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Tuesday 29th November 2022

To Each Member of the Transport & Infrastructure Management Strategic
Policy Committee

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the Transport & Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy
Committee will be held in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords at
4.30 pm on Tuesday, 6th December, 2022 to consider the following
Agenda:

Yours Faithfully

Nikki Halleran
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services

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A G E N D A

- 1** Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Transport and Infrastructure Management SPC held on 05th September 2022
- 2** Review of Work Programme 2022 and Proposed Work Programme 2023

MOTIONS

- 4** Councillor A. Graves - Western Distributor Road - AI085721
“That the Chief Executive provides a report on what progress has been made on the Western Distributor Road, the Orbital/Ring Road detailing how they work together in relation to providing sustainable transport, active travel measures and ensuring a road infrastructure that will meet the current and future needs.”
- 5** Councillor T. O'Leary - Map Based format - Traffic Data for Councillors and the Public - AI085726
“That the Chief Executive scopes out a system that makes available all current traffic count statistics (cars and vehicles specifically) in a user friendly map based format, so that Councillors and the public have transparency on the traffic counts in their area, towns and villages on the key streets and approach roads to those towns to enable Councillors and the public to be fully informed and engage in decisions and debate as the Council rolls out Active Travel measures and plans across the County and to carry out an audit to update any out of date data and bring back a report to this Strategic Policy Committee.”

Agenda Item 1

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Monday 5th September 2022

Present:

Elected Members

Cllr Tom O'Leary – Chairperson
Cllr Angela Donnelly
Cllr Ann Graves
Cllr Eoghan O'Brien
Cllr Karen Power

Non-Elected Members

Officials Present

David Storey, Director of Services, Paul Smyth, Senior Executive Officer, Sinead Murphy, Senior Engineer, Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Martina O Connor, Administrative Officer, Patricia Kennedy, Senior Staff Officer.

TSPC/15/22

CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Transportation & Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy Committee meeting held virtually on 7th June 2022 which had been circulated were submitted. The Minutes as submitted were **APPROVED** as a true record.

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor Tom O Leary and seconded by Councillor A. Graves and **RESOLVED**:

"That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on the 7th June 2022 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

TSPC/16/22

Review of the Allocation Policy for Allotments

Patricia Kennedy, Senior Staff Officer gave a presentation outlining the proposed revisions of the current Allotments Allocation Policy being introduced to streamline the annual allocation process of approximately 900 allotments. The policy includes allocating plots using a lottery system and discontinuing the practice of allocating multiple plots to individual applicants.

Following the presentation questions raised by the Members were responded to.

The presentation was NOTED.

TSPC/17/22

Coolmine and Estuary Recycling Centres – A Review of Pricing and the Provision of a Free Bulky Waste Service

Paul Smyth, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation on the Review of Pricing at the Council's Recycling Centres and the provision of a Free Bulky Waste Service.

Mr Smyth responded to questions raised and noted the observations made by the Members. The members requested the presentation be given to each of the Area Committees.

The Presentation was NOTED.

TSPC/18/22

The following Motion in the name of Councillor K. Power was proposed by Councillor K. Power and seconded by Councillor T. O' Leary.

"That the Chief Executive fully examine how and what measures are needed to provide Active Travel infrastructure in Loughshinny and provide a comprehensive report to this Strategic Policy Committee."

Report:

The Active Travel Unit currently has a large programme of works throughout the county that has been identified and funded through the NTA. These works include walking/cycling infrastructure, bicycle parking facilities, public realm through our Towns and Villages, Safer Routes to School Programmes among other initiatives. Over the past twelve months the Active Travel Team has commenced with a number of these projects throughout the county including the inclusion of new bicycle parking facilities in the Loughshinny area as well as other areas in the county. The Active Travel team in collaboration with the other departments in Fingal are incorporating active travel measures into all new schemes and

infrastructure improvements where possible. Other initiatives introduced in the last twelve month include our Bleeper bikes and the expansion of our pedal assist electric Tier bikes across the county. This provides people with an alternative mode of transport for the short journey and has opened up avenues for people who previously have not cycled to experience a more active travel mode. This is assisting the behavioural change aspect of our journey and the acceptance of a more active travel environment in our local areas. We continue to review the active travel opportunities in all areas of the county including Loughshinny, particularly in the context of strategic plans promoted by the NTA and the associated funding.

Sinead Murphy, Senior Engineer responded to questions raised by the Members and suggested that specific infrastructure requests might be best raised on the agenda of an Area Committee Meeting.

The Report was NOTED.

The SPC Meeting concluded at 18.07pm

Signed:

Chairperson

Date



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Mary T. Daly, Director of Operations and Water

David Storey, Director for Active Travel

SPC Approved Work Programme 2022



- Fingal Allotment Allocation Policy
- Burial Ground Bye-Laws –
- Review of Fingal Harbour Bye-Laws
- Review of Beach Bye-Laws
- Updates on Pay Parking and Speed Limits.
- Active Travel Policy 2022

Update - Work Programme 2022



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Item	Update
Fingal Allotment Allocation Review	Approved by SPC September 2022
Burial Ground Bye-Laws	Bye-Laws review and public consultation completed and draft bye-laws to go to March SPC and full Council in April 2023 for approval
Update on Pay Parking & Speed Limits	Road Safety Authority Annual County Figures – Road Fatalities and Serious Injuries – June 2022
Review of Pricing in the Recycling Centres and Provision of a Free Bulky Waste Service	Review presented to Transportation and Infrastructure SPC, Climate and Environment SPC and Area Committees. Report to Council Q1 2023
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Update Work Programme 2022



Item	Update
Review of Beach & Foreshore Bye-Laws	Scheduled for Q1 2023
Review of Fingal Harbour Bye-Laws	Council engaged to review Bye-Laws
Active Travel Policy 2022	• Active Travel Strategy (March 2022) • Draft Council Control of Stationless On-Street Bike Hire Bye-Laws (June 2022) • Update on Active Travel Works – June 2022 (June 2022) • Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Implementation Plan (March 2022)
File Name	Dept. Name



Draft Work Programme 2023 Proposals for Consideration by SPC

- Final Burial Ground Bye-Laws –
Recommendation by SPC to Full Council
- Review of Fingal Harbour Bye-Laws
- Review of Beach Foreshore Bye-Laws
- Implementation of Casual Trading Bye Laws
Update
- **Active Travel Proposed Work Programme ???**
- **Dave Storey to update**

Questions and Proposals from SPC Members



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TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2022

ITEM NO. 4

Western Distributor Road

Motion: Cllr A. Graves

That the Chief Executive provides a report on what progress has been made on the Western Distributor Road, the Orbital/Ring Road detailing how they work together in relation to providing sustainable transport, active travel measures and ensuring a road infrastructure that will meet the current and future needs."

Report:

The Swords Western Distributor Road is an objective of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 and the draft Plan 2023-2029. It is also a recommendation of the South Fingal Transport Study and the Sustainable Swords strategy. Its development will provide a new alternative route for all modes of traffic and, crucially, it will facilitate the development of active travel and public realm interventions on Swords Main Street.

A procurement competition is currently underway to procure a consultant to progress a number of projects in Swords, and it is likely that the Distributor Road project will be one of the first projects to be assigned.

In line with the recommendations of the South Fingal Transport Study, it is expected that the northwestern quadrant will be prioritised initially, i.e. the section from Oldtown/Mooretown to the R132/Metrolink Park+Ride at Lissenhall. The project will be brought through the standard project phases which includes significant local consultation, environmental assessment and stakeholder

engagement. When the consultant has been appointed, a project briefing will be arranged to update the local elected members of further progress.

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 6th December 2022

ITEM NO. 5

Map Based Format- Traffic Data for Councillors and the Public

Motion: Cllr T. O' Leary

"That the Chief Executive makes available all current traffic count statistics (cars and vehicles specifically) in a user friendly map based format, so that councillors and the public have transparency on the traffic counts in their area, towns and villages on the key streets and approach roads to those towns to enable Councillors and the public to engage in informed decisions and debate as the Council rolls out Active Travel measures and plans across Fingal and to carry out an audit to update any out of date data."

Report:

The purpose of traffic counts and other data gathering is to inform the professional traffic engineers and the road design engineers in their assessment, design and implementation of traffic interventions and other measures that they need to consider. These would include, for example, the provision of traffic signals, pedestrian crossings, traffic calming, construction of new roads etc., to mention but a small number of activities undertaken by the engineering team. The data gathered is analysed and interpreted by the professional engineers in the context of these activities and applied to engineering principles and design standards.

The level of work involved in developing a map-based system would be considerable, staff intensive and would need to be scoped out in detail before a commitment is made to undertaking any such work. The benefits of undertaking such a project would need to be considered as part of any such detailed assessment. The Council's initial view is that it would be neither reasonable nor practicable, especially from a staffing perspective, for all this information to be

made available as an all-encompassing overview in the manner suggested. The Councillors can rest assured that it will continue to be the practice that when any new projects, traffic calming schemes, active travel measures are proposed and presented to Councillors that they are backed up by evidence and data gathered from these traffic counts and the salient data is assessed, summarised as part of the presentation.