



Comhairle Cathrach  
Bhaile Átha Cliath  
Dublin City Council

**Strategic Policy Committee  
Economic Development & Enterprise  
Minutes of Meeting  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 (3.30pm – 5.30pm)  
Hybrid – City Hall / Zoom**

**Members Present:**

Cllr. Tom Brabazon, (Chair), Dublin City Council  
Cllr. Niall Ring, Dublin City Council  
Cllr. Donna Cooney, Dublin City Council  
Cllr. Mary Freehill, Dublin City Council  
Cllr. Michael MacDonncha, Dublin City Council  
Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll, Dublin City Council  
Cllr. Tara Deacy, Dublin City Council  
Cllr. Danny Byrne, Dublin City Council  
Cllr. Terence Flanagan, Dublin City Council  
Cllr. Rachael Batten, Dublin City Council  
Odran Reid, Northside Homecare Service  
Aidan Sweeney, IBEC  
Lisa McKenna, Dublin Chamber of Commerce

**Apologies:**

Evanne Kilmurray, Inner City Enterprise (ICE)  
Martin Harte, Temple Bar Company

**Officials Present:**

Richard Shakespeare, Assistant Chief Executive  
Anthony Flynn, Executive Manager  
Greg Swift, Head of Enterprise & Economic Development  
Mary MacSweeney, Deputy Head of Enterprise & Economic Development  
Ross Curley, Senior Economic Development Officer  
Ciara O'hAodha, Head of EPSO  
Fanchea Gibson, Administrative Officer

**External Presenters:**

Bernie Everard, SPADE – Shared Kitchen

**1. Roll Call & Quorum**

**2. Minutes**

Minutes of the previous meeting, which took place on 8th November 2022, were agreed by Members.

**3. Matters Arising**

Welcome address by Chair to new Member.

4. **Motion of Notice**

None received.

5. **European Programme Support Office & International Relations**

Ciara O'hAodha, Head of EPSO

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

Ciara O'hAodha updated Members. The Chair thanked the Presenter and opened the floor to questions and answers. Updated noted. Questions addressed.

**Action:** Ciara O'hAodha agreed to provide Cllr. Freehill with copy of SPC presentation that was not included in the Modgov pack and to provide Cllr. Freehill with further details on European Funding Application Overview. Ciara O'hAodha agreed to prepare comparison for Members on unsuccessful applications and evaluation process and submit at next EDE SPC meeting. Ciara O'hAodha agreed to arrange a separate briefing/workshop for Members on regional impact and regional connection to European Funding. Cllr. Freehill proposed that in light of no response to date, a reminder letter should issue to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform seeking meeting with Members regarding DCC's submission to the National Recovery and Resilience Plan. Chair agreed to this.

6. **Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Update**

Mary MacSweeney, Senior Executive Officer/Deputy Head of Enterprise & Economic Development

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

**Action:** Mary MacSweeney to raise with Secretariat the need to connect the Eastern Regional Midlands Assembly (ERMA) with the DBEC Political Advisory Group, and seek to possibly have the EMRA attend next meeting to be hosted by DCU.

7. **Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan – Update**

Ross Curley, Senior Economic Development Officer

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Ross Curley updated Members. The Chair thanked the Presenter and opened the floor to questions and answers. None received.

**Action:** Possible diary clash for 22/02/23 Joint LECP meeting – Mary MacSweeney/Ross Curley to review date.

8. **Economic Development Office 2023 – Action Plan**

Ross Curley, Senior Economic Development Officer / Norman Thompson, Researcher

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Ross Curley and Norman Thompson updated Members. The Chair thanked the Presenters and opened the floor to questions and answers. Chair commented on use of language in relation to some of the actions and lack of specific details. Odran Reid welcomed the Plan.

**9. Presentation: SPADE – Shared Kitchen**

Bernie Everard, SPADE

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Bernie Everard updated Members. The Chair thanked the Presenter and opened the floor to questions and answers. Presentation noted and positively received by Members.

**10. Economic Development & Enterprise Management Reports & YDYV Retail and Hospitality Findings**

- a. Economic Development Office
- b. Local Enterprise Office
- c. Dublin.ie
- d. Smart Dublin and Smart Cities
- e. Your Dublin Your Voice – Retail and Hospitality Findings

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

Reports Noted and Questions Addressed.

**Action:** Cllr. O’Driscoll and Cllr. Cooney requested further information on the appointment of the Night Time Economy Advisor and the Night Time Economy Plans. Mary MacSweeney suggested that the Night Time Economy Advisor and pilot plans be tabled as possible agenda item for the April meeting of the EDE SPC.

**11. A.O.B.**

None

**Next SPC Meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (3.30pm – 5.30pm)  
Venue: City Hall / Hybrid**

