

**Comhairle Contae Fingal
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy
Committee

Tuesday, 10th December, 2024

PRESENT

Councillor James Humphreys;
Councillor Tony Murphy;
Councillor Siobhan Shovlin;
Councillor Tom O'Leary;
Councillor Ellen Troy;
Mr Anthony Cooney, Fingal
Chamber;
Mr Peadar O'Kelly, PPN;
Mr Eric Fleming, Trade Union
Representative.

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Jimmy Guerin

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Kieran Dennison, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

John Quinlivan, Director of Services; Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer;
Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer; Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer;
Paul Barnes, Events Manager; John Kavanagh, Senior Staff Officer.

**EETD/4/24 (Agenda Item No 1)
Introductions and Convening of New Committee**

Chairperson of the Strategic Policy Committee, Councillor K. Dennison welcomed all new members to the committee. All attendees briefly introduced themselves.

**EETD/5/24 (Agenda Item No 2)
Confirmation and Re-affirmation of the Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise &
Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 3rd of
March 2024**

Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 10th December 2024 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor S. Shovlin and **RESOLVED**:

“The minutes of the meetings of the 10th of December 2024 be **ADOPTED**.”

EETD/6/24 (Agenda Item No 3)

Strategic Policy Committee Framework & Role of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism SPC

John Quinlivan, Director of Services gave a breakdown of the role of the EETD SPC and explained the areas with which this SPC is concerned. This presentation was well received by members.

It was agreed that the SPC Scheme would be circulated to all members.

This was **NOTED** by the committee.

EETD/7/24 (Agenda Item No 4)

Strategic Policy Committee Policy Programme and Updates

Presentation by John Quinlivan, Director of Services, detailing the Outline of Policy & Strategy Updates, Work Packages, Implementations, Policy Developments & Reviews and Town Regeneration.

Chairperson Councillor K Dennison advised that if any SPC member would like anything added to the work packages to inform the SPC of this and this request can be facilitated. This was noted and accepted by the committee.

Chairperson Councilor K. Dennison asked that a list of industrial estates owned by Fingal County Council be circulated to all members. This was agreed by the committee.

Implementation & Updates -	Report
Tourism Strategy	Tourism Strategy launched February 2024. Implementation underway. Report to next SPC.
Food Policy	Launched June 2024. Implementation underway. Report to next SPC.
Local Economic & Community Plan	Update Report to be presented later in SPC.
Economic Development Strategy	Economic Development Strategy launched in April 2024. Implementation underway.

	Report to next SPC.
Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor	Projects / Funding Applications being considered Political Advisory Group continues to meet. Nomination required
Local Development Strategy	Leader Local Development Strategy approved in March 2024. Implementation underway.
Development of Economic Zones	Balbriggan Economic Zone Planning Frameworks nearing completion. Lands at Cherryhound sale process underway.
Industrial Estate Improvement Programme	Implementation Ongoing. Budget adopted in Capital Programme – Programme Update at next SPC
Enterprise Development & Support	Update to be provided at next SPC
Sustainable Fingal/Circular Cities Strategy	Procurement of Consultancy underway.
Review of Fingal Skills Strategy	Review and completed. New Skills Strategy adopted at November Full Council meeting.
Review of Events Strategy	Update Report to be presented later in SPC.
Review of Heritage Property/Visitor Attraction Strategy	Approaching completion.
Fingal Economic & Tourism Development Marketing Strategy	Economic & Tourism Marketing Plans in development.
Review / Development of Town Centre First	Progress Report Update on the new Town Regeneration Office will be brought to the next SPC.
Regeneration Plans for Towns & Villages	Town Centre First Plans – Lusk adopted Rush in development

The report was **NOTED**.

EETD/8/24 (Agenda Item No 5)
Strategic Framework for Economic Development

Report by John Quinlivan, Director of Services, provided a rundown on the Strategic Framework for Economic Development in Fingal from now until 2040. This presentation included Key Strengths of Region, Future Fingal Principles, Sector Prioritisation and Future Fingal Lands. This included specific plans for various Council owned lands in the county and what major future plans are in development for the Fingal Region.

Councillor T. O’Leary thanked John Quinlivan and his team for their hard work in this area.

This report was **NOTED**.

EETD/9/24 (Agenda Item No 6)
Local Economic & Community Plan Update

Presentation by Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, provided an Outline of Local Economy Community Plan vision from 2023 – 2028 and how the plan will be carried out under the 6 themes. These themes are: Sustainability & Climate Action, Prosperous Economy, Skills for Life & Work; Healthy, Inclusive, Connected, Communities; Rich Arts, Culture & Heritage and Safe, Accessible, Vibrant Places. The way in which Fingal’s output and success are measured in this regard was also outlined and this was accepted by the committee.

This report was **NOTED**.

EETD/10/24 (Agenda Item No 7)
Appointments to the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Political Advisory Board

John Quinlivan, Director of Services outlined that three elected member nominations were required for the DBEC Political Advisory Board. The nominees are the Mayor, the Chair of the SPC plus an additional elected member from the SPC. It was noted that there is a DBEC Summit happening in late February which will be a half day conference.

It was Proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and Seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and **AGREED**.

“Councillor T. O’Leary be appointed as a member of the DBEC Political Advisory Board.”

EETD/11/24 (Agenda Item No 8)

Events Strategy

Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer gave an overview of Fingal's Events including what we do, what audiences want, our purpose & vision and our funding scheme. Paul Barnes, Events Manager, also spoke on costs and funding of various events that took place in 2024 and ones that will take place in 2025. Discussion with committee members over strategies for various events took place. This presentation and discussion were both well received by committee members. Councillor T. O'Leary complimented Events Team on a successful year of events.

The Strategic Policy Committee recommend that the Events Strategy is brought to the January Council meeting.

This recommendation was **AGREED**.

EETD/12/24 (Agenda Item No 9)

AOB / Next Meeting

Chairperson Councillor K. Dennison thanked all the members of the SPC for attending and noted that the next SPC will be in 2025.

The Meeting concluded at 18.15hrs.

CHAIRPERSON

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

ENCONOMIC, ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH 2025

ITEM NO. 08

OUTDOOR DINING STRATEGY – AI100576

Motion: Councillor J. Humphreys

“That this Committee recommends that the Council explore the development of an Outdoor Dining Strategy, in line with the objectives of the Fingal Food & Drink Policy 2024-2029 and the Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024-2029, to support the hospitality sector, enhance public spaces and promote food tourism.”

Report:

The Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024-2029 and the Fingal Food & Drink Policy 2024-2029 are committed to supporting the tourism and hospitality sectors, and the associated implementation plan aligns both governing documents to ensure their effective and efficient delivery. This first prioritises four key objectives and six implementation projects, several of which will assist in developing outdoor dining across the county at appropriate locations including public spaces:

- Markets Development will augment existing food and drink markets and deliver additional outdoor markets while also mentoring Fingal producers, farmers, and businesses to enable them to make the most of these opportunities.
- A collaboration framework with internal, local, and national tourism, food & drink stakeholders and a county wide audit of tourism and food & drink asset will also facilitate the gathering of any further outdoor dining requirements from the sector which can then be incorporated into future implementation planning.

Source of Report:

Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Cultural Development.

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