SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

**REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1st December 2020**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |
| Cllr. Cathal King (Chair)  | Frank Nevin | Director of Services |
| Cllr. Ronan McMahon | Laura Leonard | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr. Liona O’Toole | Tom Rooney | Head of Enterprise |
| Cllr. Lynn McCrave | Justin Mulhern | Senior Enterprise Development Officer |
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| **Representatives:** |
| Tara De Buitlear, Tallaght Community Council |
| Sherri Brennan, Business Chamber of Commerce |
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| **Apologies:** |
| Cllr. Sandra Fay |
| Cllr. Pamela Kearns |
| Cllr. Louise Dunne |
| Cllr. Ed O'Brien |
| Mr. Jack McDonnell, TUD Tallaght |
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| **Also in attendance:** |
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**The meeting was Chaired by** Cllr. Cathal King

## **Headed Item 1: Minutes of Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC Meeting of 9th September 2020**

The Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting of 9th September 2020 were proposed by Cllr C. King and seconded by Cllr. L. O’Toole and **AGREED**.

**Headed Item 2: Update on Covid Business Supports**

Tom Rooney, **Head of Local Enterprise Office** presented an updated report on the supports providedby the LEO tobusinesses in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic including the volume and approvals, Tom also provided an update on the level of support provided by the Restart and Restart Plus grants, the level of engagement with the LEO training and Mentoring programs and communications and promotional activity undertaken.

Tom presented an additional report on the Business Support Fund, the sectors that have been supported and an overview of the level of supports provided this year.

Following the contributions, Chair Cllr C. King invited questions.

Questions were raised by Cllr L. O’Toole and T de Buitlear

Cllr. C. King noted the positive contribution of the LEO to supporting businesses.

Tom Rooney responded to questions raised.

The Report was Noted.

**Headed Item 3: Update on Tallaght Stadium Project**

Laura Leonard, **Senior Executive Officer,** presented a report updating members on the progress of proposed works at Tallaght Stadium. Laura advised the members that the plans had received Part 8 approval from the Council in October which included the new North Stand, Remodelling to the West Stand Corporate area, accessible seating and changing places facility for the South Stand. Procurement had commenced with a view to commencing construction Q4 2021

Frank Nevin noted that submissions had already been received in relation to the precast concrete requirement element of the build.

Following the contributions, Chair Cllr C. King invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr R. McMahon and T de Buitlear.

Laura Leonard and Frank Nevin responded to questions raised. It was noted that naming and branding strategy project with Core has recommenced in recent days.

The Report was Noted.

**Headed Item 4: Update on Innovation Centre Project**

Frank Nevin updated the members on the path taken for planning of the Innovation Centre noting the contribution of Oxford Innovation and the selection of the design team. Frank noted the Public Consultation had concluded and that Part 8 approval will be brought to council on the 14th Dec.

Subject to approval it is expected that the centre will move to detailed design stage.

Following the contributions, Chair Cllr C. King invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr R. McMahon, Cllr. L. O’Toole and T de Buitlear.

Frank Nevin responded to questions raised and confirmed that the area adjacent to the Innovation Centre will be “Tallaght Innovation Quarter”.

The Report was Noted.

**Headed Item 5: A.O.B.**

Cllr. C. King invited members to raise any other business items.

Cllr L. O’Toole had raised a question prior to the meeting in relation to Shop Local Initiative. Cllr. C. King clarified that the answer had been addressed in Tom’s presentation, agreed by Cllr. L. O’Toole.

Cllr. R. McMahon asked a question in relation to the Business Support Fund.

Frank Nevin confirmed the BSF 2020 spend at c €0.5M.

Cllr. L. McCrave asked a question in relation to the Shop Local Directory.

Tom Rooney clarified the position in this regard.

**The meeting concluded at 6:45pm**