

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

9 JANUARY 2017

Chairperson's Report

**Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee
held in the Annex, County Hall, Dunlaoghaire, Co. Dublin
on Wednesday, 7 December 2016 at 5.00 pm**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Daly, Kevin
Hanafin, Mary
Kennedy, John
McCarthy, Lettie

Councillors:

O'Brien, Peter
O'Callaghan, Denis
Ward, Barry

Councillor Barry Ward presided as Chairperson

Apologies were received from Cllr.Emma Blain, Cllr. Kate Feeney, Cllr. Shane O'Brien, Rosheen Calendar, Tom Kivlehan, Sean O'Neill and Fardus Sultan.

SECTORIAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Ann Marie Walsh, Dr. Josephine Browne and Aileen Eglington

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Dearbhla Lawson (Director of Services, Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department), Mary Ruane, (Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department), Dave Lawless (Administrative Officer, Local Enterprise Office), Georgina Sweetnam (Acting Head of Enterprise Local Enterprise Office). Mariea Mullally (Enterprise Executive, Economic, Community and Cultural Development)

Confirmation of minutes

Minutes of the previous Economic Development & Enterprise SPC meeting on 22nd September 2016, were proposed by Councillor Denis O'Callaghan and seconded by Councillor Kevin Daly

Matters arising (if any)

None.

Information items submitted by Members for written reply (If any)

None.

Business submitted by the Director of Services

Presentation by Future Analytics Consulting Ltd. on Dublin Regional Enterprise Strategy

John Kehoe, Future Analytics, gave a presentation on the Dublin Regional Economic Strategy. A copy of the presentation was circulated and the Dublin Regional Enterprise Strategy had been circulated in advance.

A wide discussion took place during which Dearbhla Lawson and Georgina Sweetnam responded to questions and comments from SPC members.

Dearbhla Lawson asked for an action to include reference to 'promotion of the growth and investment opportunities within the Strategic Development Zones in the Region', and suggested amendments to include reference to the Sandyford Business District in the document

Subject to the above amendments being included, the members of the SPC **approved** the Strategy. It was proposed by the Chairperson and all agreed to refer the Dublin Regional Enterprise Strategy to the January meeting of the County Council for **Noting** with the approval of the SPC

Progress report on the Local Economic & Community Plan.

Dave Lawless, Administrative Officer, gave a progress update on the implementation of the Local Economic and Community Plan to November 2016. A copy of a progress report was circulated.

Presentation by Future Analytics Consulting Ltd. on the proposal to develop and formulate the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Tourism Strategy & Marketing Plan 2017 - 2022

John Kehoe, Future Analytics gave a presentation on the proposed Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown Tourism Strategy and Marketing Plan.

A copy of the presentation was circulated. A general discussion took place during which Dearbhla Lawson responded to Members queries and comments and the presentation was **Noted**.

Proposed Business Briefing Session on the subject of Brexit.

Georgina Sweetnam, Acting Head of Enterprise, discussed proposals to host a meeting with Business Associations to discuss Brexit and other issues. A discussion followed. It was **agreed** that all members will be kept informed about the event.

(a) Draft SPC Work Programme for 2017

Dearbhla Lawson, Director, Economic Community & Cultural Development presented a proposed 2017 Work Programme for the ED&E SPC. It was acknowledged that the programme is comprehensive. The programme was **approved**.

Business referred from the Council (if any)

A Report on the Council Twinning Programme was referred to this SPC from Council at their November 17th Meeting. The Economic Development & Enterprise SPC is the Committee responsible for Twinning in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. The report was produced following a proposal by An Cathaoirleach Cllr Cormac Devlin at the October Council meeting.

A wide-ranging discussion took place regarding Twinning in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. It was **agreed** that a report be produced which would examine Twinning and its context for further consideration by the SPC, with a view to establishing a policy on Twinning/friendship agreements for this Council.

It was also **requested** that any Members with views for consideration regarding Twinning should forward same to the Director.

Business referred from the Corporate Policy Group (if any)

None

Any other business

Content for a dlr Marketing Brochure was circulated. Some amendments and changes were requested all of which were **noted**.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the ED&E SPC was confirmed for **23rd March 2017** in the **Annex**, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

Conclusion of Meeting

The meeting concluded at approximately 6:50pm.