



An Roinn Fiontar,
Trádála agus Fostaíochta
Department of Enterprise,
Trade and Employment

SME and Entrepreneurship Taskforce

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment,
Kildare Street, Wednesday 22 May 2024,
13:30 – 15:30

Attendees

DETE:

Minister Burke
Minister Calleary
Minister Higgins
Pauline Mulligan

Taskforce Members:

Sharon Higgins
Brian Caulfield
Elaina Fitzgerald
Neil McDonnell
Carol Gibbons
Paula Fitzsimons
David Broderick
Linda Murray
Gina Quinn
John Cunningham
Padraic Mc Elwee
Veronica Murphy
Ian Talbot
DC Cahalane
Oonagh O'Hagan
Carol Lynch

Other:

Conor O'Donovan (Enterprise Ireland)
Darren O'Reilly (Enterprise Ireland)

Secretariat:

Ross Church
Patrick Sinnott
Hazel Carroll
Cecile Lhullier

Opening Remarks

Minister Burke opened the meeting by outlining the agenda items and gave an overview of the recently announced SME Package.

Minister Calleary spoke about areas under his remit and urged members to encourage uptake of the digital supports available through their members.

Minister Higgins commented on the value of the Taskforce and some of the priority areas under her remit.

Under the first agenda item, Patrick Sinnott presented work underway to enhance the SME Test. Members noted their views on the implementation of the action points and shared their positive opinions on the SME Test. They noted they are looking forward to see this implemented across Government.

Under the second agenda item, Connor O'Donovan and Darren O'Reilly presented on the National Enterprise Hub (NEH) and gave a live demonstration of the NEH. The presentation and the NEH received praise from the Taskforce and it was noted that it is a great achievement for the Taskforce as it was one of the priorities from the beginning of its work. Conor noted the launch date of the National Enterprise Hub and extended an invitation to the Taskforce members

Closing Remarks

Minister Burke thanked the Taskforce for their attendance and engagement and noted the next Taskforce meeting will take place in July 2024.