

Dublin City Council
Local Community Development Committee
28th April 2021
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT – PUBLIC SECTOR MEMBERS	ORGANISATION
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
Martina Queally	Chief Officer HSE South and South East
PRESENT – PRIVATE SECTOR MEMBERS	ORGANISATION
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
Anne Talbot	Dublin City PPN, Community & Voluntary Pillar
Dr Sarah Miller	Social and Economic (Rediscovery Centre)
Dr Deiric O’Broin	Social and Economic (NorDubCo)
Michelle Murphy	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion Pillar
APOLOGIES	ORGANISATION
Paula Galvin	Dublin City PPN, Environment Pillar
Cllr Tara Deacy	DCC Elected Representative
Karen Smollen	Social and Economic (SIPTU)
Cllr Colm O’Rourke	DCC Elected Representative
Cllr Noeleen Reilly	DCC Elected Representative
Brendan Kenny	Deputy Chief Executive Dublin City Council
ALSO PRESENT	ORGANISATION
Dáithí Downey, Elaine Hess, Brenda O’Reilly, Síle McNulty and Mary Mooney	DCC
Chaya Smyth and Cúán Kieran Murray	Dublin City Comhairle na nÓg members
Aoife Hannon, Angela Rolfe, Deirdre Molloy, Michelle Liccardi and David Morrissey.	Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum Members

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 24th February 2021 were proposed by Councillor Carolyn Moore, seconded by Kelley Birmingham and agreed.

3) BUSINESS MATTERS

A) LCDC FUNDING UPDATE

Dáithí Downey (LCDC Chief Officer, CO) gave a verbal update on funding opportunities that the LCDC are responsible for administering. He envisaged further funding will become available to the LCDC over the year (e.g. CEP 2021 round of funding) and noted LCDC members will be informed of all new funding arrangements as they are confirmed by government.

(i) Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) Round 2

Dublin City Council LCDC was allocated €478,005 under the second round of 2020 funding for the Community Enhancement Programme of grants focussed on capital and related expenditure for community and voluntary organisations and groups in disadvantaged areas. Combined with residual funds from 2020 Round 1 the total funding allocation for Round 2 was confirmed as €478,188.75.

Following a public call for online applications, a total of 174 applications were received summing to a value of €2,930,612.19. An additional 59 further applications initially made to Round 1 and summing to a value of approximately €339,000 were included under recommendation of the CEP Sub Committee. A tally of 233 total applications was agreed to be assessed that summed to just over €3.2 million in value. Of these, 21 applications were subsequently eliminated as either ineligible, withdrawn or duplicate applications. This left a final total of 212 applications to be assessed.

The CEP Subcommittee met four times to review applications. They assessed the applications with a view to ensuring the limited funds were allocated to applications that targeted the disadvantaged in the city and on capital works that the Sub Committee considered were of greatest priority. A summary of the final shortlist of applications recommended grant approvals was provided to the LCDC on an Area Office basis (South East, South Central, Central, North West and North Central) and per grant value breakdown (€3000 or less, €3000-20,000 and €20,000-50,000).

Subcommittee members agreed noted how the CEP fund was very significantly oversubscribed and how the administrative challenge of assessing the large number of applications for a limited amount of grant money was considerable and extensive. The Subcommittee members thanked the LCDC administrative staff for their work in successfully completing the process.

Agreed Actions:

- (1) LCDC members to confidentially consider the CEP Sub Committee's recommendations and respond via email to lcdc@dublincity.ie by 7th May 2021. Chief Officer would take it that if there were no objections arising that full and final approval by LCDC members would be

given on that date. A final report will be made at the next LCDC meeting in June. Unsuccessful applicants will be given advice on where to access information on alternative funding streams.

- (2) The Chief Officer and Chair of the LCDC agreed to communicate to the DRCD to outline the challenges with administering multiple grant allocations made on an ad hoc basis and the need for greater flexibility in determining criteria at a local level as well as the need for clarity and notice in advance of grant allocations being made available. The Chief Officer asked LCDC members to note via email other concerns and feedback for inclusion in this communication. Councillor Batten offered to bring these concerns to the attention of Minister of State Joe O'Brien TD.

(ii) COVID19 Emergency Fund (2nd Round)

Dublin City Council was allocated €117,246 under the second round of the COVID19 Emergency Fund 2020. The fund is 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 fund was open for four weeks in February 2021. A total of 272 applications were received by the closing date and they are currently being assessed and will be aligned with the City's Healthy Ireland Programme.

Agreed Actions:-

- (1) A report outlining groups for approval will be made at the next LCDC meeting in June. It is hoped to notify successful applicants in late June/early July.

B) HEALTHY IRELAND PROGRAMME

The CO introduced Ms Síle McNulty Goodwin, Dublin City's Healthy Ireland (HI) coordinator who gave the following update to the LCDC members:

- Following a formal invitation to Dublin City Council, Lord Mayor Hazel Chu has agreed to sign a letter of intent for DCC to join Bloomberg Philanthropy Partnership for Health Cities and to focus on theme of 'Safe and Active Mobility' to add value to work ongoing and planned in the city. Further details will be brought to the June meeting. The Chair noted the sustainable benefits of safe and active mobility initiatives. Councillor Batten suggested the issues of harm reduction to be considered by the LCDC and the Chief Officer confirmed options for initiatives and projects under the HI programme would be explored.
- Dublin City Council has been allocated €107,560 *via* the HI Communities Resilience Fund (CRF) to support key actions under three themes, namely: 'Staying Connected', 'Switching Off and Being Creative', and 'Your County'. Several projects are under assessment for funding and the results will be communicated to LCDC.
- An early CRF project is production of 5,000 play packs for older people, developed in partnership with the Dublin City Age Friendly Programme, and distributed by DCC local community officers for the Bealtaine Festival.
- The agreed projects for the Community Mental Health Fund are being administered with the local are partnership and include art therapy initiatives.

- Main HI Fund project for 2021 is “Change for Life” which is being run virtually this year *via* the Local Sports Partnership. More details will be provided at the June meeting.
- Martina Queally suggested the three HSE CHOs should be invited to participate in the LCDC HI Subcommittee for a joined up approach to service delivery and policy development.

Agreed Actions:-

- (1) The HI Coordinator will contact the HSE CHOs and invite their participation as LCDC HI Subcommittee members and will propose revised membership of this Subcommittee at the June meeting.

C) DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL INTEGRATION STRATEGY

The CO provided an update on work underway in 2021 on the development and adoption of a follow on strategy to the inaugural Dublin City Integration Strategy 2016-2020. A new strategy is now required that will build on the national *Migrant Integration Strategy (2017-20)* and the inaugural *Dublin City Council Integration Strategy 2016-2020*. An important context is the *Dublin City Council Corporate Plan 2020-2024* that acknowledges the Public Sector Duty as a positive development that provides a framework to ensure policies, services and facilities are equitable and accessible to all.

Work underway includes ongoing engagement with a broad range of community and voluntary organisations as well as statutory bodies and agencies. From the outset of the need to develop a new strategy, there has been contact between lead staff in Dublin City Council and a wide range of internal and external stakeholders, including representative groups for migrant and minority communities.

An internal working group on the Integration Strategy is being established 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.

National policy and guidelines on integration strategies are under consideration by government and are expected to issue from autumn 2021. In the interim DCC LCDC will be invited to adopt a framework plan to support ongoing development of strategy and actions. The adoption of the framework plan will be considered further at the June meeting.

Agreed Actions:

- (1) CO to present framework plan for developing integration strategy to June meeting for consideration and adoption.

4) PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

A) DUBLIN CITY COMHAIRLE NA NÓG

The Dublin City Comhairle na nÓg is Dublin City's local "youth council" which is intended to give children and young people aged between 12 –18 years the platform to have their voices heard by being involved in the development of local services and policies that affect them.

The CO introduced Ms Mary Mooney, DCC's Comhairle na nÓg Coordinator who in turn invited Chaya Smyth and Cúán Kieran-Murray, members of the Comhairle na nÓg, to make a presentation on the background, structure, principles, purpose and priorities of Dublin City Comhairle na nÓg. In 2021, the Comhairle will focus on the issues of LGBTQIA+ identity and will develop specific actions with tangible outcomes during the year e.g. the development of a LGBTQIA + pledge. Other important priorities for the Comhairle include climate change, mental health, education and the opportunity to have their views and ideas fed into the preparation of the next LECP.

LCDC members were impressed and inspired by Chaya and Cúán's presentation and lauded them as a credit to their city, community and families. Members were impressed by the inclusive nature of the Comhairle.

Agreed Actions:-

- (1) Kelley Birmingham proposed that the LCDC should support the Comhairle by adopting the LGBTQIA+ pledge. This was seconded by the Chair and there-by approved. The Chief Officer agreed to include supporting the pledge under the LCDC's Action Plan for 2021 and to consulting the Comhairle in the preparation of the next LECP.

B) INCHICORE REGENERATION CONSULTATIVE FORUM

Ms Aoife Hannon, Director of the Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum (IRCF), made a presentation on the work of the IRCF Civic and Community Space Subcommittee and their proposals for investment in community infrastructure on Emmet Road lands as a 'lighthouse project' for consideration under the next LECP. Ms Hannon was joined by other members of the IRCF Sub Committee: Ms Angela Rolfe, Ms Deirdre Molloy, Ms Michelle Liccardi and Mr David Morrissey. Members were impressed by the presentation and the work of the IRCF and echoed the need for sustainable community facilities and affordable housing.

Agreed Actions:-

- (1) Details of the presentation to be circulated to LCDC members
- (2) Members requested the CO prepare a communication with input from Aoife Hannon for issuing to the Department of Housing in support of the Forum's objectives. The communication to be circulated to LCDC members for discussion and agreement in June meeting.

5) LECP/LCDC ACTION PLAN 2021

The CO updated members on progress on the LCDC Action Plan 2021. The Dublin City LCDC Action Plan Working Group had met and agreed a draft action plan which had been emailed to members for consideration. The draft action plan outlines actions already underway and required in 2021 (e.g.

SICAP, Heathy Ireland, integration strategy) and considers new actions that may be addressed in the city with relevance to the LCDC, subject to available resources and capacity. Members noted the extensive amount of work ahead and the challenges involved in doing so.

Agreed Actions:-

- 1) Members to consider the draft and review and agree priorities and realistic actions at the next meeting in June.
- 2) Chief Officer and Greg Swift to work on how to go about preparing the next LECP.
- 3) Members to consider a focus on the issues of skills and unemployment in its Action Plan as this is an immediate and very important issue in the context of COVID 19. Chief Officer agreed to Greg Swift's suggestion that the Dublin Skills Forum be invited to make a presentation to the LCDC in June with a view to the LCDC organising an event later in the year which would pull together and present the help and resources available for people looking to re/up skill and seek employment.

6) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

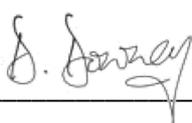
- SICAP - Paul Rogers and Anne Fitzgerald made several observations. They informed the members that a review of SICAP may be carried out by the DRCD. Contracts to deliver the programme will end in 2022 and may be extended in to 2023. They would like a chance to feed into the review. They noted that budgets to the sector have been cut back but the demands and challenges remain the same if not more intensified. They were concerned about the privatisation of SICAP related services (eg local employment services), the need to avoid service duplication and focus on an integrated approach.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- June 30th 2021. Online via zoom

Signed: 
Chairperson

Print Name: Councillor Carolyn Moore

Signed: 
Chief Officer

Print Name: Dáithí Downey