Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí
Cork City Council

Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil Chathair Chorcaí
Cork City Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of LCDC Meeting 24th September 2026, 4 p.m.

Online, MS Teams.

In attendance:	Denis Leamy (Chair), Denis J. Fitzpatrick (Vice Chair), Bernie Connolly, Cllr. John Maher, Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald, Danielle Gayson, Dermot Crosby, Eoin Gunn, Konrad Im, Michael Delargey, Louise O'Sullivan, (quorum achieved).
Apologies:	Cllr. Gary O'Brien, Cllr. Kenneth Collins, Colm Noonan, Katherine Harford, Martin Davoren, Niall O'Keeffe, Rebecca Loughry.
Also in Attendance:	Kieran O'Connell (CCC), Stephen Murphy (CCC), Fergus Somers (Benchspace), Busie Mhlophe (CCC).

1. Welcome and Apologies.

Denis Leamy (Chair) welcomed the committee members.

Apologies were noted.

2. Declaration/conflict of interest.

The Chairperson reminded the Committee of the need to declare any conflict of interests.

3. Introduction of new LCDC member.

The chair welcomed and introduced a new member of the LCDC.

Louise O'Sullivan (CBA).

4. Draft Minutes and Actions of LCDC Meeting on 30th July 2026.

These minutes were approved.

Proposed by: Michael Delargey.

Seconded by: Dermot Crosby.

5. Matters Arising.

Kieran O'Connell went through the Terms of Reference of Community Facilities LCDC Sub-Group to the LCDC. The TOR of Community Facilities LCDC Sub-Group was approved.

Proposed by: Dermot Crosby.

Seconded by: Cllr. John Maher.

6. **For Information:**

   a. **Lord Mayor's Community and Heritage Concert Saturday, 10th October 2026.**

   Kieran O'Connell provided an update on the Lord Mayor's Community & Heritage Concert, which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 10th October 2026.

   b. **LECP Review (partners) Day 19th October 2026 + LECP Review Date LCDC/SMT.**

   Kieran O'Connell gave an update to the LCDC. The first full LECP 2024-2029 Lead Partners Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, 19th October 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Millenium Hall, City Hall.

   c. **Annual LCDC Networking Event. Thursday, 22nd October 2026.**

   Kieran O'Connell gave an update to the LCDC. The Annual LCDC Networking event is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 22nd October 2026 at Radison Blu hotel, Athlone. Kieran encouraged LCDC members to attend this event.

   d. **DRCDG/Pobal/OECD event in Cork – EU Presidency Event 30th Nov' 2026.**

   Kieran O'Connell gave an update to the LCDC. The Pobal organisers, Kieran, three Community Section staff members, and representatives from Blackpool met on Wednesday, 23rd September to finalise arrangements of the day.

7. **Presentation – Benchspace.**

   Fergus Somers presented the work of Benchspace and its positive impact across the city. LCDC members commended the work of Fergus and the Benchspace team and engaged in a brief Q&A session. Presentation on file.

8. **PPN Report.**

   Konrad Im updated the LCDC on the available job vacancies and a broad range of activities (report on file).

9. **Strategic Items:**

   a. **SICAP + ECP Programmes – CCP Report.**

   The CCP report consists of various SICAP activities and upcoming events including the Local Development Companies Network Conference scheduled for 1st and 2nd October 2026 and the WHO Summit of Mayors on Climate and Health Action scheduled for 5th and 6th October 2026 (report on file).

b. Sláintecare Healthy Communities.

Stephen Murphy presented the Sláintecare Healthy Communities report to the LCDC including events and projects across the city (report on file).

c. Healthy Ireland Fund.

Stephen Murphy presented Healthy Ireland Fund report to the LCDC including various events and initiatives supported such as The Red Thread.

d. LECP 2024-2029 Update.

Kieran O'Connell discussed the delivery of the LECP Review through the Action Plan. Action leads are identified to take responsibility on each relevant action. Kieran encouraged attendance to the LECP Lead Partners meeting on October 19th.

10. AOB.

Kieran O'Connell noted that Denise Cahill would like to launch Cork City Food Strategy with approval from the LCDC.

Dermot Crosby advised the LCDC on National Work & Skills events is taking place from **12th to 23rd October 2026**. There are two events coming up in Mahon Point Shopping Centre;

(a). 15 October Recruitment & Training Fair, 11am – 1pm. Employers with vacancies will be attending from multiple sectors, training providers will also be in attendance.

(b). 22 October Disability Information Event 11am – 1pm. This event will focus on the Intreo funded Employment Supports & Services.

Action items arising from meeting.	
Discuss sustainability of Cork City PPN Coordinator post with RL.	KO'C
Circulate Benchspace email address to LCDC members.	KO'C
DC to share Cork City Food Strategy before the launch.	KO'C
Circulate the Community Health Literacy Programme to LCDC members.	Busie
Circulate meeting details of LECP 2024-2029 Lead Partners to the LCDC.	Busie

Denis Leamy

Denis Leamy
Chairperson

16th October 2026.