



**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
Cllr. 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:



► Statutory Role in Development and Adoption of the Framework LECP

► Dual Role with SPCs

► Community Elements of LECP

► Sign off Stages 1 to 3

► Adoption of Final Draft in Phase 4

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
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- ▶ 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, Údarár 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

