

## **To the Chair and Members of the Traffic and Transport Strategic Policy Committee**

9<sup>th</sup> of November 2022

### **Report on Motion that DCC examine mechanisms to reduce the presence of oversized and emissions intensive vehicles, particularly in the City Centre.**

There are a number of different items which need to be considered in respect of this proposal so this short report is split between private vehicles and commercial vehicles.

#### **Private vehicles.**

There are few mechanisms available to Dublin City Council to deal with the issue of oversized or emission intensive private vehicles, as we cannot at present limit access to vehicles based on their emissions class or size.

The aspect which the City Council can take direct action is in the area of parking policy and specifically the use of emissions based parking charges.

We intend to bring forward proposals as part of a review of paid parking policy in the city, to enable us to start a differential parking charge based on the emission class of the vehicle. This will likely be via the mobile phone payments app and the differential rate would only apply to users of this app.

It is intended to bring a report on this item to the SPC in 2023.

#### **Commercial Vehicles**

Dublin City Council have a HGV management Strategy for dealing with the larger vehicles in the commercial fleet based on axle numbers and also on weight restrictions. While we cannot restrict vehicles on a blanket emissions basis, as we have no powers at present to introduce low emissions zones, however we are proposing to revise our HGV management strategy to determine if the issuing of permits can be linked to the emissions class of the vehicle and this will be something to be brought forward to the SPC in 2023.

There is also the maximum height legislation for HGVs setting the maximum height of a vehicle allowed on a road to be 4.65 metres. In addition there are restrictions on wide and long loads and these need to be apply for a permit to use the city streets.

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