

**To the Mayor, Príomh Chomhairleoir and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council
Chairperson's Report of the Meeting of the Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism, and
Planning Strategic Policy Committee of Monday, 13th April 2026.**

Item 1: Minutes

The Minutes of the Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism, and Planning SPC Meeting held on 9th February 2026 were proposed by Cllr. Bridie Collins and seconded by Mr Michael Joyce

Item 2:

Draft SME Action Plan – Brendan Troy SEO, LCCC/ Liam Mannix Research + Dig

Mr Liam Mannix of Research + Dig gave members a detailed presentation on the Limerick City & County Council SME Action Plan. The presentation focused on a summary of the Action Plan focusing on the areas of Design Thinking & Strategy, Socio – Economic Analysis, Governance. The SME Action Plan involved detailed collaboration with Brendan Troy (LCCC), Mike Cantwell (LEO) & Denis Barry (Innovate).

The Chair thanked Mr Mannix for the presentation and invited questions from members:

- Some questions from members centred around the recently adopted rates incentive scheme, was the Action Plan a statutory document, discussions around commercial property dereliction in the city, investing in a wider rail infrastructure and RSES workshops. In answers to the questions raised, it was advised that there is interest in the recently adopted rates incentive scheme, however, it takes a while for implementation to take effect (e.g. Change of Use/Heads of Lease Agreements). The SME Action Plan is not a statutory document. Liam Mannix stated that dereliction is a key issue. He said there is another consultant dealing with the retail strategy and that is why it was excluded from this report. Sean Lenihan DOS responded that in relation to the rail infrastructure he will communicate these queries back to the relevant Director of Service in Transport. In relation to the RSES workshops it was advised that there are 4/5 workshops scheduled to take place over the coming months

Item 3:

Riverfest Sustainability Report 2025 - Eugene Crimmins AO, Tourism, Festival & Events

Eugene Crimmins briefed the members on the Riverfest Sustainability report 2025. His presentation focused on energy usage, sustainability goals, key outcomes and governance.

The Chair thanked Mr Crimmins for his excellent presentation and invited questions from members:

- Mr Declan Hehir asked was this ran by LCCC. Mr Crimmins responded with saying it is one of the councils 4 civic events in the year.

Item 4 - AOB

- Mr. Brian Thompson raised a query around the Taken in Charge protocol and requested a meeting with Barry Henn in the Planning Section to discuss this further.
- Declan Hehir asked could Ryder Cup team provide an update at the next meeting. Sean Lenihan responded by saying that Elaine O'Connor is giving presentation to the Limerick Chamber in the near future and will ask if it can be circulated to members.

Item 5: Date of Next Meeting

The next blended SPC meeting will be held Monday, 8thth June at 2.15 pm.

The Chairperson, Cllr. Peter Doyle thanked everyone present for attending the SPC meeting.

The business of the meeting concluded at 4.15pm.



Cllr. Peter Doyle, Chairperson

Dated: 30th April 2026