

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

**Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Meeting
held in The Samuel Beckett Civic Campus, Ballyogan, Co. Dublin
on Tuesday 10th October 2017 at 5.00 pm**

Chairperson's Report

PRESENT

Councillors:

Blain, Emma
Curran, Chris
Daly, Kevin
Dockery, Liam
Feeney, Kate

Councillors:

Kennedy, John
McCarthy, Lettie
Murphy, Tom
O'Brien, Peter
Ward, Barry

Councillor Barry Ward presided as Chairperson.

Apologies: Councillors Melisa Halpin, Mary Hanafin, Denis O'Callaghan

SECTORIAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Dr. Josephine Browne, Rosheen Callender, Aileen Eglington, Ann Marie Walsh

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Helena Cunningham (Director of Finance & Economic Development), David Lawless (Administrative Officer, Corporate, Communications & Governance) and Eoin Roche, (Staff Officer, Finance & Economic Development)

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Ms. Nicola Fitzgerald, Fáilte Ireland

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of 22nd June 2017 were proposed by Cllr. Lettie McCarthy and seconded by Cllr. Kate Feeney.

Matters arising (if any)

None.

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

None.

Business submitted by the Director of Services

(minutes in the order taken)

(b) Twinning Report from the SPC Sub-Committee

David Lawless gave a report to the Committee on the outcome of the work of the Sub-Committee on Twinning / International Relations and outlined a proposed work programme. Following a discussion, including input from Member of the Sub-Committee, during which Mr Lawless responded to the Members queries. The Chair, Cllr B. Ward put the following resolutions for agreement by the SPC to progress the Council's approach to Twinning / International Relations

- 1) That the existing twinning arrangements between Dún Laoghaire and Holyhead, Wales and Brest, France respectively be retained and not abandoned – Proposed by Cllr K. Daly, seconded by Cllr K. Feeney and **AGREED**
- 2) That all arrangements for twinning and international relations be made with the County of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown as a whole – Proposed by Cllr E. Blain, seconded by Dr. J. Browne and **AGREED**
- 3) That work begins to consider re-engagement with existing partners - one co-operative event or occasion with each of the existing twinned locations, Holyhead and Brest to take place in the near future – Proposed by Ms R. Callender, seconded by Cllr L. McCarthy and **AGREED**
- 4) That the future tendency of the Council's policy on international relations be towards more informal 'Memoranda of Understanding' and friendship arrangements to avoid restrictive 'twinning' – Proposed by Cllr T. Murphy, seconded by Cllr C. Curran and **AGREED**
- 5) To look at twinning opportunities on a results driven perspective on a project-by-project basis – Proposed by Cllr K. Feeney seconded by Ms A. Eglinton and **AGREED**
- 6) That assessment criteria around international relations opportunities be set so as to benefit all of DLR County – Proposed by Dr J. Browne, seconded by Cllr L. Dockery and **AGREED**
- 7) That a framework be developed and agreed by the SPC for referral to the full Council – Proposed by Cllr K. Daly, seconded by Cllr L. McCarthy and **AGREED**

(a) Tourism Update

Nicola Fitzgerald gave a presentation on Fáilte Ireland's activities through 2017 and upcoming initiatives and promotions in the Dublin region, including a campaign to stimulate numbers visiting in the off-season from November to March. Following a discussion, Ms. Fitzgerald responded to the Member's queries.

(c) Local Economic and Community Plan Update

David Lawless presented an update on the Local Economic and Community Plan progress, showing actions completed, those in progress and those requiring further work, or reconsideration of approach. It was suggested that a presentation on the Plan could be given to other stakeholder for a such as SBID and it was agreed this would be looked at. A discussion took place, during which Mr Lawless responded to the Members queries.

(d) Economic and Community Monitor Update

Item deferred to the next meeting of the SPC

Business referred from the Council (if any)

None.

Business referred from the Corporate Policy Group (if any)

None.

Any other business

None.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Economic Development & Enterprise SPC is scheduled for **30th November 2017** in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire