

**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy
Committee

Wednesday, 13th March, 2024

PRESENT

Councillor Ian Carey
Councillor Breda Hanaphy
Councillor Anthony Lavin
Councillor Howard Mahoney
Councillor Tony Murphy
Councillor Siobhan Shovlin
Mr. Anthony Cooney
Ms. Yetunde Joyce

The Chairperson, Councillor Darragh Butler, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

John Quinlivan, Director; Breffni O'Rourke, Administrative Officer; Tom Nolan, Administrative Officer; John Kavanagh, Senior Staff Officer; Toni Hogan, Senior Staff Officer.

EETD/1/24 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 30th of November 2023

Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 12th September 2023 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor D. Butler and seconded by Councillor I. Carey and **RESOLVED:**

"The minutes of the meetings of the 30th of November 2023 be **ADOPTED**."

EETD/2/24 (Agenda Item No 2)

Annual Work Programme Update

John Quinlivan, Director of Services, outlined in a presentation the Policy & Strategy updates / implementations, Policy Developments & Reviews and Town Regeneration for the following areas:

Tourism Strategy.	Tourism Strategy launched February 2024; implementation procurement underway.
Food Policy.	Launch scheduled for June 2024.
Local Economic & Community Plan.	LECP adopted in January 2024 and launched in February 2024. Implementation commencing.
Economic Development Strategy.	Economic Development Strategy adopted in February 2024. Preparing for a launch event in April 2024.
Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor.	El Smart Regions Funding Streams being reviewed to advance recommendations of Shared Island funded Feasibility Study on Innovation Hubs in DBEC Region. Skills Research Audit across DBEC Region in progress with Working Group.
Local Development Strategy.	New Leader Development Strategy approved and implementation programme commencing in March 2024 with Information Sessions scheduled in Fingal on Tuesday 12th March at 5pm in Lusk Cultural Centre.

New Dublin Rural LAG met in February for briefing on new LDS.

A call is out for suitably skilled members to participate on the LAG's Independent Evaluation Committee.

Development of Economic Zones

Work in progress on the preparation of Stephenstown Framework Plan in Balbriggan.

Lands at Cherryhound in preparation to be brought to market in 2024.

Industrial Estate Improvement Programme

Update to be delivered in September 2024

Enterprise Development & Support

Update to be delivered in 2024.

Policy Development & Review - Sustainable Fingal/Circular Cities Strategy

Update to be delivered in November 2024.

Review of Fingal Skills Strategy

Sectoral sub-groups met in January to agree priorities for 2024.

Consultants being appointed for the next iteration of the Strategy in March 2024.

Stakeholder consultations anticipated to commence in April 2024.

Xplore Your Future Expo scheduled in The Helix on Tuesday 15th October 2024 – procurement underway for various services required & consultation in progress with stakeholders.

**Review of
Events Strategy**

Approaching completion. Update to be delivered in June 2024.

**Review of Heritage
Property /Visitor
Attraction Strategy**

Approaching completion. Update to be delivered in June 2024.

**Fingal Economic &
Tourism Development
Marketing Strategy**

Economic Marketing Plan in development. Update to be delivered in September 2024.

Tourism Marketing plan to be developed as part of Tourism Strategy implementation.

**Town Regeneration
Review / Development
of Town Centre First.**

The formation and structure of the Town Regeneration Office has now been completed with the integration and inclusion of Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Project, Town Centre First Measures, URDF, RRDF, Town and Village Renewal Schemes, URDF Revolving Vacant Property Acquisitions Fund, and Derelict Sites. An Update on the new Town Regeneration Office will be brought to the SPC in Q3

**Regeneration Plans
for Towns & Villages.**

The Town Centre First Plan for Lusk is at Draft Stage awaiting sign off. It is expected that a presentation on the Completed Plan will be brought to the SPC in Quarter 2.

Rush has been selected by the DRCD as Fingal's second Town Centre First Town and procurement for a consultant for that plan will begin shortly.

The report was **NOTED**.

EETD/3/24 (Agenda Item No 3)

Skills Strategy Report

Presentation by Toni Hogan, Senior Staff Officer. Report outlined the work of the Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group throughout 2023 in line with the Action Plan focused on the delivery of the following objectives:

Information, Promotion, Raising Awareness.

1. Fingal Skills Strategy support meetings/engagement:
 - Dublin Regional Skills Forum
 - Balbriggan Loves Learning Festival
 - Education Skills and Training Pillar Group – Balbriggan Regeneration Office
2. LAMA Awards.
 - Nominated: Fingal Skills Strategy: Balbriggan School Mentoring Programme
3. PROJECT SKYLA
 - SKYLA Partners visit to Fingal November 2023
4. Xplore Your Future 2023

The report was **NOTED**.

A.O.B

John Quinlivan, Director of Services, noted that the March 2024 SPC would be the last SPC for the current group before the Local Elections.

Chairperson Councillor Darragh Butler thanked all the members of the SPC for all the hard work.

The Meeting concluded at 5:30 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

DATED