

Minutes of the Economic Development & Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee meeting held in person (Cooley Room, County Hall, Dundalk) and on Teams on 18th December 2024, 2pm

Present: Cllr Pío Smith (chair)
Cllr Declan Power
Cllr Sionainn McCann
Cllr Sean Kelly (online)
Cllr Andrea McKeivitt (online)
Ms Sarah Daly, PPN Rep
Evelyn Nomayo, PPN Rep

Officials: Ms Susan Murphy, LCC
Mr Niall Gallagher
Ms Sabhbh Ní Mhaolágain, LCC
Mr Thomas McEvoy, LCC
Ms Rose McGahon, LCC
Ms Colette Moss, LCC (online)

Apologies: Ms Miriam Simon, Business Rep

A quorum was reached and the meeting proceeded.

Agenda item	Action
1. Welcome and introductions All members introduced themselves	
2. Standing Orders Thomas went over the standing orders for the SPC. It refers to 4 meetings and the Chair confirmed, if required due to the work programme agreed, additional meetings may be scheduled.	

<p>3. Role and scope of SPC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to document provided 	
<p>4. Work Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rates abatement/waiver re vacant buildings – needs to be costed. Term and percentage to be decided. • SPC are responsible for the implementation of the Economic side of the LECP. Chair of SPC and two members to join the LECP monitoring group. Nominations requested. Declan, proposed by Pio and seconded by Sionainn, Sarah proposed by Declan and seconded by Pio. • Request for further information on LECP and County Development Plan. • Broadband – Rose advised a Digital Strategy is being prepared, will be brought to SPC for comments. • Proposed to have the Louth Economic Forum join at least one SPC meeting a year. • Tourism – Sabhbh advised the draft Tourism strategy will be brought to the SPC for comments. Proposed to ask Consultant on same to come to the March SPC meeting • Enterprise – work plan is broadly set out by Enterprise Ireland – will continue to update SPC on points of note. • Shop Front Improvement Grants – any proposed changes to the scheme will be brought to the SPC for ratification. Updates will continue to be brought to the SPC 	<p>Thomas will circulate information .</p> <p>Susan to email Community re members of the implementation group.</p> <p>Plans to be circulated</p> <p>Sabhbh to follow up</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Casual trading – Lorraine to give a presentation on same to next meeting 	Lorraine to follow up
5. Agree dates for 2025 meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting 21st January 2025 at 4pm in Drogheda Bring list of proposed dates to next meeting 	Susan/Pio
6. AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Declan mentioned the upcoming DBEC meeting in February, proposed it would be beneficial for SPC members to attend Niall will circulate information on the M1 corridor and presentation 	Thomas to circulate information on same Niall

That concluded the business of the meeting at 5.25pm

Confirmed at Meeting held on:

21.1.2025

Signed:


Chairperson

