

## Meeting of the Traffic and Transport SPC

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Note on Item 2 Finance SPC request for discussion at the Traffic and Transport SPC on the issue of congestion charges for Dublin City

*Attended by Finance SPC members:* Lord Mayor Daithí de Róiste, Cllr. Seamas McGrattan, Philip O'Callaghan, Aidan Sweeney, Cllr Dermot Lacey, Cllr Paddy McCartan, Cllr. Fiona Connolly, Cllr Christy Burke

*Finance Officials:* Kathy Quinn and Mary Curran

The Chair of the Traffic and Transport SPC listed Congestion Charging as an agenda item for its meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> November. A summary of the discussion held is below

- Request that a small subcommittee be established between the two SPC's to concentrate on the discussion on congestion charges (CC) for Dublin City
- Request for a Report be prepared on CC
- A viable transport system is needed in the city before CC are considered
- Members don't believe it's a priority for this Government
- Support for a subcommittee as DCC need to prepare for this debate with Government as it is being discussed at all levels whether the SPC agree or not
- Small shops and city residents will be badly affected if its introduced and there is already an increase in parking charges
- DCC should not focus on CC when not introduced by Government
- There were 42 access routes to the city over the canal. There would be a high infrastructural cost in implementing this.
- DCC has the power to introduce Tolls Roads but with Government approval
- DCC could possibly make a charge on emissions in the city by introducing a Low Emission Zone and remove more pollutant vehicles
- Suggestion of a Pay per the Mile plan for the greater Dublin area
- Acknowledgement that there would be a lot of work involved in preparing a report on the subject and best to wait for the next SPC to take on board. It will be more effective to look at this several years from now.
- The majority of the Traffic and Transport SPC were not in favour of pursuing the congestion charge at this time.

**Agreed to:** Write to the Department of Transport to enquire if the DCC executive was involved with any of the Government working groups on the matter. Clarification was given that there is no representation from DCC.