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

**Meeting on 9th September 2020**

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| **In Attendance:** |
| Cllr. C. King (Chair) |
| Cllr. E. O’Brien |
| Cllr. L. O’Toole |
| Cllr. P. Kearns |
| Cllr. R McMahon |
| Cllr. L. Dunne |
| T de Buitlear. |

**Apologies:**

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| Cllr. M. Seery Kearney |
| Cllr. S. Fay |
| S. Brennan |
| J. McDonnell |

**Officials present:**

F. Nevin, Director of Services

T. Rooney, Head of Enterprise

L. Leonard, Senior Executive Officer.

C. Breen, A/Administrative Officer

J. Mulhern, Senior Enterprise Development Officer

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| The meeting was Chaired by Cllr C. King. |
| **Headed Item 1: Minutes of Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC Meeting of 13th May 2020**  The Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting of 13th May 2020 were proposed by Cllr C. King and seconded by Cllr. L. O’Toole and **AGREED**. |
| **Headed Item 2: Discussion on Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development issues for pre-Draft Development Plan process.**  Frank Nevin, **Director of Services** outlined the process in the formation of the Councils Development Plan.  Laura Leonard, **Senior Executive Officer** presented a reporton how informed and inclusive planning for the future economic development and jobs growth within the countycan deliver improved quality of life and living standards while taking in to account the expected population growth and changes to the way people live and work in a changed landscape.  Laura noted that Initial engagement has been good and asked the council members to encourage constituents to get involved.  Following the contributions, Chair Cllr C. King invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr P. Kearns, Cllr L. O’Toole, Cllr L. Dunne, Cllr E. O’Brien, Cllr. R McMahon, T de Buitlear.  Frank Nevin responded to questions raised. Laura Leonard also responded to members.  The Report was Noted. |
| **Headed Item 3: Update on Covid 19 business supports**  Tom Rooney, **Head of Local Enterprise Office** presented a report on the supports being providedby the LEO tobusinesses in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic including the volume and approvals and also the upcoming communications and marketing from LEO.  Catherine Breen, A/Administrative Officer presented a report on the Restart and Restart Plus grants, providing an overview of the level of support available, some qualifying criteria and initial take up figures.  Following the contributions, Chair Cllr C. King invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr L. O’Toole, Cllr R. McMahon, Cllr C. King and T de Buitlear.  Tom Rooney responded to questions raised. Catherine Breen also responded to members.  The Report was Noted. |
| **Headed Item 4: A. O. B.**  Frank Nevin updated the members on the expectation of Part 8 for the Innovation Centre being brought to the council this month. An update will be given to members at the next SPC. |
| **The meeting ended at 6.45p.m. Cllr C. King concludes the meeting** |