

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & ENERGY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST JUNE 2018 AT 5.00 P.M.

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Cllr. Marie Baker presided. In attendance were: Cllr. Cormac Devlin; Cllr. Mary Fayne; Cllr. Sorcha Nic Cormaic; Cllr. Seamas O'Neill; Cllr. Barry Saul; Cllr. Carrie Smyth; Cllr. Alex White; Elizabeth Clooney; Marese Hegarty, Diarmuid McAree; Denis Mulvey.

Apologies: Cllr. Pat Hand, Chair, Cllr. Jennifer Cuffe

Officials in attendance were: Frank Austin (Director of Infrastructure, Climate Change & Energy); Austin Baines (Senior Executive Officer, Infrastructure, Climate Change & Energy); Paul Buggy, (Senior Executive Engineer, Water & Drainage), Shane McArdle (Sports Co-Ordinator, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership), Joan Deering (Clerical Officer, Infrastructure, Climate Change & Energy)

Ian Davis, PURE Project, (Protecting Uplands and rural environments) gave a presentation on the PURE Project which was established in 2006 to combat illegal dumping and fly-dumping in the Dublin / Wicklow Uplands.

Ian spoke on indicatives such as the Lo-call-phone-line, Covert CCTV and the availability of the PURE Truck. Environmental Awareness programmes include the Pure Mile, Information and works sheets on environmental education that are available to schools, Award Certificates, and multi-media environmental awareness.

Following questions from the Committee members the presentation was **NOTED**

Austin Baines gave an Update on the Draft Climate Change Action Plan. The Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment allocated funding to establish four Local Authority Regional Climate Action Offices. It is hoped a final draft of the plan will be available for a SPC meeting towards the end of the year with a view to a January 2019 public consultation time frame. Following public consultation any inclusions will be brought to a Feb/March SPC and subsequent Council meeting.

The Update was **NOTED**.

Paul Buggy, Senior Executive Engineer gave an Update on the River Basin Management Plan to members. The primary goal is that the all water bodies achieve/maintain good ecological status. DLR secured funding from the European Commission Life Programme. Two projects were selected (1) The little Dargle and Slang Rivers will be investigated and pollution removed. (2) The Carrickmines and Cabinteely Streams will be investigated and pollution removed. A Section 85 agreement to implement this project between DLR and South Dublin County Council will be brought to the July Council meeting.

Paul spoke on misconnections in the County.

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

Shane McArdle, Sports Co-Ordinator, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership, gave a presentation on the development of the County Sports Participation Strategy 2018 – 2022. Shane introduced Pat Smith who is the new Chairperson of the Sports Partnership Board.' This is an interagency Plan to maximise available resources to increase participation in physical activity and sport in the County. The key area of work are Information Provision, Education and Training, and Targeted Programmes & Events. The next steps include input and thoughts from SPC members, presentation to both Area Committees in September and the Launch in October.

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

Date of next SPC Meeting to be confirmed.

The meeting concluded at 7 p.m.