

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held remotely on Thursday June 24th 2021 at 5.00 pm **Chairperson's Report**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Cllr Shay Brennan	Cllr John Kennedy
Cllr Michael Clark (Chair)	Cllr Patricia Kinsella
Cllr Eva Elizabeth Dowling	Cllr Denis O'Callaghan
Cllr Mary Fayne	Cllr Juliet O'Connell
Cllr Jim Gildea	Cllr Barry Saul
Cllr Lorraine Hall	

Sectoral Representatives:

Dr. Josephine Browne
Aileen Eglinton
John O'Toole
Fardus Sultan

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Helena Cunningham (Director of Finance & Economic Development), Dave Lawless (Tourism Development Officer), Ursula O'Connor (Urban Regional Development Officer), Siobhán Broughan (Senior Economic Development Officer), Mariea Mullally (Senior Enterprise Development Officer, Local Enterprise Office), Róisín Cronin (Senior Staff Officer, Economic Development Unit)

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of March 25th 2021 were proposed by Cllr O'Connell, seconded by Cllr Hall and adopted.

Matters arising (if any)

None.

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

No business.

Business submitted by the Director of Services

(i) Update on Tourism Strategy – Dave Lawless, Tourism Development Officer provided an update on tourism development in the county.

Dave outlined a number of funding opportunities, including the recently successful application for new facilities for water-based sports at Killiney Beach. An application has also been made under Fáilte Ireland's Urban Animation Investment Scheme for a potential development at Moran Park.

Dave also noted some significant opportunities for tourism in the county, including the centenary of the publication of *Ulysses* in 2022, as well as the [Food on the Edge Festival](#), which will be hosted in Airfield House. John O'Toole, member of the SPC, gave further detail on the festival.

A discussion followed, during which members welcomed the developments in tourism, especially the arrival of the Food on the Edge Festival to the County.

The Chairperson encouraged members to share content on social media to promote tourism in the county, and suggested that a further update on the Festival could be provided at the September meeting.

(ii) Supports to Towns and Villages – Ursula O’Connor, Urban Regional Development Officer delivered a presentation on supports provided to towns and villages across the county. She gave an overview of placemaking and mobility initiatives, and also detailed the direct funding available to business organisations. A discussion followed, during which members’ queries were answered.

(iii) Review of the Katapult Programme – Mariea Mullally, Senior Enterprise Development Officer provided an overview of the Katapult programme which was set up by DLR’s Local Enterprise Office and focuses on global, scaleable companies. A discussion followed, and members’ queries were answered.

Business referred from the Council (if any)

None.

Business referred from the Corporate Policy Group (if any)

None.

Future Work Programme

No business.

Any other business

The Chairperson expressed his hope that the next meeting could take place onsite, subject to public health advice, noting that the current committee has not had the opportunity to meet in person yet. He closed the meeting by thanking all the presenters for their contributions this evening.