

**MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**9 OCTOBER 2017**

**CHAIRPERSONS REPORT -TRANSPORTATION AND COUNTY WIDE MOVEMENT  
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin  
on Tuesday, 12 September 2017 at 5.00 pm**

Councillor Shay Brennan presided as Chairperson.

In attendance were Cllr. Liam Dockery, Councillor D. Donnelly, Cllr. Hugh Lewis, Cllr. Shane O'Brien, Cllr. Seamas O'Neill, Cllr. Ossian Smyth, Cllr. Barry Ward, Mr. G. Alken, Mr. K. Byrne, Mr. J. Colgan, Mr. J. Nolan.

Officials present were Martin Allidine (A/Director of Municipal Services), Padraig Watters (Senior Executive Engineer, Municipal Services) and Gerard Flaherty (Senior Executive Engineer, Municipal Services) Patricia Doherty, Administrative Officer, Eimear Lenahan Senior Staff Officer, Tom Byrne, Staff Officer, Patricia Howe, Assistant Staff Officer, Jennifer Finnerty, Clerical Officer and Kate Cao, Clerical Officer

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**Confirmation of Minutes**

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**Information Item Submitted by Members for Written Reply**  
**30kph Speed Limit**

"Has phase 2 of the 30kph rollout been planned and what timeline and areas will they focus on next?"

**Reply:**

"The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Road Traffic Special Speed Limit bye-laws were adopted in February 2017 with an implementation date of 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017. The 30km/h special speed limit is now in place in 742 housing estates and roads. Following a brief 'bedding in' period, monitoring of speeds has now begun on selected roads in housing estates. Monitoring will continue throughout the county on the 30km/h roads and on completion of monitoring, the data will be analyzed and a report will be compiled for the Council Area Committee Meetings.

There were a number of estates where the speed survey results, conducted in advance of the introduction of the 30km/h speed limit, indicated that speeds did not meet the Guidelines (*'Guidelines for setting and managing speed limits in Ireland'*, published by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, March 2015) and were higher than required to ensure that the new Speed Limit would be self-enforcing as required by the Guidelines.

It was considered that these estates would require further measures to achieve the required reductions in vehicle speeds. It was proposed to set up seven Pilot Schemes for additional speed surveys and monitoring. It was agreed at the February 2017 DLR County Council meeting, to pilot 'Slow Zone' measures in 7 estates across the County. Each pilot will include the erection of 'Speed Alert' signage and engagement and monitoring with the relevant Residents Association.

The estates selected were chosen in general as they had higher speeds recorded in recent surveys. Also, most of the seven selected areas for this pilot scheme have national schools in close proximity to where speed monitoring will be undertaken.

One speed alert sign has been procured for use within each selected estate and will be rotated between various locations within each estate over the duration. All of the housing estates selected currently have a 50km/h speed limit in place. The initial surveys of 6 months will provide baseline information for comparison purposes. The duration of the pilot is long enough to establish if a reduction in vehicle speeds is obtained and if this is maintained throughout.

Where the pilot schemes are successful in reducing vehicle speeds to achieve an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds of 30km/h or below, this will provide an evidence based approach to support the wider roll out of Slow Zones and additional 30km/h limits. It should be noted that following the completion and monitoring of the 7 pilot 'Slow Zone' estates, it is intended that other estates will be considered for measures.

In 2018 dlr County Council will be undertaken a review of all the speed limits throughout the Council, which combined with the monitoring of the new Speed Limit and further assessments will allow for consideration of further areas to be included under the 30Km/Hr. Special Speed Limit.

The rate of roll-out of further Schemes will be subject to buy-in from local residents as well as funding and resources being available."

### **Business submitted by Director of Services**

#### **GoCar Scheme Presentation**

A presentation was made to the Members by Darragh Genockey from Go Car outlining the principles of the Go Car programme. The members raised various questions that were addressed by Mr. Genockey.

The report was **NOTED**.

#### **Parking Bye-Laws**

'Ms. Patricia Doherty, Administrative Officer, Parking Control Unit, advised the members that following on from the recommendations of the Working Group, set up by the Transportation & County Wide SPC, the draft Parking Control Bye Laws (2017) has been circulated to members for their consideration. Comments and observations are requested by end September 2017 - to parking control email. It is intended to go to the ACM's and full Council, before public consultation. A policy document will also be circulated to members for their consideration with regard to other matters, also recommended by the working group'

The report was **NOTED**.

### **Stationless Bike Hire**

Gerry Flaherty, Senior Executive Engineer of the Traffic and Road Safety Section delivered a presentation to Members on a pilot Stationless Bike Share. The Members raised various questions that were addressed by Mr. Flaherty. Mr. Martin Alidine indicated that a further report would be brought to both Area Committees.

The report was **NOTED**.

### **Business Referred from the Council**

There was no business.

### **Business Referred from Corporate Policy Group**

There was no business.

### **Future Work Programme - Item for Consideration for Future Work Programme**

#### **Future Work Programme**

- Single yellow lines
- Zebra crossings
- Use of ramps in residential housing estates
- 30km speed limit within residential areas
- Promotion for the use of high vis jackets to pedestrians and cyclists
- Promotion of the coastal route within the Council

These items will be dealt with in future meetings of the SPC

Martin Allidine advised the group to refer their queries to him as he would like to be able to come back with the required information.

### **Zebra Crossings**

This matter will be addressed at the December SPC.

### **Correspondence**

Letter from Martin Allidine to Iarnrod Eireann regarding Portacabins in Dún Laoghaire DART station.

Correspondence was **NOTED**

### **Any other Business**

- DART/Woodbrook progress.
- Changes in bus network going forward.
- Transdev-Communicate with NTA.

### **Meeting conclusion**

The Meeting concluded at 6.20pm.