

**Chairman's Report of
Meeting of Economic Development, Enterprise Support & Tourism (SPC1)
held on 16th December 2016 in Meeting Room 1**

1. Fiona Deegan provided a comprehensive update on the work of the LEO and circulated the Local Enterprise Development Plan (LEDP) Summary of Actions 2016. Ms Deegan stated that the LEO/Council had applied and were successful in their application under the CEDRA Food Tourism initiative and were awarded the sum of €50,400.00 (excluding VAT) or 70% of total vouched eligible expenditure whichever is lower. Fiona explained there were 3 elements to the work being carried out and all aspects of the proposal would contribute to an enhanced food tourism product for County Kilkenny.
2. Stephen O' Connor circulated a copy of the draft LECP Economic Elements Annual Action Plan 2016 – 2017 and provided a comprehensive update of same.
3. Martin Prendiville provided an update on the Abbey Creative Quarter.
4. Brian Tyrrell provided an update on Tourism Developments in the County and presented a PowerPoint presentation generated by Fáilte Ireland, explaining the concept of Ireland's Ancient East.
5. Mr Sean McKeown, Director , SEAPJ circulated copy of his Powerpoint presentation and provided a comprehensive update on the SEAPJ, covering the background to same, the Regional Profile and the challenges, the Implementation Structure, Progress to Date and Strategic Initiatives emerging.
6. It was agreed the next meeting of the SPC1 would take place on Thursday 16th March.

PAT MILLEA
Chairman

Date