

Minutes of South Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Council Chamber, County Hall & Via Microsoft Teams

Date: 23rd February 2023 Time: 10.00am.

Present:

Name	Organisation	Public / Private
Cllr. Michael Hegarty	Cork County Council	Public
Clir. Seamus McGrath	Cork County Council	Public
Ms. Marica Dalton	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. Sean O'Sullivan	Head of LEO South Cork	Public
Ms. Valerie O'Sullivan	Divisional Manager South Cork	Public
Mr. John Lyne	DSP	Public
Mr. Donal O'Liathain	Údarás na Gaeltachta	Public
Mr. Tom Howard	PPN	Private
Mr. Ryan Howard	SECAD Partnership CLG	Private
Ms. Mary O'Leary	Environmental Pillar	Private
Mr. Liam McCarthy	PPN	Private
Mr. Pat Roche	Avondhu Blackwater Partnership CLG	Private
Mr. Jimmy Hosford	IFA	Private
Ms. Arran O'Driscoll	West Cork Development Partnership	Private

Apologies:

Name	Organisation	Private / Public
Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. John Fitzgibbons	Cork ETB	Public
Ms. Ashley Amato	Cork Chamber	Private
Mr. Brian Williams	Youth Work Ireland	Private
Vacant	Civic Society	Private

Staff in Attendance:

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

Quorum = 11 (50% of 19 rounded up + 1 = 11)

In attendance = 14 (7 Private: 7 Public)

Apologies = 5

Total membership = 19



Welcome and Introduction.

It was noted that a quorum was in place and the meeting commenced.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous LCDC Meeting of 24th November 2022.

The Minutes were adopted on the proposal of Tom Howard and seconded by Sean O'Sullivan.

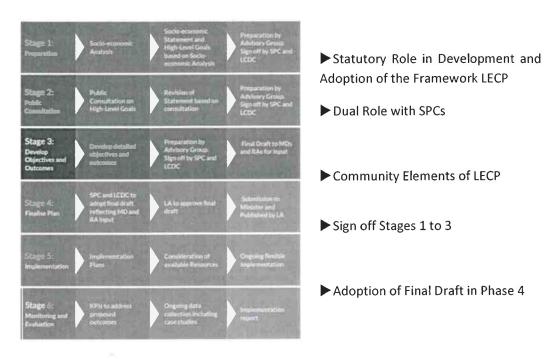
Matters arising

None.

2. Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) Update by Sharon O'Connell, Executive Planner Cork County Council and People and Place

The Cork County Local Economic and Community Plan is a statutory Plan that takes into account national and regional plans and sets out high level goals, objectives and actions required to promote and support local economic and community development within the County. This is a two-phase process, the first of which is the development of a Framework LECP. This is due to be adopted by December 2023. The LCDC has a statutory role in signing off the framework at each stage. Each stage and the role of the LCDC are detailed in the diagram below.

Role of LCDC:



The LECP Advisory Group has been formed and met for the first time on 17th January. This group has 30 members representing a wide range of key stakeholders within the County.



People and Place:

Cork County Council has commissioned People and Place to develop a Socio-Economic Profile for the county. This is a comprehensive statistical and spatial profile which provides a robust and extensive evidence base for the development and implementation of the LECP. The data is presented at county and sub county tiers including administrative division, strategic planning areas, municipal districts and settlements. Where possible it has also been benchmarked against the corresponding regional and state data, which enables comparative analysis. The profile will be updated following the release of the data from the 2022 Census. The details of the Socio-Economic Profile will be provided to the members of the LCDC. Any feedback on this data would be welcomed and can be emailed to LECP2023@corkcoco.ie.

Stage 1 as detailed in the diagram above involves the preparation of the draft Socio-Economic Statement which will include High Level Goals. The drafting of the statement and high-level goals will be informed by the data in the socio-economic profile. This document will be presented for sign off to the LCDCs at the April meetings before proceeding to public consultation. It will also be presented for sign off to the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC. The public consultation of the document is due to commence in May 2023.

Progress to Date:

- · Stage 1 Preparation
- · Socio-Economic Analysis & SCOT
- · Socio-Economic Statement and High-Level Goals
- Sign off SPC and LCDCs
- ► LCDC Sign off Phase 1 at April Meeting
- ▶ Public Consultation due to commence May 2023
- ► 1St Advisory Group Meeting Held
- ▶ 30 Members
- SPC's, LCDCs, LEO, IDA, CARO, Energy Cork, TII, STEM southwest, Irish Water, UCC, MTU, NTA, PPN, HSE, Cork Chamber, SRA, Úduarás na Gaeltachta, Visit Cork, Tech Industry Alliance and CCC Officers.

Justin Gleeson of People and Place gave a presentation on the Progress of the Socio-Economic Profile for the county.

The Chair Cllr. Michael Hegarty had to leave and Deputy Chair Cllr. Seamus McGrath chaired the remainder of the meeting. He thanked Justin Gleeson for the comprehensive presentation.

Cllr. Marcia Dalton said that the presentation was very interesting but noted that data will have changed significantly since the 2016 Census and asked if the large amount of information from the 2022 Census being released throughout this year by the CSO will be included. She commented that the timing of the LECP preparation is unfortunate. Justin Gleeson agreed that the timing is not ideal but noted that the LECP is being set up to be easily updated once updates are published. He added that there will be a review process after 2 years and that constant monitoring of the data is required. He said that the Cork Economic and Community Data Monitor which feeds into the LECP is being updated



quarterly.

Cllr. Marcia Dalton asked if commercial vacancy rates are being looked at in addition to rental vacancy rates. Justin Gleeson said that the CSO focuses on rental vacancy but that there is potential to include this type of information in the LECP. Cllr. Marcia Dalton asked that this be undertaken and Justin Gleeson agreed to look into it.

Deputy Chair Cllr. Seamus McGrath reiterated Cllr. Marcia Dalton's concern that the LECP be updated in line with 2022 Census information.

Sharon O'Connell thanked Justin Gleeson for the presentation and confirmed that her team will constantly update the information contained in the LECP after it is published.

3. Healthy Ireland Fund 4 2023 - 2025 Update by Niall O'Callaghan, Healthy Ireland Coordinator

Funding Outline for Cork County Council (inclusive of all 3 LCDC's)

- Year 1 (2023) €75,000 Yet to be confirmed in writing by Dept of Health.
- Year 2 (2024) €40,000 fund may be increased, to be finalised in Q4 of 2023.
- Year 3 (2025) €40,000 fund may be increased, to be finalised in Q4 of 2024.

Funding Allocation Guidelines - Key Points to Note

- Based on an outcomes led approach, rather than a project led approach.
- 2 Outcome Factor Areas selected (maximum allowable), from options of:
 - Lifestyle & Behavior Risks (CHOSEN)
 - o Mortality & Morbidity
 - Wellbeing Factors (CHOSEN)
 - Environmental Factors
 - Socio-economic Factors
- HIF 2023-2025 will use the COM-B Behavioural Psychology Model for behaviour change.
 - Proposes that 'Behaviour' is a result of 'Capability', 'Opportunity' and 'Motivation'.

Maximum 2 Outcomes chosen

- Based on
 - Needs of population
 - Ability to deliver
 - o Experience of Service providers

OUTCOME 1 - BREASTFEEDING RATES (Lifestyle & Behavior Risks)

• Increase in the breastfeeding percentage rates (exclusively and nonexclusively) at first Public Health Nurse visit and at follow-up visit at three months

OUTCOME 2 – POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH (Wellbeing Factors)

Increase in the individual's level of positive mental health based on Energy and



Vitality Index (EVI)

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Initiatives

- Countywide Awareness & Welcoming Campaign Deliver "We're Breastfeeding Friendly" throughout Cork County.
 - o Funding allocation €7,500
- Direct Support to Increase Rates to 1st 3 months. Targeted Campaign to increase rates in West Cork LCDC for 2023, other LCDC's to follow in subsequent years
 - o Funding allocation €7,500

OUTCOME 2 - POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH

 Increase in the individual's level of positive mental health based on Energy and Vitality Index (EVI)

Initiatives

- Cultural Companions (Muintir na Tire) Communities of older adults to enjoy arts and cultural events together.
 - o Funding allocation €8,500
- Let's Play Cork (LSP, Cork City Council) promote place-making, social inclusion, healthy lifestyles and energy awareness
 - o Funding allocation €15,000
- PSYCHED (UCC, HSE, Cork City Council) Workplace wellbeing program reduce mental health stigma
 - o Funding allocation €7,500
- Teen Talks positive mental health events targeted at teenagers
 - o Funding allocation €20,000
- "Together" Initiatives (HSE, Shine, Chambers of Commerce) Series of positive mental health events targeted at general population, including focused follow up short courses.
 - o Funding allocation €10,000

Deputy Chair Cllr. Seamus McGrath said that outstanding work is being done through the Healthy Ireland Fund.

Healthy Ireland Fund 4 2023 – 2025 proposed by Liam McCarthy and seconded by Sean O'Sullivan.

Cllr. Marcia Dalton thanked Niall O'Callaghan for his work acknowledging that the Department had attached very different criteria to this round of the fund and he had successfully met all deadlines.

4. Update on LEADER Programme 2023-2027 Expression of Interest Process

Arran O'Driscoll left the meeting due to a conflict of interest.



The Chief Officer noted the following:

- The LCDC in collaboration with Avondhu Blackwater Partnership CLG and SECAD
 Partnership CLG has been successful in submitting an EOI for LAG status and has
 been advanced to the next stage of the process. This requires the development of a
 Local Development Strategy with a deadline of 14th July 2023 for submission.
- The Department has awarded funding to the LCDC to undertake the LDS.
- Public consultation will form a key part of the LDS.
- The LCDC will be consulted at draft stage
- IRD Duhallow CLG has also been successful and is preparing a competing LDS however, this company has only applied to manage its own area and not the full South Cork LCDC area.
- West Cork Development Partnership has been successful and is also preparing a competing LDS however, this company has applied for the whole of the South Cork area.

Cllr. Marcia Dalton asked what will occur for IRD Duhallow CLG if the LCDC is successful in its bid to become the LAG for South Cork. The Chief Officer said that this is not known at present and feedback will come from the Department in due course. She added that the LCDC consulted with all Local Development Companies when creating its EOI for LAG status.

Tom Howard asked what the value of the LEADER Programme 2023 – 2027. The Chief Officer confirmed that it is €16m for Cork County.

5. Any Other Business

N/A

6. Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting is 23rd March 2023.

Meeting Concluded

Signed:	Hickard Hagasty
Dated:	23/03/23