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



**Report of the Environment, Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 6th February 2024**

**Venue: Council Chamber & Online (MS Teams)**

**In attendance:**

**Elected Members Sectoral Members**

Councillor David McManus (Chair) Mr. John Kiberd (Teams)

Councillor Madeleine Johansson Mr. Donie Anderson

Councillor Francis Timmons Ms. Deirdre Mooney (Teams)

Councillor Vanessa Mulhall

**Officials** **Apologies**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services

Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer

Leo McGee, Senior Engineer

Fionnghuala Ryan, Environmental Awareness Officer

Anthony McNamara, Climate Action Coordinator

Gary Tyrell, Climate Action Officer (Teams)

Michael Heffernan, Senior Executive Engineer

Colum Fagan, Senior Executive Engineer (Teams)

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent

The Chair welcomed all in attendance in the chamber and on Microsoft Teams. A special welcome to our guest speaker Gillian McCann from Re-turn.

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 13th December 2023**

The [minutes](http://intranet/Cmas/documents/Environment-%20Public%20Realm%20and%20Climate%20Change%20SPC/2024/February/February2024Environment,PublicRealmandClimateChangeSPCMeeting/3d52e8c3-8dff-44a5-a13b-6b1bcb7e0032.pdf) of the Environment SPC meeting, held on 13th December 2023 were proposed by the Chair, Councillor McManus, seconded by Councillor Timmons and agreed.

**Item 2: Re-Turn Presentation**

Ms. Gillian McCann from Re-turn did a [presentation](http://intranet/Cmas/documents/Environment-%20Public%20Realm%20and%20Climate%20Change%20SPC/2024/February/February2024Environment,PublicRealmandClimateChangeSPCMeeting/ee136508-b7cf-4cfb-aa57-4bf1f02d26d2.pdf) on the new national deposit return scheme on in scope plastic and aluminium beverage containers which came into effect on the 1st February last.

Councillor Timmons queried the refund mechanism for the deposit.

Councillor Johansson complemented Ms. McCann on the presentation and commented on the timeframe for old stock to run through the system before new branded stock was available.

Councillor Mulhall queried whether the returned containers could form part of a collection service when groceries are delivered by retailers.

Ms. McCann responded to all the queries.

The Report was **NOTED.**

**Item 3: Sports Pitch Strategy Implementation (Pavilion Programme)**

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent, presented an [update](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=82140&itemTxt=H-I3) on the sports capital grants and the pavilion programme.

Following contributions from Cllr Timmons, Cllr Mulhall, Cllr. Johansson and Ms. Deirdre Mooney, Ms. Furlong responded to the issues raised by the members.

The Report was **NOTED.**

**Item 4: Circular Economy & Environmental Awareness Activities**

Fionnghuala Ryan, Environmental Awareness Officer, presented an [update](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=82142&itemTxt=H-I4) on activities for 2024.

Councillor Timmons queried several items including graffiti removal, dog fouling, Dublin Canvas and the repair café trial run by SDCC in conjunction with Clondalkin Tidy Towns.

The manager responded to the issues raised.

The Report was **NOTED.**

**Item 5: Community Climate Action Fund (CCAF)**

Anthony McNamara, Climate Action Coordinator, [presented](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=82143&itemTxt=H-I5) on the CCAF and there were no questions.

The Report was **NOTED.**

**Item 6: A.O.B.**

Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer updated the SPC members that the National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2024-2030 was due to be made on the 22nd February 2024 and that it will be launched by The Minister on the 1st March 2024.

This business was **NOTED**.

There was no further business.

The Chair, Cllr McManus concluded the meeting at 6.55pm.