

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



**Minutes of Environment Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

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

**In attendance:**

**Elected Members**

Councillor David McManus (Chair)  
Councillor Madeleine Johansson  
Councillor Emma Murphy  
Councillor Guss O'Connell (Teams)  
Councillor Francis Timmons  
Councillor Liam Sinclair (Teams)

**Sectoral Members**

Mr. John Kiberd (Teams)  
Ms. Deirdre Mooney (Teams)  
Mr. Donie Anderson

**Officials**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services  
Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer  
Leo Magee, SE EWCC  
Fionnghuala Ryan, CC &EAO (Teams)  
Colum Fagan, SEE EWCC

**Apologies**

Councillor Dermot Richardson

Councillor David McManus (Chair) welcomed those in attendance in the Council Chamber and on Microsoft Teams and a special welcome to Liam Sinclair on becoming a member of the Environment SPC.

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

The [minutes](#) of Environment SPC meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were proposed by Councillor David McManus, seconded by Councillor Gus O'Connell, and agreed.

**Item 2: New Waste Management Action Plan for a Circular Economy/Regional Waste Management Office Report**

Hugh Coughlan, Regional Co-ordinator, Eastern-Midlands Region Waste Management Planning Office, presented a [report](#) on the new Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy to the committee.

Cllr Madeleine Johansson raised questions in relation to plastic packaging, the impact of the privatisation waste industry and the number of repair sites suggested in the new plan. Hugh Coughlan responded to all queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 3: Community Recycling Strategy**

Colum Fagan, Senior Executive Engineer presented the [Strategy](#) to the committee.

Cllr Francis Timmons, Cllr Madeleine Johansson, Cllr Gus O’Connell and Sectoral Member Donie Anderson asked about increasing the number of bottle banks, suggested some possible new locations and queried payment of fines.

The manager responded to all of the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 4: Local Authority EV Charging Strategy Update**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services presented an update [report](#) on the Local Authority EV Charging Strategy.

Cllr Gus O’Connell asked about charging electric bikes at charging hubs and if a surcharge will be put in place.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 5: Climate Change Plan 2024-2029 progress update**

Fionnghuala Ryan, Climate Change & Environmental Awareness Officer presented a [report](#) on Climate Change Plan 2024 – 2029.

The manager answered all questions/queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 6: Any Other Business**

Cllr Francis Timmons enquired about the Circular Economy Sub-Committee

Cllr O'Connell enquired about a dead horse in Clondalkin. Cllr Emma Murphy confirmed that the horse had been removed.

The Chair, Cllr D. McManus concluded the meeting at 6.50pm.