

MONTHLY MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

12 October 2020

Chairperson's Report from the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee held on 24 September 2020

Councillors:

Cllr Shay Brennan	Cllr Denis O'Callaghan
Cllr Michael Clark (Chair)	Cllr Juliet O'Connell
Cllr Jim Gildea	Cllr Séafra Ó Faoiáin
Cllr Lorraine Hall	Cllr Barry Saul
Cllr John Kennedy	Cllr Donal Smith
Cllr Lynsey McGovern	

Sectoral Representatives:

Conor Battigan	John O'Toole
Josephine Browne	Mark Scott-Lennon
Aileen Eglington	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), Róisín Cronin (Senior Staff Officer, Economic Development Unit)

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of September 2nd 2020 were proposed by Cllr. Jim Gildea and seconded by Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan.

Matters arising (if any)

None.

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

None.

Business submitted by the Director of Services

(i) Presentation by Conor Simpson, IDA – Conor Simpson delivered a presentation outlining the role of the IDA in attracting foreign direct investment (FDI). He outlined the importance of FDI to the Irish economy and gave an overview of the IDA strategy to attract investment.

A discussion followed, and Mr Simpson responded to a number of questions.

(ii) Presentation by Natasha Kinsella, Dublin Regional Skills Forum - Natasha Kinsella gave a presentation on the training and education supports provided by the Regional Skills Forum. Ms Kinsella provided details of the various programme on offer, further details of which are available at <https://www.regionalskills.ie/regions/dublin/>. Ms Kinsella was thanked by the members for her presentation.

(iii) Presentation on Dublin Economic Monitor - Juliet Passmore of Dublin City Council and Andrew Webb of Grant Thornton delivered a presentation on the [Dublin Economic Monitor](#). They outlined that the monitor, which is produced on a quarterly basis by the four Dublin authorities, provides data on economic and consumer trends. They also advised that it will be refreshed and redeveloped over the coming months. Members thanked Ms Passmore and Mr Webb for their presentations.

Business referred from the Council (if any)

None.

Business referred from the Corporate Policy Group (if any)

None.

Future Work Programme

(i) To consider introducing street art and an e-commerce alley on the laneways of Dún Laoghaire to support the local businesses and footfall - Cllr Lorraine Hall. Councillor Hall outlined her view that there is potential for the introduction of street art in Dún Laoghaire's laneways.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the potential for this project will be explored and that a report will be brought to the next meeting of the SPC.

Any other business

It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, December 10th 2020.