
**MINUTES OF CLIMATE ACTION, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY STRATEGIC
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26th JANUARY 2022.**

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2021

Order: Agreed

2 Matters Arising

None

3 Correspondence - Cities for a Nuclear Free Europe

Order: Noted

4 Chairpersons Business

None.

5 Re-Municipalisation of Waste Collection Service Update - Cllr. Daithí Doolan

Councillor Doolan updated the Committee as set out below

- Thanked Cllr. Pidgeon, Liam Bergin & Ciarán McGoldrick for the assistance and support with the work of the Subcommittee
- It was agreed to engage the Institute of Public Administration to carry out a research report
- It is expected that the final report will be completed in June 2022
- The final report will be brought back to the SPC for consideration
- Liam Bergin advised the group the Terms of Reference for the Subcommittee were agreed by the SPC

Order: Noted, the subcommittee can continue to engage with the IPA without further reference to the SPC

6 Posters Protocol, Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer

Order: Defer to March meeting

7 The Grand Canal Storm Water Outfall Extension Project, Niall Armstrong, Senior Executive Engineer

Members thanked Niall for the presentation and raised the following questions

- Are Waterways Ireland involved in the project and are they contributing to the cost (MF)
- Will the Grand Canal Basin be safe for swimming when the project is complete (MF)

- Does the storm water outfall from the Tolka and the Grand Canal flow into the Liffey Estuary (JC)
- It is stated that the status of the water will not change – will there be any discernible deterioration in the bathing water (MP)

Niall Armstrong / Kieran O'Dwyer responded

- Waterways Ireland is responsible for the Grand Canal Basin but is not contributing to the cost of the project
- The storm water overflow is an emergency overflow
- There will be no significant difference in the water quality when the project is complete.
- The tunnel that discharges into the inner basin will be decommissioned when the project is complete

Order: Presentation Noted, committee to be notified when the planning application is made

8 Draft City Development Plan - Deirdre Scully, Deputy City Planner.

Members thanked Deirdre for the presentation and raised the following questions

- It would be interesting to know if the concerns that were raised as part of the public consultation were taken on board. (SS)
- We must review the kind of tourism that is attracted to the City (SS)
- The SHD's are really worrying (SS)
- Is there anything in the Development Plan for rain water harvesting

Deirdre Scully responded

- All submissions were read and the Draft Plan was written with regard to the submissions received
- The Draft Plan will not come into being until the end of 2022
- The vision is driving the actions in the plan
- We have sought to provide green infrastructure in areas of regeneration
- Rainwater Harvesting is part of the plan but it is among a suite of measures identified

Order: Presentation Noted

9 Social Housing Retrofitting - Shane Hawkshaw, Senior Executive Engineer

Members thanked Shane for his presentation and raised the following issues

- This project makes a real difference to people's lives (JB)
- What commitments do we have on funding (JC)
- Can you comment on the Verschoyle Court refurbishment (MF)
- What is the position von retrofitting DCC flats (MF & JC)
- The revenue from carbon tax funds such projects (MP)
- Is there any indication when has boilers will be phased out (MP)
- When there is a mix of tenure social / private on a terrace would it be possible to consider a community retrofit (MP)

Shane responded

- The programme covers houses , flats are not covered in this programme
- Last year's budget (nationally) was €45m this year it will be €85m
- Verschoyle Court is not covered by this programme
- The Council's contributions has reduced owing to the increase in funding for central government
- From 2025 has boilers will not be in new developments
- There is no join between council / private housing under this programme

Order: Presentation Noted

10 Climate Action Update – James Nolan, Senior Executive Officer

Member thanked James for the presentation and raised the following questions

- Surely quick gains could be made by installing proper waste infrastructure, cycling stands, safe school zones (MF)
- What are we looking to achieve in the community engagement projects (RM)

James Nolan and Liam Bergin responded

- We are looking to achieve energy and emissions reductions (JN)
- Much of Councillor Flynn's query does not fall under the remit of this SPC, if he submits a question outlining his concerns a reply will issue

Order: Presentation Noted

11 Waste Enforcement Lead Authorities (WERLA) Annual report 2020 - For Noting

Order: Report Noted

12. A.O.B

Councillor Byrne questioned if a visit to a recycling / composting facility can be arranged. (CB)

Order: To be examined

In attendance

Members

Bernie Guinan, I.C.E.I
 Councillor Claire Byrne
 Councillor Paul Boylan, Dublin Chamber of Commerce
 Councillor Tom Brabazon
 Trevor Clowry, P.P.N
 Councillor Joe Costello
 Councillor Mannix Flynn
 Sally Starbuck. R.I.A.I
 Robert Moss, P.P.N
 Councillor Naoise Ó'Muirí
 Councillor Michael Pidgeon
 Councillor Michael Watters

Also in attendance

Councillor Deirdre Heney
Councillor Daithí Doolan
Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland

Councillor Michael Pidgeon
Chairperson, 27th January 2022