

**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

**Minutes of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy
Committee**

Tuesday, 12th September, 2023

Councillor Ian Carey;
Councillor Anthony Lavin;
Councillor Howard Mahony;
Councillor Anthony Murphy;
Ms Yetunde Joyce, PPN;

The Chairperson, Councillor Darragh Butler, presided.

APOLOGIES

Councillor Breda Hanaphy;
Councillor Ted Leddy;
Councillor Siobhan Shovlin;

OFFICIALS PRESENT

John Quinlivan, Director; Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer; Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer; Breffni O'Rourke, Administrative Officer; Aine Donlon Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; Toni Hogan, Senior Staff Officer;

EETD/19/23 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of the Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on the 21st June 2023

The minutes of the last meeting held on 21st June 2023 were proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor D. Butler.

The minutes of the meetings of the 21st June 2023, were **AGREED**.

It was **AGREED** by the members to begin the meeting with Item No 4 and Item No 5 on the agenda.

EETD/20/23 (Agenda Item No 4)
LECP / Economic Strategy Update

Mr Lorcan Blake, Grant Thornton Consultants gave an overview presentation on the Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2023-2028 and the Economic Development Strategy with a focus on approach and timelines. It was proposed that the draft Economic Development Strategy will be presented at an additional meeting of the SPC to be scheduled for October with a view to agreement and submission to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) and full Council at the November meetings.

It was also agreed that the Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP), subject to approval by the Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA), would be brought to the SPC for recommendation to the CPG and Council meetings in December.

The presentation was well received by the SPC Members.

EETD/21/23 (Agenda Item No 5)
Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor

Mr Daragh McGreal, KPMG gave a presentation on the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) partnership and concept development timelines, outlining the strategic objectives, key enablers, sectors and ways of working with a focus on the short and long-term priorities/actions. Cllr. D Butler thanked Mr. D McGreal on the progress made to-date in the development of the DBEC plan. The presentation was well received by the SPC members.

EETD/22/23 (Agenda Item No 2)
Fingal Tourism Strategy

Mr Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer gave an update on the Fingal Tourism Strategy which is approaching completion and will be presented at an additional meeting of the SPC to be scheduled for October with a view to agreement and submission to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) and full Council at the November meetings.

This was agreed by SPC members present.

EETD/23/23 (Agenda Item No 3)
Fingal Food Policy

Mr Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer reported that the Fingal Food Policy is approaching completion and will be presented at an additional meeting of the SPC to be scheduled for October with a view to agreement and submission to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) and full Council at the November meetings.

This was agreed by SPC members present.

EETD/24/23 (Agenda Item No 6)
DBEC - SPC Nomination

Mr 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. Following discussion, the Chair of the SPC advised he would be standing aside due to work commitments which allowed two elected members from the SPC to take nominations. The nominees are Mayor Councillor Adrian Henchy, Councillor Howard Mahony and Councillor Tony Murphy. This was agreed and accepted by the SPC members.

EETD/25/23 (Agenda Item No 7)
Fingal Skills Strategy - SPC nomination

Mr John Quinlivan, Director of Services outlined that one elected member nomination was required on the Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group. Following discussion, the nominee is Councillor Tony Murphy. This was agreed and accepted by the SPC members.

EETD/26/23 (Agenda Item No 8)
Update on Expo (Oct) and Skyla Project Visit (Nov)

Ms Aine Donlon Kavanagh, Administrative Office gave an update on the Interreg Europe SKYLA Project focusing on the project objective to refresh the Fingal Skills Strategy within the four-year project timeline and upcoming project partner visit in November.

An update on the “Xplore Your Future - TY Expo” scheduled to take place in the Helix on the 3rd October 2023 was provided. This educational showcase initiative by Fingal County Council, as part of the Fingal Skills Strategy, is supported by DCU, Interreg Europe, Dublin Regional Skills Forum, City of Dublin Educational Training Board, Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board, Solas, public and private employers. The event will feature live and virtual reality demonstrations with practical hands-on learning experiences for TY students by a variety of exhibitors to showcase the educational and training possibilities and potential career paths available for students.

The members thanked Ms Aine Donlon Kavanagh and her team on all the preparation work carried out in respect of these projects.

The Meeting concluded at 6.20pm

CHAIRPERSON

DATED