



Public Participation Network Feedback Form: Economic Development & Enterprise SPC Meeting



PPN Community Representative: **Louise Lovett**

Date: **18.09.2017**

Meeting Agenda

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 15th May 2017 – copy enclosed.
2. Matters Arising from Minutes
3. Presentation: Regional Skills Forum.
4. Action Plan for Jobs (APJ) - Midland Region – Progress Report No.2 – enclosed
5. Annual Employment Survey 2016
6. Creative and Innovation Hub - Update
7. Longford Economic Forum
8. "A Discussion on ... " programme
9. Northern Quarter – Update
10. Funding Update including CLAR, Town & Village Renewal Scheme and Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme
11. Review of LECP Implementation Strategy
12. Update on Business Incentive Scheme
13. Update on N4 Mullingar to Leitrim border
14. To note Healthy Ireland Fund
15. A.O.B.
16. Date of next meeting

Present: Seamus Butler, Louise Lovett, Peggy Nolan, Mona Considine

Apologies: Pdraig Loughrey, Colm Murray, Pat O'Toole, Ray Hogan, Fintan McGill

Absent:

In Attendance: Barbara Heslin – Director of Services, Michael Nevin – Head of Enterprise, Anne Lee – Meetings Administrator, Lorraine O'Connor – Regeneration Officer, Ciaran Murphy

Presentations: Yes / ~~No~~ (details if Yes) Lorraine Dannagher – Regional Skills Forum Manager – Local Update

Agenda item	Member	Discussion	Actions / Who
1. Confirmation of Minutes of Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 15th 2017	Proposed - Peggy Nolan Seconded – Louise Lovett		
2. Matters Arising from Minutes	M. Nevin	M. Nevin informed the committee that an application under the U2 Music for Schools initiative as part of Longford Regeneration had been unsuccessful.	
3. Presentation: Regional Skills Forum.	L. Dannagher	<p>Presentation attached. Key points</p> <p>Disappointment expressed that LWETB did not look for funding to support the development of a national 'Clean Room' to accommodate industry specific training e.g. for Abbott staff. LD had approached both LWETB and LOETB with the later approaching SOLAS and securing the funding. Weekly throughput of trainees would be circa individuals who would have to be accommodated locally with associated spin off benefit to the economy.</p> <p>It was proposed and accepted that any similar future initiatives would also come before the Economic SPC Committee</p>	
4. Action Plan for Jobs (APJ) - Midland Region – Progress Report No.2 – enclosed	M. Nevin	Report distributed (attached)	
5. Annual Employment Survey 2016	M. Nevin	Stats distributed (attached)	
6. Creative and Innovation Hub - Update	M. Nevin	<p>LEO progressing with the development of the Creative Innovation Hub.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of Providers Building underway • €200k received under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme • €20k received from Enterprise Ireland for the Feasibility Study • Pitch to Enterprise Ireland for €3.5m to support the development of a 'Cluster' of 	

		Innovation Hubs in conjunction with Leitrim and Cavan. It is hoped that the multi county regional approach will help when pitching for this funding	
7. Longford Economic Forum	M. Nevin	Next meeting planned for 21/09/17 – will be attended by M. Nevin and S. Butler. It is hoped to use the forum as a conduit to attract a business partner for the Innovation Hub in the form of an Anchor Tennant for the building	
8. "A Discussion on ... " programme.	B. Heslin	<p>Following on from two successful ‘Promotion of Longford’ events on the topics of Tourism and Retail Excellence B. Heslin asked the Committee to nominate additional topics to keep the series going. It is planned to have event prior to Christmas and another early in the New Year</p> <p>The Committee suggested Leisure including Arts & Culture and Inward Investment & Infrastructure</p>	
9. Northern Quarter – Update	B. Heslin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Shopping Centre and the Army Barracks have gone up for sale. Cushman & Wakefield are the primary agents and Sherry Fitzgerald is the local agent. • The L.A is available to meet with any prospective clients at any time. • L.A have specific criteria as to what should be included in any development of the Shopping Centre of the Army Barracks site e.g. 2 to 3 conference rooms with associated meeting rooms and large scale training facilities • There is a guide price associated with the sale 	
10. Funding Update including CLAR, Town & Village Renewal Scheme and Outdoor Recreational	C. Murphy L. O’Connor	<p>Details of Clar, Outdoor Recreation Scheme and Community Facilities Scheme 2017 attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town & Village Renewal – work ongoing in Abbeyshrule, Lanesborough and Edgesworthstown • Reds Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Granard Motte & Interpretation Centre - feasibility ○ Corn Hill ○ CorlaeTrackway ○ Completion of Greenway • Failte Ireland – submission for Granard Motte submitted 	
11. Review of LECP Implementation Strategy		Deferred to next meeting – still awaiting feedback from some agencies	

12. Update on Business Incentive Scheme	M. Nevin	<p>BIS Scheme working very well. Aim was to encourage occupation of vacant commercial buildings in order to generate longer term rates income for Longford County Council. At the end of August business had involved in the scheme had paid €240k in rates and rebates amounted to €120k. Currently there are 33 business involved in the scheme.</p> <p>Sub-committee are now looking at ways to enhance the scheme and include incentives for those already in business.</p>	
13. Update on N4 Mullingar to Leitrim border	S. Butler	The committee was informed that Oireachtas committees are now proposing agreeing the budget required to complete the N4/N5 corridor from Mullingar to Sligo which would the journey to the airport from Longford reduced to 1 hour 45 minutes	
14. To note Healthy Ireland Fund	C. Murphy	LCDC funding application to the Healthy Ireland fund in conjunction with a wide number of community organisations was noted by the committee	
<u>15. AOB</u>			
<u>16.Next Meeting</u>		Monday December 18 th at 15:00	