

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on Thursday June 23rd 2022 at 5.00 pm

Chairperson's Report

PRESENT

Councillors:

Cllr Shay Brennan

Cllr Michael Clark

Cllr Eva Elizabeth Dowling

Cllr Mary Fayne

Cllr Kate Feeney (Chair)

Cllr Michael Fleming

Cllr Jim Gildea

Cllr Lorraine Hall

Cllr John Kennedy

Cllr Denis O'Callaghan

Cllr Juliet O'Connell

Cllr Séafra Ó Faoláin

Cllr Senan Sexton

Sectoral Representatives:

Aileen Eglington

Dr. Josephine Browne

Ger Corbett

John O'Toole

Fardus Sultan

OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

Councillor Feeney opened the meeting by welcoming Councillor Sexton to his first meeting of the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC. She also thanked Councillor Michael Clark for his stewardship of the SPC during his time as Chairperson.

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of March 24th 2022 were proposed by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor O'Callaghan and adopted.

Matters arising (if any)

None.

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

(i) Councillor Denis O'Callaghan:

To ask for a progress report on strategic objectives 3 and 3.1 of the Regional Enterprise Plan to 2024. That Dublin will become a "City of Inclusion" especially for people from marginalised and disadvantaged communities.

Response:

The Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan to 2024 was launched on 1st April 2022 by An Tánaiste, Leo Varadkar in TU Dublin Blanchardstown. We are currently working on the establishment of 'Working Groups' who will be responsible for driving the implementation of the actions in the Plan to 2024. Working group members will comprise of relevant stakeholders whose

expertise and experience will support the implementation of Strategic Objective 3 and Action 3.1. This working group will report on progress to the overall REP Steering Committee who are responsible for the governance, monitoring and oversight of the REP at a strategic level.

The Regional Enterprise Plans to 2024 implementation guide is set out by the Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment (DETE) whereby interim and final progress reporting on implementation of the Regional Enterprise Plan is at mid-point of 2023 and end of 2024.

The response was noted.

Business submitted by the Director of Services

(i) Presentation on Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan – Caroline Power, Programme Manager, Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan, delivered a presentation on the Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan. She outlined the process that led to the development of the plan, and summarised the vision contained in the plan. Ms Power noted the stakeholders involved and stated that during the current implementation phase, efforts would be made to involve more private sector stakeholders.

A discussion followed, and Ms Power agreed to raise with the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, members' request that elected representatives be involved in the Steering Group. She also agreed to clarify a query in relation to ICTU involvement in the initial process.

(ii) FULL Management Capability Programme –Owen Laverty, Head of Economic Development and Enterprise, delivered a presentation during which he explained why Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council had decided to develop the programme. A discussion followed, during which Mr Laverty answered members' questions.

(iii) Presentation on Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Twinning Programme – Dave Lawless, dlr's Tourism Officer gave an overview of the Council's Twinning Programme, noting that the framework had been developed at the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC. He emphasised the strong community element to relations, with music and sports constituting a central element to many of the interactions. It is hoped to engage more schools locally in the programme in the future. A number of members spoke following the presentation, noting the importance of these arrangements, and the importance of developing new links.

Business referred from the Council (if any)

None.

Business referred from the Corporate Policy Group (if any)

None.

Future Work Programme

There was no business.

Any other business

A number of members spoke to congratulate Councillor Feeney and to wish her well in her new role as Chairperson of the SPC.

Date of next meeting – Thursday September 22nd 2022.