
- **Open Space Trees - 320**
 - Blanchardstown - 80
 - Mulhuddart - 80
 - Castleknock - 80
 - Ongar - 80

Source of Reply:

Colin Gilhooley, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 13

PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS TREE IN HARTSTOWN - AI105713

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of a Christmas tree to be provided beside the Circle K garage in Hartstown for Christmas 2026?"

Reply:

The Council normally provides public realm Christmas Trees in the main urban/village centres, on land in Council ownership.

Regarding the location referred to in the question, the two open spaces to the left and right of the circle K garage are not in Council ownership, one being maintained by the management of the shopping centre and the other under the remit of the Parish Church.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gilhooley, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 14

ASH TREE REPLACEMENT IN RAVENSWOOD - AI105714

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a schedule of when new trees will be planted to replace the ash trees which were removed due to ash dieback in Ravenswood?”

Reply:

We are currently in the first phase of our ash dieback (ADB) management Plan. This includes the identification and removal of identified trees.

Stump removal is scheduled for the second phase. During the stump removal, the immediate site will be assessed for replacement planting and will be recorded on the Councils tree management system.

The record will show:

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- We will have a list of tree species options for each size category which will give us an opportunity to increase species diversity.

The replacement planting of ash trees is the third and final phase of this management plan. Tree planting will be added to the annual tree planting programme and will be carried out in line with resources available.

Source of Reply:

Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Paks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department
Cormac Downey, Executive Paks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 15

ROAD RESURFACING AT BEECHPARK LAWN AND AVENUE - AI105708

Question: Councillor E. Troy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report outlining when the roads in Beechpark Lawn and Avenue will be resurfaced?"

Reply:

There are planned resurfacing works due to commence on Beechpark Avenue in Q1 2026.

Source of Reply:

Greg Quinn, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 16

**MATERIAL INSPECTIONS – COOLMINE RECYCLING CENTRES -
AI105715**

Question: Councillor E. Troy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an outline on what level of inspection is carried out on materials being brought into Coolmine Recycling Centre?”

Reply:

On entry to the recycling centre, an inspection of the materials being disposed of is carried out, prior to the appropriate charge being applied to each vehicle.

There are also two members of staff patrolling the compactors and present at the bulky waste area to ensure that materials are being disposed of in the appropriate manner, and in accordance with recycling guide-lines.

Source of Reply:

Mick Tynan, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 17

TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME 2025 – PORTERSTOWN ROAD

Presentation was given on the day of the meeting.

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ITEM NO. 18

**BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR
OPERATIONS 2025 PROGRAMME OF WORKS**

Presentation was given on the day of the meeting.

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BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services A – Operational Matters)

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 19

TRAFFIC SURVEY ON THE CLONSILLA ROAD - AI105360

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh

“That the Chief Executive initiate a traffic survey on the Clonsilla Road, particularly between Coolmine Road and Blanchardstown Village, to ascertain whether traffic calming may be appropriate.”

Report:

In 2021, The Traffic Section carried out speed surveys along the Clonsilla Road. The results are:

Location 1: 133 Clonsilla Road= 85% percentile speed is 54kph

Location 2: 167 Clonsilla Road= 85% percentile speed is 53kph

Although these surveys were carried out 4 years ago, as there has been no physical changes to the road, except for the addition of a signalised pedestrian crossing outside number 163 Clonsilla Road, the Traffic Section would predict that the previous traffic surveys speeds are still current and relevant.

Based on these results and given that this road is a 50kph road, further traffic calming measures are not warranted on the Clonsilla Road currently.

Speed readers, warning signage and warning road markings are in place on this road.

Currently, the Traffic Section would not consider carrying out further surveys on this road, as this road is included in the 2026 Speed Limit County review. Furthermore, this road will be included in the National Speed Limit Implementation Phase 2, which is due to be carried out in 2026. The objective is to have the 30km/h speed limits in built-up and urban areas operational by 31st March 2027. Phase 2 proposes to reduce existing urban speeds of 50kph to 30kph.

Source of Report:

Quintin Greally, Executive Engineer, Traffic section, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 20

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – DEERHAVEN - AI105412

Motion: Councillor P. Quinlan

“That this Local Area Committee, noting repeated excessive speeding and safety concerns to pedestrians, recommends the immediate installation of physical traffic calming measures (speed bumps, ramps, or raised tables) outside Mary Mother of Hope National School and the local shops on Deerhaven Avenue, and that the Chief Executive provide a timeline for same.”

Report:

An inspection of the Speed Reader was carried out on the 9th of December from 08:45 – 09:20. From the visual inspection the majority of motorists were adhering to the speed limit, with a small number of motorists travelling marginally above the speed limit between 51 kph and 53 kph. The visual inspection suggests that the 85% percentile of motorists are adhering to the speed limit of 50 kph.

The Littlepace Road is a 50 kph road. There is currently traffic calming in place on the Littlepace Road.

Speed signage is erected at the start of the road and there is a repeater speed sign located close to the shops on Littlepace Road.

There are two Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS). One on the westbound direction of Littlepace Gallops (near Deerhaven Park) and another on the eastbound direction of Littlepace Road (near Pace Road). The VAS displays the 50kph speed limit.

The roundabout on Littlepace Road outside Mary Mother of H
ope Schools has a zebra crossing on all four arms of the roundabout. The zebra crossings have raised table ramps in place to act as traffic calming. There are three roundabouts in total on this road, and these serve as traffic calming measures.

On the approach to the school in each direction on the Littlepace Road, there is warning signage showing 'SCHOOL CHILDREN CROSSING' ahead.

The inspection identified that the raised zebra crossings would benefit from being repainted. The Operations Department will repaint the crossings in the coming weeks and add 'SLOW' road markings along Littlepace Road.

Source of Report:

Quintin Greally, Executive Engineer, Traffic Section, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 21

UPDATE ON LIGHTING IN PARKS IN THIS LEA - AI105398

Motion: Councillor S. Shovlin

“That the Chief Executive provide an update on any plans to provide evening lighting in local parks in this Local Electoral Area to support sports and outdoor activity.”

Report:

There are currently no plans to provide lighting in local Parks at Sports and outdoor facilities other than purpose-built all-weather facilities.

In Dublin 15 there are 3 all-weather facilities in our Parks. These are:

- Porterstown
- Hartstown
- Tyrellstown

These facilities are designed with the intention of installing sports-grade lighting to allow for their use on dark evenings and in all weather. These 3 facilities also have suitable street lighting on their approach for access.

It is not the Council's preferred approach to install lighting on grass sports pitches within parks. Although additional lighting may appear to create more opportunities for community use, the environmental and maintenance impacts are significant, particularly during the winter months.

During winter, daylight hours decrease, temperatures drop, and rainfall increases. Additional use during wet and low-light periods leads to soil compaction, damage of the grass surface, and long-term damage to the soil structure. When this occurs, the grass cannot regenerate effectively, resulting in poor playing conditions, increased maintenance requirements, and a higher likelihood of pitch closures for repair.

Grass pitches rely on the growing season, typically over the warmer months, to recover from regular use. If the level of activity is intensified through lighting and extended hours of play in winter, the turf does not receive sufficient time or suitable conditions to restore itself. This creates a cycle of deterioration that not only affects sports use in the short term but also undermines the long-term health and sustainability of the pitches.

For the same reasons, the Council does not support lighting in dog off-leash areas on grass. Extended use in winter would lead to similar turf decline, compaction, and a reduction in overall soil health.

The Council's position is therefore based on preserving the safety, quality, and resilience of our parks for all users throughout the year.

Furthermore, the potential for obtrusive light (light spill and light pollution) into surrounding areas also must be considered in deciding whether to light an area and how to light it. There is specific guidance criteria and limits that should be met with regards to Obtrusive Light from any installation.

Other infrastructure such as MUGA's and tennis courts are not intended to be used outside of the regular working hours of our rangers. Generally, lighting may be considered for access to routes through Parks or on footpaths in Parks, where it is deemed suitable on a case-by-case basis.

Source of Report:

Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 22

PLANTING SCHEME - ONGAR DISTRIBUTOR ROAD - AI105688

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

“That the Chief Executive undertakes to examine a review of the Ongar Distributor Road with a view to a planting scheme for the replacement of ash trees that were removed so that this road becomes welcoming and appealing for pedestrians and cyclists, this scheme can be done in phases as funding becomes available.”

Report:

Ash trees suffering from Ash dieback (ADB) were removed from a section of the Ongar road in Q2 2025. Following these works stumps now need to be removed, and each individual site assessed for replanting. The assessment will decide:

- Whether it is appropriate to re-plant that specific site (some sites may not be replanted)
- Whether a Small, Medium or Large tree is appropriate
- We will have a list of tree species options for each size category which will give us an opportunity to increase species diversity.

Tree planting will be added to the annual tree planting programme and will be carried out in line with resources available. Abiding to the above guidelines, it allows us to work in line with the adopted tree strategy to plant the right tree in the right place and generate greater species diversity for the urban forest.

Furthermore, the extent of tree removal has presented opportunities to enhance the planting on this corridor, which will also be considered alongside any tree planting. This may include planting of 'bare' areas and the inclusion of native hedgerow varieties which are deciduous or non-deciduous.

The Operations department will create a new planting scheme for sections of this road which are feasible during 2026.

Source of Report:

Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 24

UTILITY COMPANIES IN THIS LEA - AI105706

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

“That the Chief Executive provides an update on utility companies in this Local Electoral Area, insofar as their response time and actions regarding graffiti on their infrastructure.”

Report:

In 2024, the Operations Department facilitated a joint meeting between the Councillors of this local area committee, ESB networks, Virgin Media and Open Air to discuss the ongoing issue of graffiti on utility cabinets in this LEA.

Following this meeting, an improved reporting system was implemented with the various utility companies and the Clerk of Works for the area with regard to reporting any incidents of graffiti on utility boxes in the Dublin 15 area.

Following our update to the area committee in March of this year, a further 32 cases of graffiti, which had been reported to the utility companies, have now been addressed.

This system appears to be working well, and good working relationships have now been established with the various utility companies, with regard to addressing issues in a more timely manner in this Local Electoral Area.

Source of Report:

Deirdre Sinclair, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

