**MINUTES OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON**

**ENTERPRISE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**24TH April 2017**

**Present:** Cllr. John Paul Feeley, Chairperson

Mr Eoin Doyle Director of Service

Ms. Caroline Brady, Administrative Officer

Mr John Donohoe Senior Executive Officer

Mr James Fox Local Enterprise Office

Ms Joanne Hayes Tourism Officer Cavan Co Council

Cllr. Eugene Greenan, Cavan County Council

Ms. Nikki McGoohan, Cavan Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Chris Kirk, Cavan PPN

**Apologies:** Ms Marcella Rudden, A/ Head of Enterprise

1. **Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr Eugene Greenan, seconded by Mr Chris Kirk minutes of meeting held on 20th February 2017 were approved.

1. **Matters Arising** Cllr John Paul Feeley requested that the names of the members of the Economic Forum be circulated to the SPC.
2. **Progress Updates on Strategies**

Two presentations were made to the committee in respect of the Food Strategy ( Caroline Brady) and the Tourism Strategy ( Joanne Hayes). Following on from the presentations the following points were raised:

In terms of the Food Strategy the possible impact of Brexit needs to be further developed within the Strategy. It is noted that the Strategy recommends the appointment of a Food Strategy Coordinator. The query was raised as to how this position .would be funded. The committee were advised that while every effort would be made to source funding in this regard, perhaps part funded through Leader, the Local Authority would have to make some provision for funding this post.

Regarding the Tourism Strategy, again the positive work which had been done to date was noted however there remained opportunities throughout the county to promote and develop the Tourism offering particularly with regard to community based and ‘social’ tourism

1. **Update on Economic Actions of LECP 2017**

Mr Jim Fox, Cavan Local Enterprise Office provided a comprehensive update in respect of the implementation of the LECP. Following on from his presentation the members noted the progress that had been achieved to date under the plan. Reference was made also to the very successful Local Enterprise Week held recently and in particular the presentation on the impact of Brexit on exports.

1. **A.O.B.**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on 20th June at 9.15am

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Chairperson

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Secretary.

1. A.O.B – None
2. Date and time for next meeting: Tuesday 21st February at 9.30am

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Chairperson Secretary

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