

**Dublin City Council**  
**Local Community Development Committee**  
**30<sup>th</sup> June 2021**  
**Meeting Minutes**

<b>PRESENT – PUBLIC SECTOR MEMBERS</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Cllr Carolyn Moore	DCC Elected Representative
Cllr Racheal Batten	DCC Elected Representative
Blake Hodkinson	Director of Further Education and Training – CODETB
Greg Swift	Head Enterprise and Economic Development, Dublin City Council
<b>PRESENT – PRIVATE SECTOR MEMBERS</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Karen Smollen	Social and Economic (SIPTU)
Paul Rogers	ILDN – CEO of the Northside Partnership
Anne Fitzgerald	ILDN – CEO of the Ballyfermot & Chapelizod Partnership
Kelley Bermingham	Dublin City PPN, Community & Voluntary Pillar
Sandra Dillon	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion Pillar
Dr Sarah Miller	Social and Economic (Rediscovery Centre)
Prof Deiric O’Broin	Social and Economic (NorDubCo)
Michelle Murphy	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion Pillar
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Anne Talbot	Dublin City PPN, Community & Voluntary Pillar
Paula Galvin	Dublin City PPN, Environment Pillar
Cllr Tara Deacy	DCC Elected Representative
Cllr Colm O’Rourke	DCC Elected Representative
Cllr Noeleen Reilly	DCC Elected Representative
Brendan Kenny	Deputy Chief Executive Dublin City Council
Martina Queally	Chief Officer HSE South and South East
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Dr Dáithí Downey, Elaine Hess, Brenda O’Reilly, Síle McNulty and Mary Lynch	DCC
Denise McMorrough and Emer Murphy	Dublin City Learning
Natasha Kinsella	Dublin Regional Skills Forum Manager

## **1) WELCOME**

Councillor Carolyn Moore opened the meeting and welcomed all members. There were no matters arising.

## **2) MINUTES**

Minutes from the LCDC Meeting of the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 were proposed by Kelley Bermingham, seconded by Sandra Dillon and agreed.

## **3) BUSINESS MATTERS**

### **A) LCDC FUNDING UPDATE**

#### **(i) Community Enhancement Programme (CEP)**

Dublin City LCDC Chair, Councillor Carolyn Moore, gave an update on the CEP 2020 R1 and R2 and CEP 2021. In summary, under CEP 2020 Round 1 and Round 2, 110 groups have been approved by the LCDC for total funding of €594,285. CEP 2021 was recently launched by the DRCD and Dublin City was allocated €212,306. The LCDC Sub-Committee met to review the administrative guidelines for CEP 2021. The Sub-Committee was aware of the considerable administrative challenge to LCDC admin support staff involved with managing several funding schemes in short succession over the last year and the difficulties faced by community and voluntary groups applying for those schemes. These challenges were noted at the LCDC meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>. The Sub-Committee felt that this was an unsustainable approach to administering funding schemes. Given the very significant oversubscription to the CEP 2020 Round 2 call, the CEP Sub-Committee had maintained a shortlist of all eligible but unfunded applicants. Rather than open up a new call for CEP 2021, which would be very challenging from an administrative perspective, the Sub-Committee agreed to develop a practical approach to administering CEP 2021. It agreed to review the shortlist in full for CEP 2021 with a view to funding eligible applications. Prioritised eligible grant applicants from the shortlist were contacted and asked to re-confirm their continued interest and ability to deliver on their original application proposal. Written confirmation was received from all groups concerned. A report summarising the finalised list of the 15 groups recommended for approval by the Sub-Committee for funding under the CEP 2021 Round 1 allocation to DCC LCDC was presented to members for approval.

#### **Agreed Actions:-**

- (1) Michelle Murphy proposed that the report summarising the finalised list of applicants recommended for approval by the CEP Sub Committee for funding under the CEP 2021 Round 1 allocation would be approved. Greg Swift seconded the proposal. Report was agreed and approved.
- (2) DCC LCDC admin will confirm the disbursement of grants with the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) and will contact all grant applicants once confirmed thereafter.

## **B) HEALTHY IRELAND PROGRAMME**

An update report from the Healthy Ireland (HI) Coordinator (Síle McNulty Goodwin) confirmed the following:

- Details on the launch of Sláintecare’s strategic action plan and its relevance to the LCDC Healthy Ireland programme
- The invitation to Dublin from the Bloomberg Philanthropies funded Partnership for Healthy Cities to join the partnership has been accepted and agreed by LM Hazel Chu. The Partnership is a prestigious global network of 70 cities committed to saving lives by preventing non-communicable diseases and injuries. Dublin City Council (DCC) will continue to work toward transforming the streets and footpaths of the city to support active mobility as part of Dublin’s commitment to this initiative. DCC’s particular policy objective, Safe and Active Mobility, seeks to enhance public mobility across the city by developing a new, inclusive emphasis on walking in our city. DCC have started to develop ‘walkability audits’ for our city with a consciousness on mobility from a senior citizen perspective. DCC are also incorporating into our work, a review of public seating and public realm that can aid and support mobility.
- Dublin City Council has been allocated €107,560 under the Keep Well *Communities Resilience Fund* to support key actions under three themes, namely: ‘Staying Connected’, ‘Switching Off and Being Creative’, and ‘Your County’. A full report on the outcomes of this fund’s expenditure will be brought to the LCDC

### **Agreed Actions:**

- (1) Link to the Sláintecare Strategic Action Plan will be circulated to members.
- (2) The HI Co-coordinator’s presentation will be circulated to members.
- (3) The HI Co-coordinator will re-establish the Healthy Ireland Sub-committee in the autumn to establish the needs for Healthy Ireland R4.
- (4) On the invitation of Councillor Moore, the HI Co-coordinator has agreed to make a presentation to the Transport SPC to help integrate HI with corporate policy.

## **C) DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL INTEGRATION STRATEGY**

Mary Lynch (DCC Integration Office) gave a presentation on the progress being made on the development of the new Dublin City Integration Strategy 2021-2025. Mary noted the content of the DCC Report no 177/2021: A Framework towards an Integration and Intercultural Strategy for Dublin City Council 2021-2025 has been adopted by Dublin City Council.

The next stage in the development of the Framework is now underway and involves establishment of a Community of Practice (CoP) network Integration network involving the four local authorities as well as ongoing networking and engagement.

### **Agreed Actions:-**

- (1) Councillor Moore requested equal city training for councillors and this was agreed.

## **D) SICAP**

### **(i) Mid-Year Review**

The Chief Officer gave a verbal update on the SICAP Mid-Year Review. The continued funding of SICAP is subject to positive findings from a mid-year and annual performance review by Pobal and the LCDC and confirmation that KPI targets are being met. Two Financial and Monitoring (*Fin & Mon*) reports are submitted annually for each of the five Annual Plans /five Lots in Dublin City, at mid-year and end of year. The SICAP mid-year review is underway to assess the programme implementers' (PIs) performance at the mid-point of the year. It is an opportunity for the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) to take stock of the performance of their PIs in delivering SICAP in accordance with the 2021 Annual Plan, SICAP Programme Requirements and the Funding Agreement, prior to the end of year review. Any issues identified as part of the review process will be communicated to the PIs, with a timeline to address these issues. The Chief Officer suggested that he would formally approve the mid-year review on behalf of the LCDC assuming he was satisfied with the outcome of the Fin and Mon report. The deadline to have all Fin and Mon reports formally approved by the LCDC is Friday 30th July.

Anne Fitzgerald reported that she was satisfied given the COVID 19 context with the progress made within her Lot (2.1) so far this year. She expressed concerns, which were echoed by Paul Rogers, that significant and urgent challenges to service delivery could arise from potential changes to the procurement process for employment services funded by the Department of Social Protection.

#### **Agreed Actions:-**

- (1) Councillor Moore proposed to accept the Chief Officer's suggestion that he would formally approve the mid-year review on behalf of the LCDC by the deadline of Friday 30th July. This was seconded by Michelle Murphy and thereby agreed.
- (2) Anne Fitzgerald and Paul Rogers are to prepare a summary paper for the Chief Officer to consider alongside a submission also be circulated to LCDC members for consideration and agreement at the September 2021 meeting with a view to agreeing correspondence/ submission to Department of Social Protection. This was proposed by Michelle Murphy and seconded by Karen Smollen and thus agreed.
- (3) Cllr Batten offered to bring the agreed submission/correspondence to the full Council for its attention.

### **(ii) SICAP Case Studies**

Elaine Hess (Dublin City Council) presented the SICAP Case Study Report which includes a snapshot and links to further information on the sixteen case studies that have been put forward annually since 2018 by the five SICAP programme implementers in the city and the 6 planned case studies for 2021. The purpose of case studies is to showcase projects, practices and approaches developed with support from SICAP that demonstrate the critical role SICAP plays in tackling disadvantage in Dublin city. The case studies are in written reports and/or video formats. The case studies are of considerable interest and are diverse in nature ranging for example from the community response to COVID 19 to equine therapy; from the promotion of college awareness to community food programmes; and from employment supports to local integrated service responses to young people at risk.

#### **Agreed Actions:-**

- (1) The report will be circulated to members
- (2) The case studies will be promoted as part of the programme for DCC's Inclusion Week 2021.

(iii) Emerging Needs

The Chief Officer confirmed that the respective CEOs for each of Dublin's Local Development Companies were considering matters related to new emergent needs related to COVID19 impacts firstly in terms of their SCIAP programmes and also more widely. The Chief Officer agreed to allocated time in the September meeting to discuss emergent needs related to the COVID19 pandemic and its impacts within the context of preparation for the development and adoption of the next Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) for Dublin from 2022.

**Agreed Actions:-**

- (1) Agenda item for LCDC September meeting

## **4) PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION**

### **A) DUBLIN REGIONAL SKILLS FORUM**

Natasha Kinsella, the Dublin Regional Skills Forum Manager, made a presentation on the background, structure, principles, purpose and priorities of Dublin Skills Forum. The Forum was created as part of the Government's National Skills Strategy and provides an opportunity for employers and the education and training system to work together to meet the emerging skills needs of their regions. Members were very impressed by the valuable work of the forum and the links that could be developed with the LCDC and SICAP programme implementers on the ground e.g. promoting apprenticeships and free training opportunities.

**Agreed Actions:-**

- (1) Presentation will be circulated to members and email subscription link to Skills Forum ebuletin. Ms Kinsella is happy for her contact details to be circulated if anyone would like to get in touch with her about the Forum.
- (2) The report to the 2018 Summit Dublin City LEO organised on apprenticeship will be circulated to members.

### **B) DUBLIN CITY LEARNING**

Denise McMorrow and Emer Murphy gave a presentation on Dublin Learning City, which is a collaboration between Dublin City Council, IADT, Marino Institute of Education, Trinity, UCD, NCAD and RCSI focusing on lifelong learning. Members found this presentation very valuable.

**Agreed Actions:-**

- (1) Dublin City Learning presentation will be circulated to members and Ms McMorrow and Ms Murphy were happy for their contact details to be circulated if anyone would like to get in touch with them about.

## **5) LECP 2022-2028**

The Chief Officer confirmed the DCC LCDC is facing the preparation and adoption of a new LECP from 2022 which needs to be developed in the context of a new Programme for Government, revised NDP, new National Resilience and Recovery Plan and the new Dublin City Development Plan among other key national policy frameworks. The Chief Officer confirmed work with Dublin City LEO was

underway on a submission that would be made on the draft guidelines under preparation for the new LECP.

**Agreed Actions:-**

- 1) Chief Officer will update members at the next meeting

**6) ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Agreed Actions:-**

- (1) Correspondence to the Department of Housing from LCDC Chair has issued in support of the Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum's objectives on provision of community and social infrastructure for the lands under development at Emmet Road, Dublin 8.
- (2) Kelley Birmingham extended an invitation to members to attend a Member event to include a walking tour of some community facilities in D8 and lunch on 16<sup>th</sup> July. Further details will be circulated to members. The event would be subject to availability and attendance of members. If insufficient members are available the event will be deferred to autumn.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- September 29<sup>th</sup> 2021 10am-12.30pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson



Print Name: Councillor Carolyn Moore

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Officer



Print Name: Dáithí Downey