



**To:** Members of Dublin City Council

**From:** Dana L. McDaniel, City Manager

**Date:** December 31, 2019

**Initiated By:** Sue Burness, Director of Communications & Public Information

**Re:** A Night of Innovation/Connected Dublin Public Engagement Meeting

## Background

Dublin City Council established a goal earlier this year: *Become the most connected community in the U.S.* That goal challenged staff to pursue pilot projects and to find viable solutions to deliver broadband access and “smart city” capabilities to all residents and businesses in Dublin.

Several projects have been initiated or launched in 2019 with more to come in 2020. These projects all fall under our Connected Dublin “smart city” initiatives. As with any project – especially new technologies or new features available to residents – the City of Dublin wants to invite residents to provide feedback and input through citizen-centric design. We have been working with our vendor partners and staff to host a Connected Dublin public workshop scheduled for Thursday, January 16 at the Dublin Community Recreation Center from 6-8 pm.

The target audience includes residents and corporate residents who have been engaged in previous discussions/meetings around technology and broadband including the Dublin Digital Broadband Technology Task Force Advisory Committee, the Business Advisory Council, students from the Emerald Campus and members of our tech business community who have been engaged with the City through the workforce development initiatives. We are limiting the workshop to 100 people (80 adults and 20 students) to allow for good discuss and interaction for the program outline below. This meeting is on your calendar and we hope you can attend. We will also have a video recording of the session.

### Purpose:

- Educate and inform residents on current Connected Dublin projects
- Engage residents in an interactive citizen-centric session to envision what Dublin’s digital future looks like with focus on safety, quality of life, technology and innovation

### Program

#### An Evening of Innovation

#### Co-creating Dublin’s Digital Future

Limited to 100 people

- 80 adults
- 20 students from Emerald Campus

Thursday, January 16

Location: DCRC/Tallas

6-8 pm

Registration 5:30 – 6pm

## **Format**

6:00 Welcome/purpose/format and introductions – Mayor

6:05 Opening Video

6:07 Doug McCollough – Introduces the program, highlighting the vendor partners and projects and the Innovation Stations; Provides the purpose; instructions for engagement

6:15 Innovation Stations with facilitators and partner/vendors (20-25 people at each) Rotate every 20 minutes. Five-minute overview with 15 minutes for demonstrations/interactivity and rotation.

- Smart Mobility (DENSO and SHARE) Megan O'Callaghan; J.M. Rayburn will facilitate
- "Fiberhoods" (residential broadband) – Doug McCollough -Brandon Brown will facilitate
- Digital Identity – Software Verde – Cindy Barney will facilitate
- In Home Tech Hubs (IoT – Alexa, Google Home, Nest) Forever Dublin – Bruce Edwards will facilitate

7:30 - Reconvene – Facilitators share impressions, ideas etc.

8:00 – Wrap up/Close – call to action and next steps

## **Recommendation**

For information only.