

**LCDC Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017**  
**Council Chamber**  
**Bailey Room, City Hall, Waterford.**

**Present:** Mayor Cllr Adam Wyse, Chair; Cllr Tom Cronin, Cllr Liam Brazil, Senan Cooke, Liam Daly, Gabriel Foley, Niall O'Brien, Jimmy Taaffe, Michael Walsh, Heather Kiely, Nick Donnelly, Vincent Daly, Ritchie Walsh

**Apologies:** Prof. Willie Donnelly, Joe Stokes, Willie O'Donoghue

**Staff:** Don Tuohy (Chief Officer), Ivan Grimes, Kevin Moynihan, Elaine Hickey

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Cllr. Adam Wyse (Chair) opened proceedings for the LCDC meeting.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies received from Prof. Willie Donnelly, Willie O'Donoghue and Joe Stokes were noted by the Committee

**2. Confirmation of minutes of LCDC meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (circulated)**

Proposed by: Cllr. Tom Cronin  
Seconded by: Niall O'Brien

**Approved**

**3. Matters arising**

**Increasing LCDC membership numbers:**

Don Tuohy detailed the clarification received from the Department regarding membership numbers. An increase to 21 members as previously discussed is not possible, however, an increase to 19 members is possible and requires adoption at the full Council Plenary meeting.

Approval to increase membership numbers to 19 members and to have one of those members from the Waterford/Wexford ETB was sought

Proposed by: Jimmy Taaffe  
Seconded by: Gabriel Foley

**4. Presentation by Derval Howley, HSE Regional Head of Service for Health and Wellbeing**

Dr. Howley gave a presentation on Social Inclusion, Health and Wellbeing.

**Member comments/queries:**

- Senan Cooke queried newspaper reports that only one third of HSE staff received flu vaccination.
  - Response from Dr. Howley detailed the newly formed Regional Flu Committee, the communication to staff through payslip re vaccination, new information campaign highlighting the benefits of flu vaccination and the training of 'flu champions' allowing for peer vaccinations.
- Niall O'Brien queried whether the government, through the HSE are examining increasing the number of defibrillators in Communities. Heather Kiely agreed that there was a deficit in external defibrillators
  - Dr. Howley informed the committee that she didn't currently have a definitive answer but will revert to the committee in due course
- Nick Donnelly highlighted an issue where emergency services were unaware where community defibrillators were located
- Jimmy Taaffe noted that most communities have first responders trained
- Cllr. Liam Brazil stated that mental health was not focused on enough as it is a huge problem and that government and society are not doing enough. In addition, the 2011 Plan remains largely unimplemented after six years
  - Dr. Howley stated that the Plan is being implemented but that it does take time. In addition, a new head of Mental Health has been appointed and it may be a good idea to invite same to an LCDC meeting later in the year
- Gabriel Foley highlighted the issues of the elderly and the less mobile. He queried whether community health nurses could call in to these people and identify health issues earlier allowing support to take place in the home
  - Dr. Howley stated that efforts are being made to increase the resources available to Public Health Nurses to increase current service levels. More linkage with the Gardai is something the HSE are also aware of

**5. SICAP 2016 review update**

**6. SICAP annual plan 2017 update**

(Jimmy Taaffe stepped out of the meeting)

Don Tuohy requested that these two items be dealt with simultaneously and proceeded to give a presentation on same.

The issue relating to the 262 ineligible applicants (as per clarification issued by Pobal in September), affecting KPI 1, was discussed in addition to the potential remedy in the sum of €3,500 that may need to be applied to WAP due to target being missed by greater than 10%

In addition, February 17<sup>th</sup> is the cut off for recommendations/comments for the 2017 SICAP programme. These will be discussed at the sub-committee meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> and discussed at the next LCDC meeting taking place on February 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 with the submission for the Department being prepared based on this information.

**Member comments/queries:**

- Liam Daly stated that he felt there was an overemphasis on quantitative over qualitative interventions
- Niall O'Brien stated that €3,500 is not a great sum of money to act as a remedy and also queried whether the LCDC missed a signal during the year that this KPI would not be achieved
- Heather Kiely referred to the workshop attended in Limerick where the interpretation of eligibility for KPI was an issue for many P.I.s
  - Don Tuohy informed the committee that only as the year progressed it became an issue due to the Pobal clarification on eligibility
- Niall O'Brien queried how targets are imposed based on past numbers and not derived by engagement. In addition, he queried the targets for 2017
  - Don Tuohy detailed that WAP are aware of the situation they are facing in 2017 and can work to those targets over a full year
- Nick Donnelly stated that he believed that the LCDC didn't want to be in this position regarding implementation of the remedy and that the value of this remedy was small due to it perhaps being a 'gray area'

(Jimmy Taaffe returned to the meeting)

## **7. Feedback from the first meeting of the Skills Enhancement working group**

Don Tuohy stated that the first meeting took place on December 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 and proceeded to outline the issues discussed:

- Suggestion re a jobs expo in Dublin
- Inability of persons with the appropriate qualifications to apply for and secure appropriate employment
- Poor interview skills
- Terms of Reference for the group agreed
- Identify skills required by employers in Waterford

Next meeting is due to take place on January 19<sup>th</sup> and will take place monthly for the next six months. Also, it is intended to invite a representative from West Pharmaceuticals to attend the next meeting.

### **Member comments/queries:**

- Jimmy Taaffe referenced the jobs expo in Killarney that took place over the Christmas period targeting both the domestic and international audience
- Heather Kiely queried when the Terms of Reference for the Health/Wellbeing/Social Inclusion were being prepared and who were the potential members
  - Don Tuohy stated that this was being worked on currently and would be addressed at the February 9<sup>th</sup> LCDC meeting

## **8. LECP**

Don Tuohy stated that a meeting is planned with WAP, WLP and the Council's Economic Development and Community Departments over the next few weeks to discuss public engagements and the planning of same

**9. A.O.B.**

None

**10. Proposed dates of meetings in 2017/venue and times of next meeting**

As per correspondence with members and previous discussion at LAG meeting.

**Meeting closed.**

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Signed

Cllr. Adam Wyse

Chair of Waterford LCDC

9<sup>th</sup> February 2017