



Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí  
Cork City Council



## Minutes of the LDCDC meeting of Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2023

### Microsoft Teams.

**In attendance:** Cllr Fergal Dennehy, Chairperson, Majo Rivas, Brenda Cahill, Niall O’Keeffe, Cllr Garrett Kelleher, Joe Curtin, Siobhan Goulding, Ann Doherty, Cllr Ger Keohane, Catherine Kennedy, Ann Doherty.

**Also in attendance:** Kieran O Connell, Stephan Murphy, Carol Garrett.

**Apologies** Rebecca Loughry, Richard McCarthy, Tom Myers, Gabrielle O’ Keeffe, Eoin Gunn, Adrian Kane, Mellisa Cotter, Denis Leamy.

#### 1. Welcome & Apologies

The Chairperson, Cllr Fergal Dennehy welcomed the committee members.

#### 2. Reminder of Declaration of Interest/Conflict of Interest

The Chairperson (FD) highlighted the importance of declaring interests. The person/s who declare a conflict must then recuse themselves to the decision pertaining to their interest.

#### 3. Minutes

The minutes of the 02<sup>nd</sup> of July were proposed by Cllr Ger Keohane and seconded by Ann Doherty.

#### 4. Matters Arising

Additional staffing Resource (ASR) for LDCD being considered. Report and 2024 proposal: Update from the LDCDC Chief Officers Forum held in September 2023. DRCD will advise all local authorities of the outcome of the review as soon as possible.

## 5. For Information

- (a) Community Support Fund: 96% of the fund has been paid out with 4% outstanding. This is due to the administration requirements to request for receipting for previous grants and/or return of acceptance forms.
- (b) The Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2023 (City of Welcomes)- CRF fund of 1.1m for Cork City. Engagement is ongoing and community groups have responded quite well. 12% of fund expended by Community Groups. Due to the nature of procuring services currently and obtaining 3 quotations, the engagement process is slow. Final closure towards the end of 2024. Community transport has been increased by the provision of two minibuses purchased for areas servicing wide geographical RAPID areas. The second bus will be in action in January 2024. Upgrade to the Carraig Community Centre in Ballincollig started and has been completed adding additional community spaces within the existing building.
- (c) The Community Centre Investment Fund- Proposed community building from Boherboy Road (Newton heights). Department have requested additional information on building quantities for the build. Application currently being processed and reviewed by the DRCD.

**6. PPN Report-** Joe Curtin (JC) reported to the meeting on behalf of the PPN. He stated that the Linkage Groups have started and are operational. Catherine Kennedy asked, where is the most appropriate space to raise relevant PPN items, should it be the LCDC meeting? JC requested that the PPN reports to the LCDC should feature with more substances within the LCDC minutes of meeting. KOC reassured the meeting that this would be addressed in each minutes thereafter. JC requested that the Cork City Youth Response Team, established during the Covid-19 pandemic, would be re-established going forward. AD CEO concurred with this point based on its potential. KOC will follow up on this.

## 7 Strategic Items:

- (a) **City LECP-** KOC reported that the tender process is still on-going. The current tender for the evaluation, assessment and analysis of the Public Consultation will close on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September and the tender evaluation team will recommend the successful tenderer, should there be one, to the LECP Advisory Group who will appointment based on the recommendation. The lead community team members met with the southern regional assembly LECP Team and were appraised of the requirements in terms of the LECP and how it will fit into their regional policies and plans. This was a very informed meeting.
- (b) **Sláintecare Healthy Community –** The Steering group met over the summer. Tanya, the development worker Co-Authored an abstract WHO Healthy City conference with the Cork Migrant Centre and Tracey Holt, CYPSC. The development worker is also completing social media training currently. The SEED fund plan was also submitted which included:
  - Swimming project
  - A tree nursery

- Men's shed.
- Health Impact Assessment
- Grow Your Own Project with 8 primary schools.

**(c) Healthy Ireland-** Currently focussing heavily on admin space ensuring action leads have SLA plan in place. The HI funding includes.

- Green Spaces for Health Co-ordinator
- Cork Sexual Health Network
- Let's play Cork. Play coordinator.
- Transport and mobility forum support
- Cultural Companion Coordinator and programme costs
- Psyched workplace mental health initiative

There was an underspend from the previous HIF round, and the Culture Companion Group will receive this funding to spend on a joint age Cork Age Friendly City programme as they are the only group with programme costs attached.

10 **SICAP General-** SICAP partners can normally carryover up to 5% of any underspend into the following year. As this year ends this iteration of the SICAP programme from 2018 to 2023, all unspent funds will either be required to be re-funded to the LCDC or in instances where the current Local Development Company is successful in securing a new tender in 2024, unspent funds, can be then treated as a carry over with the agreement of the LCDC.

CCP has proposed that the 2023 case study would focus on their engagement with People living in Direct Provision (**As amended**). The meeting welcomed this.

11 **AOB** – Helen Murphy has unofficially resigned from the LCDC as the Cork Business Association (CBA) representative due to her successful securing of a new employment role. KOC will now engage with the CBA to officially secure Helen's resignation and request a new representative on their behalf as directed by the LCDC membership protocols.

12 **SICAP Tender-** The Chairperson gave the remaining members present a general overview of the tender process to date.

13 The next meeting will be an **in-person meeting** on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023. This concluded the business of the meeting.



Fergal Dennehy  
Chairperson.

28<sup>th</sup> September 2023