



MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE SPC MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 25 APRIL 2023

1 Roll Call & Quorum (5 minutes) - Norman Thompson, Acting Senior Economic Development Officer

2 Minutes of meeting held 31/1/23 (5 minutes)

Minutes of the previous meeting, which took place on 31st January 2023, were agreed by Members.

3 Matters Arising (5 minutes)

None.

4 Motion of Notice (10 minutes)

None received.

5 European Programme Support Office & International Relations (15 mins) - Ciara O'hAodha, Head of EPSO / Senior Executive Officer

Fanchea Gibson, Administrative Officer, International Relations

Copy of International Relations report was provided in advance of the meeting in the ModGov pack.

Copy of EPSO report was not provided in advance of the meeting in the Modgov pack, apologies received from Ciara O'hAodha who was unable to attend due to illness.

Fanchea Gibson updated Members in relation to International Relations only. The Chair thanked the Presenter and opened the floor to questions and answers. Update noted and questions addressed.

Action:

Mary MacSweeney agreed to contact Finance SPC regarding bed tax in the City and seek update which, once received, she will share with the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC.

6 DCC Tourism Strategy 2023-2028 Update (15 mins) - Barry Rogers, Head of Dublin City Tourism Unit

Barry Rogers, Tourism Unit Manager

Copy of presentation was provided in advance of the meeting in the Modgov pack.

Barry Rogers updated Members. The Chair thanked the Presenter and opened the floor to questions and answers. Update noted and questions addressed.

7 **Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Update (10 minutes) - Mary MacSweeney, Acting Executive Manager**

Mary MacSweeney, Acting Executive Manager

Copy of update was not provided in advance of the meeting in the ModGov pack

Mary MacSweeney advised that arising from a request from Cllr. Freehill at the EDE SPC meeting held on 31/1/23, Mary MacSweeney contacted the Secretariat to raise the need to connect the Eastern Regional Midlands Assembly (ERMA) with the DBEC Political Advisory Group, and sought to possibly have the EMRA attend the next meeting which is to be hosted by DCU. The Secretariat have advised that the next meeting of the Political Advisory Group will take place in July/August. Mary MacSweeney updated the Members on current status and the Chair thanked the Presenter and opened the floor to questions and answers. Questions addressed.

Action:

Mary MacSweeney to raise the issue of Dublin Belfast connectivity and rail infrastructure issues at the next meeting of the Director of Services Group meeting.

8 **Dublin City Local Economic & Community Plan Update (5 minutes) - Ross Curley, Acting Senior Executive Officer**

Ross Curley, Acting Senior Executive Officer

Copy of update was not provided in advance of the meeting in the ModGov pack

Ross Curley updated Members. The Chair thanked the Presenter and opened the floor to questions and answers. Updated noted. Questions addressed including the recent LCDC vacancy and filling of acting post.

9 **Dublin Place Brand Strategy Update (15 minutes) - OCO Global / Utopia**

OCO Global / Eutopia – Judith O'Doherty

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Judith O'Doherty updated Members. The Chair thanked the Presenter and opened the floor to questions and answers. Updated noted and presentation welcomed. Questions addressed.

10 **Circular Economy Hotspot 2023 Update (10 minutes) - Steve O'Reilly, Rediscovery Centre**

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Copy of presentation was provided in advance of the meeting in the Modgov pack.

Steve O'Reilly updated Members. The Chair thanked the Presenter and opened the floor to questions and answers. Event welcomed by members and possible livestreaming of the event was suggested. Questions addressed.

11 **Night Time Economy Advisor Update (10 minutes) - Ross Curley, Acting Senior Executive Officer**

Ross Curley, acting Senior Executive Officer

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

Ross Curley updated Members. The Chair thanked the Presenter and opened the floor to questions and answers. Updated noted and concerns raised around expansive brief for one person, how the role would link into Office of City Recovery, Public Domain and Area Offices etc., issue of safety in the City was discussed and timelines on the advertisement and length of post. Questions addressed.

12 **SoCircular Outcomes Report & Brochure (10 minutes) - Norman Thompson, Acting Senior Economic Development Officer**

Norman Thompson, acting Senior Economic Development Officer

Copy of report and brochure were provided in advance of the meeting in the Modgov pack

Norman Thompson updated Members. The Chair thanked the Presenter and opened the floor to questions and answers. Updated noted and report and brochure welcomed by Members. Questions addressed.

Action:

Norman Thompson to provide Councillors with link to the brochure to enable further promotion and dissemination. See below:

[SoCircular Brochure](#) (Featuring local social and circular or sustainable enterprises)

[SoCircular Summit Outcomes Report](#) (Provides an account of insights shared by summit contributors)

13 **Economic Development & Enterprise Management Reports (5 minutes)**

- a. Economic Development Office
- b. Local Enterprise Office
- c. Dublin.ie
- d. Smart Dublin and Smart Cities

Copy of Management Reports were provided in advance of the meeting in the ModGov pack.
Reports Noted.

14 **A.O.B.**

The Chair advised that Cllr. Freehill's replacement would be co-opted at the City Council meeting and took the opportunity to thank her for her many years of service, commitment and dedication to the Council.

Proposal put forward by Chair of the Finance SPC, Cllr. Séamas McGrattan, for Community Wealth Being to be tabled on the EDE SPC agenda for next meeting – Agreed by Chair and Members.

**Next SPC Meeting: 12th September 2023 (3.30pm – 5.30pm)
Venue: City Hall / Hybrid**

Action items for Progression:

Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility
5	Contact Finance SPC regarding bed tax in the City and share update with the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC.	Mary MacSweeney
7	To raise the issue of Dublin Belfast connectivity and rail infrastructure issues at the next meeting of the Director of Services Group meeting, on foot of observations made by Cllr. Cooney.	Mary MacSweeney
12	To provide Councillors with link to the SoCircular Brochure to enable further promotion and dissemination.	Norman Thompson
14	Community Wealth Being to be tabled as agenda item on next SPC meeting as requested by Chair of the Finance SPC, Cllr. Séamas McGrattan	Ross Curley / SPC Administrator

Councillor Tom Brabazon
Chairperson
Tuesday 25 April 2023

Attendance:

Members:

Tom Brabazon (Chairperson)
Danny Byrne
Terence Flanagan
Cat O'Driscoll

Members:

Donna Cooney
Mary Freehill
Odran Reid

Members:

Tara Deacy
Lisa McKenna
Nial Ring

Officers

Ross Curley
Juliet Passmore

Fanchea Gibson
Norman Thompson

Mary MacSweeney
Marilyn Vickers

Apologies:

Martin Harte
Aidan Sweeney

Evanne Kilmurray

Micheál MacDonncha

Non-Members: