To the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council

Report No. 93/2023
Report of the Climate Action, Environment & Energy Strategic Policy Committee



Breviate of the Climate Action, Environment and Energy Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 22nd February 2023

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 30th November 2022

Order: Agreed

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Correspondence - CNFE

Order: Noted

- 4. Chairpersons Business
 - a) Cllr Karl Stanley has been co-opted to replace Cllr. Catherine Stocker (Maternity Leave)
 - b) Cllr Michael Pidgeon has stepped down from this SPC
 - c) Cllr Caroline Moore will replace Cllr Pidgeon on this SPC, the Dog Fouling Working Group, Air Quality Subcommittee and The Re-Municipalisation of Waste Collection Services Sub-Committee

Order: Noted

5. Noise Action Plans - Martin Fitzpatrick, Principal Environmental Health Officer

Order: Report Noted

6. Climate Action Update

Order: Noted

7. Re-Municipalisation of Waste Collection Services - Cllr Daithi Doolan

Order: Report Noted. Councillor Doolan to speak to this item at the City Council Meeting

8. Motion in the name of Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud "That this committee acknowledge and notes the latest ESRI and the EPA study on Carbon emission here attached. The working paper No. 740 *The Global Emissions Impact of Irish Consumption* was published in November 2022. This motion asks also for this motion along with the ESRI/EPA working paper be sent to all area committees for them to not it and be sent to all staff at management level and above in DCC. That this motion if passed be circulated to all councils in the country.

What comes out of their study is that carbon emissions attribution to Ireland is greater than what is attributed now. It shows that Irish emissions in 2019 were 74% higher when calculated using this 'consumption-based' approach than with the conventional approach. Countries like Ireland had effectively 'out-sourced' a big chunk of our greenhouse gas emissions. The values given for countries' greenhouse gas emissions are almost always defined as weight of relevant gases produced within that country – they are the values used in all the climate negotiations, . But a truer picture of the emissions due to a country would consider the emissions, wherever in the world they happen, due to consumption within a country. Because we import so many products from poorer countries, many of the greenhouse gases due to the goods and services that we in the rich countries consume are actually produced elsewhere on the planet."

Order: Agreed

Cllr Claire Byrne Chairperson 23rd February 2022

In attendance

Members:

Councillor Claire Byrne
Councillor Claire O'Connor
Trevor Clowry, Public Participation Network
Councillor Joe Costello
Councillor Mannix Flynn
Sally Starbuck, Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland
Bernie Guinan, Association of Consulting Engineers of Ireland
Councillor John Lyons
Councillor Carolyn Moore
Robert Moss, Public Participation Network
Councillor Naoise Ó'Muirí
Councillor Karl Stanley
Councillor Michael Watters

Guests:

Councillor Daithí Doolan Councillor Michael Pidgeon Councillor Sophie Niccoulaud

Officials:

John Flanagan, Assistant Chief Executive & City Engineer Anthony Flynn, Executive Manager Liam Bergin, Executive Manager Martin Fitzpatrick, Principal Environmental Health Officer Sabrina Dekker, Climate Action Co-Ordinator Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer Chris Carroll, Administrative Officer Ciarán McGoldrick, Senior Staff Officer Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer