#### Minutes of Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee

**Date: Monday 20th. February, 2017**

**Time: 9.30am**

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

Cllr. Carmel Brady

**Mr. Chris Kirk**

**Cllr. Eugene Greenan**

**Ms. Nicki McGoohan**

**Cllr. Peter McVitty**

**Mr. Eoin Doyle, Director of Service**

**Ms. Marcella Rudden**

**Mr. John Donohoe**

**Apologies: Caroline Brady**

1. **Minutes of meeting of 18th. January, 2017**

On the proposal of Nicki McGoohan, seconded by Cllr. Peter McVitty, the minutes of meeting held on 18th. January, 2017 was agreed.

1. **Matters arising**

The non-attendance of some members of the Committee was noted. It was agreed that attendance would be discussed with members who have not attended recent meetings.

1. **LECP – Economic Implementation Plan 2016**

Ms. Rudden presented an update on the Plan. The members enquired as to progress in working with IDA to promote the County.

1. **Update from Local Enterprise Office**

Ms. Rudden presented an update on the work of the L.E.O. The L.E.O. will be receiving additional funding from Enterprise Ireland for Brexit related promotion. A greater emphasis will be placed on “Learn” manufacturing. Ms. Rudden advised of the forthcoming Enterprise week. L.E.O. will be hosting an Enterprise Ireland Regional Workshop in June, 2017 and October, 2017.

1. **Economic Forum**

Mr. Doyle advised of the membership of the forum.

**6. Action Plan for Rural Development Realising our Potential**

Mr. Donohoe updated the members on the recently announced Rural Development Strategy.

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

Mr. Doyle advised the members on the current consultation process for the National Planning Framework. The members expressed concern as the decline in population in rural areas in the County.

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 24th. April, 2017 at 9.15 a.m.**