



Comhairle Cathrach
& Contae **Luimnigh**

Limerick City
& County Council

7th December, 2021.

To the Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

**Chairperson's Report of the Travel & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting
of 14th December, 2021.**

The Chair, Cllr. Leddin opened the Meeting.

Item 1: Adopt Minutes of Travel and Transportation SPC Meeting of the 19th October 2021

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee held on the 19th October were proposed by Cllr. Foley, seconded by Cllr. Ryan and adopted.

Item 2: EV Charging Strategy Preparation (Brendan Kidney)

Mr. Kidney delivered a presentation on the proposed EV charging Strategy outlining the background, the national targets and the targets for the transport sector under the Climate Action Plan 2021. He explained the electrification of the Local Authority fleet and the next steps in drafting an EV strategy for Limerick.

The Chair thanked Mr. Kidney for the presentation and opened the floor to discussion and questions. In Response to questions, Mr. Kidney added the following:

- When locations for charging points are identified, a review will be undertaken to see if it is physically possible to install at these locations while ensuring that it does not cause street clutter particularly for people with visual impairments.
- Charging points will not necessarily be located on public streets; - public buildings and parks will also be examined. 80% of charging will be done at home and public charging stations will only used when necessary.
- It is anticipated that a draft strategy will be rolled out in the first quarter of 2022 to be followed by a further update to Members.
- As part of LSMATS mobility hubs will be part of the strategy in the larger urban areas. Charging points at petrol stations will also be considered and encouraged in the Strategy. The Council will examine if the Park & Ride sites are suitable sites for charging and will also work with private entities such as supermarkets etc.

Item 3: Delivery Strategy for City – A look at best practice elsewhere (Karen McDonnell)

Ms. McDonnell delivered a presentation on the Parcel Delivery Strategy for the city outlining the project aims under the draft LSMATS and the draft Limerick Development Plan. She also gave examples of public and private led initiatives drawn from case studies and outlined the next steps in preparing a draft Delivery Strategy for Limerick.

The Chair thanked Ms. McDonnell for the presentation and opened the floor to questions and comments.

The Members thanked and commended Ms. Mc Donnell on the presentation and fully supported the initiative.

In response to questions, Ms. McDonnell confirmed that in developing the strategy, the timing of deliveries will certainly be examined and also the needs of the retailers

Item 4: Park Magic Disabled Parking App (Brian Kennedy)

Mr. Kennedy delivered a presentation on the Disabled Parking Park Magic App adding that it is Ireland's first real time system for locating and navigating to Disabled parking spaces. He explained that the app was launched last week in conjunction with the Disabled Drivers Association Ireland (DDAI). Mr. Kennedy explained the working and technology of the app and the disabled parking spaces on the app's map.

The Chair thanked Mr. Kennedy for the presentation and opened the floor to questions. The Members congratulated Mr. Kennedy and his team and welcomed the initiative.

Mr. Kennedy thanked the Members for the positive feedback and also added the following:

- He invited Members to contact the executive if there are any areas with a deficit of disabled parking spaces on the App., and he will bring that back to the Traffic Management Team to address.
- The format used to launch the App was to firstly issue a press release a couple of weeks ago and then to bring the app to the attention of the SPC today to notify all Members.
- The App will provide real time information that can be used to plan for the future. The Council is certainly interested in rolling it out further outside the central business district - to the rest of the metro and the rest of the municipal districts, where there are disabled parking spaces.
- There is interest in rolling this out on a national basis and the Minister is very keen to progress.

Item 5: Connecting Ireland – Rural Mobility Plan (Peter Williams)

Mr. Williams delivered a presentation on the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility plan explaining why it is needed and the benefits of the plan. He outlined the enhanced rural mobility public transport plan for Limerick with the rollout of new and improved services expected to happen on a phased basis from 2022 to 2025.

The Chair thanked Mr. Williams for his presentation and opened the floor to comments. The Members thanked Mr. Williams for the very positive presentation. Mr. Gallagher also added that the idea of public transport increasing frequency and creating new services on the lesser routes over the next number of years is very welcome.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Chairperson of the Travel & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee