

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 28th June 2018 at 8.30am
The Annex, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire

Present:	Organisation
Cllr Kate Feeney	Elected Representative
Cllr Anne Colgan	Elected Representative
Cormac Shaw	Southside Partnership
Dearbhla Lawson (Chair)	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council
Kay Gleeson	DLR Public Participation Network
Mary Ruane	Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council Chief Officer
Tom Kivlehan	DLR Public Participation Network
Michael O'Brien	DLR Public Participation Network
Josephine Browne	DLR Chamber
Frank Costelloe	Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Lorna Kerin	TUSLA (Advisory Member)
Sharon Perry	DLR Public Participation Network
Ibrahim Al Kaddo	DLR Public Participation Network
Cllr Peter O'Brien	Elected Representative
In Attendance:	
Eoin Kelly	DLRCC
Jason O'Sullivan	DLRCC
Apologies:	
Cllr John Kennedy	Elected Representative
Colm Kinsella	Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Siobhan Fitzpatrick	Health Service Executive
Derek Elders	DDL Education and Training
Owen Laverty	DLR Local Enterprise Office
Alan Wyley	Southside Partnership

Welcome and Introductions

Dearbhla Lawson opened the meeting and welcomed members present.

Nominations and Replacements

It was noted that the position for a Rural/Agricultural Sector representative on the LCDC is still unfilled following Philip Maguire's retirement from the LCDC. A follow up request to be made the IFA to fill vacancy.

Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the LCDC meeting held on 23rd May 2018 were proposed by Kay Gleeson, seconded by Tom Kivlehan, and approved.

PPN Update

An update was provided by Kay Gleeson regarding the PPN. PPN Membership has increased to 437. A Plenary meeting was held in April at which the PPN Annual Work Plan was ratified and the PPN Annual Report was delivered. The next Plenary Meeting is scheduled for autumn 2018. Planning for the autumn is underway, which includes holding a series of Community Grant workshops planned by the Community Department and PPN. It was noted that GDPR issues are impacting on the dissemination of the PPN e-zines and insurance issues related to data and GDPR were raised. It was suggested that the PPN could consult with the PPN national network in this regard.

LEADER Programme and Rural Task Force Updates

A summary report from Fingal LEADER Partnership on the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme was presented by Cormac Shaw. There are currently 32 approved LEADER projects, of which 2 are in DLR, and the funding approved for DLR is on par at approx. 10% of total funding approved.

There was an animation event held in Kiltarnan Country Markets by Fingal LEADER Partnership in June 2018. It was noted that the Rural Task Force, through its representatives from the Educational Training Board, Southside Partnership DLR, DLRCC and other groups could collaborate to identify training and workshop needs locally for further animation of the LEADER programme in this area, for example to encourage community-based projects with social inclusion and projects with environmental themes.

Community Enhancement Programme

Mary Ruane provided a Report on the Community Enhancement Programme 2018 to LCDC members.

Following discussion, the report was approved and it was agreed to establish a Subgroup of the LCDC to assess applications and issue a report, including recommendations, to the LCDC for their decision at the next LCDC Meeting on 19th September 2018.

It was unanimously **Agreed** by the LCDC to nominate the following to be Members of the LCDC Subgroup for the Community Enhancement Programme:

Kay Gleeson, Michael O'Brien, Councillor Kate Feeney, Lorna Kerin and Josephine Browne

Action: Chief Officer to arrange meeting(s) of Community Enhancement Programme Sub Group prior to next LCDC Meeting.

Healthy Ireland Update

Dearbhla Lawson advised that a full update on Round 1 actions funded by Healthy Ireland will be ready for the September LCDC meeting, following completion of final reports for Round 1.

A Round 2 joint application from DLR LCDC and DLR CYPSC was submitted to Pobal for funding in the sum of €112,100. It was noted that POBAL have formally agreed to advance 15% of the funding for Round 2 to DLRCC, pending

their consideration of the joint application, through a signed agreement with the LCDC/CYPSC.

LECP Update

Dearbhla Lawson presented draft minutes of the LCDC's Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) Workshop held on 3rd of May 2018, which was circulated to members with the Agenda. Ms. Lawson outlined that the LCDC held this workshop, following on from the previous LCDC workshop on 14th March 2018, to assess key priorities for 2018 and to identify areas of collaboration between agencies to address key areas in the LECP requiring further focus and attention.

The following proposals for further inter-agency engagement were developed during the detailed discussion on the draft minutes:

In relation to (15.2) - Lorna Kerin advised that Tusla have selected Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown as an area to develop as a data hub.

In regard to (18.5), it was agreed that it should be a priority for LCDC to ask Tusla to present on a strategic plan on Domestic Violence and the facilities available. In regard to (20.1), it was noted that LCDC could engage with Tusla in regard to supports for Family Resource Centres.

In relation to (20.6), Tom Kivlehan advised that there are lots of opportunities in Colleges of Further Education, as there are more vacancies due to higher employment levels, but there were issues around non-attendance and drop-out rates. It was agreed that an update from DDLETB would be helpful in this regard. Lorna Kerin suggested that the Education Sub Group under the DLR Children and Young Persons Services Committee (CYPSC) could be part of that discussion. Cormac Shaw suggested a scoping exercise to investigate funding and research opportunities regarding non-attendance and high drop-out rates after 1st year.

Cormac Shaw discussed (20.7) and he will meet with his team in Southside Partnership DLR to further define what is needed and identify where there are opportunities for funding and will revert to the Chief Officer, to bring to the SICAP Sub Committee.

In relation to (21.1), it was agreed to add Older Person's Groups to enhance links and engagement with older people.

The key role of the DLR Public Participation Network was emphasised in relation to (21.7).

The importance of (10.1) for children was noted and it was agreed to extend an invitation to the Manager of the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Childcare Committee to give a presentation to the LCDC.

A discussion took place regarding how LCDC ensures that LECP actions are being addressed.

The minutes of the LCDC's Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) Workshop held on 3rd of May 2018 were proposed by Josephine Browne, seconded by Cormac Shaw, and approved. The need for regular updates from specific action holders to ensure partners remain engaged was noted.

The consideration of the DLR Local Economic & Community Plan-Progress Report for Community Objectives submitted to the LCDC on 28th June 2018, was deferred by Dearbhla Lawson who noted the late circulation of the report but advised that a comprehensive mid-year report would be circulated in advance of the September LCDC meeting.

CYPSC Update

Lorna Kerin from Tusla gave a presentation on CYPSC under the Work Programme for the LCDC. The update outlined progress made on DLR Children's and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC) and set out the purpose of CYPSC and National Policy Mandate for CYPSC's. The key area agencies on the DLR CYPSC's Strategic Senior Area Management Committee were outlined.

Lorna referred to a socio-Demographic Report on DLR Child & Youth Population. She raised some issues in relation to Priority Actions under national outcomes for children and young people:

- Child & Youth Mental Health-
 - New CYPSC funding for a DLR Crosscare Youth Mental Wellness Bridge Worker was welcomed by LCDC.
- Learning & Education
 - Data needed on early school leavers and where they are going
- Safe and protected from harm
 - Domestic violence, also young people in aftercare
- Economic security & opportunity for DLR children & youth
 - Early years investment
- Connected, Respected & Contributing To Their World
 - Issue of participation

SICAP Update

The DLR SICAP Lot Summary Mid-year 2018 Report from the IRIS system was circulated to the LCDC with the agenda. A mid-year review is carried out each year to ensure the programme is on target and is performing in accordance with the KPI's and in relation to financial expenditure. The LCDC's SICAP Sub Committee held a mid-year review meeting on the 20th June 2018 and their report in relation to their review of the mid-year progress on SICAP was provided to the LCDC. Also, the Technical Mid-Year Review January to May 2018 was also circulated.

Cormac Shaw provided a comprehensive update on the DLR SICAP Summary Report for mid-year and set out the nature of Southside Partnership DLR's programme implementation work in relation to Goal 1-Local Community Groups and Social Enterprises and for Goal 2- Individuals, identifying needs and developing plans to meet needs through personal action plans. Southside Partnership also provides self-employment and labour market supports with a commitment to lifelong learning. The SICAP focus is not specifically about getting people in to jobs as many other organisations do that. Southside Partnership provides bespoke training courses to meet needs of service users. A discussion centred on 'difficult to engage' groups such as younger persons at risk, traveller men and also, former prisoners.

Cormac Shaw also advised that a closer working relationship with LEO has been initiated with start-up awards being organised by Southside Partnership.

Lorna Kerin drew particular attention to the amount of work being done with youth and after-school initiatives and that a need has been identified for such a service in Dún Laoghaire.

Action: Lorna Kerin to discuss with SSP regarding increasing service provision for early school leavers.

The LCDC Sub Committee report outlined that Members agreed that the programme is being implemented in a manner that is in line with KPI targets and is on course to meet the annual targets based on the mid-year review and there are no issues of concern in relation to the targets or to the financial management of the programme. The Sub Committee noted 4 issues to be reported back to Pobal if the LCDC agrees:

1. The programme requirement to focus on areas of disadvantage may be to the detriment of this expanding group of disadvantaged individuals who have dispersed housing and are not readily identified as participants for SICAP as they are not located in designated areas of disadvantage.
2. A change in the categorisation and description of the "Emerging needs/substance misuse" category as programme participants are very slow to self-identify at the outset as being in this category. Consider removing this criteria as a registration pre-requisite and instead reporting at the end of the programme.
3. Increase range of reporting outcomes to include progression in education.
4. General administration costs for programme are fixed and need to be reviewed by Pobal.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Kate Feeney, seconded by Tom Kivlehan and AGREED to approve the DLR SICAP mid-review review and to report the 4 issues to Pobal as set out above.

Future Updates


In relation to the LECP priorities, it was agreed to prioritise invitations to Túsla, the ETB and Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Childcare Committee to present to the LCDC on issues and priorities identified by the LCDC's May Workshop.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on September 19th September at 8.30am in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall

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None

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Print Name: DEARBHILA LAWSON

Print Name: MARY RUANE

Chairperson

Chief Officer