

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Chairperson's Report

MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON THURSDAY 16th March 2023

The Chair, Cllr. Jim O'Leary, presided. In attendance were Cllr. Michael Clark, Cllr. Lettie McCarthy, Cllr. Carrie Smyth, Cllr. Senan Sexton, Cllr Una Power, Cllr. Kate Ruddock.

Sectoral Representative Present: Diarmuid McAree, Dervla King

Officials in attendance were: (Officials from Infrastructure and Climate Change Department) Paul Kennedy, Director of Services, Martina Kehoe, Senior Executive Officer, Ultan Downes, Senior Executive Scientist, Anthony McNamara, Climate Action Co-ordinator, Joan Deering, Clerical Officer, Margaret Coles, Green Business Officer, Niamh Moran, Acting Environmental Awareness Officer

Dr. Sarah Miller, C.E.O., Re-Discovery Centre, Anke Heydenreich, Re-Discovery Centre

Confirmation of Minutes;

The minutes of the SPC held on Thursday, 15th December 2022 were proposed by Cllr. Lettie McCarthy and seconded by Cllr. Michael Clark.

Information submitted by the members

- That the Council consider introducing a school book recycling initiative in Ballyogan Recycling Centre along the lines of the one operated by Wicklow County Council in advance of the new school year. **Motion from Cllr. Jim O'Leary.**

Cllr. O'Leary spoke of the benefits of the Schoolbook recycling initiative. Paul Kennedy responded that there was a problem with space in Ballyogan and he would talk to the Libraries regarding the initiative.

Following questions from Committee members the motion was Noted.

- Question from Dervla King – Update on any reporting DLRCC is doing as part of the SDGs VNR, specifically in relation to environmental targets?

The reply was Noted.

- b) Question from Diarmuid McAree - Could we have a progress update on when is it now proposed to publish and launch the DLR Trees and Urban Forestry Strategy 2022-31 (A Climate for Trees)?

- The reply was Noted.

Business submitted by the Director of Services.

- Dr. Sara Miller, C.E.O. of the Rediscovery Centre gave a presentation on Circularity. The Circular Economy Hotspot from 29th May to 1st June 2023 will showcase the activities of the Circular Economy.

Following questions from Committee members the presentation was Noted.

- Paul Kennedy introduced Ultan Downes to the Committee members

Ultan Downes gave a presentation on the Noise Action Plan Update and Strategic Noise Mapping. The European Parliament has indicated the reviews due in 2023 be postponed to take place no later than 18th July 2024.

The Noise Action Plan 2024 – 2029
Draft Action plan will be due Q4 2023
Public Consultation Q12024
Final Noise Action Plan July 2024

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- Update on Climate Action Plan – the closing date remains the same.

- The Chair thanked Anthony McNamara for his work as DLR Climate Action Co-ordinator.

The meeting concluded at 18.20.