

LCDC Community Progress Report and updates - June 2025

1. Community Integration Forum – Noeleen Osborne:

Waterford Council's Ukrainian Team continue to work with BOTPs residing in Waterford under the OAH/pledge process. New pledge properties are offered to the other DACs and the team will work with DAC staff to ensure occupancy of properties and management of the licenses going forward. They are still seeking pledge properties (vacant and shared) and can be contacted at 058/22059 or offerahome@waterfordcouncil.ie

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT):

For May the Local Authority Integration Team carried out 17 Engagements including 4 information sessions with 87 attendees. There were also 10 non-clinic queries. Main topics covered were The Waterford Welcome Pack, Introduction to LAIT, Deportation, Housing in Ireland, HAP, Managing a Tenancy, Childcare, Focus also Group with Birchwood House Residents.

As of 9th May, there are 3,175 BOTPs (increase of 21) and as of 3rd June there are 657 IPAs in Waterford.

Facebook engagement continued and the June newsletter has been sent to all interested parties.

In May the LAIT attended The Waterford Annual Symposium - The EU Migration Pact – what impacts for Ireland.

A collaboration with LAIT and Waterford Libraries Children's Art Competition for Refugee Week was launched.

The team also attended the Annual National Integration Conference and The WWETB Further Education and Training Fair 2025.

2. Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)– Ger Mulhall

Work is ongoing with Waterford Area Partnership (WAP), who continue to implement the SICAP Programme on behalf of the LCDC. The SICAP budget allocation for 2025 Waterford City & County (Lot 24-1) is €1,452,756. The budget allocation for 'New Arrivals' for 2025 is €246,807.

The Mid-Year Review Process will commence shortly. The deadline for submission of the 2025 Mid-Year Fin & Mon Report by WAP is 17th June. A meeting of the SICAP Sub-Committee will be necessary to review the Fin & Mon Report on behalf of the LCDC and provide feedback to Pobal on any issues identified. It is hoped to have the review process completed in advance of the LCDC Meeting on 10th July, LCDCs must formal approval the Mid-Year Review by 31st July.

3. Local Economic and Community Plan – Orla Kelly:

The new online LECP reporting system has been piloted with 5 partners and we have now contacted all 23 partners (both internal -16 and external - 7), with a view to having a complete

report prepared for the 2024 period for the July LCDC meeting. This will require that all partners make their online submission by the 27th June 2025.

A meeting has been scheduled for all internal WCCC partners on the 11th June, to assist with the reporting process and to demonstrate the new online platform. One-to-one meetings have also taken place with external partners to provide similar assistance.

We plan to have a complete 2024 LECP report for 2024, for the July LCDC meeting.

4. Community Grants Update – Claire Flavin

5. Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) Grants 2025

The Local Enhancement Programme 2025 is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht. The final list was sent to the Department for approval on the 3rd April. All applicants will be advised once final approval is received from the Department, which we anticipate should be in early June.

6. Reports from Sub-committees:

- a. Skills / training – Johnny Codd
Separate Sub Group Minutes uploaded
- b. Healthy Waterford – Eoin Morrissey
- c. Sláintecare Healthy Communities – Ovi Matiut