

Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Minutes

DATE: 9th July 2025

TIME: 14.00 – 15.30

VENUE: Room 3A6 County Hall Swords – Hybrid Meeting

Apologies: Una Caffery

QUORUM: 10

SECTOR	AGENCY	NAME	INITIAL	PRESENT/ APOLOGIES
STATUTORY	Local Authority Member (Rush/Lusk)	Cllr Eoghan Dockrell	ED	PRESENT
	Local Authority Member (Castleknock/Mulhuddart)	Cllr Eimear Carbone-Mangan	ECM	PRESENT
	Local Authority Member (Howth/Malahide)	Cllr Cathal Haughey	CH	PRESENT
	Local Authority Official Chief Executive's Nominee	John Quinlivan	JQ	PRESENT
	Local authority Official Fingal Local Enterprise Office	Oisín Geoghegan	OG	PRESENT
	State Agency, Higher Education Institute, TU Dublin	Pat O'Connor	PO'C	PRESENT
	State Agency, Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection	Seamus Quigley	SQ	PRESENT
	State Agency HSE	Ellen O'Dea	EO'D	PRESENT
	State Agency TUSLA	Una Caffrey	UC	APOLOGIES
	Community Interest	VACANT		
Non Statutory	Community & Voluntary Interest Fingal PPN	Samina Ahmed	SA	PRESENT
	Social Inclusion Interest Fingal PPN	William Wanjihia	WW	PRESENT
	Environmental interest Fingal PPN	Mary Attridge-Jones	MAJ	PRESENT
	Community Interest Fingal PPN	Anne Marie Brady	AMB	PRESENT
	Social Inclusion Interest Fingal PPN	Annie Byrne	AB	PRESENT
	Local Development Fingal Leader Partnership	Eilish Harrington	EH	PRESENT
	Local Development Empower	Adeline O'Brien	AO'B	PRESENT
	Business & Employers Chambers Ireland	Anthony Cooney	AC	PRESENT
	Farming & Agriculture The Irish Farmers Association	Laurence Ward (Chairperson)	LW	PRESENT
	Public (Statutory)			
	Private (Non-Statutory)			

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IN ATTENDANCE:	Aoife Sheridan	Chief Officer Fingal LCDC
	Áine Moreland	EETCD FCC
	Martin Smith	EETCD FCC
	Sile Steward	EETCD FCC
	Rafe Costigan	Community Dept FCC
	Felix Gallagher	Empower

	ITEM	ACTION
1.	Apologies: Una Caffery	
2.	<p>Agree Minutes, Matters Arising & Correspondence Minutes: 7th May 2025 Proposed: Anthony Cooney Seconded: Eilish Harrington Agreed/</p> <p>Chair advised that the correspondence regarding Blakestown Community Creche would be discussed under Item 3.</p> <p>It was agreed that the following matters would be minuted for the record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCDC quorum requirements are outlined in the LCDC Standing Orders Section 4. It was noted that, in practice, the quorum is interpreted as a simple majority (50% plus one) of total membership. The required balance of representation between statutory and non-statutory pillars is ensured at meetings. • The LCDC confirmed that the review of existing LCDC Standing Orders is to await the guidance due from the DRCDG review. • The LCDC noted that the extension of the Chair's term beyond the period of 3 years set out in the Standing Orders has arisen because of the need for consistency through the changes to the membership of the committee, the procurement process and the transition to the new SICAP contract. It was agreed that the appointment of a new Chair would be reviewed at a later meeting. 	
3.	<p>Not-for-Profit Community Childcare</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the challenges facing not-for-profit childcare providers and correspondence regarding the closure of Blakestown Community Creche.</p> <p>It was agreed that Chief Officer would liaise with relevant organisations for presentations (to be circulated 1 week in advance) at the September meeting, with LCDC members to</p>	<p>Chief Officer to write to Pobal and Fingal County Childcare Committee & invite to attend September LCDC</p>

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	<p>submit questions on the presentations in advance to the Chief Officer.</p> <p>It was agreed to extend the September meeting to 2 hours, if required, to facilitate presentations and meaningful discussion of the issue.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Chief Officer would write to FCC Director of Housing & Community regarding the creche facility in the Church Fields development.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Chief Officer would write to the Board of Blakestown Community & Resource Centre to request a deferral of decision on the replacement of childcare provider.</p> <p>Chair noted that the presentation on not-for-profit childcare from FCYPSC would be scheduled for the September meeting.</p>	<p>meeting & present.</p> <p>Chief Officer to write to FCC DoS Housing & Community.</p> <p>Chief Officer to write to Board of Blakestown Community & Resource Centre.</p> <p>Chief Officer to liaise with Una Caffrey for FCYPSC presentation at September meeting.</p>
4.	<p>LECP Theme 5: Rich Arts, Culture & Heritage</p> <p>Presentation from Sile Stewart, Deputy County Arts Officer on LECP Action G5.3 and ongoing work in respect of arts and culture in Fingal.</p> <p>LCDC queries on sustainability, renewable energy and green/grey roofs on the new building in Lusk were noted and responses will be circulated to the LCDC.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Responses to queries to be circulated to LCDC</p>
5.	<p>LECP Implementation Action Plan</p> <p>AM provided an update on the LECP Implementation Action Plan (circulated to the LCDC in advance of meeting).</p>	<p>Noted</p>
6.	<p>LEADER Update</p> <p>EH provided an update on the LEADER programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 projects have been approved to the value of €357,000 so far this year. Eleven more projects will be evaluated by the independent evaluation committee in July with rolling and targeted calls continuing. Capacity-building training for community groups is currently being rolled out across the three local authorities. 	<p>Noted</p>

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7.	<p>SICAP Update and Mid-Year Review</p> <p>AS advised that a call issued for applications for additional funding for new arrivals from DRCDG. Empower submitted an application for funding with a letter of support from the Chief Officer which was granted, with Empower awarded €50,000 in additional funding.</p> <p>7.a SICAP update AOB presented the SICAP mid-year review, confirming strong progress on KPIs.</p> <p>There was discussion of strategies being used to promote pro-social behaviour, with examples cited of nature walks and cultural engagement.</p> <p>Further information was requested on the My Journey Tool (MJT).</p> <p>SICAP Mid-year Review Proposed: Annie Byrne Seconded: Mary Attridge-Jones</p> <p>7.b SICAP Audit report AOB reported on the SICAP audit report.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>AOB to provide information</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Noted</p>
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LCDC Meeting Part B		
	ITEM	ACTION
8.	Contract Management – SICAP - No Business	

Date of next LCDC Meeting – Wednesday 3rd September at 2pm (Hybrid)

Signed:
Laurence Ward
Chairperson

Date: 03/09/2025

Signed:
Aoife Sheridan
Chief Officer

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