

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

Chairperson's Report **Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Meeting** **held on Thursday November 16th 2023 at 5.00 pm**

PRESENT

Councillors:

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

Sectoral Representatives:

Josephine Browne
Ger Corbett
John O'Toole
Fardus Sultan

Apologies were received from Aileen Eglinton.

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)

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of June 27th 2023 were proposed by Councillor Gildea, seconded by Councillor Fayne 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 Preparation of Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2023-2028 – David McGlinchey of KPMG/Future Analytics delivered a presentation outlining the progress to date in the development of a new Local Economic and Community Plan. He gave an overview of the goals, objectives and outcomes which are contained in the current draft Plan. He also outlined the planned timeline for the development of an Implementation Plan which will form the final phase of the LECP's development, noting that it is expected to be available for discussion at the December SPC.
During the discussion that followed, a number of queries and issues were raised. It was noted that feedback given at recent Area Committee meetings will be included in the revised draft of the Plan.
It was agreed that it was important that elected representatives and sectoral representatives had opportunities to provide input at all stages of the process, and the consultation to date was welcomed.

The Chair thanked Mr McGlinchey and Jack Shakespeare, also of KPMG, for their attendance.

- (ii) Update on Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan (DREP) – Caroline Power, Programme Manager, delivered a presentation outlining the background to the Plan and progress to date.

The Chair thanked Ms Power for her presentation, and welcomed the progress made on the Plan's objectives and actions.

The Director of Planning and Economic Development and Enterprise, Aidan Blighe, noted the strong commitment on funding from government for initiatives contained in the Plan. During the discussion that followed, the strong synergies between the LECP and the DERP were noted.

- (iii) Local Enterprise Office update – Owen Laverty provided an update on the Local Enterprise Office activities and focus over the past year to date. Members thanked Mr Laverty for the presentation and in the discussion that followed the strong performance of the Office was noted. Mr Laverty 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, December 14th 2023.