



**Dublin City Council  
Local Community Development Committee  
Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 10am  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

<b>PRESENT – PUBLIC SECTOR MEMBERS</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Carolyn Moore	DCC Elected Representative
Rachael Batten	DCC Elected Representative
Tara Deacy	DCC Elected Representative
Colm O’Rourke	DCC Elected Representative
Noeleen Reilly	DCC Elected Representative
Blake Hodkinson	Director of Further Education and Training – CODETB
Martina Queally	Chief Officer HSE South and South East
Greg Swift	Head of DCC Local Enterprise Office
<b>PRESENT – PRIVATE SECTOR MEMBERS</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Paul Rogers	ILDN
Anne Fitzgerald	ILDN
Kelley Bermingham	PPN, C & V
Sandra Dillon	PPN, Social Inclusion
Anne Talbot	PPN, C & V
Dr Sarah Miller	Social and Economic
Michelle Murphy	PPN, Social Inclusion
Dr Deiric O’Broin	Social and Economic
Darragh O’Connor	Dublin Council of Trade Unions
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Brendan Kenny	Deputy Chief Executive Dublin City Council
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Dáithí Downey	DCC
Elaine Hess	DCC
Joan O’Mara	DCC
Brenda O’Reilly	DCC
Mary Hayes	DCC Exec Manager on behalf of Brendan Kenny – Observer

## **INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

Dáithí Downey, Chief Officer opened the meeting at 10am, introduced himself and welcomed all members.

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - NOMINATIONS AND REPLACEMENTS**

The Chief Officer introduced Councillor Carolyn Moore as the replacement for the outgoing chairperson, Councillor Patrick Costello, who has since been elected a member of Dáil Éireann. He opened the floor to other nominations and when none were forthcoming Councillor Carolyn Moore was nominated by Anne Talbot, seconded by Paul Rogers and was thus declared elected as the new Chairperson.

The Chief Officer then welcomed and introduced two new members to the LCDC, Dr Sarah Miller, CEO of Rediscovery Centre and Michelle Murphy, Research and Policy Analyst, Social Justice Ireland.

The Chief Officer then passed the meeting over to the newly elected Chairperson, Councillor Moore, who gave a brief introduction of her background and the direction in which she would like to see the LCDC go in relation to how it impacts communities and community development and how it can reform community development in a more productive manner.

At this stage Darragh O'Connor from the Dublin Council of Trade Unions (Private Sector Member) tendered his resignation which was accepted by the LCDC Committee who wished him well and thanked him for all his contributions to the Committee. Darragh informed the Committee that the Dublin Council of Trade Unions will nominate a replacement for him at their next meeting.

### **Actions:**

1. Chief Officer to follow up with Dublin Council of Trade Unions in relation to Darragh's replacement.

## **MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes from the LCDC Meeting of the **29<sup>th</sup> January 2020** were proposed by Anne Fitzgerald, seconded by Paul Rogers and Agreed.

## **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME 2020**

### **ROUND 1**

The Chief Officer gave a verbal update on CEP 2020 Round 1 which is focussed on providing capital grants to enhance facilities in disadvantaged areas or for individuals and communities impacted by disadvantage. This programme was launched by the Minister on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 and all monies will be paid out to successful applicants by end December 2020 after the assessment completion by the CEP Sub Committee (scheduled date of 9<sup>nd</sup> November) and final approval by the LCDC.

The Chair then invited nominations for an additional member to join the existing CEP Sub-Committee previously formed to set down the criteria for Round 1 CEP.

The CEP Sub-Committee now comprises the following members:

Councillor Tara Deacy, Councillor Carolyn Moore, Ms Kelley Bermingham, Dr Deiric O’Broin and Mr Paul Rogers.

## **ROUND 2**

The Chief Officer gave a verbal update on the launch of CEP 2020 Round 2 which was announced as part of the government Economic Stimulus Package and is targeted at capital expenditures which seek to stimulate the local economy. Applications to DCC for this round of CEP are scheduled to go live online from 26<sup>th</sup> October and will close for 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020. All monies for Round 2 CEP will be paid to successful applicants by end of March 2021.

The Chief Officer announced that the sub-committee would meet in the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> October to discuss the assessment requirements for CEP Round 2.

The Sub-Committee for CEP Round 1 will continue in the role for CEP Round 2.

### **Actions:**

1. Chief Officer to issue a link to the sub-committee members to an online Doodle Poll to confirm their date and time preferences for week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> October.
2. Chief Officer to set up zoom meeting once date and time agreed as at (1) above.

## **HEALTHY IRELAND FUND ROUND 3**

The Chair invited nominations from the committee for an extra member to join the existing Healthy Ireland Sub-Committee. As no-one put themselves forward at the meeting it was suggested that members perhaps take time to think about the topic, seek more information from the Chief Officer and his Team and to then perhaps put their names forward.

The existing Healthy Ireland Sub-Committee consists of the following members:

Councillor Racheal Batten, Ms Martina Queally and Ms Kelley Bermingham.

### **Actions:**

1. Follow up on confirming additional member to join the Healthy Ireland Sub-Committee.

## **SICAP**

The Chair introduced her proposal to establish an LCDC Sub-Committee for SICAP and in line with best practice guidance from POBAL. No nominations were immediately forthcoming and members agreed to seek further information before committing to this proposed Sub-Committee and would thereafter signal their interest via email to the Chief Officer.

A number of members volunteered to sit on one of the 3 sub-committees mentioned on the day but stated that they would leave it to the Chief Officer to agree with them where their backgrounds best fit. These members are Mr Blake Hodkinson, Ms Anne Fitzgerald and Dr. Sarah Miller.

The Chief Officer gave a brief outline of upcoming and outstanding matters under the SICAP Programme as follows:

1. ESF Non-Financial Review and Declarations – Complete once final clarifications requested by Department are returned.
2. ESF Financial Review and Declarations – Items due to be uploaded by the LDCs to IRIS by 2<sup>nd</sup> October and verification by LCDC to be completed by 9<sup>th</sup> October. It was noted that LCDC may need to look for an extension to this deadline.
3. SICAP Mid-Year Review – Outstanding and due to be complete by end October.
4. Communication Re Targets – Disseminated to all LDCs. Will be used to reconsider KPIs and reflect on COVID19 impacts and effect on targets.

The issue of conflict of interest for members participating in thematic LCDC sub-committees arose and was discussed. Members agreed that there is a need to clearly articulate the circumstances and criteria that apply to identifying circumstances and issues that may constitute a conflict of interest for members participating on thematic sub-committees.

#### **Actions:**

1. Chief Officer to liaise with Chair to ensure the SICAP sub-committee is established
2. DCC LCDC Standing Orders 2019 will be circulated for information to members
3. Discuss and agreement of what constitutes a conflict of interest will be agreed and proposed for insert into Standing Orders for 2020

### **AGENDA DEFERRAL**

A presentation on the DCC Public Participation Network that was due to be given at today's meeting has been postponed until the November Meeting.

#### **Actions:**

1. Chief Officer to confirm availability of Edwina Dewart to give presentation on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

### **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

Councillor Carolyn Moore invited all members to introduce themselves and give their observations on the challenges and opportunities they each see for the LCDC going forward. Below is a summary of this discussion:

1. Develop better awareness and profiling of LCDC among wider Community & Voluntary Sector.
2. Consider representation on LCDC and work on developing and maintaining options with PPN to widen representation among smaller and less resourced groups.
3. Advance initiatives to build capacity in and among Community groups.
4. Bring greater focus on strategy and policy issues impacting LCDC and Community Sector, including, but not limited to:
  - Initiatives and interventions focussed on drugs awareness, harm reduction and prevention and positive mental health interventions among hard to reach and vulnerable population cohorts.

- Enterprise supports, job creation initiatives, skills and training at community and local levels to support Covid-19 recovery and get Brexit ready.
- Initiatives focussed on inter-agency working and improved co-ordination among community based service providers and delivery structures.
- Understanding the impacts of Covid-19 on different population cohorts in less affluent and disadvantaged communities, particularly young persons and elderly persons.
- Developing a unified and coherent DCC/LCDC “voice” on policy matters that will inform/communicate/represent to relevant policy decision makers.
- Advance understanding of local actions producing community empowerment in response to Covid-19 in Dublin.
- Investment in social infrastructure to be influenced and guided by LCDC.
- Improvements in health promotion focussed on early intervention and prevention programmes under Healthy Ireland framework.
- Greater understanding of health inequalities and Covid-19 impacts on community.
- Creating and maintaining information sharing opportunities and linkages among LCDC and 3 HSE Community Health Organisations (CHOs) that connect within DCC area.
- Activate and support climate actions and circular economy strategy and actions for Dublin.

5. Suggested actions for further consideration and development:

- a. Develop and adopt a “Charter of Values” for Dublin City LCDC based on established aims and objectives of LCDC under current public policy approach of government.
- b. Develop and deploy a social media competency for Dublin City LCDC and work on social media communications and actions and planning which increases information dissemination on LCDC and its work, including grant funding, etc.
- c. Initiate a quarterly “Diary Date” update among all LCDC members to ensure awareness of forthcoming events/activities.
- d. Shortlist suggested inputs/presentations to forthcoming LCDC meetings and develop a programme of inputs for 2021.
- e. Produce an evidence informed debate/discussion on the model(s) of Community Development which Dublin City LCDC supports and works to advance.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

At the meeting it was agreed that Greg Swift, Head of Dublin City Council’s Economic Development and Enterprise Section would provide an LECP 2020 update report on the economic side to the LCDC members.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

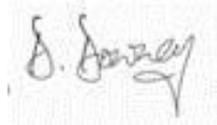
It was agreed that due to the continued HSE Guidelines in relation to Covid-19 all LCDC meetings for the foreseeable future will be held online via Zoom.

Next Meeting: **25<sup>th</sup> November from 10am to 12 noon.**



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

**Print Name:** Councillor Carolyn Moore



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

**Print Name:** Dáithí Downey