

# Fingal Local Community Development Committee

## Annual Report 2014

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### **1.0 Legislative Requirements**

This document constitutes the Annual Report for the Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) for the year ended 31st December 2014.

The report has been prepared in the context of Chapter 2 Section 128B (1) (i) of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, which states that one of the functions of a Local Community Development Committee is: “to prepare, adopt and submit to the local authority a report in relation to the performance of its functions during the year immediately preceding the year in which the report is submitted”.

Background Legislation: Section 49A of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, provides for the establishment of Local Community Development Committees for the purposes of: ‘Developing, co-ordinating and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development’.

### **2.0 Supports to LCDC**

In accordance with Section 128A of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, the Chief Executive of Fingal County Council has designated a staff member to act as “Chief Officer” of the LCDC: Mr Breffni O’Rourke. It is the Chief Officer’s role to support the development of the LCDC in line with national policy requirements and to support the committee in the implementation of its role and functions. Administrative supports are provided to the Fingal LCDC by the Economic Development Services Department of Fingal County Council.

### **3.0 Functions of the LCDC**

***Section 128B of the Local Government Act 2001 (inserted by Section 36 of the 2014 Act) sets out the functions of LCDCs. These functions are -***

- 3.1 To co-ordinate, manage and oversee the implementation of local and community development programmes that have been approved either by the relevant local authority or by agreement between the LCDC and a relevant public authority (e.g. Government Department, State agency).
- 3.2 To seek to ensure effectiveness, consistency, co-ordination and avoidance of duplication between public funded local and community development programmes, in addition to public funded programmes.
- 3.3 To pursue the co-ordination generally of all local and community development programmes within the functional area of the Committee.
- 3.4 To prepare the community elements of a 5-year Local Economic and Community Plan.
- 3.5 To implement or arrange for the implementation of the community elements of the Plan.
- 3.6 To review the community elements of the Plan at least once within the period of 6 calendar years and if necessary, to amend the community elements of the Plan.
- 3.7 To monitor and review on an on-going basis the implementation of the community elements of the Plan and, if appropriate, to revise the actions and strategies set.
- 3.8 To achieve the objectives of the community elements of the Plan.
- 3.9 To consider and adopt a statement for consideration of the Council in respect of the economic elements of a draft of the Plan prepared by the local authority.
- 3.10 To prepare an annual report of the performance of its functions.

#### **4.0 Membership of the Fingal Local Community Development Committee**

S.I. No 314, LCDC (Section 128E) (Amendment, NO.1) Regulations 2014, supplement S.I. No 234 issued on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014 stated *'where the total number of members of the local authority is 40 or fewer, the membership of the committee shall consist of no more than 19'*.

The formation of the LCDC was approved at the Fingal County Council meeting In May 2014, Its establishment and increase in membership from 17 to 19 was discussed and approved at the September and October 2014 meeting of Council.

#### **5.0 Main achievements of the LCDC in 2014**

Five meetings of the LCDC were held in 2014, of which three main areas of work were progressed, including:

**5.1 Roll out of government policy locally:** The LCDC managed Stage II of a Public Procurement process to implement the government's new Social Inclusion & Community

Activation Programme (SICAP). Invitations to Tender were issued by the LCDC on 20th October 2014 with a closing date of noon, 19th December 2014. The Tender Evaluation Process commenced in December 2014, a SICAP Evaluation Sub-Committee comprising LCDC members together with a SICAP Evaluation Team of FCC Officers were formed to implement competition rules. The LCDC will undertake the role of Contracting Authority and will be responsible for SICAP annual planning, performance review and directing of funding to the successful implementer.

**5.2 Effective Co-ordination:** A Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) Advisory Steering group was established in November 2014 to oversee the development of a six year statutory plan for Fingal. The LECP Advisory Steering group comprises five members of the LCDC, from which the chair (Chambers Ireland) is drawn. The purpose of the LECP, as provided for in the Local Government Reform Act 2014, is to set out, the objectives and actions, needed to promote and support the economic development and the local and community development of the relevant local authority area, in partnership with other economic and community development stakeholders.

**5.3 Governance & Oversight:** Establishment of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) structure and its membership. Adoption of standing orders and policy on confidentiality and conflict of interest. Insurance and indemnification of the LCDC and its members, website development including member profiles.

## Appendix. 1 Membership of the Fingal Local Community Development Committee December 2014

NAME	CATEGORY	ORGANISATION
Duncan Smith	Local authority member, Councillor	Fingal County Council
Ethna Felten	Local authority official, Chief Executive's nominee	Fingal County Council
Natalie Treacy	Local authority member , Councillor	Fingal County Council
Oisín Geoghegan	Local authority official, Local Enterprise Office	Fingal County Council
Pat O'Connor	State agency, Higher Education Institute	Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown
Peter Foran	State agency, Child and Family Agency, TUSLA	Child and Family Agency, TUSLA
Paul Carroll	State agency, Dept. of Social Protection	Dept. of Social Protection
Tony Murphy	Local authority member , Councillor	Fingal County Council
*Ann Brophy	Community Voluntary Interest	Community & Voluntary Forum
*Clodagh O'Donovan	Social Inclusion Interest	Community & Voluntary Forum
Des O'Sullivan	Young People (Under 30)	Headstrong, Jigsaw Fingal.
*Howard Mahony	Community Voluntary Interest	Community & Voluntary Forum
*Jacob Jura-Zajac	Social Inclusion Interest	Community & Voluntary Forum
Linda Curran	Local Development	Blanchardstown Area Partnership
*Máire O'Brien	Environmental Interest	National Environmental Pillar
Padraic McMahon	Farming & Agriculture	The Irish Farmers Association
Tony Lambert	Business & Enterprise	Chambers Ireland
Brid Walsh	Social & Community Interest (Drugs and Alcohol)	North Regional Drugs & Alcohol Task Force
Valerie Henderson	Local Development	Fingal Leader Partnership

\*Interim nominee until such time as the Fingal Community Network (Public Participation Network) is established and nominees sought through elections.

Public (Statutory)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private (non-statutory)	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Appendix. 2 Record of Attendance

### FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2014

	NAME	28.05.14	12.08.14	18.09.14	18.10.14	13.11.14
1	Ann Brophy	√	√	√	X	√
2	Cllr. Duncan Smith		√	X	X	X
3	Cllr. Natalie Treacy		√	√	√	√
4	Cllr. Tony Murphy		√	√	√	X
5	Clodagh O'Donovan	√	√	√	√	√
6	Desmond O'Sullivan		√	√	X	√
7	Ethna Felten	√	√	√	√	√
8	Howard Mahony	√	√	√	√	√
9	Jakub Jura-Zagac	√	√	√	√	X
10	Linda Curran	√	√	√	X	√
11	Máire O'Brien	√	√	√	√	√
12	Oisin Geoghegan	√	√	X	X	√
13	Padraic McMahon		X	√	X	X
14	Pat OConnor		√	√	√	√
15	Paul Carroll		√	X	X	X
16	Peter Foran	X	√	√	√	√
17	Tony Lambert		√	√	√	√
18	Brid Walsh					√
19	Valerie Henderson					√
18	*Cllr. Gerry McGuire	√				
19	**Rita Tighe	√				
20	*Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien	X				
21	*Cllr. Mary McCamley	X				

\*Replaced after 2014 local elections.

\*\*Replaced with Paul Carroll

<b>Present</b>	√
<b>Apologies</b>	X
<b>Absent without apologies</b>	O
<b>Not yet nominated</b>	