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 14th September 2022**

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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. Dunne | Thomas Rooney - Head of Enterprise |
| Cllr. L. McCrave  | Justin Mulhern - Senior Enterprise Development Officer |
| Cllr. P. Kearns  | Ralph McGarry – Administrative Officer |
| Cllr. E. O’Brien  |  |
| Cllr. L. O’Toole |  |

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| **Representative** |  |
| John Kiberd, PPN |  |

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| **Apologies** |  |
| Cllr. L. Whelan |  |
| Sherri Brennan |  |
| Sean Reid |  |
| Jack McDonnell |  |

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

**The Chair, Members, Representatives and Officials present, acknowledged this meeting as the last to be attended by J. Mulhern and thanked him for his work and contributions to the SPC.**

**Headed Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes**

EETD SPC held on 11th May 2022. **AGREED**

Proposed by Cllr. C. King and seconded by Cllr. L. McCrave

**Headed Item 2: Local Enterprise Office**

**A.** Ralph McGarry, **Administrative Officer,** presented a report updating members on Tourism Projects

* Rathfarnham Courtyards
* Tourism Strategy
* Heritage Centre
* Tallaght Stadium – Branding Update
* Tourism Event & Festival Grants
* Shopfront Grant Scheme

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

Questions were raised by Cllr C. King, Cllr, L. McCrave, Cllr P. Kearns, Cllr E. O’Brien, Cllr L. Dunne and Cllr. R. McMahon

Ralph McGarry and Jason Frehill responded to questions raised.

**B.** Tom Rooney, **Head of Enterprise**, presented a report updating members on the activities of the Local Enterprise Office, covering –

* Financial Supports
* Business Supports
* Programmes & Networks
* LECP Update

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Questions were raised by Cllr C. King, Cllr R McMahon, Cllr P Kearns, Cllr L. McCrave and Cllr L O’Toole

Members commended Tom on the work being delivered by the LEO Team.

Tom Rooney responded to questions raised.

Justin Mulhern, **Senior Enterprise Development Officer**, presented a report updating members on the Innovation Centre project –

* Current project status
* Build timeline
* Mobilisation update

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

Questions were raised by Cllr L. McCrave, Cllr, R. McMahon and Cllr L O’Toole

Justin Mulhern responded to questions raised.

**The Reports were Noted.**

**Headed Item 3: Economic Development Projects**

Laura Leonard, **Senior Executive Officer,** presented a report updating members on a number of projects -

* 12th Lock Masterplan
* Grange Castle Masterplan and Marketing Strategy

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

Questions were raised by Cllr. E. O’Brien, Cllr. L. O’Toole and Cllr. P. Kearns

Laura Leonard responded to questions raised.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 6: A.O.B.**

It was noted that EETD had received correspondence from the South Dublin County Partnership about the end of Local Employment Service (LES) and Job Clubs.

**The meeting ended at 19:25**

Cllr C. King concluded the meeting