

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

Chairperson's Report

Economic Development, Enterprise and Marine Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on Thursday March 27th at 5.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillors:

Cllr Marie Baker
Cllr Dan Carson (Chair)
Cllr Kevin Daly
Cllr Liam Dockery
Cllr Jim Gildea
Cllr Lorraine Hall
Cllr Robert Jones
Cllr Jim O'Leary
Cllr Barry Saul
Cllr Carrie Smyth

Sectoral Representatives:

Ger Corbett
Aileen Eglinton
Viv Gaine
Roland Kennedy
Aaron Moore
Fardus Sultan

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Melisa Halpin.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Paul Kennedy (Director of Planning and Economic Development), Lisa Brown (Acting Head of Enterprise), John O'Toole (Head of Economic Development), Róisín Cronin (Administrative Officer, Economic Development), Bríd Gallahue (Administrative Officer, Economic Development), Dave Lawless (Tourism Development Officer)

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of March 13th 2024 were proposed by Councillor Gildea, seconded by Councillor 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

A presentation was delivered outlining the various workstreams and priorities in Economic Development, Enterprise and the Marine.

- (i) Local Enterprise – Lisa Brown, Acting Head of Enterprise, gave an update on the activities of the Local Enterprise Office, noting in particular the financial, training and mentoring supports available. Members asked a number of questions, which Ms Brown responded to.
- (ii) Dún Laoghaire Harbour – Tim Ryan, Harbour Operations Manager delivered a presentation on current and future activities in the Harbour. He gave an update on the progress of the Harbour Masterplan, and outlined a number of projects which will be progressed over the coming period. for the Harbour. A discussion followed, during which Mr Ryan responded to queries.
- (iii) Tourism – A presentation was delivered by Dave Lawless, Tourism Development Officer. Mr Lawless gave an overview of the Tourism Strategy, and outlined priority actions for Tourism Development in DLRCC. A number of questions and comments were raised by members, to which Mr Lawless responded.
It was agreed to establish a Twinning Sub Group. Expressions of interest from members were invited for consideration to be included in a Sub Group. It was agreed that a Terms of Reference for a Sub Group will be presented at the next meeting of the SPC.
- (iv) Economic Development – A presentation by John O'Toole, Head of Economic Development, gave an overview of priorities for Economic Development over the coming period. During the discussion that followed Mr O'Toole responded to members' queries and comments.

Business referred from the Council (if any)

None.

Business referred from the Corporate Policy Group (if any)

None.

Future Work Programme

The Work Programme for the Economic Development, Enterprise and Marine Strategic Policy Committee, a draft of which was circulated to the members, was agreed.

Any other business

There was no further business.