

Minutes of the Economic Development & Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee meeting held in the Cooley Room, County Hall, Dundalk, 22nd November 2022

Present: Cllr Pio Smith, Chairperson
 Cllr Declan Power
 Ms Sarah Daly, Social Inclusion Rep
 Mr Alan Mc Ardle, Community Rep
 Mr Paddy Malone, Business Community Rep

Officials: Mr Thomas Mc Evoy, Director of Services
 Ms Colette Moss, Senior Executive Officer
 Ms Susan Murphy, Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllr Andrea Mc Kevitt
 Cllr Dolores Minogue
 Mr TJ Meegan
 Ms Grainne Flanagan

 It was noted there was a quorum, therefore the meeting commenced.

Agenda item	Action
<p>1. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the 13th September 2022 were agreed. Proposed by D Power and seconded by P Smith.</p>	
<p>2. Matters Arising: Update given re Business Improvement Scheme and Vacant properties.</p>	<p>Report due in new year re vacant properties</p>
<p>3. LECP Review Letter of intent issued to successful tenderer, contract due to issue in coming weeks. SPC will be consulted for input to LECP and members are recommended to prepare for the consultation.</p>	<p>Info and timetable for process to be sent to members</p>

<p>4. Update on Economic Development, Tourism and Festivals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upcoming events: Frostival and Drogheda Christmas lights - Positive response to Lú Festival of Light and Omeath Fireworks - Shop Front Grants (applications closed on 30th September), 29 received this year - 24 applications received under Omeath Streetscape Enhancement scheme – await further direction from the Department - €150,000 awarded under Shared Island Funding application, tender application to commence - Night Time Economy application was successful, await information from Department on the recruitment process <p>Discussion followed on Lú Festival, Shared Island Application and Night Time Economy Advisor Discussion on Peace Plus public consultations Discussion re plans for St Brigid's Day</p>	
<p>5. Update on Business Supports and Local Authority Incentives</p> <p>Update on Local Enterprise Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Over 100 attendees at National Women in Enterprise Day - Continuing progress on Schools Program - 'Look for Local' launched - Vacant property refurbishment grant coming on stream - Discussion on derelict properties register and vacant properties tax 	
<p>6. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on Bridge Street works and prominent vacant properties in Dundalk and Drogheda, Westgate Vision and Ardee Castle 	

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Confirmed at Meeting held on:

31/1/2023

Signed:



Chairperson