

Breviate of the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 6th September 2022.

1.) Resignation of Chair SPC 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.

2.) Minutes of Meeting held on 12th April 2022

Action: Minutes Agreed

3.) Matters Arising

Letter to Mr. Paul Johnson, British Ambassador to Ireland

Action: Letter issued by EDE Chair, await response which, if received, will be circulated to Members.

4.) Motion of Notice

Odran Reid

Action: Motion heard, debated and management response provided. Motion was agreed by Members. (See copy of Motion and Management Response below).

5.) Presentation: Draft Economic Development Strategy (2022-2024)

Action: Presentation noted. Questions were addressed. Members requested output measurement to be included. Feedback noted and two week time frame provided to submit additional suggested amendments.

6.) Update: Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan

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

7.) Presentation: Enterprise Hubs in Dublin – Research Report

Action: Presentation noted. Questions were addressed and feedback noted. Chair to write to Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment and advise of imbalance of enterprise hubs in parts of DCC's administrative area.

8.) Progress Report: European Programme Support Office & International Relations

Action: Progress report noted. Interim Head EPSO to contact Cllr. Freehill directly regarding queries raised at the meeting.

9.) Progress Report: Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor: Progress report noted. Political Advisory Group meeting scheduled for 16th Sept in Louth County Council.

10 Economic Development & Enterprise Management Reports

- Economic Development Office
- Local Enterprise Office
- Dublin.ie
- Smart Dublin and Smart Cities

Action: Reports noted.

11 AOB

- EDE SPC members agreed to switch to hybrid mode for future meetings
- Sarah Ingle, ACEI, resignation and replacement letter to issue to the next company on the original list seeking replacement.
- "No waiting" card Cllr. Declan Meenagh EDE SPC Chair to write to Dublin Chamber/Dublin Town raising the issue and seeking assistance in raising awareness amongst their members.
- Standing agenda items to be listed near top of future agendas but below motions as agreed by Members

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

Venue: City Hall / hybrid offering

Cllr. Tom Brabazon

Chairperson

6th September 2022

ATTENDANCE

CIIr. Members:

Cllr. Tom Brabazon (Chair),

Cllr. Danny Byrne,

Cllr. Donna Cooney,

Cllr. Tara Deacy,

Cllr Terence Flanagan,

Cllr. Mary Freehill,

Cllr Michael MacDonncha,

Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll

Cllr. Rachael Batten

External Members:

Odran Reid, Northside Homecare Services Evanne Kilmurray, Inner City Enterprise Natalie McGuinness, Dublin Chamber of Commerce Aidan Sweeney, IBEC

Absent:

Cllr. Niall Ring

Officials:

Richard Shakespeare, Assistant Chief Executive
Anthony Flynn, Executive Manager, CRES
Greg Swift, Head of Enterprise and Economic Development
Mary MacSweeney, Deputy Head of Economic Development & Enterprise
Ross Curley, Senior Economic Development Officer
Ciara O'hAodha, Interim Head of EPSO
Fanchea Gibson, Head of International Relations
Juliet Passmore, Researcher
Norman Thompson, Researcher

Proposed by: Odran Reid

Motion:

The Economic and Enterprise SPC seeks to have a comprehensive briefing from Eirgrid, their extensive programme of works planned for Dublin between 2024 and 2030 which will upgrade the electric network in the city from its current perilous position.

Eirgrid are planning significant works which will

- Facilitate the extensive use of renewable energy on the network;
- Address the current perilous position in the city in relation to the capacity of the existing network's capacity
- Severely disrupt parts of the city over a six year period with essential infrastructure provision
- require extensive multi agency cooperation including Dublin City Council

Strategic decisions will need to be made by the City Council to facilitate a speedy roll out of this infrastructure, while simultaneously assisting affected communities and economic activity in the City. It offers an opportunity through multi agency cooperation to advance the citys existing infrastructure in multiple areas.

DCC response:

Letter to issue from Chair inviting Eirgrid to attend next meeting of the SPC to provide brief. In the interim, Eirgrid have invited LEO to a business forum on 27/9/22 and LEO will use that opportunity to lay the groundwork. Members to be kept abreast of developments.