COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Environment, Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 5th May 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

Sectoral Members
Mr. Benedict Chukwurah

Officials
Teresa Walsh, Director of Services
Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer
Anne O' Gorman, Senior Executive Officer
Therese Pender, Senior Architect
Brendan Redmond, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer
Andrew O' Mullane, Senior Executive Engineer
Lorraine Beirne, A/Environmental Awareness Officer
Cat Savage, Assistant Parks & Landscape Officer
Hugh Coughlan, Regional Coordinator, Regional Waste Management Planning Offices - Eastern-Midlands, DCC

Apologies
Councillor Dermot Richardson
Councillor Trevor Gilligan
Councillor Roisin Mannion
Mr. Peter Lantry

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

Item 1 Draft Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 30th March 2026

The minutes of the Environment SPC meeting, held on 30th March 2026 were proposed by Cllr McManus and seconded by Cllr Timmons.

The minutes were agreed.

Item 2 Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy

Hugh Coughlan, Regional Coordinator, Regional Waste Management Planning Offices - Eastern-Midlands, DCC, gave a presentation on the waste management plan for Circular Economy.

There were queries from Cllr De Courcy and Cllr Timmons in relation to reducing waste in the building trade and government plans to look at internet sites.

Mr Coughlan responded to all questions.

The Report was **NOTED.**

Item 3 Tallaght District Heating scheme

Ms Therése Pender gave a presentation which included an update on the Tallaght District Heating scheme.

Cllr De Courcy raised a query in relation to a research student presenting their research findings on District Heating to the SPC and Cllr McCrave had a query on heat pumps and electricity.

Both Ms Pender and Ms Walsh responded to the queries.

The Report was **NOTED.**

Item 4 Active Travel and Cycle South Dublin

Mr Andrew O' Mullane, Senior Executive Engineer presented an update on Active Travel and Cycle South Dublin.

Cllr Timmons asked about the strategy plan and how other areas could get added to the planned programme. Mr O' Mullane responded to the query.

The Report was **NOTED.**

Item 5 Circular Economy & Environmental Awareness activities

Ms Lorraine Beirne, A/Environmental Awareness Officer provided an update on Circular Economy & Environmental Awareness activities and the activities that are taking place over the coming months.

There were no questions.

The Report was **NOTED.**

Item 6 Review of Pollinator Plan 2021-2025 & Pollinator Plan 2026-2030

Mr. Brendan Redmond, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer gave a presentation on the review of the pollinator plan 2021-2025 and the draft pollinator plan 2026-2030.

Cllr Timmons had a query on hedgerows and the restoration of same in particular to ones that have been destroyed. The manager responded to the query.

The Report was **NOTED.**

Item 7 A.O.B

Cllr Timmons noted the great work done by the Council in particular in Lucan Plaza recently.

There was no further business.

The Chair, Cllr McManus, concluded the meeting at 18:51