

## **Motion - EDE SPC 12/04/2022**

Proposed by: **Odran Reid**

### **Motion:**

*With the ongoing war caused by the invasion of Russia into Ukraine and the added disruption of supply chains already under strain due to the Pandemic, Brexit and general world disruption, adding extensive costs to individuals, business, and societal activity, it is incumbent upon the City Council to prepare additional contingency plans for the operation of the city, the movement of people and the operation of economic and social activity. The City council working with neighbouring Councils in the Eastern Midland Assembly, and state bodies and government shall seek to promote access to the city through public transport, cycling and walking as far as practically possible and shall seek to develop and promote the 15 minute city as far as practically possible by all of its actions with a level of urgency.*

### **DCC response:**

Dublin City Council acknowledge the level of global and domestic uncertainty and is engaging with key stakeholders in seeking solutions to these challenges at city level. Eileen Quinlivan, Assistant Chief Executive, is co-ordinating a business continuity response to the requests and impacts of the Ukrainian refugee crisis on service delivery. This is an ongoing and dynamic process to manage and we can assure the members that this is a priority for the Dublin City Council.

In addition to the contingency plans, the planned and scheduled work of DCC continues. On April 1<sup>st</sup> the Dublin Regional Enterprise plan was launched. The Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan is a bottom up, multi-agency stakeholder, collaborative approach to deliver on six agreed strategic objectives:

- Strategic Objective 1: SMEs & Startups
- Strategic Objective 2: Placemaking
- Strategic Objective 3: Employment/Enterprise Inclusion
- Strategic Objective 4: Low Carbon Transition
- Strategic Objective 5: Skills & Talent
- Strategic Objective 6: Strengthen Dublin's Ecosystem

Dublin City Council is working with the Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) and other stakeholders and is directly supporting 20 of the 26 actions outlined within the plan, and will be mindful of the evolving geo political and economic issues being faced by all citizens, as this work package is progressed. Some of the actions with the greatest relevance to this motion are as follows:

#### Strategic Objective 2: Placemaking

Action 2:1 Engage to identify a pathway to the implementation of the "15 minute city" concept to encourage sustainable neighbourhoods. Action Lead: EMRA – Action Partner: Dublin City Council

Action 2.8: Rethinking mobility in Dublin via Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS). Action Lead: National Transport Authority (NTA) – Action Partner: Dublin City Council

Dublin City Council are also in the process of developing the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP), a six year plan to support economic and community development across Dublin City. The members of this SPC along with LCDC members will contribute significantly to the formation of the LECP. This will assist the City Council to prepare tailored plans to guide the development of the city, the movement of people and the operation of economic and social activity, as set out in this motion.

Additionally, with regard to the “15 Minute City”, this is a central tenet of the new Draft City Development Plan. Indeed New Policy QHSN10 states it is the Policy of the City Council:

“To promote the concept of the 15-minute city which provides for liveable, sustainable urban neighbourhoods and villages throughout the city that deliver healthy placemaking, high quality housing and well-designed, safe and inclusive public spaces by local services, amenities and sustainable modes of transport.”

The Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) introduced to Ireland the concept of the 10-15 Minute Settlement, as part of the Regional Settlement Hierarchy. In response to this approach the City Council aims to strengthen Urban Villages and Local Neighbourhoods, which are ideally placed to cater for their communities daily needs.

The 15 minute concept also necessitates more intensive use of urban land, with an emphasis on quality placemaking and public realm. The 15 Minute City moreover is designed to promote inclusive, multi-cultural and safe urban neighbourhoods, where people have the ability to access most of their daily needs across 6 functions; living, working, supply, caring, learning and enjoyment. Of course the 15 Minute City does not mean that everything must be provided within a local catchment area, and as such the concept must be complemented by efficient, sustainable public transport to connect towns and core functions; e.g. hospitals, third level education, across the city region .

The Economic Development office worked with Planning staff to design a survey as part of the City Development Plan process in February 2021, using the Your Dublin Your Voice platform. The survey asked questions about lived experience of the “15 Minute City” and the findings are available on the Dublin City Council website [Your Dublin Your Voice](#)

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