

Dublin City Council
Local Community Development Committee
19th November 2025
10.30-12.30
In person and remote (via Microsoft Teams)
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT – PUBLIC SECTOR MEMBERS	ORGANISATION
Councillor Carolyn Moore	DCC Elected Representative
Ellen O’Dea	HSE, Head of Service Health and Wellbeing - Community Healthcare Office of Dublin North City & County
Councillor Conor Reddy	DCC Elected Representative
Dave Dinnigan	Executive Manager, Culture, Community, Leisure & Area Services, Dublin City Council
Gráinne Denning	Head of Enterprise at Dublin City Council
Caoimhe Kerins	Adult Education Officer City of Dublin ETB
PRESENT – PRIVATE MEMBERS	SECTOR ORGANISATION
Rabia Tabassum	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion
Kelley Bermingham	Dublin City PPN, Community & Voluntary Pillar
Anne Fitzgerald	ILDN – CEO of Liffey Partnership
Claire Wheeler	Dublin City PPN, Environmental Pillar
Dr Bhadmus	Dublin City PPN, Community & Voluntary Pillar
Paul Rogers	ILDN – CEO of Northside Partnership
APOLOGIES	ORGANISATION
Councillor John Stephens	DCC Elected Representative
Councillor Supriya Singh	DCC Elected Representative
Councillor Vincent Jackson	DCC Elected Representative
Claire Downey	Social and Economic (CEO, Rediscovery Centre)

Prof. Deiric O’Broin	Social and Economic (NorDub)
Scott Chiang	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion
Karen Smollen	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion Pillar.
Margaret McQuillan	Adjunct Observer - HSE Head of Service for Health and Wellbeing, Dublin South, Kildare, West Wicklow Community Healthcare Office (CH07)
Imelda Halton	Adjunct Observer - HSE A/Head of Service, Health & Wellbeing, Community Healthcare East
ALSO, PRESENT	ORGANISATION
Shauna McIntyre	Chief Officer
Brenda O’Reilly/Mairéad Hughes Green / Sarah Fagan (LCDC Admin Team)	LCDC Admin Team.
Una Lowry	CEO Dublin South City Partnership SICAP & Empowering Community Programme
Carmel O’Callaghan,	Implementation Officer, Dublin City Sports Plan

1. WELCOME AND MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Carolyn Moore as Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members. The Chief Officer confirmed that a quorum was not present, the draft Minutes of 24th September 2025 could not be agreed. Minutes will be brought forward to the February 2026 meeting for agreement.

2. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Dublin South City Partnership SICAP & Empowering Community Programme -Una Lowry**
Dublin South City Partnership (DSCP), founded in 1997, works across parts of Dublin 4, 6, 8, and 12, serving around 125,000 people. With seventy-three staff and a €5.3 million budget, its mission is to promote social inclusion and community development, supporting wellbeing, education, employment, and enterprise.

Key programmes include SICAP, Local Area Employment Service, Workability, TÚS, and the Community Services Programme, alongside projects such as Social Prescribing and Individual Placement Support.

Challenges noted by the partnership include limited referrals, gaps in health funding, delays in regeneration, and climate pressures like food and fuel poverty. DSCP calls for stronger

recognition of Local Development Companies, more resources for wellbeing and climate action, and faster implementation of national policies to protect vulnerable groups.

b) Carmel O' Callaghan –

Sports Implementation Officer Dublin City Council Sports Plan 2024 – 2029

The Sports Plan's purpose is to encourage people to be more active, more often, with the vision of making Dublin one of the most active cities in the world. Its mission is to provide world-class facilities and programmes, built on three pillars—Infrastructure, Programming, and Organisation—to maximise spaces, deliver inclusive activities, and support clubs and communities.

Implementation includes eighty-four actions: recruiting Sports Officers, mapping facilities, and ongoing delivery over five years. Local forums, stronger collaboration, and partnerships will drive participation and inclusion. The outcomes are better health, stronger communities, and a sustainable long-term impact.

A brief discussion took place regarding making better use of existing pitches and encouraging the sharing of facilities, including school grounds. It was noted that more activities in public parks would be beneficial, both for community engagement and to deter drug and gang use in these areas. Concerns were raised about new housing developments being built without sports halls or amenities.

Carmel advised that a housing planning officer will be consulted in relation to whether future developments could be more sports-focused. There was also discussion about whether wellbeing would become a stronger focus at a later stage. Carmel confirmed that she will be sitting on the Health and Wellbeing Committee to ensure this aspect is represented.

c) Ellen O'Dea-HSE, Head of Service Health and Wellbeing - Community Healthcare Office of Dublin North City & County

LCDC Updates

Action 16 (7.3 Goal 3)

Amiens Street – Community Health Hub will provide a drop-in space for signposting to Health and Wellbeing services and activities, is awaiting refurbishment with a completion date in 2027, and forms part of the NEIC 5-year Plan.

- **Action 18 (Mental Health Promotion):** Parenting programmes and schools training, and social prescribing continue to be delivered across Ballyfermot/Cherry Orchard and North Dublin, with strong engagement from families, schools, and community members. Several hundred new cases have accessed wellbeing supports this year, including tailored initiatives for men and older people, with further expansion planned for 2026.

- **Action 21: Implementation of HSE Sláintecare Healthy Communities Initiatives -** Cherry Orchard, formerly CHO7, is supported through its Host Partner Liffey Partnership alongside the HP&I Stop Smoking Service Team, which also operates across Ballymun, Finglas/Cabra, Kilmore/Priorswood, and the North East Inner City. The programme delivered HFME supports, Social Prescribing, Parenting Courses and Workshops, WCQ group stop-smoking sessions, and one-to-one stop-smoking journeys.

A brief discussion was had regarding how the funding would not work without SICAP.

d) Shauna Mcntyre, Chief Officer, Dublin City LCDC

Goal 3 update

Enhancing Health & Wellbeing and Addressing Health Inequalities Across All Dublin City Communities (Actions 15, 19, 20 & 22)

Work continues to improve health and wellbeing across the city, supported by €11.13m in LCDC/LDC funding. DCC is progressing Healthy Ireland initiatives, including Sláintecare Healthy Communities and Healthy Cities accreditation. Caoimhe Kerins advised that the ETB were running courses and advised to link in with them regarding courses for Wellbeing etc.

In response to climate-related health risks, four Dublin local authorities are developing a health focused Climate Preparedness Guide and DCC is advancing its housing retrofit programme of 12,000 houses with most already upgraded with 2,000 homes to be completed. The Climate Action Team is also engaging with the Department of Housing and exploring new investment options, including private funding and the European Investment Bank

The Chair thanked the members for their presentations.

Actions:

1. Ellen O’Dea-Healthy Ireland Highlight Reports link to be sent to all Member of the LCDC
2. Ellen O’Dea Share Mental Health Link with All Members of the LCDC
3. Carmel O’ Callaghan’s presentation to be sent to all members of the LCDC

4. LCDC Business Matters:

a) Health & Wellbeing Sub-committee

6th November meeting proposed until January.

b) LCDC National and Local Communications Campaign

Dates for training take place between November and December.

c) LECP – Monitoring & Evaluation

Finalising information for ViClarity. This monitoring system will enable it to communicate with other monitoring systems; approval from DCC is currently pending.

d) SICAP - General Matters.

○ **Pobal Engagement Meeting LCDC & LDCs-**

The meeting took place in the Civic Offices on 22nd October 2025, where Donnacha McSorley met with the CEOs and SICAP Managers, and the engagement was very positive.

○ **2026 Targets**

Targets were agreed by the CEO’s at the Public Engagement meeting with Donnacha McSorley. Targets remained the same as 2025.

○ **Year end**

PI's to submit 2025 Annual Performance Review by 12th December, if possible, to submit before deadline.

Non-Financial data to be cleared where possible and deadline is the 3rd of December.

- **Audit**
Postponed till January

- **Complaint received November 2025**
Regarding one of the programmes-currently in hand.

e) 2026 Meeting schedule & agenda focus

Suggestion was made going forward to put timings on agenda items.

6. AOB

Proposed Next Meeting February 4th, 2026.

Action: Calendar Dates for LCDC Meetings in 2026 to be circulated.

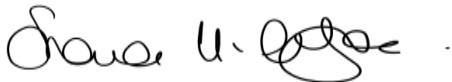
Signed:



Chairperson

Print Name: CAROLYN MOORE

Signed:



Chief Officer

Print Name: SHAUNA MCINTYRE