

2016 Annual Report of the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Community Development Committee.

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1 Background to the formation of the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Community Development Committee:

The governing legislation underpinning the establishments of Local Community Development Committees (LCDC) is set out in Section 36 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, which provides for the establishment of LCDCs in all local authority administrative areas *“for the purposes of developing, coordinating and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development”*.

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown was one of ten “front Runner” LCDC’s to be established in the country. This process began with the passing of a resolution by the County Council on February 10th 2014, approving the establishment of a Local Community Development Committee for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown and the initial membership of the committee. As the two main organisations within the county with responsibility for Community Development it was agreed that Southside Partnership DLR and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council would both jointly chair the initial phase of the Local Community Development Committee.

Dave Lawless (Community Department, DLRCC), appointed by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council as the Chief Officer for the LCDC, was replaced as Chief Officer by Deirdre Baber (Community Department DLRCC). This nomination was noted at the LCDC Meeting on 16th March 2016. Mary Ruane (Economic, Community and Cultural Development DLRCC) replaced Deirdre Baber as Chief Officer for the LCDC and this nomination was noted at the LCDC Meeting 28th September 2016. It is the Chief Officer’s role to support the establishment and development of the LCDC in line with national policy requirements and support the committee in the implementation of its role and functions.

2. The role and functions of the DLR LCDC

Accordingly, and in accordance with the functions detailed in the Act, the LCDCs will: have primary responsibility for co-ordination, planning and oversight of local development spend, whether that spend is delivered by local authorities or on behalf of the State or by other local development agencies and structures; LCDC’s will bring a more coherent approach to the implementation of local and community development programmes and interventions, seeking to ensure an integrated approach to local community and local development services between providers and delivery structures; LCDC’s will drive meaningful citizen and community engagement in the scoping, planning, delivery and evaluation of local and community development programmes;

LCDC’s will ensure a more efficient administration of local and community programmes and delivery structures, the appropriate matching of resources to priorities and the achievement of value-for-money in the delivery and governance of programmes and the management of local delivery arrangements;

LCDC's will develop approaches that focus on learning and feedback, enhancing the links between practice and policy development, and
LCDC's will explore and pursue opportunities for additional funding resources for the area, whether Exchequer, EU, private or other sources.

Section 128B of the Local Government Act 2001 (inserted by Section 36 of the 2014 Act) sets out the functions of LCDCs. These functions are —

- To prepare the community elements of a 6-year Local Economic and Community Plan.
- To implement or arrange for the implementation of the community elements of the Plan.
- To review the community elements of the Plan at least once within the period of 6 calendar years and if necessary, to amend the community elements of the Plan.
- To monitor and review on an on-going basis the implementation of the community elements of the Plan and, if appropriate, to revise the actions and strategies set.
- To achieve the objectives of the community elements of the Plan,
- To co-ordinate, manage and oversee the implementation of local and community development programmes that have been approved either by the relevant local authority or by agreement between the LCDC and a relevant public authority (e.g. Government Department, State agency)
- To seek to ensure effectiveness, consistency, co-ordination and avoidance of duplication between public funded local and community development programmes, in addition to public funded programmes, to pursue the co-ordination generally of all local and community development programmes within the functional area of the Committee,
- To consider and adopt a statement for consideration of the Council in respect of the economic elements of a draft of the Plan prepared by the local authority,
- To prepare an annual report to the performance of its functions.

3. LCDC Meetings in 2016

The Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Community Development Committee held six meetings in 2016. (27th January, 16th March, 19th May, 6th July, 28th September & 30th November).

It was agreed by the DLR LCDC that meetings would take place at 8.30am and be held in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council offices and the offices of Southside Partnership DLR.

It was agreed by the LCDC members that Cormac Shaw (Southside Partnership) and Dearbhla Lawson (Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council) would co-chair the LCDC for 2016.

4. Membership of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee in 2016.

At a meeting of Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council held on 17th September 2014 a resolution to establish the DLR LCDC and its membership of **19** seats was approved.

In 2016, a number of seats on the LCDC became vacant and were filled.

In 2016, due to a General Election, Councillor Josepha Madigan resigned and was replaced by Councillor John Kennedy at the LCDC meeting on 19th May 2016. The PPN formally nominated the following replacements to the LCDC following the resignations of Pauline Davy and Rebekah Fozzard from the committee: Geraldine McDonagh and Laura English were nominated at the LCDC on 6th July 2016. At the LCDC meeting on 28th September 2016, Michael O'Brien, DLR PPN, was nominated to replace Albertine Denis who recently resigned. At the LCDC Meeting on 28th September 2016, Georgina Sweetnam (DLR Local Enterprise Office) was nominated by DLRCC as replacement on the LCDC for Eibhlin Curley, Head of Enterprise.

At the LCDC on 30th November 2016, Maurice Farnan, HSE Representative, advised that he had moved to a new position in the HSE and his replacement would be nominated by the HSE.

Philip Maguire was unable to attend meetings due to his employment and replacement nomination will be arranged in 2017.

At a meeting of the LCDC on 25th November 2015, it was noted that TUSLA is an important Service Delivery Agency in the County and it was agreed to invite TUSLA to attend LCDC meetings in an advisory capacity. Colette Mc Loughlin of TUSLA was nominated and attended the LCDC meeting on 27th January 2016 and was welcomed to the LCDC in an advisory capacity, until replaced by Kevin Webster, who attended the LCDC meeting on 19th May 2016 on a temporary basis, with Joanne Cullen being nominated to attend the committee from 6th July 2016 in an advisory role.

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Sector	Members Name	Organisation
<i>Local Authority Elected Members</i>	Cllr Peter O'Brien	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
	Cllr John Kennedy	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
	Cllr Jennifer Cuffe	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
	Cllr Kate Feeney	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
<i>Local Authority Officials</i>	Dearbhla Lawson	<i>Chief Executive Nominee</i>
	Georgina Sweetnam	<i>Head of Local Enterprise Office</i>
<i>State Agencies</i>	Maurice Farnan	Health Service Executive
	Fiona Ward	Department of Social Protection
	Joanne Cullen	(Tusla in advisory role)
	Derek Elders	Dublin Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board
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Sector	Members Name	Organisation*
<i>Local & Community Development</i>	Cormac Shaw	Southside Partnership DLR
	Inez Bailey	Southside Partnership DLR
<i>Social Inclusion Public Participation Network</i>	Laura English	PPN Disability Federation Ireland
	Geraldine McDonagh	PPN Southside Travellers Action Group
<i>Community & Voluntary Public Participation Network</i>	Kay Gleeson	PPN Glasthule / Sandycove Residents Association
	Michael O'Brien	PPN Cabinteely Residents Association
<i>Environmental Interests Public Participation Network</i>	Tom Kivlehan	PPN Environment Pillar
<i>Other civic society or local community interests</i>	Philip Maguire	Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Rural Task Force
	Colm Kinsella	ICTU
	Dr Josephine Brown	DLR Chamber
<i>Total No. of Members</i>	19 + 1 Advisory Member	

5. Main achievements of the LCDC in 2016

There were five key priorities progressed and developed in 2016 by the LCDC, as follows:

- Monitoring and reviewing progress on implementation of the SICAP Programme in 2016
- Launching, supporting and monitoring implementation of the six year Local Economic & Community Plan for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown, 2016 – 2021
- Support the development of the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme, 2014 – 2020 including the re-establishment of the Rural Taskforce
- Support the development of the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Public Participation Network
- Review and evaluation of the role of the LCDC
 - Participation at *Our Communities- A National Forum* on 2nd November 2016.
 - LCDC Workshop reflecting on the LCDC from its formation; held on 20th October 2016 in Marlay House

5.1 Monitoring implementation of the SICAP programme in 2016.

In January 2015, the LCDC established an Evaluation Sub Group to assess the SICAP (Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme) tenders received as part of the open public procurement process. The outcome of which was the awarding of the SICAP contract to Southside Partnership DLR for the period of 2015 to 2017.

The LCDC approved the awarding of this SICAP contract at its March 2015 meeting. The SICAP contract in 2016 was valued at €934,490.

The SICAP End of Year Report for 2015 was approved. Southside Partnership developed a SICAP Action Plan for 2016 which was presented and approved by LCDC. As part of the national reporting requirements for SICAP, a SICAP mid-year review - July 2016 was completed and submitted to POBAL. The SICAP Annual Plan 2017 was approved in principle by the LCDC on 30th November. Sub Group Meetings of the LCDC were held in 2016 to conduct reviews of the mid-year and end of year process for SICAP and to review the draft Annual Plan 2017. The SICAP end of year report for 2016 was submitted to POBAL in January 2017 and includes a detailed narrative.

There was representation at SICAP Workshops organised by the Dept of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government and POBAL in 2016.

Pobal have developed an online monitoring system (IRIS) to track the implementation of the SICAP programme nationally. In 2016, DLR LCDC was fully compliant with all national requirements.



There was good progress and the significant majority of targets were achieved. Some key SICAP indicators / targets achieved in 2016:

1,047 individuals	Worked with on a one to one basis
51 Community Groups	Received advice and development support
1,092 Children	Received educational or developmental support
650 individuals	Received employment support
215 individuals	Supported into self-employment

5.2 Development of a Local Economic & Community Plan for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown

2016 was a very busy year for both the DLR Local Community Development Committee and the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee whose role it was to oversee the development and implementation of the Local Economic and Community Plan for Dun Laoghaire Rathdown.

It is important to acknowledge the very positive multi agency and community organisations' participation and support in the process of implementing LECP actions.

The following is an overview of the key milestones of the implementation process in 2016 and will also demonstrate some of the highlights on action delivery in 2016 under the Community focused actions and Shared actions (Economic & Community focus) within the DLR LECP.

Launch of the DLR LECP

The plan was formerly launched on April 28th 2016 in Airfield Estate by An Cathaoirleach Councillor Barry Saul. The chairs of both the DLR LCDC and the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC presented an overview of the framework of the plan, noting the LECP is structured around 8 high level goals, 21 thematic objectives and 156 individual actions.

National Launch of Local Economic and Community Plans

On 20th September 2016, Minister Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, officially launched the first round of six-year Local Economic and Community Plans, at the National Ploughing Championships, in Screggan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

Formation of the Implementation Advisory Steering Group

A steering group was established (June 2016) to support the implementation of the LECP and its priority actions. This group was made up of representatives from both DLR Local Community Development Committee and the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee and officials from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. Membership in 2016 included:

Name:	Representative Organisation
Cllr Barry Ward	Chairperson of the Economic Development SPC
Cormac Shaw	Co- Chair of the DLR LCDC
Dearbhla Lawson	Co- Chair of the DLR LCDC
Inez Bailey	DLR LCDC
Georgina Sweetnam	Head of Enterprise DLR LEO
Mary Ruane	Senior Executive Officer DLRC

This Steering Group met three times in 2016; June 13th, October 7th, December 9th.

2016 Highlights – Shared Economic and Community actions

A number of enterprise initiatives for Students were held in 2016 including; 19 in-school primary school enterprise workshops, a new 8-week Teen Entrepreneur STEM programme involving 8 local secondary schools and 24 students, and the Final of the Secondary School Students’ Enterprise Awards.

Over 250 people attended the DojoCon which opened in the dlr Lexicon on Friday 21st October, with visitors from countries including Belgium, France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Romania, Switzerland, Turkey, the UK and the United States. Children’s workshops were held in the dlr Lexicon and a “DojoCamp” in The People’s Park, Dun Laoghaire.

Very successful Spring and Summer Heritage programmes were completed. 5 new events were added to the programme for 2016 - National Maritime Museum, Maeve Binchy walking tour with Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre, 1916 Graves Tour of Deansgrange Cemetery, 1916 Social History Tour of Dún Laoghaire and a 1916 Exhibition in Marlay House. 29 free events were held over the ten week summer programme.

A number of successful initiatives were completed in respect of dlr’s commitment to cycling and enhanced transport connectivity including; dlr/AXA Roadsafes Roadshow, Bike Week - June 2016,

Appointment of a School Trainer - September 2016, and set-up of County Cycle forum.
Infrastructure improvements were also ongoing including improvements to cycle parking, bus-stop improvements, and additional electric vehicle parking bays.

2016 Highlights – Community actions

A large number of sporting and recreational events were held including;

Operation Transformation on 9th January, Active 4 All on 10th & 11th May, dlr Community 5K with 1,200 participants on 8th October, and an Active Dance programme with 200 Transition year students taking part.

8 DLR Family Events were held in 2016 which included Outdoor Movies in the Park, Mad Hatters Tea Party, Teddybears Picnic. The Samhain event took place in Marlay Park on Sunday 30th October with over 20,000 people taking the Haunted Forest Walk

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown's 2016 Festival of Inclusion was launched on Friday 7th October 2016. The programme consisted of four major events and numerous locally based community events. All events were well received and well attended with over 1,000 participants at some events.

Community initiatives implemented included the opening of a new Community Café in Dun Laoghaire, the approval by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council of 243 Community Grants to the value of more than €184,000, Community Awards ceremony, and volunteer recognition awards.

5.3 Support the development of the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme 2014 – 2020

As part of the new LEADER Programme 2014 -2020 there will be one Dublin Rural LEADER programme which will cover selected rural area within the three Dublin Local Authority Areas of Fingal, South Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown.



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The new Dublin Rural LEADER programme will be led by Fingal Local Community Development Committee and the Fingal County Council, as 70% of the rural population is located within Fingal. The total budget for the 2014 – 2020 Dublin LEADER programme is €6,370,438.

Fingal LEADER Partnership (FLP) has been appointed as the programme implementer for the 2014 - 2020 programme.

The Dún Laoghaire Rathdown areas included within this programme covers the LEA's of Glencullen and Tibbradden.

The DLR Local Community Development Committee nominated three representatives to sit on the LEADER Local Action Group (LAG). These are:

Cllr Peter O'Brien,	DLRCC
Tom Kivlehan	DLR PPN
Cormac Shaw	Southside Partnership DLR

Updates on the draft LEADER Local Development Strategy (LDS) which was submitted to the Department were given at the LCDC meeting on 16th March 2016 and 19th May 2016.

Draft Terms of Reference for the establishment of a Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Rural Taskforce as a sub group of the LCDC to facilitate the integration of the Rural Development and SICAP programmes and as a communication channel to the LEADER LAG, were presented to the LCDC meeting on 6th July 2016.

DLR Rural Task Force Meetings took place on 14th September 2016 and 10th November 2016 in Glencullen Community Centre and included discussion on Terms of Reference, overview and review of LECP actions relevant to Rural Task Force and overview of LEADER Programme 2014-2020, including three themes of Economic Development, Social Inclusion and Rural Environment.

Key Actions in 2016:

2 Public Information/animation events for LEADER were held in November 2016 in Glencullen Community Hall and Larch Hill Scouts Facility, Tibbradden

Rolling calls and a targeted call for LEADER funding

In addition to a rolling call, 2 targeted calls were made (closing date 16th January 2017) as follows:

- (a) Community training, animation and capacity building programme to support vibrant towns in rural Dublin
- (b) Support for small scale product development, interpretation and marketing of rural Dublin's unique heritage and cultural attractions to maximise potential arising from Fáilte Ireland's – Dublin, 'A breath of Fresh Air' initiative

5.4 DLR Public Participation Network

The DLR Public Participation Network continued to develop and establish itself as the main link through which the local authority connects with the community, voluntary and environmental sectors, without prejudice to other consultation processes. The aim of the structures and processes is to facilitate and enable the public and the organisations to articulate a diverse range of views and interests within the local government system.

280 groups/organisations were registered as members of the DLR PPN at the end of 2016, a substantial increase of 90 from 1st January 2016.

The PPN Steering Committee met on a monthly basis to plan and organise the 2016 programme of work.

Key activities in 2016 included:

Three (3) plenary meetings of members were held in 2016 on 9th March, 28th June and 9th November

- Recruitment of a dedicated PPN Network Manager.
- Memorandum of Understanding between DLR PPN and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council agreed and signed.
- Publication of a fortnightly DLR PPN E Zine.



- Participation in workshops on the DLR LCDC, a National Forum on “Our Communities: A Framework Policy for Local and Community Development in Ireland”.
- 23 nominees represented the PPN on six Strategic Policy Committees.
- The PPN was also represented on the Local Community Development Committee, Joint Policing Committee, Rural Taskforce, and the Smart Dublin Advisory Group.
- Participation in two (2) PPN Regional Meetings and two (2) PPN Workers Network meetings.
- The PPN delivered three (3) training sessions for members in November and December 2016:
 - Facebook Pages for Beginners on 29th November in Rosemount Resource Centre, Dundrum and on 1st December in Mounttown Community Facility
 - Dealing with Conflict on Committees on 28th November 2016 in the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus)
- The PPN has developed a Draft Workplan for 2017 which will be presented to the LCDC. Work in 2017 will focus on delivery of the objectives contained in the Workplan.

5.5 Review and Evaluation of the Role of the LCDC

Attendance at *Our Communities- A National Forum* on 2nd November 2016

LCDC representatives attended and input to the consultation at ***Our Communities- A National Forum*** on 2nd November 2016; a consultation in relation to contributing to developing an Implementation Plan for the Framework Policy for Local and Community Development.

LCDC Workshop on 20th October 2016 in Marlay House

- The LCDC arranged for an LCDC Workshop that took place on 20th October 2016 in Marlay House and a report was provided to the LCDC meeting on 30th November 2016. All who attended confirmed that it had been a positive and interesting session. After two years from the formation of the LCDC, it was good to take stock and reflect on changes and achievements over that time.
- Everyone reflected that much had been achieved during that period, with SICAP, the LECP and with partners working collaboratively. There was agreement that the Committee had established good and positive working arrangements, but that with the focus now on implementation, there would be a need for each partner to look at how their activities can support the achievement of the LCDC’s objectives in terms of the LECP and the SICAP actions. There was agreement that regular updates from each of the partners would help ensure a better understanding regarding challenges and opportunities, and help identify where priorities and actions can be aligned to support the achievement of better outcomes for DLR.

6. LCDC Members Attendance Record 2016

Name	Jan 27 th	Mar 16 th	May 19 th	Jul 6 th	Sept 28 th	Nov 30 th
Albertine Denis DLR PPN	Attended	Apology	Apology	Resigned		
Cllr. Jennifer Cuffe DLRCC	Attended	Apology	Apology	Apology	Apology	Apology
Cllr. Josepha Madigan DLRCC	Apology	Apology	Resigned			
Cllr. John Kennedy DLRCC			Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Cllr. Kate Feeney DLRCC	Attended	Apology	Attended	Apology	Attended	Apology
Cllr. Peter O'Brien DLRCC	Attended	Apology	Attended	Apology	Attended	Attended
Colm Kinsella	Attended	Apology	Attended	Apology	Attended	Apology
Cormac Shaw (Co Chair) Southside Partnership	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
David Lawless (Chief Officer) DLRCC	Attended	Attended	Resigned			
Dearbhla Lawson DLRCC (Chief Officer)	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Deirdre Baber DLRCC	Attended	Attended	Attended	Resigned		
Mary Ruane DLRCC				Attended	Attended	Attended
Derek Elders DDLETB	Apology	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apology
Eibhlin Curley DLRCC LEO	Attended	Attended	Apology	Attended	Attended	
Fiona Ward DSP	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apology	Apology	Attended
Georgina Sweetnam DLRCC LEO						Attended
Inez Bailey Southside	Attended	Attended	Apology	Attended	Attended	Apology

Partnership						
Josephine Brown DLR Chamber	Absent	Absent	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Kay Gleeson DLR PPN	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Maurice Farnan HSE	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Resigned
Pauline Davy DLR PPN	Apology	Apology	Apology	Resigned		
Colette McLoughlin TUSLA	Attended	Attended	Apology	Resigned		
Joanne Cullen TUSLA				Attended	Apology	Attended
Philip Maguire	Absent	Apology	Apology	Apology	Apology	Absent
Rebekah Fozzard DLR PPN	Resigned					
Tom Kivlehan DLR PPN	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Michael O'Brien DLR PPN					Absent	Absent
Geraldine McDonagh STAG				Attended	Apology	Apology
Laura English Disability Fed. Ireland				Attended	Apology	Attended

Conclusion

2016 was a very busy year for the Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown Local Community Development Committee. The work of implementing the Local Economic & Community Plan, implementing the SICAP Programme, developing the Dublin LEADER Strategy and supporting the development of the DLR Public Participation Network has required a significant commitment from all the members of the LCDC. All the national programme requirements for the LCDC have been fully met in 2016.

It is important to acknowledge the significant level of inter-agency collaboration and active engagement by all our partner organisations and representatives on the Committee.

With such a heavy workload to get through in 2016, the role of the Co-chairs and Chief Officers, was very important in focusing and driving the ambitious agenda of the DLR LCDC.

We look forward to working with all our partners in 2017 as we continue the implementation phase of the Local Economic and Community Plan.