

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held in The Council Chamber, County Hall, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire on Tuesday 30th November 2017 at 5.00 pm

Chairperson's Report

PRESENT

Councillors:

Kevin Daly
Liam Dockery
Mary Hanafin

Councillors:

Kennedy, John
Shane O'Brien
Denis O'Callaghan
Barry Ward

Councillor Barry Ward presided as Chairperson.

Apologies: Councillors Melisa Halpin, Lettie McCarthy

SECTORIAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Dr. Josephine Browne, Rosheen Callender, Miriam Hennessy, Anne-Marie Walsh,
Fardus Sultan

Apologies: Aileen Eglinton, Sean O'Neill

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Helena Cunningham (Director of Finance & Economic Development), Owen Lavery (Head of Enterprise) David Lawless (Administrative Officer, Corporate, Communications & Governance) Eoin Roche, (A/Senior Staff Officer, Finance & Economic Development), Sam Geoghegan (Clerical Officer, Finance & Economic Development)

PRESENT

Mr. Declan McCulloch, Action Plan for Jobs - Dublin Region secretariat

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of 10th October 2017 were proposed by Cllr. John Kennedy and seconded by Cllr. Barry Ward.

Matters arising (if any)

The Chairperson and members expressed congratulations on behalf of the Committee to former Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Councillor, Ms. Josepha Madigan, on the occasion of her appointment to Cabinet as Minister for Culture, Heritage & An Gaeltacht.

Councillor Ward also welcomed to the meeting Mr Owen Lavery, who has taken up duty as Head of Enterprise, Local Enterprise Office DLR and Mr Declan McCulloch, DAPJ secretariat, in attendance to address the Committee.

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

None.

Business submitted by the Director of Services

(a) Economic and Community Monitor update

David Lawless demonstrated the new web based Economic and Community Monitor portal which is currently under development. A discussion took place during which Mr Lawless responded to the members queries

(a) Action Plan for Jobs 2016-2018 Dublin Region presentation

Declan McCulloch made a presentation to the Committee on the activities and objectives of the Action Plan for Jobs 2016-2018, Dublin Region, since its inception. The members thanked Mr McCulloch for attending the Committee and during discussion which followed, Mr McCulloch responded to the Members queries.

(c) Local Enterprise Office activity update

Owen Lavery updated the Committee on the activities and achievements of the Local Enterprise Office DLR during 2017 and on the focus and initiatives for the coming year. During discussion, Mr Lavery responded to the Members queries.

Business referred from the Council (if any)

None.

Business referred from the Corporate Policy Group (if any)

None.

Any other business

The Chairperson expressed a welcome for the news of the establishment of a 'Harbour Innovation Campus' in the former HSS Terminal within Dun Laoghaire Harbour, reported to be a €20 million investment with potential to accommodate up to 1,000 workers.

The Chairperson reported that the 'A Framework for International Relations and Twinning in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown' report by this SPC, was well received at County Council meeting in November, and thanked members for their work.

Cllr Shane O'Brien raised the matter of the current consultation period for the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (Eastern and Midlands) and a potential briefing for and submission from the Committee. The matter was discussed and the Director reported that it was her understanding the Council would be making a corporate submission on the Strategy, led by the Planning Department, but that she would examine including the SPC in this process and report back to the members.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Economic Development & Enterprise SPC is scheduled for **8th February 2018** in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire