**MINUTES OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON**

**ENTERPRISE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**7th November 2017**

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

Mr Eoin Doyle Director of Service

Ms Marcella Rudden, Head of Enterprise, LEO

Mr. Chris Kirk, Cavan PPN

Cllr. Sarah O’Reilly

Cllr. Carmel Brady

Nikki McGoohan

John Donohoe, Chief Officer

Kieran Hever, A/Head of IT

**Apologies:** Cllr. Peter McVitty

1. **Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr. Carmel Brady and seconded by Nikki McGoohan, minutes of meeting held on September 5th were approved.

1. **Matters Arising**

No matters arising from the Minutes.

1. **Ireland’s National Broadband Plan –**

Shane Campbell – ICBAN gave a presentation to the committee on the broadband issues in the Central Border Region in the context of the rollout of the National Broadband plan. Cllr. Carmel Brady thanked Shane for his work on this issue and that his presentation translates well for all the stakeholders involved. Chris Kirk raised the issue of poor telecommunications infrastructure in the county which causes problems in rural areas, particularly for rural businesses. John Donohoe commented that fibre to the home will always offer the best service but it will not be on offer to all so it may damage our potential to promote the county unless there are viable alternatives offering as good as service as fibre. ShaneCampbell added that the closer fibre is to you, the better the service.

1. **Ireland’s National Broadband Plan** – Kieran Hever, Acting Head of IS, Cavan County Council gave a brief overview and update from a Local Authority perspective and Barry Wilson, Eurona followed with a presentation from a commercial provider perspective and how his company is providing solutions at present in the county and surrounding counties.
2. **Brexit and the Border Corridor on the Island of Ireland** – Marcella Rudden, Head of LEO gave a very brief summary of the report recently published by the eleven local authorities in the Border region and officially launched and presented in Brussels.
3. **LECP Economic Actions Update** - Marcella Rudden gave an update on all the economic elements and actions of the Local Economic & Community Plan to-date.
4. **A.O.B.** – Cllr. John Paul Feeley congratulated all the winners in the recent Anglo Celt Business & Tourism Awards held on October 13th 2017. John Donohoe stated that a Feasibility Study has been commissioned to undertake an in depth review and audit of Cavan County Museum, particularly in the area of visitor experience, marketing and branding and financial aspects also. Cllr. John Paul Feeley noted the recent meeting with CABU, who have recently acquired the chalet complex in Killykeen Forest Park and expressed the need for sensitivity with regard to the site and the need to engage locally was extremely important in the context of future development of the site.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on 6th February 2018 at 9.15am

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Chairperson

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Secretary.