

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON THURSDAY 31st MARCH 2022

The Chair, Cllr. Jim O'Leary, 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. Barry Saul.

Sectoral Representative Present: Orla Hogan, Diarmuid McAree, Elizabeth Clooney and Dervla King.

Officials in attendance were: Paul Kennedy, A/Director of Services, Infrastructure & Climate Action Dept., Martina Kehoe, Senior Executive Officer, Infrastructure and Climate Action Department, Kate Hynes (Administrative Officer, Infrastructure and Climate Change); Joan Deering, Clerical Officer, Infrastructure and Climate Department); Anthony McNamara, Climate Officer, Anne Murray, Biodiversity Officer,

The Minutes of the Environment and Climate Action SPC held on Thursday 16th December 2022 were **proposed and adopted**.

Business submitted by the Director of Services

- Simon Clement, Co-ordinator, ICLEI European Secretariat, gave a presentation on the European Circular Cities Declaration which is a commitment document which local and regional governments sign up to
 - Cllr. Seafra Ó Faolain asked if DLR could be signed up to the Declaration.
 - Cllr. Kate Feeney also asked if DLR could be signed up to the Declaration.
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- David Dodd, Regional Co-ordinator, Dublin Climate Action Regional Office, gave a presentation on Línte na Farrage, the goal is to raise awareness of the impact of future sea level change and risks from storm surges in Ireland and mobilise community led climate action and adaptation. David highlighted the vision and projects in the presentation. David informed members that the presentation was only for members of the Environment and Climate Change SPC due to the national nature of the presentation.
- Anne Murray, Biodiversity Officer, gave a presentation on DLR Biodiversity Action Plan 2021 and 2025. Anne outlined the objections and actions of the Plan. The Plan is at Statutory Consultations for the Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment and Screening for Appropriate Assessment of the Plan, which is due to end on April 29th. The plan will then take into account any of the submissions from those consultations and then finalised in May

Following questions from Committee members the presentation was Noted.

- **Business referred from the Council:**
No business.
 - **Business referred from the Corporate Policy Group.**
No business
 - **Correspondence**
No business
 - **Future Work Programme**
No business
- AOB**
No business

The Chair, Cllr. Jim O'Leary, thanked Cllr. Patricia Kinsella for her hard work with the Committee as she is resigning as a Councillor. Cllr Kate Feeney announced at the meeting that she was resigning from the Committee. The welcomed Paul Kennedy, A/Director and Martina Kehoe, Senior Executive Officer to the Department.

The meeting concluded at 18.40