

**Dublin City Council  
Local Community Development Committee  
24<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
14.00 – 16.00  
In person and remote (via zoom)  
Meeting Minutes**

<b>PRESENT – PUBLIC SECTOR MEMBERS</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
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
Councillor Vincent Jackson	DCC Elected Representative
Dave Dinnigan	Executive Manager, Culture, Community, Leisure & Area Services, Dublin City Council
Caoimhe Kerins	Adult Education Officer City of Dublin ETB
<b>PRESENT – PRIVATE MEMBERS</b>	<b>SECTOR ORGANISATION</b>
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
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Gráinne Denning	Head of Enterprise at Dublin City Council
Councillor John Stephens	DCC Elected Representative
Claire Downey	Social and Economic (CEO, Rediscovery Centre)
Prof. Deiric O’Broin	Social and Economic (NorDubCo)

Scott Chiang	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion
Margaret McQuillan	Adjunct Observer - HSE Head of Service for Health and Wellbeing, Dublin South, Kildare, West Wicklow Community Healthcare Office (CH07)
Karen Smollen	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion Pillar.
Councillor Supriya Singh	DCC Elected Representative
Imelda Halton	Adjunct Observer - HSE A/Head of Service, Health & Wellbeing, Community Healthcare East
<b>ALSO, PRESENT</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Mary MacSweeney	Enterprise at Dublin City Council (Representing Gráinne Denning) – Executive Manager, Economic Development Office.  LCDC Admin Team.  Area Executive Manager  Senior Executive Officer, Economic Development Office  Local Authority Integration Team, Community & Social Development
Brenda O'Reilly/Mairéad Hughes Green / Danielle Phelan /Molly Maher (LCDC Admin Team)	
Michelle Robinson	
Ross Curley	
Karina Jelisejeva and Queen Erivo	

## 1. WELCOME AND MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Carolyn Moore as Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members. The Chief Officer confirmed that a quorum was present.

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

Draft minutes from the Dublin City LCDC meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> of March and the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025 were proposed by Cllr Vincent Jackson and second by Cllr Conor Reddy

## 2. PRESENTATIONS

### a) Local Community Safety Partnership – Area Executive Manager Michelle Robinson, Dublin City Council.

- LCSPs established under the National Strategy on Community Safety; not County Council committees but run by Local Authority staff.
- DCC will have five LCSPs, each with up to 30 members from various sectors including residents, businesses, councillors, Gardaí, Tusla, and voluntary groups.
- LCSPs will meet six times annually (one public meeting, one with public reps).

- Core functions include developing 3-year safety plans, supporting safety fora, coordinating action, and making submissions to policing plans.

Brief discussion was had in relation to the frequency of meetings and alignment with community engagement expectations. Representation concerns in electoral areas with varying numbers of local reps. Clarification was given that LCSPs will not replace existing Garda–councillor/PPN communication channels.

**b) Local Authority Integration Team – Karina Jelisejeva and Queen Erivo Local Authority Integration Support Workers, Dublin City Council.**

- LAIT supports individuals in IPAS accommodation across Dublin City, including various protection and refugee categories.
- The team complements mainstream services by coordinating agency collaboration, sharing updates, and identifying service gaps.
- Aim: support integration through responsive local solutions.

A brief discussion took place regarding language barriers, noting that interpreters are utilised, when necessary, although costs remain a concern. Questions were raised about staffing levels within the Dublin City Council LAITS team, especially given the scale of the council’s jurisdiction. The importance of providing multilingual documents was emphasised. Key barriers to employment were identified, including language challenges, childcare responsibilities, and the absence of tailored support services. Concerns were also expressed about the relocation of individuals from DCC areas to rural locations, often without adequate communication or coordination from state agencies, leading to potential difficulties. It was noted that the DCC LAITS team is composed of members from diverse backgrounds. Ellen O’Dea advised that the team could link in with her regarding some of the issues raised that fall within her remit.

Action: Ellen O’Dea’s contact details to be given to the LAIT.

**c) Goal 5 Local Economic & Community Plan**

Ross Curley, Senior Executive Officer, Economic Development, Dublin City Council gave a presentation on the progress of the goal objective: To ensure all residents can access meaningful employment, training, and economic opportunities.

**d) PPN Partnership:**

Presentation by Rabia Tabassum, Dr Bhadmus and Kelley Bermingham.

- PPN is an independent network linking community, social inclusion, and environmental groups with the council.
- Offers representation on council committees, access to training, information, and networking.
- Emphasis on meaningful collaboration with Dublin LCDC to address complex local challenges.

The Chief Officer thanked the members for their presentation and confirmed this is the first time the PPN presented to the LCDC.

**4. LCDC Business Matters:**

a) **LCDC Annual Report 2024.**

Chief Officer gave a brief presentation of the report to the committee

Action: LCDC Annual Report to be sent to all members.

**Agreed**

b) **LECP – Monitoring & Evaluation**

The Chief Officer is actively progressing the review of a monitoring tool to support structured progress tracking.

c) **SICAP - general matters**

SICAP “In Our Words” Event will be held in Athlone on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2025 - limited tickets to event - put to the committee to contact LCDC Admin if they wish to attend.

d) **Pobal Engagement Meeting LCDC & LDCs-**

Meeting will take place in the Civic Offices on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2025. Donnacha McSorley – Development Coordinator SICAP, Pobal will meet with CEO’s and SICAP Managers from the LCDs.

e) **Health & Wellbeing Sub-committee.**

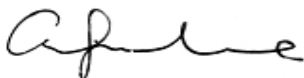
The next meeting of the sub-committee will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November.

f) **Next Meeting date & agenda items.**

Wednesday 19th November 2025 10.30 to 12:00

**6. AOB**

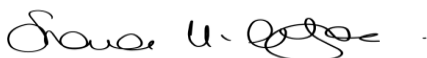
Signed



Chairperson

Print Name: CAROLYN MOORE

Signed:



Chief Officer

Print Name: SHAUNA MCINTYRE