

**Dublin City Council**  
**Local Community Development Committee**  
**21<sup>st</sup> September 2022**  
**10AM-12.30PM**  
**In person at the Guinness Enterprise Centre and online**  
**Meeting Minutes**

<b>PRESENT – PUBLIC SECTOR MEMBERS</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Cllr Carolyn Moore (Chair)	DCC Elected Representative
Greg Swift	Head Enterprise and Economic Development, Dublin City Council
Frank d’Arcy	Director of Operations, Housing and Community Services, Dublin City Council
Ellen O’Dea	HSE, Head of Service Health and Wellbeing - Community Healthcare Office of Dublin North City & County
<b>PRESENT – PRIVATE SECTOR MEMBERS</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Dr Sarah Miller	Social and Economic (CEO, Rediscovery Centre)
Claire Wheeler	Dublin City PPN, Environmental Pillar
Michelle Murphy	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion Pillar
Sandra Dillon	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion Pillar
Prof. Deiric O’Broin	Social and Economic (NorDubCo)
Anne Fitzgerald	ILDN – CEO of the Ballyfermot & Chapelizod Partnership
Lee Dillon	Dublin City PPN, Community & Voluntary Pillar
Kelley Bermingham	Dublin City PPN, Community & Voluntary Pillar
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Paul Rogers	ILDN – CEO of the Northside Partnership
Karen Smollen	Social and Economic (SIPTU)
Cllr Racheal Batten	DCC Elected Representative
Cllr Tara Deacy (Vice Chair)	DCC Elected Representative
Blake Hodkinson	Director of Further Education and Training, CODETB
Cllr Noeleen Reilly	DCC Elected Representative

Cllr Colm O'Rourke	DCC Elected Representative
Margaret McQuillan	Adjunct Observer – HSE Head of Service for Health & Wellbeing , Dublin South, Kildare, West Wicklow Community Healthcare Office (CHO7)
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Aisling Heffernan	Adjunct Observer - HSE Head of Service for Health and Wellbeing, Community Healthcare Office East Dublin
Dr Dáithí Downey (Chief Officer), Elaine Hess, Brenda O'Reilly, Sophia Brennan, Catherina O'Rourke and Síle McNulty.	Dublin City Council (Community, Social Development and Research Section)
Scott Watson	Acting Senior Community Officer (South Central Area), Dublin City Council
Dr Joanne Rourke	Resource Efficiency Officer, Eastern-Midlands Regional Waste Management Plan Office, Dublin City Council
Simon Gresset	Circular Economy Officer, Sustainable Economy & Procurement, ICLEI European Secretariat
Ruth Powell and Beatriz Cintas Cantarero	Dublin City Public Participation Network (PPN) Resource Officer and PPN Support Officer

## 1) WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members to the meeting. The Chair noted that the five elected member representatives on the Dublin City LCDC are reviewing their commitment to the LCDC. Confirmed commitment and/or replacements will be noted at the next LCDC meeting in November.

## 2) MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes from the Dublin City LCDC Meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 were proposed by Prof. Deiric O'Broin and seconded by Greg Swift

There were no matters arising.

## 3) LCDC BUSINESS MATTERS

### (a) LCDC Funding Schemes

#### i. Community Activities Fund (CAF) 2022

Payments under this tranche of funding are near conclusion with 60 of the 61 successful applicants having been issued their grants and one outstanding payment awaiting finalisation. The Chief Officer anticipated that there may be another CEP related funding announcement by year end. The LCDC admin team will continue to work with the CEP sub-committee to develop a finalised reserve list of applications that can be allocated any

unspent and refunded funding from the current Community Activities Fund (CAF) as well as a shortlist for approvals under any forthcoming round of funding if appropriate.

**(b) SICAP Update**

The Chief Officer gave a verbal update on SICAP and the following key information points made were:-

- (i) SCIAP programme extension – the current round of SICAP is a five year programme running from 2018-2022. The programme has been extended for an additional year into 2023 under government funding arrangements.
- (ii) The Chief Officer formally approved the mid-year finance and monitoring reports in July on behalf of the LCDC as he was satisfied with the outcome of the mid-year review.
- (iii) The Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) received a request from the European Social Fund (ESF) Managing Authority (MA) for further information from several randomly selected LCDCs, as part of an assessment of the Simplified Cost Option (SCO), which has been in use for a number of years. Information relating to two Dublin City SICAP Lots; Lot No 2-2 – Dublin, Ballymun, Whitehall and Tolka and Lot 2-4 -Dublin Canal, Rathmines and Pembroke was sought and was thus provided.
- (iv) On the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, Joe O’Brien TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, welcomed the announcement that the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) won a 2022 United Nations Public Service Award. The prestigious award, in the category of “Institutional resilience and innovative responses to the COVID-19 pandemic” sees international recognition for Ireland’s primary Social Inclusion programme.
- (v) On the 12<sup>th</sup> July, Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Michael McGrath TD, joined Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O’Brien TD, to launch the ‘Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) Annual Report 2021’ at the Mansion House in Dublin.
- (vi) The SICAP KPI targets for 2022 are being reviewed.
- (vii) The five Dublin City based SICAP programme implementers have been allocated an extra €493, 721 in additional funding in recognition of the ongoing contribution being made by the programme to the local community responses for people displaced from Ukraine. The process for approving the extra funding is being completed. Eligible costs under the allocation include activities that directly relate to the implementation of the SICAP supports to Ukrainians i.e. salary for staff to work directly with this community and non-salary costs such as translation services and transport costs.

**(c) Dublin City Ukraine Community Response**

The Chief Officer presented the details of the online Dublin City Ukraine Community Response noticeboard that is being developed by the Dublin City Volunteer Centre for DCC’s Community Response Forum. Community based services and community led activities will be highlighted on this noticeboard. It is planned for public use from November and further updates will issue to LCDC members.

#### 4) LCDC HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUB-COMMITTEE

##### (a) Membership and final ToR

The Chair noted final draft Health and Well Being Subcommittee Terms of Reference (ToR) had been circulated to members. The Chief Officer confirmed some expressions of interest had been received for membership of the Subcommittee.

Discussion focussed on when the Health and Wellbeing Sub Committee would have its first meeting; the imminent needs of older and other vulnerable people over the winter months; concerns over health programme budgets; and an EU project Claire Wheeler was involved in about behavioural change and saving energy with Energy Action.

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

- 1) Ellen O’Dea (HSE) proposed that a minor wording edit be made to the draft ToR and this was agreed.
- 2) LCDC members were invited to confirm their expression of interest with the LCDC Chair and Chief Officer
- 3) The Chief Officer will meet separately with Claire Wheeler and Energy Action to discuss the project they are developing.
- 4) Anne Fitzgerald noted the issue of older people’s needs this winter should be treated by the LCDC as a crisis. Practical initiatives to provide warm and accessible community spaces such as libraries and community complexes for older people to meet over the winter need to be facilitated and promoted to older people. This was seconded by Kelley Birmingham. The Chief Officer agreed to update on matters at the November meeting

#### 5) DCC LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP)

##### a) Motion on Circular Economy (Doughnut Economics) adopted by DCC on September 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 (Cllr Carolyn Moore)

Following adoption of her motion at Dublin City Council’s September meeting Councillor Moore (Chair, LCDC) made a presentation on Circular Economy (Doughnut Economics). The motion and supplementary information had previously been circulated to LCDC members for their information and attention. The presentation was followed by discussion amongst members.

##### **Agreed Action:-**

- 1) The Chief Officer confirmed that the motion would be included in the ongoing deliberations of the LECP Advisory Group and their preparation of the Stage 1 socioeconomic statement for Dublin required to evidence the selected draft High Level Goals for the LECP that will go forward for Stage 2 stakeholder engagement and public consultation in 2023.

## **b) LECP Advisory Group timelines to end of 2022**

The Chief Officer provided an update and informed members that three more LECP Advisory Group meetings have been scheduled for 2022 - 19<sup>th</sup> October, 23<sup>rd</sup> November and 14<sup>th</sup> December subject to confirmation. The draft socio economic and community statement is being finalised. The results from the “Your Dublin Your Voice” survey, Ireland’s first local government-led online opinion panel in Ireland, as the first vehicle for engaging the public on the new LECP are available. The high level goals need to be agreed. The process for Stage 2: consultation has to be worked out. The PPN will play a significant role in Stage 2.

### **Agreed Action:-**

- 1) The Chief Officer will circulate all relevant materials when appropriate and available and an update will be brought to the Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> LCDC meeting.

## **6) PRESENTATIONS**

### **a) Circular Economy**

Dr Sarah Miller introduced Simon Gresset (Circular Economy Officer, Sustainable Economy & Procurement) who works in the ICLEI European Secretariat. Simon made a presentation on the European Circular Cities Declaration which is designed to help accelerate the transition from a linear to a circular economy in Europe, and thereby create a resource-efficient, low-carbon and socially responsible society. He encouraged the LCDC to support Dublin becoming a signatory to the declaration. This was followed by discussion amongst members.

### **Agreed Action:-**

- 1) Councillor Moore (Chair, LCDC) proposed that the LCDC support Dublin city becoming a signatory to the declaration and offered to work with the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin to get the process moving and have Dublin signed up before the Dublin Circular Economy Hotspot event taking place 29<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023. This was seconded by Greg Swift.

**b) PPN Structural Review and Recommendations arising (Ruth Powell, DCC PPN)**

Ruth Powell (Dublin City Public Participation Network Resource Officer) made a presentation on the Mazars PPN Structural Review and recommendations arising. Ruth recommended that the PPN would support recommendation suite “Option 2” and was looking for support from the LCDC members. Ruth’s presentation was followed by discussion amongst members.

**Agreed Action:-**

- 1) Lee Dillon proposed that the LCDC should note and agree the preferred recommendations arising from the Mazars Review as the suite comprising Option 2 subject to final engagement being undertaken to identify any party in the PPN who holds a substantially different view on the recommendation. This was seconded by Kelley Birmingham.
- 2) The Chief Officer agreed to update on outcomes at the Nov meeting

**c) Place Based Leadership (PBL) Programme (Paul Rogers, Northside Partnership)**

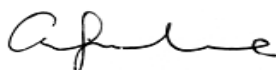
This agenda item was deferred.

**7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1) Kelley Birmingham informed members about “The Connected Community” event which will be the first in the *Iveagh Talks* series. This event aims to ignite a national conversation about the value of community. It will be held on the evening of the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in St Patrick’s Cathedral and Kelley invited members to attend and asked them to help promote the event. Details would be circulated to members.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

- Next meeting is 10.00 to 12.30, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November (Guinness Enterprise Centre with remote attendance as an option at this venue).
- Future 2023 meeting dates will be agreed with DCC Chief Executives Office and will be proposed at the November meeting.



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

Chairperson

Print Name: Councillor Carolyn Moore



Chief Officer

Print Name: Dáithí Downey

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