

COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



Report of Environment Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 16th February 2021

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
Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer
Máire Ni Dhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
David Grant, A/Project Resident Engineer
Fiona Hendley, Administrative Officer

Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 25th November 2020

The minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 25th November 2020 were proposed by Councillor Lawlor, seconded by Councillor Timmons and agreed.

Item 2: Living with Trees Review and Initiation of new plan

Máire Ní Dhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, gave an overview of the [forthcoming Plan](#).

Councillors Edge, Johansson and Collins raised queries and commented on the report. Sectoral member Una Ruddock also queried the report.

The Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the queries and advised Councillors that recommendations can be made before the May SPC.

The Report was **NOTED**

Item 3: Initiate Allotment Policy review and update

Michael McAdam, A/Senior Executive Office and Fiona Hendley, Administration Officer, presented the proposed work programme to carry out the review.

Councillors O'Byrne, Timmons and Lawlor raised queries on the report. Sectoral member Una Ruddock also raised a query.

Fiona Hendley requested any complaints in relation allotments are relayed to Public Realm.

The Report was **NOTED**

Items 4 & 6 Climate Change Action Plan Update & Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme Update

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer, outlined the [Climate Change Implementation Plan 2021](#) and gave an overview of the activities funded under the [Climate Innovation Fund](#) (Item 4).

Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer, gave a report on the Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme.

Sectoral member Una Ruddock queried the training report and Chris Galvin responded.

The Report was **NOTED**

Item 5: EV Charging Strategy Update

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer, provided an update of the [EV Charging](#) strategy which is currently being prepared by consultants on behalf of the 4 Dublin Local Authorities.

Councillor Johansson and Una Ruddock raised queries on the report which Chris Galvin responded to.

The Report was **NOTED**

Item 7: Green Infrastructure Strategy

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent, provided an update on the [Green Infrastructure Strategy](#).

The Report was **NOTED**

Item 8: Parks & Open Spaces Strategy

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent, provided a report on the [Parks & Open Space Strategy](#).

The Report was **NOTED**

Item 9: Flood Alleviation and Surface Water Scheme

David Grant, A/Project Resident Engineer, provided detailed updates on the River Poddle and River Camac Flood Alleviation Schemes.

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer, provided an update on [Surface Water Schemes Work Programme 2021](#). Councillors Yvonne Collins and Francis Timmons queried the report. Chris Galvin and Leo Magee responded to the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

Item 10: Whitechurch Stream Scheme Update

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer, provided an update on the Whitechurch Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme. Teresa Walsh, Director of Service, informed the SPC that a Judicial Review has been taken to quash the decision by An Bord Pleanála to approve works at the Whitechurch Stream.

Councillor Yvonne Collins commented on the report.

The Senior Engineer responded to the comments.

The Report was **NOTED**

Item 11: Reports from the Joint EWCC & LUPT Biodiversity Action Plan Subcommittee

Councillor Alan Edge provided an overview of the [Biodiversity Action Plan Subcommittee](#).

The Report was **NOTED**

Item 12: AOB

Councillor Francis Timmons queried when the Motion referred to the SPC by the Clondalkin ACM regarding the Rathcoole Woodlands would be on the SPC agenda. In response, the Chair, Councillor Brian Lawlor, indicated that this could be examined in respect of the May 2021 SPC Agenda.