MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

14 JANUARY 2019

SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & ENERGY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2018

AT 5.00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Cllr. Pat Hand presided. In attendance were: Cllr. Marie Baker; Cllr. Jennifer Cuffe; Cllr. Mary Fayne; Cllr. Sorcha Nic Cormaic; Cllr. Seamas O’Neill; Cllr. Cllr. Carrie Smyth; Denis Mulvey; Diarmuid McAree; Elizabeth Clooney; Marese Hegarty; Lisa Fahy;

Officials in attendance were: Frank Austin (Director of Infrastructure, Climate Change & Energy); Austin Baines (Senior Executive Officer, Infrastructure, Climate Change & Energy); Joan Deering (Clerical Officer), Martha Casserly Environmental Awareness Officer, Dean Eaton Asst Environmental Officer, Leah Clarke Executive Planner, Gerry Flaherty, Senior Executive Engineer

Declan McCormac, Codema gave on a presentation on the DLR Draft Climate Change Action Plans. Under the National Adaptation Framework Local Authorities are required to submit a sectorial climate change adaptation plan by September 30th 2019. The Plan gathers all current and future actions in one document.

Declan spoke on the four main targets of Plan:

- 33% reduction in Council energy by 2020. DLR is in line to reduce energy use targets by 2020.
- Make Dublin a climate resilient region.
- 40% reduction in the Council’s greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2030.
- Active engagement with Citizens on Climate Action.

The Action Areas are
1. Energy and Buildings
2. Transport
3. Flood resilience

DLR has signed up to the Covenant of Majors which has ambitious plans of a reduction of 40% in emissions.

Timeline for Draft Plan.
Public consultation period – January - March 2019
April 2019 - presentation to Environment SPC
May 2019 - Presentation to Full Council
Plan goes live in June

Following questions from members Cllr. Seamas O’Neill enquired if a meeting could be arranged with the ESB regarding sub-stations. Austin Baines will ask the ESB for a meeting.

The Chair, Cllr. Hand asked the members about holding the next SPC meeting in the New Year as there had been four SPC meetings held already this year.
The members agreed with holding the next meeting in 2019.