
MINUTES OF CLIMATE ACTION AND URBAN RESILIENCE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5th FEBRUARY 2025

1. Introduce each other

The Chair requested that all in attendance introduce themselves to the group.

Order: Noted. Environment and Transportation Department Structure to be forwarded to members.

2. Chairpersons Business

The Chair formally thanked Cllr. Claire Byrne for her work as Chair of the previous SPC

Order: Noted

3. Meeting Dates 2025

Order: Noted, meeting dates to reissue to members

4. Environment & Transportation Department & The SPC What we do

It was agreed to take all the presentations first with question and answers thereafter.

General overview – Derek Kelly – Executive Manger (Verbal)

- (i) Climate Action – Sabrina Dekker - Climate Manger
- (ii) Energy Management – Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer
- (iii) Air Quality & Noise Control, Paul Rutherford, Principal EHO
- (iv) Drainage overview – Niamh Fitzgerald, Senior Engineer
- (v) Flooding – Gerry O’Connell Senior Engineer
- (vi) District Heating – Stephen Cull, Executive Engineer
- (vii) Protection of Waterbodies –Roy O’Connor, Senior Engineer

Members thanked officials for the presentations and raised the following questions

- Even though waste no longer comes under the remit of this SPC will there be some Waste input **(CM)**
- There is an absence of the really important role trees / biodiversity play **(CM)**

- We need more trees, tree pits, SUDS, can we get an update on these on an ongoing basis. **(CM)**
- Are we repurposing a building (Fitzwilliam Quay) for only a half day per week **(CM)**
- Are we going to commit to Community hub charging, can we restrict operators on how they charge. **(CM)**
- Could a subcommittee / working group be established to examine on street EV charging **(CM)**
- Will the new office deal with other issues (decarbonisation zones) and will it open more than a half day per week **(CB)**
- When will the Part 8 for District Heating be ready **(CB)**
- Has the funding and business case for District Heating been approved by government **(CB)**
- If the funding for DH is not approved what will happen with district heating enabled buildings **(CB)**
- Can an update be provided on bathing water quality **(CB)**
- A panel of consultants has been appointed for Sandymount flood defences, will this speed up other projects in particular the Clontarf flooding works **(CNM)**
- Can an overview of where EV charging hubs will be located be provided **(CNM)**
- Can we have more information on Biodiversity initiatives **(CNM)**
- Can the E & T Department contact details be provided **(EM)**

Officials replied

- There will be an update on Waste at the next meeting **(DK)**
- We will arrange for periodic update from Parks & Biodiversity **(DK)**
- We are temporarily using the building pending the redevelopment of the area **(DK)**
- Fast Charging Hubs align with other City Council policies **(DM)**
- We are developing an EV charging policy **(DM)**
- There are a lot of issues around on street EV charging **(DK)**
- There are planning, congestion, private wire issues with on street charging **(DK)**
- There are public liability issues, irrespective of whether a resident has insurance it is likely that the Council will be joined in any litigation **(DK)**
- No issue with an EV working group being established (subject to Chair / CPG agreement) **(DK)**
- The office will open end of February / early March **(DM)**
- We are preparing the Pre Part 8 application for internal technical comment / observations which should be finalised and ready for Council Q2 2025 **(SC)**
- We are having ongoing discussions with the Department on funding and associated issues **(SC)**
- We are breaking the project down into smaller schemes. It is likely that an electric boiler, powered by the waste to energy Plant will power the first scheme (Phase 0) **(SC)**
- Bathing water quality samples are taken from the first metre at high tide (ROC)
- Happy to present on Bathing water at a future meeting (ROC)
- We have a framework of consultants, Clontarf is the 2nd scheme which will be discussed with the joint working group scheduled to meet in the next few weeks (GOC)

Order: Presentations Noted

Actions / follow up

- **Departmental Structure / Contacts to be forwarded to members**
- **Meeting dates to reissue to Members**
- **Waste to be dealt with at the next meeting**
- **Bathing Water Quality / Parks and Biodiversity Climate Actions future meeting**
- **Proposed EV charging hub locations to be forwarded to members**

5. A.O.B

In attendance

Members

Councillor Daryl Barron
Councillor Kevin Breen
Councillor Claire Byrne
Councillor Lesley Byrne
Ann Canning (PPN)
Councillor Declan Flanagan (Chair)
Councillor Carolyn Moore
Councillor Edel Moran
Councillor Clodagh Ní Mhuirí
Sally Starbuck R.I.A.I.

Apologies

Keegan Stack IBEC
David Kelly, Dublin Chamber

Absent

Councillor Janice Boylan
Councillor Deirdre Heney
Áine Wellard, PPN

Officials

John Flanagan, Assistant Chief Executive and City Engineer
Derek Kelly, Executive Manager
Patricia Reidy, Executive Manager
Padraig Doyle, A/Executive Manager (Engineering)
Sabrina Dekker - Climate Manger
Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer
Paul Rutherford, Principal EHO
Niamh Fitzgerald, Senior Engineer
Gerry O'Connell, Senior Engineer
Roy O'Connor, Senior Engineer
Chris Carroll, Administrative Officer
Ciarán McGoldrick, Senior Staff Officer

Cllr. Declan Flanagan

Chair, Climate Action & Urban

Resilience Committee

6th February 2025.