

Minutes of the Climate Action Subcommittee Meeting held on 14th September 2020, Via MS Teams

In Attendance:

Members:

Cllr. Claire Byrne (CB)

Cllr. Joe Costello (JC)

Robert Moss (An Taisce) (RM)

Michael Goan (RIAI) (MG)

Officials:

Céline Reilly (**CR**)

James Nolan (**JN**),

Sabrina Dekker (**SD**)

Ciarán McGoldrick (**CMcG**)

Cliona Kelliher (**CK**)

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2020

Order: Agreed

2. Terms of reference



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- Climate Action Sub

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3. Céline Reilly updated Committee on work on going in the CCMA to include
 - The CCMA will be making a recommendation to the Minister on resourcing Climate Teams,
 - CARO developing a training programme for Councillors and Local Authority Staff
 - Raising awareness of Climate Actions and challenges

- Climate Action Charter – agreement with government which sets out what DCC can deliver and the resources required to achieve this.
- CARO programme with the GAA with a view to engaging children / youth on the Climate Agenda.

**Order: Noted, Brief email to issue to members outlining the above (CR/CK)
Climate Charter to issue to Members (CMcG)**

4. Update on Climate Legislation Submission

Sabrina Dekker updated the members on the submission to the minister to include

- Critical role Local Authorities play in achieving Ireland’s transition to a low carbon, Climate resilient future
- The Council’s Climate Change Action plan responds to the need for adaptation and mitigation actions.
- Local Authorities should set specific policy actions,
- The need to engage communities and stakeholders
- The imperative requirement to retrofit social housing
- Climate Actions must be underpinned by Local Authority Development Plan
- Powers of enforcement are required to ensure actions are met.
- Resourcing of Climate Teams

Order: Noted. 1. Revised submission to be forwarded to members for consideration / observation (JN / SD) and 2. Submitted to the Minister (CB). 3. Submission to be placed on the Agenda of the SPC for noting ((CMcG)

5. Report on Nature Based Solutions/Resource Management & Action Update

Sabrina Dekker updated member to include

- Provision of Water fountains
- Roll out of on street waste segregation
- Some Action had to be revised
- SUDS Group established
- Area Offices to identify Local Projects
- Green infrastructure project for social housing

Order: Noted

Members requested the following

- Retrofit Social Housing Works Programme to be forwarded to Members **(SD / CK)**
- List of funding streams available (National, EU etc.) **(SD / CK)**
- Comprehensive report to the next SPC on Climate Action Funding
- Minister to be invited to the next SPC meeting **(CB)**
- Clarification on Glyphosate Policy, is there a policy document. **(CR / CMcG)**
- Weeding Programme to be forwarded to members **(CK)**

6. A.O.B.

Sabrina Dekker advised the Committee that DCC intends to apply for a European Green Capital Award. Submission is due by 28th October 2020.

Order Noted.

Actions & Responsibility

- **Brief email to issue to members outlining work of CCMA & CARO as outlined by CR (CR/CK)**
- **Climate Charter to issue to Members (CMcG)**
- **Revised submission on Climate Legislation to be forwarded to members for consideration / observation (JN / SD)**
- **Legislation submission to be signed by CB (in capacity as chair of the subcommittee) (CB)and forwarded to the Minister (CK)**
- **Submission to be placed on the Agenda of the SPC for noting ((CMcG)**
- **Retrofit Social Housing Works Programme to be forwarded to Members (SD / CK)**
- **List of funding streams available (National, EU etc.) (SD / CK)**
- **Comprehensive report to the next SPC on Climate Action Funding**
- **Minister to be invited to the next SPC meeting (CB)**
- **Clarification on Glyphosate Policy, is there a policy document. (CR / CMcG)**
- **Weeding Programme to be forwarded to members (CK)**

Next Meeting 12th October 2020

Claire Byrne

Chair, Climate Action Sub Committee