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

**Meeting on 9th February 2022**

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| **In Attendance:** |
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| Cllr. R. McMahon |
| Cllr. L. McCrave |
| Cllr. L. O’Toole |
| Cllr. L. Whelan |
| John Kiberd |
| Sherri Brennan |

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| **Apologies:** |
| Cllr. C. King (Chair) |
| Cllr. L. Dunne (Acting Chair) |
| Cllr. E. O’Brien |
| Cllr. P. Kearns |
| Jack McDonnell |
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| **Officials Present:** |
| J. Frehill, Director of Service |
| T. Rooney, Head of Enterprise |
| L. Leonard, Senior Executive Officer |
| J. Mulhern, Senior Enterprise Development Officer |

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| In the absence of the Chairperson, Cllr. King, the members present nominated Cllr R. McMahon to chair the meeting. |
| **Headed Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes**  EETD SPC held on 24th November 2021. **AGREED**  Proposed by Cllr. R. McMahon and seconded by Cllr. L. McCrave |
| **Headed Item 2:**  **Local Enterprise Office Development Plan 2021-2024**  Tom Rooney, **Head of Enterprise,** presented to the members on the Local Enterprise Office Development Plan 2021 -2024 which has a vision to deliver in the following areas:-   * to promote entrepreneurship, * to foster sustainable business start-ups, * to develop existing micro and small businesses * to drive job creation * to provide accessible high-quality supports for Business ideas   and the following strategic priorities were outlined   * Digitalisation & Competitiveness * Green/Sustainability * Innovation * Exporting/ Internationalisation * Leadership Development * Networks and Clustering   Following the contributions, Chair Cllr. R. McMahon invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr L. O’Toole, Cllr. L. McCrave, Cllr. R. McMahon and Ms. Sheri Brennan  Tom Rooney and Jason Frehill responded to the questions raised by members.  **The Report was Noted.** |
| **Headed Item 3:**  **LEO Performance Activity for 2021**  Tom Rooney, **Head of Enterprise,** presented a review of Local Enterprise Office activity and performance for 2021. The presentation focused on the following areas:-   * Measure 1 & Measure 2 – 2021 Vs 2020 * 2021 Recap – Statistics * Measure 1 Overview / Financial Supports * Trading Online Voucher * Training & Mentoring Supports * Business Supports * Programmes provided by LEO * Networks   Following the contributions, Chair Cllr. L. Dunne invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr. McCrave who suggested that the item be brought to the attention of the relevant Area Committee.  Tom Rooney and Jason Frehill responded to the questions raised.  **The Report was Noted.** |
| **Headed Item 4: Shopfront Grants Update and Scheme 2021 -2022**  Tom Rooney, **Head of Enterprise,** presented a review of the Shopfront Grants Scheme 2021 -2022, a very positive scheme that increasing in uptake year on year.  Following the contributions, the members welcomed the update and commended the scheme for 2022.  **The Report was Noted.** |
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| **Headed Item 5: A.O.B.**  A short video capturing the recent visit of Minister Damien English to South Dublin LEO was shown to the members. |
| **Cllr R. McMahon then concluded the meeting.**  **The meeting ended at 19:05 p.m.** |