

Agenda Item 3: Economic Development & Enterprise SPC 14th Sept 2021:

**Motion received from Aidan Sweeney, Sectoral member (Business Representative)
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Motion for the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC

Dublin City to host the Local Division of the Unified Patent Court in Dublin

That Dublin City Council calls on the Government to step-up the preparations for hosting the Local Division of the Unified Patent Court in Dublin. Ireland stands to gain significantly through participation in this specialist court, through the timely hosting of a Local Division in Dublin. It will bring benefits to businesses in Dublin, create jobs and help win new investment. Other countries, however, are far more advanced in their preparations for the new IP system. There is an opportunity cost to Dublin of the country falling further behind in our preparations.

That Dublin City Council further calls on the Government to launch a bid to host the part of the Central Division of the Unified Patent Court that was previously designated to be in London. This part of the Central Division is responsible for cases in the chemical, pharmaceutical and life sciences sectors. These are key areas for Ireland and would bring economic and employment benefits to Dublin. Dublin City Council would assist and support in the marketing and promotion of the city in a future bid.

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