

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON THURSDAY 16th DECEMBER 2021

The Chair, Cllr. Barry Saul, presided. In attendance were: Cllr. Michael Clark, Cllr. Mary Fayne, Cllr. Kate Feeney, Cllr. Hugh Lewis, Cllr. Lettie McCarthy, Cllr Patricia Kinsella, Cllr. Séafra Ó Faoláin, Cllr. Una Power, Cllr. Carrie Smyth. Cllr. Jim O'Leary.
Sectoral Representative Present: Diarmuid McAree, Elizabeth Clooney and Dervla King.

Officials in attendance were: Robert Burns, Director of Services, Infrastructure & Climate Action Dept., Kate Hynes (A/Senior Executive Officer, Infrastructure and Climate Change); Joan Deering, Clerical Officer, Infrastructure and Climate Department); Anthony McNamara, Climate Officer, Ruairi O'Dulaing, Senior Parks Superintendent, Parks Department, Paul Buggy, Senior Executive Engineer, Water and Drainage.

The Chair informed members that as Anne Murray, Biodiversity Officer was unwell she was unable to present the 'Recovery, Restoration and Reconnection - DLR's Biodiversity Plan'. The Plan was deferred to a later SPC.

- The Minutes of the Environment and Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee held on Thursday 16th September 2021 were approved and adopted.

- Question from Cllr. Carrie Smyth
That this Council consider partnering with TerraCycle or similar organisation in our recycling centres to "recycle the non-recyclable. (8th February 2021)

The reply was Noted.

- Anthony McNamara presented the Climate Change Action Plan 2019 – 2024 - Annual Progress Report.
Anthony spoke on the Actions and targets of the Plan and informed members that DLR hosted Dublin's Climate Action Week in September 2021. It was launched by An Cathaoirleach and Minister Eamon Ryan T.D.

Climate Change Action Plan Annual Progress Report is on the Agenda for January's full Council meeting in 2022.

- Anthony McNamara presented the Draft Dublin Region Air Quality Plan.
Anthony spoke on the aim of improving Nitrogen Dioxide levels in the Dublin region and is prepared by the four Dublin Local Authorities. The plan on public consultation and managed by Dublin City Council.

The Plan must be submitted to the EPA and the Department of the Environment, Climate Action and the Communications.

The Plan will be submitted to the European Commission for approval 2021 – 31st December 2021.

The draft Plan was Noted.

- Paul Buggy presented the Water Framework Directive Draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2022 – 2027.

A national plan that aims to protect and restore good water quality in our rivers, lakes, estuaries. A national plan that aims to protect and restore good water quality in our rivers, lakes, estuaries, groundwater, and coastal waters, and includes the following;

The Plan proposes the following River Projects in DLR

- Carrickmines/Shanganagh Stream
- Deansgrange Stream/Elm Park Stream
- Rathmichael/Crinken Stream
- Slang and Little Dargle Tributaries to the Dodder

The draft Plan is on public consultation until March 2022

The presentation was Noted.

- Ruairi O'Dulaing presented the Dublin Mountain Partnership. Ruairi spoke about the key achievements and that a spirit of collaboration was needed. The role of volunteers was praised, and the area is made accessible to the public as much as possible. The long-term plans were highlighted which includes the planting of 123 trees.

The presentation was Noted.

- The Tree Tag Project was presented by Ruairi O'Dulaing. Ruairi spoke on how a A4 sheet displays the trees information and that Climate Change is front and central of the Project.

It will be almost complete by early 2020.

The presentation was Noted

The Chair thanked the Director of Services, Robert Burns, for his hard work and wished him well in his new role.

The meeting concluded at 7 pm