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| **Minutes for Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Meeting for Economic Development & Enterprise**  **Held in Committee Room, City Hall, Waterford, May 31st, 2023.** | | |
| **Present (Councillor and PPN members)** | * **Cllr Pat Nugent (Chair)** * **Cllr Lola O’Sullivan** * **Cllr Mary Roche** * **Cllr. Thomas Phelan** * **Cllr. Cristiona Kiely** | * **Cllr. Stephanie Keating** * **Oren Byrne** * **David Lane** * **Maoliosa NÍ Chléirigh** * **Garrett Wyse** |
| **Present (WCCC Officials)** | * **Michael Quinn** * **Billy Duggan** * **Julie Walsh** | * **Johnny Brunnock** * **Kevin Moynihan** |
| **Apologies** | * **Cllr Pat Fitzgerald** * **Cllr Ger Barron** | * **Lisa Grant** * **Gerty Murphy** |

| **Item No.** | **Decisions Taken** | **Responsibility/Action/When?** |
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| **1.Approval of minutes** | * Minutes of Meeting February 22nd 2023 were proposed by Cllr. Stephanie Keating and seconded by Cllr. Mary Roche | Adopted minutes to be published on website and added to Decision Time. |
| **2.Matters arising and updates** | * There were no matters arising |  |
| **3. Rural Economic Development** | * A presentation was made by M. Quinn on Rural Economic Development noting the Town Centre First   process, challenges facing towns and funding schemes available.The schedule of towns Cappaquin, Portlaw, Ardmore, Dunmore East, Lismore and timeframe was noted. The Shared Island fund was also included in the presentation.   * A presentation was made by J. Brunnock on Outdoor Recreation outlining the funding streams and works to date under the vatrious schemes. Greenway potential and success discussed. The visitor numbers to the various amenities was noted. | Presentation to be circulated.  Follow up on footfall counter on Suir walk.  Incorrect signage at Woodstown. |
| **4. Draft LECP Presentation** | An update on the current situation on the LECP consultations was given B. Duggan. In introduction an update on Community element was given by K.Moynihan. B. Duggan outlined the details of consultations to date and highlighted the objectives and outcomes of actions under the 4 goals. Low Carbon & Sustainable Economy it was agreed that theatres and arts events have made a transition to greening events and using venues that are sustainable. It weas noted that LEO and Active Tracvel have a role in transition. Economic Diversity & Sustainable Growth no issues with actions outlined. Sustainable Placemaking & Destination Management it was noted Waterford lacked a conference facility which btrings footfall and there is a need for more hotels. It was noted North Quays development may address some of these issues. Benefit of festivals and attractions highlighted but Council should invest in other ways to support and promote them, may be a opportunity to work with SETU. Innovation & Digital Transition **f**armers capitalising on use of solar energy some are very pro active in using wide range of opportunities available. There is the need to ensure no group of people or community are left behind.  It was recommended where possible to name lead departments in the Council,and to link actions to regional planning and county development plan objectives and to use sustainable development goal objectives. Each action to be deliverable and have a KPI where possible.  It was noted that some actions will depend on funding sources.   * Timelines and next steps were noted | Include link to  Co. Development Plan  Regional Planning Objectives  Sustainable Goal Objectives |
| **5. Potential Site Visits** | * Following a discussion it was agreed to hold the December meeting at Port of Waterford. A site visit to Kenetic Labs will be accommodated in 2024. | Arrange room for meeting and site visit. |
| **6. Date/time next meeting** | The next meeting is scheduled in Dungarvan on September 27th 2023 @ 9.30. | **ALL** *Agenda Inclusion Deadline is -7 days from meeting* |
| **7. AOB** | * An update on Waterford Airport was requested by Cllr.M. Roche * Leader to be invited to present at next SPC meeting in September * FI present Visitor Destination Experience Development Plan for September meeting. |  |

Signed by:

Cllr Pat Nugent, Chairperson