

To the Chair and Members of the Traffic and Transport Strategic Policy Committee

9th of November 2022

Motion in the name of Councillor Perry

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That the Development Plan should provide a commitment that Dublin City Council will accept responsibility for traffic cameras.

The roll out of traffic cameras has paused due to a reluctance of either An Garda Síochána or Dublin City Council to take responsibility for operation and monitoring.

The pause has delayed the opportunity to use traffic cameras for identifying breaches of traffic legislation such as red light running etc.

This item was referred to the Traffic and Transport SPC.

Report:

It is assumed that this motion refers to the use of cameras for enforcement activities rather than for traffic monitoring as DCC continues to use cameras for traffic monitoring on a day to day basis.

Dublin City Council would support any proposals in the area of camera based enforcement systems which would assist in road safety and traffic management in the city. Dublin City Council has previously taken responsibility for the procurement, installation, testing and commissioning of Red Light Running cameras and its connection to the Garda back office IT system.

However there is a requirement to enter into an agreement with the Garda Commissioner in order to have the system connected and issuing fines and the responsibility of this was taken by the National Transport Authority, as it would allow camera enforcement on a national rather than on just a city council basis. These cameras are at present not in use as there is no current agreement in place to allow connection for issuing of fines.

To reiterate Dublin City Council will take responsibility for any specification, procurement, installation etc. of any camera based enforcement system for red light running, bus lane enforcement etc. however we are of the view that the correct way to proceed operational is for a national agency to enter into the agreement with the Garda Commissioner and so allow multiple councils to use this agreement.

It should be noted that TII on the motorway network have successfully introduced average speed cameras and that the NTA are currently in discussion with the Department regarding how camera based enforcement can proceed.

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