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 10th February 2021**

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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. Lynn McCrave | Tom Rooney | Head of Enterprise |
| Cllr. Pamela Kearns | Justin Mulhern | Senior Enterprise Development Officer |
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| **Representatives:** |
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| **Apologies:** |
| Cllr. Louise Dunne |
| Cllr. Sandra Fay |
| Cllr. Ed O'Brien (Mayor) |
| Cllr. Liona O'Toole |
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| Tara De Buitlear, Tallaght Community Council |
| Jack McDonnell, TUD Tallaght |
| Sherri Brennan, Business Chamber of Commerce |
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| **Also in attendance:** |
|  John Kiberd, Public Participation Network\*\* Attending Only |

*It was noted that the PPN had nominated Mr Kiiberd to replace Tara de Buitlear as the representative to the SPC. The nomination will require Council approval. The Chair, Members and staff at the SPC expressed their appreciation for the contribution made by Ms de Buitlear to the SPC.*

**The meeting was Chaired by** Cllr. Cathal King

**Headed Item 1: Minutes of Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC Meeting of 1st December 2020.**

The Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting of 1st December 2020 were proposed by Cllr C. King and seconded by Cllr. R. McMahon and **AGREED.**

**Headed Item 2: Work Plan 2021**

Frank Nevin, Director of Services presented the proposed work plan for 2021 -

* Grange Castle – future development, marketing, and contribution to Economic Development of the County ​
* The Innovation Centre -future plans and project updates.​
* Tourism projects at the Dublin Mountains and Rathfarnham Castle Courtyard and related County promotion projects.
* The development and expanded use of Tallaght Stadium, branding and marketing updates. ​
* Joint meeting with Arts SPC on the cultural aspects of some of the Tourism projects. ​
* Enterprise and Business Supports – updates and initiatives. ​
* Local Economic and Community Plan.

A discussion followed with questions from Cllrs. McMahon, McCrave, Kearns and from Chair Cllr C. King.

Following the contributions Frank Nevin, **Director of Services** summarised and set out Business Supports, joint meeting with Arts SPC, The Innovation Centre and Tourism including Rathfarnham Castle and The Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre as core areas to focus on and for the SPC to address in 2021.

Frank further suggested that for the next SPC a joint meeting with the Arts SPC be arranged. Cllr King to follow up with Cllr. M. Duff (Chair of the Arts SPC) to agree and Frank Nevin to discuss with Arts Officer potential for collaborative work with both committees.

Cllr. King summed up the purpose of the meeting in agreeing a work plan for 2021 and the committee agreed with this and the proposed course of action.

The Report was Noted.

**Headed Item 3: Project Roll Outs**

Tom Rooney, **Head of Enterprise**, presented a report updating members on the progress of the following project roll outs –

Innovation Centre – updates on the current expected delivery timelines.

Tourism – Rathfarnham Castle, The Castle Stables & Courtyard, updates on the tender process outcomes and the need to review consultants before re tendering.

Dublin Mountain Visitor Centre – update on status, awaiting Judicial review.

Destination Towns, Lucan – update on appointment of design team and the issuing of tender for product development plan

Round Tower Visitor Centre – update on new service provider appointed (East Village Coffee). Failte Ireland “surprising stories” scheme currently underway to increase use of facilities.

Other Projects -Tallaght Heritage Trail App, work has commenced on development. Shop Front Grants to continue

Canals / Greenways – Feasibility study and funding options being reviewed.

Following the contributions, Chair Cllr C. King invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr R. McMahon, Cllr. P. Kearns and Cllr. L. McCrave.

Tom Rooney and Frank Nevin responded to questions raised.

Laura Leonard, **Senior Executive Office**, presented the members with an update on the Tallaght Stadium Project Roll out.

Laura updated on the expected timescale for the issuing of tenders for the project. Laura noted that the tender of the precast element of the works was complete and the awarded contractor was to be appointed shortly.

Following the contributions, Chair Cllr C. King invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr. C. King, Cllr. R. McMahon and Cllr. P. Kearns

Laura Leonard and Frank Nevin responded to questions raised.

The Reports were Noted.

**Headed Item 4: A.O.B.**

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

Cllr. R. McMahon asked a question in relation to the Canal Greenway Project Role out.

Cllr. R. McMahon asked a question in relation to the level of Activity in the LEO currently

Cllr. P. Kearns asked a question in relation to the conditions of eligibility for the Shop Front Grants.

Tom Rooney and Frank Nevin Responded to the questions raised.

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