



# SME and Entrepreneurship Taskforce

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment,  
Kildare Street, Wednesday, 5 September 2024,  
4-5.30pm

## Attendees

### **DETE:**

Minister Burke

Minister Calleary

Minister Higgins

Pauline Mulligan

### **Taskforce Members:**

Neil McDonnell

Oliver Tattan

Paula Fitzsimons

David Broderick

Donal Leahy

Tommy Gill

Kevin Buckley

Veronica Murphy

Ian Talbot

DC Cahalane

Oonagh O'Hagan

Carol Lynch

Anne Cusack

### **Other:**

Fiona Flynn (Department of Finance)

Colin O'Connor (Department of Finance)

Sonia O'Loughlin (Department of Finance)

### **Secretariat:**

Ross Church, Patrick Sinnott, Ashley Long, Hazel Carroll, Cecile Lhullier

## **Opening remarks**

Minister Burke opened the meeting by outlining the agenda items and spoke briefly about the Competitiveness Summit and the themes of the day before handing over to Minister Higgins. Minister Higgins noted the launch of the National Enterprise Hub on 10<sup>th</sup> July. She advised members that the enhancement of the SME Test was in the final stages and noted the Employment Permits Act 2024 which came into effect on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Joining the meeting online, Minister Calleary then advised members that the Grow Digital Portal is now live and encouraged all to utilise the facility and gave an update on the Grow Digital Voucher.

### **Item 1**

Under the first agenda item, Minister Burke gave members an update on the progress made to date on the implementation of the action points in the SME Relief package announced in May, noting that 10 of the actions have been completed.

### **Item 2**

Under the second agenda item, Fiona Flynn, Colin O'Connor gave a presentation on tax-based enterprise supports offered by the Department of Finance. Members then had a short discussion on the presentation.

## **Closing remarks**

Minister Burke thanked the Taskforce for their attendance and their ongoing engagement and closed the meeting.