

Dublin City Council
Local Community Development Committee
26th January 2022
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT – PUBLIC SECTOR MEMBERS	ORGANISATION
Cllr Carolyn Moore (Chair)	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
Ellen O’Dea	HSE, Head of Service Health and Wellbeing - Community Healthcare Office of Dublin North City & County
Blake Hodkinson	Director of Further Education and Training, CODETB
PRESENT – PRIVATE SECTOR MEMBERS	ORGANISATION
Lee Dillon	Dublin City PPN, Community & Voluntary Pillar
Claire Wheeler	Dublin City PPN, Environmental Pillar
Sandra Dillon	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion Pillar
Dr Sarah Miller	Social and Economic (CEO, Rediscovery Centre)
Michelle Murphy	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion Pillar
Karen Smollen	Social and Economic (SIPTU)
APOLOGIES	ORGANISATION
Anne Fitzgerald	ILDN – CEO of the Ballyfermot & Chapelizod Partnership
Kelley Bermingham	Dublin City PPN, Community & Voluntary Pillar
Paul Rogers	ILDN – CEO of the Northside Partnership
Cllr Racheal Batten	DCC Elected Representative
Cllr Tara Deacy (Vice Chair)	DCC Elected Representative
Cllr Noeleen Reilly	DCC Elected Representative
Dr Deiric O’Broin	Social and Economic (NorDubCo)
Cllr Colm O’Rourke	DCC Elected Representative
ALSO PRESENT	ORGANISATION
Dr Dáithí Downey (Chief Officer), Elaine Hess, Brenda O’Reilly, Síle McNulty-Goodwin, Mary Lynch, Catherina O’Rourke	Dublin City Council
Aisling Heffernan and Margaret McQuillan	Observers - HSE - Heads of Service for Health & Wellbeing, Community Healthcare Offices of East and Dublin South, Kildare, West Wicklow Community Healthcare respectively

1) WELCOME

Councillor Carolyn Moore opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

2) MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes from the Dublin City LCDC Meeting of the 24th November 2021 were proposed by Sandra Dillon and seconded by Michelle Murphy. There were no matters arising.

3) LCDC BUSINESS MATTERS

(a) LCDC Funding Schemes

The Chief Officer gave an update on current LCDC administered funding, specifically the Community Activities Fund (CAF) and its operation in 2022 and noted:

- i. The LCDC CEP Sub-Committee met on the 9th December 2021 to review and recommend how best to administer the Community Activities Fund (CAF), which is provided for under the Community Enhancement Programme (CEP).
- ii. As agreed with the LCDC, the eligibility and selection criteria for the Dublin City CAF 2022 will be aligned with the 2022 priority target groups identified following the SICAP mid programme review completed with DRCD in 2021.
- iii. It is planned to launch the DCC CAF in February 2022.
- iv. Details on the successful DCC recipients of grants made under the 2021 Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme are available online on the DRCD website and a link to same has been circulated to members.
- v. Greg Swift proposed noting this grant scheme and the substantial joint work undertaken between DCC LCDC and LEO in the collation and submission of applications. This was seconded by Lee Dillon.

Agreed Action:-

- 1) Updates on LCDC funding in 2021 will be given at the next LCDC meeting

(b) DCC Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme (SHCP)

In order to support operationalisation and governance requirements for the new DCC SHCP, and as discussed and agreed with the LCDC (November 2021), the Chief Officer confirmed that Ms Ellen O'Dea, HSE, Head of Service Health and Wellbeing - Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO) for Dublin North City and County formally replaces Ms Martina Queally as the Health Service Executive (HSE) representative on the LCDC. The CO also confirmed that Ms Aisling Heffernan, Head of Service for Health and Wellbeing, Community Healthcare Organisation for HSE East and Ms Margaret McQuillan, Head of Service for Health and Wellbeing, Community Healthcare Organisation for Dublin South, Kildare, West Wicklow Community will attend as adjunct observers to the LCDC.

i. Recruitment of four SHCP Local Development Officers

The CO confirmed that DCC opened a recruitment campaign in December 2021 for the new Local Development Officer positions that are provided for under the DCC SHCP. A total of 47 applications were received with shortlisting to conclude in January with notification to successful candidates of interviews in February. An interview board comprising HSE, Department of Health and DCC is established with interviews scheduled for early March 2022.

ii. SHCP Community Enhancement Fund

The CO detailed how each of the four SHCP area in Dublin have been allocated a budget under the Sláintecare Community Enhancement Fund for expenditure in 2022. The funding is targeted at supporting capital expenditure for provision of health and wellbeing infrastructure and related services in the respective programme areas. An implementation plan has been agreed between DCC Healthy Cities, DCC Sports and Wellbeing Partnership and DCC Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services for 2022.

iii. SHCP Implementation Teams

The CO outlined the role of the envisaged SHCP Implementation Teams that are being established in each programme area. The Implementation Teams will be chaired by the SHCP LDO and will comprise members drawn from, *inter alia*, local Primary Care Networks, Local Development Companies and DCC Area Offices. The Implementation Team will be responsible for establishing a needs-based local action plan that complements and enhances existing services and add values *via* improved coordination and engagement with community based health and wellbeing service providers.

Agreed Action:-

- 1) Updates will be provided at the next LCDC meeting

(c) LCDC Action Plan 2021 and continuity actions for 2022

- i. The CO gave a status update on actions concluded in the LCDC Action Plan 2021 and noted progress of the additional actions as identified by the LCDC in January 2021. The update was discussed and the context of the disruptive and negatives impacts of the COVID19 pandemic was considered. Dr Sarah Miller proposed the noting of the action plan update status reports and Claire Wheeler seconded noting of same.
- ii. A number of additional information items were noted as relevant to continuity of the LCDC's work in 2022. These included:
 - a. Matters of public safety and 'safe streets' with a clear focus on vulnerable groups
 - b. Public infrastructure to promote and support active mobility, sport and wellbeing (e.g. cycle lanes, pedestrianisation, jogging tracks, outdoor gym equipment, public seating and rest spots, hurling/ handball/ tennis walls);
 - c. More information on EU programmes for funding/ supporting social enterprises and national grant funding for transition to use of renewable energy sources and for deep

- retrofitting of buildings (housing) to reduce carbon fuel consumption in heating systems through achieving greater energy efficiency; and
- d. Where applicable and relevant, joined-up working and decision making between LCDC members on grant funding to community interests and actors.

Agreed Action:-

1. The CO will draft a revised LCDC Action Plan 2022 for consideration and adoption. This will take account of the work programme objectives of the LCDC and the requirement to revise and develop a new Local Economic and Community Plan for Dublin in 2022 for adoption in 2023. An update will be provided at the February LCDC meeting.

4) Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) for Dublin City

The CO provided an update on work now underway in 2022 to review, revise and develop a new LECP for Dublin city and noted the following:

- Following consultation, including submissions, the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) have jointly agreed revised LECP Guidelines.
- These were launched the 11th November 2021 and a follow-on dedicated online orientation and information event was delivered by DRCD and DHLGH with over 340 attendees on December 9th 2021. All LCDC members were invited to attend.
- This information session provided an overview of the LECP Guidelines and included presentations on Background, New Approach and Economic and Community Elements of the LECP, including an emphasis on the roles of LCDCs and Economic Development and Enterprise (EDE) Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs). All presentations have been circulated to LCDC members and are also available on the DRCD website at <https://www.gov.ie/en/policy/d5adb8-community-supports/>
- Work is underway since to identify members required for the LECP Advisory Group that will oversee and drive the preparation of the next LECP in terms of process, resourcing, timeline, consultation and inclusion. An expression of interest to join the LECP Advisory Group will be extended to all LCDC members and to members of the DCC EDE SPC.

Agreed Action:-

- 1) An update on the LECP Advisory Group will be given at the February meeting.

5) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 1000 to 1230, Wednesday 23rd February 2022 (online unless otherwise advised)
- Future 2022 meeting dates:
 - April 27th
 - May 25th
 - June 22nd
 - Sept 21st
 - Nov 23rd



Signed: _____

Chairperson

Print Name: Councillor Carolyn Moore



Signed: _____

Chief Officer

Print Name: Dáithí Downey