



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

**Strategic Policy Committee
Economic Development & Enterprise
Minutes of Meeting
25th April 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. Cat O'Driscoll, Dublin City Council
Cllr. Tara Deacy, Dublin City Council
Cllr. Danny Byrne, Dublin City Council
Cllr. Terence Flanagan, Dublin City Council
Odran Reid, Northside Homecare Service
Lisa McKenna, Dublin Chamber of Commerce

Apologies:

Martin Harte, Temple Bar Company
Richard Shakespeare, Assistant Chief Executive
Ciara O'hAodha, Head of EPSO / Senior Executive Officer
Aidan Sweeney, IBEC
Evanne Kilmurray, Inner City Enterprise (ICE)
Cllr. Michael MacDonncha, Dublin City Council

Officials Present:

Mary MacSweeney, Acting Executive Manager
Ross Curley, Acting Senior Executive Officer
Juliet Passmore, Acting Economist
Norman Thompson, Acting Senior Economic Development Officer
Fanchea Gibson, Head of International Relations/Administrative Officer

Absent:

Greg Swift, Head of LEO
Jamie Cudden, Smart Cities Program Manager
Cllr. Rachael Batten, Dublin City Council

External Presenters:

Barry Rogers, Head of Dublin City Tourism Unit
Judith O'Doherty, OCO Global / Utopia
Steve O'Reilly, Rediscovery Centre

1. **Roll Call & Quorum**

2. **Minutes**

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

3. **Matters Arising**

None.

4. **Motion of Notice**

None received.

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

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. **Smart Tourism Programme – Strategy Update**

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 (DBEC) Update**

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 and Community Plan – Update

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

OCO Global / Eutopia – Judith O’Doherty

Copy of presentation was not provided in advance of the meeting in the Modgov pack

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

Steve O’Reilly, RediscoveryCentre

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

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 and Brochure

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

- 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
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