

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Chairperson's Report

Hybrid meeting held in the Dundrum Office and remotely on Thursday 15th June 2023

The Chair, Cllr. Jim O'Leary, presided. In attendance were : Cllr Emma Blain, Cllr. Michael Clark, Cllr. Mary Fayne, Cllr. Lettie McCarthy, Cllr. Carrie Smyth, Cllr. Senan Sexton, Cllr Una Power, Cllr. Liam Dockery,

Sectoral Representative Present: Diarmuid McAree, Elizabeth Clooney.

Apologies: Orla Hogan, Dervla King

Officials in attendance were: (Officials from Infrastructure and Climate Change Department) Martina Kehoe, Senior Executive Officer, Ultan Downes, Senior Executive Scientist, Joan Deering, Clerical Officer, , Margaret Coles, Green Business Officer, Niamh Moran, Acting Environmental Awareness Officer, Hugh Coughlan, Regional Co-Ordinator, Eastern – Midlands Region Waste Management Planning Office, Mark Murphy, Advocacy Manager, Irish Heart Foundation.

- Confirmation of minutes of SPC held on Thursday 16th March 2023 proposed by Cllr. Lettie McCarthy and seconded by Cllr. Jim O'Leary.
- Question from Cllr. Carrie Smyth.
In light of the presentation at the Environment and Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee in March by the Chief Executive of the Rediscovery Centre and subsequent site visit in May, that this Policy Committee discuss the possibility of a Rediscovery Centre opening in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council area.

The reply was Noted.

Cllr. Carrie Smyth gave a brief outline of the recent visit to the Re-Discovery Centre.

- Mark Murphy, gave a presentation on Air Pollution and Mortality on the Island of Ireland. Mark talked about the threat of environmental air pollution to heart health and IHF recommendations about reducing it. Following questions from Committee members the presentation was Noted.
- Draft National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy: Hugh Coughlan, gave a presentation on the DNWMP. There is a move to a single national waste management plan. The Plan is on public

consultation at present until the 5th July 2023. It is hoped that the Plan will be finalised towards the end of 2023.

- Cllr. O'Leary asked if Hugh could give an update when the Plan is finalised. Hugh said he happy to give an update in early 2024.

Following questions from Committee members the Plan was Noted.

- Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections. Ultan Downes gave an update on RMCEI and the different inspections.

The presentation was Noted.

- Business referred from Corporate Policy Group.
Cllr. O'Leary asked for the SPC to review their work programme and to include it on the September Agenda.

- AOB

Cllr. Carrie Smyth asked Ultan about funding for air monitors.

Martina Kehoe informed the committee members that the draft Climate Action Plan is being finalised and will be on public consultation in September.

Martina updated the SPC members that we have been speaking to Libraries about the Book Recycling Initiative and we will have an update in September.

Meeting concluded at 6.50 pm