

Minutes
Strategic Policy Committee
Economic Development and Enterprise

Meeting held on 5th May 2015

In Council Chamber, City Hall

Members present:

Cllr. Paul McAuliffe (Chair), Cllr. Alison Gilliland, Cllr. Noeleen Reilly, Cllr. Kate O’Connell, Cllr. Gary Gannon, Cllr. Noel Rock Cllr. Tina McVeigh, Denise Brophy, Evanne Kilmurray, Geraldine Lavin, Martin Harte

Non-members present: Cllr. Mannix Flynn

Apologies: Cllr. Deirdre Heney, Ciaran Kennedy

Officials:

Jim Keogan, Assistant Chief Executive, Planning, Property, Enterprise & Economic Development

Greg Swift, Head of LEO Dublin City

Sean Purcell, Senior Executive Officer, LEO Dublin City

Eibhlin Curley, Assistant Head of LEO Dublin City

Ailish Smyth, Administrative Officer, LEO Dublin City

Aisling Doyle, LEO staff

Mainard Gallagher, LEO staff

Kieran Rose, Senior Planner

1. Chairman Cllr. Paul McAuliffe congratulated Jim Keogan on his promotion to the role of Assistant Chief Executive, Planning, Property, Enterprise & Economic Development Department.
2. Cllr. Noeleen Reilly proposed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd October 2014 and Denise Brophy seconded them.

3. Chairman’s Business.

Chairman invited nominations for membership of a Café/Restaurant Working Group. Nominations should be sent to Sean Purcell.

Chairman encouraged all members to bring written motions to the Committee. Under Standing Orders members may submit one motion nine clear days in advance of a meeting . The motion must be strategic and not refer to individual cases or operational issues.

Cllr. Gary Gannon proposed an emergency motion ‘That this Economic & Enterprise SPC sets up a sub-committee in order to explore the potential for economic development on Moore Street that could aid the necessary rejuvenation of this most treasured of streets’. Jim Keogan advised that there is a Moore Street Committee and recommended linking in with them. Motion deferred pending a presentation from Coilin O’Reilly, Culture Recreation & Amenity Department on Moore St. at the next SPC meeting.

4. Update on preparation of Local Economic Plan

Circulated Report noted. Dr. Brendan Williams of UCD has been engaged to work on the Economic Plan with a DCC Economic Working Group. At regional level it is noted that DCC is liaising with the other three Dublin Local Authorities with a view to having a coordinated approach to the regional dimension of the formulation of the Plan.

Agreed that a Councillors Workshop on the Economic Plan would be arranged for Saturday 31st January 2015 facilitated by Dr. Brendan Williams from UCD where all Councillors & SPC members will have an opportunity to contribute to the development of a socio-economic statement and high level goals for the Plan. Agreed that links to previous economic reports would be circulated in advance of the workshop.

5. Quarterly Economic Monitor for Dublin

Circulated Report noted and welcomed.

6. LEO Dublin City Activities Report

Circulated Report noted. Greg Swift presented a synopsis of Local Enterprise Office (LEO) activity. It was suggested that a short presentation should be given at future SPC meetings on different aspects of the LEO activity for example Grants, Mentoring, Training etc. It was recommended that all members should sign up to the LEO eNewsletter.

7. 2015 Schedule of Meetings.

Agreed that meetings would take place on 4th Tuesday bi-monthly at 3.30pm. Remaining dates for 2015 are: March 24th, May 26th, July 28th, September 22nd & November 24th.

8. AOB

Cllr Mannix Flynn requested and the Committee agreed that Reports would issue to members on the St. Stephens Green Christmas Market, the Dublin Project and the Henrietta Street Project.