
MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6th SEPTEMBER 2023

1. Dublin City Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029

Member raised the following questions in relation to the report that was circulated

- Commended the report because it is easily accessible and concise **(CM)**
- Any indication when we might start to see some EV charging infrastructure **(CM)**
- 20 Mw of energy generated in the City. Does this factor in what households are able to achieve or is it what we can generate via DCC infrastructure **(CM)**
- We have to get bags off the streets **(CM)**
- There is no target given on waste reduction **(CM)**
- When will the pilot of the underground waste collection system take place **(CM)**
- Many of the actions are being delivered in silos, is there an overarching strategy to break this. **(CM)**
- There was over topping in Clontarf recently but the flood defence measures are not in place, there needs to be more urgency (DC)
- Planning permission should not be granted without some form of micro power generating (DC)
- Welcome the plan and we should get it out to consultation as soon as possible (NOM)
- Flood defences must be at the highest level in the plan, should be front and centre in the Resilient City piece (NOM)
- Can the Community Climate Action Officer's role be explained (AG)
- How will the emissions from incineration, waste water and producing water be captured (RM)
- How does the plan mesh/ nest or act subservient to the Devt Plan (and Planning policy in particular)? (SS)
- What is the timeline for public consultation & what is the nature of the proposed awareness-raising campaign - traditionally media, social media, and spokespeople? (JL)
- Will there be a target to increase tree canopy (TC)
- Has any consideration been given to leafletting transport hops (CS)
- What will be the role of the SPC in the roll out of the plan (CB)
- Can the DZs be moved into separate appendix
- Difference between DZs and resilient inner city
- Can members their networks to get the plan out to the public (CB)

Tony Flynn & Sabrina Dekker responded

- The Capital Programme has been reviewed and agreed with Finance a new flag will identify when a project is a climate related project and the level of finance being invested by DCC
- The 4 DLA's are almost ready to issue the tender for stage 2 of the EV charging strategy which will result in 250 charging points being installed.
- The bag bin scheme is working well and we hope to announce the first bag free city soon which can be replicated throughout the city
- The Senior Management Team are removing barriers to combat projects operating in silos
- We are endeavouring to speed up the delivery of projects
- We will make the flood defence element stronger
- We will circulate the structure of the Climate Action Office
- The Community Climate Action Officer will support local communities with climate action initiatives they may have. He will also manage the Climate Action Grant fund
- The Community Climate Action Officer will present to the next meeting of the SPC
- Incineration does not have a fossil fuel footprint
- Irish Water will be reporting on water emissions
- Public consultation will run from 15th September 2023 – 2nd November, there will be a number of public engagement events, e.g. Eat the Streets and a joint event will be held in the Mansion House with other Dublin Local Authorities.
- We will hold local events in libraries.
- We'll be pushing the plan out on social media and national press
- We intend to increase the tree canopy, it is difficult to quantify
- We will be advertising as much as possible.
- Periodic progress reports will issue to the SPC
- The resilient inner city is in place where as the DZs are in their infancy
- We are looking at how the DZs are highlighted in the plan

Order: Draft Plan Noted. Draft Plan to go out to public consultation

In attendance

Councillors

Members

Councillor Claire Byrne

Councillor Deborah Byrne

Councillor Claire O'Connor

Trevor Clowry, Public Participation Network

Councillor Mannix Flynn

Councillor John Lyons

Sally Starbuck, Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland

Councillor Carolyn Moore

Robert Moss, Public Participation Network

Councillor Naoise Ó'Muirí

Councillor Catherine Stocker

Also in attendance

Councillor Alison Gilliland

Councillor Donna Cooney

Absent

Councillor Janice Boylan

Paul Boylan, Dublin Chamber

Councillor Michael Watters

Officials

John Flanagan, Assistant Chief Executive & City Engineer

Anthony Flynn, Executive Manager

Derek Kelly, Executive Manager

Sabrina Dekker, Climate Action Co-Ordinator

Chris Carroll, Administrative Officer

Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer

Ciarán McGoldrick, Senior Staff Officer

Niamh, Sloyan, Staff Officer

Cllr Claire Byrne

Chair, Climate Action,

Environment and Energy

Strategic Policy Committee

7th September 2023