

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

**20th February 2023 @ 2.00p.m.**

**Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Public/Private</b>
Cllr. Bernard Moynihan	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Gearóid Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Gerard Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Pat Hayes	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. Kevin Curran	LEO North Cork	Public
Ms. Majella Murphy	Dept. of Employment Affairs and Social Protection	Public
Mr. Denis McNamara	Cork County PPN	Private
Mr. Michael Doyle	Environment Pillar	Private
Ms. Maura Walsh	IRD Duhallow CLG	Private
Mr. Sean Hegarty	Avondhu Blackwater Partnership CLG	Private
Mr. Bob Seward	Cork County PPN	Private

**Apologies:**

Mr. James Fogarty	Divisional Manager North Cork	Public
Mr. Padraig Casey	Ballyhoura Development CLG	Private
Mr. Declan O'Leary	Foróige	Private
Mr. Julian O'Keeffe	IFA (ICMSA)	Private
Vacant	Cork Education & Training Board	Public
Vacant	Respond! Housing	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

**Quorum=10 (50% of 17 rounded up + 1 = 10)**

**In attendance= 11 (5 Private: 6 Public)**

**Apologies= 6**

**Total membership= 17**

## **Welcome and Introduction**

The Chair Cllr. Gearóid Murphy noted that Racheal Buckley is being replaced on the LCDC by Majella Murphy to represent the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection. He welcomed Majella Murphy to the LCDC.

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

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous LCDC Meeting of Monday 21st November 2022**

The Minutes were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Gerard Murphy and seconded by Sean Hegarty.

### **Matters arising**

None.

### **2. SICAP**

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

As previously agreed by LCDC members at the 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

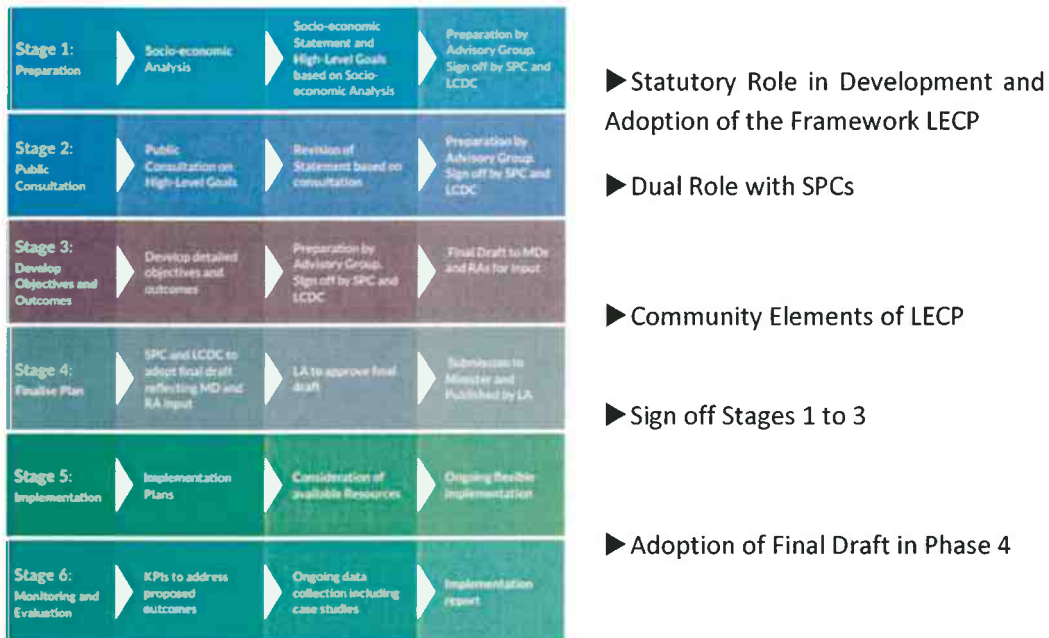
- Ballyhoura Development CLG Sub-Contracting of Services Approval for Lot 18.2

Action to be Sub-contracted (include description from the Tender/Contract Action Plan)	Estimated Value €
Goal 1:	
•	€
Total Goal 1	€
Goal 2:	
• Action 6 Breaking Down Barriers	€2050.00
□ Community Law & Mediation	
Total Goal 2	€2050.00
Total Estimated Value to be sub-contracted	€2050.00

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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
  - ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Údaráis 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. Gearóid Murphy thanked Justin Gleeson for a very comprehensive presentation.

The Chair Cllr. Gearóid Murphy noted the high dependency on FDI for employment growth in Cork County and expressed concern that this might represent risk during a recession. He also commented on the discrepancy between the affordability of housing in North Cork and the high cost of rent in the area. Housing affordability is very attractive in comparison to many areas across the county, but the rent is closer to urban renting costs making monthly rent higher than monthly mortgage payments in the area.

Justin Gleeson acknowledged that there is a risk regarding employment if a recession occurs. However, he said that FDI organisations are well established in the Pharma and manufacturing sectors although there may be an overreliance on IT. Regarding rental prices in North Cork he agreed and commented that these are reflected in strong reliance on HAP in the area.

The Chair Cllr. Gearóid Murphy requested a sectorial breakdown across FDI companies and the growth in each sector. Justin Gleeson said he will look into this.

**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 LCDDC for 2023, other LCDDC'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 Cllr. Gearóid Murphy congratulated Niall O’Callaghan on his hard work.

The Healthy Ireland Fund Round 4 2023 – 2025 was proposed by Cllr. Gerard Murphy and seconded by Kevin Curran.

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

Maura Walsh left the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

The Chief Officer noted the following:

- The LCDC in collaboration with Avondhu Blackwater 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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
- Both IRD Duhallow CLG and Ballyhoura Development CLG have also been successful and are preparing competing LDSs however, both of these companies have only applied to manage their own respective areas and not the full North Cork LCDC area.

The Chair Cllr. Gearóid Murphy expressed concern that delays could be created due to 3 bids in North Cork and commented that he wants to see the next LEADER programme launched as soon as possible for the benefit of the communities of North Cork.

The Chief Officer said that the extra bids from IRD Duhallow CLG and Ballyhoura Development CLG should not impact the process as all three LDS’s will be assessed together by the Department.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

N/A

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting is 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**Meeting Concluded**

Signed:	<u>Gearóid Murphy</u> CHAIRPERSON
Dated:	<u>20<sup>th</sup> March 2023.</u>