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

**Meeting on 9th May 2018**

**In Attendance:**

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| Cllr. C. O Connor (Chair) |
| Cllr. B Ferron |
| Cllr. P. Foley |
| Cllr. C. McMahon |
| Cllr. R. McMahon |
| Cllr. G O Connell |
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| S. Brennan |
| T. de Buitlear |

**Apologies:**

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| Cllr. W. Lavelle |
| Cllr. F. N. Duffy |
| S. Reid |
| D. Roche |

**Officials present:**

Frank Nevin, Director of Services

Colm Ward, Head of Enterprise

**Also in attendance:**

Mr. John Kearns, Chief Executive, Partas / Social & Local Alliance.

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| **The meeting was Chaired by** Cllr C. O Connor. |
| **It was agreed that the agenda would be varied to take a presentation from Mr. John Kearns under Headed Item 2 Enterprise/Innovation Space at the start of the meeting.**  **Mr. J. Kearns presented the proposals for “The Edge”, a Social & Local Alliance project for the reconfiguration and redevelopment of enterprise space at both Bolbrook Enterprise Centre and Tallaght Enterprise Centre, noting that the proposal has been approved for funding of €1.1million from Enterprise Ireland under the Regional Enterprise Development Fund 2017-2020.**  **F.Nevin also noted the approval by the Council for a section 183 disposal of lands at Bolbrook Enterprise Centre to Partas by way of lease at the Council meeting on 12th March 2018.**  **Following contributions and queries from Cllr. R. McMahon, T. de Buitlear, and Cllrs. O’Connell, C. McMahon & Foley which were addressed by J. Kearns, F. Nevin and C. Ward, it was NOTED that the Council will provide support in the sum of €200,000 from the Business Support Fund for the matched funding required for this project subject to the project proceeding and subject to all other required funding and planning approvals being in place.**  **Mr. Kearns then left the meeting and the agenda resumed with Item 1.** |
| **Headed Item 1: Minutes of Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC Meeting of 14th February, 2018**  The Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting of 14th February 2018 were **AGREED.** |
| **Headed Item 2: Enterprise/Innovation Space**  **F. Nevin reported on the feasibility study process undertaken by the Council to assess both the demand and optimum location for new Enterprise/Innovation Space in the County.**  **Following questions and contributions from Cllr. Ferron, T. De Buitlear, Cllrs. Foley, R. McMahon, O’Connell & O’Connor and S. Brennan which were responded to by F. Nevin & C. Ward, the report was NOTED and the Committee AGREED that staff in EETD would now develop criteria to assess the final two shortlisted options to determine the preferred location for potential development of new Innovation/Enterprise Space in the County and report back to this Committee.** |
| **Headed Item 3 – Tourism Update**  **F. Nevin and C. Ward provided updates to the Committee on the implementation of the tourism strategy and related actions including:**   * **Development of a new Dublin tourism logo, tagline & brand by Failte Ireland;** * **Proposals for a Dublin Canals Greenway;** * **The position on the proposed Dublin Mountains Project with An Bord Pleanala;** * **Progress on works & proposals for Rathfarnham Castle; and** * **A 10 K Race from Grange Castle through Corkagh Park and Clondalkin in July.**   **After questions and contributions from Cllr. R. McMahon, T. de Buitlear, Cllrs. B. Ferron, C. McMahon, O’Connell & O’Connor and S. Brennan to which F. Nevin & C. Ward replied, the report was NOTED.** |
| **Headed Item 4 – Brexit Update**  **C. Ward presented the range of actions and events being undertaken by the Local Enterprise Office to assist businesses that may be affected by Brexit.**  **Following contributions by S. Brennan & Cllr. P. Foley, the report was NOTED.** |
| **Headed Item 5 – Any Other Business:**  **F. Nevin advised that, subject to discussions with the Chairs, it is intended to schedule a joint information meeting for this Committee and the Land Use, Planning & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee in advance of the next scheduled Committee meeting in September in relation to the Canals projects.**  **Cllr O’Connor, Chair, and the members congratulated C Ward on his recent promotion to DOS and thanked him for his contribution to the work of the SPC. F Nevin, DOS, supported the members comments.**  **The meeting ended at 7:15pm** |