

**Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:
 Thursday March 12th 2020 at the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Dungarvan 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. Lola O’Sullivan	Elected representative
3. Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG	3. Michael Walsh	CE, WC&CC
4. Heather Kiely	PPN/ Community & Voluntary	4. Julie Somers	CYPSC Coordinator
5. Maggie Flanagan	PPN / Community & Voluntary	5. Michael O’Brien	WWETB
6. Senan Cooke	PPN / Community & Voluntary	6. Liam Daly	Reg. Mgr. Dept Social Protection
7. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	7. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
8. Richard Awosika	PPN / Community & Voluntary		
Apologies:		Apologies:	
1. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	1. Derval Howley	Head of Wellbeing HSE
2. Gerald Hurley	CEO Waterford City Chamber	2. Cllr. Adam Wyse	Elected representative

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

Confirmation of Quorum:

1. Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer D. Tuohy confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 8 & Public 7, total 15 members attending.

2. Apologies

As detailed above were noted by the Committee.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC Meeting held on February 13th 2020

Proposed: L. O'Sullivan

Seconded: G. Foley

Approved

4. Matters arising:

None

5. PPN Presentation

Deferred

6. HSE Presentation – D. Howley

Deferred

7. a. Final approval of SICAP 2019 End of Year Report

b. Final approval of SICAP 2020 Annual Plan

Richard Grant, Waterford Area Partnership gave a presentation updating the members on the issues highlighted by the LGAS audit. The main issues identified as follows:

- The 2018 AFS remains unsigned by the WAP auditor
- All frontline staff are now 100% SICAP focused
- CEO time is currently split with 75% being allocated to SICAP
- The 2020 Annual Plan has been uploaded to IRIS
- Significant progress has been made in procedure development and document control
- T & S now fully compliant with DPER guidelines
- Request made for an additional 14 days to rectify remaining issues and in particular the AFS

Mr. Grant left the meeting to enable the LCDC to discuss items 8a. and 8b.

Discussion took place among the members with particular regard to the 14 day extension requested by R. Grant.

I. Grimes requested authority from the LCDC to give the LCDC SICAP subcommittee, in conjunction with the WCCC Executive, power to terminate the agreement with WAP or to make the March SICAP payment, dependent on the 2018 AFS being submitted to the LCDC SICAP subcommittee.

After discussion, the LCDC decided unanimously to give WAP an additional 14 days to resolve outstanding LGAS audit issues and to delegate power to LCDC SICAP subcommittee, in conjunction with the WCCC Executive, to either terminate the contract or make the March SICAP payment. Given the tight timescale and the uncertainty over future meetings arising from the Corona virus, approval was also given to the LCDC subcommittee to approve the 2019 End of Year Report and the 2020 Annual Plan and monthly SICAP payments, up to the date of the next LCDC meeting.

R. Walsh did not participate in the decision making process with respect to Public/Non Public member balance.

R. Grant returned to the meeting.

8. Approval of LCDC 2019 Annual Report - as circulated

Proposed: M. Flanagan

Seconded:

L. O'Sullivan

9. Approval of Pobal HIF Portal users

D. Tuohy explained the purpose of the Pobal HIF Portal and requested authorization from the LCDC to nominate himself as primary user and K Moynihan as secondary user.

Proposed: M. Flanagan

Seconded:

L. O'Sullivan

10. Reports from Sub-committees:

a. Skills

Most recent meeting was held on February 24th. The key question addressed was the reasons why Waterford is below the national employment average.

Additionally, the need to develop a case for Waterford to receive extra funding was explored. The work taking place between WAP and WWETB was acknowledged and the rationale for a regional approach was endorsed.

(The Chair, Mayor J. Pratt left the meeting and Vice Chair, Cllr. L. O'Sullivan chaired the remainder of the meeting)

b. SICAP

Dealt with in item 7(a) and 7(b) above.

c. Healthy Waterford:

CMHF Guidelines (as circulated):

Chief Officer, D. Tuohy informed the members as to the Community Mental Health Fund and made a proposal for rolling it out. The key issues are as follows:

- 1) The fund is worth €30k
- 2) Funds will be awarded to between 6 and 15 groups
- 3) Applications/activities must have a mental health focus
- 4) Timescale for roll-out may need to be amended due to current uncertainty re Corona virus

Proposed: L. O'Sullivan

Seconded: J. Taaffe

General update:

The HIF publicity campaign has been suspended by the Department as it conflicts with the Covid-19 national campaign currently underway. Advice from the Department is expected regarding extended completion times for projects that have already begun.

11. Correspondence

- a. European Social Catalyst Fund
- b. Invitation Training on the Drug-related Intimidation Reporting Programme

12. AOB

Chief Officer, D. Tuohy gave a general update regarding the following:

- 1) The Migrant Integration Strategy will be presented to the March Plenary Meeting of the Council
- 2) Julie Somers will present to the April Plenary meeting
- 3) Regarding Covid-19, the LCDC is waiting on guidance from the Department re potentially making decisions by email / remote attendance.

13. Date of next meeting: Thursday April 9th, Council Chamber, City Hall, Waterford.

Meeting Closed

Signed:

Date: _____

Chairperson Waterford LCDC