

1. Confirmation of Quorum:

Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer Sinéad Breathnach informed the Committee that a quorum had been achieved.

2. Apologies.

As per table above, apologies were noted.

3. Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest was declared.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of minutes of LCDC meeting on 19th March 2026 (on extranet)

Proposed: Damien Geoghegan	Seconded by: Gabriel Foley
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved: Approved

5. Matters arising

No matters arising

6. Uploaded Community Progress Report for questions-

1. Community Integration Forum.
2. SICAP
3. LECP
4. Community Grants.
5. Reports from Sub-Committees:
 - (i) Skills/Training
 - (ii) Healthy Waterford
 - (iii) Sláintecare Healthy Communities
 - (iv) SICAP Sub Committee

No questions or comments were raised in relation to the Progress Report which was circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

7. SICAP – Ger Mulhall

Work is ongoing with Buíon Phort Láirge (formerly Waterford Area Partnership), who continue to implement SICAP on behalf of the LCDC.

KPI 1 (Community Groups) 27 (Target:72) approx. 37%

KPI 2 (Individuals) 304 (Target:949) approx. 32%

8. Community Grants

a) Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2026 – Johnny Codd

The 2026 Supporting Waterford Community Grant Scheme was approved by the Plenary Council on 12th March inst.

There were 393 successful applications.

There were 10 ineligible applications.

A total fund of €240,258.00 will be distributed to the successful applicants.

b) Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2026 – Ger Mulhall

The LCDC Assessment group met on 31st March 2026, reviewed all applications and has made recommendations for funding.

Because the fund was heavily oversubscribed, it was not possible to provide a grant to all groups. The total LEP fund for allocation in 2026 was approx. €248,000 and in line with Department guidelines, priority was given to supporting groups in disadvantaged areas.

Allocations were based on the Pobal Deprivation Index, with those most deprived receiving the highest % of funding. However, all groups and the people they serve, no matter what area they were operating from, were given full consideration.

list of projects recommended for funding has been circulated. 171 projects are recommended for funding:

Municipal District	Applications for €1,000 or less	Applications for over €1,000	Total No. of Applications	Total Amount Awarded
Comeragh	8	24	32	€47,163
Dungarvan/Lismore	22	45	67	€89,300
Metro	20	52	72	€111,820
	50	121	171	€248,283

Recommendations must be submitted to the Department by Wednesday 22nd April and successful projects will be advised once final approval is received from the Department, probably in late May/early June.

Proposed: Damien Geoghegan	Seconded by: Liam Brazil
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved: Approved

9. Well Waterford – Eoin Morrissey (absent)

Eoin provided an update regarding WHO accreditation, noting ongoing progress and key next steps. He also outlined details of upcoming Place Standard training, including timelines and expected participation.

Additional updates included progress on the RSC accessibility audit, with a focus on identifying improvements to enhance inclusivity, as well as developments relating to Healthy Ireland Round 4 funding, including current status and planned allocation.

He concluded with a number of smaller updates across ongoing Well Waterford initiatives.

10. Update from Family Support Project for Larchville/Lisduggan – Liam Quinn

Update deferred until the May Meeting

11. SICAP

Update from Buíon Phort Láirge – Liam Quinn

Update deferred until the May meeting.

12. Update from other stakeholders:

Nicola Spendlove, A.O. gave a comprehensive presentation in relation to Waterford Slaintecare Healthy Communities, which was well received by all members of the LCDC.

13. Correspondence:

- a) Minister Dara Calleary announces details of €25 million Community Centre Investment Fund.
- b) Minister Jerry Buttimer announces Open Call for the Community Service Programme.
- c) Three free literacy learning opportunities during Waterford's Lifelong Learning Festival.

14. A.O.B.:

There will be a Local Authority briefing session on the LCDC Communications Campaign, more information will be circulated to the group as we get it.

15. Date and venue of next meeting

Thursday 14th May 2026, in person/ hybrid, City Hall, Waterford.

Signed:

Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: _____