Dublin City Local Community Development Committee

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Dublin City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

Minutes of Meeting

Friday 13th February 2015

3pm, Liffey Room, Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices

**Members in attendance:**

**Public sector representatives:**

1. Cllr Daithí Doolan
2. Brendan Kenny
3. Martina Queally
4. Cllr Claire Byrne
5. Greg Swift
6. Cllr P. McAuliffe (excused himself from meeting)

**Private sector representatives:**

1. Marion Kelly, Dublin City Community Forum
2. Maria Tyrell, Larkin Unemployed Centre
3. Darragh O’Connor, Trade Union (SIPTU)
4. David Brennan, Dublin City Business Association
5. Claire Wheeler, Environmental Pillar
6. Mel MacGiobúin, City Drugs Task Forces.

**Also in attendance:**

Bernie Doherty, Chief Officer and Evaluation Team Member

Martin McDonagh, DCC - Evaluation Team Member

Helen O’Leary, DCC - Evaluation Team Member

Gary Sullivan, DCC – Evaluation Team Member

Éadaoin Ní Chléirigh, External Evaluator

Cllr Tina MacVeigh, LCDC Observer

**The Chief Officer declared a quorum present.**

**The Chair, Cllr Doolan opened the meeting.**

**Item 1 Apologies:**

Cllr Ray McAdam, Cllr. Rebecca Moynihan, Cllr Éilis Ryan, Mary Mooney and Godfrey Chimbganda

On opening the meeting the Chair Cllr Doolan explained that the purpose of the meting was to deal with the SICAP evaluation process only. Prior to discussion the chair requested that anyone with a conflict should declare it before proceeding.

**Item 2 Conflict of Interest**

Cllr Paul Mc Auliffe declared that he had a conflict as he is a member of the board of Ballymun Partnership and excused himself from the meeting.

**Item 3 SICAP Evaluation**

The Chair, Cllr Doolan gave an overview of the reform of local government, the legislation underpinning SICAP and the requirement of an LCDC member to sign off on the outcomes of the evaluation process.

**Item 4 Evaluation process**

**The Chair and Chief Officer** gave a presentation regarding the SICAP process, members’ roles and responsibilities and a national overview of SICAP lots. They went on to explain in detail the methodology of evaluations, the role of the sub-committee and the evaluation team. Following on from the presentation they described the minimum requirements and the various scores allocated to the bidders. Only the names of successful tenderers were identified.

**The Chair** then invited comment / discussion from the floor.

**C. Wheeler** questioned if the members would be liable in the event of a legal challenge.

**Chief Officer B. Doherty** explained that LCDC members were indemnified.

**Cllr. C. Byrne** asked how long the contracts will run for.

**Chief Officer** B. Doherty explained that they could effectively run until 2017, reviews will from part of the contracts with the first review to occur after 9 months. Thereafter annual reviews are provided for.

**The Chair** felt that it is very important that the LCDC take a pro-active role in controlling the process going forward to ensure communities of disadvantage receive the greatest benefit from SICAP.

**M. Queally** stated that the process appeared to be robust and expressed concerns about the unsuccessful bidders. She also asked what the LCDC can do to ensure delivery of SICAP as per contracts.

**C. Wheeler** echoed Martina Queally’s comments.

The Chair explained that he too had concerns about unsuccessful bidders and the impact on services locally. He felt that the LCDC must take control of the process and ensure the monitoring and reviewing mechanisms were utilised fully and in addition that projects be invited from time to time to make presentations to the LCDC on their achievements and contract progress. LCDC should also explore site visits.

**Maria Tyrell** asked what will happen of the successful tender does not take up the contract.

**Chief Officer** explained that the contract will be awarded to second highest scoring tender where there is one.

**Marion Kelly** said she was happy with the idea of self evaluation but close contact were required between the LCDC and service providers to ensure programme delivery. Monitoring should include site visits.

**D. O’Connor** expressed concerns for the potential for job loses in the area, who would do the work if gaps emerged post the process and queried if the department had provided any direction in respect of the potential fallout.

**D. Brennan** acknowledged that the work of the evaluation team was exemplary and the commitment by his co-sub committee members was extraordinary.

Following further discussion it was agreed that the LCDC ratify the results of the evaluation team and sub-committee’s deliberations.

**Ratification Agreed.**

**The Chair** invited nominations for evaluation **“sign off”?**

**Agreed:** Brendan Kenny would act as “sign off” person on behalf of the LCDC.

**The Chair explained the need for total confidentiality until the 18th February 2015.**

Next meeting scheduled for 26th February 2015 @ 3pm.

**Cllr Daithí Doolan Bernie Doherty**

**LCDC Chair LCDC Chief Officer**

**Date: Date:**