



Minutes for Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Meeting for Economic Development & Enterprise
Held on Zoom on 29th September, 2021

Present (Councillor and PPN members)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Pat Nugent (Chair) • Cllr Lola O’Sullivan • Cllr Pat Fitzgerald • Cllr Mary Roche 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Declan Clune • Cllr Thomas Phelan • David Walsh
Present (WCCC Officials)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Quinn • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Grant •
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Kiersey 	
External Presenters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan Quirke & Richard Hickey, Ireland South East Development Office • Apologies: Patsy Carney, Chair South East Regional Enterprise Plan 	

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1.Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of Meeting 26th May 2021 were proposed by Cllr Mary Roche and seconded by Cllr Lola O’Sullivan and agreed. 	Adopted minutes to be published on website and added to Decision Time
2.Matters arising and updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no matters arising. 	
3. Topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South East Regional Enterprise Plan <p>Alan Quirke gave a presentation on the work of the Ireland South East Development Office (copy circulated with the minutes) and the preparation of the SE Regional Enterprise Plan 2021-2024.</p> <p>The timeline for the completion of the plan is October and the launch is scheduled for November.</p> <p>The ISEDO has also identified a number of regional priorities which were fed into the NDP which is due to be published in October.</p> <p>In the discussion following the presentation the members made a number of comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we introduce consequences for when, for example, the IDA fails to deliver on planned investment for the region? • The need for health to be a regional priority and consideration of a SE hospitals grouping based around UHW. • The continuing need for rural broadband. • Concerns around the national power supply and how publicity on this issue will impact on Ireland’s ability to attract new investment. • The future of agri manufacturing in Waterford and the region. 	
4. Issues from Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Roche requested an update on the Waterford Economic Strategy. 	Consultants have been appointed to facilitate the workshops outlined



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Members		in the original briefing document and these will be taking place in October/November.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Roche proposed that the team that prepare the South East Economic Monitor be invited to the next meeting.	Lisa to invite SENSER
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Phelan raised a query on the development of an outdoor dining policy to ensure a balance between all sectors such as retail and hospitality and queried whether a S254 area would be rateable.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Fitzgerald raised a query re tourism zoning which Michael Quinn will be addressed under the planning process.	
7. AOB	There was no matters under AOB	
Date/time next meeting	The proposed date for the next meeting is 24th November 2021 at 9:45am—members were asked to send in any agenda items they wished to raise in advance. The intended location is Zoom.	ALL Agenda Inclusion Deadline is -7 days from meeting

Minutes proposed by Cllr Pat Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr Mary Roche.

Date: 24th November 2021