

COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



Minutes of Environment, Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 3rd November 2025

Venue: Council Chamber & online (MS Teams)

In attendance:

Elected Members

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

Sectoral Members

Mr. Benedict Chukwurah

Officials

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services
Sarah Middleton, Principal, Environmental Health Office, HSE
Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer
Anne O' Gorman, Senior Executive Officer
Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent
Damien McNulty, Senior Engineer
Damien Wildes, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer
Brendan Redmond, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer
David Morrissey, Administrative Officer
Cat Savage, Assistant Parks and Landscape Officer

Apologies

Councillor David McManus
Mr. Peter Lantry

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

Item 1 Draft Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 2nd September 2025

The [minutes](#) of the Environment SPC meeting, held on 2nd September 2025 were proposed by Cllr Timmons and seconded by Cllr De Courcy. The minutes were agreed.

Item 2 Dublin Environmental Noise Action Plan 2024 – 2028 update

Ms Sarah Middleton, Principal, Environmental Health Office, HSE gave a [presentation](#) and update on the Dublin Environmental Noise Action Plan 2024-2028.

Cllr Timmons, Cllr De Courcy and Cllr Gilligan had queries in relation to noise from the M50, motorway safety ranges and roadstone quarries being in compliance with noise and vibration limits and the manager responded to the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

Item 3 Tree Management Policy 2026-2031 – public consultation update

Damien Wildes, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer gave a [presentation](#) on the Tree Management Policy and update on the public consultation.

Cllr Timmons and Cllr McCrave had comments and questions on the benefit of trees on quality of life, solar panels, tree locations, cherry trees and native trees.

The manager responded to the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

Item 4 Casual Trading Byelaws – Draft revision

Mr. David Morrissey, Administrative Officer presented a draft revision and [update on the Casual Trading Byelaws](#). He noted that the byelaws were presented to the SPC members for recommendation to the December Council meeting. Cllr Timmons, Cllr De Courcy, Cllr Gilligan, Cllr McCrave, Cllr Richardson and Cllr Mannion had comments. There were 2 minor amendments agreed on the price for Christmas trees and markets to revert to what they currently are in the byelaws.

These amendments were agreed at the meeting and recommended to Council for the December meeting for approval.

The manager responded to the queries.

The Report was **NOTED and recommended to December Council for approval**.

Item 5 Review of Pollinator Plan 2021-2025

Mr. Brendan Redmond, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer presented an update on the [Pollinator Plan 2021-2025](#). There were questions and comments from Cllr Timmons, Cllr De Courcy and Cllr McCrave on public information, pollinator areas and the importance of hedgerows.

The manager responded to the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

Item 6 A.O.B

There was no further business.

The Chair, Cllr Timmons concluded the meeting at 18.35