



Retail Forum Working Group Minutes: Future of Retail – TCF and NTE

5 June 2024

Meeting 11

CHATHAM HOUSE RULES APPLY

Attendees: Appendix A

Minutes: The minutes from this meeting are to be agreed under Silence Procedure and will be available on www.enterprise.gov.ie

Item 1: Welcome

The Chair welcomed attendees and introduced himself. The Chair invited members to introduce themselves.

Item 2: Presentation from the National Town Centre First Office with an update on Town Centre First Policy

Comments Arising:

- The Chair informed members that due to a diary clash the TCF Office were unable to attend the meeting. A written update from the TCF Office was circulated to members.

Item 3: Presentation from the Department of The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media with an update on the Night-Time Economy

Comments Arising:

- The Chair asked whether there was a timetable/timeline for review of the NTE Action Plan.
- An official from the NTE unit in DTCAGSM clarified that the actions are currently being considered and it is expected that the Action Plan will be finalised this summer.
- One member asked whether a NTE advisor on transport has been appointed with the NTE unit official confirming that transport is a key issue for the NTE and that a pilot late night initiative is being developed in conjunction with the National Transport Authority.
- A member mentioned the 'Dublin by Night' festival and applauded the NTE unit for their work and emphasised that many retailers had seen that there is a value to opening late.

Item 4: AOB

The Chair invited members to provide feedback on how the Working Group operates.
Comments Arising:

- A member suggested that it might be an idea to have a shared access folder for the Group containing documents relevant to the work of the Group.

The Chair thanked members for their time and closed the meeting.

Actions:

- Copy of the presentations to be forwarded to Working Group members.

**Retail Section
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment
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Appendix A

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Attendees

Organisation	Representative
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment (Chair)	Manus O'Donnell
Chambers Ireland	Margaret O'Brien
RGDATA	Tara Buckley
LGMA	Michael Quinn
HABIC	Margaret O'Rourke Doherty
Retail Excellence	Amy McGlynn
IPU	Jim Curran
Dublin Town	Damon Blake
IBEC/Retail Ireland	Samira Nicolo
Sligo BID	Gail McGibbon
TUD	Damien O'Reilly
Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	Deirdre Currivan

Presenters

Organisation	Representative
Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	Deborah Lawlor

Apologies

Organisation	Representative
UCD Centre for Irish Towns	Philip Crowe