

## Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:

Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 meeting held via conference call at 11.00 a.m.

### Present:

### Non Public Sector:

### Public Sector

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| 1. Gabriel Foley     | PPN / Environment                        | 1. Mayor Joe Kelly (Chair) | Elected representative           |
| 2. Senan Cooke       | PPN / Community & Voluntary              | 2. Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan   | Elected representative           |
| 3. Maggie Flanagan   | PPN / Community & Voluntary              | 3. Derval Howley           | Head of Wellbeing HSE            |
| 4. Heather Kiely     | PPN / Community & Voluntary              | 4. Brendan Lawton          | Reg. Mgr. Dept Social Protection |
| 5. Breda Fell        | PPN / Community & Voluntary              | 5. Michael Walsh           | CE, WC&CC                        |
| 6. Jenny Beresford   | CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber   | 6. Julie Somers            | CYPSC Coordinator                |
| 7. Michael Bowe      | Interim CEO – Waterford Area Partnership | 7. Michael O'Brien         | WWETB                            |
| 8. Jimmy Taaffe      | CEO – WLP CLG                            | 8. Cllr Eamon Quinlan      | Elected representative           |
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| <b>Apologies:</b>    |                                          | <b>Apologies:</b>          |                                  |
| 1. Catherine Quinlan | I.C.M.S.A.                               | 1. Richie Walsh            | Head of LEO                      |
| 2. Gerald Hurley     | CEO Waterford City Chamber               |                            |                                  |
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**Staff Present:** D. Tuohy Chief Officer, Ivan Grimes DoS, J. Codd S.O., Emma Smyth A.S.O.

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| 1. Total current Membership                                                 | 19                                                    |
| 2. Total attendees                                                          | 16                                                    |
| 3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)                                       | Achieved – 84%                                        |
| 4. non-public/public ratio attendees<br>% ratio non-public/public attendees | 8 non-public : 8 public<br>50% non-public: 50% public |

**1. Confirmation of Quorum:**

Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer D. Tuohy confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 8 & Public 8, total 16 members attending. Mayor Kelly took the chair and opened the meeting.

**2. Apologies:**

Apologies, as detailed in the table above, were noted by the committee.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

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| <b>Proposed: L. O'Sullivan</b> | <b>Seconded by: J. Taaffe</b> |
| <b>Abstentions:</b>            | <b>B. Lawton</b>              |
| <b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>    | <b>Approved</b>               |

**Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

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| <b>Proposed: L. O'Sullivan</b> | <b>Seconded by: M. Flanagan</b> |
| <b>Abstentions:</b>            | <b>B. Lawton</b>                |
| <b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>    | <b>Approved</b>                 |

**4. Matters arising: None**

**5. The Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme (SHCP) update**

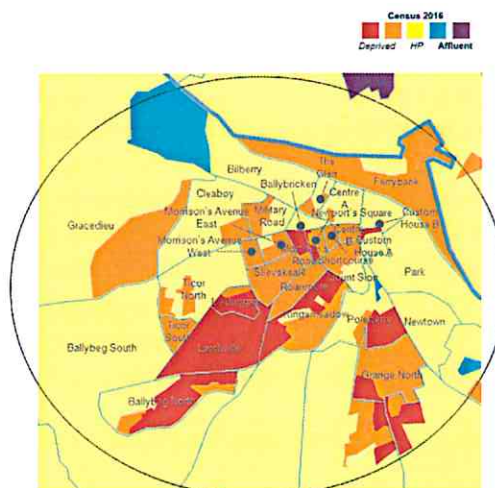
Chief Officer, D. Tuohy gave the following update:

The Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme (SHCP) is a new initiative, led by Sláintecare and Healthy Ireland in the Department of Health, in partnership with cross-sectoral, national and local stakeholders. The goal of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme is to improve the long-term health and wellbeing of people living in the most disadvantaged communities in Ireland.

Under the SHCP, socially disadvantaged areas in Waterford City have been designated for interventions to improve the health and wellbeing of people living in these areas. The purpose of the Programme is to reduce health inequalities by addressing the wider social determinants of health in communities experiencing high levels of deprivation. See attached slide for the list of areas.

## Waterford City

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| <b>Area:</b>                 | Waterford City                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Electoral Districts:</b>  | Ballybeg North, Ballybeg South, Tícor North, Tícor South, Larchville, Lisduggan, Kingsmeadow, Roanmore, Slievekeale, Morrisson's Avenue West, Morrisson's Avenue East, Military Road, Morrisson's Road, Newport's Square, Shortcourse, Centre A, Centre B, Grange North, Ferrybank, Gracedieu, Cleaboy, Bilberry, The Glen, Ballybricken, Custom House A, Custom House B, Mount Sion, Poleberry, Park, Newtown |
| <b>HP Pobal Deprivation:</b> | 0.3 to -25.7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |



The Council through the LCDC has been tasked with the oversight and implementation at local level of elements of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. These include:

1. The setting up of a SHCP Local Implementation Team (LIT) and
2. The employment of a SHCP Local Development Officer.
3. Under the Enhancement Funding Scheme, the submission for funding of projects that would positively impact on the health and wellbeing of those who live within the Programme Area. €250,000 is available in funding for Waterford.

The Council executive has identified projects which will support the increased use of, and access to, amenities in the Programme Area and invoke an improved sense of community. Projects must be submitted to the DRCD by 30<sup>th</sup> September and work completed by the end of December 2021 which is an extremely challenging timescale. In Waterford, there will be a Service level Agreement (SLA) in place between Sláintecare and WCCC regarding implementation and co-ordination of the Programme locally.

An email issued on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August from the Chief Officer, Don Tuohy to the LCDC members requesting that if the organisation they represent is interested in being involved in the LIT, to confirm same in advance of the next LCDC meeting (9<sup>th</sup> September). Members have been confirmed from the following organisations: WC&CC, HSE, An Garda Síochána, WAP, Healthy Waterford, Youth Services, CYPSC, FRCs Network, Family Support Network, PPN, DSP, OPC. At least one member sought from the LCDC and it was suggested by members that a representative from the Traveller Community and Migrant Communities should also be invited to sit on the LIT.

D. Howley added that in the first phase of implementation, 19 SICAP areas have been identified for inclusion, including parts of Waterford City. The Programme will extend to all 51 SICAP areas over a period of three years, subject to funding. Health-specific interventions will be delivered in the areas targeting smoking, social prescribing, parenting, healthy eating and "making every contact count." The Local SHCP Development Officer will be instrumental in organising and assisting the SHCP Local Implementation Team and will report to the LCDC and the National SHCP National Development Officer. The HSE SHCP Coordinator will support the Local SHCP Development Officer locally.

M. Walsh confirmed that he is involved with this programme at a national level and that the HSE will be tasked with the delivery of targeted programmes/services and that Local Authorities will address other issues e.g. environmental issues. It is important to form the right Local Implementation Team who will work together at a local level feeding up to national level.

H. Kiely volunteered to be the LCDC representative on the LIT. She noted that the area where the Sacred Heart FRC is situated does not show as a disadvantaged area on Pobal's deprivation index and requested if it be added to the list of areas covered under the SHCP in Waterford in future rounds.

Formal approval of H. Kiely as the LCDC representative on the SHCP Local Implementation Team

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| <b>Proposed: G. Foley</b>   | <b>Seconded by: D. Howley</b> |
| <b>Abstentions:</b>         | <b>B. Lawton</b>              |
| <b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b> | <b>Approved</b>               |

#### **6. Migrant Integration Strategy update**

Chief Officer, D. Tuohy gave an update and confirmed that through SICAP a Community Development Worker has been employed on a 6 month contract to work with Waterford Migrant Integration Forum. It is intended that WC&CC and WAP (SICAP) will make funding available to employ a Development Worker on a part-time 12 month contract to work on the implementation of key actions contained in the LCDC-led Waterford Migrant Integration Strategy 2021-2024. Waterford Integration Services will be hosting the employment of the Development Worker. G. Foley asked that the LCDC members support the continued employment of the Development Worker going forward. D. Tuohy confirmed that the LCDC will formally write to the relevant organisations re funding of the Development Worker.

#### **7. Dormant Account Fund: LGBTI Community Organisation Grant update**

Chief Officer, D. Tuohy informed the group that two expressions of interest for funding were received and LCDC nominations have been forwarded to the Department for consideration.

**(Under Item No. 8. SICAP – Updates re Items 8.b to 8.e were taken first)**

#### **8. a. Report from SICAP Sub Committee**

M. Bowe gave the following progress report re WAP:

1. The legacy debt issue with the ETB/Solas has been resolved
2. 2019 AFS to be signed off next week
3. 2020 AFS to be completed by the end of November 2021
4. The position of CEO of WAP and TUS Supervisor role is currently been advertised
5. SICAP KPIs 1 and 2 have increased since the mid year review which is good and should increase further by year end
6. Action Plan 2022 to be signed off

## 7. Care & Repair Programme to recommence

D. Howley mentioned that there is also a local and a national issue re the recoupment of unspent HSE budget and that she will speak to M. Bowe separately regarding same.

M. O'Brien mentioned for clarification that the ETB/Solas legacy debt issue was with the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science.

H. Kiely thanked M. Bowe and his team and acknowledged that a lot of work was undertaken to address legacy issues.

M. Bowe left the meeting.

I. Grimes recommended the approval to extend the deadline for submission of the AFS to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and the approval of the October SICAP payment.

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| <b>Proposed: S. Cooke</b>   | <b>Seconded by: G. Foley</b> |
| <b>Abstentions:</b>         | <b>B. Lawton; M. Walsh</b>   |
| <b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b> | <b>Approved</b>              |

I. Grimes mentioned that at the Plenary Council Meeting that is taking place later today that there will be a one off payment of €60,000 to WAP recommended for approval to cover costs associated with governance and change and financial management.

## 8. b. Presentation re Mid Programme Review

J. Codd gave a presentation to the members and outlined the following:

- SICAP programme has been extended for an additional year
- Mid programme Review is an opportunity to:
  - Take stock of current position re SICAP
  - Reflect on where the emphasis should be in the future
  - Consider priorities for the remainder of the programme
- DRCD National priorities need consideration:
  - New Communities with particular focus on those living in Direct Provision
  - Mental Health (including youth)
  - Long Term Unemployed
  - Travellers /Roma
  - Older People and isolation
- Current priorities to be reviewed
- Going forward an internal mid-programme review by LCDC/WAP is to commence as soon as possible
- Annual Engagement Meeting with Pobal (October 5<sup>th</sup> 2021) where LCDC subcommittee and WAP present their list of lot priorities and rationale based on the findings from their internal mid-programme review (September/ October). Current priorities as per Annual Plan are the following: Substance Misuse, Roma, Travellers, people and children with disabilities, those at risk of early school leaving, teenagers with mental health issues, disadvantaged women and asylum seekers with the emerging need category identified as Unemployed Youth.

- Follow up discussions/meetings if required will take place between the LCDC sub-committee and WAP based on agreed outcomes from the annual engagement meeting to finalise the statement of priorities.
- The agreed statement of priorities is to accompany the submission of the 2022 Annual Plan in mid- November with clear actions addressing the agreed priorities for the lot

The Overall expectation of the Mid Programme review is:

- To develop a statement of priorities for the remainder of the SICAP Programme
- The statement of priorities to be agreed collectively by the Waterford LCDC and WAP.
- The statement will inform the strategy and actions of the Annual Plan for 2022 and 2023.
- Pobal will analyse these statements and present an overview of them to the DRCD

D. Tuohy requested members to email him directly with any suggestions or observations in relation to priorities for the remainder of the Programme. The LCDC subcommittee will engage with WAP with a view to agreeing priorities over coming weeks.

#### **8. c. Subcontractor List 2021 (for approval)**

Chief Officer D. Tuohy gave a brief update re the approval of the Subcontractor List 2021 which was circulated to the members prior to today's meeting.

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| <b>Proposed: H. Kiely</b>   | <b>Seconded by: S. Cooke</b>         |
| <b>Abstentions:</b>         | <b>B. Lawton; D. Howley; M. Bowe</b> |
| <b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b> | <b>Approved</b>                      |

#### **8. d. Approval of Total Action Cost % for 2020**

Waterford Area Partnership are requesting the LCDC's agreement to the revised % of total budget used for G1 and G2 at 68.49% for 2020.

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| <b>Proposed: S. Cooke</b>   | <b>Seconded by: G. Foley</b>         |
| <b>Abstentions:</b>         | <b>D. Howley; B. Lawton; M. Bowe</b> |
| <b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b> | <b>Approved</b>                      |

#### **8. e. New WAP Staff members (for noting)**

Chief Officer D. Tuohy mentioned that Jacinta Carroll will be employed by WAP on a fulltime basis as a Community Development Worker working predominately in Dungarvan and mid-county and that Nathaniel Ademoye has been employed on a 6 month contract as a Community Development Worker supporting Waterford Migrant Integration Forum and new community groups.

J. Kelly enquired as to the ratio of percentage costs in WAP for Staffing Costs to Project Costs. M. Bowe confirmed that there is no limit for Staff or Programme costs that each company will have to have a balance and ensure that there is enough staff to run programmes.

## **9. Reports from subcommittees:**

### **a. Skills/Training:**

Chief Officer D. Tuohy gave an update on the work of the Skills Sub-committee which last met on the 6<sup>th</sup> September. Discussions are to take place next week re development of a Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab) in West Waterford. Applications open for Targeted Youth Employability Support Initiative 2021/ 2022. Date of next meeting 8<sup>th</sup> November.

### **b. Healthy Waterford:**

Chief Officer D. Tuohy issued the update and mentioned that work is ongoing with a number of initiatives.

### **c. Social Inclusion:**

Chief Officer D. Tuohy informed the members that the subcommittee has met with the consultant and charges to the survey have been made. The LCDC members were encouraged to complete the survey and to circulate the survey to their colleagues and other relevant parties for completion.

## **10. Correspondence**

Thirteen items of correspondence were brought to the attention of the committee, all were circulated previously.

- a. Ministers Humphreys, McGrath and O'Brien announce €4.5 million in COVID-19 Stability funding for community and voluntary groups circulated on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021. (By Email)
- b. Covid-19 Stakeholders - Partner Pack July circulated on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021. (By Email)
- c. Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys welcomes increased EU support for LEADER Programme circulated on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021. (By Email)
- d. 2021 Dormant Accounts Funding for LGBTI organisations circulated on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021. (By Email)
- e. Public Consultation - The next Sustainable Development Goals National Implementation Plan circulated on the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021. (By Email)
- f. Presentation made to LCDC Skills Sub-committee circulated on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021. (By Email)
- g. Survey of Government Departments and State Agencies on the Sustainable Development Goals circulated on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021. (By Email)
- h. Important Correspondence: LEADER 2014-2022 Delivery Model Review circulated on the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021. (By Email)
- i. Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme LCDCs circulated on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021. (By Email)
- j. Covid-19 Partner Pack Update circulated on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021. (By Email)
- k. Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys approves almost €750,000 for mobility and cancer care transport services in Rural Ireland circulated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021. (By Email)
- l. Minister Humphreys announces one million euro Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021 circulated on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021. (By Email)

- m. Social Inclusion in Waterford - Important Survey circulated on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021.  
(By Email)

**11. AOB:**

D. Howley issued an update regarding Covid-19 vaccinations in Waterford and it was noted that Waterford currently has the highest percentage of uptake of those who have received their vaccination. Those aged 12-15 can now register on the Covid-19 portal. Immunocompromised individuals are to receive an additional Covid-19 vaccine (3<sup>rd</sup> dose). The walk in test centre is not available at the moment due to a high number of children in Schools requiring tests because they have symptoms or are deemed a close contact of a confirmed case so anyone requiring a test is been asked to book an appointment online or through their GP.

**12. Date of next meeting:**

LAG/LCDC meeting: 11.00am 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021, via videoconference.

**Meeting Closed**

**Signed:**

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Chairperson Waterford LCDC

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_