

**Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:
 Thursday December 12th 2019 at the Council Chamber, City Hall, Waterford at 11.00 a.m.**

Present:

Non Public Sector:

Public Sector

1. Gabriel Foley	PPN / Environment	1. Cllr. J. Pratt Chair	Mayor Public Rep
2. Richard Grant	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership	2. Cllr. Adam Wyse	Elected representative
3. Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG	3. Cllr. Lola O’Sullivan	Elected representative
4. Richard Awosika	PPN / Community & Voluntary	4. Michael Walsh	CE, WC&CC
5. Gerald Hurley	CEO Waterford City Chamber	5. Julie Somers	CYPSC Coordinator
6. Senan Cooke	PPN / Community & Voluntary	6. Kevin Lewis	CEO WWETB
7. Maggie Flanagan	PPN / Community & Voluntary	7. Liam Daly	Reg. Mgr. Dept Social Protection
		8. Derval Howley	Head of Wellbeing HSE
Apologies:		Apologies:	
1. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	1. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
2. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber		
3. Heather Kiely	PPN/ Community & Voluntary		

Staff Present: D. Tuohy Chief Officer, Ivan Grimes, DoS, K. Moynihan SO, E. Hickey SO, E Smyth ASO

- 1. Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer D. Tuohy confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 7 & Public 8, total 15 members attending. Due to time constraints affecting some members, the Chair proposed to suspend Standing Orders and move the two items requiring approval to the beginning of the agenda, these items were Healthy Ireland Fund Round 3 approval and SICAP 2020 Annual Plan Approval in Principle

Proposed: M. Flanagan
Approved

Seconded: J. Somers

2. Apologies

As detailed above were noted by the Committee.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC Meeting held on November 14th 2019

Proposed: S. Cooke

Seconded: J. Somers

Approved

4. Matters arising:

None

9.(b)

SICAP - 2020 Annual Plan Approval in Principle

Chief Officer, D. Tuohy outlined the approval process in relation to the 2020 Annual Plan and 2019 Performance. Final adoption of the 2020 plan will take place at the February meeting. Approval in principle allows Pobal to complete the high level review with feedback to the LCDC being received by mid-January.

As Chair of the LCDC SICAP sub-committee, I. Grimes informed the members that the sub-committee met on November 22nd where a detailed presentation was delivered by Waterford Area Partnership. The 2020 targets for Goal 1 have been increased from 69 to 72 groups with Goal 2 remaining at 867 individuals with the Emerging Needs category remaining the same as 2019. It was the recommendation of the sub-committee that the 2020 Plan be approved in principle.

(R. Grant left the meeting for the discussion/decision). Three public sector members did not participate in this decision: Cllr A. Wyse; Cllr L. O'Sullivan and D. Howley.

Proposed: S. Cooke

Seconded: G. Foley

Approved

8. Healthy Ireland Fund Round 3 approval

Chief Officer, D. Tuohy referred to document circulated to members detailing the level of funding achieved in Round 3. The reduction of approx €12k is in relation to the Men's Development Network project. A meeting is taking place on December 16th which will ascertain if the MDN project can proceed on the basis of reduced funding.

The members were requested to approve in principle the Healthy Ireland Round 3 allocation on the basis that the MDN project will proceed with funding as sought or with reduced funding as allocated. In the event of any further changes being necessary to the funding agreement, the Chief Officer would revert to the LCDC with a recommendation and the members could respond by way of email.

Three public sector members did not participate in this decision: Cllr A. Wyse; Cllr L. O'Sullivan and D. Howley.

Proposed: G. Foley Seconded: S. Cooke
(J. Taaffe left the meeting for the discussion/decision)

**5. Migrant Integration Strategy (update) presentation - Breandán O 'Caoimh
(Strategy and Presentation available on Extranet)**

Feedback from the members was that this was an excellent report, well researched and presented. Breandán O 'Caoimh highlighted the example of the initiative in Lismore where migrants are made extremely welcome and showcased how they can bring a new lease of life to communities. J. Taaffe added that WLP have engaged in this area becoming involved in the plan for the village to adopt families.

The Yellow Flag initiative was also referred to and the three schools that are active in this area in Waterford were referenced with St. Saviors and Mount Sion having already achieved their flag.

D. Tuohy stated that he wished to acknowledge the work of Breandán O 'Caoimh and Margaret Ward on this project and thanked the co-funders of the Strategy. He stated that it was a good example of LCDC interagency action.

D. Tuohy informed the members that a recommendation to approve the Strategy was required in order to request the Plenary Council to adopt the Strategy. The Strategy contains 43 recommendations for various public agencies to commit to. If adopted by the Council, a formal launch will take place in February/March of 2020.

Proposed: M. Flanagan Seconded: J. Taaffe

6. 'Skills to Advance' presentation - Eamonn McGettigan WWETB

Feedback from the members was very positive in relation to the work of WWETB in this area. S. Cooke enquired about the work being done with Adult Apprenticeships Social Enterprises. E. McGettigan confirmed that the Community Education Dept. are working extensively in this area currently. J. Taaffe commented that up to 70% funding was available for courses up to Level 6 and that a lot of needs are being addressed under the Springboard programme for levels 7 and above. G. Foley queried if apprenticeships can be completed part-time and this was confirmed by K. Lewis when he stated that a multitude of delivery models are being deployed and are designed to suit employers' needs. M. Walsh highlighted the need for up skilling employees and identified a requirement to work more closely with employers to satisfy their requirements. He proposed that a meeting be organised to discuss this initiative and how best to promote it to employers, given the importance of upskilling. WAP, WLP, WWETB and WC&CC agreed to attend.

7. Presentation by R. Grant Waterford Area Partnership:

- a. Review of SICAP 2019 programme
- b. SICAP 2020 Annual Plan

Comprehensive presentation given by R. Grant of Waterford Area Partnership. Further details contained in item 9(b) above.

9. Sub-committees.

a. Skills sub-committee

Chief Officer, D. Tuohy informed the members that the next meeting is taking place on January 31st

b. Addressed above

c. Healthy Waterford

- Update as per item 8 above.
- Work on the population profile has commenced. Social connectedness and Positive Ageing are also on the programme for 2020.
- D. Howley gave an update regarding the Positive Ageing event that took place on November 27th in Kilkenny in conjunction with the Age Friendly Programmes. Further work being undertaken to have Waterford University Hospital certified as an age friendly hospital.

10. Correspondence

None

8. AOB

S. Cooke queried if the PPN can continue to present to the LCDC – D. Tuohy confirmed that this will remain an item on the LCDC agenda every other month.

9. Date of next meeting: Thursday January 9th, Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Dungarvan.

Meeting Closed

Signed:

Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: _____