

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



**Minutes of Environment Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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

**In attendance:**

**Elected Members**

Councillor David McManus (Chair)  
Councillor Alan Edge  
Councillor Madeleine Johansson  
Councillor Emma Murphy

**Sectoral Members**

Mr. Donie Anderson

**Officials**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services  
Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer  
Leo Magee, SE EWCC (Teams)  
David Grant, A/Resident Project Engineer

**Apologies**

Ms. Deirdre Mooney  
Mr. John Kiberd  
Councillor Francis Timmons  
Councillor Dermot Richardson  
Councillor Liam Sinclair

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

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on September 2023**

The [minutes](#) of the Environment SPC meeting, held on September 2023 were proposed by the Chair, Councillor McManus, seconded by Councillor Edge and agreed.

**Item 2: Flood Alleviation and Surface Water Schemes**

David Grant, Resident Engineer, presented an [update](#) on each of the Flood Alleviation Schemes.

Councillors Edge, Johansson and Murphy queried the archaeological finds, project management and the impact of recent wet weather on delivering the project.

Councillor McManus queried what advance notice is given to residents in advance of works starting. The manager responded to all of the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

**Item 3: Review of Litter Management Plan (LMP) 2020-2022 & draft plan for 2023-2025**

Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer, presented an [update](#) on the Draft LMP 2023- 2025.

Councillor Edge commended staff in the Environmental Awareness Office for their work, commended public realm improvements and the Pure Mile project.

Councillor Johansson queried what submissions there were in relation to litter bins e.g. number, location etc. Councillor Murphy queried removal of CCTV.

Donie Anderson commended our involvement in the Pure Mile project. Also queried use of drone technology in the uplands and the use of cameras in these remote areas.

The manager responded to all of the queries.

The Report was **NOTED and recommended to go to full council**.

**Item 4: Community Recycling Strategy**

Colum Fagan, Senior Executive Engineer presented an [update](#) on the Community Based Recycling Strategy.

Councillor Edge queried data on where waste is being exported to. How are we doing in comparison to other LAs.

Councillor Johansson commended the scheme painting the bottle banks and queried the lack of bottle banks in the Neilstown area.

Councillor Murphy queried the new Deposit and Return Scheme being introduced in February 2024.

The Report was **NOTED**.

**Item 5: Casual Trading Byelaws**

Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer, presented an [update](#) on the Casual Trading Byelaws, which will be going to public consultation.

The Report was **NOTED**.

**Item 6: Review of 2023 SPC Programme and agreement of 2024 programme**

Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer, gave an overview of the [2023 programme and the proposed 2024 programme](#).

Cllr Edge queried the number of trees/Stepping Stone forests being planted in parts of the county.

The Director of Service Teresa Walsh asked the Councillors to review the 2024 list and email the manager with recommendations. Cllr Johansson requested a meeting/sub-group on the Circular Economy.

The Report was **NOTED**.

#### **Item 7: A.O.B.**

Sharon Conroy, SEO, advised of the Special meeting in December.

Donie Anderson advised of a rewetting project in the uplands using sheeps wool to absorb water.

The Chair, Cllr McManus concluded the meeting at 6:30pm.