

**MONTHLY MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**12 April 2021**

**Chairperson's Report from Economic Development & Enterprise SPC 10th  
December 2020**

**PRESENT**

**Councillors:**

Cllr Shay Brennan  
Cllr Michael Clark (Chair)  
Cllr Eva Elizabeth Dowling  
Cllr Mary Fayne  
Cllr Michael Fleming  
Cllr Jim Gildea  
Cllr Séafra Ó Faoláin  
Cllr Denis O'Callaghan  
Cllr Juliet O'Connell  
Cllr Barry Saul  
Cllr Donal Smith  
Cllr Lorraine Hall  
Cllr Denis O'Callaghan  
Cllr Juliet O'Connell  
Cllr Séafra Ó Faoláin  
Cllr Barry Saul  
Cllr Donal Smith

**SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

Dr Josephine Browne  
John O'Toole  
Mark Scott-Lennon

**Apologies:**

Councillor John Kennedy  
Conor Battigan  
Aileen Eglinton  
Fardus Sultan

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Helena Cunningham (Director of Finance & Economic Development), Owen Laverty (Head of Economic Development and Enterprise), Ursula O'Connor (Administrative Officer, Economic Development), Dave Lawless (Administrative Officer, Tourism Development), Róisín Cronin (Senior Staff Officer, Economic Development)

**Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of September 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 were proposed by Cllr Denis O'Callaghan, seconded by Dr Josephine Browne and adopted.

**Matters arising (if any)**

None.

**Information items submitted by Members for written reply (if any)**

(i) What plans/strategy and supports does DLR County Council and DLR LEO have to encourage and promote Digital Start Ups in DLR?

Submitted by Dr. Josephine Browne.

Response was circulated and noted.

**Business submitted by the Director of Services**

**(i) Presentation by Cynthia Nikitin** – Ms Nikitin provided a presentation on the importance of placemaking as an economic development strategy for future development. She emphasised the significance of public and stakeholder involvement in the process, and outlined how creating public spaces can have economic, social and health benefits. Ms Nikitin responded to a number of queries. Members thanked Ms Nikitin for her comprehensive presentation.

**(ii) Update on Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit activities** - Owen Laverty, Head of Enterprise and Economic Development , outlined the response of the Local Enterprise Office and the Economic Development Unit to Covid 19, noting in particular the increase in funding provided to business and the rise in mentoring and business advice services provided.

**(iii) Tourism Development update** - An update was provided by Dave Lawless, Tourism Development Officer.

**Business referred from the Council (if any)**

None.

**Business referred from the Corporate Policy Group (if any)**

None.

**Future Work Programme**

(i) Report on Street Art (circulated) – agreed.

(ii) Report on eCommerce Artist Alleyway – agreed.

**Any other business**

There being no further business, the Chairperson thanked all staff involved in Local Enterprise, Economic Development and Tourism Development activities for their work during a challenging year, and declared the meeting closed.