

Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee

Minutes of meeting held at 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 14 February 2024, 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, Marian Higgins, Director of

Services, Jacqui McNabb, Head of Enterprise, Caroline Talbot,

Administrative Officer, 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 12 December 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2023 were proposed by **Councillor P McEvoy**, seconded by **Councillor M Coleman** and duly adopted.

3. To Approve the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)
Ms S Bookle and Ms J McNabb gave a recap and overview of the process to date,
and went through each of the four High Level Goals and objectives contained within
the plan.

G Prendergast, Councillor S Moore, Councillor P McEvoy voiced their support and praise for the new plan as presented, stating that it was one of the most

impressive documents they have received. There was full agreement of approving the LECP from all committee members present.

Mr A Dunney, Director of Services, thanked Jackie, Susan and all of their team for all of the work involved to date in creating the new LECP Plan as presented.

Approval of the LECP was formally proposed by **Councillor S Moore** and seconded by **Mr G Prendergast**.

The LECP will be presented to Kildare LCDC on 22 February 2024. If approved, it will then be submitted for EMRA for review, and then presented to MD Members. During this time, AA and SEA screening will be underway.

It is hoped to present to full Council for approval in April.

The meeting concluded.