

Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

12th February 2015, County Hall, Swords, Co. Dublin

PRESENT	Category
*Ann Brophy	Community Voluntary Interest, Community & Voluntary Forum
*Clodagh O'Donovan	Social Inclusion Interest, Community & Voluntary Forum
Cllr Duncan Smith,	Fingal County Council
Des O'Sullivan	Social & Community Interest (Young People Under 30), Headstrong
Ethna Felten	Chief Executives nominee, Fingal County Council
*Howard Mahony	Community Voluntary Interest, Community & Voluntary Forum
Linda Curran	Local Development, Blanchardstown Area Partnership
*Maire O'Brien	Environmental Interest, Environmental Pillar
Cllr Tony Murray	Councillor, Fingal County Council
Oisín Geoghegan	Local Enterprise Office, Fingal County Council
Pat O'Connor	Higher Education Institute, Institute Technology Blanchardstown
Paul Carroll	Department of Social Protection
Jacob Jura-Zagac	Social Inclusion Interest, Fingal Community Voluntary Forum
Padraic McMahon	Farming & Agriculture, Irish Farming Association
Tony Lambert	Business & Enterprise, Fingal Dublin Chamber of Commerce
Valerie Henderson	Local Development, Fingal LEADER Partnership
Brid Walsh	Social & Community Interest (Drugs & Alcohol), North Regional Drugs & Alcohol Task Group

**Interim nominee until such a time as the Fingal Community Network (Public Participation Network) is established and representatives sought through elections.*

In attendance: Breffni O'Rourke, (Chief Officer), FCC, Noeleen McHugh, FCC
Linda Martin, (Minutes), FCC, Brian Murray, FCC (Meeting B)

	ITEM	ACTION
1.0	MEETING A Apologies: Peter Foran, TUSLA, Natalie Treacy, Councillor, FCC,	
2.0	Minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Howard Mahony and seconded by Tony Lambert. Matters arising were deferred.	
3.0	Local Economic Community Plan (LECP) The chair of the LECP Advisory group, Tony Lambert, introduced the item. Approval was being sought from the LCDC on the draft socio economic statement so the process can move to stage two, public consultation. The other members of the LCDC on the LECP Advisory Group are Des O'Sullivan, Pat O'Connor, Linda Curran and Ann Brophy.	
3.1	Fiona Callan and Bill Thorne, Exodea Consultants, presented a high level overview of the two strands: Social/Community and Economic and the synthesis into a Local Economic and Community Plan. The LCDC is responsible for the preparation and arrangement of the implementation of	

	the community elements of the plan, and review of the economic.	
3.2	<p>The high level goals were discussed under the headings of Stimulating Growth, Sustaining Development and Supporting Communities. Exodea consulting outlined a planned consultation which included four public meetings assisted by the community department of Fingal County Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann Brophy flagged the Fingal Data Hub and felt more useful information was at our disposal than had been presented. • Howard Mahony expressed concern about the use of labels for specific areas, communities and people. • Cllr Duncan Smith related his experience of people in receipt of rent allowance is not reflected in exercises mapping deprivation. • Paul Carroll asked the consultants to contact him if they require more specific Department of Social Protection related data. 	
3.3	<p>The plan, at various stages will be brought back to the LCDC the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and the Regional Assembly before it is brought to full Council in June / July. It was recognised that this was an ambitious body of work to complete in a relatively short period of time. Action: LCDC Members endorsed the socio-economic framework statement and the progression onto the public consultation stage of the LECP.</p>	
4.0	<p>Transport Co-ordination Unit: Chair brought to the attention of the Committee correspondence received from Mick Lorigan, Director of Operations, FCC, requesting his nomination as ordinary Member on Board of Flexibus for a temporary period up to his retirement from FCC. Action: Nomination endorsed unanimously.</p>	
5.0	<p>LEADER – Rural Development programme Chair drew attention to correspondence circulated titled '<i>DECLG Information note on LEADER 2014 – 2020</i>', from the Department Environment Community and Local Government (DECLG), dated 16th December 2014.</p>	
5.1	<p>The Chair sought agreement from the meeting that in compliance with Government policy the LCDC should submit an expression of interest (EOI) to become a Local Action Group (LAG).</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Mahoney asked whether this is another tender process? • Valerie Henderson expressed a number of concerns regarding LEADER. She also stated that as things stand Fingal LEADER Partnership (who are presently the LAG and the implementer body) intend to submit an EOI. • Padraic McMahon and Maire O'Brien asked whether an expression of interest made by the LCDC would have the agreement of the other (2) Dublin areas, South Dublin County Council and Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. 	

5.2	<p>Response: The chair referred to the DECLG correspondence:</p> <p><i>'LCDCs will be requested to maintain local dialogue in the expectation that all groups interested in forming a LAG in a sub-regional area (Dublin) will continue to be encouraged to form a single LAG. DECLG will continue to provide support so that the LCDCs, with the Local Development Company/s as a key implementing partner, can form the LAGs for LEADER 2014-2020.</i></p>	
5.3	<p>The chair confirmed she had spoken to Directors in the other Dublin local authorities and they were supportive of the Fingal LCDC forming a single LAG for the Dublin sub-region. Action: LCDC Agreement to make an Expression of Interest (EOI) to form a Local Action Group (LAG) for the Dublin sub region.</p>	
6.0	<p>MEETING B</p> <p>Linda Curran, Valerie Henderson and Howard Mahoney excused themselves for this part of the meeting. The chair welcomed Brian Murray a member of the LCDC SICAP evaluation sub-committee.</p> <p>Ratification of Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) Pat O'Connor Chairperson of the LCDC SICAP evaluation sub-committee, on behalf of its members Cllr Tony Murphy and Brian Murray gave a comprehensive presentation on the SICAP Public Procurement process as managed by LCDC with the assistance of POBAL. The high level overview outlined the roles and responsibilities of the LCDC the Evaluation sub - committee and evaluation team appointed to oversee the procurement process.</p> <p>Action: The Sub Committee's recommendation was ratified by the LCDC.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Lambert wanted to know what role the LCDC would have in ensuring the quality of the service provided and whether it was meeting its targets. • Des O'Sullivan asked what management information systems would be put in place. • A number of members expressed an interest in viewing the tender/plan. • Ann Brophy commended the Evaluation Sub-committee on their smooth handling of the process. 	
6.1	<p>Response</p> <p>Breffni O'Rourke reminded LCDC members they are bound by public procurement rules, and that they should continue to adhere to the agreements of confidentiality they had signed.</p> <p>The Chief Officer stated the LCDC will be responsible for monitoring and evaluating the quality of service and effectiveness of actions carried out by the implementing body. As part of this responsibility members will have access to the SIACP action plan. A data management system - IRIS - was being adopted</p>	

7.0	<p>by Pobal for use by the implementing body and the local authority who will nominate personnel to utilise the system.</p> <p>Pat O'Connor thanked the members of the evaluation subcommittee and Chief Officer for their support during the process.</p> <p>Date of next meeting 9th April 28 May 2 July 24 September 19th November</p> <p>Note these dates will be subject to change as determined by the statutory requirements on the preparation and oversight of LECP, LEADER and SICAP.</p>	
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Ethna Felten, Chairperson

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Breffni O'Rourke, Chief Officer