

**ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & ENERGY STRATEGIC POLICY
COMMITTEE**

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH JUNE 2017 AT 5.00 P.M.

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson, Cllr. Ossian Smyth presided. In attendance were: Councillor Marie Baker, Councillor Cormac Devlin, Councillor Mary Fayne, Councillor Hugh Lewis, Councillor Seamas O'Neill, Councillor Carrie Smyth, Elizabeth Clooney, Diarmuid McAree and Denis Mulvey.

Officials in attendance were: Frank Austin (Director of Infrastructure and Climate Change), Austin Baines, (Senior Executive Officer, Infrastructure and Climate Change), Paul Buggy, (Senior Executive Engineer, Water and Drainage), Joseph Craig, Senior Executive Engineer, Water and Drainage, Kate Hynes (Administrative Officer, Environment Enforcement), and Joan Deering (Clerical Officer, Infrastructure and Climate Change).

- Paul Buggy presented the Draft River Basin Management Plan. The Draft Plan was approved by the Minister and following a 6 month consultation process the Final RBMP is due December 2017. The aim of the plan is to achieve good ecological status in all water bodies.

Following questions from members the Presentation was **NOTED**.

- Austin Baines gave a verbal update on Climate Change Adaption and Mitigation Plans. Austin informed the Committee members that Codema have been meeting with various key LA staff stakeholders across the Dublin Region and he invited the Committee members to an informal information meeting with other colleagues in the 4 Dublin S.P.C.'s to meet in the Dublin City Council Offices, Wood Quay on the 5th July 2017.

Following questions from Committee members the Update was **NOTED**.

- Kate Hynes made a presentation on RMCEI (Environment Inspection Plan). The plan covers the Environmental Enforcement activities of the Council in relation to waste, air and noise and relating to water bodies. Following questions from Councillors and Committee Members the Plan was **NOTED**.

- Austin Baines spoke on Designated Poster Areas. This item was referred from the Council to be discussed at this SPC. Austin asked Committee members to discuss with their colleagues the idea of having designated poster areas for election posters. A number of suggestions were raised and discussed by the committee.

Following questions from Councillors and members the Report was **NOTED**. It was **AGREED** that the members would consider this matter further with their party and sectoral colleagues and the matter be re listed for the next SPC meeting.

- Joseph Craig gave a presentation on the Coastal Defence Strategy Study 2010. The Strategy identifies the key risks and develops a framework for managing the risks relating to coastal defence issues. Joseph also outlined the coastal monitoring that is taking place.
- Following questions from Councillors and Committee Members the Study was **NOTED**.

The meeting concluded at 6.50 p.m.