



**MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE SPC MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**1 Roll Call & Quorum (5 minutes) - Norman Thompson, Acting Administrative Officer**

**2 Minutes of meeting held 25/04/23 (5 minutes)**

Minutes of the previous meeting, which took place on 25th April 2023, were agreed by Cllr. O'Driscoll and seconded by Cllr. Deacy.

**3 Matters Arising (10 minutes)**

- Welcome address from Chair to new Member Cllr. Alison Gilliland
- Bed Tax Update – Kathy Quinn, Head of Finance  
Kathy Quinn, Head of Finance updated Members.

**Action:** In relation to hotel bed tax it was proposed by Cllr. O'Driscoll and agreed by Chair and Members that this SPC would write to Catherine Martin, T.D., Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media seeking her views on implementation of a hotel bed tax at a national level.

**4 Motion of Notice (5 minutes)**

None received.

**5 Community Wealth Building (25 minutes) - Finance SPC, External Presenters: Stuart MacDonald / John Heneghan**

Stuart MacDonald, CLES

*Copy of presentation was not provided in advance of the meeting in the ModGov pack.*

Stuart MacDonald updated Members in relation to Community Wealth Building. The Chair thanked the Presenter and opened the floor to questions and answers. Update noted and questions addressed.

**Action:** None

6 **European Programme Support Office & International Relations (10 minutes)  
- Ciara O'hAodha, Head of EPSO / Senior Executive Officer**

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

*Copy of EPSO report was provided in advance of the meeting in the Modgov pack.*

Ciara O'hAodha updated Members in relation to EPSO and IR. The Chair thanked the Presenter and opened the floor to questions and answers. Update noted and questions addressed. Cllr. O'Driscoll acknowledged the work of Cllr. Freehill in the setting up of the EPSO. Fanchea Gibson was thanked by Members for her work in relation to International Relations and wished well in her new role in the Council.

**Action:** Proposed and agreed that a detailed summary of the 8 successful EU Funding applications to date would be included in the EPSO management report for next SPC meeting. Chair proposed and Members agreed that a presentation on the different types of projects that DCC can apply for funding under should be made at the next meeting of the SPC. Head of EPSO to share with members details of a side event in November which is supported and aligned with EU Regional Week taking place in Brussels from 9 to 12 October 2023.

7 **Smart Dublin and Smart Cities Update (20 mins) - Jamie Cudden, Smart City Programme Manager**

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

**Action:** Jamie Cudden to contact Cllr. Cooney in relation to Design Your Future City cohort in relation to school participation. Cllr. O'Driscoll invited to contact Smart Dublin Section in relation to air quality monitoring and the recent research bursary set up in respect of air quality monitoring.

8 **Smart Tourism Strategy Update- Barry Rogers, Head of Dublin City Tourism Unit, Dublin City Culture Company**

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Barry Rogers updated the Members. The Chair thanked the Presenter and opened the floor to

questions and answers. Questions addressed.

**Action:** None

9 **Night Time Economy Summit Series Update (10 minutes) - Norman Thompson, A/Senior Economic Development Officer**

Norman Thompson, acting Senior Economic Development Officer

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Norman Thompson updated Members. The Chair thanked the Presenter and opened the floor to questions and answers. Updated noted and questions addressed.

**Action:** Norman Thompson to contact Cllr. Cooney in relation to the work of the Working Group on Tourism, City Markets and Night Time Economy feeding into this Summit and the current position in relation to appointment of a Night Mayor.

10 **Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan Update (10 mins) - Ross Curley, Acting Senior Executive Officer**

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Ross Curley updated Members. The Chair thanked the Presenter.

**Action:** None

11 **Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Update (5 mins) - Mary MacSweeney, Acting Executive Manager**

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

Agenda item not reached due to time constraints.

**Action:** None.

12 **Economic Development & Enterprise Management Reports (5 mins)**

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

Agenda Item not reached due to time constraints.

**Any Other Business**

SPADE Kitchen Incubator – Official opening 24/10/23, invitation to be circulated to Members.

Night Time Economy Summit – 30/11/23, invitation to be circulated to Members.

**Next SPC Meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (3.30pm – 5.30pm)**  
**Venue: City Hall / Hybrid**

**Action items for Progression:**

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**Councillor Tom Brabazon**  
**Chairperson**  
**Tuesday 12 September 2023**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Tom Brabazon (Chairperson)  
Racheal Batten  
Tara Deacy  
Martin Harte  
Nial Ring

**Members:**

Danny Byrne  
Terence Flanagan  
Micheál MacDonncha  
Aidan Sweeney

**Members:**

Donna Cooney  
Alison Gilliland  
Cat O'Driscoll

**Officers**

Jamie Cudden  
Ciara O hAodha  
Juliet Passmore

Ross Curley  
Mary MacSweeney  
Norman Thompson

Fanchea Gibson  
Aine Moreland  
Marilyn Vickers

**Apologies:**

Evanne Kilmurray

Odran Reid

**Non-Members:**