

LCDC Meeting 9th March 2017
Committee Room, City Hall, Waterford.

- Present:** Mayor Adam Wyse(Chair), Nick Donnelly , Senan Cooke, Gabriel Foley, Jimmy Taaffe, Cllr. Liam Brazil, Vincent Daly, Liam Daly, Joe Stokes, Richie Walsh
- Apologies:** Willie O'Donoghue, Heather Kiely, Niall O'Brien, Cllr. Tom Cronin, Michael Walsh, Prof. Willie Donnelly
- Staff:** Ivan Grimes, Kevin Moynihan, Don Tuohy, Elaine Hickey

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

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Willie O'Donoghue, Heather Kiely, Niall O'Brien, Cllr. Tom Cronin, Michael Walsh and Prof. Willie Donnelly were noted by the Committee.

2. Confirmation of minutes of LCDC meeting held on 9th February 2017

Proposed by: Cllr. Liam Brazil

Seconded by: Vincent Daly

Approved

3. Matters arising

No matters arising

4. Correspondence

The following correspondence was presented to the Committee for noting:

- a. Healthy Waterford request to be recognised as a working sub-committee of the Waterford LCDC (as circulated)
- b. Tourism Seminar March 29/30th 'Collaborate Locally to Compete Globally – Local Authorities Supporting Tourism' (as circulated)
- c. 'Guide to E.U. Finding 2017-2020' prepared by the European Parliament Research Service (as circulated)
- d. Invitation to Waterford for Accreditation to the National Healthy Cities Network March 10th (as circulated)
- e. Consultation session taking place in Cork 24th March 2017
- f. Guidance document regarding LCDC and CYPSC

5. Nomination of vice-chair to the LCDC

Don Tuohy made a proposal to the committee that Cllr. Tom Cronin should be formally ratified as Vice-Chair of Waterford LCDC

Proposed by: Mayor Adam Wyse

Seconded by: Cllr. Liam Brazil

Approved

6. Presentation by Mr. Vincent Daly, Tusla

Vincent Daly of Tusla made a presentation to the committee relating to Tusla and the work it is tasked to perform (presentation attached).

Member Comments:

- Nick Donnelly queried why it is so expensive to keep young people in private residential facilities. Vincent Daly responded that there are clear expectations and very strict guidelines that these facilities must adhere to. Also, the needs of the young people are extensive which leads to additional costs
- Gabriel Foley commented that it was important for young people to get back into the community. It's important to give young people the opportunity to showcase their talents. Liam Daly referenced the DSP's work with Treo in supporting their goals through funding and the provision of expertise

At this point Mayor Adam Wyse had to excuse himself from the meeting and it was proposed that Cllr. Liam Brazil take the position of acting chair.

Proposed by: Jimmy Taaffe

Seconded by: Mayor Adam Wyse

Approved

7. Update on LCDC sub-committees

- Don Tuohy referenced the three skills sub-committee meetings that have taken place. He outlined that currently the sub-committee is identifying current skill sets available in each sector and consequently identifying any gaps and pinch points that may exist with a view to the development of solutions. Example given being that some unemployed people can't travel for training – Local Link has been contacted and they are interested in providing solutions to this issue.

Member Comments:

Richie Walsh and Senan Cooke stated they attended these meetings also and confirmed that there was a good and functioning group on this sub-committee. They identified that they wished to focus on a small number of deliverable solutions and that a full report would be presented to the LCDC by June.

- Don Tuohy then proceeded to raise Healthy Waterford's proposal to become a full sub-committee of the LCDC and invited Joe Stokes to address the committee.

Joe Stokes outlined the history of the Health Cities and Counties programme and stated that the Department has requested that the LCDC adopt the Healthy Waterford programme as a full sub-committee of the LCDC. He also cited the examples of Limerick, Cork, South Dublin, and Offaly that have taken this course of action.

Joe Stokes made the formal proposal that Health Waterford become a full sub-committee of Waterford LCDC. He finally noted the previous proposal to form a Health and Wellbeing sub-committee and suggested that this could become one with his proposal.

Joe Stokes left the meeting for decision to be made

Member Comments:

- Don Tuohy stated that he also sits on the Healthy Waterford Committee but proposed to stay at the meeting in his capacity as Chief Officer. Don Tuohy also stated that the Healthy Waterford proposal wasn't the only solution and queried if it was the correct way forward. He also queried what the sub-committee structure would look like, would the remit be broad enough to include mental health, how would the committee be chaired and would the views from around the full sub-committee be heard
- Nick Donnelly asked whether there was a national best practice model that could be utilized and if there was a funding implication. Don Tuohy responded by stating that funding was an indirect issue as Waterford City and County Council provide some funding to Healthy Waterford and that there was a part time worker in place funded by the HSE. He also noted that funding for that position was coming to an end so indeed there was a funding

implication. Nick Donnelly finished by stating that there was a need to fully understand the funding implications

- Don Tuohy stated that he would propose the LCDC enter into negotiations with Healthy Waterford and would revert to the next LCDC meeting. Outcome to be finalized at April meeting.
- Cllr. Liam Brazil stated that he felt mental health may be lost under the auspices of a Healthy Waterford sub-committee. Don Tuohy stated that Healthy Waterford feel they can broaden their remit to cover mental health sufficiently and that he felt that meaningful negotiation should take place to tease out the issues.
- Gabriel Foley stated that he felt it would be useful if everything was amalgamated into the Healthy Waterford sub-committee as he wished to avoid too many sub-committees leading to too much crossover in their work. Nick Donnelly agreed with this and further stated that term of reference should include areas to be addressed by the sub-committee
- Senan Cooke requested that Healthy Waterford present a small piece of work to the LCDC outlining what it is they actually do currently and how they propose to deliver on the wider remit proposed.

A proposal was made to enter into negotiations with Healthy Waterford to explore their proposal

Proposed by: Gabriel Foley

Seconded by: Nick Donnelly

Approved

Joe Stokes returned to the meeting

Don Tuohy updated Joe Stokes regarding the negotiations with Healthy Waterford and the proposed broadening of their remit, the financial situation of the committee, the member organizations and the areas they could address.

8. LECP

Don Tuohy informed the committee that Waterford Area Partnership, Waterford Leader Partnership and the Council engaged recently to ensure that what is trying to be achieved by all organizations includes delivering a coherent message when dealing with the public. He stated

that the Economic Development and Community Departments will prepare an update on LECP progress and revert to the LCDC, probably in June.

9. A.O.B.

- Don Tuohy stated that the list of sub-contractors used by WAP had been received. Joe Stokes commented that programme Implementers can spend 15% of their budget on sub-contractors. The list has to be approved by the LCDC. Nick Donnelly queried if this was retrospective approval and Joe Stokes confirmed this but also stated that the list for 2017 was identical.

Approval was sought for both the 2016 and 2017 sub-contractor list.

Proposed by: Gabriel Foley

Seconded by: Jimmy Taaffe

Approved

- A briefing document was distributed to the Committee prepared by Tracy Nugent, HSE Suicide Resource Office in advance of her presentation at the May LCDC meeting. Cllr. Brazil confirmed that he had spoken to Ms. Nugent and that the Waterford strategy document had been sent to the HSE in Dublin for approval. This is expected to be approved with the document being published in April. Request was made to move Ms. Nugent's presentation up to the April meeting from the May meeting.

10. Date of next meeting April 20th 2017, at Civic Offices, Dungarvan immediately after LAG meeting at 11am

Meeting closed.

Signed
Mayor Adam Wyse
Chair of Waterford LCDC

Date