

Minutes of the Economic Development & Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee, hybrid meeting - in person (Magdalene Tower Room, Drogheda) and on Teams; 3.30pm, Thursday 6th November 2025

SPC Members Present: Cllr Pio Smith (chair)
Cllr Sean Kelly (online)
Cllr Declan Power
Cllr Siannan McCann (online)
Ms Sarah Daly, PPN Rep (online)
Ms Miriam Simon, Business Rep
Ms Evylyn Nomayo, PPN Rep

Louth County Council Officials:

Mr Thomas McEvoy (online)
Ms Colette Moss
Mr Mark Davies
Ms Grainne McKeown (online)
Ms Susan Murphy

Apologies:

Cllr Dolores Minogue
Cllr Andrea McKeivitt
Mr Edward McDaniel
Ms Mercedes Rodriguez
Mr Willie Walsh
Ms Bernadette Woods
Ms Roisin McAuley
Ms Clare O'Hagan

A quorum was reached and the meeting proceeded.

Agenda item	Action
1. Welcome and introductions Quorum reached, as Cllr Smith was running late, Cllr Power was deemed Chair to start the meeting.	
2. Minutes of the meeting 23rd September 2025. No matters arising. Minutes proposed by Sean and seconded by Miriam	
3. Night Time Economy Presentation given by the Night Time Economy Advisor on work to date and planned initiatives for 2026	Susan to email the presentation to members

This was followed by a Q&A from the members.	
4. Tourism Strategy Still at draft stage with minor changes to be made, due to go to the next Council meeting. An action plan with KPI's will form part of the strategy. Followed by some queries raised by members.	
5. Rates Waiver Scheme Approved at previous SPC meeting, going to the Budget meeting for ratification by members on the 17 th November. Queries on promotion of the scheme raised. Agreed to compile a one pagers of all relevant grants/schemes open to new businesses	Grainne and Susan to work on this
6. LECP Monitoring committee meeting took place on the 10 th September at which the implementation plan review was discussed.	
7. Update on Economic Development & Tourism Updates were given on current projects and initiatives.	
8. Update on Business Supports and Local Authority Incentives An update was given on financial supports available from the Local Enterprise Office	
9. AOB None	

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Next meeting: Thursday 22nd January 2026 in Dundalk.

Confirmed at Meeting held on: 22.01.26

Signed:


Chairperson