

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

Chairperson's Report **Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Meeting** **held on Tuesday June 27th 2023 at 5.00 pm**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Cllr Shay Brennan	Cllr Lorraine Hall
Cllr Michael Clark	Cllr John Kennedy
Cllr Eva Elizabeth Dowling	Cllr Denis O'Callaghan
Cllr Mary Fayne	Cllr Juliet O'Connell
Cllr Kate Feeney (Chair)	Cllr Kate Ruddock
Cllr Michael Fleming	Cllr Senan Sexton
Cllr Jim Gildea	

Sectoral Representatives:

Ger Corbett
Aileen Eglinton
John O'Toole

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Aidan Blighe (Director of Planning & 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 March 23rd 2023 were proposed by Councillor Gildea, 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) Introduction from Aidan Blighe, Director of Planning and Economic Development – Aidan Blighe introduced himself to the Committee, having recently moved into the role of Director of Planning and Economic development. He outlined his priorities for the role and looked forward to engaging with the members over the coming period. The Chair welcomed Aidan to the role on behalf of the members, and looked forward to working with him.
- (ii) Update on Preparation of Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2023-2028 – David McGlinchey of KPMG Future Analytics delivered a presentation during which he outlined the findings of the recently completed public consultation on the new LECP for Dún Laoghaire. During the discussion that followed, a number of issues were raised in particular around ensuring that the goals and objectives in the Plan would be deliverable. It was noted that engagements will continue with stakeholders during the next phase of the development of the Plan.

- The revised high-level goals, as presented to the members, were proposed by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor O'Callaghan and agreed.
- (iii) SPC Work Programme 2023 – Ursula O'Connor delivered a presentation outlining the proposed Work Programme for 2023.
It was agreed to include one further action, that the Committee will collaborate in the development of the Harbour Plan to promote the economic development of Dún Laoghaire Harbour.
 - (iv) Update on Development of Tourism Strategy – Dave Lawless outlined progress to date on the development of a Tourism Strategy, noting that it was intended to include as an agenda item at the September SPC meeting for detailed discussion.

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, September 28th 2023.