



**Minutes of
West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
Council Chamber Kent Street Clonakilty & Via Microsoft Teams**

Date: 23rd February 2023

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. John Lyne	Dept. Employment	Public
Ms. Máire Ní Shé	Udarás na Gaeltachta	Public
Mr. Enda McWeeney	Cork ETB	Public
Ms. Máire Uí Mhaoláin	Comhar na nOileán Teo	Private
Ms. Helen O'Sullivan	Cork PPN	Private
Ms. Eileen O'Shea	Civic Society	Private
Ms. Phoebe Bright	Environment Pillar	Private
Mr. Ryan Howard	SECAD CLG.	Private

Apologies:

Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. Kevin Curran	North and West LEO	Public
Mr. Enda McWeeney	Cork ETB	Public
Ms. Arran O'Driscoll	West Cork Dev. Partnership CLG	Public
Mr. Finbarr Harrington	Cork County PPN	Private
Mr. Colm Leen	Cork Chamber	Private
Mr. Cornelius Buckley	Farming Pillar/IFA	Private
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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

<p>Quorum=11 (50% of 19 rounded up +1 = 11) In attendance= 12 (7 Private: 5 Public) Apologies= 8 Total membership= 19</p>
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Welcome & 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 Eileen O'Shea and seconded by Phoebe Bright

Matters arising

N/A

2. SICAP

- For noting, pre-approval granted by LCDC Chief Officer

As previously agreed by LCDC members at the 17th May 2021 meeting, going forward in order to expediate the approval process for Local Development Companies, approval of subcontract services for SICAP can be approved by the Chief Officer and presented at the next LCDC meeting for noting. The following approval was granted since the last meeting.

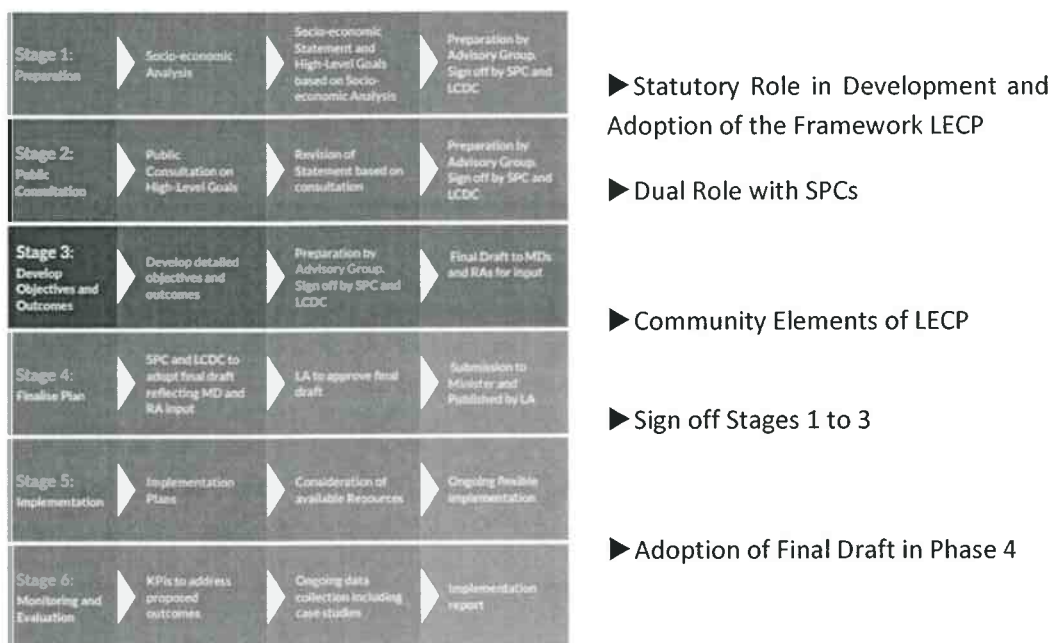
- Comhar na nOileán Teo -Sub-Contracting of Services Approval for Lot 18.7

Action to be Sub-contracted (Include description from the Tender/Contract Action Plan)	Estimated Value €
Goal 1	
Wcicc Housing Research Launch Room hire and refreshments	304.50
Christmas Care Packages for islanders on long Island (long island association)	350
Heir Island Community Christmas event	200
Material loan scheme – 2 dehumidifiers	550
Child and Family Events Bere Island. Christmas radio broadcast and Santa visit	350
Hire of dehumidifier – family support	
Powerboating level 2 course	1920
Goal 2:	
Whiddy island Arts taster Course- arts suppliers	88
Room rental for Arts Courses for Whiddy island for 9 sessions	350
Materials pottery course Sherkin	50
Sherkin Island coffee mornings/pottery room hire / LEO event	350
Games and resources Bere island kids club	425
Hire of dehumidifier – family support	250
Total Estimated Value to be sub-contracted	5,187.50

3. 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
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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, Údaráras 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 thanked Sharon and Justin for their presentation and opened up the floor to any queries. Sharon mentioned that the presentation will be circulated to the LCDC members and feedback will be welcome. She also confirmed that the data included is what's available at present and that new data as it becomes available will be added.

The Chair noted that there is quite a body of work that needs to be carried out with the Local Economic and Community Plan.

Phoebe thanked Sharon & Justin for the presentation and asked where will Tourism fall under in the LECP as it is a large section and considered a key topic in West Cork. Phoebe also questioned the process of the LECP, and asked at what point will the members of the LCDC be able to add their input or feedback in the LECP process.

Sharon responded that tourism is taken into account and that the LCDC members can make an input or give their feedback between now and April as at that stage there will be a draft presented to the West LCDC members before going to public consultation.

The Chair suggested to Sharon & her team that they keep in mind the new Environmental Regulation and the impact it will have over the next 5years across the sector.

Sharon mentioned that the first framework of the LECP is the drafting of the high level goals followed by implementation plan and that it will be reviewed every 2 years.

Clodagh Henahan clarified that any input or feedback from the LCDC members can be submitted to the LECP team. The Chair emphasised with the West Cork LCDC members that they should engage with Sharon and her team with their thoughts or ideas before the April meeting.

Ryan Howard thanked Sharon for a brilliant presentation and had a query about publicly owned land and asked that it be included in the LECP. Clodagh Henehan confirmed that not all publicly owned land is owned by the local authority and also that land is in the norm purchased by the local authority for specific purposes such as road projects which can take years to come to fruition. She confirmed that publicly owned land ownership cannot be built into the LECP plan, that this is dealt with by the County Development Plan however, the LECP looks at supports to communities.

The Chair once again thanked Sharon for her presentation and emphasised that there is a lot of data to get through and that everyone read the information and get back to Sharon with their feedback before April.

4. Healthy Ireland Fund Round 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)
 - 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
 - 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)

OUTCOME 1 – BREASTFEEDING RATES

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

Initiatives

- Countywide Awareness & Welcoming Campaign - Deliver “We’re Breastfeeding Friendly” throughout Cork County.
 - 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
 - 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.
 - Funding allocation €8,500
- Let’s Play Cork (LSP, Cork City Council) - promote place-making, social inclusion, healthy lifestyles and energy awareness
 - Funding allocation €15,000
- PSYCHED (UCC, HSE, Cork City Council) – Workplace wellbeing program – reduce mental health stigma
 - Funding allocation €7,500
- Teen Talks - positive mental health events targeted at teenagers
 - 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.
 - Funding allocation €10,000

The Chair thanked Niall for the presentation and wished him luck.

The Healthy Ireland Fund Round 4 2023 – 2025 was proposed by Phoebe Bright and seconded by Clodagh Henehan.

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

The Chief Officer noted the following:

- The LCDC in collaboration with Avondhu Blackwater Partnership CLG, SECAD Partnership CLG & Comhar na nOileán 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

- West Cork Development have also been successful and will be preparing competing LDSs for the whole of the West Cork LCDC area.
- The Chair mentioned thanked the Chief Officer and her team for their work in the process so far.

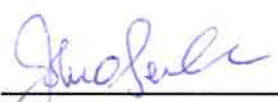
6. Any Other Business

The Chief Officer mentioned that a new grant called Community Support Fund 2023 and a sperate application for Women’s Shed Fund 2023 were both recently launched with LCDC members notified in advance. Both have a closing date of 13th March 2023 @ 3pm. In addition, the Dept have launched a grant called Community Recognition Fund which is linked to communities, villages and towns that are hosting Ukrainians with a closing date for EOIs of 3rd March 2023. This grant is being handled by the Municipal District Offices. Details of both grants can be found on www.yourcouncil.ie.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting is 23rd March 2023 at 3.30pm

Meeting Concluded

The Minutes were approved by the West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)	
Signed:	 _____
	CHAIRPERSON
Dated:	<u>23/3/2023</u>

