

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



**Minutes of Environment, Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**

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

**In attendance:**

**Elected Members**

Councillor Trevor Gilligan (Chair) (online)  
Councillor Linda de Courcy  
Councillor Roisin Mannion  
Councillor Francis Timmons  
Councillor Lynn McCrave

**Sectoral Members**

Mr. Peter Lantry  
Mr. Benedict Chukwurah

**Officials**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services  
Leo Magee, Senior Engineer  
Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent  
Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer  
Damien McNulty, Senior Engineer (online)  
Fionnghuala Ryan, Environmental Awareness Officer  
Michael Heffernan, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ian Jackson, Community Climate Action Officer

**Apologies**

Councillor Brian Lawlor  
Councillor Dermot Richardson

The Chair welcomed all new members of the SPC in attendance in the chamber and online. Brief introductions were given by SPC members and staff.

**Item 1 Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

The [minutes](#) of the Environment SPC meeting, held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were agreed.

**Item 2 Environment SPC Introduction**

Ms. Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer gave a short [introduction](#) on the membership of the EWCC SPC, outlining the role of the strategic policy committee and the role of the members. There were no questions.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **Item 3 Work Programme 2024 & draft Work Programme for 2025**

Ms. Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer presented the [work programme](#) for 2024 and the draft work programme for 2025.

Cllrs Timmons and Cllr McCrave had questions in relation to the setting up of a subgroup for the Circular Economy and the status of the review of the Casual Trading Byelaws. Benedict Chukwurah (PPN) requested a timeline for individual programmes on the work programme.

The manager responded to the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **Item 4 SDCC Climate Action Plan - Quarterly Update November 2024**

Fionnghuala Ryan, Climate Action Coordinator presented a quarterly [update](#) on the Climate Action Plan. There were a number of questions and comments from Cllr Gilligan, Cllr McCrave, Cllr Mannion, Cllr de Courcy and Cllr Timmons in relation to public lighting, flood alleviation schemes, house insurance issues, allotments, crack willow – invasive species and decarbonisation zone. Benedict Chukwurah asked about the Climate Action website.

The manager responded to the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **Item 5 Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA's)**

Michael Heffernan, Senior Executive Engineer gave a [presentation](#) on DPIA's, the process and requirements in relation to CCTV and the use of CCTV for enforcement issues.

Cllr Timmons and Cllr McCrave had queries on areas that were problematic due to litter and waste. Also a query on the number of drones. The manager responded to the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **Item 6 A.O.B**

Peter Landry, sectoral member requested that District Heating be included as an agenda item on the SPC programme. Dates for meetings for 2025 will be circulated to members shortly.

This business was **NOTED**.

There was no further business.

The Chair, Cllr Gilligan concluded the meeting.