

COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



Note of Environment, Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 7th September 2026.

Venue: Council Chamber & online (MS Teams)

In attendance:

Elected Members

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

Sectoral Members

Mr. Benedict Chukwurah

Officials

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services
Anne O’Gorman, Senior Executive Officer
Andy McNally, A/Senior Executive Officer
Brenda Shannon, A/Senior Executive Officer
Damien McNulty, Senior Engineer
Juliene Helbert, Senior Engineer
Pat Clarke, Senior Engineer
Michael Heffernan, Senior Executive Engineer
Damien Wildes, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape
Fionnghuala Ryan, A/Climate Action Coordinator

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 5th May 2026

The [minutes](#) of the Environment SPC meeting, held on 5th May 2026 were proposed by Cllr McManus and seconded by Cllr Timmons.

The minutes were agreed.

Item 2 Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty Briefing

Ms. Brenda Shannon, A/Senior Executive Officer gave a [briefing](#) on the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty.

There were no questions and the Report was **NOTED**.

There were technical/connection issues at approximately 5.45 pm for several minutes, resulting in attendees joining via Teams having difficulty hearing people speaking in the chamber. The technical issues were subsequently resolved, and the meeting continued.

Item 3 Civic Amenity Review

Mr. Damien McNulty, Senior Engineer delivered a [presentation](#) on the Civic Amenity Review.

Cllr De Courcy, Cllr Gilligan and Cllr Timmons raised concerns that any increase in fees could potentially lead to increased illegal dumping in the community.

Cllr. Timmons also queried why the cost of mattress disposal is particularly high.

Mr. McNulty responded to the queries raised.

The Report was **NOTED**.

Item 4 Pitch Strategy Update

Mr. Damien Wildes, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer provided an [update](#) on the Pitch Strategy.

Cllr Timmons asked who new clubs should contact if they require access to pitches and Cllr McCrave queried the length of time a club could retain the use of a pitch.

Mr. Wildes responded to the queries raised.

The Report was **NOTED**.

Item 5 Waste Enforcement programme of works (EPA & WERLA priorities)

Mr. Michael Heffernan, Senior Executive Engineer gave a [presentation](#) on the Waste Enforcement programme of works (EPA & WERLA priorities).

Cllr Timmons commented that the recycling day held in Fettercairn was an excellent and informative event and suggested that similar events should be organised in other areas.

The Report was **NOTED**.

Item 6 Community Climate Action (CCAF)

Ms. Fionnghuala Ryan, A/Climate Action Coordinator gave an [update](#) on the Community Climate Action Fund (CCAF).

Cllr McCrave raised a query in relation to one of the grants awarded under the CCAF and F. Ryan responded to the query.

The Report was **NOTED**.

Item 7 Report on decarbonisation of SDCC fleet, buildings and public EV charging

Juliene Helbert, Senior Engineer gave an [update](#) on the decarbonisation of SDCC fleet, buildings and public EV charging.

There were no questions.

The Report was **NOTED**.

Item 8 Clondalkin Decarbonisation Zone report

Ms. Fionnghuala Ryan, A/Climate Action Coordinator gave a [presentation](#) on the Clondalkin Decarbonisation Zone Implementation Plan.

Cllr Timmons raised a query regarding the schedule for the implementation of safe school zones in the DZ zone.

Ms. Ryan responded to the query.

Item 9 A.O.B

Correspondence: Cllr Timmons asked the SPC Chair to share correspondence in relation to Rathcoole Woodlands with the SPC members. The Manager advised Cllr Timmons that a group could request a deputation with SDCC.

Due to the technical difficulties experienced earlier in the meeting, the Manager asked that if there were any further queries or questions that they could be forwarded on to A. O’Gorman who will co-ordinate responses.

There was no further business.

The Chair, Cllr McManus, concluded the meeting at 18:58