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**Additional Motions** 

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## **Theme 1: Shaping the City**

#### 1047. Motion Ref. 115: CIIr Janet Horner - UN Safe Cities

## Title: Theme 1: Shaping the City

That the Development Plan should commit to feminist planning principles and to proactively addressing the safety of women and girls as part of the UN Safe Cities for Women campaign.

### **Planning Reason**

This is in line with DCC obligations under the public sector duty for human rights and equality and its commitment to the UN Safe Cities for Women campaign.

## **Supporting Organisations**

Green Party - Comhaontas Glas

## **Chief Executives Response**

A City that is safe for women is a City that is better for everyone. The objectives of the UN Safe Cities for Women Initiative, where relevant to planning, have a place within the Development Plan and support current and proposed policies in relation to safety, good public realm design, addressing vacancy/regeneration, overlooked streets with activity and visibility, improved cycling infrastructure and mobility and supporting the delivery of quality housing within the City. There are a number of recommendations within the CE Report that address these points. Whilst they do not call out specifically feminism in the wording; the intent of creating a safe, attractive, well designed city that is accessible to all is the framework which drives each. Key recommendations of note are:

- Promote the development of high-quality streets and public spaces which are
  accessible and inclusive in accordance with the principles of universal design, and
  which deliver vibrant, attractive, accessible and safe places and meet the needs of the
  city's diverse communities regardless of age, ability or disability (page 76).
- Promote exemplary urban design and architectural principles in order to achieve a livable, climate resilient, quality compact well connected city and to ensure Dublin City is a healthy and attractive city to live work, visit and study in (page 76).
- Promote measures to reduce vacancy and underuse of existing building stock as well as support for the refurbishment and retrofitting of existing buildings (page 75).
- Ensure that the Housing Strategy recognises the diverse needs of all of Dublin City's citizens, meeting, insofar as is feasible, their diverse accommodation needs (page 95).
- Support and promote social inclusion in line with national and regional policy (page 96).
- Promote the creation of high quality places to live and that endorse the principles of healthy place making and the 15-minute city (page 97).

- Promote the development of childcare facilities and to ensure that public spaces are designed to be safe and welcoming for children and young people (page 97).
- Secure the development of a high quality, fully connected and inclusive walking and
  cycling network across the City, including the upgrade of the existing network and
  support the integration of walking ,cycling and physical activity with place-making
  including public realm improvements. Routes within the network will be planned in
  conjunction with Green Infrastructure objectives and on foot of the NTAs Cycle
  Network Plan and the National Cycle manual (page 122).

#### Chief Executive's Recommendation

Agree as per CE Recommendations and to amend CE Recommendation (page 76) with additional text "gender" so that it reads:

Promote the development of high-quality streets and public spaces which are accessible and inclusive in accordance with the principles of universal design, and which deliver vibrant, attractive, accessible and safe places and meet the needs of the city's diverse communities regardless of age, gender, ability or disability.

1048. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner - SDGs

**Title: Theme 1: Shaping the City** 

That the Development Plan should be framed by the SDGs.

## Planning reason

This would keep the Development Plan consistent with the Corporate Plan for DCC and supports our international obligations.

**Supporting Organisations** 

Green Party - Comhaontas Glas

**Chief Executive's Response** 

The City Council must be fully committed to the implementation of UN Sustainable Development Goals, which have informed the City Climate Action Plan, and to which the CE Report makes clear the Development Plan will embed across all themes. It is recommended to include a specific statement on the SDGs (page 81 of the Chief Executives Report).

## **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agreed, with revised wording:

To include the UN Sustainable Development Goals in the drafting of the Development Plan and to include this intent as policy within the Draft Plan.

#### 1049. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner – Equality and Gender Proofed Statement

## Title: Theme 1: Shaping the City

That the Development Plan should be equality and gender proofed and accompanied by an equality statement.

## **Planning Reason**

This is in line with DCC's obligations under the public sector duty for human rights and equality and help ensure that we are delivering on equality and inclusion for all Dubliners, most especially the most marginalised.

## **Supporting Organisations**

Green Party - Comhaontas Glas

## **Chief Executive's Response**

The next Development Plan must continue to promote development which incorporates exemplary standards of high quality sustainable and inclusive urban design, urban form, healthy placemaking and architecture befitting the city's environment and heritage through the development of design principles, policies and standards for urban design and architecture. The principles of gender/equality proofing will be supported. It is not a statutory requirement to prepare an equality statement and beyond the scope of the plan to prepare same.

#### **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agreed as per page 76 of the Chief Executive's Report, to promote the development of high-quality streets and public spaces which are accessible and inclusive in accordance with the principles of universal design, and which deliver vibrant, attractive, accessible and safe places and meet the needs of the city's diverse communities regardless of age, ability or disability, and to include gender.

### **Theme 2: Climate Action**

1050. Motion Ref. 107: Green Party - Comhaontas Glas - Climate Action Plan

**Title: Theme 2: Climate Action** 

**Chapter: Theme 2: Climate Action** 

That the Dublin City Climate Action Plan and the National Climate Action Plan and all other relevant European and international climate legislation and agreements should be as central to the Development Plan as the NPF and the RSES.

#### **Planning Reason**

To ensure we are reaching our national and international climate targets.

#### Chief Executive's Response

The pressing need to address the Climate Crisis is recognised. The next Development Plan must be fully committed to reaching the relevant targets set by the government and as set out in the Council's own Climate Action Plan. Furthermore, the Draft Development Plan will seek to integrate climate action considerations into the preparation of policies across the entire plan in an effort to reduce the city's carbon footprint and to create a more sustainable future based on the 15-minute city approach. Climate Action will be an integral and cross cutting theme through the plan.

The Chief Executive's report (page 81) makes a number of recommendations at a strategic level regarding climate action including that climate action is an overarching and cross-cutting theme across the Draft Plan in line with policies and objectives contained in the NPF, the RSES, Dublin City's Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 and national legislation.

## **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agree to include policy as per Chief Executive's report.

#### **Theme 3: Quality Housing and Sustainable Neighbourhoods**

#### 1051. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner - Homelessness

## Title: Theme 3: Quality Housing and Sustainable Neighbourhoods

That the Development Plan should have the elimination of homelessness and to support the rights and dignities of those in homelessness as an objective.

#### **Planning Reason**

The ambition to end homelessness should be a primary focus for the city.

#### **Supporting Organisations**

Green Party - Comhaontas Glas

#### **Chief Executive's Response**

The DRHE has a "Homeless Acton Plan Framework for Dublin 2019 – 2021" which will be reviewed later this year for the years 2022 to 2014.

The DRHE drives a housing led approach to homelessness on a regional basis in conjunction with service providers throughout the sector. The DRHE works to move people through emergency accommodation with health and support services towards a sustained exit from homelessness. This work is carried out through four main areas of operation, which form the basis of this Action Plan. The four strategic goals or themes are:

- 1. Prevention
- 2. Protection
- 3. Progression
- 4. Proper Governance & Oversight,

The issue is an operational matter for the DRHE Service.

## **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agreed – to support the Homeless Action Plan as per page 96 of the Chief Executive's Report on Pre-Draft Submissions.

#### 1052. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner Homelessness

## Title: Theme 3: Quality Housing and Sustainable Neighbourhoods

The Development Plan should commit to a housing first approach to tackling homelessness wherever possible.

## **Planning Reason**

This is in line with best practices for resolving homelessness in the long term.

## **Supporting Organisations**

Green Party - Comhaontas Glas

## **Chief Executive's Response**

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The issue is an operational matter for the DRHE Service.

### **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agreed – to support the Homeless Action Plan as per page 96 of the Chief Executive's Report on Pre-Draft Submissions.

## 1053. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner - Daylight Access

## Title: Theme 3: Quality Housing and Sustainable Neighbourhoods

The Development Plan should include an analysis of daylight access in the city and particularly in residential areas.

## **Planning Reason**

Access to daylight and exposure to daylight is a key component of a liveable city.

## **Chief Executive's Response**

Daylight access is assessed on an individual case by case basis as part of the planning application process. As per page 182 of the Chief Executives Report, it is recommended that the new Draft Development Plan review development management standards of the Development Plan to ensure consistency with National and Regional Planning policy.

#### **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agree as per Chief Executive's Report (page 182).

#### 1054. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner - Build to Rent

## Title: Theme 3: Quality Housing and Sustainable Neighbourhoods

That developments with more than 50% build to rent or single person units represent an over-concentration of one housing type and an inadequate mixture of tenancies.

### **Planning Reason**

To support a mix of tenancies and sustainable neighbourhoods.

#### **Chief Executive's Response**

In regard to housing need, it is intended to carry out an evidenced based HNDA as part of the review process that will inform the Housing Strategy/Core Strategy and which will guide policies and objectives in the Draft Plan. It is intended that the HNDA will allow for consideration of housing mix in the forthcoming plan.

The Build to Rent form of residential accommodation adds to the mix of housing typology in the City and the forthcoming Plan will include policy on same. Recommendations with regard to this type of accommodation may come from the future Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA) and the forthcoming Plan will contain policies on the appropriate location for this specific housing typology.

It is a recommendation of the Chief Executive's Report (page 96) to bring forward policies to address the Build to Rent form of residential accommodation in the City.

The matter of overconcentration will be considered further in the Draft Development Plan and any policy provision underpinned by a robust evidenced based approach. The objective is to promote balanced, sustainable and mixed use development in the city.

The Draft Development Plan will also be accompanied by a Housing Strategy to identify the diverse accommodation needs of the city in the future (page 95).

#### **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agreed as per page 96 of the Chief Executive's report, to bring forward policies to address the matter of overconcentration of accommodation type uses in the city and any policy provision to be underpinned by a robust evidenced based approach, in the context of a Housing Strategy (page 96).

#### 1055. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner – Housing Strategy

## Title: Theme 3: Quality Housing and Sustainable Neighbourhoods

The Housing Strategy should specifically make provision older people, children, people with disabilities and Travellers.

## **Planning Reason**

This recognises the diverse needs of people in Dublin in terms of housing and is an essential part of an inclusive future.

## **Supporting Organisations**

Green Party - Comhaontas Glas

## **Chief Executive's Response**

The need for responsive planning policy that is age and family friendly, and caters for disabilities and a mix of tenures is recognised. The Draft Plan will include measures for the delivery of compact growth including a mix of housing types and tenures. It is intended to carry out an evidenced based HNDA as part of the review process that will inform the Housing Strategy/Core Strategy and which will guide policies and objectives in the Draft Plan.

#### Chief Executive's Recommendation

Agreed as per page 75 and 95 of the Chief Executive's Report to ensure that the Housing Strategy recognises the diverse needs of all of Dublin City's citizens meeting, insofar as is feasible, their diverse accommodation needs and to update Traveller Accommodation policy in the next Development Plan in line with the Traveller Accommodation Plan 2019 – 2024 and or as updated.

#### 1056. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner - Traveller Accommodation

## Title: Theme 3: Quality Housing and Sustainable Neighbourhoods

That the Development Plan should commit to the provision of high quality Traveller specific accommodation

## **Planning Reason**

This would set a Development Plan objective, encouraging the spend of available budget for the provision of additional accommodation

#### **Supporting Organisations**

Green Party - Comhaontas Glas

## **Chief Executive's Response**

The Traveller Accommodation Plan 2019 – 2024 was prepared in order to meet the existing and projected accommodation needs of the Traveller Communities in the city. An annual traveller count is undertaken by the Traveller Accommodation Unit to identify accommodation type and the number of Traveller families in emergency accommodation is identified.

It is the intention of the Traveller Accommodation Unit to utilise every available option to address the current and future needs of the Traveller Community including the identification of suitable land to build accommodation. The Traveller Accommodation Unit consults with the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee, Traveller families and Traveller representatives on new build proposals.

Policy QH27 and 28 of the current Development Plan address housing policy in respect of Traveller Accommodation. The 2019 – 2024 Traveller Accommodation Programme will be referenced in the next Development Plan.

#### Chief Executive's Recommendation

Agreed – To update Traveller Accommodation policy in the next Development Plan in line with the Traveller Accommodation Plan 2019 – 2024 and or as updated.

## **Theme 4: The City Economy**

## 1057. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner - Community Wealth Building

## **Title: Theme 4: The City Economy**

The Development Plan will support community wealth building, including through local employment schemes and apprenticeships.

## **Planning Reason**

Community wealth and not just FDI should be ambitions of the plan – and the development of physical infrastructure, housing and the public realm should seek to enhance community wealth

## **Supporting Organisations**

Green Party - Comhaontas Glas

## **Chief Executive's Response**

A number of submissions called for the adoption of the principles of Community Wealth Building (CWB), participative budgeting and Community Led Local Development (CLLD), with specific support from NESC on economic resilience and environmental sustainability. The CE supports this approach and recommends that the Development Plan contains policy to support the City Councils LECP (Local Economic Community Plan) in this regard (see p105 of CEs Report on submissions).

## **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agree motion, to support the principles of Community Wealth Building through the work of the LECP and the LEO.

#### 1058. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner - Offices Post Covid

## Title: Theme 4: The City Economy

The ongoing development of offices should be contingent on an evaluation of the demand for this post-COVID.

## **Planning Reason**

The Chief Executive's report makes reference to the aim to continue to develop office space. However, we anticipate that the demand for offices will be fundamentally changed by COVID and further development of offices should reflect this new reality.

## **Chief Executive's Response**

Notwithstanding the fact that the Covid-19 emergency will lead to more home working, the continued support and provision of significant employment clusters in our urban centres and particularly in the City Centre is an imperative for the economic and social future of the city. The CE Report, page 105, recommends that the new plan "ensure flexibility to facilitate existing and future trends in economic development and employment, including being supportive of different ways of working whether from home or otherwise".

#### **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agree, as per page 105 of the CR Report.

# **Theme 6: Sustainable Movement and Transport**

1059. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner - Shared Mobility

**Title: Theme 6: Sustainable Movement and Transport** 

That the Development Plan will support car clubs, bike sharing and other shared mobility solutions both on-street and in developments. These should include e-bikes, e-scooters, e-mopeds, and cargo bikes, and the expansion of the Dublin Bikes station network.

### **Planning Reason**

To encourage sustainable transport measures.

**Co-sponsors** Cllr Michael Pidgeon, Cllr Claire Byrne

Supporting Organisations Green Party - Comhaontas Glas

Chief Executive's Response

The increasingly important role played by shared mobility schemes in meeting the mobility needs of residents, workers and visitors in the city is acknowledged. Local mobility hubs with integrated shared mobility services (currently car and bike share) are required to be provided as part of larger development schemes, particularly where low rates of car parking are provided. This approach will be formalised in the Draft Plan. Similarly the role of micro mobility in meeting the mobility needs of citizens is also acknowledged.

As indicated in the Chief Executive's report (pages 119 and 120) the Draft Plan will take cognisance of changes in mobility including the increasing role of shared mobility, micro mobility, electric vehicles and the application of technology in the mobility sector. It will include policies supporting the expansion of public bike share schemes including e-bike schemes. Policies supporting micro-mobility and shared micro-mobility schemes and the development of mobility hubs will be included in the plan.

#### **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agreed. Include policies as per Chief Executive's report.

#### 1060. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner - Gender / Age Targets

## Title: Theme 6: Sustainable Movement and Transport

That any modal share targets in the Development Plan include specific gender and age targets.

## **Planning Reason**

In line with the Council's public sector duty.

## **Supporting Organisations**

Green Party - Comhaontas Glas

## **Chief Executive's Report**

The CE Report on the Pre-Draft Consultation process, in response to the many submissions received and the point made in some seeking targets for modal share; includes two recommendations stating:

- Include sustainable transport indicators, including targets for mode share, to monitor the policies and objectives of the plan over its lifetime (page 122) and
- Promote sustainable settlement and transport strategies within the city and identify
  measures, including targets for modal shift, to reduce GHG emissions, a reduction in
  energy use and adaptation to climate change (page 59).

## And also

 Promote and help develop community-based coordinated initiatives at local level that encourage active travel and modal switch to sustainable transport modes (page 122).

It is the intent that the Plan will include targets, drawing on research and information available, the experience of other Cities, national policy and best practice. It is considered that amending the above recommendation will highlight the importance of targeting lower represented groups in sustainable transport figures in future initiatives that the City takes.

#### Chief Executive's Recommendation

Agree to include policy as per Chief Executive's report with the following amendment to include additional text "and to target in such initiatives underrepresented groups" so that it reads:

Promote and help develop community-based coordinated initiatives at local level that encourage active travel and modal switch to sustainable transport modes, and to target in such initiatives underrepresented cohorts/groups (page 122).

#### 1061. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner – Universal Design

#### **Title: Theme 6: Sustainable Movement and Transport**

The principles of universal design should apply to all aspects of transport and the public realm and should include upgrading all disabled parking bays to high standard.

## **Planning Reason**

To improve accessibility for all, most especially people with disabilities and improve the standard of disabled parking bays.

## **Supporting Organisations**

Green Party - Comhaontas Glas

## **Chief Executive's Response**

All public spaces should be full accessible and inclusive in accordance with the principles of universal design, including provision for rest areas and seating where appropriate (page 76 of Chief Executive's report). It is a recommendation of the Chief Executive's Report (page 114) to promote the development of public realm / greening strategies for our urban centres and investment in the urban environment in order to achieve a network of active, attractive and safe streets and public spaces with a high quality public realm which allows ease of movement for the pedestrian, which are inviting and which include, as appropriate, seating. Parking standards in the Development Plan will make provision for disabled bays.

#### **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agree to include policy as per Chief Executive's report.

#### 1062. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner - Transport Plans

## Title: Theme 6: Sustainable Movement and Transport

That the Development Plan supports the hierarchy of street users in all transport plans.

## **Planning Reason**

To improve accessibility for all, most especially people with disabilities and improve the standard of disabled parking bays.

# **Supporting Organisations**

Green Party - Comhaontas Glas

## **Chief Executive's Response**

Policies regarding accessibility for all including access to and use of public transport is a policy consideration of the Development Plan. In terms of physical accessibility, the Chief Executive's report also states that the Development Plan will seek to promote the development of high-quality streets and public spaces which are accessible and inclusive in accordance with the principles of universal design, and which deliver vibrant, attractive, accessible and safe places and meet the needs of the city's diverse communities regardless of age, ability or disability (p.76).

## **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agreed to include policy regarding accessibility for all including access to and use of public transport.

1063. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner - Low Emission Zones

Title: Theme 6: Sustainable Movement and Transport

Implement clean air and/or low emission zones at key locations across the city.

Planning reason

To target measures to reduce carbon emissions and air pollution at problem points in the city. Most climate/air pollution measures will be national, regional, or citywide - but the Development Plan should promote specific interventions as an objective where necessary.

**Co-sponsors** Cllr Michael Pidgeon, Cllr Carolyn Moore

**Supporting Organisations** Green Party - Comhaontas Glas

**Chief Executive's Response** 

As the 'zoning' specified in Development Plans relates to the types of land uses permitted in different areas, it would is not an appropriate mechanism for the control of emissions. However, the issue of emissions and air quality is an important issue and as stated in the Chief Executive's report (p. 168), the City Council will continue to work with the Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies to monitor the City's air quality and will also work with adjoining local authorities to prepare an Air Quality Management Plan in accordance with the forthcoming national Clean Air Strategy.

Action 165 of the Government's Climate Action Plan 2019, requires Local Authorities to identify and develop plans for one Decarbonising Zone. The Draft Plan will include policy in support of this initiative.

The CE's report (p.41) also includes recommendations relating to vehicular movements which are relevant to this issue including the promotion of sustainable settlement and transport strategies within the city and the identification of measures, including targets for modal shift, to reduce GHG emissions, a reduction in energy use and adaptation to climate change.

#### **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agree to include policy as per Chief Executive's report.

## 1064. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner - Congestion Charging

## Title: Theme 6: Sustainable Movement and Transport

That the Development Plan will permit the use of congestion charging infrastructure

#### Planning reason

To ensure that such measures are permitted in planning terms, should the city decide to apply such a scheme.

Co-sponsors Cllr Michael Pidgeon

Supporting Organisations Green Party - Comhaontas Glas

## **Chief Executive's Response**

Congestion Charging is matter for national rather than City policy. The Five Cities Travel Demand Study recommends that National Government consider congestion charging for Dublin and Cork.

If brought in as national policy, the City Development Plan will have to have regard to same. A policy supporting travel demand measures that reduce car travel could be considered.

## **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agreed to include policy supporting Travel Demand Measures in accordance with national policy.

## 1065. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner - Delivery Hubs

## Title: Theme 6: Sustainable Movement and Transport

That the Development Plan supports the development of delivery hubs across the city to support 'last mile deliveries'.

## **Planning Reason**

To assist in traffic reduction and reduce air pollution and carbon emissions.

Co-sponsors Cllr Claire Byrne

Supporting Organisations Green Party - Comhaontas Glas

## **Chief Executive's Response**

A number of pre-draft submissions, including those of car park operators, raised suggestions around the future use of multi-storey car parks and how they could be considered for alternative uses if the role of the private car in the City was to be reduced such as delivery hubs.

Policies regarding alternative uses for multi storey car parks will be considered, as well opportunities for the last mile deliveries and high density cycle parking as per p. 120 of the CE report.

### **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agreed. Include policy as per recommendation in Chief Executive's report (page 120).

## 1066. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner – Walking and Cycling Permeability

## Title: Theme 6: Sustainable Movement and Transport

The Development Plan should provide a permeability plan for East Wall to increase the walkability and cyclability of the neighbourhood.

## **Planning Reason**

The neighbourhood, surrounded by hard infrastructure is particularly cut off from the city for walking and cycling, leaving a disproportionate number of the residents car dependent. Plans should be brought forth to address this.

## **Supporting Organisations**

Green Party - Comhaontas Glas

## **Chief Executive's Response**

Opportunities for increased pedestrianisation and permeability will be supported in the Draft Plan. The Draft Plan will also to seek to implement the provision of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (as updated) in relation to the delivery of safe streets and overall best practice design and promote the principle of filtered permeability continue to take cognisance of the national guidance provided in DMURS and any subsequent review and/or update.

#### **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agreed to include policy as per Chief Executive's report.

#### 1067. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner - Walking and Cycling Safety

## Title: Theme 6: Sustainable Movement and Transport

Major arterial routes which are not included in the NTA plans, including the North Circular Road and Gardiner Street and Memorial Road, should be upgraded to provide safer walking and cycling.

## **Planning Reason**

Several key routes which are not included on the BusConnects plans will be left behind in the upgrades to walking and cycling which other streets will receive

## **Supporting Organisations**

Green Party - Comhaontas Glas

#### **Chief Executive's Response**

The Draft Plan will continue to support the reduction in car use and promotion of active travel and improved environments for same to encourage a modal shift to more sustainable modes of transport. The NTA's GDA Cycle Network Plan is currently being reviewed and will address the provision of a continuous network across the 4 local authorities. It is a recommendation of the Chief Executives Report (page 122) to secure the development of a high quality, fully connected and inclusive walking and cycling network across the City, including the upgrade of the existing network and support the integration of walking, cycling and physical activity with place-making including public realm improvements. Routes within the network will be planned in conjunction with Green Infrastructure objectives and on foot of (inter alia) the NTAs Cycle Network Plan and the National Cycle manual.

### **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agree to include policy as per Chief Executive's report.

#### 1068. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner - Dorset Street

## Title: Theme 6: Sustainable Movement and Transport

Support the ongoing development of Dorset Street as a residential and retail street with improved greenery and safer walking and cycling.

## **Planning Reason**

Dorset Street is a heavily trafficked street which is treated as a through route into the city but that needs to be better balanced with the needs of the local community as a retail hub and residential street.

## **Supporting Organisations**

Green Party - Comhaontas Glas

## **Chief Executive's Response**

It is agreed that there are numerous areas in the city in need of focused regeneration, in addition to the overall regeneration policies which will imbue the new City Development Plan. The City Council will seek a review of the Living City Initiative to encourage living over the shop in streets such as Dorset Street. It is also intended to investigate the merits of proposing parts of the North Inner City as a Strategic Regeneration and Development Area (SDRA) in the Draft Plan.

As per page 76 of the Chief Executives report, the Draft Plan will also promote the development of public realm / greening strategies for our urban centres and investment in the urban environment in order to achieve a network of active, attractive and safe streets and public spaces with a high quality public realm which allows ease of movement for the pedestrian, which are inviting and which include, as appropriate, seating.

# **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agree as per the CE's report (see p 75, 76 of the CEs report on Submissions).

## Theme 7: Green Infrastructure, Open Space, Recreation and Natural Heritage

1069. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner - Natural Heritage and Biodiversity

Title: Theme 7: Green Infrastructure, Open Space, Recreation and Natural Heritage

That the Development Plan recognises the Liffey as the blue lung of the city and a vital aspect of the city's history, built and natural heritage and unique appeal and supports community access to the river and the biodiversity of the river.

### **Planning Reason**

The Liffey is a core part of the city. Access to the Liffey is managed by the city council and should be developed to better support community activity and biodiversity.

**Supporting Organisations** 

Green Party - Comhaontas Glas

## **Chief Executive's Response**

The continual need to protect, create and enhance more green and blue spaces in order to achieve a more liveable city that promotes healthy lifestyles and make the City greener and healthier for all is recognised. As noted on page 129 of the Chief Executive's report, the improved health and wellbeing of the citizens of Dublin through recreation and activity will be promoted with greater policy support in the Draft Plan. It is a recommendation of the Chief Executive's report to promote recreational amenities, biodiversity and facilities adjacent to the City's waterways. The Draft Plan will support and promote appropriate water related amenities and facilities.

#### **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agree to include policy as per Chief Executive's report.

## **Theme 8: Built Heritage and Archaeology**

1070. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner - Regeneration of O'Connell Street

Title: Theme 8: Built Heritage and Archaeology

O'Connell Street should have a dedicated regeneration scheme to protect and further its roles as the central boulevard of the city and a site of heritage, retail, markets and community in the city.

## **Planning Reason**

To ensure that the development plan prioritises the core status of the street

**Supporting Organisations** 

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## **Chief Executive's Response**

O'Connell Street is a designated ACA and ASPC. The ongoing regeneration of O'Connell Street is acknowledged as a priority for the Draft Plan, given that it is the primary thoroughfare in the capital. The Draft Plan will examine policy approaches to improve the public realm and setting of O'Connell Street and will continue to promote the regeneration of the Parnell Quarter, which will provide a synergistic link to O'Connell Street.

## **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agreed as per the Chief Executive's report.

#### 1071. Motion Ref. 115: Cllr Janet Horner - Historic Features

## Title: Theme 8: Built Heritage and Archaeology

The Development Plan should aim to preserve historic paving, kerbs, edges and railings.

The plan should mandate the use of historically appropriate granite paving in areas where it currently exists, and will avoid replacing old flagstones with modern paving.

## **Planning Reason**

To preserve built municipal heritage and ensure a high-quality public realm.

**Co-sponsors** Cllr Michael Pidgeon

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## **Chief Executive's Response**

Appendices 7 and 8 of the current Development Plan detail stone setts to be retained, restored or introduced as well as paved areas and streets with granite kerbing. These appendices will be reviewed in the Draft Plan along with policies to support the use of granite paving where appropriate.

## **Chief Executive's Recommendation**

Agreed. To review existing appendices 7 and 8.