

COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



Minutes of Environment Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 7th February 2023

Venue: SDCC Council Chamber and MS Teams Meeting

In attendance:

Elected Members

Councillor David McManus (Chair)
Councillor Madeleine Johansson
Councillor Emma Murphy
Councillor Guss O'Connell
Councillor Francis Timmons
Councillor Lyn Hagin Meade (Teams)

Sectoral Members

Mr. John Kiberd
Ms. Deirdre Mooney (Teams)

Officials

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services
Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer
Fiona Hendley, Administrative Officer
Fionnghuala Ryan, CC & EAO
Juliene Helbert, Senior Engineer
David O'Brien, HSE

Apologies

Councillor Dermot Richardson
Mr. Donie Anderson

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

Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 2nd November 2022

The [minutes](#) of Environment SPC meeting held on 2nd November 2022 were proposed by Councillor McManus, seconded by Councillor Timmons, and agreed.

Item 2: Environmental Noise Action Plan 2023 - 2027

David O'Brien, Principal, Environmental Health Officer presented the [report](#) to the committee.

Councillors Hagin Meade and O'Connell raised questions on the report in relation to promoting the plan, maps, quiet areas, air quality and final outcomes of the plan regarding noise levels (legislative limit), location of noise monitors across the county. David O' Brien responded to the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

Item 3: Climate Change Implementation & Action Plan

Juliene Herbert, Senior Engineer presented the [presentation](#) to the committee.

Councillor Madeleine Johansson suggested that we should be doing more on upgrading social housing stock faster than we are. Also noted the issues with public transport – we need to highlight this more in order to get people out of their cars. Asked could we promote public transport more than we do. Cllr Johansson complimented the council on the work we are doing in South Dublin.

Juliene Helbert provided an update on funding received from Dept of Housing.

The Report was **NOTED**

Item 4: Circular Economy & Environmental Awareness Activities

Fionnghuala Ryan, Climate Change & Environmental Awareness Officer presented a [report](#) on Circular Economy & Environmental Awareness activities for the year ahead.

Councillors asked a number of questions around bottle banks, the circular economy, repair cafes and Tidy Towns. The Manager agreed to follow up on any outstanding issues.

The Report was **NOTED**

Item 5: SDCC Allotments Policy

Fiona Hendley, Administrative Officer presented a [report](#) on the Draft Allotments Policy.

Members were asked to submit queries to the manager via email by COB on Friday 10th February 2023.

The Report was **NOTED**

Item 6: Any Other Business

Deirdre Mooney thanked the Public Realm Section for the new litter bins along the Dodder Greenway.

The meeting ended at 7.00 p.m. and the Chair, Cllr D. McManus concluded the meeting.

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