

**Dublin City Council
Local Community Development Committee
25th March 2026
10.30-12.30
In person and remote (via zoom)
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
Councillor Vincent Jackson	DCC Elected Representative
Caoimhe Kerins	Adult Education Officer City of Dublin ETB
Dave Dinnigan	Executive Manager, Culture, Community, Leisure & Area Services, Dublin City Council
Warren Cray	Head of Enterprise at Dublin City Council
PRESENT – PRIVATE SECTOR MEMBERS	ORGANISATION
Rabia Tabassum	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion
Anne Fitzgerald	ILDN – CEO of Liffey Partnership
Dr Bhadmus	Dublin City PPN, Community & Voluntary Pillar
Prof. Deiric O’Broin	Social and Economic (NorDubCo)
Paul Rogers	ILDN – CEO of Northside Partnership
APOLOGIES	ORGANISATION
Councillor John Stephens	DCC Elected Representative
Councillor Supriya Singh	DCC Elected Representative
Claire Downey	Social and Economic (CEO, Rediscovery Centre)

Kelley Bermingham	Dublin City PPN, Community & Voluntary Pillar
Claire Wheeler	Dublin City PPN, Environmental Pillar
Karen Smollen	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion Pillar.
Scott Chaing	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)
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.
Noel Wardick	CEO Dublin City Community Co-op
Siobhán Power	Programme Development, Monitoring & Evaluation Coordinator
Katie Holohan	Programme Proposal and Reporting Officer

1. WELCOME AND MATTERS ARISING

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

Paul Rogers proposed, and Anne Fitzgerald seconded the approval of minutes of the 4th of February 2026.

2. PRESENTATIONS

Dublin City Community Co-op – SICAP, Empowering Communities Programme & Inner City Community Services Programme Funding – Noel Wardick, Siobhán Power and Katie Holohan.

The Dublin City Community Co-op is a unique non-profit collective established in 2014, bringing together 12 community development organisations working across Dublin's inner city to tackle poverty, social exclusion and inequality. Operating as a single legal entity, the Co-op administers major programmes such as SICAP and the Inner City Community Services Programme, employing over forty staff and working across 41 Electoral Divisions and multiple statutory boundaries. Its work spans community development, lifelong learning, childcare and family supports, employment and

enterprise initiatives, and strong advocacy aimed at addressing the root causes of disadvantage. The Co-op delivers a wide range of funded initiatives—including SICAP, ICCSP, the Empowering Communities Programme and the Community Connector Programme—while also producing research and policy papers on issues such as migration, social cleansing, populism, and the rights of asylum-seeking women. The organisation plays a vital role in supporting new arrivals, responding to challenges such as trauma, unstable accommodation, language barriers and complex public systems. Through extensive collaboration with cultural, faith-based, migrant, statutory and community partners, the Co-op promotes inclusive, relationship-based practice and strengthens frontline responses. Its locally tailored resource guides and community-focused programmes continue to support some of Dublin’s most disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

Actions:

1. Copy of Presentation to be sent to all members.

3. LCDC Business Matters:

There was a discussion about the LEP grant and the requirement for another member of the LCDC to join the sub-committee. A nomination was received from Cllr. Conor Reddy to join the sub-committee. This was proposed by Cllr. Carolyn Moore and seconded by Cllr. Vincent Jackson. The sub-committee will include Cllr. Carolyn Moore, Cllr. Conor Reddy, Caoimhe Kearns and Paul Rogers, with backup member Cllr. Vincent Jackson. The sub-committee will be responsible for the assessment of the applications. The sub-committee will convene in early to mid-April.

An update was provided on the SICAP and LEP audit, which was reported as very positive overall. The LGMA auditor was thorough however noted procurement and the requirement for photographs in relation to the LEP grant. The Admin Team have tightened both aspects up for LEP 2026. A brief discussion took place regarding ongoing challenges with the LEP process. It was highlighted that receipts must now be submitted before drawdown can occur. A question was raised regarding this process but it was noted that other local authorities are operating in this manner already.

There was also discussion about delays in the Department releasing the list of successful applicants.

A brief overview of the SICAP budget for each lot was presented, outlining the targets for the year. The End-of-Year report had been approved previously by email by the committee members due to tight time constraints. Concern was raised in relation to the approval of the Annual Plan 2026 by Karen Smollen by email, regarding the benchmarking of some salaries in the LDC’s. The LCDC Admin team requested that the Annual Plans be approved by the LCDC as advised by Pobal to avoid any delay in the release of funding for salaries while the issue is on-going.

Work on the LECP within Vi-Clarity is ongoing, and the procedures to support this activity are currently being finalised

Actions:

1. Chief Officer requested a future Agenda point for the 2 year revision of the LECP.
2. Email to be sent to all LCDC Members for approval of SICAP Annual Plans 2026.

5. 2026 Meeting schedule & agenda focus

It was suggested that meetings be limited to one or two presentations per session.

Caoimhe Kearns suggested inviting Bohemians Football Club to present at a future meeting.

Anne Fitzgerald requested an update on DCC's Community Wealth Building initiative.

Actions:

1. Liaise with Caoimhe Kearns in relation to inviting Bohemians Football Club to present at a future meeting.
2. Chief Officer to request an update from the Community Wealth Building committee.

6. Update- Question posed to LCDC by member, Kelley Bermingham

'I have been approached about raising a matter in relation to the provision of space for artists in the city after the most recent displacement of artists from the Complex among a list of many other sites. As part of the cultural landscape, it is hoped that a freely accessible dedicated arts and performance space might be made available to artists at all levels in the community please'.

Question was referred on to Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer.

Up-date - The Arts Officer, Ray Yeates, is aware of the situation and it is under review. It was suggested that future updates regarding this matter will come through the Arts Office, given their role in this area.

7. AOB

It was noted that Ellen O'Dea will be stepping down from the Committee as she is moving to a new role within the HSE. The Committee expressed their thanks to Ellen for all her contributions and her time on the LCDC. Ellen will nominate a replacement in due course.

an update was provided on the newly renamed "A Thriving City for All" Festival (formerly Inclusion & Integration Week). The festival will take place from 21st May to 31st May 2026, with the official launch scheduled for 20th May.

Information was given on the new festival, with a request that members, where feasible, consider aligning their events with the festival, which would be greatly appreciated.

Next Meeting to take place on the 6th May 2026

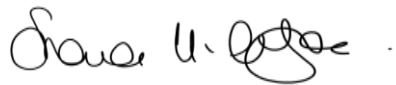
Signed:



Chairperson

Print Name: CAROLYN MOORE

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shauna U. McIntyre". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and a distinct 'U'.

Chief Officer

Print Name: SHAUNA MCINTYRE