
**MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26th OCTOBER 2020**

1 Climate Change Action Plan 2020

Members welcomed the report and in particular expressed gratitude for the work of the Climate Action Subcommittee and Officials

Members raised the following question / observations in relation to the report that was circulated

- The Dublin Agreement does not appear to be referenced in the report (JC)
- Has 70% of the housing stock been retrofitted in terms of energy efficiency (JC)
- Should the recent Covid Mobility measures (cycle lanes, street Pedestrianisation etc.) be included in the report (MF)
- The issue of adequate recycling facilities in Council Flat Complexes remains unresolved (MF)
- We are ahead of the curve with our plan as mitigation measures are included in the plan (CB)
- Grateful for the work on the Subcommittee (CB)
- Can a glossary of terms be included in the plan (RM)
- This process predates the Dublin Agreement and in fact this SPC (NOM)
- The Dublin Agreement was adopted by the City Council (JC)
- The report is a bit light in terms of engagement (RM)

Céline Reilly responded

- A report in relation to the Climate element of the Dublin Agreement will issue to a future meeting of the Climate Action Subcommittee.
- The Council's Climate Team has only recently been established and it is intended that the engagement element of the plan will be developed and expanded over the coming months.
- We intend to increase the recycling facilities in Council Flat Complexes
- The retrofitting has taken place in 70% of the Council Houses.

Order: Recommend to Council that Dublin City Council's Climate Action Annual Report 2020 is noted

Members raised the following questions / observations in relation to the reports that were circulated

- The development and adoption of the plan has been delayed due to Covid 19 and extended public consultations, the Committee should endorse the plan and support its implementation (NOM)
- How is the size of the openings on public litter bins determined (NOM)
- Will there be public compostable bins (CB)
- What is the position on the shared bins scheme (CB)
- Are additional Litter Wardens , Litter Bins required (CB)
- What additional measures can be introduced to tackle illegal dumping (CB)
- Did Covid-19 and the associated restrictions impact on the level of submissions as part of the Public Consultation (CB)
- The proliferation of Mask / PPE is a problem, are measures being introduced to address this (RM)
- What is the position in relation to Community Composting (RM)
- Acknowledge the efforts of Waste Management Staff to keep the streets clean (MF)
- Bring Centres need to be managed better to eradicate the incidences of illegal dumping (MF)
- There appears to be an increase in drug misuse paraphernalia(MF)
- Council Flat Complexes do not have adequate recycling facilities (MF)
- There should be a litter management portal on the Council's website which would centralise complaints, illegal dumping reports, street grading, street cleaning schedules, statistics etc.(TC)
- Litter bin supply should be increased in residential areas (TC)
- Are there any details on the provision of underground recycling / waste facilities (TC)
- Is there scope for areas not covered by the IBAL reports to be surveyed (TC)
- Can Community Clean up statistics be reported (TC)
- Is there a formalised criteria for litter bin provision, if so can it be forwarded to the Committee (MP)
- Support the idea of a Litter Portal on the Council's website (MP)
- Are bins going to be continued to be removed from residential areas (MW)
- How many bins are planned for the South West Inner City (MW)
- Litter is careless and bad behaviour whereas illegal dumping is more deliberate (JC)
- The North Inner City is consistently at / near the top of the IBAL survey (JC)
- Can there be a more intensive approach to combatting Litter / Illegal Dumping in the North Inner City (JC)
- Are we still engaging with Community Clean ups during Covid restrictions (JC)
- It is worth restating the problem of litter and illegal dumping in the North Inner City (JH)
- Should a task force be established to focus on the North inner City (JH)
- Don't accept that litter bins are not required in residential areas (JH)
- The Kayaking Group undertake litter removal from the Liffey, can anything be done to support this (JH)
- Are we locked into a long contract for the provision of solar compactor bins (JH)
- There is a problem with overflowing bins in the East Wall area.(JH)

Simon Brock responded

- A balance has to be struck in relation to the size of the litter bin openings, large enough to accept general litter but small enough to discourage household waste being deposited
- Suggestions in relation to the design of bins are welcomed
- The aim is to have the right amount of litter bins in the right locations
- A trial of on street compostable bins is anticipated in order to ascertain the quality of the material deposited
- Primary problem with coffee cups is that they are not readily recyclable in Ireland
- How Community Bins service will operate has to be designed and we are working with the Council's BETA Project Team on this.
- The supply of litter bins will be increased
- Individuals are not sure how to dispose of Masks / PPE, my waste.ie should be consulted
- As soon as further details on Community Composting is available it will be forwarded to Members
- Textile recycling is being reviewed, there has been an increase in demand at Bring Centre & CA sites
- Crews continuously clean up drug related litter
- Underground bins would be costly and it is not clear if the industry is in a position to service such units.
- The provision of a Litter Management portal will be included in the Communications element of the plan.
- The installation of Litter Bins in residential areas are considered but is not deemed best use of resources.
- If a residential area has an absolute requirement for a litter bin one will be installed
- The IBAL report is one element of Litter surveys. The Council carry out surveys which feed into the National Litter Pollution Monitoring System
- We report on Community Clean ups in the Litter Management Plan updates.
- A document on Litter Bin Criteria issued to the SPC previously and will be forwarded to Members
- Bins are removed from residential areas (for misuse) as a last resort and we endeavour to relocate a bin to a location as near as practicable to the original siting.
- The Landlord issue in relation to litter / illegal dumping is being examined.
- A Subcommittee of the Central Area Committee has been established to examine the litter issue and Waste Management Services will support any recommendations made
- Issue of overflowing bins in east Wall will be resolved.
- We are examining a proposal from the Dublin Nautical Trust in relation to litter in the Liffey.
- The contract for the supply of solar compactor bins is of fixed duration

Members thanked Simon for his lengthy contribution

Order: Recommend to Council that the Litter Management Plan 2020 – 2022 with an amendment to page 21 of the plan “A portal or set of webpages on the Council website, with centralised litter management data included up-to-date statistics, mapping, and information on littering.” be adopted.

- 3 Amended Waste Management (Storage, Presentation & Segregation of Household & Commercial Waste) Bye - Laws 2018

Order: Recommend to Council that the Amended Waste Management (Storage, Presentation & Segregation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws 2018 be adopted

- 4 A.O.B.

None

In attendance

Members

Councillor Claire Byrne
Paul Boylan, Dublin Chamber
Councillor Tom Brabazon
Trevor Clowry PPN
Councillor Joe Costello
Councillor Mannix Flynn
Michael Goan R.I.A.I
Bernie Guinan A.C.E.I
Councillor John Lyons
Robert Moss, PPN
Councillor Naoise Ó'Muirí
Councillor Michael Pidgeon (Chair)
Councillor Michael Watters

Apologies

Councillor Janice Boylan
Councillor Catherine Stocker

Also in Attendance

Councillor Janet Horner

Officials

Céline Reilly, Executive Manager
James Nolan, Senior Executive Officer
Simon Brock, Administrative Officer
Hugh Coughlan, Coordinator, EMWR
Sabrina Dekker, Climate Action Coordinator
Ciarán McGoldrick, Senior Staff Officer

Michael Pidgeon, Chairperson

27th October 2020