



Minutes for Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Meeting for Economic Development & Enterprise Held on MS Teams on 27 th April 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 Declan Clune 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Thomas Phelan • David Walsh • Garrett Wyse • Gerty Murphy • David Lane • Garrett Wyse
Present (WCCC Officials)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Quinn • Billy Duggan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Grant
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Eddie Mulligan • Kevin Kiersey 	

Item No.	Decisions Taken	Responsibility/Action/When?
	Gerty Murphy noted the death of Prof. Heidi Hosey McGurk, Mercyhurst University.	Michael Walsh to circulate details.
1.Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of Meeting 23rd February 2022 were proposed by Cllr Mary Roche and seconded by David Walsh 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"> • Nomination to LECP Advisory Committee • Members were advised that the LCDC has nominated three members to the Advisory Committee: Sinead Breathnach, Waterford Council & LCDC Chief Officer Julie Somers, TUSLA Maggie Flanagan, WSTCYS • It was agreed that the SPC should have geographic and gender equality in agreeing the SPC nominees. David Walsh advised that as outgoing President of D&WWC he would not be in a position to take on the role and the incoming President wishes to focus on their role with the Chamber. David proposed two D&WWC Chamber Directors and local business people: David Connors (Dungarvan Paints) and Eugene Tobin (SGC Cinema). • A number of additional names were proposed: Mags Darrer, Tina Darrer, Lisa Fitzgerald, Elaine Power, Gabrielle Cummins, Norah Widger. • Michael Quinn advised that given the need to convene the Advisory Group in the near future, he would take on the role of finalising the nominees and advise the members once the membership has been finalised. 	Michael Quinn to finalise the SPC nominees to the Advisory Committee and update the SPC once finalised. May 2022



4. Topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waterford Economic Strategy 2040	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lisa Grant presented an update on the drafting of the WES including next steps (which was circulated in advance of the meeting).	Any comments or queries on the presentation can be directed to Lisa Grant. Lisa to provide information on SMART Village Status.
5. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City/ Town Centre Vibrancy	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Roche raised the issue of city centre vibrancy and a need to focus on attracting retail. Cllr Phelan advised that Dungarvan faces many similar issues.• Michael Quinn recommended that given the differing nature of the issues facing each of the urban areas, these should be considered separately. These sub committees should not overlap/duplicate the role of the C/DTCMGs.• Cllr Roche expressed an interest in participating in the city centre discussion.• Cllr Phelan and David Walsh expressed an interest in the Dungarvan discussion.	Michael Quinn to convene Retail Sub Committees for Waterford City Centre and Dungarvan to address these challenges. These sub committees will report back to the SPC and the CCMG/DTCMG as appropriate. Q2 2022.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gerty Murphy raised the challenges that listed structures places on town centre presentation/occupancy.	Gerty Murphy to forward details of buildings for consideration under Derelict Sites Act to Michael Quinn.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Impact on housing availability on recruitment/retention	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Phelan raised the need to identify if large employers are experiencing staff recruitment and retention issues due to housing shortages.	Michael Quinn will review the capacity of Economic Development to consider this in Q3 2022.
Date/time next meeting	The next meeting is Wednesday 25 th May at 9.30am via MS Teams (unless notified otherwise).	ALL Agenda Inclusion Deadline is - 7 days from meeting All meetings will be held on MS Teams.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Mary Roche and seconded by Cllr Lola O’Sullivan at the meeting held on 25th May 2022.

Signed by: _____
Cllr Pat Nugent, Chairperson