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**Draft Minutes of the LCDC meeting on Thursday, 18th February 2021**

**Teams Meeting**

**In attendance:**

Cllr. Fergal Dennehy Chairperson

Barry McPolin Chief Superintendent

Eoin Gunn IBEC

Ann Doherty Chief Executive

Adrienne Rodgers Chief Officer

Catherine Kennedy PPN

Cllr. Ger Keohane Cork City Council

Joe Curtin PPN

Cllr. Garrett Kelleher Cork City Council

Paul McGuirk Cork City Council

Fiona Finn PPN

Siobhan Goulding DEASP

Priscilla Lynch HSE

Laurence Owens Cork Business Association

Denis Leamy CETB

**Apologies:** Michael O’Connell, Adrian Kane, Nora O’Donovan

**Also in attendance:** Tony Power, Rebecca Loughry, Ruth Lynch, Denis Barrett.

**1. Welcome**

The Chairperson welcomed the committee members and new member Eoin Gunn, IBEC.

**2. Minutes**

On the proposal of F Dennehy, seconded by G Kelleher the minutes 17th December 2020 were approved with no matters arising.

**3. For information:**

1. **Cork City Council Community Response Forum update**

**D Barrett** gave update (below)

1. **Funding Streams**

**T Power** circulated report on current funding streams. Community Emergency Fund - total Fund €62,778. Closing date 14th February 2021. Total applications received – 89.

Community Mental Health Fund received 22 applications with a total ask of €92k. Awardees are being contacted for further information.

**R Loughry**  A number of funding streams were received last year and Cork has been particularly good at being as strategic as possible with the use of these funds. We anticipate more funding being granted this year and we should build on the funding given in the past as well as innovative new ways of helping the community.

1. **Public Participation Network Report**

**J Curtin** gave an update on the PPN. Currently a number of vacancies exist. Covid is delaying the process of recruiting.

1. **Strategic Items:**
	1. Chief Officer’s updates

**A Rodgers** is still awaiting guidance on the start of the LECP Process. Cork City Council will be asked to prepare a new LECP. A focus group has been established nationally. This group will be looking for feedback from LCDCs and will put together training to help the committee focus on items at more of a strategic level.

**R Loughry** suggested that “Pure Cork” should be circulated to the group. This should be the starting point for the next plan.

**A Rodgers** remind ourselves what the key priorities were and consider whether they are still relevant.

* 1. Discussion on Community Response Structures Sustainability

**D Barrett** gave presentation on the Community Response Structures and Sustainability (to be shared with the committee).

**F Dennehy** thanked Denis for the presentation and commented on how well the process has worked. The Community and Voluntary sector has gone from strength to strength throughout this period. There is a definite place for the forum in the future. The old Rapid structure was extremely beneficial in the setting up of the structure.

1. **SICAP**

**T Power** circulated reports to the committee. The Sicap Subgroup met and approved 2020 Annual Performance Review. All checks, finances etc are in order. All the performance indicators are positive. Pobal carried out their review with no issues.

2021 Annual Plan. All requirements are being met. The underspend from 2020 is being brought forward. This is allowed under the program.

**F Dennehy** noted that D Leamy had questions on the review. Partnership and Auditors will meet with the Sicap Subgroup to discuss future plans. Partnership have a difficult task but still managed to achieve KPI’s.

**A Rodgers** suggested that Partnership would benefit by engaging with more stakeholders.

On the proposal of F Dennehy, seconded by G Keohane the 2020 Annual Performance Review was approved.

On the proposal of D Leamy, seconded by P. Lynch the 2021 Annual Plan was approved.

1. **AOB**

**P Lynch** thanked Cork City Council for assisting the HSE by opening up City Hall as a vaccination centre. This should begin operating very shortly.

**A Doherty** confirmed that the single biggest priority for the country right now is to get everyone vaccinated.

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**Fergal Dennehy**

**Chairperson. 18th February 2021.**