SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



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**MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

**Meeting on 14th November2018**

**In Attendance:**

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

**Apologies:**

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| Cllr. G. O’Connell |

**Officials present:**

Frank Nevin, Director of Services

Michael McAdam, A/Head of Enterprise

**Also in attendance:**

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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 6th September, 2018**  The Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting of 6th September 2018 were **AGREED.** |
| **Headed Item 2: Report on Business Improvement Districts (BID’s)**  **M. McAdam presented a report on Business Improvements Districts.**  **Following questions from** T. de Buitlear**,** S. Brennan and **Cllr C. McMahon which were responded to by F. Nevin and M. McAdam, the report was NOTED.** |
| **Headed Item 3 – Tourism Update**  **F. Nevin provided updates to the Committee on the implementation of the tourism strategy and related actions including:**   * **An update on the operation of the Clondalkin Round Tower Visitor Centre.**   ***Discussions regarding the performance of the retail space and the level of visitors.***   * **The position on the proposed Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre Project with An Bord Pleanála;**   ***Discussions regarding the oral hearing which commences 20th November and the likely time scale for delivery of the project.***   * **Report on Rathfarnham Castle and Outbuildings**   ***Discussion was in relation to the procurement process and likely time scale for the Part 8 planning process.***   * **Canal Greenway projects**   ***Discussions regarding the Grand Canal Greenway and the Grand/Royal Canal loop***   * **The potential for a Cultural Quarter in Tallaght**   ***Discussions regarding the location and activities.***  **After questions and contributions from Cllrs. B. Ferron, P. Foley, R. McMahon, C. McMahon,** F. N. Duffy **and T. de Buitlear to which F. Nevin replied, the report was NOTED.** |
| **Headed Item 4 – Report on the Business Support Fund**  **M. McAdam presented a report on the Business Support Fund.**  **Following questions and contributions from,** Cllr. B Ferron, Cllr. Foley**, Cllr R. McMahon, Cllr C. McMahon and T. de Buitlear which were responded to by F. Nevin and M. McAdam, the report was NOTED.**  **It was suggested that an SPC workshop be arranged to discuss and re-examine investment delivered under the Business Support Fund if it is retained in the 2019 Budget. FN to discuss with Chair following Budget meeting(s).** |
| **Headed Item 5 – Any Other Business:**  T. de Buitlear**, requested an item to appear on the next SPC agenda:** Report on the Dodder Greenway.  **The meeting ended at 7:00pm** |