

COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



Report of Environment Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 23rd September 2020

Venue: Virtual meeting on MS Teams

Elected Members

Councillor Brian Lawlor (Chair)
Councillor Francis Timmons
Councillor Alan Edge
Councillor Yvonne Collins
Councillor Madeleine Johansson
Councillor Dermot Richardson
Councillor Clare O'Byrne

Sectoral Members

Donie Anderson
Una Ruddock
Deirdre Mooney

Guest

Raoul Empey (Sustainable Energy Communities)

Officials

Teresa Walsh, Director of Service
Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer
Leo Magee, Senior Engineer
Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent
Michael McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer
Brenda Shannon, Administrative Officer
Fionnghuala Ryan, Climate Change & Environmental Awareness Officer
Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer
Richard Fitzpatrick, Executive Environmental Scientific Officer
Hazel Craigie, Senior Planner

Apologies

Derek Sargent, A/ Senior Engineer
Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer

Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 27th May 2020

The [Minutes of the Environment SPC Meeting held on 27th May 2020](#), were proposed by Councillor Lawlor, seconded by Councillor Timmons and agreed.

Item 2: Presentation on the Climate Change Action Plan. Theme - Transport, EV Charging Point Study

Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer delivered a report on the [Climate Change Action Plan Theme - Transport, EV Charging Point Study](#) which covered the areas of energy and fleet management, the Councils electric vehicle strategy, cycleways, village renewal, road space reassignment and a planned mobility hub.

Councillors Collins, Timmons, Johansson, Edge, O'Byrne and Lawlor raised queries and commented on the report. The Senior Executive Engineer, the Senior Engineer and the Director of Services responded to the members' queries.

Item 3: Sustainable Energy Communities Presentation

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer introduced Raoul Empey who delivered a report on the [Sustainable Energy Communities Project](#) and provided the members with contact details for further interaction.

Item 4: Green Infrastructure Strategy Update

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent delivered a report on the [Green Infrastructure Strategy](#).

Item 5: Parks and Open Spaces Strategy

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent delivered a report on the [Parks and Open Spaces Strategy](#).

Councillor Timmons commented on the report. The Senior Parks Superintendent responded to the member's comment.

Item 6: Update on Poddle and Whitechurch Surface Water Schemes

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer delivered an update on the [Poddle and Whitechurch Surface Water Schemes](#)

Councillor Lawlor raised a query on the report. The Senior Engineer responded to the member's query.

Item 7: Update on Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE Project

Richard Fitzpatrick, Executive Environmental Scientific Officer delivered an update on the [Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE Project](#)

Councillor Collins and sectoral member, Una Ruddock raised queries. The Executive Environmental Scientific Officer responded to the committee members' queries

Item 8: Solar Bin Trial Update

Leo Magee, Senior Engineer delivered an updated options report on the [Solar Bin Trial](#), which covered costing, staffing and the potential impacts on service delivery. A discussion ensued with contributions from Councillors Johansson, Timmons and Lawlor and sectoral members Una Ruddock and Deirdre Mooney. The Senior Engineer and the Director of Services responded to the members' queries.

It was agreed to carry out a more detailed examination of the options presented for consideration at a future SPC.

Item 9: Any Other Business

Michael McAdam, A/ Senior Executive Officer presented an update on the [Biodiversity Action Plan](#) which outlined the details of the public consultation and the revised schedule for presenting the plan to the full Council.