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 8th September 2021**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |
| Cllr. C. King (Chair) | Jason Frehill | Director of Service |
| Cllr. R. McMahon  | Laura Leonard | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr. L. McCrave  | Tom Rooney | Head of Enterprise |
| Cllr. L. O’Toole | Justin Mulhern | Senior Enterprise Development Officer |

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| **Representative** |
|  John Kiberd, Public Participation Network |

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| **Invited Contributor** |
| Denise Doyle, Retail Republic, LEO Mentor Panel |

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| **Apologies** |
| Cllr. L. Dunne |
| Cllr. L. Whelan |
| Cllr. E. O’Brien  |
| Cllr. P. Kearns  |
| Sean Reid |
| Sherri Brennan |
| Jack McDonnell |

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

**Cllr. C. King acknowledged and thanked Cllr. P. Kearns for chairing the last SPC in May.**

**Cllr. C. King stated the need to conclude the SPC by 7pm.**

**Headed Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes**

1. EETD SPC held on 12th May 2021. **AGREED**
2. Joint Arts, Culture, Gaeilge Heritage & Libraries and Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting 21st April 2021. **NOTED**

Proposed by Cllr. C. King and seconded by Cllr. R. McMahon

**Headed Item 2: COVID Business Supports**

Tom Rooney, **Head of Enterprise,** presented a report updating members on Financial and Business supports available and issued to business in response to the COVID 19 pandemic -

* Direct COVID Supports
	+ Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID
	+ LEO Client Stimulus Scheme
* Financial Supports
	+ TOVS – Trading Online Voucher Scheme
* Business Supports
	+ Mentoring
	+ Training
* Programmes & Networks
	+ NEWS
	+ SCENe
	+ Export Development
	+ Student Enterprise Programme
* Outdoor Seating and Accessory for Tourism and Hospitality Scheme
* NEW Direct Government Support – Business Resumption Support Scheme

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

Tom Rooney and Laura Leonard responded to questions raised.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 3: Development of Food Strategy**

Tom Rooney, **Head of Enterprise**, introduced Denise Doyle from Retail Republic, a member of the Local Enterprise Office mentor panel, working with LEO and a steering committee of local stakeholders on the development of a Food Strategy for South Dublin.

Denise delivered a presentation on the work conducted to date on the Food Strategy covering the following headings –

* Background
* Approach
* The aims of the strategy
* Values | Vision | Mission
* The Food Gaps
* How to progress ‘Food’ in South Dublin

Reference was also made to the recent Urban Picnic market that is being piloted in Corkagh Park each Saturday starting the 4th September through to the end of October.

Members commended the work to date and the detail in the presentation.

Following the contributions, Chair Cllr. C. King invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr. L. O’Toole, Cllr. L. McCrave and Cllr. C. King. Cllr. C. King suggested that a Sub Committee may be required to progress this item.

Denise Doyle, Tom Rooney and Jason Frehill responded to questions raised.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 4: Circular / Green Economy - Overview**

This item was deferred to the next SPC due to time restrictions.

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

Jason Frehill, Director of Service acknowledged new members had joined the SPC and stated the need for members to comply with the Lobbying Act.

The meeting ended at 7:01 p.m.

Cllr C. King concluded the meeting