

Minutes of the Economic Development & Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee, hybrid meeting - in person (Fait Street Office, Drogheda) and on Teams; 3.30pm, Thursday 8th May 2025

SPC Members Present:

Cllr Pio Smith (chair)
 Cllr Declan Power
 Cllr Sionainn McCann(online)
 Ms Miriam Simon, Business Rep (online)
 Cllr Dolores Minogue (online)

Louth County Council Officials:

Ms Susan Murphy
 Mr Thomas McEvoy (online)
 Ms Nikki Campbell

Apologies:

Cllr Andrea McKeivitt
 Ms Mercedes Rodriguez, PPN Rep
 Ms Evelyn Nomayo, PPN Rep
 Cllr Sean Kelly
 Ms Sarah Daly, PPN Rep

A quorum was reached and the meeting proceeded.

Agenda item	Action
<p>1. Welcome and introductions</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the meeting 25th March 2025</p> <p>No matters arising from the minutes.</p> <p>Proposed by Declan and seconded by Pio.</p>	
<p>3. Rates abatement scheme</p> <p>Discussion took place in relation to the financial report prepared in relation to the proposed scheme. Members to send their comments on same and final report to be circulated in advance of next meeting.</p> <p>Discussion took place in relation to the proposed scheme, some amendments required and based on these a final proposal will be brought to the next meeting. Public consultation to take place from the 19th May until 3rd June as per Statutory Instrument.</p>	

<p>4. LECP Monitoring committee in place, no date to meet in place as yet. Update required from Community Section.</p>	
<p>5. Update on Economic Development and Tourism Updates were given on current plans.</p>	
<p>6. Update on Business Supports and Local Authority Incentives An update was given on current plans and supports available.</p>	
<p>7. AOB Query re 'Retail Support Scheme' similar to other Counties, LEO re revert re their current scheme.</p>	
<p>8. Date of next meeting 17th June, Ardee.</p>	

That concluded the business of the meeting at 5.25pm

Confirmed at Meeting held on: 17/6/25

Signed: *Pio Smith*
Chairperson