To the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council Report No. 248/2018 Report of Transportation Strategic Policy Committee



Breviate of Meeting of the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee held on 12th September 2018

At the outset of the meeting, the Chairperson referenced a letter he had received from the Chief Executive in relation to concerns which had been raised about the Parking Enforcement services in the city, and his reply to the Chief Executive. The Chairperson urged the Chief Executive to fill the vacant post of Parking Enforcement Officer.

The Chairperson asked that parking enforcement be included as a standing item on the Agenda for future meetings of the Transportation SPC. He also asked to see a draft copy of the parking enforcement contract that is due for renewal. Councillor Mannix Flynn said that he had informed Dublin City Council executives previously of concerns brought to his attention in relation to parking enforcement.

The Chairperson said that the matter of coaches parking on footpaths on Alfie Byrne Road during events for Croke Park, as raised by Councillor Ciarán O'Moore, should be raised with the Garda Commissioner.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 4th July, 2018

Minutes agreed.

2. Electric vehicle charging for residents of terraced houses or apartments – verbal update.

Update noted.

3. HGV Management Strategy and 4-axle Vehicles

Verbal report noted.

4. Public Realm Strategy implementation – update on projects

It was agreed that Ms Siobhan Maher, Administrative Officer, Public Realm Office, would write to the South Central Area Committee to seek a meeting of Dubline and that an invitation be issued to Councillors.

5. Draft Dublin City Council Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2018 - report on public consultation

Report agreed - the Draft Dublin City Council Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2018 are recommended to the City Council for adoption.

6. Draft Dublin City Council Control of On-Street Sustainable Deliveries Eco Hub Bye-Laws 2018 - report on public consultation

Report agreed - the Draft Dublin City Council Control of On-Street Delivery Hub Bye-Laws 2018 are recommended to the City Council for adoption.

7. Dublin City Council Horse Drawn Carriage Bye-Laws - verbal update

Report noted.

8. Smart Phone usage in public (deferred from April/July 2018 meetings)

Report noted

9. Review of papal transport/travel arrangements - presentation

Report noted.

 Minutes of Cycling and Walking Sub-Committee meeting held on 7th March, 2018 (deferred from July 2018 meeting)

Minutes noted. Mr Kevin Meade, A/Executive Manager, updated Members on the stationless bicycle hire scheme and the on-going roll-out of cycle parking facilities.

<u>Motions</u>

11. Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell:

"That this Transport SPC agrees that all DCC 'Parking Tag' charging anomalies should be fixed as a matter of urgency and a report brought back to the next Transport SPC."

Agreed to defer the Motion to the next meeting of the Transportation SPC

12. Motion in the name of Councillor Patrick Costello

"That this committee agrees to undertake a pilot study, including broad public consultation, of "School Streets" where the streets around a school temporarily become pedestrians and cycles only at set times in the morning and afternoon around opening and closing of the school. Vehicles, with some exemptions, are not permitted to enter the street between these times. Such School streets have been trialled in other countries and would help ensure safe and sustainable routes to schools."

Motion agreed.

13. Motion in the name of Councillor Ciarán Cuffe:

"That the 'green man' period at pedestrian signals throughout the city centre be increased by one second in order to better facilitate more vulnerable road users who would benefit from additional crossing time."

Motion deferred to the next meeting of the Transportation SPC.

14. Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney (regarding part 1):

"Following a recent successful prosecution by Gardaí in a court case involving animal cruelty against a carriage horse owner in Dublin, and in order to reduce/eliminate cruelty to horses in our city, that Dublin City Council: 1. Review its Horse Drawn Carriages bye-laws,

2. Work with An Garda Síochána, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, the DSPCA, the Control of Horses Act 1996, Dublin City Council's Control of Horses Byelaws 2014 in order to bring about greater enforcement of existing legislation and

3. Arrange the introduction of routine welfare checks of horses (including checks on harnessing etc) by a qualified equine veterinarian or suitably qualified authorised officer."

(The Motion was referred to the Arts, Culture and Recreation SPC in relation to parts 2 and 3).

Following discussion, and in light of the A/Executive Manager Mr Kevin Meade's update to Members, Councillor Deirdre Heney agreed to defer her Motion to the next meeting of the Transportation SPC awaiting legal advice in relation to the legal impediment preventing the bringing of draft Horse Drawn Carriage Bye-Laws to the SPC.

15. Motion in the name of Councillor Paddy Smyth:

"This committee calls on the Minister for Transport to amend the Road Traffic Act to allow for the introduction of 'Living Streets' i.e. traffic restrictions on urban residential streets similar to those used in Germany (Spielstraße) and the Netherlands (Woonerf) in which pedestrians/cyclists are prioritised over motor vehicles."

Motion deferred to the next meeting of the Transportation SPC

16. Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McHugh

"This Committee agree, to write to the NTA or whoever is responsible to address the signing on Motorways entering Dublin directing motorists to the ferry in Dun Laoghaire, There is no ferry service in Dun Laoghaire and is causing difficulties for tourists and motorists."

Motion agreed.

<u>Cllr Ciarán Cuffe</u> Chairperson 12th September 2018

Attendance:

SPC Members:

Cllr Ciarán Cuffe, Chairperson; Cllr Kieran Binchy; Cllr Tom Brabazon; Cllr Mannix Flynn; Cllr Paul Hand; Cllr Teresa Keegan, Cllr Frank Kennedy; Cllr Paddy McCartan; Cllr Ruairí McGinley; Cllr Ray McHugh; Cllr Ciarán O'Moore.

Ms Fiona Kelty, National Council for the Blind of Ireland; Mr Martin Hoey, Public Participation Network; Mr Colm Ryder, Dublin Cycling Campaign; Mr Barry Aldworth, AA Ireland Ltd; Mr Richard Guiney, Dublin City Business Improvement District t/a Dublin Town; Mr Keith Gavin, Irish Parking Association; Mr Frank Mulligan, Irish Road Haulage Association.

Members of the City Council:

Cllr Deirdre Heney; Cllr Patrick Costello.

Dublin City Council Staff:

Mr Brendan O'Brien, Acting Executive Manager (Traffic); Mr Kevin Meade, a/Executive Manager; Ms Siobhan Maher, Administrative Officer; Mr Dermot Stevenson, a/Senior Executive Engineer; Mr Colm Ennis, Senior Executive Engineer

Mr Stephen Hickey, Senior Staff Officer; Ms Mary Boyle, Staff Officer; Mr Michael Mann, Staff Officer; Mr Fergal McKay, Assistant Staff Officer.