

Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Minutes

DATE: 22nd October 2025

TIME: 17.00 – 18:30

VENUE: Room 3A6 County Hall Swords – Hybrid Meeting

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	APOLOGIES
	State Agency, Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection	Seamus Quigley	SQ	APOLOGIES
	State Agency HSE	Ellen O'Dea	EO'D	APOLOGIES
	State Agency TUSLA	Una Caffrey	UC	PRESENT
Non Statutory	Community Interest	VACANT		
	Community & Voluntary Interest Fingal PPN	Samina Ahmed	SA	
	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	
	Social Inclusion Interest Fingal PPN	Annie Byrne	AB	APOLOGIES
	Local Development Fingal Leader Partnership	Eilish Harrington	EH	PRESENT
	Local Development Empower	Adeline O'Brien	AO'B	APOLOGIES
	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 Toni Hogan Áine Moreland Felix Gallagher	Chief Officer Fingal LCDC EETCD FCC EETCD FCC Empower
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Item		Action
1.	Apologies: Adeline O'Brien, Pat O'Connor, Seamus Quigley, Ellen O'Dea, Annie Byrne	
2.	<p>Agree Minutes, Matters Arising & Correspondence</p> <p>UC requested amendments to the minutes of the LCDC meeting dated 3rd September 2025. FG raised a query in respect of the minutes of the LCDC meeting dated 3rd September 2025 and following discussion of the issue no amendment was proposed to the minutes.</p>	Úna Caffrey to submit proposed amendments to the minutes to the Chief Officer for review.
3.	<p>Nomination Process for LCDC Chair & Deputy Chair</p> <p>AS outlined the process for nominations for the positions of LCDC Chair and Deputy Chair, with nominations to be sent by email to the Chief Officer by COB 7th November 2025.</p> <p>FG queried whether nominations for Chair in respect of the LAG and SICAP Oversight Committee were also invited. AS advised that both Committees would select their own Chairs at the next meetings.</p>	LCDC Members to send nominations to Chief Officer by 7 th November 2025.
4.	<p>Not-for-Profit Community Childcare</p> <p>UC enquired whether the LCDC had any questions on this issue that they wanted to address to the Fingal County Childcare Committee. UC also queried whether permission had been received from Blakestown Board of Management to discuss childcare provision in the centre.</p> <p>AS confirmed that no queries had been submitted to the Chief Officer for follow up with Pobal or the Fingal County Childcare Committee.</p> <p>It was noted that Fingal LCDC does not have a data agreement with Blakestown Community Centre and it is the responsibility of the relevant data controllers to seek permission from Blakestown Board of Management if there are GDPR concerns about discussing any information.</p> <p>UC put forward a draft Terms of Reference documents for an LCDC Sub-Committee comprised of various stakeholders to consider the issue of not-for-profit childcare for consideration. There was discussion on whether a new Sub-Committee should be established under the LCDC. The LCDC expressed concerns about duplicating existing structures. It was noted that the LCDC had established a Healthy Ireland Sub-Committee which was established in response to the allocation of funding.</p>	Chief Officer to liaise with Pobal and FCCC regarding GDPR issues.

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	<p>MAJ enquired whether the LCDC could invite someone to speak at the LCDC meeting about the provision of infrastructure for childcare.</p>	<p>Chief Officer to invite FCC DOS Housing & Community to LCDC meeting.</p>
5.	<p>LECP Theme 1 Review - Theme 01: Sustainability & Climate Action</p>	Defer to next LCDC Meeting
6.	<p>LECP Implementation Action Plan ÁM gave an update on the implementation of the LECP.</p>	Noted
7.	<p>LEADER Update EH gave an update on the current status of the LEADER Programme, noting that 9 projects had been approved at the most recent LAG and that there would be approximately 10 projects at the final LAG of 2025.</p> <p>FG queried whether LEADER funding could be used for childcare purposes. EH replied that childcare was not eligible under the LEADER Operating Rules but 'fit-outs' would be eligible for childcare spaces up to a cost of €150,000 for a not-for-profit.</p>	Noted
8.	<p>SICAP Update FG gave an update on the current status of SICAP. He noted that the Case Study on Travellers would be submitted ahead of the deadline of the 24th of October.</p>	Noted
9.	Any other business	
	LCDC Meeting Part B	
10.	<p>Contract Management - SICAP</p> <p>AS advised that the Fingal SICAP Oversight Committee had not yet agreed a recommendation in respect of setting SICAP KPIs for 2026. The Committee had requested additional information from Empower to inform the decision and would meet again to agree a recommendation.</p> <p>An extension for the communication of the KPIs has been granted by Pobal until the 17th of November 2025.</p> <p>AS proposed that the LCDC would be convened for an online meeting following the next SICAP Oversight Committee Meeting to discuss and approve the recommendation of the SICAP Oversight Committee on SICAP 2026 KPI's for submission to Pobal.</p>	Agreed
Next Meeting 16th December 2025 14:00 - 15:30		

Signed: _____
Laurence Ward
Chairperson

Signed: _____
Aoife Sheridan
Chief Officer

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