

COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



Note of Environment, Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 2nd September 2025

Venue: Council Chamber & online (MS Teams)

In attendance:

Elected Members

Councillor David McManus (Chair)
Councillor Francis Timmons
Councillor Trevor Gilligan
Councillor Roisin Mannion
Councillor Lynn McCrave

Sectoral Members

Mr. Benedict Chukwurah

Officials

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services
Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer
Anne O' Gorman, Senior Executive Officer
Juliene Helbert, Senior Engineer
Damien McNulty, Acting Senior Engineer
Fionnghuala Ryan, Climate Co-ordinator
Damien Wildes, Senior Executive Parks and Landscapes Officer
Laurence Collieran, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
David Morrissey, Administrative Officer

Apologies

Councillor Dermot Richardson
Mr. Peter Lantry

The Chair welcomed all in attendance, in the Chamber and online.

Item 1 Draft Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 6th May 2025

The [minutes](#) of the Environment SPC meeting, held on 6th May 2025 were proposed by Cllr Timmons and seconded by Cllr Mannion. The minutes were agreed.

Item 2 Climate Action Initiatives

Ms Juliene Helbert, Senior Engineer gave a presentation on a number of [Climate Action initiatives](#) which included the fleet transition and replacement programme, energy procurement contracts and the Clondalkin decarbonising zone.

Cllr Gilligan had queries in relation to public lighting upgrades and decarbonisation levels for 2025. The manager responded to the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

Item 3 Water Action Plan (Lawpro)

Margaret Keegan, Regional Coordinator, Midlands & East Head Office Operations Manager gave a presentation on the [Local Authority Waters Programme \(LAWPRO\)](#). Lawpro is funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and coordinates efforts to achieve good/high water quality in our rivers, lakes, transitional and coastal waters as required by the European Union Water Framework Directive. Eanna Gallagher and Anthony Mannix also attended on behalf of Lawpro.

Cllr Timmons and Cllr McCrave had comments and questions and Lawpro responded to these. The Chair thanked LawPro for their presentation and attendance.

The Report was **NOTED**.

Item 4 Tree Management policy review of current policy & commencement of 2026-2029

Mr. Damien Wildes, Senior Executive Parks and Landscapes Officer presented an update on the [Tree Management policy](#) review of current policy and commencement of 2026-2029. There were questions from Cllr McManus, Cllr Timmons, Cllr McCrave and Benedict Chukwurah.

The manager responded to the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

Item 5 SDCC Play policy

Mr. Laurence Colleran, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent presented an update on the [SDCC Play policy](#). There were questions from Cllr Timmons and the manager responded to the queries. The SPC members agreed to bring this policy to Council for noting.

The Report was **NOTED**.

Item 6 Casual Trading Byelaws review and draft revision of Casual Trading Byelaws

Mr. David Morrissey, Administrative Officer presented an update on the [Casual Trading Byelaws review](#) and draft revision of Casual Trading Byelaws. He also noted that the public consultation was opening from Friday the 5th of September and would close on Friday the 3rd of October. There were questions from Cllr McManus, Cllr McCrave and Cllr Timmons on locations, licence charges and seasonal trading/markers and Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer, responded to the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

Item 7 A.O.B

Sectoral member Benedict Chukwurah spoke about Water Bodies and the improvements in bottles and recycling. He also spoke about Carbon Emissions and the balance of this target with satisfaction to customers for e.g. longer trams running at peak times. Juliene Helbert, Senior Engineer in Climate Action responded to the queries raised and reminded the members that current updates are available on the Climate Action website which include metrics.

There was no further business.

The Chair, Cllr McManus concluded the meeting at 18.47