

Minutes of the L.C.D.C meeting on Thursday, 15th March 2018

Multi-Media room, New Civic Offices, Cork.

In attendance:

Aaron O'Connell Vice Chairperson
Paul Moynihan Chief Officer
Ann Doherty
Nora O'Donovan
David Ronayne
Eddie Mullins
Chief Supt. B. McPolin
Cllr. C. O'Leary
Adrienne Rodgers

Also in attendance: R. Loughry, T. Power, S. McCarthy

Apologies: Cllr F. Dennehy, P. Lynch, D. Boyle, L. Owens, B. Connolly, F. Finn,
M. O'Connell, G. Canning, Cllr PJ Hourican

Welcome

The Vice Chairperson welcomed the members and apologies were noted. The Vice Chairperson noted that Mick O'Connell has replaced Brenda Cahill as the new Cork City Partnership representative on the Committee.

1. Minutes

The minutes of 8th February, 2018 considered and on proposal of E. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. O'Leary were approved with no matters arising.

2. Funding Stream Updates

a) Healthy Ireland Funding Stream Update

R. Loughry presented a progress report on the Healthy Ireland Fund. A HIF Committee review meeting was held on the 14th March and feedback overall was very positive in relation to the projects undertaken. R. Loughry noted that funds will be spent by 31st March, 2018. The Department has indicated that they will allow a lead into April for completion of projects.

R. Loughry reported that projects for Phase 2 can continue from Phase 1 and new projects can also be applied for. Two new themes will be added to Phase 2 – Mental Health & Alcohol. R. Loughry noted that new members will be incorporated into the HIF Committee linked to these new themes. The LCDC confirmed that they are happy for these new members to be included.

3. SICAP

a) SICAP Annual Report Return

T. Power confirmed that the SICAP Annual Report was returned to the Department on 13th March, 2018.

b) SICAP Annual Plan 2018 presentation by Cork City Partnership Clg

Breda Cahill and Jacqui Sweeney, Cork City Partnership gave a presentation on SICAP Annual Plan 2018 that was previously circulated to the LCDC.

c) Review of SICAP AP 2018 on IRIS and

d) Pobal's Review on SICAP Annual Plan on IRIS

T. Power noted that the SICAP Annual Plan 2018 that was uploaded on IRIS was reviewed against the tender submission and confirmed that everything is in order. It was noted that Pobal's review of annual plan on IRIS was in order and approved. T. Power noted that the formal review is now complete.

e) SICAP Annual Plan 2018 tender process feedback

The Tender Sub-Group had the following informal feedback for the LCDC:

The sub-group was happy overall with tender, in particular with small grant scheme and that the Women's Group/Conference and Older People were so well reflected in the plan. The sub-group noted that actions are clear and precise.

A concern was raised that Travellers and New Communities were not directly targeted in the Plan. Cork City Partnership had addressed these concerns noting that SICAP was not to duplicate existing services and they will link with these existing services.

It was suggested that the annual plan would be shared with other groups/agencies including presentations on the positives, strategic value, efficiencies and collaboration of the plan.

It was noted that the Annual Plan for 2018 cannot be varied but that this feedback will be taken into account for 2019.

4) Libraries Strategy Presentation

Mr. Liam Ronayne, City Librarian gave a presentation on the Libraries Strategy. The presentation included details on 3 national initiatives that are relevant to the LCDC – Right to Read, Work Matters and Healthy Ireland.

Following the presentation, A. Rodgers suggested that the LEO and ETB meet with City Library and map resources in relation to the Work Matters Initiative.

It was noted that libraries are a valuable resource and need to be resourced properly as they are a trusted and accessible space in our communities and can be used as a gateway to get messages across.

5) Regional Spatial Economic Strategy (RSES) Input

P. Moynihan advised that there will be a RSES consultation process of in April and encouraged participation/interaction with the consultation process. It was noted that Cork City Council has made a submission to the Regional Assembly and the LECP was well reflected within the submission. T. Power to circulate report to Committee members.

6) A.O.B.

The Vice Chairperson congratulated the teams that were involved in the recent severe weather on their hard work and commitment and noted safety was to the fore. A. Doherty, C.E. noted that the Local Co-ordination Centre was key and had excellent systems/co-ordination in place.

P. Moynihan noted that he is hopeful that new funding streams through the LCDC will have a more equitable system of allocating funds with the deprivation index and population being a factor in determining funding allocations.

This concluded the business of the meeting and the next meeting scheduled Thursday 19th April at 4pm.

**Aaron O'Connell,
Vice Chairperson**