

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

9 MAY 2016

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & ENERGY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 22nd MARCH 2016 at 5.00pm IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER Report of Chairperson – Cllr. Cormac Devlin

The Chairperson, Cllr. Cormac Devlin presided. In attendance were: Baker Marie, Cllr/ Fayne Mary, Cllr/ Hegarty, Marese /McGovern, Lynsey Cllr/McKinney, Carron Cllr/O'Neill Seamus Cllr/Saul, Barry, Cllr/Smyth Carrie, Cllr/Smyth Ossian, Cllr/ Officials in attendance were: Frank Austin, Director of Services, Dean Eaton, Acting Environmental Awareness Officer, Aidan Ffrench, Executive Parks Superintendent, Dearbhla Lawson, Director of Services, Emer Sheridan, Assistant Staff Officer, Joan Deering Clerical Officer.

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- Dearbhla Lawson and Emer Sheridan gave a presentation on the Review of the DLR Grant Scheme. The main aim of the Review was to look at the guidelines. After a brief discussion during which D. Lawson responded to members queries, the Report of the Chief Executive was **NOTED**
 - Dearbhla Lawson gave a presentation on the draft County Council Buildings' Reuse Framework Approach and a copy of same had been distributed prior to meeting. The proposal was to develop a framework approach as a means of securing appropriate public reuse of existing Council owned buildings which are not required for current functional use by the Council. This would provide a clear consistent approach for assessing and recommending reuse. Expressions of Interest would be sought by public advertisement, and bids would be invited and assessed in terms of fit with the needs of the local area, the objectives and Council values. The Carnegie in Dun Laoghaire was suggested as a possible pilot building to test the framework.

Following a discussion during which D. Lawson responded to members questions, several members expressed their views that the Carnegie should not be used as the initial pilot building for this framework proposal.

The presentation was **NOTED**.

- Dean Eaton, updated members on the Environment Awareness Programme. Information was given on different areas of the programme including Green Passports, S.E.A.I. workshops, and the Tidy Districts Competition. The Committee and the Chair thanked Dean for all his work during the year. The Presentation was **NOTED**.
- Aidan Ffrench gave a presentation on the DLR Green Infrastructure Strategy 2016 – 2022. Outlining the Economic, Environmental and Social Benefits of Green Infrastructure was given by Green Infrastructure plays a large role in particular to water management, Climate Change, green streets, and local area planning.

Following a discussion and questions from Committee members the presentation was **NOTED**.

Cllr. Devlin thanked Aidan for his presentation.

- Frank Austin, Director of Services stated that The Climate Change Overview – Introduction to the body of work to be done - is to be deferred to the SPC meeting in June.

- Frank Austin, Director of Services, gave a talk on the Work programme for the SPC – 2016

The meeting concluded at 7 p.m.