SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

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**REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8th NOVEMBER, 2023.**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |
| Cllr. Liona O’Toole | Jason Frehill - Director of Service |
| Cllr. Pamela Kearns  | Robert Murtagh - Senior Staff Officer |
| Cllr. Lynn McCrave | Peter Connolly - Senior Enterprise Development Officer |
| Cllr. Louise Dunne (Acting Chair) | Tom Rooney – Head of Local Enterprise |
| Cllr. Ed O’Brien | Allyson Rooney - Senior Staff Officer |
|  | Dylan Rock - Clerical Officer |  |
|  | Laura Leonard- Senior Executive Officer |  |
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| **Guests** |  |
| George Jacob, KPMGLiam Mannix, KPMG |  |

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| **Outside Members** |  |
| Mr. Michael Noonan, PPN Representative |  |

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| **Apologies** |  |
| Jack Mc DonnellSherri BrennanCllr. Cathal KingCllr. Ronan McMahon |  |

**In The absence of the Chairperson, Cllr. King members present nominated Cllr. L. Dunne to Chair the meeting.**

**Headed Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of EETD SPC held on 13th September, 2023, were **Proposed** by Cllr. P. Kearns, seconded by Cllr. L. O’Toole and **Agreed**.

**Headed Item 2:**

 **Local Economic & Community Plan**

* Updated Socio-Economic data for South Dublin / High Level Goals and context for National & Regional Policy
* Next phase of Consultation process

Mr. Liam Mannix of KPMG presented the Report.

Following the presentation, Chair Cllr. L. Dunne invited comments and questions from the members.

There were no questions posed on the Report.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item No. 3**

**Local Enterprise Office Update**

Mr. Peter Connolly, Senior Enterprise Development Officer, presented the Report covering the following areas:-

Year To Date key statistics, Food Sector update, National Women’s Enterprise Network event and Work IQ progress update.

Following a discussion to whom the following contributed: Cllr. P. Kearns, Mr. M. Noonan, Cllr. L. O’Toole, Cllr L. McCrave and Cllr. L. Dunne, Mr. Tom Rooney, Head of Local Enterprise responded to questions raised.

**The Report was NOTED.**

**Headed Item No. 4**

1. Tourism Update

Mr. Robert Murtagh, Senior Staff Officer, & Mr Jason Frehill, Director of Services, presented the report comprising updates to the Committee on the projects as follows:-

* Castle Courtyard & Stables, Rathfarnham
* Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre

Following the presentation, Chair L. Dunne invited questions.

Questions and contributions were raised by Cllr.P. Kearns, Cllr. L. O’Toole, Cllr. L McCrave and M. Noonan.

Mr. Jason Frehill and Mr. Robert Murtagh, Senior Staff Officer, responded to the questions raised. The Chair expressed her thanks for the presentation.

**The Report was Noted.**

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

Jason Frehill responded to the questions raised under A.O.B.

**The meeting ended at 7.15 p.m.**

Cllr. L. Dunne concluded the meeting.