



Breviate of The Traffic & Transport Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 10th November 2021

- 1) NTA briefing on the Greater Dublin Area Transportation Strategy – National Transport Authority.
Noted.
- 2) Minutes from Traffic & Transport SPC meeting 8th September 2021
Minutes of Walking and Cycling Sub-Committee 24th May 2021
Minutes of Public Transport Sub-Committee Meeting 17th June 2021
Agreed.
- 3) Proposal for an additional SPC meeting Wednesday 01st December 2021 at 3 p.m. to be agreed by members - Cllr. Christy Burke.
Agreed.
- 4) Report on the public consultation for the Draft Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2020.
Report to go to next City Council Meeting.
- 5) Proposed changes to Parking Enforcement Policy - Residential Pay & Display Ballots
Report to go to next City Council Meeting.
- 6) Report on South Quay Contra Flow proposal Motion submitted by Cllr. Jane Horgan Jones deferred from last month's SPC meeting. Maggie O'Donnell, Senior Transportation Officer.
Noted.
- 7) AOB
- 8) Motion 361 referred to Traffic & Transport SPC from Special Council Meeting on 22-24th June 2021. P&D review.

Special Council Meeting - 22-24 June 2021 re Pre-draft Dublin City Development Plan Motion 361 Cllr Marie Devine

That the Development Plan will incorporate revised and updated guidelines vis a vis Pay and Display in residential areas. This will prioritise public consultation with affected local residents and businesses, it will be flexible and subject to change before the final map is agreed upon and implemented.

Planning Reason

Increase public consultation and involvement by citizens in shaping their area.
Chief Executive's Response

It is a reserved function of Dublin City Council Members to vote in amendments to the Parking Control By Laws 2019. This is not a matter for the Development Plan.
Chief Executive's Recommendation

Not agreed, as this motion raises issues that are outside of the scope of the function of Development Plans, as defined by the Planning and Development Act (as amended).

Council Meeting Decision

The report and recommendation of the Chief Executive was AGREED and MOTION to be sent to the Traffic & Transport SPC.

9 Motion 769 referred to Traffic & Transport SPC from Special Council Meeting 22-24 June 2021 re pre-draft Dublin City Development Plan.

**Special Council Meeting - 22-24 June 2021 re Pre-draft Dublin City Development Plan
Deferred to next SPC Meeting.**

9) **Motion 769 Cllr Tara Deacy**

Parks / Playgrounds

PARKS

That DCC provide picnic benches, and appropriate seating for all residents with all levels of ability, that a particular focus be given to parks with little or no amenities in place at present.

In communities with scarce green space that pocket parks, pocket forests and micro parks be put in place through community engagement and to ensure ownership by the local community.

PLAYGROUNDS

This Council must prioritise the provision of playgrounds and we are particularly anxious to provide side by side play opportunities for people with disabilities. Playgrounds should be seen as not only an investment in children but as a great way to bring communities together, foster social interaction and provide a focal point for parents and grandparents. We want to see greater provision of playgrounds across the city. We are conscious that the positioning of playgrounds in local communities is an important factor for consideration in order to promote community buy-in, to reduce the risk of vandalism and to minimise anti-social activity. Public consultation will be a vital part of every playground proposal. We must also ensure DCC provide and update accessible playgrounds for the citizens of our city to include amenities for all children, to pay particular attention to amenities for children with various abilities, to include communications boards for children, alongside wheelchair friendly pieces. To provide a level of shelter in our playgrounds as seen in other European countries (see attached example) in light of the Irish climate. To remove 'Kissing Gates' throughout the city and replace with a more secure, accessible entrance for all.

Planning Reason

Covid has shown us the importance of our parks/green spaces/playgrounds and what a wonderful amenity they are for us all. It has also shown the gaps in many of our parks and how we can improve them for everyone with varying abilities.

Chief Executive's Response

It is recognised that the location and size of open space around the City is not consistent and deficits have been identified in respect of the provision of flagship parks and open space provision in certain communities across a number of areas particularly the City Centre between the canals. The Draft Plan will build upon the policies and objectives in the current Plan to protect and improve existing parks and open spaces and continue with the existing programme to develop new green and open spaces in the appropriate areas as the opportunity arises in conjunction with protecting the natural environment. Similarly, the Draft Plan will continue to support the provision of play facilities and amenities within existing and future open space areas. It is recognised that the City's parks provide a key service to the community whether that is informal recreation such as walking or more formal activities such as organised sports. Dublin City Council's Parks Strategy 2019 – 2022 takes into consideration the accessibility, quality, quantity and distribution of parks and facilities within the City. The Parks Strategy will be supported in the forthcoming plan. The Chief Executives Report set out a number of recommendations in relation to parks and recreation (Page 130) including to continue to support the approved Dublin City Play Strategy Play Plan and the Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Strategy and future versions of these strategies. Policies will be set out in the Draft Plan regarding play facilities, including accessible play.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

Agree to include policy as per Chief Executive's report.

To include policy to support the provision of accessible play infrastructure and facilities in the city.

Council Meeting Decision

The report and recommendation of the Chief Executive was AGREED and that the Draft Plan will include a policy to reduce kiss

Deferred to next SPC meeting.

- 10) Report on Public Toll Bridge charges Eastlink 2020 – from SPC meeting held on 8th September 2020.

Noted with request for additional information to City Council.

Cllr. Christy Burke

Chairperson

10th November 2021

ATTENDANCE:

SPC Members:

Chair Cllr. Christy Burke, Cllr Deirdre Conroy; Cllr. Mannix Flynn, Cllr. Anne Feeney, Cllr Keith Connolly; Cllr Caroline Conroy; Cllr Janet Horner; Cllr Daniel Céitinn, Cllr. Carolyn Moore. Cllr. Jane Horgan Jones.

Mr Martin Hoey, Public Participation Network; Mr Colm Ryder, Dublin Cycling Campaign; Mr Keith Gavin, Irish Parking Association; Mr. Gary Kearney Public Participation Network, Richard Guiney Dublin Town, Fergus Sharpe Dublin Chamber of Commerce.

Apologies:

Cllr. Paddy McCartan, Cllr. Larry O'Toole.

Dublin City Council Staff:

Brendan O'Brien, Head of Technical Services

Maggie O'Donnell, Senior Transportation Officer

John Flanagan City Engineer

Patricia Reidy

Dermot Stevenson Parking Enforcement Officer, Acting Senior Engineer

Bernard Lester, Senior Engineer

Antonia Martin, Administrative Officer, Sustainable Mobility & Projects

Deirdre Kelly, Walking & Cycling Officer, Mobility & Projects

Martina Halpin Senior Staff Officer

Mary Boyle, Staff Officer

Mr Michael Mann, Staff Officer

Mr Fergal McKay, Assistant Staff Officer.

Non-Members:

Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland

Cllr. Donna Cooney

Hugh Creegan National Transport Authority (NTA)

David Clements NTA