

# Report to the Chairperson and Members of the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

## **Sustainable deliveries: Eco Hubs.**

Dublin City Council (DCC) and United Parcel Service (UPS) have successfully operated a pilot project to trial an alternative delivery method within the City Centre using an Eco Hub (currently situated on Wolfe Tone Street).

The Eco Hub uses a covered trailer, delivered in the morning to Wolfe Tone Street, to bring parcels and packets to the City Centre. These are delivered to customers throughout the day by UPS personnel on cargo bikes, electric cargo bikes and on foot.

The trial has been in operation since the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, 2017, and is proving to be very successful, with the removal of up to 200 vehicle movements per day from the city centre.

DCC are committed to developing a long term delivery strategy for the city centre, which will seek to review and improve existing loading bays, look at using electric vehicles to make deliveries and progress the use of consolidated loads and consolidation centres. DCC also wish to provide sites on- and off-street for hubs and depots.

Using our powers under Section 36 of the Roads Traffic Act 1994:

*—(1) A road authority may make bye-laws for the control and regulation of the parking of vehicles in places specified in the bye-laws (in this section referred to as parking places) on public roads within their functional area and shall in the bye-laws provide for the payment of fees in respect of such parking.*

The Draft Dublin City Council Control of On-Street Sustainable Deliveries Eco Hub Bye Laws 2018, copy attached, are being proposed for public consultation with a view to regulating the operation of sustainable delivery Eco Hubs. The number of Eco Hubs and the cost of licences will be determined during this process - at present a fee of €150 is proposed.

## **Next Steps:**

Pending recommendation of the Transportation SPC and approval of the full City Council: go to public consultation.

Report back to February, 2018 SPC

Seek approval from full City Council for adoption of the Bye-Laws.

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