

**Chairperson's Report for the Transportation and Marine Strategic Policy
Committee held on Tuesday 13th December 2022**

Report by Chairperson Councillor Oisín O'Connor

The Chairperson, Councillor Oisín O'Connor presided.

In attendance were:

Councillor Oisín O'Connor, Councillor Marie Baker, Councillor Shay Brennan, Councillor Deirdre Donnelly, Councillor Eva Elizabeth Dowling, Councillor Martha Fanning, Councillor Kate Feeney, Councillor Lorraine Hall, Councillor Sean McLoughlin, Councillor Maeve O'Connell and Councillor Carrie Smyth.

Sectorial Representatives Present:

Ms. Emma Cahill, Mr. Dara Carroll, Mr. Aaron Moore and Ms. Julie Mulleady.

Apologies:

Ms. Frances Kelly

Officials present:

Aidan Blighe (Director, Municipal Services); Martin Allidine (Senior Executive Officer, Municipal Services); James Phelan (Senior Engineer, Maintenance); Tim Ryan (Harbour Operations Manager), Sean McGrath (Senior Engineer, Traffic), Gerard Flaherty (Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic and Sustainable Travel), Deirdre Cronin (Senior Staff Officer, Municipal Services), and Christine Murphy (Clerical Officer, Municipal Services).

1. **Minutes:**

"That the minutes of the Transportation and Marine Strategic Policy Committee held on 13th September 2022 be **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**."

2. **Items for Written Reply: Proposed by** Councillor Marie Baker and **Seconded by** Councillor Carrie Smyth. The reply was **NOTED**.

- (a) List of all items currently included on the Transport & Marine Committee's Work Plan submitted by Mr. Aaron Moore, External Representative

3. **Business submitted by Director of Services:**

- Presentation on Electric Bike Study for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council by Mr. Gerard Flaherty - **AGREED** and the presentation was **NOTED**.
- Terms of reference for members on proposed parking sub-committee. Following a discussion, it was **AGREED** to defer decision on setting up of sub-committee to March SPC Meeting. It was further **AGREED** that smaller discussions would be held with members before the next SPC meeting in March and members could submit their suggestions on terms of reference by email to Transportation Secretariat, Director or Chairperson.

Director of Services spoke to members

- i. Mr. Aidan Blighe spoke to members and wished to acknowledge hard work of teams keeping county moving over last couple of days by keeping fleet running and crews gritting the road and told members that Senior Maintenance, Road Maintenance would give presentation at March SPC Meeting of what is involved in Winter Maintenance. Members expressed their thanks and Councillors stated getting email and having interactive map which showed what roads and footpaths were to be gritted were very positive initiative

- Mr. Aidan Blighe informed the members that he and members of the Traffic Section had attended the Road Safety Leading Light Awards Event on 13th December and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council had won award at this event. Director stated that this award was a positive reflection on the traffic teams and the work they do. He expressed his thanks to all traffic team but in particular to Mr. Gerard Flaherty who will be moving to Road Maintenance in new year.
 - Road Safety Working Together Group, Mr. Gerard Flaherty briefed the members on this group and informed members that Councillor Oisín O'Connor, Councillor Maeve O'Connell, Councillor Carrie Smyth and Councillor Michael Fleming were part of this group. This item was **NOTED**.
 - Result of poll on whether SPC meetings would continue to be held remote or move to hybrid. Total members 21; total of votes cast 10; total in favour of hybrid meetings 9; total in favour of fully remote meetings 3 (2 members cast votes for both fully remote and hybrid meetings). Following discussion, it was **NOTED** that meetings would move to hybrid; that email would be sent to members informing them of change.
4. **Business Referred from the Council:** It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.
 5. **Business Referred from Corporate Policy Group:** It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.
 6. **Correspondence:** It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.
 7. **Current Work Programme**
 - Manhole covers on public roads submitted by Mr. Aaron Moore, External Rep. Mr. James Phelan presented a report to members. Following a discussion, this report was **NOTED**.
 8. **Future Work Programme**
 - Strategic Policy Committee to discuss the policy of implementing a 30 km/h speed limit submitted by Councillor Carrie Smyth. Councillor Carrie Smyth made a presentation to members and following a discussion it was **AGREED** to bring this item onto the Current Work Programme for March SPC.
 - Strategic Policy Committee include in its work programme the future plans/programme of works for the entire Dún Laoghaire Harbour area submitted by Councillor Carrie Smyth. Councillor Carrie Smyth made a presentation to members and following a discussion it was **AGREED** that Mr. Tim Ryan, Harbour Operations Manager would arrange an on-site visit for members which would take place sometime in 2023 to give update to members on what works will be taking place in Dún Laoghaire Harbour
 - Checks to ensure placement of street parking spaces do not obstruct line of sight submitted by Mr. Aaron Moore. Mr. Aaron Moore made a presentation to members and following discussion it was **AGREED** that this item would be more appropriate to be part of the Parking Sub-Committee and **AGREED** to keep under Future Works Programme and deferred to March SPC Meeting to see if the Parking Sub-Committee is set up and if it is then this item would be included in the business of this sub committee.
 9. **Any other Business:** It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.
 10. **Conclusion of meeting:** The meeting concluded at 18.56.