

Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Minutes

DATE: 3rd September 2025

TIME: 14.00 – 16:00

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	APOLOGIES
	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	PRESENT
	State Agency HSE	Ellen O'Dea	EO'D	PRESENT
	State Agency TUSLA	Una Caffrey	UC	PRESENT
	Community Interest	VACANT		
Non Statutory	Community & Voluntary Interest Fingal PPN	Samina Ahmed	SA	APOLOGIES
	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	APOLOGIES
	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	PRESENT
	Business & Employers Chambers Ireland	Anthony Cooney	AC	APOLOGIES
	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
	Rafe Costigan	Community Dept FCC
	Felix Gallagher	Empower
	Robert Dunne	Pobal
	Ashling Burns	Pobal
	Adrienne Doyle	FCCC
	Karen Cline	FCCC
	Aoife Dowling	Researcher

	ITEM	ACTION
1.	Apologies: Cllr. Cathal Haughey, Pat O'Connor, Samina Ahmed, Anne Marie Brady, Annie Byrne, Anthony Cooney	Noted
2.	<p>Agree Minutes, Matters Arising & Correspondence</p> <p>LW: Advised that this meeting would focus on not-for-profit community childcare, as agreed at July's LCDC meeting with correspondence to be discussed following presentations.</p> <p>Aoife Sheridan: Noted that the SICAP proposed case study would be discussed at the end of the meeting.</p> <p>Minutes: 9th July 2025 Proposed: John Quinlivan Seconded: Eoghan Dockrell Agreed</p> <p>LW: Welcomed the speakers Ashling Burns and Robert Dunne from Pobal, and Adrienne Doyle and Karen Cline from Fingal Community Childcare Committee.</p>	Agreed
3.	<p>Not-for-Profit Community Childcare Presentation from Pobal</p> <p>Robert Dunne & Ashling Burns of Pobal presented, on behalf of both Pobal and Fingal County Childcare Committee, to the LCDC on supports available on request to childcare providers, whether private or not-for-profit.</p> <p>Robert Dunne advised the LCDC that Pobal were not in a position to discuss specific supports due to GDPR issues and without the consent of the specific organisation.</p> <p>Pobal confirmed that support services are available to all providers upon request and advised that if the LCDC had questions that Pobal would be happy to respond.</p>	<p>Presentation to be circulated to LCDC.</p> <p>Any questions on the presentation to be submitted to the Chief Officer to liaise with Pobal for responses.</p>
4.	Not-for-Profit Community Childcare Presentation from Fingal County Childcare Committee	

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	<p>Adrienne Doyle and Karen Clince outlined to the LCDC the role of the County Childcare Committee and advised that the Committee works closely with Pobal and local providers, both private and not-for-profit.</p> <p>The LCDC raised questions on available supports and the supports available to Blakestown Community Creche. Fingal County Childcare Committee advised the LCDC that they were not in a position to discuss specific supports due to GDPR issues and without the consent of the specific organisation. FCCC further advised that if the LCDC had questions that FCCC would be happy to respond.</p>	<p>Any questions to be submitted to the Chief Officer to liaise with FCCC for responses.</p>
5.	<p>Not-for-Profit Community Childcare Presentation from Fingal CYPSC</p> <p>Aoife Dowling, a researcher contracted by CYPSC, presented to the LCDC on community childcare in Fingal and nationally.</p> <p>The LCDC raised questions on the findings and noted the complexity of the situation with closures of childcare providers both in Fingal and nationwide due to multiple factors.</p>	<p>Presentation to be circulated to LCDC.</p> <p>Any questions on the presentation to be submitted to the Chief Officer to liaise with Fingal CYPSC for responses.</p>
6.	<p>Not-for-Profit Community Childcare Presentation from Empower</p> <p>AO'B delivered a presentation on a lack of not-for-profit community childcare provision in Fingal and set out proposals to address the matter including the establishment of an LCDC sub-group.</p> <p>Following discussion, the LCDC agreed to list the proposal for a sub-group to look at not-for-profit community childcare in Fingal as an item on the agenda for the next LCDC meeting.</p>	<p>Presentation to be circulated to LCDC.</p> <p>List item on agenda for next LCDC meeting.</p>
7.	<p>Not-for-Profit Community Childcare</p> <p>The correspondence issued and received by the Chief Officer following the July meeting was discussed.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Chief Officer would contact and write to the Board of Blakestown Community & Resource Centre to update them on the LCDC's meeting and to welcome the Board's intention to tender for replacement provision.</p>	<p>Chief Officer to contact and write to the Board of Blakestown Community & Resource Centre.</p>
8.	<p>LEADER Update</p>	

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	FLP's report on current progress on the LEADER Programme was noted.	Noted
9.	<p>SICAP Update</p> <p>Empower's report on current progress on SICAP was noted.</p> <p>The case study proposed for 2025 is on Traveller Engagement. JQ queried whether FCC's Housing Department should be involved in the case study. AO'B advised that this will be considered in the course of developing the case study.</p> <p>SICAP Case Study 2025 on Traveller Engagement Proposed: John Quinlivan Seconded: Eoghan Dockrell Agreed</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Case Study on Traveller Engagement Agreed</p>
10.	<p>ORIS Update</p> <p>Chief Officer's report on ORIS funding allocations was noted.</p>	Noted

LCDC Meeting Part B		
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11.	<p>Contract Management – SICAP</p> <p>LCDC members with a conflict of interest and external presenters left the meeting.</p> <p>The LCDC discussed resuming the meetings of the SICAP Oversight Committee.</p> <p>The Chief Officer confirmed the current membership of the Committee and noted that the nomination of a PPN representative was outstanding.</p> <p>William Wanjihia was proposed and seconded as the PPN nominee to the SICAP Oversight Committee.</p> <p>The Chief Officer advised that there is an engagement meeting with Pobal scheduled for 22nd September and that details would be circulated to the members of the Committee and that an induction meeting would be scheduled in advance of that meeting.</p>	<p>Chief Officer to circulate terms of reference & relevant documents to Oversight Committee.</p> <p>Chief Officer to schedule induction meeting for Oversight Committee</p>

Date of next LCDC Meeting – Wednesday 26th October at 5pm (Hybrid)

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Laurence Ward
Chairperson

Aoife Sheridan
Chief Officer

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