

## **DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **Chairperson's Report** **Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Meeting** **held on Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 5.00 pm**

#### **PRESENT**

##### **Councillors:**

Cllr Shay Brennan	Cllr Denis O'Callaghan
Cllr Michael Clark	Cllr Juliet O'Connell
Cllr Eva Elizabeth Dowling	Cllr Kate Ruddock
Cllr Mary Fayne	Cllr Barry Saul
Cllr Kate Feeney (Chair)	Cllr Senan Sexton
Cllr Jim Gildea	

##### **Sectoral Representatives:**

Aileen Eglinton  
Ger Corbett  
John O'Toole  
Fardus Sultan

#### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Aidan Blighe (Director of Planning and Economic Development), Owen Laverty (Head of Economic Development and Enterprise), Ursula O'Connor (Administrative Officer, Economic Development Unit), Róisín Cronin (Senior Staff Officer, Economic Development Unit), Dave Lawless (Tourism Development Officer), Deirdre Black (Heritage Officer)

##### **Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of November 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 were proposed by Councillor O'Connell, seconded by Councillor O'Callaghan 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) Presentation of Draft Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2023-2028 – David McGlinchey of KPMG/Future Analytics delivered presented the draft Local Economic and Community Plan 2023-2028. He outlined the purpose of the LECP and the process and progress to date in the development of a new draft Plan for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. He gave an overview of the goals, objectives and outcomes of the draft Plan, and outlined the 67 actions currently contained in the Implementation Plan. He concluded by providing the next steps in the development of the Plan, if agreed by the SPC, which includes review by the Eastern and Midland Regional Authority and Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment screening. Aidan Blighe, Director of Planning and Economic Development, thanked Mr McGlinchey for his presentation, noting that a significant amount of work has been necessary to bring the draft Plan to this stage. He particularly noted that

stakeholders' feedback is reflected in the draft Plan and has helped to develop the meaningful actions now contained in the Plan.

A discussion followed during which members welcomed the Plan, noting in particular the wide scope and ambition of many of the actions. A number of queries were raised, which were responded to by Mr McGlinchey and Mr Blighe.

The draft Local Economic and Enterprise Plan was agreed, having been proposed by Councillor Gildea and seconded by Councillor O'Callaghan. The Chair thanked Mr McGlinchey, Morgan Crumlish and Jack Shakespeare of KPMG, for their attendance.

- (ii) Draft Tourism Strategy – Dave Lawless provided an update on the development of the DLR Tourism Strategy. He outlined the consultation process which led to the development of the draft, and noted that a baseline report has now been produced, along with proposed actions. A discussion followed, during which members welcomed the draft Plan, noting the work that has been done by Mr Lawless and Deirdre Black, Heritage Officer, in producing the Plan. A discussion followed and a number of issues were raised including the need for visitor accommodation, both for tourist and business visitors. Mr Lawless responded to a number of queries and items raised by members.

**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**

Date of next meeting – Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 2024.