

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

14 JANUARY 2019

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & ENERGY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 5.00 P.M.

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

DRAFT CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Cllr. Pat Hand presided. In attendance were: Cllr. Marie Baker, Cllr. Jennifer Cuffe, Cllr. Cormac Devlin; Cllr. Seamas O'Neill; Cllr. Barry Saul; Cllr. Carrie Smyth; Elizabeth Clooney; Diarmuid McAree; Denis Mulvey.

Apologies: Lisa Fahy

Officials in attendance were: Frank Austin (Director of Infrastructure, Climate Change & Energy); Austin Baines (Senior Executive Officer, Infrastructure, Climate Change & Energy); Joseph Craig (Senior Executive Engineer, Water & Drainage), Therese Langan (Senior Executive Officer, Communications Department) Joan Deering (Clerical Officer, Infrastructure, Climate Change & Energy)

Therese Langan gave a presentation on SMART DUBLIN and informed that it is an initiative of the Four Dublin Authorities to engage with Smart Technology Providers, Researchers and Citizens. It is a challenge led not Technology led initiative.

Priority Challenges will be urban transport, extreme Weather events and flooding, the Environment (Air quality, waste/litter and noise), and Energy efficiency/public lighting.

Better City and SMART systems are needed to allow Cities predict, adapt and respond to future events and growth.

Following questions from the Committee members the presentation was **NOTED**

Joe Craig, Senior Executive Engineer gave a Presentation on Flood Risk Management. Joe gave an overview of recent flood events in DLR. There has been monster rain events and local drainage systems can't cope leading to flooding. Alleviation methods include new gullies and screen upgrades. CFRAMS have been mapping flood events since 2011. CFRAMS have now been published which meets Ireland's requirements to the EU flood directive.

The OPW have asked DLR to take the lead in the Project Management of the Loughlinstown Scheme (Euro 10 million). DLR will continue with the roll out of Cameras, Screen Upgrades, Programme of local flood alleviation works, detailed Catchment studies and SUDS.

Following questions from Committee members the presentation was **NOTED**.

Austin Baines gave an Update on Climate Change informed the Members that work has continued on the action plans. Regional meetings to be held to generate awareness and engagement in relation to Climate Change challenges. The first meeting was held in June 2018 in Athlone. The Government has announced a Climate Change fund which is one of the four such funds established under the National Development Plan 2018 – 2027.

The plan will be sent to DLR after 21st September. A final draft will be available for December's SPC with a view to a January public consultation with a view for Council in the Spring.

The Update was NOTED.

Food Waste and Brown Bin Waste – Austin Baines

Austin informed the members that the public are obliged to use brown bins and 78% of households in DLR have Brown Bins. .

Frank Austin responded to Committee members questions and informed members that the Storage, Presentation and Collection of Household and Commercial Waste Bye-Laws 2009 will need to be updated in the future to be consistent with National Policy.

The Report was **Noted**.

The meeting concluded at 6.35 p.m.

The next SPC Meeting will be held on 13th December 2018.