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 12th May 2021**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |
| Cllr. Pamela Kearns (acting Chair) | Laura Leonard | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr. L. Dunne |
| Cllr. L. McCrave | Tom Rooney | Head of Enterprise |
| Cllr. E. O’Brien |
| Cllr. L. O’Toole | Justin Mulhern | Senior Enterprise Development Officer |
| Cllr. R. McMahon  |
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| **Representatives:** |
|  John Kiberd, Public Participation Network |
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| **Apologies:** |
| Cllr. C. King- |
| Cllr. S. Fay |
| S. Reid |
| S. Brennan |
| J. McDonnell |

**In the absence of Cllr C. King, the committee agreed to appoint an Acting Chair in accordance with Standing Orders.**

**Cllr P. Kearns was proposed as Acting Chair by Cllr. E. O’Brien and was seconded by Cllr L. Dunne**

**Headed Item 1: Minutes of Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC Meeting of 10th February 2021.**

1. The Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting of 10th February 2021 were proposed by Cllr P. Kearns and seconded by Cllr. R. McMahon and **AGREED**.
2. The report from Joint Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries and Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC – held on the 21st April 2021 was **NOTED.**

**Headed Item 2: Updates on economic input to Statutory Plans. (Including upcoming LECP process.)**

Laura Leonard, **Senior Executive Officer** presented a report updating members on the status of Statutory Plans which included -

* **South Dublin County Development Plan 2022 – 2028**

Members were advised of the next steps and the timeline of activities to be undertaken through to the plan’s adoption.

The mandatory objectives that would be at the core of the plan were identified.

Input into the plan was open to all to make submissions and would help informing policy. Members were encouraged to actively promote engagement in the process.

* **Local Economic & Community Plan 2022 - 2027**

Member were advised that the goals and objectives of the current LECP 2016-2021 were currently being evaluated.

Guidelines for the 2022 – 2027 plan were currently being drafted and are expected to be issued in June 2021 with timelines for work on the plan to be available in July 2021.

Following the contributions, Acting Chair Cllr P. Kearns invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr. L. Dunne, Cllr. P. Kearns and Cllr R. McMahon.

Laura Leonard and Tom Rooney responded to questions raised.

The Reports were Noted.

**Headed Item 3: Review of, and discussion on, joint ACGHL and EDET SPC meeting held on 21st April 2021.**

Tom Rooney, **Head of Enterprise,** revisited the activities currently being undertaken by the Local Enterprise Office in relation to the people working in the creative economy

The recent formation of the South Dublin Creative Economy Network (SCENe) was noted. The network is a collaborative initiative undertaken by LEO with input from various stakeholders including SDCC Arts Office, Visual Artists Ireland, Design & Craft Council of Ireland and The Creative Ireland Programme.

Members were advised of the current activities of the network including information about LEO supports that may apply to people in this sector and also about the network event for members to contribute to the direction of the Network.

Cllr R. McMahon and Cllr L. O’Toole commended the LEO on the initiative.

Following the contributions, Acting Chair Cllr P. Kearns invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr L. O’Toole, Cllr. P. Kearns, Cllr. L. McCrave and Cllr L. Dunne

Laura Leonard and Tom Rooney responded to questions raised.

The Report was Noted.

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

Cllr. P. Kearns invited members to raise any other business items.

Cllr. R. McMahon asked a question in relation to current status of the Innovation Centre.

Tom Rooney responded to the question raised

**The meeting ended at 6.28p.m.**

Acting Chair, Cllr P. Kearns concluded the meeting