

Minutes of the Economic Development & Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee, hybrid meeting - in person (Magdelene Tower meeting room, Fair Street, Drogheda) and on Teams; 4pm, Tuesday 21st January 2025

SPC Members Present:

Cllr Pio Smith (chair)
Cllr Declan Power (online)
Cllr Sionainn McCann(online)
Ms Sarah Daly, PPN Rep
Ms Miriam Simon, Business Rep(online)

Louth County Council Officials:

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

Apologies:

Cllr Sean Kelly
Cllr Andrea McKevitt
Ms Mercedes Rodriguez

A quorum was reached and the meeting proceeded.

Agenda item	Action
1. Welcome and introductions	
2. Minutes of the meeting 18th December 2024 No matters arising from the minutes. Proposed by Sarah and seconded by Pio	
3. LECP Colette gave an update on the LECP priority actions	

<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 • Casual trading – Lorraine to give a presentation on same to next meeting 	<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> <p>Lorraine to follow up</p>
<p>5. Agree dates for 2025 meetings</p>	

<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
<p>6. AOB</p> <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 	<p>Thomas to circulate information on same</p> <p>Niall</p>

That concluded the business of the meeting at 5.25pm

Confirmed at Meeting held on: 18.2.2025

Signed:


Chairperson

