

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

<b>PRESENT – PUBLIC SECTOR MEMBERS</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Cllr Carolyn Moore	DCC Elected Representative
Cllr Tara Deacy	DCC Elected Representative
Cllr Racheal Batten	DCC Elected Representative
Blake Hodgkinson	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>
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
Paula Galvin	Dublin City PPN, Environment Pillar
Karen Smollen	Social and Economic (SIPTU)
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Cllr Colm O’Rourke	DCC Elected Representative
Dr Deiric O’Broin	Social and Economic (NorDubCo)
Paul Rogers	ILDN – CEO of the Northside Partnership
Michelle Murphy	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion Pillar
Dr Sarah Miller	Social and Economic (Rediscovery Centre)
Cllr Noeleen Reilly	DCC Elected Representative
Anne Talbot	Dublin City PPN, Community & Voluntary Pillar
Martina Queally	Chief Officer HSE South and South East
Brendan Kenny	Deputy Chief Executive Dublin City Council
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Lord Mayor of Dublin Hazel Chu	DCC Elected Representative
Dáithí Downey	DCC
Elaine Hess	DCC
Brenda O’Reilly	DCC
Mary Hayes	DCC
Mary Lynch	DCC

## INTRODUCTION, WELCOME & UPDATE AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Councillor Carolyn Moore opened the meeting at and welcomed all members.

## MINUTES

Minutes from the LCDC Meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were proposed by Councillor Carolyn Moore, seconded by Councillor Tara Deacy and agreed.

## FUNDING UPDATE

Dáithí Downey (Chief Officer) gave a verbal update on the recent and pending funding opportunities that the LCDC are responsible for administering. He envisaged further funding will become available to the LCDC over the year and specific to government COVID19 recovery plans expected from June 2021.

### A) Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) Round 2

Dublin City Council LCDC has been allocated €478,005 under a second round of funding for the Community Enhancement Programme of grants focussed on capital and related expenditure for community and voluntary organisations and groups. Assessment of the applications is underway and the LCDC CEP Sub-Committee plan to meet on 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March respectively to finalise the short-list of grantees. An update on the proposed final distribution of payments to all grantees will be submitted for approval to the LCDC at its meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> 2021.

### B) Covid-19 Emergency Fund (2<sup>nd</sup> Round)

Dublin City Council has been allocated €117,246 under the second round of the COVID-19 Emergency Fund launched by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The fund was launched at 9am Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. Applications are to be made online from Dublin City Council's website. Detailed guidelines and terms and conditions are available online to help groups when applying. Applications are aimed, in general, at not-for-profit community and voluntary groups in Dublin City. It is envisaged that 30 per cent of the funding will be ring-fenced for grants of €1,000 or less and a maximum grant value of €5,000 will apply.

The overall aim of the fund is to firstly help support certain running costs of not-for-profit community and voluntary groups and secondly applications that align with government's 'Keep Well' plan for living with COVID19 will be prioritised. The closing date for receipt of online applications is at the end of the week i.e. 17.00 on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. Information was issued to LCDC members and to DCC area managers, Councillors, the Dublin City PPN, and the five SICAP Programme Implementers. All were asked to circulate and promote widely. Dublin City Council's communication section also is helping to promote this fund. It is envisaged that assessments will begin from April 2021 and speedy payments will be made once approvals have been agreed. An update report on this funding will be made to the LCDC meeting in April 2021.

Following discussion about this fund, the following actions were agreed

- LCDC admin would link in with Safe Ireland Need and inform them of the live fund so that women's refuges would be aware of the fund
- LCDC admin would recirculate info about the fund to LCDC members and members would be asked to promote again

### C) Healthy Ireland Programme Community Resilience Fund (CRF)

Members were updated that Sláintecare in the Department of Health, through the Healthy Ireland (HIF) has allocated funding for an initiative called “Community Resilience Fund”. The activities funded under the Community Resilience Fund (CRF) must contribute to the overall Government ‘Keep Well’ plan for living with COVID-19. Dublin City Council has been allocated €107,560 and is required to activate and deliver on key actions under three themes, namely: ‘Staying Connected’, ‘Switching Off and Being Creative’, and ‘Your County’. Projects and proposals that offer the opportunity to align with Covid-19 Emergency Fund Round 2 are being actively sourced by DCC Healthy Ireland Coordinator working closely with DCC Community Development Officers. This targeted case by case assessment of potential grantees is being adopted to identify projects that can access funding assistance and that fit with the themes formally. This will maximise opportunity to co-ordinate funding with COVID19 Emergency Fund Round 2 and minimise administration. Funds are required to be discharged by end of June 2021. An update on Healthy Ireland will be made to the LCDC meeting in April.

Following discussion about this fund, the following action was agreed

- LCDC members are to contact Síle McNulty (Dublin City Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator) directly or email the [lcddc@dublincity.ie](mailto:lcddc@dublincity.ie) to nominate projects and organisations to receive support via this fund.

## SICAP UPDATE

### 1. SICAP 2020 Year End and 2021 Annual Plans Update

Elaine Hess (LCDC Administrative Officer) made a presentation to members on SICAP’s End of Year (EOY) 2020 review and on the 2021 draft Annual Plans for the five Programme Implementer’s (PIs) Dublin City SICAP Lots. Ms Hess detailed how the final approval of the PI’s Annual Plans 2021 is subject to the outcome of the end of year (2020) review process and that the LCDC is required to take a decision on the formal approval of the 2021 Annual Plans by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Summary of presentation:-

- SICAP End of Year (EOY) 2020: Dublin City’s five SICAP EOY 2020 performance reports have been prepared by the respective SICAP Programme Implementers and reviewed by LCDC Admin and Pobal.
- The review confirmed that the five programme implementers (PIs) performed exceptionally well considering the challenging year we had in 2020 and the profound impacts of COVID-19 on service delivery since March 2020.
- PIs more often than not had an average of interventions per local community group and per individual above the national averages. They met and more often than not exceeded on all of their targets.
- SICAP Annual Plans 2021: draft annual plans were prepared late last year and LCDC Admin and Pobal have reviewed them.
  - All budgets proposed are in line with agreed Lot budgets
  - All targets proposed are in line with agreed targets and largely remain the same as 2020
  - All Actions have been updated, have clear links with COVID-19 recovery and are in line with the SICAP programme and the Dublin City LCDC’s Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). Goal 1 actions focus on developing the capacity of local

community groups and creating sustainable communities. Goal 2 actions focus on individual personal development, lifelong learning and labour support markets.

- There are clear links between actions and target groups.

LCDC members discussed the EOY 2020 review and the draft 2021 Annual Plans and expressed their congratulations to all the PIs on the remarkable achievements they made in 2020 and the ambition of their actions for 2021.

The approval of the 2020 EOY review and the 2021 annual plans were formally proposed by Councillor Carolyn Moore (Chair, LCDC) and seconded by Kelly Birmingham and formally approved by the LCDC. Dáithí Downey (CO) was invited to write to the PIs to congratulate the PIs of their achievement on behalf of the LCDC members.

## **DUBLIN CITY INTEGRATION STRATEGY 2021-2025 UPDATE**

Dáithí Downey (Chief Officer) gave a verbal update on the progress being made on the development of the new Dublin City Integration Strategy 2021-2025.

As previously outlined, the current Dublin City Integration Strategy is being reviewed and a new one being prepared. Work streams have been developed and adopted to support this work in 2021 and the initial work stream A “Activation and Collection” began from December 2020. This delivered an external stakeholder webinar attended by 45 NGO, interfaith and migrant community and voluntary groups including social partners, An Garda Síochána, the Arts Council and Dublin City Community Co-op from. Experts on Integration presented at the webinar including the Policy Advisor of the *Eurocities Migrant and Integration Working Group*. A survey engagement was opened for all participants to capture further information and feedback. Following this, internal DCC stakeholder consultation and review of the previous Integration strategy was undertaken with senior management on Friday February 19th. An internal working group on the Integration Strategy will be established from April and will oversee a programme of internal stakeholder consultation with staff involved with the provision of DCC services with outcomes and outputs relevant and important to the Integration Strategy.

Workstream B comprises the production of an initial framework for the new Integration Strategy. This will be used to support a consultation phase that will be delivered *via* the LCDC, the PPN, Comhairle na nÓg, the DCC consultation Hub and locally via DCC’s area offices.

Lord Mayor of Dublin Hazel Chu joined the meeting for the discussion on the Integration Strategy. Lord Mayor Chu noted her office is a key advocate of its development. She thanked the Committee members and the staff for all their hard work on the development of the strategy. She re-iterated the need for the strategy to have a measurable and real impact on our community. Members noted the need to involve schools, particularly DEIS schools

A further update will be made at the next LCDC meeting.

## LECP/LCDC ACTION PLAN 2021

Councillor Moore informed the Committee that the Dublin City LCDC Draft Action Plan 2021 based on key actions arising from the Strategic Review Day 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 was being developed. It will include actions already underway e.g. SICAP, Heathy Ireland, integration Strategy, LECP and will consider new actions being addressed in the city with relevance to the LCDC. It is envisaged that members would agree a draft via email; agree a working group to finalise a draft in March and then the draft would be presented to members at the next LCDC meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Members who volunteered to be on the Dublin City LCDC Action Plan Working Group include:-

- 1) Councillor Carolyn Moore
- 2) Paula Galvin

Date and time planned for the working Group Meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2.15pm

Members discussed and made the following general recommendations:-

- Explore ways in which LCDC could develop the way it communicates with local councillors on the funds it administers.
- Importance for LCDC to consult with younger people – Dáithí Downey (LCDC CO) informed members that Dublin City Comhairle na nÓg will be presenting at the next LCDC meeting
- Address privatisation of social inclusion services and safeguard NGO – LCDC should link in with The Wheel which is developing a campaign for safeguarding C&V sector.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dáithí Downey (Chief Officer) updated the member on:-

- The upcoming Leinster Chief Officers regional meeting which would focus on the LECP.
- The upcoming “Post-pandemic housing transformation and the value of home” online webinar sponsored by Dublin City Council tomorrow Friday, 26 February 2021 14:00-16:15 GMT. All members invited to register.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- April 28<sup>th</sup> 2021.



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

Chairperson

Print Name: Councillor Carolyn Moore



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

Chief Officer

Print Name: Dáithí Downey