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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



**Minutes of Environment Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 2nd November 2022**

**Venue: SDCC Council Chamber and MS Teams Meeting**

**In attendance:**

**Elected Members Sectoral Members**

Councillor David McManus (Chair) Mr. John Kiberd

Councillor Madeleine Johansson Mr. Donie Anderson

Councillor Emma Murphy Ms. Deirdre Mooney (Teams)

Councillor Guss O’Connell (Teams)

Councillor Francis Timmons

Councillor Lyn Hagin Meade (Teams)

**Officials**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent (Teams)

Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer

Fiona Hendley, Administrative Officer

Juliene Helbert, Senior Engineer

Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer (Teams)

Colum Fagan, Senior Executive Engineer (Teams)

**Apologies**

Councillor Dermot Richardson

Councillor David McManus (Chair) welcomed those in attendance in the Council Chamber and on Microsoft Teams.

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 6th September 2022**

The [minutes](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76501) of Environment SPC meeting held on 6th September 2022 were proposed by Councillor McManus, seconded by Councillor Timmons, and agreed.

**Item 2: Draft Parks and Open Space Strategy**

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent presented a [report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76478) to the committee.

Councillors Timmons, Johansson, Hagin Meade, O’Connell and Mr. Anderson thanked Suzanne for the report and raised some queries in relation to park safety, number of Park Rangers, dogs off leads, accessibility and general facilities within parks and open spaces.

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent responded to the queries raised.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 3: Review of Litter Management Plan**

Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer presented the [report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76503) and [presentation](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=77018)  to the committee. Teresa Walsh, Director of Services added a comment to correct a typo in the presentation, the date on Draft Litter Management Plan should be 2023 - 2025.

Due to the volume of questions, the Chair requested that questions raised would be answered by email following the meeting. This was agreed.

Councillors Timmons and Hagin Meade raised queries on the report in relation to enforcement, dog fouling and strategy on events that take place along the border with other Local Authorities. Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer will respond to queries by email.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 4: Climate Action update, CCAP Annual Report 2022**

Juliene Helbert, Senior Engineer presented a [report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76459) on Climate Action and CCAP Annual Report 2022. There were no queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 5: Flood Alleviation and Surface Water Schemes**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services presented a [report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76476) on Flood Alleviation and Surface Water Schemes. There were no queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 6: Report from joint EWCC and LUPT Biodiversity subcommittee**

Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer presented a [report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76504) on behalf of the EWCC and LUPT Biodiversity subcommittee.

Councillors Timmons and Johansson raised queries in relation to protection of swans and alternative use to herbicides.

Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer responded to the queries raised.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 7: SPC Programme 2023**

The [draft SPC Programme 2023](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76505) was proposed by Councillor McManus, seconded by Councillor Timmons, and agreed.

The Update was **NOTED**

**Item 10: Any Other Business**

Councillor Timmons informed the group that the Tidy Towns results were out and wished to acknowledge all their hard work, especially in his own electoral area.

The meeting ended at 18.53 p.m.

The Chair, Cllr D. McManus concluded the meeting.