



Minutes for Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Meeting for Economic Development & Enterprise
Held on MS Teams on 28th September 2022

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 • Cllr Conor D McGuinness • Cllr Ger Barron 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Thomas Phelan • Cllr Cristiona Kiely • Oren Byrne • Garrett Wyse • Garrett Wyse • Maoliosa Ní Chléirigh • Gerty Murphy
Present (WCCC Officials)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billy Duggan • Richie Walsh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Grant • Martin Reidy
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Declan Clune • David Lane 	

Item No.	Decisions Taken	Responsibility/Action/When?
1.Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of Meeting 25th May 2022 were proposed by Cllr Mary Roche and seconded by Cllr Ger Barron 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 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome new members • Oren Bryne who will replace David Walsh was welcomed to the SPC and the contribution of David to the SPC was acknowledged. • Cllr Eddie Mulligan is no longer a member of the SPC following his resignation and his contribution to the SPC was also acknowledged. 	
3. Topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kinetic Labs Loan Agreement • Richie Walsh brought members through the background to the establishment of Kinetic Labs and the details of the loan agreement which was previously approved by the Plenary Council. • The development of Kinetic Labs was generally viewed as positive for Waterford and it was suggested that there should be recommendation for strong engagement with SETU. 	A report on the work of Kinetic Labs is to be included as an Agenda item for a future date and a possible site visit, when appropriate, to be considered.
4. Topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on Waterford Council’s Economic Incentive Scheme (EIS) • Martin Reidy presented the report on the EIS which was circulated with the Agenda. • A number of queries were answered and some suggestions on the future operation of the scheme proposed. 	Martin Reidy to update report on EIS to include review of businesses supported on previous Rates Incentive Scheme to see what percentage continued trading after completing their



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that the ability to further promote and support new businesses on this scheme will be subject to suitable budget provision over the period 2023-2024. The extension of the EIS for a further two years was proposed by Cllr Cristiona Kiely and seconded by Cllr Pat Fitzgerald. 	<p>participation on the Rates Scheme.</p> <p>Recommendation to continue EIS to be forwarded to Plenary for consideration.</p>
5. Topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LECP Update 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lisa Grant updated on progress on the LECP. The LECP Advisory Steering Group (ASG) is now fully established with the economic nominees confirmed: Eugene Tobin, Cormac Johnston and Deirdre Houlihan. The ASG has had two meetings and the next meeting is scheduled for 20th October. The focus of this meeting will be on agreeing the Socio Economic Statement¹ for the LECP. Community has appointed a consultant (Ian Dempsey, Prescience) who will take the lead on preparing the community element of the LECP. Lisa Grant to lead on the development of the economic element. An initial time frame for the development of the LECP was outlined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept: Prepare socio economic statement Oct-Nov: Consultation Dec-Jan: Develop LECP Feb-Mar: Finalise LECP A joint meeting of community, economic and the consultant is being held on 29.09 after which there may be a firmer timeline. 	<p>Lisa to provide update on timeline on LECP development once available.</p> <p>Socio-economic statement to be circulated once available.</p>
6. Topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waterford Economic Strategy Update 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lisa Grant updated on the drafting of the Waterford Economic Strategy and advised that all workshops are now complete and a meeting is scheduled with SETU for mid October to ensure alignment with the new SETU Strategy which is currently being prepared. Following this meeting a draft of the strategy will be circulated for final comment. The High Level Goals and Sustainable Economic Development Objectives from the Economic Strategy will feed directly into the LECP. 	<p>Lisa to circulate draft Waterford Economic Strategy in October.</p>
7. Date/time next meeting	<p>The next meeting is Wednesday 14th December at 9.30am</p>	<p>ALL Agenda Inclusion Deadline is - 7 days from meeting</p> <p>It was proposed that this be an in person meeting – venue to be confirmed.</p>
8. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Phelan noted his disappointment with the news that the HQ of SETU will be shared between Waterford and Carlow. Cllr Roche advised that the SETU President will be attending the October Plenary and this matter could be discussed directly with SETU. 	



The minutes were proposed by Cllr Mary Roche and seconded by Oren Byrne at the meeting held on 27th October 2022.

Signed by: _____

Cllr Pat Nugent, Chairperson

¹ The LECP Socio-economic Statement will be developed from the analysis of the socio-economic evidence-base, and will include high-level objectives and outcomes for the overall plan, should be prepared. This statement should be as succinct as possible. Each objective should be reflected in a small number of outcomes and be situated within the overarching purpose stated in the Action Programme for Effective Local Government of promoting wellbeing and quality of life. When outlining the objectives and outcomes consideration should be given to the implementation plan process and the scope for achieving the objectives and outcomes within this type of process.