

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



**Report of Environment Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 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 Dermot Richardson

**Sectoral Members**

Una Ruddock  
Deirdre Mooney

**Guest**

Hugh Coughlan

**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  
Fionnghuala Ryan, Climate Change & Environmental Awareness Officer  
Michael Heffernan, Senior Executive Engineer  
Brenda Shannon, Administrative Officer

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

The [minutes](#) of Environment SPC meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were proposed by Councillor Timmons, seconded by Councillor Collins and agreed.

**Item 2: Update on the New Waste Management Plan & WERLA Priorities**

Hugh Coughlan, Regional Coordinator, Eastern-Midlands Region Waste Management Planning Office presented a [report](#) to the committee.

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

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 3: Report from the Joint EWCC & LUPT Biodiversity Action Plan subcommittee**

Councillor Edge presented a verbal report on the actions to date. It was noted that a meeting of the subcommittee will take place in May and a formal report will be presented to the Committee at its meeting in September.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Items 4: Living with Trees review and update on review of new plan**

Máire Ní Dhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent provided an update on the [Living with Trees review](#) to the Committee.

It was agreed to form a subcommittee of four members to contribute to the finalisation of the Draft Plan for presentation to the Committee following the conclusion of the non-statutory consultation process.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 5: Update on Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024**

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer and Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer presented an update on the [Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024](#) to the Committee

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 6: Update on Decarbonising Zones**

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer and Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer presented and update on [Decarbonising Zones](#)

Councillor Johansson raised queries on the report. The Senior Engineer responded to the queries

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 10: Update on River Basin Management Plan (3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle)**

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer presented an update on the [River Basin Management Plan](#)

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 8: Sports Pitch Strategy Update**

**Item 9: Green Infrastructure Strategy & Parks and Open Spaces Strategy Updates**

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent presented updates on the [Sports Pitch Strategy](#) and on the [Green Infrastructure Strategy & Parks and Open Spaces Strategy](#).

Councillors Timmons and Edge raised queries and commented on the reports. Sectoral member, Una Ruddock also commented on the reports. The Senior Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised.

The Reports were **NOTED**

**Item 7: Update on Air and Noise Plans**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services provided a verbal update to the Committee on the Air Quality Plan and the Noise Plan for the Dublin Local Authority agglomeration.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 11: Any Other Business**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services provided a verbal report to the Committee on proposals to provide additional temporary litter bins in the parks and to increase scheduled collections at weekends.

Councillors Timmons, Johansson, Edge and Collins raised queries on the report. The Director of Services responded to the queries raised

Councillor Edge raised a query in relation to Public Toilets; the Director of Services responded to the query.