FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

6TH JUNE 2014

ITEM NO. 3 (i)

APPOINTMENT – EDGE CITIES

The Edge Cities Network was launched in 1996 and brings together towns and cities on the edge of the capitals of Europe. They vary in size, origins and have a different development, but they are all located in proximity to the main capital of their country.

As a result of the cities' first meeting, the partners agreed to form an informal Network of Edge Cities and a statement of collaboration was signed by the Councils of the transnational partner areas at a meeting held in Lisbon in 1997.

The Edge Cities have been collaborating to exchange knowledge, ideas and experiences to initiate and carry out joint projects and activities. The Edge Cities Network brings together information, experience and best practice of issues relevant to the partners.

The vision of the Edge Cities Network partners is to constantly improve and qualify the service delivery of each local partner organisation through the network collaboration to the benefit of citizens in the municipalities.

The aim of the Edge Cities Network is to fulfill the vision by:
- Discussion of strategies
- Developing action plans
- Carrying out common projects
- Carrying out seminars, conferences etc.
- Establishing thematic subgroups and networks
- Developing bi-lateral linkages and wider links with other Edge City partners where synergies are identified.

Fingal County Council is entitled to nominate one member with an economic, planning or development background to Edge Cities Network.

<u>2014 Meetings;</u>

Monthly Skype Meetings take place.
A three day meeting will be held in Brussels between 21st and 31st July 2014 – dates to be confirmed, the AGM will be held in November 2014 – date to be confirmed.