



Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee
Minutes of meeting held at 3.00 p.m. on Thursday, 12 December 2023, in Áras
Chill Dara and on Microsoft Teams

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Rob Power

Present: Councillor Michael Coleman, Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer,
Councillor Seamie Moore, Councillor Kevin Duffy, Councillor
Padraig McEvoy, Mr. Gerry Prendergast, Ms. Majella O'Keefe,

Apologies:

Also Present: Alan Dunney, Director of Services; Gabriel Conlon, Senior
Executive Officer; Amy Granville, Senior Planner, Aoife Brangan
A/Senior Planner, Caroline Talbot, Administrative Officer, Jacqui
McNabb, Head of Enterprise, Susan Bookle, LCDC Co-ordinator

1. Conflict of Interest Declarations

The Cathaoirleach advised the members that it was a requirement at all strategic policy committee meetings for members to declare any potential conflicts of interest for items under discussion at the meeting.

The item was noted.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 21 September 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2023 were proposed by **Councillor S Moore**, seconded by **Councillor P McEvoy** and duly adopted.

3. To receive updates on:

Progress of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

A progress report was forwarded to all committee members and Ms Bookle updated the timeline for the LECP and requested a meeting in late January to approve the draft

for presentation to EMRA in early February. This was proposed by **Councillor S Moore** and seconded by **Ms M O'Keefe**.

Implementation of Development Contribution Scheme

Mr G Conlon gave an overview on the current method of applying Development Contributions for retention applications. The Development Contribution Scheme does not allow any exemptions to be applied to applications that contain any element of retention. It was proposed that in cases where the 40sqm exemption would ordinarily apply, that it would be applied to retention applications going forward. A discussion followed whereby all agreed that this would be a fair and balanced approach to the application of Development Contributions.

4. To receive a Progress Report from the Director of Planning and Strategic Development

Mr. A Dunney, Director of Service gave an update on the Directorate. The Director highlighted a number of areas of activity including:

- Local Area Plans – Kildare Town, Newbridge & Maynooth
- Serviced Sites – 6 identified in Clogherinkoe, Q1 2024
- Heritage – Holywells Survey, increase in funding to €1.3m
- Development Management – 2,000 units granted year to date
- LEO - Shop local support, ad campaign via KFM; Window grant scheme & Bridget 1500

The report was noted.

5. Work Programme 2023

There was a short discussion in respect of the Work Programme 2023.

6. Any Other Business

Date for meeting in late January to be confirmed and circulated.