

**Dublin City Council
Local Community Development Committee
29th September 2021
Meeting Minutes**

PRESENT – PUBLIC SECTOR MEMBERS	ORGANISATION
Cllr Carolyn Moore (Chair)	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
Frank d’Arcy	Director of Operations, Housing and Community Services, Dublin City Council
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
Dr Deiric O’Broin	Social and Economic (NorDubCo)
Karen Smollen	Social and Economic (SIPTU)
APOLOGIES	ORGANISATION
Michelle Murphy	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion Pillar
Cllr Tara Deacy (Vice Chair)	DCC Elected Representative
Cllr Noeleen Reilly	DCC Elected Representative
Dr Sarah Miller	Social and Economic (Rediscovery Centre)
Martina Queally	Chief Officer HSE South and South East
Cllr Colm O’Rourke	DCC Elected Representative
Brendan Kenny	Deputy Chief Executive Dublin City Council
ALSO PRESENT	ORGANISATION
Dr Dáithí Downey, Elaine Hess, Brenda O’Reilly, Síle McNulty, Mary Lynch, Beatrice Casserly	Dublin City Council

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 30th June 2021 were proposed by Paul Rogers and seconded by Dr Deric O’Broin.

3) BUSINESS MATTERS

Chief Officer Dáithí Downey informed the Committee that two members had tendered their resignation to him and both were accepted. There are Ms Paula Galvin (representing the PPN Environmental Pillar) and Ms Anne Talbot (representing the Community and Voluntary Pillar of the PPN). Both members thanked the CO for the support they received as LCDC members. Both also confirmed their resignations were related to demands of their current positions and inability to attend to the requirements of LCDC membership. The CO notified the meeting that a formal process of inviting nominations from the PPN to fill these two vacant positions was now underway.

Agreed Action:-

- (1) LCDC members to be given an update on LCDC membership at the next meeting in November.

A) LCDC FUNDING UPDATE

Dáithí Downey (Chief Officer) gave a verbal update on funding schemes that the LCDC are currently administering.

(i) Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) 2021

The Community Enhancement Programme (CEP), as funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD). Dublin City was allocated €212,306 in 2021 under the CEP 2021 scheme. The 15 groups approved by the Dublin City LCDC on the 30th June 2021 have been paid. The balance of €780.66 will be carried forward to a future round of CEP.

(ii) COVID 10 Emergency Fund Round 2

Dublin City Council was allocated €117,246 under the second round of the COVID-19 Emergency Fund. The applications were assessed and both successful and unsuccessful applicants were notified in August. Final payments are being made to the 173 successful groups.

Agreed Actions:-

- (1) A report confirming details of all approved groups will be provided at the next LCDC meeting (November 24th).

(iii) Social Enterprise Capital Grant Scheme 2021 (Dormant Accounts Fund)

The Minister for Rural and Community Development has approved funding of €1M to be allocated nationally to the Dormant Accounts Fund (DAF) Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021 which has been distributed across each local authority. This scheme is being rolled out through the network of Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs). Funding in the sum of €98,059.98 is provided for social enterprises based in the Dublin City’s administrative area exclusively. In order to be an eligible applicant Social Enterprises must have complied with the definition of a social enterprise as published in the National Social Enterprise Policy for Ireland 2019-2022. The Dublin City Local Enterprise Office (LEO), which supports social

enterprises is working with the Dublin City LCDC team to locally administer this once off capital grant scheme. A shortlist of all eligible projects will be compiled and returned to DRCD for review and approval by the Minister for Rural and Community Development.

Agreed Actions:-

- (1) An update will be provided at the next meeting (November 24th)

B) HEALTHY IRELAND PROGRAMME

- Síle McNulty Goodwin (Dublin City Healthy Ireland Co-coordinator) made a presentation updating members on progress with the HI programme.
 - The majority of the funding allocated to Dublin City under the Healthy Ireland Programme *via* the Communities Resilience Fund (CRF), the Community Mental Health Funds and the Community Engagement Funds have been allocated.
 - 19th August 2021 Lord Mayor Gilliland announced that Dublin had joined the WHO *Partnership for Healthy Cities* supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies. DCC will now prepare an Implementation Plan to promote public health and mobility as a member of the Partnership.
 - The initiation of a new Department of Health/ Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme for Dublin City was noted and more details will be presented as they are confirmed.

C) DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL INTEGRATION STRATEGY

- Mary Lynch (Dublin City Integration Officer) made a presentation updating members on progress against a range of work projects. She informed the members of the following:-
 - The four Dublin local authorities are working together to establish a Community of Practice on matters of migration and integration. This is a precursor to establishing a Migrant Forum for Dublin. Developmental work on the proposal remains underway.
 - Plans for Dublin City's 2021 Inclusion and Integration Week, which opens on Monday 8th November are progressing. LCDC members were invited to get involved and propose events and help promote and encourage other organisations to participate. Limited funding is be available to help produce initiatives and events.
 - Integration-related initiatives with migrant communities have been started with businesses in the city *via* corporate social responsibility schemes with the help of Volunteer Ireland.
 - The Diwali Festival of Lights will be held in City Hall on Thursday 4th November.

Agreed Actions:-

- (1) Kelley Birmingham proposed that DCC Report No 177/2021 *Report of the DCC LCDC A Framework towards an Integration and Intercultural Strategy for Dublin City Council 2021-2025* be noted. This was seconded by Paul Rogers.
- (2) Cllr Carolyn Moore (Chair, LCDC) suggested the Chief Officer work towards ensuring representation from the forthcoming/ proposed Migrant Forum be on or involved with the LCDC.
- (3) Cllr Carolyn Moore suggested inviting a representative from the Traveller community to make a presentation at a future LCDC meeting.
- (4) Frank d'Arcy (Dublin City Council) suggested that Dublin City Council's anti-social behaviour strategy be presented to the committee upon its finalisation.

- (5) Sandra Dillon suggested there should be more of a link with community groups on the ground and the Chief Officer agreed to consider how this could be done in 2022.

D) SICAP

- The Chief Officer confirmed how the LCDC Administration team are finalising the SICAP Mid Programme review with the five Programme Implementers for Dublin (i.e. the five Local Development Companies). This process is focussed on what has gone well in 2021 and what the future priorities and issues are in relation to continuity of the SICAP programme into 2022. The annual Engagement meeting between Pobal, DCC LCDC and the PIs is scheduled for on October 12th and will allow for discussion and finalisation of newly emergent need target groups, priorities and confirmation of proposed SICAP KPIs for 2022. Lastly, the full DCC SICAP programme has been extended by an additional year to end of 2023. Contractual amendments and budgets for this additional 12 month period will be confirmed with PIs.

Agreed Actions:-

- (1) A SICAP update will be given at the next November meeting.

4 LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND JOB CLUB SERVICES

- At the September 29th meeting of the Dublin City LCDC, two LCDC members Anne Fitzgerald (Ballyfermot/ Chapelizod Partnership) and Paul Rogers (Northside Partnership) detailed concerns regarding the local employment and job club services their local development companies provide. Their primary focus was on how the outcome of government's decision not to renew established contracts when they conclude in 2021 and instead to tender out these services on a cost-bid basis from 2022 may prove adverse and lead to a substantial reduction of service in scope, scale and quality (subsequently, both members submitted additional correspondence).
- LCDC members noted that the Irish Local Development Network (ILDN) of 49 Local Development Companies is seeking support from LCDCs to retain the current model of employment services.
- The concerns noted by Anne and Paul were shared by many DCC LCDC members.
- Through the LCDC Chair, the members agreed to a request that the LCDC Chief Officer engage with Anne and Paul and draft a letter to the relevant Minister that sets out the LCDC's opinion on an evidence-informed basis.

Agreed Action:-

1. Proposed correspondence is to be tabled and approved at the next LCDC meeting (Nov 24th).

5) DCC AGE FRIENDLY STRATEGY

- Beatrice Casserly (Dublin City Age Friendly Co-ordinator) made a presentation on Dublin City Council's Age Friendly Strategy that aims to make the city a great place to grow old.
- The Strategy has been under preparation from 2020 and was ready for adoption by Dublin City Council however it has been subsequently amended to take account of the major impacts of COVID19 pandemic on DCC's ability to full adopt and implement the strategy.
- The Strategy has also been reviewed to take account of additional changes in structure and delivery at the national level.

- The DCC Age Friendly Strategy (revised) is now proposed for consideration and agreement by DCC LCDC as a pre-cursor to its full adoption by Dublin City Council.

Agreed Action:-

- (1) Through the Chair, Paul Rogers proposed that the LCDC approve and agree the revised Dublin City Age Friendly Strategy as proposed and circulated and thereafter that it be referred to the next available meeting of Dublin City Council for adoption. This was seconded by Kelley Birmingham.
- (2) An update to be provided at the next LCDC meeting (24th November)

6) LECP 2022-2028

- The Chief Officer confirmed his collaboration with Greg Swift (Dublin City LEO) to produce a submission to the DRCD on the draft LECP guidelines. Copy of this submission has previously been circulated to members.
- It is anticipated that the guidelines will be forthcoming by early 2022 at the latest.

Agreed Action:-

- (1) The Chief Officer confirmed a dedicated meeting for LCDC members to consider how to approach the preparation of the city's next LECP will be convened upon issuing of the LECP Guidelines

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 1000 to 1230, Wednesday 24th November 2021.



Signed: _____

Chairperson

Print Name: Councillor Carolyn Moore



Signed: _____

Chief Officer

Print Name: Dáithí Downey