

Minutes of the Economic Development & Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee meeting held via Teams on 26th March 2024, 2pm

Present: Mr Alan McArdle, PPN rep
 Ms Sarah Daly, PPN Rep
 Cllr Pio Smith
 Cllr Declan Power
 Cllr Dolores Minogue
 Mr Paddy Malone, PPN Rep
 Cllr Emma Coffey

Officials: Ms Colette Moss, LCC
 Ms Susan Murphy, LCC
 Ms Pamela Kerr, LCC
 Ms Sabhbh Ní Mhaolágain, LCC
 Mr Thomas McEvoy, LCC

Apologies: Mr T.J. Meegan, PPN Rep
 Cllr Andrea McKeivitt

A quorum was reached and the meeting proceeded.

Agenda item	Action
<p>1. Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of the meeting of 23rd January 2024 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Dolores Minogue and Seconded by Cllr Declan Power 	
<p>2. Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
<p>3. LECP Process update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LECP was approved at the February Council meeting and is with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien for approval prior to publication. 	
<p>4. Update on Economic Development & Tourism</p>	

<p>Update given on recent and upcoming tourism events including recent successful Drogheda Comedy Festival, upcoming Seapoint Legends Tour and upcoming National Tourism Conference in Kildare.</p> <p>Update given on ongoing projects including 'Ireland from Above' recording.</p> <p>Discussion followed re updates.</p>	
<p>5. Update on Business Supports and Local Authority Incentives</p> <p>Update given on recent, ongoing and upcoming events and projects within Local Enterprise Office. In particular the great attendance at recent LEO week. Plans are under way towards opening the Drogheda Digital Innovation Hub late 2024 as Manager was recently appointed.</p>	
<p>6. Shop Front Grants</p> <p>Scheme opens early April for the whole County as agreed at the January meeting. Application forms will be online and available from Customer Services desks in all Council Offices.</p>	
<p>7. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Border Tourism Conference taking place in the Carrickdale • Meeting taking place on 8th April with a view to revamping the M1 Corridor website 	

That concluded the business of the meeting at 3.10pm
 Next meeting to take place in Drogheda if the new Chamber is complete in Fair Street Offices, otherwise online, on Tuesday 21st May.

Confirmed at Meeting held on: 21.5.2024

Signed: 
 Chairperson