



**MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE SPC MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2022**

1 Resignation of SPC Chair and appointment of new Chair

At Dublin City Council monthly meeting held 05/09/22, Cllr. Tom Brabazon was appointed as Chairperson following the resignation of Cllr. Claire O'Connor. Introductions were made.

2 Minutes of meeting held 12/04/22 (5 minutes time allocation)

Minutes of the previous meeting, which took place on 12th April 2022, were agreed by Members.

3 Matters Arising (5 minutes time allocation)

Letter to Mr. Paul Johnson, British Ambassador to Ireland

Copy of letter was provided in the Modgov pack.

Cllr. MacDonncha - circulate response from Mr. Paul Johnson, British Ambassador to Ireland to Members (if and when received) - agreed.

4 Motion of Notice

a Motion received from Odran Reid (10 minutes time allocation)

Odran Reid

Copy of motion and management response were provided in the Modgov pack.

Motion was heard, debated and DCC Management Response was heard. Motion was agreed. Copy of motion and management response to be included in Breviate for City Council Meeting.

Letter to issue from Chair inviting Eirgrid to attend next meeting of the SPC (half hour allocation at least to be given at SPC if they agree). In the interim, Eirgrid have invited LEO to a business forum on 27/9. LEO to use that opportunity to lay the groundwork. Members to be kept abreast of development.

5 Presentation on draft Economic Development Strategy (2022-2024) - Ross Curley, Senior Economic Development Officer (20 minutes time allocation)

Copy of Strategy was provided in advance of the meeting in the ModGov pack

Ross Curley presented to Members. The Chair thanked the Presenter and opened the floor to questions and answers.

Comments were made by Members on the use of language in the strategy, difficult to understand in parts, whether it was a true reflection of the current economic climate and lack of measurement controls in the strategy.

The presenter addressed comments made and advised that suggestions would be taken on board. He undertook to email members notifying them of a two week time frame to submit additional suggested amendments to the draft.

6 Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan Update - Mary MacSweeney, SEO / Deputy Head of Enterprise & Economic Development (15 minutes time allocation)

Copy of update was provided in advance of the meeting in the ModGov pack

Mary MacSweeney updated Members. The Chair thanked the Presenter and opened the floor to questions and answers.

Update was noted. Questions were addressed. Clarification was provided on Members of the LECP Advisory Steering Committee and process of selection.

7 Enterprise Hubs in Dublin Research Report - Norman Thompson, Researcher (15 minutes time allocation)

Copy of research report was provided in advance of the meeting in the ModGov pack

Norman Thompson presented to Members. The Chair thanked the Presenter and opened the floor to questions and answers.

Presentation noted. Questions were addressed and feedback noted. Chair to write to Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment advising of imbalance of enterprise hubs in certain postal codes in DCC's administrative area

8 European Programme Support Office & International Relations Report - Ciara O'hAodha, Interim Head of EPSO (15 minutes time allocation)

Copy of progress report was provided in advance of the meeting in the Modgov pack

Ciara O'hAodha presented to Members. The Chair thanked the Presenter.

As agreed through the Chair, queries raised by Cllr. Freehill were to be addressed by the interim Head of EPSO after the meeting. Ciara O'hAodha undertook to contact Cllr. Freehill directly and provide clarification on matters raised, including the staffing of the EPSO.

9 Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Update - Mary MacSweeney, SEO / Deputy Head of Enterprise & Economic Development (15 minutes time allocation)

Copy of update was provided in advance of the meeting in the ModGov pack

Progress report noted with concerns raised by Members over lack of progress to date. The Political Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for 16th September 2022 in Louth County Council.

Standing agenda items, DBEC and EPSO, to be listed near top of future agendas but after motions as agreed by Members

10 **Economic Development & Enterprise Management Reports (5 minutes time allocation)**

Reports Noted.

11 **Any Other Business (15 minutes time allocation)**

- **EDE SPC – to continue remotely/move to hybrid**

Members agreed to switch future EDE SPC meetings to hybrid format.

- **Sarah Ingle, ACEI, resignation and replacement**

Members agreed that the Chair should notify Temple Bar Company that the vacancy has arisen and ask if they wish to nominate a person to take it up.

- **“No waiting” card – Cllr. Declan Meenagh**

Members agreed that the Chair should write to Dublin Chamber/Dublin Town raising the issue and seeking assistance in raising awareness amongst their members.

Next SPC Meeting: 8th November 2022 (3.30pm – 5.30pm)

Venue: City Hall / Hybrid

Action items for Progression:

Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility
3	Circulate response from Mr. Paul Johnson, British Ambassador to Ireland to Members (if and when received)	EDE SPC Secretariat / SPC Administrator (if and when letter received)
4a	Motion agreed. Letter to issue from Chair inviting Eirgrid to attend next meeting of the SPC (half hour allocation at least to be given at SPC if they agree). In the interim, Eirgrid have invited LEO to a business forum on 27/9. LEO to use that opportunity to lay the groundwork. Members to be kept abreast of developments	Chair Mary MacSweeney Ross Curley
5	Email members notifying them of a two week time frame to submit additional suggested amendments.	Ross Curley SPC Administrator

7	Chair to write to Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment advising of imbalance of enterprise hubs in certain postal codes in DCC's administrative area.	Chair Mary MacSweeney Ross Curley
8	Interim head of EPSO to contact Cllr. Mary Freehill with queries raised at meeting	Ciara O'hAodha
11	Future meetings to be arranged as hybrid meetings with training to be arranged for staff	Mary MacSweeney Ross Curley
11	Sarah Ingle Resignation – notify Temple Bar Company that the vacancy has arisen and ask if they wish to nominate a person to take it up.	Chair Mary MacSweeney Ross Curley
11	Cllr. Declan Meenagh – “no waiting” card – write to Dublin Chamber/Dublin Town raising the issue and seeking assistance in raising awareness amongst their members	Chair Mary MacSweeney Ross Curley
11	Standing agenda items, DBEC and EPSO, to be listed near top of future agendas but after motions as agreed by Members	SPC Administrator Mary MacSweeney Ross Curley

**Chairperson
Tuesday 6 September 2022**

Attendance:

Members:

Racheal Batten
Donna Cooney
Mary Freehill
Natalie McGuinness
Aidan Sweeney

Members:

Tom Brabazon
Tara Deacy
Evanne Kilmurray
Cat O'Driscoll

Members:

Danny Byrne
Terence Flanagan
Micheál MacDonncha
Odran Reid

Officers

Ross Curley
Ciara O hAodha
Richard Shakespeare
Marilyn Vickers

Anthony Flynn
Mary MacSweeney
Greg Swift

Fanchea Gibson
Juliet Passmore
Norman Thompson

Apologies:

Non-Members:

