

DLR Local Economic & Community Plan – Annual Progress Report 2017 for Community Objectives

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Economic and Community Plan, 2017 Annual Report

Background

Following legislative changes in 2014 related to the local government strategy 'Putting People First', the remit of local authorities includes a renewed and clearer role in economic and community development. In this regard, each Local Authority is required to develop and make a Local Economic and Community Plan which is a statutory plan for the area.

Dún Laoghaire –Rathdown's Local Economic and Community plan 2016 – 2021 was developed throughout 2015 and adopted by the County Council on the 14th December 2015.

The LECP is structured around 8 high level goals, 21 thematic objectives and 156 individual actions which are aimed at supporting community development, enhancing quality of life and driving economic development for the County.

Monitoring of the progress and implementation of the Community Objectives and relevant shared Community and Economic Development Objectives is undertaken by the Local Community and Development Committee during the year with reports, presentations and updates to the LCDC which includes this Annual Report.

This Report tracks overall progress during 2017 with implementation of the LECP Objectives that come under the remit of the LCDC for oversight. It also highlights issues which may require further consideration or may need review.

The Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee monitor progress and implementation of the economic development and enterprise objectives and related shared economic and community objectives for which the SPC is responsible for.

Progress on the LECP is dependent on the County Council and Lead partners supporting implementation of key objectives for which the LCDC has oversight. These include shared Community Objectives numbers 7 to 14 as well as Community Objectives numbers 15 to 21 inclusive. These are the community and shared community and economic development objectives.

Partners who have directly supported implementation and in many cases, delivery of key objectives during the past 2 years include; all departments of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Southside Partnership DLR, An Garda Síochána, County Childcare Committee, Health Service Executive, Crosscare, Children's and Young People's Services Committee, Tusla, Comhairle Na nÓg, DLR Volunteer Centre, Drugs and Alcohol Task Force, DSP, PPN, IADT and DDETB. The on-going support and engagement of partners is much appreciated and is vital in helping the LCDC in achieving the LECP goals and objectives which were developed and agreed by the LCDC in 2015.

There have now been 2 full years of implementation since the adoption of the Strategy so overall good progress is being made. It is timely now for the LCDC to review overall progress for 2017 and to consider areas for potential focus or greater collaboration going forward.

The following report clarifies key achievements made on implementation during 2017 and highlights some of the key issues to be considered by LCDC.

Actions are wide and varied in terms of scope, definition, responsibility and level of stakeholder engagement. An owner, lead departments, support departments, and timelines have been assigned to each action. Action owners were requested to provide updated information on their actions for 2017.

The current status of each action has been assessed and highlighted using a traffic-light system. This system assists with reporting and monitoring progress and in identifying actions that require attention or review.

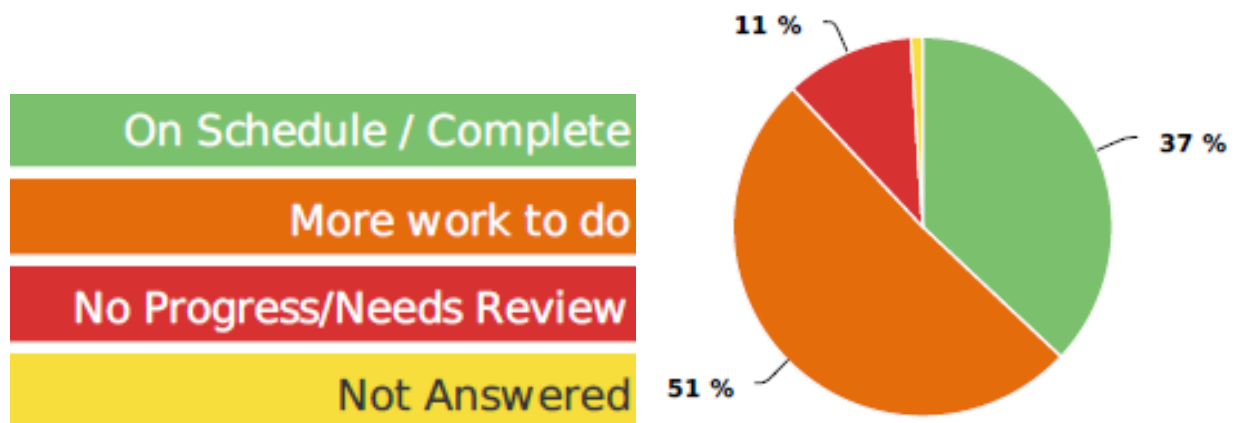
Green	• Action on schedule / completed
Yellow	• Action is on schedule / but more work to do
Red	• Action needs further development / Review

An Advisory Implementation Steering Group was established to support and advise on the general implementation of the LECF. This group is made up of members of both the DLR Local Community Development Committee and the Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee. It met twice during 2017 to review progress and support the implementation process.

During 2017, a new online reporting system 'Viclarity' has been developed to aid monitoring and tracking progress and reporting of LECF. This enables each action owner to update the information once and enables reports to be generated regarding specific objectives or overall. This will aid with collection of data, analysis and reporting to supporting implementation. The new system is being rolled out and was piloted for this report.

Overview of DLR LECP actions by Community Objectives

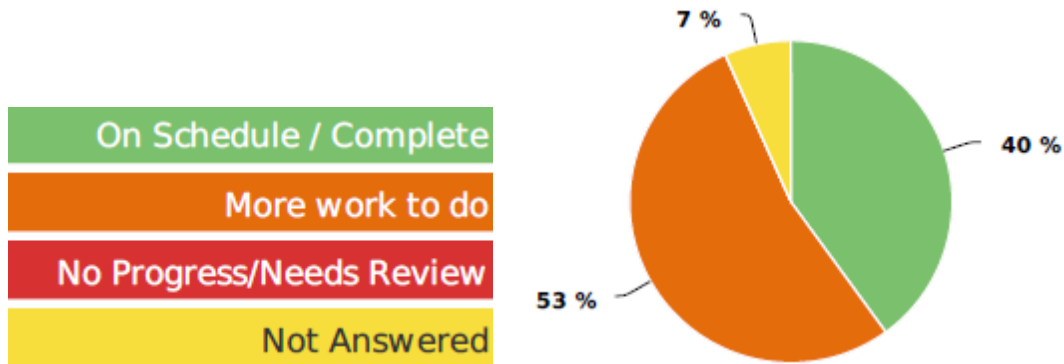
The pie charts below give the breakdown of progress being made on Community and some shared Economic and Community Actions under 15 of the LECP objectives. The Plan is in place to 2021, and to date some 37% of Actions have been completed, with a mix of on-going activities and other areas where more work is needed or in some cases, there may be Actions that require further consideration or review, and these will be raised under each of the relevant objective in the following sections of the report.



Shared Economic and Community Objectives

Shared Objective 7: Access to a range of services and amenities, including good quality housing at affordable levels, suited to needs, and as far as possible, at the tenure of choice

13 actions, of which 12 are for LCDC oversight



2017 achievement for Objective 7 includes;

- 545 social housing units delivered under the Social Housing Strategy for period Jan to Dec 2017.
- Continued to progress downsizing initiative with the allocations to Rochestown House and the Mews and the upcoming developments in the Brambles.
- On-going implementation of the Housing Strategy including the Allocation and Assessment Guidelines for people with disabilities. 23% allocated to people with disabilities during 2017.
- Delivered 2 Family Hubs in DLR during 2017 providing an additional 29 emergency placements within the County.
- Introduced Choice Based Letting (CBL) on a pilot basis during 2017. This pilot is to be reviewed and recommendations will be taken to the Social Housing SPC.
- 460 Inspections completed during 2017 which was ahead of target.
- Development on 4 bay permanent Traveller Site at Glenamuck completed.
- Cherrywood Town Centre application submitted, contractor on-site and first stage of roads and 3 Flagship parks being finalised. Cherrywood also received approval for LIHAF funding for road/bridge upgrade works to relieve critical infrastructure blockages and support accelerated delivery of housing. These are key milestones which will support the development and delivery of a major new town for DLR where up to 25,000 people are expected to live.

Overview of Progress with Objective 7:

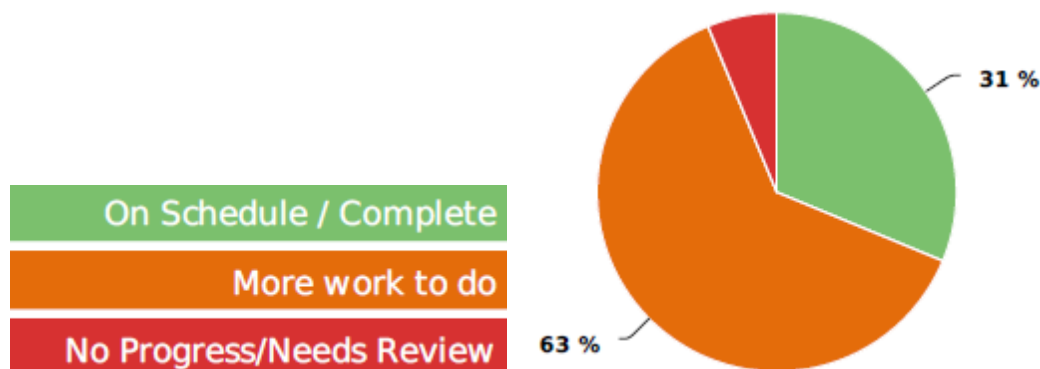
The majority of actions under this objective relates to access to housing and related services. There has been a significant focus of activity and resources, particularly by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, to help ensure that targets for social housing in 2017 have been achieved, and that good progress is made on developing a pipeline for the future to support with increasing availability of social and affordable housing across the country. Good progress has been achieved and the actions here are significant and on-going to maintain progress.

Action for Consideration/ Progression for 2018 –

Action 7.10 – Explore Models of Community Energy Schemes in the County

Shared Objective 8: Support life-long learning, enterprise development and strengthen employment in local communities.

13 actions, of which 8 are for LCDC oversight



2017 achievement for Objective 8 includes;

- The Dlr Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) implemented by Southside Partnership provided assistance to support community and enterprise development and supports with access to employment and learning for individuals during 2017 – achievements include;
 - 1056 were assisted on a one-to-one basis
 - 55 Community Groups received advice and support
 - 1069 children received advice and development support
 - 714 individuals received employment support
 - 193 individuals were supported into self-employment
 - 141 individuals attended life-long Learning information events
 - 252 individuals engaged with life-long learning opportunities
 - 40 young people not in education, training or employment received one to one supports
- Employment, Training and Enterprise Expos held with partner organisations; as part of DEASP Jobs Week September 2017, LES Jobs Expo Dún Laoghaire, DLR ETB Jobs Expo event in Dún Laoghaire and Careers Week event in Dundrum
- The DLR Student Enterprise Awards were held on 23rd March 2017 with 33 School Teams representing 15 schools in attendance
- DLR Youth at Risk was established. 16 students with learning disabilities were supported to stay engaged with the educational system through a joint IADT, Post Primary DEIS Schools and SSP programme designed to identify key learning supports for the students.
- New programmes to support community and cultural development and wellbeing in DLR Libraries - Right to Read, Work Matters, Healthy Ireland supporting on-going implementation of Opportunities for All
- As part of DLR Festival of Inclusion 2017, a workshop to promote consideration of Social Enterprise at a local level was facilitated with good attendance
- Educational Taster Sessions in conjunction with UCD as part of the UCD 4 All Programme were facilitated by the Council at the Samuel Beckett Civic Facility

Overview of Progress with Objective 8:

Good Progress has been made through the SICAP Programme with most headline targets achieved for 2017, through Southside Partnership providing assistance to support community and enterprise development and access to employment and learning during 2017. A new initiative focussed on educational disadvantage and supporting young people with disabilities to continue their education has also been progressed through SSP and partners. Actions are on-going and progressing well within this objective, however there are areas for consideration/focus for 2018

Action for Consideration/ Progression for 2018 –

Action 8.4 – Build an environment that makes it easier for people to start enterprises to address social issues and build a network for collaboration

Action 8.6 – Collaborate with Higher and Further Education and Training Providers in dlr to promote education access programmes for disadvantaged communities including unemployed residents

Shared Objective 9: Support locally-based creative and knowledge enterprises, and strengthen up-skilling within the County, including support for start-ups and for business incubation facilities

This Objective includes Actions to support locally based creative and knowledge enterprises and strengthen up-skilling within the County. Oversight of the implementation of three of the four Actions under this Objective comes under the remit of the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC.

4 actions, of which 1 is for LCDC oversight

2017 achievement for Objective 9 includes;

- LEO dlr provided a full range of supports including finance and advice to support the development of micro enterprises across the County
- 18 agencies exhibited during Enterprise Week
- The Pop-up shop was fully booked with 14 different lets of this incubation space
- Pier Connect a new co-working space opened in Dún Laoghaire
- A workshop to promote consideration of Social Enterprise was facilitated with good attendance

Overview of Progress with Objective 9:

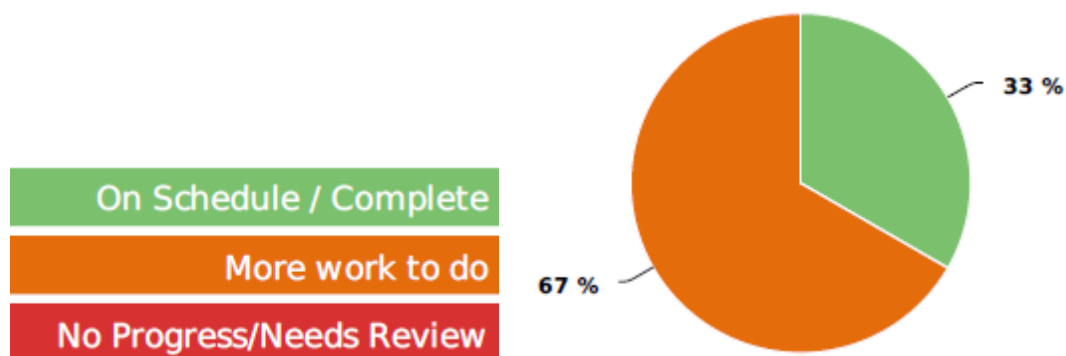
Progress is on-going in relation to supporting economic development and enterprise. The Economic Development and Enterprise SPC has oversight in relation to monitoring implementation of the majority of actions under this Objective.

Action for Consideration/ Progression for 2018

Action 9.1 Investigate potential for development of social innovation centre to support social enterprise within the county

Shared Objective 10: Facilitate access to affordable, quality early-childhood care and education

4 actions, of which 3 are for LCDC oversight



2017 achievement for Objective 10 includes;

- Roll out of the national childcare schemes to all services on behalf of the DCYA continued
- The Learner Fund, a subsidised fund toward training childcare practitioners to level 5 or 6 was also provided, along with Learner Fund bursary for childcare practitioners who had completed recognised 3rd level courses. Capital grants, School-age Childcare grants, Parent & Toddler grants and Childminder grants.
- Training delivered includes: Children First training to childcare practitioners, Equality & Diversity training under the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM)
- Continued to facilitate the Southside Childcare Action Network (SCAN) along with the Southside Partnership and Barnardos
- Equality & Diversity training provided under the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM), programmes designed to assist children with disabilities in the childcare setting. Update of website and distribution of information as necessary.

Overview of Progress with Objective 10:

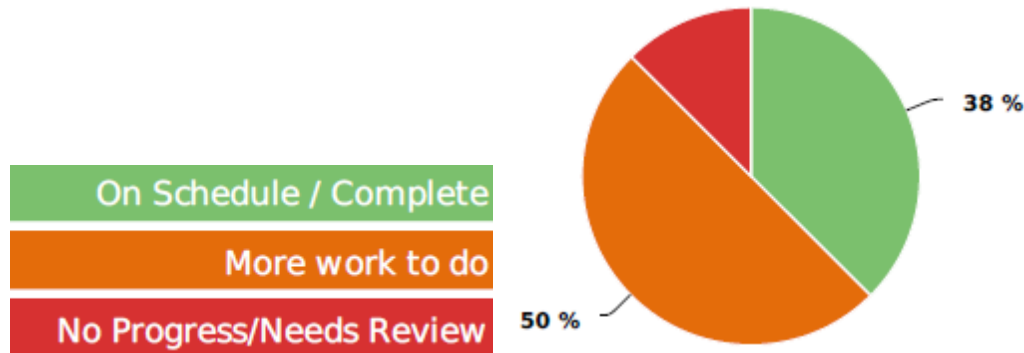
Good progress has been made with a focus on training and support for Childcare workers, and roll out of national policy requirements. However challenges remain, particularly with high costs of childcare and availability of carers in the County.

Action for Consideration/ Progression for 2018

Action 10.1 Continue to assess demand for childcare and supply of childcare facilities in dlr (last survey done 2016)

Shared Objective 11: Facilitate the delivery of transportation, enhanced connectivity and other infrastructure in the County

10 actions, of which 4 are for LCDC oversight



2017 achievement for Objective 11 includes;

- Council Travel Plan and Walking Bus Guide issued to schools in the County
- Cycling activities were held during Bike Week in June 2017 including Cabinteely Bike Fest (3,500 attended), a novelty Street Velodrome event (250 participants), public Bike Clinics (40 bike repairs) and a schools art competition
- Assisted the DTTAS in the delivery of school cycle training (www.cycleright.ie) to 1287 pupils
- Introduced new cycle parking standards in 2017
- Four Cycle Forum meetings held in 2017 to provide a focus on cycling issues
- An AXA road safety road show was held in the Royal Marine in April for transition year students with approximately 2500 attending
- A walkability audit for Central Dún Laoghaire (Town) was completed
- A workshop was held in June dealing with the redesign of the Dublin Bus Network
- Bleeper Bikes for Hire have been introduced at major public transport hubs and in town and village centres across dlr to encourage active sustainable means of travel in the County

Overview of Progress with Objective 11:

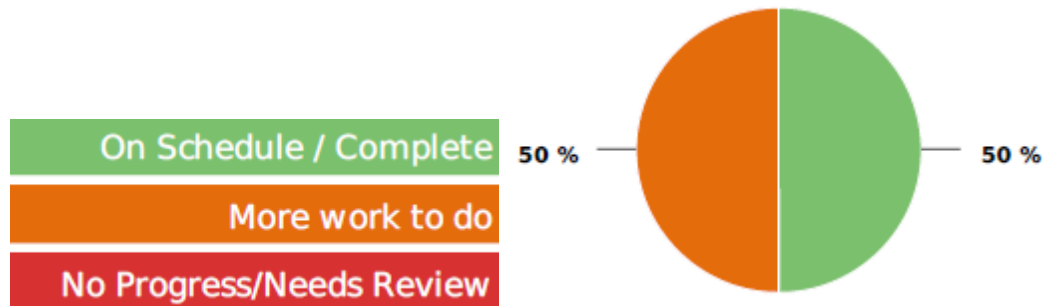
Good progress is being made on transport and enhancing connectivity and particularly for cycling as a means of active healthy and sustainable travel in dlr. Road safety has continued as a priority activity particularly with schools and students. The redesign of the Dublin Bus Network may present opportunities to consider better east west connectivity across dlr, and consultation and engagement on this will be ongoing.

Action for Consideration/ Progression for 2018

Action 11.4 Where there are gaps in service delivery, examine options and support mechanisms for the potential to deliver new transport services, including through social enterprise serving disadvantaged communities

Shared Objective 12: Promote and improve the prosperity and sustainable development of Town, District and Neighbourhood Centres.

9 actions, of which 6 are for LCDC oversight



2017 achievement for Objective 12 includes;

- On-going support of CoCo Markets in Marlay and Peoples Parks and the Christmas market in Dún Laoghaire
- Dlr Towns and Villages audit completed next phase will involve identifying opportunities for addressing
- On-going progress with highway maintenance and improvement works countywide
- Public realm improvements completed in Monkstown and Sandyford Business District with planting and seating
- One grant awarded under Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017 to support development of Kiltarnan Community Centre
- Tidy Districts, Tidy Towns and Pride of Place all successfully hosted in 2017
- Two Estate Management areas entered in 2017 Pride of Place
- Publication of new Local Area Plans for Woodbrook-Shanganagh (adopted) and Stillorgan District Centre (out to public consultation)
- Support provided for local clean-up groups, clean-up kits (pickers, gloves and bags).
- LA21 EPF projects awarded. Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Programme confirmed. Green Dog Walker and Illegal Dumping radio campaigns on-going

Overview of Progress with Objective 12:

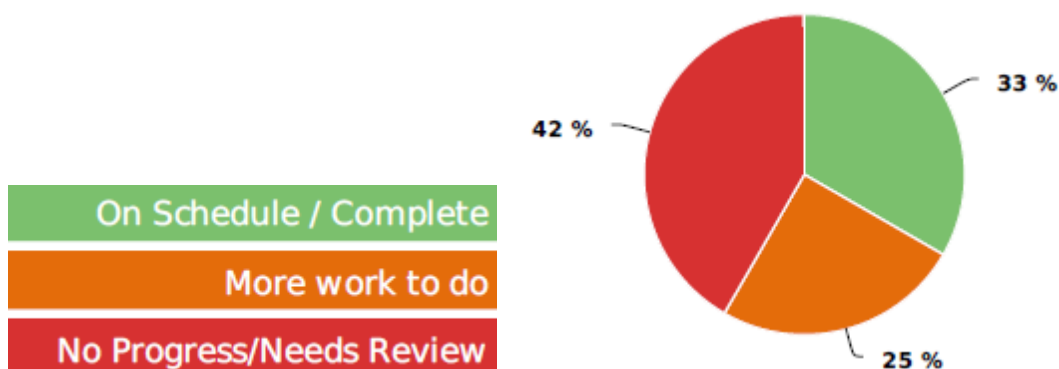
Good progress in relation to supporting Markets, Tidy Towns and Estate Management and with planning for the future development and on-going enhancement of towns and villages across the County

Action for Consideration/ Progression for 2018

Action 12.5 – Develop a Town and Villages Action and Promotion Programme

Shared Objective 13: To increase the level of philanthropy in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and to expand the community of engaged donors who are regular, strategic, long-term contributors to good causes.

6 actions, of which all are for LCDC oversight



2017 achievements for Objective 13 include;

- dlr Celebration of Volunteerism event was held on 7th December 2017 to recognise and celebrate the strong spirit of volunteerism in dlr. Presentations were made to 25 individual volunteers and 1 community group on the night.
- The Volunteer Centre is continuing to work collaboratively with local stakeholders to further encourage the spirit and practice of volunteering by all.
- Steering Group formed to develop Community Foundation for DLR met 4 times in 2017.

Overview of Progress with Objective 13:

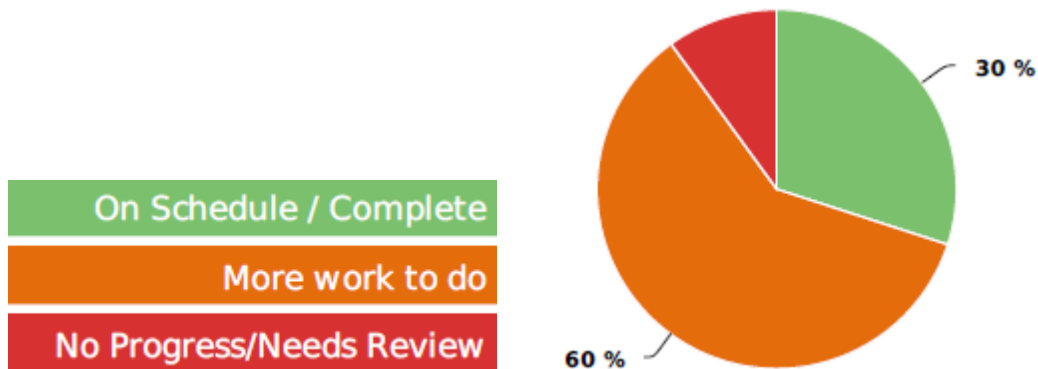
Main focus for activity under this objective during 2017 was supporting community participation and volunteerism, through supports for the dlr Volunteer Corps and a dlr event to recognise and celebrate the efforts of volunteers to support their communities across dlr.

Action for Consideration/ Progression for 2018 - There are a number of outstanding actions in this objective that require consideration/ progression.

Actions 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, 13.5 which include *Develop and Implement a Philanthropy Strategy, Explore and develop mechanisms to attract prospective donors to select and contribute to such good causes, Establish a Community Foundation to support appropriate facilities or services and Explore how Businesses are using Corporate Social Responsibility to examine how it can benefit the local community.*

Shared Objective 14: Protect the natural and built environment

8 actions, of which 5 are for LCDC oversight



2017 achievements for Objective 14 include;

- Heritage initiative to promote awareness of built heritage resources in each season continues to be successful as visitor numbers increase yearly.
- Dublin Mountains Partnership continues to improve access and facilities as the DMW is re-routed at Glencullen, electronic gate installed at Tibbradden and Cruagh car parks
- Fernhill Park consultation and plan completed and park now open to public on Sundays.
- Public realm works at Desmond Avenue in Dún Laoghaire completed.
- DLRCC sponsored the Green Business category of the County Business Awards.
- A Biodiversity Officer was appointed in 2017, and will progress DLR Biodiversity Plan in 2018.

Overview of Progress with Objective 14:

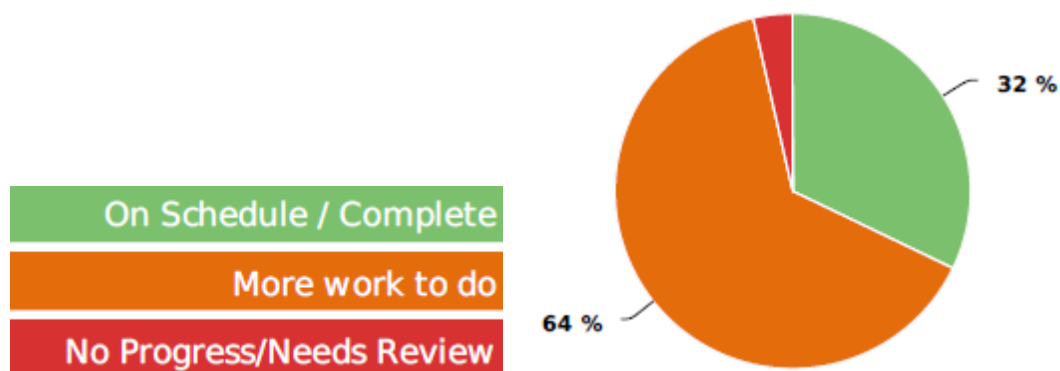
Good and on-going progress in relation to public realm and enhancing access to our natural environment in dlr

Action for Consideration/ Progression for 2018

Action 14.8 – Ensure Co-ordinated implementation of the DLR Biodiversity Plan

Community Objective 15: Develop a Supportive Environment and Promote Healthy Lifestyle Choices so that Everyone, Regardless of Ability, Education or Income, has the Opportunity for Better Physical and Mental Health and Well-Being, through access to Community Services, Amenities, Sports, Recreation and a High Quality Public Realm

9 actions, of which 9 are for LCDC oversight



2017 achievements for Objective 15 include;

- HSE Head of Service Health & Wellbeing commenced in 2017. A HSE Healthy Ireland Plan was completed and actions identified, including those for the dlr areas
- Requirements for a Primary Care Centre within dlr have been reviewed by HSE and several options are being progressed.
- DLR Libraries supported wellbeing through a diverse cultural and community development programme across the 8 branches. This has included Library Voices, Mountains to Sea, Lexlcon Lab Programme, engaged NALA initiative for literature, Summer Stars Reading, People on the Pier, Family Days, STEM Bootcamp for 8 secondary schools and Mind reading Mental Health Conference as well as the annual Bealtaine Festival .
- Funding was secured from Healthy Ireland for a collaborative Programme for the LCDC and CYPSC to support and promote health and wellbeing in dlr for target groups, this includes multi-agency partnership to deliver on programme actions
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Healthy Ireland Strategy will be developed in 2018 as part of the Healthy Ireland Programme
- *Collaboration for a Healthy County* event was held under Urbact III Network 'Change' Project
- In 2017 the Sports Partnership delivered a range of training courses, workshops and targeted physical activity programmes for all ages, levels of ability. Some examples included:
 - dlr Community 5K, which attracted 1,200 people of all ages and abilities
 - The Daily Mile, at which 700 children from 9 schools participated in as part of Active Schools Week
 - Active Dance engaged 120 TY girls from 3 schools.
 - Woodlands for Health 12 week project targeting 15 participants with poor mental health using weekly guided walks to manage symptoms
 - Be Active in Ballyogan attracted 80 people to a 'come and try it' event with 8 different minority sports & activities
 - Junior Parkrun established two new runs in Deerpark (average of 50 children) & Marlay Park (average of 180 children).
 - Sports Forum was established, focusing on Value of Volunteers in Sport. Child Protection in Sport provided Safeguarding training for 594 volunteers. UCD Seminar Series delivered across Psychology & Nutrition to 70 attendees.

- Coaching & Learning Cultures and other Training provided in 2017 included Disability Inclusion, Sports First Aid, Sports Leader, Physical Activity Leader Training.
- On-going activities in 2017 include Disability Sport – School Sports Hall Athletics, NRH Spinal Championships, Inclusive Gym, Enjoy Tennis, Choices for Health, Disability Inclusion Seminar, Disability Inclusion Open Evening, Water Sports Inclusion Games, Cycling Skills Training, Vision Impaired Exercise Classes, Inclusive Kayaking
- Sports Forum meeting held in March 2017 on the theme of Mental Health.
- A Sports Inclusion Disability office now in place. .
- Marley, Cabinteely, Blackrock and the People’s Park all received Green Flags
- Revised Drug Strategy put in place. Two projects operating in Mounttown and Ballyogan. A Youth-At-Risk Network was established for persons working with young people at high risk of cannabis use, with 3 events held in 2017.

Overview of Progress with Objective 15:

Significant progress and activity underway in relation to the Actions for this Objective, which will include the development of a Healthy Ireland Strategy for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown in 2018 under Healthy Ireland Strand I funding that was received in 2017.

Action for Consideration/ Progression for 2018

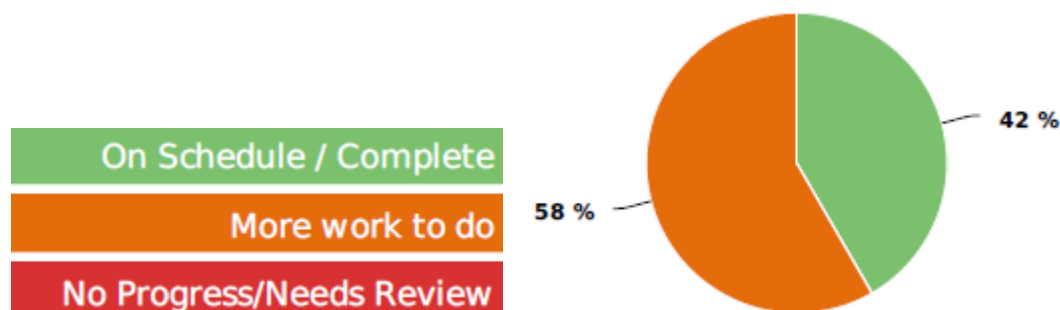
15.1 Implement the Healthy Ireland Strategy within the context of dlr and monitor its impact

15.2 Develop a range of data sets and accessible web based dashboard to support effective planning and resource allocation

15.9 Provide and promote programmes and events that are inclusive for people with disabilities

Community Objective 16: Support Families within the County

4 actions, of which 4 are for LCDC oversight



Progress to date includes;

- A Children's & Young Person's Services Committee Coordinator was appointed and new DLR Children's & Young Person's Services Committee (CYPSC) established with meetings held (August and November) and Chairs appointed from Tusla and DLR County Council.
- Needs analysis and countywide demographic analysis completed which will help to inform a CYPSC 3-year plan which is under development
- On-going delivery of Parenting Support Initiative Countywide Childcare Committee in collaboration with Southside Partnership and Barnardos.
- In 2017 four interagency/community based parenting support groups operated - Mounttown, Shanganagh, Ballyogan and Southside Travellers. Staff have been trained in the evidence based Parents Early Education Programme (PEEP), working with the most marginalised, disadvantaged children and families. Over 40 vulnerable families or 83 people participated in the groups in 2017. A plan for sustainable funding will be part of the work for 2018.
- Southside Partnership also continued to link with schools and relevant agencies to support after-schools and out of school clubs in Mounttown and Loughlinstown, to support families within the County
- Tusla established a Prevention, Partnership & Family Support (PPFS) Steering Group for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown.
- New Ballyogan Community Arts Programme, *Exit 15*, was developed with Arts Council funding and support from the dlr Community Development Section. Supported by Canvas at the Grainstore – Long Road to Longitude with MCD delivered.
- Early years arts programming opportunities with support from DLRCC - commission completed (Ballyogan Community Childcare); commission in Mounttown Community Childcare near completion.
- Youth Arts and Disability commission with St. John of Gods in the Grainstore, dlr's Youth Arts Facility. Performance in dlr LexIcon, May 2017
- Part VIII approved for Shanganagh Park House to provide a multi-use extension to the community centre

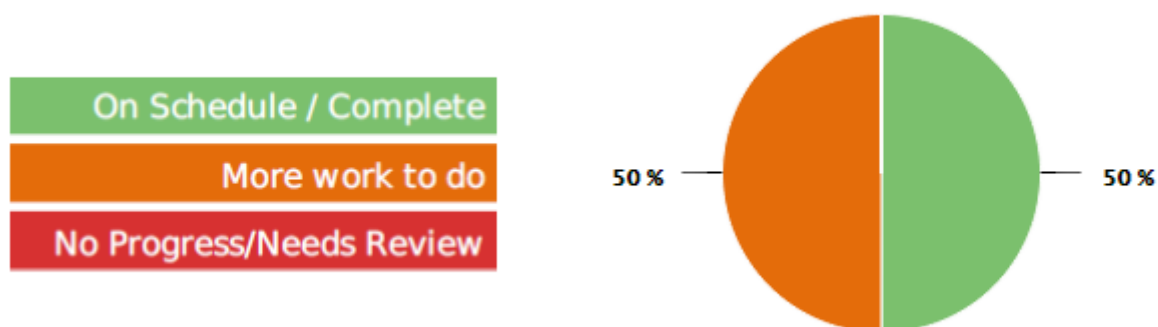
Overview of Progress with Objective 16:

Significant progress and activity with most Actions in this objective underway

Action for Consideration/ Progression for 2018

Action 16.2 Establish a Children's Services Committee and develop a children's services action plan

Community Objective 17: Support an Age-friendly County



Progress to date includes;

- Implementation of the dlr Age Friendly Strategy 2016 - 2020 is on-going, with new Directory of Services for Older People in DLR developed and launched in June
- Petal Project launched in June at DLR Council offices and facilities – showing locations for accessible toilet facilities
- Age Friendly Alliance provided support with achievement of the aims of the dlr Age Friendly Strategy 2016-2020. The Alliance met four times to progress actions in the Strategy.
- A range of supports and age friendly initiatives delivered during 2017 – including Azure Tours of dlr Municipal Gallery for people suffering from dementia, Internet and Smartphone Classes, mobile phone tuition for older people facilitated by Community Gardaí in conjunction with Transition Year students and supported by dlrcoco & Home Instead.
- Support Co-ordination and Befriending Service provided by Alone to 293 older people, with the support of dlrcoco
- Befriending service provided to 84 older people by Making Connections with support from dlrcoco
- Homelink provided support to 514 older people through telephone calls, slow walks and social events, with support from dlrcoco
- Public Age project consultation events held across County to explore how our public spaces can work better for older people to ensure our public spaces contribute to, rather than inhibit our health, wellbeing and positive ageing.

Overview of Progress with Objective 17:

Good progress being made on the Actions in this Objective, with support from Age Friendly Alliance partners in progressing implementation of dlr's Age Friendly Strategy.

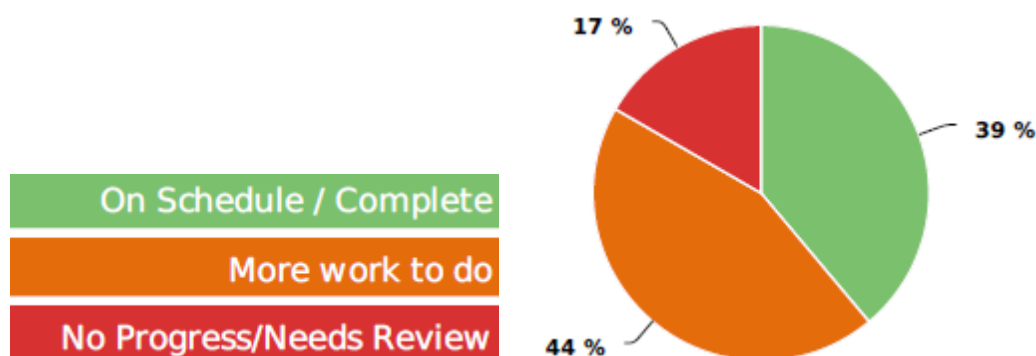
Action for Consideration/Progression for 2018

17.3 Develop an Age Friendly Service Providers Forum to support coordination and communication

17.4 Arrange opportunities for intergenerational engagement

Community Objective 18: Support a Safe and Secure County

5 actions, of which 5 are for LCDC oversight



Progress to date includes;

- The Joint Policing Committee and Local Policing Fora provide a forum for identifying and discussing appropriate responses to issues relating to public safety and policing. A 6 year JPC action plan has been developed and is being implemented.
- An annual Implementation plan for 2017 was developed with progress achieved against objectives related to the 3 goals. There was ongoing engagement with Policing Authority regarding Policing Priorities and input to a workshop.
- JPC annual public meeting was held in November and highlighted key safety and crime statistics for the County and addressed any issues of concern or query.
- Three Local Policing forums are in place and meet regularly for (1) Loughlinstown / Shankill / Ballybrack, (2) Sandyford / Stepside and (3) Central Dún Laoghaire. These LPF meet every two months. Local programmes are developed for each LPF based on the JPC Annual Plan. Progress reports are presented at JPC meetings .
- Workshop with LPF Members took place to consider LPF role, remit and opportunities to develop into the future and support in achieving JPC goals. Reports will be finalised 2018.
- Operation Imeacht operated very effectively in increasing high visibility policing in 2017, engaging with the Community at ground level by getting “Feet Back on the Beat” and policing Public Order hotspots.
- Operation Irene operated very effectively in 2017 with very positive feedback received through the Central Dún Laoghaire Local Policing Forum.
- SAVE counselling service continued in 2017 and a part time domestic violence information & support worker was employed. The service receives referrals from Tusla, the HSE, Sonas Housing, Cottage Home, Barnardos, Southside Travellers and DROP. 23 women engaged with the service and 65 calls were made in to the service for help and support.

Conclusions on Objective 18:

Good progress continues in line with JPC Action Plan and with support of Local Policing Fora.

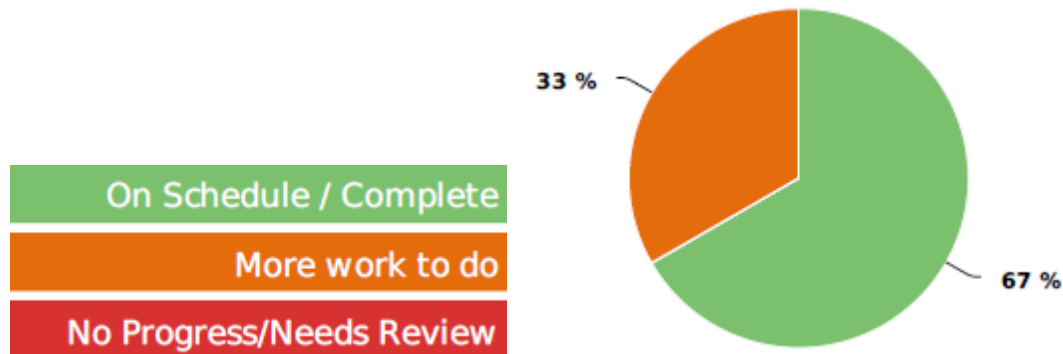
Action for Consideration/ Progression for 2018

Action 18.2 Support the development of the Local Policing Fora across the county as a mechanism to address local issues in a co-ordinated and effective way

Action 18.4 Investigate the role of technology in improving safety through creating enhanced connectivity

Community Objective 19: Develop Capacity Building within Communities to create improved support for Individuals and Community Organisations, enabling them to meet the needs of their areas more effectively.

4 actions, of which 4 are for LCDC oversight



Progress to date includes;

- Street Feast events held in 90 locations across the County with financial assistance from Community Development. A number of these events were recorded, in partnership with IADT, with a photographic exhibition launched during Festival of Inclusion in October 2017.
- Support is provided on an on-going basis to Communities, Residents Associations, Clubs and other organisations in the development and use of their public open spaces within Estates and in the Public Parks.
- Thematic conversations on social exclusion with migrant women, people with disabilities and young people have taken place. On-going engagement with local community groups 4 Family Resource Centres. Providing access to capacity building workshops for LCG staff and personal development workshops for target groups. 29 LCGs have been supported in areas of governance and programme delivery. 8 groups participated in training on a number of themes. 7 groups have been supported to leverage funding and Capacity Building Training Programme developed for roll out in 2018.
- During 2017 the Volunteer Centre saw the establishment of the DLR Volunteer Corps, and the initial sign up of over 100 members in its first months. In its pilot year, the DLR Volunteer Corps also supported three local community events, including the DLR 5k.
- A total of 12 Estates within the County are engaged in the Estate Management Programme. Each Estate Management Forum submitted 2 Service Plans for 2017. Service Plan 1 detailed the works that would be carried out/overseen by the group with financial assistance from the Council while Service Plan 2 detailed the works to be undertaken by Council Departments. All works identified in both Plans were completed.
- Support for Estate Management Forum was provided during 2017 including training in December 2017 in conjunction with the DLR County Estate Management Fora on the theme of team building with participants from all 12 Estate Management Fora in attendance.
- 29 community groups assisted by SSP with governance and programme delivery. 8 groups participated in training events.
- The LCDC administered grant funding under Communities Facilities Scheme 2017 and awarded 44 grants (43 projects proceeded). This achieves LECP Community objectives.

Overview of Progress with Objective 19:

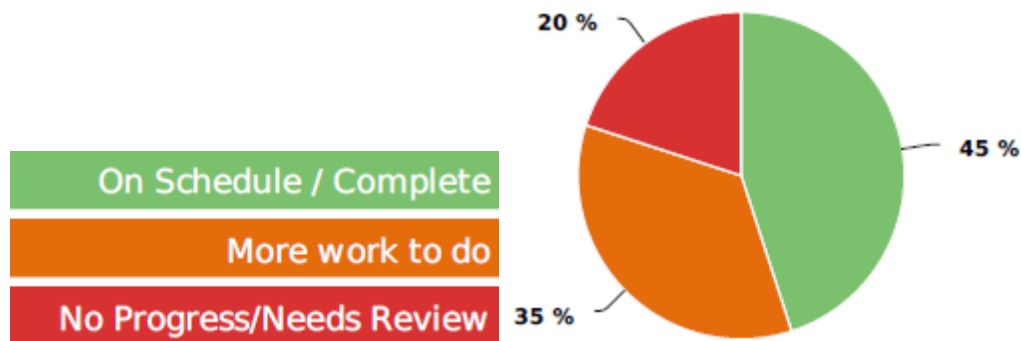
Significant progress and activity has been completed and is on-going with the Actions in this Objective related to building community capacity, volunteerism and estate management.

Action for Consideration/ Progression for 2018

Action 19.1 Develop a DLR Place making programme promoting active community participation of local communities in the design and use of public spaces.

Community Objective 20: : Support Marginalised Communities through Collaboration with Local Communities and Agencies to Reduce Social Exclusion and Poverty, and Value Cultural Diversity, to include Individuals, Members of the Travelling Community, and Other Target Groups

10 actions, of which 10 are for LCDC oversight



Progress to date includes;

- The annual Festival of Inclusion which was themed "Connecting Communities" took place from the 6th-14th of October, with over 40 events taking place throughout the week, including some key events:
 - The Diversity Fashion Show with an audience of approximately 200 people
 - The Big Sing which involved 8 Community Choirs and a live orchestra attracted approximately 300 people
 - The Ballybrack/Killiney Older Person's Entertainment Evening was hosted by An Garda Síochána and dlrcoco, and specifically targeted older people who do not regularly attend social events in the area
 - UCD 4 ALL provided free taster sessions on topics such as Paths to Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, Sports and Nutrition, History and Literature, Health and Well-being at the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus
 - A Celebration of Traveller Culture took place in County Hall included a photography exhibition, live displays and presentations from members of the Traveling Community of all ages
 - The 'dlr Community 5k' took place in Kilbogget Park which drew large numbers of participants of all ages and abilities
 - The dlr Ethnic Minority Integration Forum and dlr jointly hosted the 'Irish Citizenship Celebration' as a welcome to residents of dlr who have recently been granted Irish Citizenship
 - The 'Connecting Communities Exhibition' included photographic exhibitions of '21 Faces - Take a Second Look' which was a joint initiative of the Down Syndrome Centre and dlrcoco and 'Street Feast' which was a joint initiative of dlrcoco and IADT
- DLR County Council provided grants supports through 274 community grants to a value of €244,442 in 2017. To support and advise community groups, eight (8) information sessions held County wide in April and October with information on the Community Grants application process.

- The Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) through Southside Partnership worked with 55 local community groups in 2017, 60% of them working with disadvantaged children, young people and families. 696 people engaged with SSP supported community based activities in 2017. Through the Southside Community Training Network, SSP organised a number of training events for local community groups including, Community Development, ASIST, Safe Talk, and Suicide Prevention Training. SSP also hosts the Living Well with Dementia Volunteer Programme and is a member of their consortium. 650 unemployed individuals supported to develop skills for employment from LES, Tus and CE Scheme managed by SSP.
- SICAP contract oversight by LCDC in 2017
- SICAP contract awarded by LCDC for 2018 to 2022
- A Strategic Plan of Southside Travellers Action Group was produced to inform the development of a work plan for the Traveller Interagency Steering Group.
- The dlr Ethnic Minority Integration Forum continues to be supported by dlrc. During the 2017 Festival of Inclusion dlr hosted the dlremif Irish Citizenship Celebration
- The LCDC administered the RAPID scheme and awarded 7 RAPID grants to a total value of €64,500. This will assist with achieving LECP Social Inclusion objectives and in meeting RAPID themes
- Crosscare Community Café opened in Dún Laoghaire and is open five days per week

Overview of Progress with Objective 20:

Good and on-going progress achieved during 2017 to support marginalised communities, reduce social exclusion and poverty and value cultural diversity. The SICAP programme achieved its headline targets, and there is on-going support from a range of partners to reduce social exclusion and value cultural diversity in dlr.

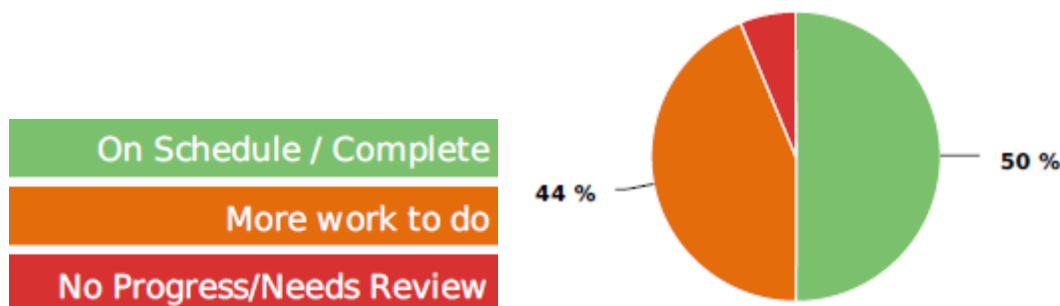
Action for Consideration/ Progression for 2018 –

20.6 Carry out an analysis of the pattern of long term unemployment within the county to improve employment opportunities for unemployed people within key target groups and communities

20.7 Carry out research to allow for greater evaluation of marginalisation and bias for groups such as women, those with a disability, older people, young people, ethnic minorities, travellers, religious minorities or LGBT

Community Objective 21: Develop and Encourage Community Spirit, Public Participation and Volunteering which Allow Greater Community Development for All within the County

8 actions, of which 8 are for LCDC oversight



Progress to date includes;

- In 2017 membership of DLR PPN grew to 400 members. The Secretariat met 8 times and attended capacity building training. 2 Plenary meetings for DLR PPN members were held in 2017, total attendance 107 people.
- In 2017 DLR PPN ran 6 training and capacity building courses which were attended by 65 of its members. DLR PPN also collaborated with Southside Partnership on a Community Development training course and with DLR Volunteer Centre on Garda Vetting training. In November 2017 DLR PPN ran a seminar on citizen participation that was attended by 45 people
- DLR PPN produced 9 ezines and its email subscriber list grew from 378 subscribers to 495. In 2017 the DLR PPN ezine was opened and read by 1,215 people.
- Community facilities and services across dlr have been mapped and the next stage will involve website development.
- DLRCC supported the URBACT III network called CHANGE project and hosted visits and events regarding public participation in the design and delivery of services.
- DLR Comhairle na nÓg in place since November 2016. Monthly Comhairle meetings held to progress Work Plan while Interagency Steering Committee meets on a quarterly basis. Comhairle Members attended May Council meeting and PPN Plenary Meeting in October DLR Comhairle na nÓg was also selected to sit on DCYA Steering Committee to assist in organising 2017 Dáil na nÓg with one of the dlr Comhairle selected to participate in an interview on the Radio 1 Drivetime Programme.

Overview of Progress with Objective 21:

Progress is on-going with activity progressing well under the objective to develop and encourage community spirit, public participation and volunteering within the county.

Action for Consideration/ Progression for 2018 –

21.2 Explore the potential of a new web based community maps service on community services and activities in dlr

21.6 Develop a Community Garden programme

21.7 investigate what groups are not engaged in the community and promote actions to increase their participation

Conclusion:

Overall good progress has been made in 2017 in relation to the implementation of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP), and achievement of objectives. It would be important to acknowledge the considerable contributions made by key partner organisations and departments of DLRCC who are leading and supporting the implementation of actions. In particular, the action owners play a key role in driving implementation and progress in relation to their actions and providing updates, which is appreciated. The successful implementation of the LECP is dependent on support and collaborative actions from partners. It is important to acknowledge the commitment and participation of all to support with implementing the LECP and helping to achieve the overall goals.

Progress has been made under each of the objectives, and during 2017, new areas of focus and progress included actions related to Health and Wellbeing, and Children and Young People with the establishment of a new Committee to support work in this area and commence needs analysis for dlr.

Under each objective, there are actions which have been highlighted for consideration, and in some cases these now require review or further consideration to determine whether the actions are relevant and can be progressed during 2018. It will also be important to consider actions where partners can collaborate to support with delivering the overall objective. The LCDC will be asked to consider progress to date and areas for focus during 2018 at the forthcoming meeting.