

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



**Minutes of Environment Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**2020**

**Venue: Virtual Teams Meeting**

**In attendance:**

**Elected Members**

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

**Sectoral Members**

Donie Anderson  
Una Ruddock  
Deirdre Mooney

**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  
Derek Sargent, A/Senior Engineer  
Fionnghuala Ryan, Climate Change & Environmental Awareness Officer  
Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer  
Richard Fitzpatrick, Executive Environmental Scientific Officer  
Máire Ni Dhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020**

The [Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 23rd September 2020](#) , were proposed by Councillor Timmons, seconded by Deirdre Mooney and agreed.

**Item 2: Climate Change Action Plan Annual Report**

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer and Fionnghuala Ryan, Climate Change & Environmental Awareness Officer delivered a report on the [2020 Climate Change Action Plan update document and presentation](#)

Councillors O’Byrne and Johansson, sectoral members, Deirdre Mooney and Una Ruddock raised queries and commented on the report.

The Senior Engineer, the Senior Executive Engineer, the Climate Change & Environmental Awareness Officer and the Director of Services responded to the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 3: Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Strategy**

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer and Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer delivered a report on [Electric Vehicle \(EV\) Charging Strategy](#)

Councillor O’Byrne raised a query on the report.

The Senior Engineer responded to the query.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 4: Pollinator Plan update**

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent delivered a report on the [Pollinator Plan 2020 - 2025](#)

Councillors Lawlor and Edge offered their congratulations to the team on progress made. Councillors Edge and O’Byrne raised queries on the report.

The Senior Parks Superintendent responded to the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 5: SDCC Tree Management Policy; Living with Trees, Initiate review**

Máire Ni Dhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent delivered a report on the [SDCC Tree Management Policy](#)

Councillors Timmons, Lawlor and Edge offered their congratulations on the policy and raised queries. A discussion ensued on public consultation and education. The importance of addressing legacy issues arising from the current policy was highlighted by Councillor Lawlor. Sectoral member, Donie Anderson raised a query.

The Senior Executive Parks Superintendent and the Director of Services responded to the member's queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 6: Waste Action for a Circular Economy, Update**

Michael McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer and Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer delivered an update on the [Waste Action for a Circular Economy, Update](#) .

Councillors Timmons and Johansson, Sectoral member, Una Ruddock raised queries on the report.

The A/Senior Executive Officer and Senior Engineer responded to the member's queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 7: Biodiversity Action Plan – Joint Sub Committee**

Michael McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer delivered a report on [Biodiversity Action Plan Joint Sub Committee](#)

Councillor Lawlor proposed Councillor O'Byrne and Sectoral members, Una Ruddock and Deirdre Mooney for the Sub Committee. Councillor Timmons proposed Councillor Edge.

The A/Senior Executive Officer responded that he is happy to put forward the four (4) nominees. Also noted that an SPC can provide for a maximum of two (2) Sub Committees.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 8: ERBM River Water Quality Update**

Richard Fitzpatrick, Executive Environmental Scientific Officer delivered an updated report on the [ERBM River Water Quality Update](#)

Sectoral member, Una Ruddock raised a query.

The Executive Environmental Scientific Officer responded to the query.  
The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 9: Update on Minor Flood Alleviation and Surface Water Schemes**

Derek Sargent, A/Senior Engineer delivered a report on [Minor Flood Alleviation and Surface Water Schemes](#) .

Councillors Lawlor, Timmons and Collins raised queries.

The A/Senior Engineer responded to the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 10: Any Other Business**

Councillor Edge asked when the next update on Solar Bins was being presented.

The Director of Services responded that a cost benefit analysis was to be carried out and that it would be quarter two (2) before it would be ready.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.03 p.m.