

TRANSPORTATION & COUNTY WIDE MOVEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday, 13th September 2016

COUNTY HALL

The Transportation & County Wide Movement Strategic Policy Committee Meeting was held in County Hall on 13th September 2016 and was attended by:

Councillors:

Cllr. S. Brennan, Cllr. J. Bailey, Cllr. J. Colgan, Cllr D. Donnelly, Cllr Cllr. P. Hand, Cllr. H. Lewis, Cllr. L. Mc Carthy, Cllr. S. O'Brien, Cllr. S. O'Neill, Cllr. O. Smyth,

Sectoral:

Development/Construction Sector

Pat Neill

Business/Commercial Sector

Community Voluntary Disadvantaged Forum

Environmental/Conservation/Cultural Sector

Clare Sullivan

Keith Byrne

Social Inclusion Sector

John Nolan

Council Officials:

Richard Shakespeare, Director of Services, John Broderick, A/Senior Engineer, Gerry Flaherty, Senior Executive Engineer, Pdraig Watters, Senior Executive Engineer, Martin Allidine, Senior Executive Officer, , Conor Geraghty, Executive Engineer, Tom Byrne, Staff Officer, Felicity Gill, Assistant Staff Officer

Apologies

Cllr. J. Colgan

Cllr. D. Kingston

Gregory Alkin

Tom Nolan

A vote of sympathy to Volunteer Coastguard Caitriona Lucas was passed.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 8th March 2016

The minutes of the Transportation and Countywide Movement SPC Meeting held on 7th June 2016 were proposed by Councillor J. Bailey and Seconded by Councillor D. Donnelly and **AGREED.**

Item 2 (a)

Information Items Submitted by Members for Written Reply

John Nolan

Question:

- "To ask the C E, to repaint all disabled car parking bays in high visible paint within this local authority's area and erect a pole at same. (Example: outside Milanos)"

Reply:

- "Disabled persons' parking bays are provided in accordance with the requirements of the Traffic Signs Manual published by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. The Manual states that the bays may also have blue surfacing applied within the limits of the bay and the Traffic and Road Safety Section applied this blue surfacing to the disabled bay outside "Milanos" on Crofton Road on a pilot basis. It is now intended to extend the use of this blue surfacing to other high usage bays in the main town centers in the County on a phased basis subject to funding availability. It is not proposed to apply this blue surfacing to disabled bays in residential housing estates. The provision of an upright Disabled Persons' Parking Information sign is not mandatory but can be considered in specific cases if deemed necessary.

Item 2 (b)

Information Items Submitted by Members for Written Reply

John Nolan

Question:

- "To ask the C E, where there are vertical disabled car parking bays, to provide a ramp for easy access to the footpath. (Example: Upper Marine Road)."

Reply:

- "In relation to the provision of a ramp for access to the footpath, the provision of dropped kerbs to enhance accessibility can be considered at any locations where accessibility is a problem."

Item 2 (c)

Information Items Submitted by Members for Written Reply

Keith Byrne

- "We need to ensure that progress is being made on the implementation of 30kph. This needs to be implemented across DLR with more urgency. A 30kph limit in residential, school, village, shopping and business areas has a very positive effect on walking and cycling safety and promotion. It is far more effective than focusing on PPE (Personal Protective Equipment e.g. high viz / helmets) for Vulnerable Road Users. Can you give an update on when and where the implementation of 30kph is in DLR and further plans for subsequent phased roll-outs."

Reply:

"Circular RSD 01/2014 as issued by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport obliges Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co. Council to carry out a review of speed limits within housing estates, with a view to introducing 30km/h speed limits where suitable.

DLRCC is also obliged to comply with the 'Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed limits in Ireland 2015' when carrying out this review.

The objective is to reduce vehicle speeds in housing estates so as to improve safety for all vulnerable road users.

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co. Council commenced this process in February 2015 with a public consultation to obtain submissions aimed at identifying residential estates for inclusion in the scheme and a report was brought back to the Councillors in April further to this consultation.

From August to October 2015, an assessment of housing estate roads, comprising of speed surveys and traffic counts was carried out in accordance with the new Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits and the Draft Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye Laws 2015 were developed.

In September 2015 a Workshop was held for Elected Members to give them an overview of the new Guidelines and also an update on progress to date was brought to the Transportation and Countywide Movement SPC.

In October 2015 reports were brought to both the Dundrum and Dun Laoghaire Area Committees (Municipal Services) to advise of the upcoming Statutory Public Consultation on the Draft Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-laws 2015

In October and November 2015 the Statutory Public Consultation on the Draft Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-laws was carried out.

In April and May 2016 the Report Further to the Statutory Public Consultation and the amended Draft Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-laws 2016 were brought back to both Area Committees (Municipal Services).

In June 2016 a further update Presentation was delivered to the Transportation and County Wide Movement Strategic Policy Committee.

As is evident from the above, considerable progress has been achieved by DLRCC on the implementation of the Department's Circular and it is now intended that the Draft Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-laws 2016 be brought to the County Council meeting in October 2016 for adoption."

Item 3

Business submitted by Director of Services

Trimleston Update – Special Parking Zone

A verbal report was presented at the Meeting and **NOTED**

Business Referred from the Council

Item 4

No Business

Item 5

Business Referred from the Corporate Policy Group

No Business

Item 6

Correspondence

No Business

Item 7

Future Work Programme –

Items for Consideration for Future Work Programme

Keith Byrne

- “Establishment of a full-time Cycling Officer in DLR to ensure that cycling needs are addressed adequately in meeting DLR’s Cycling Policy and the requirements of the National Cycling Policy.”
- Dodder Greenway

Item 8

Any Other Business

Traffic Restrictions policy in Residential estates (to be brought to the next SPC)

Meeting concluded at 18.20