



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

**Strategic Policy Committee
Economic Development & Enterprise
Minutes of Meeting
12th September 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. Alison Gilliland, 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. Michael MacDonncha, Dublin City Council
Cllr. Rachael Batten, Dublin City Council
Martin Harte, Temple Bar Company
Aidan Sweeney, IBEC

Apologies:

Anthony Flynn, Acting Assistant Chief Executive
Evanne Kilmurray, Inner City Enterprise (ICE)
Odran Reid, Northside Homecare Service

Officials Present:

Mary MacSweeney, Acting Executive Manager
Ciara O'hAodha, Head of EPSO / Senior Executive Officer
Ross Curley, Acting Senior Executive Officer
Jamie Cudden, Smart Cities Program Manager
Juliet Passmore, Acting Economist
Norman Thompson, Acting Senior Economic Development Officer
Fanchea Gibson, Head of International Relations/Administrative Officer
Alice Boardman, Acting Head of International Relations/Administrative Officer

Absent:

Lisa McKenna, Dublin Chamber of Commerce
Greg Swift, Head of LEO

External Presenters:

Barry Rogers, Head of Dublin City Tourism Unit, Dublin City Culture Company
Stuart MacDonald, CLES

Guests:

Cllr. Seamas McGrattan, Dublin City Council, Chair of Finance SPC

Kathy Quinn, Head of Finance

Cllr. Mannix Flynn, Dublin City Council

1. Roll Call & Quorum**2. 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

- 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

None received.

5. Community Wealth Building

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

Ciara O'hAodha, Head of EPSO / Senior Executive Officer

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 & Smart Cities Update

Jamie Cudden, Smart City Program 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

Copy of update was provided in advance of the meeting in the ModGov pack

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

Norman Thompson, acting Senior Economic Development Officer

Copy of update was 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 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

Ross Curley, acting Senior Executive Officer

Copy of presentation was provided in advance of the meeting in the Modgov pack

Ross Curley updated Members. The Chair thanked the Presenter.

Action: None

11. Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Update

Mary MacSweeney, acting Executive Manager

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 Report

- a. Economic Development Office
- b. Dublin.ie
- c. Local Enterprise Office
- d. Smart Dublin and Smart Cities

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

Agenda Item not reached due to time constraints.

13. A.O.B.

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: 28th November 2023 (3.30pm – 5.30pm)
Venue: City Hall / Hybrid**

Action items for Progression:

Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Update
3	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.	Chair Mary MacSweeney Ross Curley	
6	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Ciara O'hAodha	<p>Will provide in progress report in advance of Nov SPC for circulation.</p> <p>Will provide in advance of Nov SPC for circulation</p> <p>Complete – SPC members have been invited to the EU Workshop on the EU Green Deal for Circular Festivals and Circular Cities Declaration taking place on 7th November, as a side event of the EU Regions & Cities Week 2023</p>
7	<p>Jamie Cudden to contact Cllr. Cooney in relation to Design Your Future City cohort in relation to school participation.</p> <p>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.</p>	Jamie Cudden	
9	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.	Norman Thompson	NT emailed Cllr. Cooney – action complete.

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