

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 2 September 2020

Chairperson's Report

PRESENT

Councillors:

Cllr Shay Brennan	Cllr Seán Ó Fadóin
Cllr Michael Clark (Chair)	Cllr Denis Ó Callaghan
Cllr Eva Elizabeth Dowling	Cllr Denis Ó Callaghan
Cllr Mary Fayne	Cllr Bairéad Ó Connell
Cllr Jim Gildea	Cllr Donal Smith
Cllr Lorraine Hall	

SECTORIAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Conor Battigan
Aileen Eglington
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), Róisín Cronin (Senior Staff Officer, Economic Development)

Confirmation of Minutes

It was agreed to amend the minutes of the last meeting to reflect John O'Toole's attendance. Minutes of Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of July 2nd 2020 were proposed by Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan and seconded by Cllr. Juliet O'Connell.

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 the Public Participation Network – Simone Sav, Network Director of the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown PPN, delivered a presentation outlining the role and work of the Public Participation Network in the county. A discussion followed during which Ms Sav answered a number of questions. Members thanked her and her organisation for the work they continue to do across Dún Laoghaire Rathdown.

(ii) Business Supports – Pre and Post Covid: Helena Cunningham delivered a presentation on the supports available to business in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown. A number of queries were raised which were addressed by Ms Cunningham. It was agreed that Ms Cunningham would write to the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and to Enterprise Ireland to outline members' concerns about certain anomalies and exclusions regarding businesses' access to some supports. Members commended the Council for their provision of support and advice to businesses in the County over the last number of months.

(iii) Local Enterprise Office Update: Owen Laverty delivered an update on the activities of the Local Enterprise Office. A discussion followed and Mr Laverty responded to the Members' queries.

(iv) Tourism Development Update: A presentation was delivered by Dave Lawless. Mr Lawless responded to the Members' queries.

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 under this heading.

Any other business

It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on September 24th.