

## **DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **Chairperson's Report of the Environment & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held in Council Chamber on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 5.00pm**

#### **PRESENT:**

#### **Councillors:**

Baker, Marie	McCarthy, Lettie
Burke, Jacqueline	Tuite, Lauren
Dockery, Liam	McLoughlin, Sean
Dowling, Conor	Oisin O'Connor
John Kennedy	

Councillor John Kennedy presided as Chairperson.

#### **SECTORIAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:**

Mr Diarmuid McAree, Mr Norman Keville, Mr Mark Butler, Ms Sheana Kevany.

#### **OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

James Phelan (Director, Infrastructure and Climate Change); Sean McGrath (Senior Engineer, Traffic); Gerard Flaherty (Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic); Eoin McCabe (Administrative Officer, Traffic & Paid Parking); Robert Mulhall (Senior Executive Officer, Infrastructure and Climate Change); Justin Moroney-Ward (Administrative officer, Infrastructure and Climate Change); Martina Kehoe (Senior Executive Officer, Infrastructure and Climate Change); Finance and IT); Fearghal McCollum (Assistant Environmental Awareness Officer).

#### **(Agenda Item 1) Confirmation of Minutes**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Baker, seconded by Councillor O. O'Connor, and  
**RESOLVED:**

"That the Minutes of the Transportation & Marine Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on the 27 February 2024 be **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**."

#### **(Agenda Item 2) Matters Arising from the Minutes**

It was noted there was no business under this heading.

#### **(Agenda Item 3) Information items submitted by members for written reply.**

##### **3.01. Diarmuid McAree, Director, Crann - Trees for Ireland**

To ask if the NTA and BusConnects have engaged officially with DLRCC concerning their plans relating to the Shankill section of the route and if so, what was the outcome? Is

DLRCC satisfied that the proposed plans comply with the Aarhus Convention and are compatible with the recent DLRCC Biodiversity and Tree Strategies?

Item NOTED.

**(Agenda Item 4.01) Road Safety Plan Review February 2025 and seeking of nominations from Elected Members on the SPC to sit on the Road Safety Working together group.**

Presentation was given by Gerard Flaherty, Senior Executive Engineer, Infrastructure and Climate Change Department, outlining the Road Safety Plan Review.

A discussion took place during which, Mr G. Flaherty responded to Members' queries.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. Kennedy, then asked for nominations for the Road Safety Working Together Group.

Councillor C. Dowling was proposed by Councillor O. O'Connor and seconded by Councillor L. Tuite.

Councillor M. Baker was proposed by Councillor J. Kennedy and seconded by Councillor J. Burke.

Councillor J. Burke was proposed by Councillor M. Baker and seconded by Councillor J. Kennedy.

Councillor L. McCarthy was proposed by Councillor O. O'Connor and seconded by Councillor C. Dowling.

Councillor J. Kennedy as SPC chair was automatically included on the on the Group and this was accepted by the Members.

As there were 5 nominations for the 4 positions, Councillor J. Burke withdrew from the nominations.

Councillor J. Kennedy declared the following Councillors appointed to the Road Safety Working Together Group: M. Baker, C. Dowling, J. Kennedy and L McCarthy.

**(Agenda Item 4.02) "BusConnects" Update**

Presentation was given by Mr Sean McGrath, Senior Engineer, Traffic and Road Safety, in relation to Bus connects.

A discussion took place during which, Mr S. McGrath responded to Members' queries.

It was **AGREED** to invite NTA representatives into a special Council/SPC meeting to address the Members queries regarding bus routes, location of bus stops, overcrowding on buses, additional services and route decisions.

It was **AGREED** to collate questions and motions from recent Council, Area Committee and SPC meetings in relation to the BusConnects project for discussion with the NTA.

**(Agenda Item 4.03) "Coastal Defence Strategy" Update**

It was **AGREED** to defer this item to the next Environment & Transportation SPC meeting to be held in June 2025

**(Agenda Item 5) Business Referred from the Council**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**(Agenda Item 6) Business Referred from Corporate Policy Group**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**(Agenda Item 7) Correspondence**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**(Agenda Item 8) Future Works Programme**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**(Agenda Item 9) Any other Business**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

**Date of next Environment and Transportation SPC meeting**

It was **AGREED** to revert to the Members with the next date for the Environment & Transportation SPC.

**Conclusion of meeting**

The meeting concluded at 18.30.