

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SPC MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2022

1 Minutes of Traffic and Transport Meeting of 7th September 2022

1-1D - Agreed.

The Chair updated the Members that it was agreed at Corporate Policy Group that an invite would be issued to all Councillors to apply for 3 current vacancies for membership of the Public Transport Sub Committee.

Noted

- a Minutes of Public Transport Sub-Committee held on 9th June, 2022
- b Minutes of Walking and Cycling Sub-Committee Meeting held 20th June, 2022
- c Minutes of Zebra Crossing Working Group Meeting held 7th July, 2022
- d Minutes of 30KPH Working Group Meeting held 3rd June, 2022
- 2 Report from the 30KPH Working Group on proposed recommendations for changes to the guidelines for setting speed limits in Ireland

Mr Brendan O'Brien outlined the contents of the report and Chair of the Working Group Councillor Carolyn Moore urged the Members to support the recommendations.

There was broad support for the recommendations by the Members of the SPC. Mr O'Brien said the Council would also Support a Slowdown Campaign raised by Councillor Mannix Flynn and are in discussions with An Garda Síochána on this issue.

It was agreed to refer the Report and Recommendations to City Council for approval to submit to Department of Transport

Report on Motion that DCC examine mechanisms to reduce the presence of oversized and emissions intensive vehicles.

Mr Brendan O'Brien outlined the contents of the report and informed the Committee his department propose to bring a reports to the Traffic and Transport SPC in 2023.

- differential parking charge based on the emission class of the vehicle, through the Parking App
- HGV management strategy to determine if the issuing of permits can be linked to the emissions class of the vehicle

Members mooted using congestion charges and installing low emission zones, Mr O'Brien replied that Local Authorities do not currently have powers to put in low emission zones.

Noted

4 Report on Traffic Cameras in the City

Mr Brendan O'Brien outlined the contents of the report.

Noted

5 Proposed Dates for Traffic and Transport SPC Meetings 2023/24

Agreed

6 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry

Deferred to the next SPC February, 2023

7 Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

Councillor Carolyn Moore said that she was not against a road safety campaign. However, she would not endorse putting the onus on vulnerable road users, i.e. those not protected by being in a vehicle, to protect themselves from dangerous drivers, and this was echoed by Councillor Janet Horner.

The essence of the motion was broadly supported by the Members

Motion agreed

8 Motion in the name of Councillor Noeleen Reilly

Councillor Reilly outlined her reasons for the motion and her personal experience of service issues in the Finglas area.

Members debated the motion, some asked that the National Transport Authority (NTA), Dublin Bus and Go Ahead be added to the Special Meeting invitation. Colm Ryder felt that the issues would be best dealt with by the NTA and Dublin Bus /Go Ahead as the operators of the system, not the Minister. As did Councillor Carolyn Moore.

Councillor Horner said it would be more efficient to write to all the companies involved for an update/ progress report on how they are dealing with the service issues.

Councillor Flynn seconded the motion and said that the Minister or a representative from this office and the NTA should be invited to the SPC.

Amended Motion agreed to write to the Minister for Transport, NTA, Dublin Bus and Go Ahead seeking an update on how they are dealing with the current service problems and an invitation to be issued to same to attend a Special Meeting of the Traffic and Transport SPC on Public Bus Services in the City

9 Motion in the name of Councillor Dermot Lacey

Mr Brendan O'Brien said that a report will be brought to the SPC next year on Parking Charges, and would include proposals for residents to be given an option to remove car parking and replace with bike parking spaces.

Agreed - Report to SPC to follow

Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy, Councillor Janet Horner, Councillor Carolyn Moore, and Colm Ryder, Dublin Cycling Campaign

Motion agreed to write to the RSA requesting a presentation to the SPC in 2023 on the Road Safety Strategy

Chairperson Councillor Noeleen Reilly Wednesday 9th November 2022

Attendance:

SPC Members:

Chair, Councillor Noeleen Reilly; Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy; Councillor Deirdre Conroy; Councillor Daniel Céitinn; Councillor Mannix Flynn; Councillor Anne Feeney; Councillor Keith Connolly; Councillor Janet Horner; Councillor Carolyn Moore; Councillor Paddy McCartan;

Mr Martin Hoey, Public Participation Network; Mr Colm Ryder, Dublin Cycling Campaign; Richard Guiney Dublin Town, Declan Gray, Dublin Chamber of Commerce

Apologies: Mr. Gary Kearney, Public Participation Network

Absent: Councillor Jane Horgan Jones; Councillor Larry O'Toole; Mr Keith Gavin, Irish Parking.

Non-Members: Councillor Dermot Lacey; Councillor Damian O'Farrell

Dublin City Council Staff:

Brendan O'Brien, A/Executive Manager (Traffic); Mary Boyle, A/Senior Staff Officer; Michael Mann, Staff Officer; Fergal McKay, Assistant Staff Officer; Oliver Esmonde, Clerical Officer; Shannon Kelly; A/Assistant Staff Officer.