

Environment and Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee

Draft Chairperson's Report

Held remotely on Thursday 15th December 2022

The Chair, Councillor Jim O'Leary presided: In attendance were: Cllr. Michael Clark, Cllr. Mary Fayne, Cllr. Hugh Lewis, Cllr. Lettie McCarthy, Cllr. Senan Sexton, Cllr. Carrie Smyth, Cllr. Barry Saul, Cllr. Una Power, Cllr. Kate Ruddock,

Sectoral Representatives present: Diarmuid McAree, Elizabeth Clooney, Reji Chacko Jacob, Dervla King,

Apologies: Philip Maguire

Officials in attendance: Paul Kennedy, A/Director of Services, Infrastructure and Climate Change Department, Martina Kehoe, Senior Executive Officer, Infrastructure and Climate Change Department, Sean McGrath, Senior Engineer, Municipal Services Department, Anthony McNamara, Climate Action Officer DLR, Joan Deering, Clerical Officer, Infrastructure and Climate Change Department.

The minutes of the Environment and Climate Action SPC held on Thursday 8th September 2022 were **approved** and **adopted**.

Information submitted by Members.

Question from Cllr. Kate Ruddock

- An update on the development of QGasSP Guidelines from EMRA
- Works undertaken to date on carbon costing of the Development Plan
The reply was Noted.

Question from Diarmuid McAree on the DLR Trees and Urban Forestry Strategy 2022-2031

The reply was NOTED.

Business submitted by the Director of Services

Sean McGrath gave a verbal update on Noise Mapping.

Sean informed members that most environmental noise comes from traffic. There is a directive from the EU on noise.

The noise maps are to be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency by the end of the year.

Following questions from Committee members the Update was noted.

Anthony McNamara gave an update on the Climate Change Action Plan Progress Report 2022. Anthony spoke on the progress of the Plan.

Under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, each local authority will prepare a new Climate Action Plan, which requires to be adopted by the Elected Members. This process is expected to formally commence in March 2023.

The Annual Progress Report 2022 for the Climate Change Action Plan, will be on the Agenda for the Council Meeting in January 2023

Business referred from the Council

None

Business referred from the Corporate Policy Group

None

Correspondence

None

Future Work Programme

None

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