

**Minutes of the Economic Development & Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee, hybrid meeting - in person (Magdelene Tower Room, Fair Street Offices, Drogheda) and on Teams; 3.30pm, Tuesday 14th April 2026**

**SPC Members Present:** Cllr Pío Smith (Chair)  
Cllr Declan Power  
Cllr Sionnan McCann (online)  
Cllr Dolores Minogue (online)  
Ms Sarah Daly, PPN Rep  
Ms Miriam Simon, Business Rep  
Ms Evylyn Nomayo, PPN Rep (online)  
Ms Mercedes Rodriguez

**Louth County Council Officials:**  
Ms Olivia McCormack  
Ms Nikki Campbell  
Ms Susan L Murphy  
Mr Thomas McEvoy (online)  
Mr Mark Davies (online)

**Apologies:**  
Cllr Sean Kelly  
Cllr Andrea McKeivitt  
Mr Willie Walsh  
Ms Clare O'Hagan  
Ms Roisin McAuley

| Agenda item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Action |
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| <b>1. Welcome and introductions</b><br>A quorum was reached and the meeting proceeded.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |        |
| <b>2. Minutes of the meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026.</b><br>No matters arising. Minutes proposed by Miriam Simon and seconded by Cllr Power.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |        |
| <b>3. Tourism Strategy</b><br>Presentation delivered by Olivia Mc Cormack, Economic Development & Tourism, on the Tourism Strategy, which is the first dedicated tourism roadmap for County Louth. A high-level overview of the 7 strategic themes and objectives of the strategy were outlined. Members discussed overnight stays and accommodation issues in County Louth. Tourism Strategy proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Power. |        |

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| <p><b>4. LEDP</b></p> <p>Presentation delivered by Nikki Campbell, LEO on the strategic priorities for 2026-2028. This was followed by a Q&amp;A from the members.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| <p><b>5. LECF</b></p> <p>Steering Committee in place. Follow up to be issued on query regarding any further meetings since September 2025.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| <p><b>6. Shop Front Grants</b></p> <p>Presentation delivered by Olivia McCormack on the proposed change to the Shop Front Grant Scheme. Proposed change under Eligibility; Change from: 'A claim under the Shopfront Grant initiative may only be made once in every five year period.'</p> <p>To: 'A claim under the Shopfront Grant initiative may only be made once per category in every five year period up to a maximum of 2 categories within a five year period'</p> <p>Change proposed by Miriam Simon and seconded by Cllr Power.</p> |  |
| <p><b>7. Update on Economic Development &amp; Tourism</b></p> <p>Presentation given by Mark Davies, Night Time Economy Officer regarding Safe &amp; Sound (training). The training is proposed to be delivered county wide.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <p><b>8. Update on Business Supports and Local Authority Incentives</b></p> <p>An update was given on supports available from the Local Enterprise Office. Local Enterprise week took place week commencing the 2<sup>nd</sup> March. 9 events held for businesses to meet with LEO staff attracted more than 500 attendees. A total of 9 training courses have been delivered since the beginning of the year.</p>                                                                                                                             |  |
| <p><b>9. AOB</b></p> <p>None</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2026 in Ardee.

Confirmed at Meeting held on: 18.08.26

Signed: Pro Smith  
Chairperson