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

**Meeting on 13th February 2019**

**In Attendance:**

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| Cllr. C. O Connor (Chair)  |
| Cllr B Ferron |
| Cllr. C. McMahon |
| Cllr. R. McMahon |
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| S. Brennan |
| T de Buitlear. |
| D. Roche. |

 **Apologies:**

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| Cllr P Foley |
| Cllr G O’Connell |

**Officials present:**

F. Nevin, Director of Services

T. Rooney, Head of Enterprise

L. Leonard, 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 14th November, 2018**The Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting of 14th November 2018 were **AGREED.** |
| **FN confirmed that, as discussed at the November meeting, it had been agreed with the Chair that the meeting would progress as a workshop on the Business Support Fund initiatives.****Headed Item 2: Report on Business Support Fund****Tom Rooney presented a report on the Business Support Fund.** **There followed a comprehensive discussion on the Fund to which all members contributed. T Rooney and F Nevin responded to members’ comments and queries.****Listed below are the matters raised for further consideration.*** **Simplify the shop front grant application and approval process.**
* **Better communication with Chamber and other businesses on BSF opportunities.**
* **Encourage and support businesses that maintain the public realm around their premises to a good standard – potentially including tree planting.**
* Expansion of training & development courses to include Leadership / Strategic / business planning / Lean / Agile / Digital Strategy.
* **Incentivised training opportunities for compliant businesses.**
* **It was noted that the new Business Sustainability Manager had joined the Chamber on 8th February. The ongoing value of the programme in project delivery and contacts both with member and non-member businesses in the County was noted.**
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| **Headed Item 3 – A. O. B. – Report on Dodder Greenway (For circulation only)****The following report was circulated and noted.****Report to Economic, Enterprise & Tourism SPC on the Dodder Greenway Update**The Dodder Greenway through South Dublin County Council achieved Part 8 in 2017 and has progressed to the detailed design stage. A tender for consultants was completed in 2018 and Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates are currently progressing the detailed design for the Greenway through the County.The detailed design and tender package for Kiltipper Park is completed, which will deliver some of the upstream sections of the Dodder Greenway, including:* An upgrade of the routes through this section
* Landscape details
* Upgrade of access points
* Provision of road crossings etc.

It is intended to tender for construction of this section in the coming weeks.Downstream; the sections of the Dodder Greenway through Dublin City and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County are being progressed through the preliminary design and Part 8 stages in 2019 by Dublin City Council. One section of the route from Herbert Park to Donnybrook was subject to a separate Part 8 process. Tender drawings and finalisation of the documents for the construction of this section are underway with a view to commence construction later in the year.  |
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| **The meeting ended at 7pm.** |