



# Minutes of the L.C.D.C meeting on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 – Multimedia Room, New Civic Offices, Cork.

In attendance:

Cllr. Fergal Dennehy Chairperson Aaron O'Connell Vice Chairperson

Ann Doherty

Chief Supt. B. McPolin

Paul Moynihan Bernie Connolly Siobhan Goulding

Fiona Finn

Nora O'Donovan

Ger Canning

Priscilla Lynch

Mick O'Connell

Joe Curtin

Cllr. PJ Hourican Adrienne Rodgers

Also in attendance: Rebecca Loughry, Tony Power, Susan McCarthy

**Apologies:** Eddie Mullins, Cllr. Chris O'Leary, David Ronayne, Lawrence Owens,

Catherine Kennedy

## 1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed the members and apologies were noted.

#### 2. Minutes

The minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 were considered and on proposal of Fergal Dennehy, seconded by Nora O'Donovan were approved with no matters arising.

# 3. Correspondence

T Power noted the following:

- a) Dr. Catherine Forde, UCC has extended her thanks to the LCDC for supporting their research study. P Moynihan acknowledged the valuable work that Dr. Forde and UCC is undertaking.
- b) Pobal has confirmed that a three month extension to Health Ireland Funding Round 2 has been granted to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.
- c) The Department of Rural and Community Development has selected Cork City LCDC to pilot a new model, Place Based Leadership from Q3, 2019.

#### 4. Funding Streams Update

## a) Healthy Ireland Fund 2018

In addition to the three month extension to HIF Round 2, T Power confirmed that all Healthy Ireland Round 2 Actions are ongoing. P Lynch confirmed that there will be no reduction in Health Ireland Funding for Round 3.

#### b) Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) 2018

T Power confirmed that the SICAP Sub Group met on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2019 to assess the remaining CEP applications and approved the allocation of remaining CEP funds. A list of approved projects totalling €284,384 was circulated to members. T Power sought the LCDC's approval for the reallocation of €2,000 grant from ref CEP2018/31 - Blackpool, Glen, Farranree Community Training Centre to CEP2018/66 - Cork City Council (play facility in Fairfield Meadows and Lawn). Grant reallocation was approved by the LCDC.

#### c) National Community Weekend – May, 2019

T Power confirmed that the National Community Weekend Event Funding will be advertised this week. T Power sought the LCDC's approval for the SICAP Sub Group and any interested members to assess applications and make grant recommendations to the LCDC for approval at its March meeting. It was noted that the HSE will match National Community Weekend funding with €10,000 for community events.

#### 5. SICAP

Due to conflict of interest M O'Connell, G Canning, A Rodgers and B Connolly excused themselves from the meeting while this agenda item was discussed.

## a) SICAP Annual Performance Review 2018

The SICAP Sub-Group met with the Programme Implementer and reviewed the SICAP EYR Reports and T Power presented their findings. The Sub-Group also considered the Pobal parallel review where no issues were raised. The Sub-Group recommended the Annual Performance Review 2018 for LCDC approval. On the proposal of F. Dennehy and seconded by PJ Hourican, this was approved.

## b) SICAP Annual Plan 2019

The Chief Officer informed members that he had been in contact on numerous occasions with the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) regarding the apportionment of salaries, highlighted verbally by the LGAS auditor. He noted that in successive audits, this issue was not raised.

The DRCD gave the Chief Officer an undertaking that they would assume responsibility for finding a solution to the issue, acknowledged that it was a structural issue and a national issue. The DRCD stated that it was not reasonable for this national issue to prevent the LCDC in approving the Annual Plan 2019.

The LCDC expressed its concerns on signing off on the Annual Plan 2019, and noted for the record that they had issues approving plan without national solution.

It was agreed that the Chief Officer would highlight their concerns in writing to the DRCD and provide an update at the next meeting.

The Chief Officer advised the LCDC that it could approve pan on understating the DRCD had acknowledged and taken responsibility for resolving the issue.

On the proposal of F Dennehy and seconded by PJ Hourican, the SICAP Annual Plan 2019 was approved.

## c) B SICAP LCDC End of Year Report 2018

T Power noted that the SICAP LCDC End of Year Report is due on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. T Power to circulate report template.

# d) New Requirements on SICAP Monitoring

T Power confirmed that Cork City Council now has responsibility for the auditing function of SICAP, which will be conducted by Internal Audit.

## **6. Public Participation Network Report**

R Loughry confirmed that a new PPN coordinator will commence in March, 2019.

#### 7. Boundary Extension

An update from the Department of Rural and Community Development on the delivery of SICAP was circulated. The Chief Officer explained that the programme will continue to be delivered and managed by the current contract holders. This will be subject to a written arrangement being entered into before the transfer day between Cork City Council/LCDC and Cork County Council/South Cork LCDC confirming arrangements for the continued delivery of SICAP 2018-2022 in accordance with Funding Agreements in place. The Chief Officer sought LCDC approval to this course of action, and it was approved by the LCDC.

#### 8. LECP

R Loughry confirmed that a review of the LECP will be undertaken following the local elections. R Loughry outlined that a desktop review of the LECP will take place in Q2 2019 and post June 2019, full review with public consultation will commence in Q3 2019.

#### 9. A.O.B.

Copies of Cork City Profile were circulated to members.

The Chair congratulated Cork City Partnership on their annual Enterprise Awards and their Men's Shed event in 2018.

T Power confirmed that 2 LCDC surveys had been completed for the Department - SICAP Distance Travelled Tool Survey and Community Enhancement Programme 2018 survey. T Power confirmed the LCDC schedule of meetings for 2019, agreed by LCDC.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Cllr. Fergal Dennehy, Chairperson