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Overview of UTRAP Meetings

Urban Transport-Related Air Pollution (UTRAP)

Working Group

2022

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Meeting No. 1	
Meeting Date	11/12/2019
In attendance were representatives from	Department of Health, Department of Finance, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, National Transport Authority, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Environment Protection Agency, Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council, Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann, Health Services Executive, Road Safety Authority and Climate Action Regional Office.
Agenda items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Terms of Reference• Presentations• Discussion• AOB• Next meeting
Presentations	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Air Quality in Ireland, Context and Legislation presentation – DECC;2. Urban Air Quality Monitoring of Dublin – EPA;3. Overview of the Transport Sector – DoT;4. Meeting the Challenges of Air Quality Management – DCC; and5. Air Quality and Human Health – HSE.
Key discussion points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The role of diffusion tubes – a potential cheap and useful technique to validate models and as a metric to indicate the impact of future mitigation measures.• The collection of data on transport related air pollutant emissions to be mainstreamed into broader transport related research and emission projects.



Meeting No. 2	
Meeting Date	22/01/2020
In attendance were representatives from	Department of Health; Department of Finance; National Transport Authority; Transport Infrastructure Ireland; Environmental Protection Agency; Dublin City Council; South Dublin City Council; Dublin Bus; Bus Éireann; Road Safety Authority; and Climate Action Regional Office.
Agenda items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Minutes of last meeting• Revised ToRs• Presentations• Discussion• Date of next meeting• AOB
Presentations	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Irish Traffic-Related Air Quality – DoT;2. Air Quality monitoring – EPA; and3. Air Quality modelling – EPA.
Key discussion points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LIFE project – the information that could be gained from this;• The sharing of information, including on rail operation patterns in urban stations and available traffic data, for possible inclusion in air quality models;• The possibility of researchers from the Local Authorities liaising with Department researchers;• The progression of Dublin Port transport-related air pollutant emissions source apportionment study by EPA and DoT.• Communication of air quality data with the public.



Meeting No. 3	
Meeting Date	27/02/2020
In attendance were representatives from	Department of Finance; National Transport Authority; Transport Infrastructure Ireland; Environmental Protection Agency; Dublin City Council; South Dublin City Council; Dublin Bus; Road Safety Authority; and Climate Action Regional Office.
Agenda items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Minutes of last meeting• Presentations• Discussion• Date of next meeting• AOB
Presentations	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Vehicle standards and technology – RSA;2. Overview of car stock model – DoT;3. The NOx tax component of the VRT – DoF;4. The transition of the public transport fleets to low emission technologies – NTA.
Key discussion points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Possibility of testing vehicles for DPF removal at NCT/CVRT stations• Trials for alternative fuelled vehicles to inform pathway of the NTA.• Ways to improve air quality and fuel economy.



Meeting No. 4	
Meeting Date	23/06/2020
In attendance were representatives from	Department of Finance; Department of Public Expenditure and Reform; National Transport Authority; Transport Infrastructure Ireland; Environmental Protection Agency; Dublin City Council; South Dublin City Council; Road Safety Authority; and Climate Action Regional Office:
Agenda items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Minutes of the last meeting• Key Transport Infrastructure (Location specific challenges)• Potential Role of Demand Management• Progress Review Discussion• Date of next meeting• AOB
Presentations	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. M50 and Port Tunnel updates and initiatives –TII;2. Fleet Transition and Air Quality Monitoring –Irish Rail; and3. Potential Role of Demand Management – Study and Measures – Systra.
Key discussion points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• variable speed limits across our national motorways and how this would impact positively on NO2 levels.• The potential of creating a park and ride strategy for M50.• It was suggested to develop and implement air quality studies relating to impact of heavy rail emissions within the vicinity of Irelands urban railway terminals.• The commission of a feasibility study to look at possibility of installing shore-side electricity in railway stations to eliminate engine idling.



Meeting No. 5	
Meeting Date	29/01/2021
In attendance were representatives from	Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Environment Protection Agency, Dublin City Council, Dublin Bus and Climate Action Regional Office.
Agenda items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Minutes of last meeting• Feedback on Interim Report and Recommendations• Progress review of Demand Management Study• Dublin Air Quality Management Plan• Next Steps• Date of next meeting• AOB
Presentations	N/A
Key discussion points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Systra Interim Report going through approval process should be completed in April• UTRAP Group to remain for oversight of recommendations and a forum for sharing information.• Timelines for Air Quality Management Plan and the resources that need to be considered in the delivery of the plan• Clean Vehicles Directive public consultation has completed and drafting will begin shortly



Meeting No. 6	
Meeting Date	24/03/2021
In attendance were representatives from	Department of Health; Department of Finance; Department of Public Expenditure and Reform; National Transport Authority; Transport Infrastructure Ireland; Environmental Protection Agency; Dublin City Council; South Dublin City Council; Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council; Fingal County Council; Dublin Bus; Road Safety Authority; and Climate Action Regional Office.
Agenda items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Minutes of last meeting• Update on Interim Report• Update on Dublin Air Quality Management Plan• Update on the Park & Ride Strategy• Report recommendations• Next Steps• Date of next meeting• AOB
Presentations	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Park & Ride Strategy - NTA5. Systra Demand Management Study- Systra
Key discussion points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interim Report sent to Minister, for approval.• Meeting set for the 4 Dublin LAs regarding implementation of AQ Plan• Discussions on modelling which is required by EU to support the action plan• Overview of the Park and Ride Strategy, NPF and charging infrastructure.• Proposed recommendations tracker to issue to all stakeholders• Phase one of Systra 5 Cities Demand Management Report discussed.



Meeting No. 7	
Meeting Date	20/05/2021
In attendance were representatives from	Department of Finance; National Transport Authority; Transport Infrastructure Ireland; Environmental Protection Agency; Dublin City Council; South Dublin City Council; Dublin Bus; Road Safety Authority; and Climate Action Regional Office.
Agenda items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Minutes of last meeting• Update on status/ progress on recommendations from the interim report• Update on Dublin Air Quality Management Plan• Next Steps• Date of next meeting• AOB
Key discussion points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Importance of Recommendations tracker from individual stakeholders• Phase two of Systra Demand Management Study should be completed by late summer.• Update on AQ Plan from DCC LA• New governance structure for the Dublin Air Quality Management Plan• An overview of the processes involved in modelling – NTA, EPA & Systra to discuss further.• discussion was had on modelling and what was required for AQ Action Plan.• Phase 2 of the report to be finalised once the Demand Management Study is completed.



Meeting No. 8	
Meeting Date	04/11/2021
In attendance were representatives from	Department of Finance; National Transport Authority; Transport Infrastructure Ireland; Environmental Protection Agency; Dublin City Council; South Dublin City Council; Dublin Bus; Bus Éireann; Road Safety Authority; and Climate Action Regional Office.
Agenda items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Minutes of last meeting• Update on status/ progress on recommendations from the interim report• Update on Dublin Air Quality Management Plan• Overview of 5 Cities Demand Management Study• Upcoming Reports• Next Steps• Date of next meeting• AOB
Key discussion points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Importance of Recommendations tracker from individual stakeholders.• DCC LA gave an outline Dublin's Air Quality Plan• Overview of 5 Cities Demand Management Study by DoT.• Importance of the three reports due to be published in the coming months as these will feed into final report:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Transport Strategy2. EPA Air Quality Report3. SYSTRA Report• DECC and DoT to work on a discussion document which will help to inform the development of the final report. Document to be circulated in early 2022.• Discussion in relation to the next steps for UTRAP after the final report is published.



Meeting No. 9	
Meeting Date	25/02/2021
In attendance were representatives from	Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Environment Protection Agency, Dublin City Council, Dublin Bus, Irish Rail, HSE and Climate Action Regional Office.
Agenda items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Minutes of last meeting & Actions• Preparation of the final report<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Format and approachb) Materials required – policy updates etc.c) Updates on recommendationsd) New suggested recommendations• Date of next meeting• AOB
Presentations	N/A
Key discussion points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Importance of Recommendations tracker from individual stakeholders• Report needs to maintain focus on Air Quality. Report is not to be seen as a Carbon report.• DECC & DoT to work on first draft of the Final Report• Discussion in relation to the next steps for UTRAP after the final report is published.



Meeting No. 10	
Meeting Date	07/04/2021
In attendance were representatives from	Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Environment Protection Agency, Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council, Dublin Bus, Irish Rail, Road Safety Authority, HSE and Climate Action Regional Office.
Agenda items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Minutes of last meeting & Actions• Overview of proposed structure of final reports- 2 document approach• Updating of Interim report• Discussion of synthesis report• Proposed future of the Group• Finalise approach and assign responsibilities• AOB
Presentations	N/A
Key discussion points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structure of the Final report was discussed and agreed – 2 document Report• DECC & DoT to work on first draft of the Final Report• Discussion in relation to the next steps for UTRAP after the final report is published.• Possibility of group being renamed and reporting under CAS once Final report is published