**Draft Report of Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC**

**Meeting on 14th February 2018**

**In Attendance:**

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| Cllr. C. O Connor (Chair) |
| Cllr. G O Connell |
| Cllr. P. Foley |
| Cllr. R. McMahon |
| Cllr. B Ferron. |
| S. Brennan |
| Cllr. F. N. Duffy |

 **Apologies:**

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| T.de Buitlear |
| Cllr. W. Lavelle |
| S. Reid |
| D. Roche |
| Cllr. C. McMahon |

**Officials present:**

Frank Nevin, Director of Services

Colm Ward, Head of Enterprise

Stephen Deegan, Senior Executive Officer

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| **The meeting was Chaired by** Cllr C. O Connor.  |
| **Headed Item 1: Minutes of Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC Meeting of 8th November 2017**The Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting of 8th November 2017 were **AGREED.** |
| **It was agreed to take Headed Items 2, 3, 4 & 6 together, covering:*** **Review and support the implementation of the Enterprise Strategy and the Economic element of the LECP;**
* **Maximise the opportunities from the business support funding for local business through the LEO;**
* **Continue the LEO joint projects with the SD Chamber, particularly on marketing the County from a business perspective;**
* **Support the continued roll out of the Tourism Strategy.**

**C. Ward presented a report showing the proposed work programme and priorities for the Local Enterprise Office and the County Promotion Unit for 2018 in meeting the objectives outlined above.****Following questions and contributions from Cllrs. O’Connell, Foley, McMahon, Duffy & O’Connor and S. Brennan, which were responded to by F. Nevin & C. Ward, the report was NOTED.** |
| **Headed Item 5 – Inform the proposed expansion of Grange Castle Business Park and the investment opportunities arising from same****S. Deegan presented a report outlining the current status of Grange Castle Business Park, the number and small sizes of the sites remaining there, an outline of the variation previously presented to the members at the February Council Meeting and the rationale for that variation in the context of Grange Castle Business Park’s expansion to seek to provide capacity for new FDI and large scale indigenous companies seeking to grow.** **After questions and contributions from S. Brennan & Cllrs. O’Connell, Foley, McMahon & O’Connor which F. Nevin & S. Deegan responded to, the report was NOTED.** |
| **Headed Item 7 – Any Other Business:****C. Ward advised the Committee of the upcoming schedule for Local Enterprise Week 2018.****The meeting ended at 7:00pm** |