
MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21st JUNE 2023

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 29th March 2023

Order: Incorrect minutes issued, reissue at September meeting for agreement

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Correspondence – CNFE

Order Noted

4. Chairpersons Business

The Chair wished to commend Dublin City Council and the Rediscovery Centre on the Circular Hotspots event

Order: Noted.

5. Climate Action Update – Sabrina Dekker, Climate Action Coordinator

Members thanked Sabrina for her update and raised the following questions

- Not enough is being done for our tenants **(MF)**
- Need to engage them **(MF)**
- There needs to be spaces for children to play and park their bikes so they can cycle to school **(MF)**
- This needs to be a just transition **(MF)**
- Echoes Cllr Flynn **(JC)**
- While we are addressing our social housing what is being done about AHBS
- Need to engage through CTEBS**(JC)**

Sabrina responded

- We are taking your feedback on board and value and appreciate it, it is being incorporated into the climate action plan. We welcome it.
- We agree children need places to play
- Will look into CTEBS

Order: Noted

6. Draft National Waste Management Plan, Hugh Coughlan Regional Co-Ordinator, Eastern-Midlands Region Waste Management Planning Office

Members thanked Hugh for his presentation and raised the following questions

- What is the position in relation to the use of CCTV for illegal dumping / activity (JC)
- Does the plan provide for reentry into the waste collection market by Local Authorities
- The fact that flat complexes do not have recycling services is of serious concern; is there a timeline for this (JH)
- Most households in the north inner city do not have a brown bin (JH)
- We need a lot more resources going into dumping in the city (JH)
- Everyone should be provided with green and brown collection but not sure if wheeled bins are the solution owing to the lack of space which could lead to street clutter (CM)
- People are confused of what to do with unused / out of date medication - is anything being done on this (CM)
- The website is quite difficult to navigate to find the plan (CB)
- The actions are not very clear (CB)
- I don't see clear actions in terms of shared infrastructure
- We are doing nothing in relation to food waste recycling from litter bins (CB)
- The plan is light on figures e.g. How many source separation bins will be installed (CB)
- How are advertising the plan (CB)
- Do we import waste (MF)

Hugh Coughlan responded

- There were some problems with the use of CCTC in terms of data protection
- There is enabling legislation in place to allow us to use CCTV. A code of practice is being reviewed which will allow the development of standard operating procedures for the use of CCTV.
- The current national policy does not create the conditions for LA's reentering the waste market
- There is an effort being made to gradually introduce the green bins to flat complexes
- There are participation issues across the country, there is an obligation on the local authority to deal with waste recycling issues.
- There will always a number of bags
- There is a need for ability to return spent/ unused medication at point of sale needs to be explored
- There is a banner on the home page to bring you to the waste plan.
- We have radio / social / digital communication streams in relation to the plan-
- We have in excess of 300 submissions so far

- Once this plan is approved we will prepare an annual work plan on behalf of the Local government sector
- The deposit return / scheme will enhance recycling rates
- Textiles are categorised as for reuse
- A huge amount of textiles are exported.
- I can come back to future in relation to textiles
- Some waste is imported for use in the cement kilns

Order: Report Noted, the Chair requested members use their networks to advertise and promote the plan

7. Sustainable Development Goals – Discussion, Cllr Joe Costello

Cllr. Costello gave a verbal report and member raised the following issues.

- Who is the point of contact in DCC in relation to sustainable development goals

Tony Flynn responded.

- This falls under the remit of the Corporate Services Department, Helen O’Leary. Helen is to contact Cllr Costello to update
- There is a report due to go to the Planning SPC which will be forwarded to the Committee for consideration.
- Helen O’Leary to be invited to present to a future meeting

Order: Noted, consideration to be given to having a presentation to a future meeting of the Committee, the Chair to bring to the CPG as SDGs cross the remit of many SPC’s

8. Motion in the name of Councillor Janet Horner

“This committee calls for a report on bring centre and recycling provision across the Dublin City. The report should examine provision of bring centres in the context of the 15 minute city, exploring what services are available within a 15 minute walk or cycle for residents across the city - where there are gaps in certain services and how bring centre services can adapt to increasing densification of residential areas. The report should also examine existing barriers to expansion of services, including city bye-laws.”

Order. Move for report

9. A.O.B

A lot of businesses are dissatisfied with the roll out of bin bags and the lack of consultation **(MF)**

The overall condition of the city leaves a lot to be desired **(MF)**

Tony Flynn responded, we engaged with waste operators to find a solution to the ongoing problems of bagged waste. We have identified a collapsible receptacle that will hold bagged waste. The feedback this far has been positive. We will discuss with operators on how to alleviate customer concerns.

We are reviewing our current street cleaning service, we need over and above (resources) what we have during the tourist season.

Order: Noted

In attendance

Councillors

Members

Councillor Claire Byrne

Councillor Claire O'Connor

Paul Boylan, Dublin Chamber

Councillor Joe Costello

Councillor Mannix Flynn

Sally Starbuck, Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland

Councillor Carolyn Moore

Robert Moss, Public Participation Network

Councillor Naoise Ó'Muirí

Councillor Karl Stanley

Councillor Michael Watters

Absent

Councillor Janice Boylan

Trevor Clowry, Public Participation Network

Councillor John Lyons

Bernie Guinan, Association of Consulting Engineers of Ireland

Officials

Anthony Flynn, Executive Manager

Hugh Coughlan, Senior Executive Officer

Sabrina Dekker, Climate Action Co-Ordinator

Chris Carroll, Administrative Officer

Ciarán McGoldrick, Senior Staff Officer

Niamh, Sloyan, Staff Officer

Cllr Claire Byrne

Chair, Climate Action

Environment and Energy

Strategic Policy Committee

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