

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 May 2024

Members	Council Officials
Cllr. Liona O'Toole	Jason Frehill - Director of Service
Cllr. Pamela Kearns	Laura Leonard – Senior Executive Officer
Cllr. Louise Dunne	Peter Connolly - Senior Enterprise Development Officer
Cllr. Ronan McMahon	Ralph McGarry -Administrative Officer
Cllr. Cathal King (Chairperson)	Des English, Administrative Officer
Mr. Michael Noonan (PPN)	Brian Booth, Staff Officer
	Dylan Rock, Clerical Officer

Guests

Apologies
Jack Mc Donnell Sherri Brennan Cllr. Lynn McCrave Tom Rooney

Headed Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the EETD SPC held on 14th February 2024, were **Proposed** by Cllr. Cathal King, seconded by Cllr. Louise Dunne and **Agreed**.

Headed Item 2: County Tourism Update

Ralph McGarry, Administrative Officer presented the Report.

The Report outlined details of the County Tourism Strategy, individual projects of significance, including the Dublin Mountains project, Rathfarnham Castle & stables and the Tallaght Heritage centre. In addition, events and activities over the coming summer months were highlighted.

Following the presentation, the Chair Cllr. King invited comments and questions from the members. Cllrs L. Dunne, R. McMahon, P. Kearns and C. King and Mr. Michael Noonan raised queries and made contributions.

Jason Frehill and Ralph McGarry responded to questions raised.

The Report was Noted.

Headed Item 3: County Economic Strategy -Preliminary Overview.

Laura Leonard, Senior Executive Officer, presented the report.

The report outlined the Policy Framework, Strategy Development process, the Themes for consideration, the Key focus areas and the Next steps/ timelines associated with the development of the Strategy.

Following the presentation of the report, the Chair Cllr. King invited comments and questions from the members. Cllrs R. McMahon and C. King and Mr. Michael Noonan raised queries and made contributions.

Laura Leonard responded to the questions raised.

The Report was Noted.

Headed Item 4 Evening /Night-Time Economy Overview.

Peter Connolly, Senior Enterprise Development Officer presented the report.

The Report dealt with the Context, the opportunities, Best Practice examples and the Next steps in progressing for the Council.

Following the presentation of the report, the Chair Cllr. King invited comments and questions from the members. Cllrs R. McMahon and C. King raised queries and made contributions.

Peter Connolly and Jason Frehill responded to matters raised.

The Report was Noted.

Headed Item 5 A.O.B.

The chair Cllr. C. King expressed his thanks to Cllr. P Kearns for deputising as Chair of the SPC on the occasions when he was unavoidably absent.

He went onto thank all members and staff for their participation and contributions to the SPC over the term of the Council and wished members well in the coming elections.

The meeting concluded at 6.50 p.m.