

Dublin City Council
Local Community Development Committee
24th November 2021 (online meeting)
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT – PUBLIC SECTOR MEMBERS	ORGANISATION
Cllr Carolyn Moore (Chair)	DCC Elected Representative
Cllr Racheal Batten	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
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
Lee Dillon	Dublin City PPN, Community & Voluntary Pillar
Claire Wheeler	Dublin City PPN, Environmental Pillar
Michelle Murphy	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion Pillar
APOLOGIES	ORGANISATION
Cllr Tara Deacy (Vice Chair)	DCC Elected Representative
Cllr Noeleen Reilly	DCC Elected Representative
Dr Sarah Miller	Social and Economic (CEO, Rediscovery Centre)
Karen Smollen	Social and Economic (SIPTU)
Blake Hodkinson	Director of Further Education and Training, CODETB
Sandra Dillon	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion Pillar
Dr Deiric O’Broin	Social and Economic (NorDubCo)
Cllr Colm O’Rourke	DCC Elected Representative
ALSO PRESENT	ORGANISATION
Dr Dáithí Downey, Elaine Hess, Brenda O’Reilly, Síle McNulty-Goodwin, Mary Lynch, Beatrice Casserly, Catherina O’Rourke	Dublin City Council
Aisling Heffernan, Ellen O’Dea and Margaret McQuillan	HSE - Heads of Service for Health & Wellbeing
Ruth Powell	Dublin City PPN

1) WELCOME

Councillor Carolyn Moore opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

2) MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes from the LCDC Meeting of the 29th September 2021 were proposed by Paul Rogers and seconded by Frank d’Arcy. There were three matters arising

1) *Membership of LCDC*

Dáithí Downey (Chief Officer) updated members on recent changes in LCDC membership.

Dublin City PPN update – the formal process of inviting nominations from the PPN to fill the two vacant positions had been undertaken and two new PPN representatives had been elected. They are (1) Ms Claire Wheeler, Dublin City Environmental Network, as the new representative from the PPN’s environmental pillar, and (2) Ms Lee Dillon, Ranelagh Gaels GAA, as the new representative from the PPN’s Community and Voluntary pillar. Ms Ruth Powell, the Dublin City PPN Resource Worker informed members that there had been great interest in the membership nominations and elections and seven PPN members had been put forward for election.

Dublin City Council update - Brendan Kenny has retired from Dublin City Council and Frank d’Arcy, Executive Manager in DCC’s Housing and Community Services Department, has replaced Brendan.

HSE update – Martina Queally will be stepping down as the HSE LCDC representative as of today and the Chief Officer thanked her for her participation and commitment to the Committee. Martina introduced the three HSE Heads of Service for Health and Wellbeing for the Dublin region- Ms Aisling Heffernan, Ms Ellen O’Dea and Ms Margaret McQuillan.

Agreed Action:-

- (1) One of the HSE Heads of Service for Health and Wellbeing will formally replace Ms Martina Queally as the HSE representative on the LCDC. Given the importance the HSE Heads of Service for Health and Wellbeing HSOs play in the implementation of the forthcoming Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme (SHCP) for Dublin (please refer to section B of the minutes – Healthy Ireland/Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme – update), the remaining HSE Heads of Service for Health and Wellbeing for Dublin will attend the LCDC as adjunct observers for the SHCP in Dublin but not as full members. LCDC Standing Orders will be reviewed and updated in 2022 accordingly.

2) *Revised Age Friendly Strategy for adoption by DCC*

Beatrice Casserly (Dublin City Council Age Friendly) provided an update on progress since the last meeting including reference to the draft DCC Age Friendly Strategy that she had recently circulated to LCDC members. This includes the appointment of Ms Eimear McCormack as the Dublin City Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator; the ongoing revitalisation of networks and alliances; the

adaptation work to older people's homes; and the work on health and wellbeing, which closely ties in with the Healthy Ireland and Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme.

Agreed Action:-

(2) Michelle Murphy proposed that the LCDC approve and agree the 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 Martina Queally.

3) Correspondence on matter of LEC and Job Clubs

At the September 29th meeting it had been proposed that correspondence was to be tabled and approved at this LCDC meeting (Nov 24th) in relation to the matter of LEC and Job Clubs. The correspondence has not been undertaken and the basis for correspondence will be reviewed by the Chair.

Agreed Action:-

(1) An update will be given at the next business meeting.

3) BUSINESS MATTERS

A) LCDC FUNDING UPDATE

Dáithí Downey (Chief Officer) gave an update on funding schemes that the LCDC are currently administering as per below:

(i) Dublin City COVID-19 Emergency Fund (Round 2) - update

Dublin City Council was allocated €117,246 under the second round of the COVID-19 Emergency Fund and this was being distributed.

Agreed Action:-

(1) Reports were noted and will be circulated to members.

(ii) Social Enterprise Capital Grant Scheme 2021 (Dormant Accounts Fund) - update

Dublin City Council has been allocated €98,059.98 under this scheme. To locally administer this once off capital grant scheme and secure a wide range of applications, the Dublin City Local Enterprise Office (LEO), which supports social enterprises, worked with the Dublin City LCDC team and the social enterprise networks that the five SICAP programme implementers maintain. A total of 36 applications for grant funding were received with 34 confirmed as eligible. The sum sought by eligible applications was nearly €337,000. A list of recommended eligible projects was 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 business meeting.

(iii) Community Enhancement Programme 2021 – confirmation of Round 2 funding for DCC

The Community Activities Fund was launched on the 11th November 2021 to support community groups. This once-off fund will be allocated under the Department of Rural and Community Development's Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) and administered locally by the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs). This €9m fund is being provided by the Government to support community and voluntary groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas, impacted by Covid-19 and to help them with their running costs such as utility or insurance bills, as well as with improvements to their facilities. Dublin City Council is to be allocated €424,612. In order to allow flexibility, the Department is not setting a national closing date, but will allow each LCDC to set its own, to best suit its area. The Department will require that all closing dates are no later than 28th February 2022. The Dublin City LCDC admin team is currently reviewing further advice, guidelines and information from the Department with a view to launching the fund in early 2022.

Agreed Actions:-

- (1) The Chief Officer will organise a meeting of the CEP Sub-committee pre-Christmas to agree on how best to administer this scheme locally and to address Kelly Birmingham's suggestion that more targeted promotion of this new fund should be carried out in the areas where there were lower amounts of applications received in the last round of CEP. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

B) HEALTHY IRELAND (HI) and SLÁINTECARE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME (SHCP) - UPDATE

Ms Martina Queally updated members on the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme (SHCP). The goal of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme (SHCP) is to improve the long-term health and wellbeing of people living in disadvantaged communities in Ireland. The SHCP is a government initiative, led by Sláintecare and Healthy Ireland in the Department of Health, working in partnership with cross-sectoral, national and local stakeholders.

The SHCP identifies specific local Programme Areas where high risk factors to the health and wellbeing of the local population are particularly prevalent due to deprivation, with a view to implementing targeted initiatives to mitigate risk factors and tackle the challenge of improving health and wellbeing locally. This is to be achieved *via* partnership working with a range of stakeholders to address the social determinants of health and wellbeing alongside the provision of dedicated services that build sustainable improvements in the health and wellbeing of people of all ages in the Programme Area community.

The focus on social determinants of health in the Programme Areas and the dynamics of making positive change will be operationalised locally through active engagement between the local community, local agencies and services, Dublin City Council, the HSE (Community Health Office (CHO) Health and Wellbeing Division) and Tusla, facilitated and supported in each Programme Area by the SHCP Local Development Officer. There are four Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme Areas in Dublin and a SHCP Local Development Officer will be appointed to each.

The Chief Officer confirmed a recruitment campaign for the four LDOs was under preparation by DCC and would open for December 2021.

The three HSE Heads of Service (HSOs) for Health and Wellbeing for the Dublin region (Ms Aisling Heffernan, Ms Ellen O’Dea and Ms Margaret McQuillan) were then introduced to the Committee and a rationale for their participation on the Committee was given by the Chief Officer. This included their expertise and experience in the optimisation of Sláintecare investment towards the need to better integrate services and to work in partnership with key stakeholders (including state services, local community groups and Local Development Companies) who continue to be involved in this health and wellbeing services and to better plan the delivery of joined up community based health services and avoid duplication.

Ms Síle McNulty-Goodwin (Dublin City Council, Healthy Ireland) gave an update on the Healthy Ireland (HI) Programme. The highlights are:

- Pobal reporting required for Quarters 1 & 2, 2021 has been completed and submitted. This includes a full spend of the Community Resilience Fund (CRF) and additional spending under the Community Mental Health (CMH) – Small Grants; Community Engagement; Change 4 Life actions.
- Pobal have announced an extension to Round 3 HI funding which will be the end of March 2022.
- A consultation and engagement programme on the development of HI Round 4 has been deferred to early 2022.
- As part of DCC’s Integration & Inclusion Week Lord Mayor Gilliland launched the Tri-Shaws in the Irish National War Memorial Gardens, Islandbridge, Dublin 8. The Tri-Shaws were purchased with the assistance of HI CRF funds. They are customised electrically assisted tricycles that are controlled by a trained pilot. They offer a comfortable carriage for use by people with mobility impairment to get outdoors and explore their local community. Work is progressing with DCC Sports and Wellbeing Section on an online booking service and also on the recruitment of volunteers for training as Tri-Shaw pilots.
- Following on from Dublin city joining the WHO Partnership for Healthy Cities (PHC) to advance actions under the thematic policy area of Safe and Active Mobility, there has been a meeting with the PHC New York office to bring forward development and adoption of an Implementation Plan for 2022. The details of the Implementation Plan will be reported to the LCDC in early 2022.
- As part of the formal announcement of Dublin as a member of the PHC Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland participated in a series of promotional activities.

Agreed Action:-

- (1) Details of the Lord Mayor promotional activities will be forwarded to members.
- (2) A Healthy Ireland update will be made at the next business meeting.
- (3) The PHC Implementation Plan 2022 will be brought to the next available meeting for information.

C) SICAP UPDATE

Elaine Hess (Dublin City Council, LCDC Admin) presented an update on SICAP and outlined the SICAP Case studies for 2021. Elaine informed members that the SICAP programme implementers (PIs) have been preparing their draft Annual Plans for 2022 and work towards repeating the same targets they met in 2021. A final decision on the 2022 SICAP budgets for each PI will have yet to be confirmed by DRCD, however an increase in the allocation has been signalled and is expected to be confirmed. Following this, the draft 2022 Annual Plans will be updated, submitted and then reviewed in the usual way with a view to LCDC members fully approving the 2022 annual plans and end of year annual progress reports and financial monitoring reports by the end of February 2022.

Work has also been progressing on the SICAP Mid Programme Review with the PIs. This process is focussed on what has gone well in 2021 and what the future priorities and issues are nationally and locally for the SICAP programme in 2022. Annual Engagement meetings between Pobal, DCC LCDC and PIs took place on October 12th 2021 and considered the importance of targeting groups vulnerable to disadvantage rather than just areas of disadvantage. The identification of emergent need target groups was also discussed. The SICAP PI priorities for 2022 were detailed and are considered to be in line with the five main national SICAP priorities. The Dublin city SICAP priorities for 2022 are categorised as follows:

- a) People vulnerable to health & wellbeing challenges with a focus on mental health and wellbeing
- b) Older people and those vulnerable to isolation
- c) Travellers/Roma
- d) Long term unemployed
- e) New communities (including those living in direct provision)
- f) Parents and marginalised children with a focus on childcare and afterschool services

Elaine invited members to consider aligning LCDC grant funding in 2022 to SICAP priorities identified by the PIs, especially future Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) funding as it prioritises funding for enhancement for disadvantaged communities. It was agreed that this would help lever complementary funding to target groups that need it the most.

Agreed Action:-

- (1) Kelly Birmingham proposed that the emergent needs target groups and priorities identified by the SICAP PIs should be agreed and approved. This was seconded by Michelle Murphy and was thus agreed.
- (2) Kelly Birmingham also proposed that funding administered *via* the LCDC in 2022, particularly CEP, should align with the agreed and approved SICAP priorities identified for 2022 by the five PIs so as to lever complementary funding to where it has needed most. Michelle Murphy also seconded this and was thus agreed.

D) DCC INCLUSION AND INTEGRATION WEEK 2021 - REPORT

The Chief Officer and Ms Mary Lynch (Dublin City Council, Integration Officer) provided a comprehensive update on the Dublin City Inclusion and Integration Week 2021 that was held over six days from the 8th to the 14th of November 2021 inclusive. The event comprised a mixture of online and in person events, and included a number of highlights including a portraiture exhibition on the Traveller Community in Ireland and Dublin from the archives of Mr John Walsh aka the Francis Street Photographer. The week was formally launched by the Lord Mayor in Dublin City Hall and included the formal presentation to DCC by the Dublin Learning City Network of the prestigious 2021 UNESCO Learning City Award for outstanding progress in lifelong learning. The dedicated Integration and Inclusion website was presented and can be found here www.dublincityinclusion.ie

Work continues under DCC's Integration and Intercultural strategy. This includes supporting and funding groups and organisations. DCC is also collaborating with the UN International Organisation for Migration (IOM) on the development of a Migrant and Intercultural Forum for Dublin City and terms of reference which is hoped will be presented for adoption in 2022. Work is also progressing with IOM Ireland on a Dublin specific Migrant Governance Indicators (MGIs) as an action for 2022 following on from their launch of their completed National MGI's in December.

Further to the discussion, LCDC Chair (Cllr. Moore) noted she attended the Comhairle na nÓg AGM in Dublin's Mansion House Round Room and wanted to share with members her praise for and appreciation of the Comhairle members and the DCC social inclusion team for organising such an outstanding event,

Ms Martina Queally informed members that the Traveller Health Unit in the HSE is working with Travellers attending Maynooth University and asked members if they would look at opportunities to provide internships for the graduates. Mr Frank d'Arcy (DCC), who is responsible for DCC's Traveller Action Plan, supported Martina's suggestion.

Ms Mary Lynch (DCC) noted there was a meeting of the DCC Equality and Diversity Partnership Sub Group that confirmed how the DCC Public Sector Duty programme has completed a successful pilot in Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB) and is due to be introduced to all DCC Department's beginning with DCC HR.

4 PRESENTATION ON GUIDELINES FOR LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN 2022-2028

The Chief Officer introduced the matter of the preparation and adoption of the successor Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) for DCC that will be required in 2022. The CO noted that following a period of consultation and engagement, the revised LECP Guidelines had been issued jointly by the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH). Copies of same have been circulated to all members. The CO also confirmed that a dedicated online orientation and information event for all

LCDC members would be delivered by DRCD and DHLGH on December 9th 2021 and that joining details would be issued shortly. All LCDC members were encouraged to attend.

The CO further detailed how the work of the LCDC in 2022 would primarily be focussed on the series of tasks and projects required to review the inaugural LECP (2016-2021) and to undertake the preparation and adoption of the next LECP. This will require the preparation of a major socio-economic analysis and formal public engagement via consultation and submission.

It was noted that the next LECP will be required to be adopted in 2023 alongside a dedicated Implementation Plan and that a full revision and review of the LECP would be required in 2024 following the results of Census 2023 (deferred from 2022 due to public health requirements in response to the COVID19 pandemic).

The CO noted that in order to undertake the overall delivery of the new LECP for adoption in 2023, a collaborative approach will be developed between the DCC LCDC and the DCC Economic Development and Enterprise SP. This will include additional working arrangements between DCC LCDC team and the DCC LEO (Local Enterprise Office). The CO affirmed a strong working relationship exists between the respective DCC staff teams, particularly in relation to the current LECP high-level goals as well as funding programmes including, for example, the recently concluded Social Enterprise Grant scheme.

The process will require the establishment of a Dublin City LECP Advisory Group in early 2022. The Advisory Steering Group should include:

- At least one member of the LCDC (the Chair)
- At least one member of the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC (the Chair)
- The Chief Officer (or a nominee) of the LCDC
- The Director of Service supporting the SPC for Economic Development and Enterprise or a nominee; and

Subject to avoiding an unwieldy size, any person that both the LCDC and SPC consider likely to make a significant contribution can be invited to join the group. This may include senior personnel from relevant public and private sector organisations, individuals with entrepreneurial expertise, expertise that can practically consider potential synergies between economic and community elements, third level institutions, members of the relevant Regional Enterprise Plan Steering Committee or other relevant interests.

The CO noted how the new LECP will need to be cognisant of many important national policy frameworks, with particular attention to priorities on climate actions for renewable energy and decarbonisation, digitalisation and new skills for the digital economy, and the provision of quality, affordable housing and sustainable communities.

The CO confirmed that a dedicated meeting will be held in January 2022 to further consider the LECP and to allow for information and discussion and proposals for next steps within the context of agreeing and adopting the LCDC Action Plan for 2022.

Agreed Action:-

- (1) All LCDC members will be circulated joining instructions for the information and training event on 9th December 2021
- (2) All LCDC members will be circulated copies of relevant information on LECP ahead of the next meeting (January 2022)

5) DATES FOR 2022 MEETINGS TO BE AGREED

The dates for LCDC meetings in 2022 were tabled as below. All meetings will comply with public health guidelines and will be in-person where this is allowed and otherwise will be online. All meetings will run for 2.5 hours from 1000 to 1230 unless otherwise agreed.

- Jan 26th (LECP Planning/ LCDC Action Plan 2022)
- Feb 23rd
- April 27th
- May 25th
- June 22nd
- Sept 21st

Agreed Action:-

1. Draft dates were proposed by Kelly Birmingham and seconded by Lee Dillon and thus agreed.

6) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None. On behalf of Dublin City Council and the LCDC Admin and Programme team, the CO thanked the members of the LCDC for their support and commitment throughout 2021.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 1000 to 1230, Wednesday 26th January 2022 to focus on LECP Planning/ LCDC Action Plan 2022



Signed: _____

Chairperson

Print Name: Councillor Carolyn Moore



Signed: _____

Chief Officer

Print Name: Dáithí Downey