



**Minutes of
West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
Via Microsoft Teams**

Date: 27th October 2022

Time: 3.30pm.

Present:

Name	Organisation	Public/Private
Cllr. Declan Hurley	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. John O' Sullivan	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Alan Coleman	Cork County Council	Public
Ms. Clodagh Henahan	Divisional Manager West Cork	Public
Mr. Kevin Curran	North and West LEO	Public
Mr. John Lyne	Dept. Employment	Public
Ms. Máire Ní Shé	Udarás na Gaeltachta	Public
Ms. Máire Uí Mhaoláin	Comhar na nOileán Teo	Private
Ms. Helen O'Sullivan	Cork PPN	Private
Mr. Finbarr Harrington	Cork County PPN	Private
Mr. Cornelius Buckley	Farming Pillar/IFA	Private
Ms. Eileen O'Shea	Civic Society	Private
Ms. Phoebe Bright	Environment Pillar	Private
Mr. Ryan Howard	SECAD CLG.	Private
Ms. Arran O'Driscoll	West Cork Dev Partnership CLG.	Private

Apologies:

Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. Enda McWeeney	Cork ETB	Public
Mr. Colm Leen	Cork Chamber	Private
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Staff in Attendance

Ms. Kay Keegan	Chief Officer, LCDC	Cork County Council
Mr. Andrew Lewis	Finance Officer	Cork County Council
Mr. Jesse Dorrington	Staff Officer	Cork County Council

<p>Quorum=11 (50% of 19 rounded up +1 = 11) In attendance= 15 (8 Private: 7 Public) Apologies= 4 Total membership= 19</p>
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Welcome & Introduction

The LCDC was conducted through Microsoft Teams.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous LCDC Meeting of 22nd September 2022.

The Minutes were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Declan Hurley and seconded by Kevin Curran.

Matters arising

N/A

2. Local Economic and Community Plan 2023 + Update by Aileen Hurley, Project Manager, Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism, Cork County Council

LECP Background

- ▶ Local Government Reform Act 2014
- ▶ Local element of the national framework
- ▶ 6-year strategic plan for Cork County which promotes and supports economic & local community development
- ▶ Led by the Local Authority, economic & community stakeholders
- ▶ Economic and societal changes since the 1st LECP
- ▶ Structures such as SPCs, LEOs, PPN, and LCDCs are now firmly established at local level
- ▶ New 2 stage process = LECP high level objectives framework and Implementation Plan

LECP Stages



Structure and Purpose of the Advisory Steering Group

- ▶ One of the first steps is to establish an ASG to assist in and advise on the preparation, adoption, implementation and monitoring of the LECP
- ▶ To ensure an integrated plan – bringing community and economic elements together
- ▶ Advisory Steering Group to include:
 - LCDC members
 - SPC members
 - Chief Officer – LCDC
 - Director of Service EDET
 - Senior stakeholders – public & private bodies

LCDC – Lead Role

- ▶ LECP has 2 separate but interconnected elements – economic and community development
- ▶ The Local Government Reform Act 2014 requires the community elements are developed through the LCDCS
- ▶ Multiple policies to be taken on board for example Our Rural Future, Making Remote Work, Roadmap for Social Inclusion
- ▶ Regional elements through the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies and Regional Enterprise Plans

Framework and Implementation Plan



2016 LECP High-Level Goals

Employment

HLG 1: Provide for a wide range of employment opportunities, across the county, which enable all citizens to participate fully in society and the economy

HLG 2: Provide for a physical economic network consisting of land, premises, facilities and supporting infrastructure

HLG 3: Provide for a business environment and entrepreneurship that facilitates creation, innovation and growth within the sector

HLG 4: Promote Cork as Ireland's Second City Region and facilitate population growth above the natural growth rate, increasing the local economic market and workforce

HLG 5: Provide for access to other markets, nationally and internationally

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT / INNOVATION

HLG 1: Drive growth through research and innovation, across social and economic sectors and throughout the county

HLG 2: Provide for the capturing, protecting and commercialising of ideas and know-how, large and small in scale

HLG 3: Provide for the building of a world class research network within Cork, linking existing and proposed institutes, physically and operationally

2016 LECP High-Level Goals

CLIMATE CHANGE / ENERGY

HLG 1: Provide for the alignment of County Cork with the national targets for emission reductions

HLG 2: Provide for potential climate change impacts within County Cork, including adaptation

HLG 3: Ensure that our activities and places, existing and proposed, are robust in terms of energy choice

HLG 4: Provide for the harnessing of County Cork's energy potential, including the protection of Cork's locational and other energy assets

HLG 5: Provide for the creation of a local circular economy model of sustainability

EDUCATION

HLG 1: Provide for education and training opportunities that facilitate all learners in accessing the knowledge and skills they need to participate fully in society and the economy

HLG 2: Provide for the alignment of education and training opportunities with the social and economic needs and potential of the county

HLG 3: Provide for opportunities for citizens to access information that will contribute to positive life choices

2016 LECP High-Level Goals

POVERTY / SOCIAL EXCLUSION

HLG 1: Provide for the removal of barriers that contribute to physical, social and economic exclusion, for all life stages

HLG 2: Facilitate citizen engagement with social and economic opportunities

HLG 3: Provide for the recognition that all citizens are valued equally and have the potential to contribute to County Cork society in a positive manner

HLG 4: Facilitate the enhancement of community identity, solidarity and civic engagement

HLG 5: Provide for access by all citizens to services that enhance their quality of life

RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT

HLG 1: Optimise the sustainable environmental receiving capacity of the County in order to facilitate planned for growth and change

HLG 2: Provide for the physical enhancement of Cork County's rural and urban places

Next Steps

- ▶ Establish the Advisory Steering Group – LCDC representation essential – CE to invite members to participate shortly
- ▶ Review of the old LECP (desktop and survey)
- ▶ Socio-economic analysis, socio-economic statement, and drafting of the high-level goals and objectives to be prepared
- ▶ SPC/LCDCs to input on the draft socio-economic statement and high-level goals and objectives

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The Chair Cllr. John O'Sullivan thanked Aileen Hurley for the presentation and asked that it be sent to members which was agreed.

Phoebe Bright asked for clarity on the definition of sustainability being used for the new LECP and Aileen Hurley said that it corresponded to the UN High Level Goal. Phoebe Bright gave the LCDC's chosen definition of sustainability.

3. **SICAP**

N/A

4. **Any Other Business**

N/A

4. **Date of Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting is 24th November 2022 at 3.30pm

Meeting Concluded

The Minutes were approved by the West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

Signed:



CHAIRPERSON

Dated:

24th November 2022