

Economic Development & Enterprise S P C

Meeting May 30th 2023 (Thurles MD/ Zoom)

Information Newsletter for Member Groups

Members Present: Cllr Imelda Goldsboro, Chairperson; Cllr. Peggy Ryan; Cllr, Seamus Hanafin; Cllr. Joe Hannigan (Zoom); Cllr. Phyll Bugler (Zoom); Cllr. John Fitzgerald (Zoom); Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose (Zoom); Cllr. Tony Black (Zoom); Pat Carroll, Farming Pillar (Zoom); Laura Jones, Business Pillar (Zoom); Tom McGrath, Business Pillar (Zoom) & Mary Spillane PPN (Zoom).

In attendance: Brian Beck, TCC Director of Service; Anthony Fitzgerald, Head of Enterprise and Economic Development; Kathleen Prendergast, Convener/ TCC Economic Development Officer; Marie Cox, Administrative Officer & Donough Leahy, Clerical Officer

Apologies: Seamus Hoyne (TUS), Cllr. Seamus Morris, Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan & Cllr. Mairín McGrath & Cllr. John Crosse

Absent: Clare Cashman, PPN

1. **Welcome**

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro (Chairperson), opened the meeting by welcoming all present.

2. **Adoption of the minutes of previous meeting and matters arising**

The Minutes of the last meeting were considered.

Cllr. Peggy Ryan proposed the adoption of the minutes and Laura Jones seconded this item.

3. **Local Economic Strategy 2023-2027**

Brian Beck, Director of Services advised the Local Economic Strategy for 2023-2027 is a follow on from the previous LEADER program and will run until 2027. €7.8 million of funding has been allocated to Tipperary for this period. Marie Cox, Administrative Officer then went through the presentation on the key points of the Local Development Strategy for Tipperary.

4. **Local Enterprise Office: Mid-Year Reports and Update**

Anthony Fitzgerald, Head of Enterprise and Economic Development provided the Mid-Year Report for the Local Enterprise Office (LEO). Anthony provided information and spoke about the potential growth areas in Tipperary. The LEO priorities for the next number of years were presented.

5. **Customer Vacancy Incentive Scheme**

Kathleen Prendergast, Economic Development Officer provided an update on the Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme following the meeting which took place offering information on the Scheme to all members of the committee. Kathleen gave a breakdown of rates amount for the vacant properties in the Prime Retail Area.

6. **Any Other Business**

Cllr Imelda Goldsboro, Chairperson confirmed there was no other business to discuss.

7. **Close of Business – Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was proposed at September 5th 2023.