

# 2015 Annual Report of the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Community Development Committee.

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## **1 Background to the formation of the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Community Development Committee:**

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The governing legislation underpinning the establishments of Local Community Development Committees (LCDC) is set out in Section 36 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, which provides for the establishment of LCDCs in all local authority administrative areas *“for the purposes of developing, coordinating and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development”*.

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown was one of ten “front Runner” LCDC’s to be established in the Country. This process began with the passing of a resolution by the County Council on February 10<sup>th</sup> 2014, approving the establishment of a Local Community Development Committee for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown and the initial membership of the committee. As the two main organisations within the county with responsibility for Community Development it was agreed Southside Partnership and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council would both jointly chair the initial phase of the Local Community Development Committee.

Mr Dave Lawless (Community Department, DLRCC) was appointed by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council as the Chief Officer for the LCDC. It is the Chief Officers role to support the establishment and development of the LCDC in line with national policy requirements and support the committee in the implementation of its role and functions.

## **2. The role and functions of the DLR LCDC**

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Accordingly, and in accordance with the functions detailed in the Act, the LCDCs will: have primary responsibility for co-ordination, planning and oversight of local development spend, whether that spend is delivered by local authorities or on behalf of the State or by other local development agencies and structures; LCDC’s will bring a more coherent approach to the implementation of local and community development programmes and interventions, seeking to ensure an integrated approach to local community and local development services between providers and delivery structures; LCDC’s will drive meaningful citizen and community engagement in the scoping, planning, delivery and evaluation of local and community development programmes;

LCDC’s will ensure a more efficient administration of local and community programmes and delivery structures, the appropriate matching of resources to priorities and the achievement of value-for-money in the delivery and governance of programmes and the management of local delivery arrangements;

LCDC’s will develop approaches that focus on learning and feedback, enhancing the links between practice and policy development, and

LCDC’s will explore and pursue opportunities for additional funding resources for the area, whether Exchequer, EU, private or other sources.

***Section 128B of the Local Government Act 2001 (inserted by Section 36 of the 2014 Act) sets out the functions of LCDCs. These functions are —***

- To prepare the community elements of a 6-year Local Economic and Community Plan.
- To implement or arrange for the implementation of the community elements of the Plan.
- To review the community elements of the Plan at least once within the period of 6 calendar years and if necessary, to amend the community elements of the Plan.
- To monitor and review on an on-going basis the implementation of the community elements of the Plan and, if appropriate, to revise the actions and strategies set.
- To achieve the objectives of the community elements of the Plan,
- To co-ordinate, manage and oversee the implementation of local and community development programmes that have been approved either by the relevant local authority or by agreement between the LCDC and a relevant public authority (e.g. Government Department, State agency)
- To seek to ensure effectiveness, consistency, co-ordination and avoidance of duplication between public funded local and community development programmes, in addition to public funded programmes, to pursue the co-ordination generally of all local and community development programmes within the functional area of the Committee,
- To consider and adopt a statement for consideration of the Council in respect of the economic elements of a draft of the Plan prepared by the local authority,
- To prepare an annual report to the performance of its functions.

### **3. LCDC Meetings in 2015**

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The Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Community Development Committee held seven meetings in 2015. (Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, Mar 25<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, Nov 25<sup>th</sup>)

It was agreed by the DLR LCDC that meetings would take place at 8.30am and be held in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council offices and the offices of Southside Partnership offices.

It was agreed by the LCDC members that Cormac Shaw (Southside Partnership) and Tom Mc Hugh (Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council) would co-chair the LCDC for 2015.

In November 2015, Tom Mc Hugh was replaced on the LCDC by Ms. Dearbhla Lawson (Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council) who also took on the co-chair role.

#### 4. Membership of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Community Development Committee in 2015.

At a meeting of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council held on September 17<sup>th</sup> 2014 a resolution to establish the DLR LCDC and its membership of 19 seats was approved.

In 2015, a number of vacant seats on LCDC were filled including: Derek Elders (DDLETB) Eibhlin Curley (DLR LEO) Philip Maguire (Rural Task Force). The Public Participation Network formally nominated the following five people to the LCDC: Albertine Denis, Rebekah Fozzard, Pauline Davy, Kay Gleeson & Tom Kivlehan.

Dearbhla Lawson replaced Tom Mc Hugh (DLRCC) in November 2015.

Philip Maguire was unable to attend meetings due to his employment and will be replaced in 2016.

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Sector	Members Name	Organisation
<i>Local Authority Elected Members</i>	<b>Cllr Peter O'Brien</b>	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
	<b>Cllr Josepha Madigan</b>	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
	<b>Cllr Jennifer Cuffe</b>	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
	<b>Cllr Kate Feeney</b>	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
<i>Local Authority Officials</i>	<b>Tom Mc Hugh</b>	<i>Chief Executive or Nominee</i>
	<b>Eibhlin Curley</b>	<i>Head of Local Enterprise Office</i>
<i>State Agencies</i>	<b>Maurice Farnan</b>	Health Service Executive
	<b>Fiona Ward</b>	Department of Social Protection
	<b>Derek Elders</b>	Dublin Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board
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Sector	Members Name	Organisation*
<i>Local &amp; Community Development</i>	<b>Cormac Shaw</b>	Southside Partnership
	<b>Inez Bailey</b>	Southside Partnership
<i>Social Inclusion Public Participation Network</i>	<b>Pauline Davy</b>	Community & Voluntary Forum/PPN Southside Women's Action Network
	<b>Rebekah Fozzard</b>	Southside Travellers Action Group
<i>Community &amp; Voluntary Public Participation Network</i>	<b>Kay Gleeson</b>	Community & Voluntary Forum/PPN Glasthule / Sandycove Residents Association
	<b>Albertine Denis</b>	South Dublin FM
<i>Environmental Interests Public Participation Network</i>	<b>Tom Kivlehan</b>	Environment Pillar/
<i>Other civic society or local community interests</i>	<b>Philip Maguire</b>	Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Rural Task Force
	<b>Colm Kinsella</b>	ICTU
	<b>Dr Josephine Brown</b>	DLR Chamber
<i>Total No. of Members</i>	<b>19</b>	

## 5. Main achievements of the LCDC in 2015

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There were five key priority programmes progressed and developed in 2015 by the LCDC, these included:

- 5.1 Oversee the contracting of a service implementer for the SICAP lot for DLR and monitoring implementation of the SICAP programme in 2015.
- 5.2 Development of a Socio- Economic Profile of DLR.
- 5.3 Drive the development of a six year Local Economic & Community Plan for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown, 2015 - 2021
- 5.4 Support the development of the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme, 2014 – 2020
- 5.5 Support the development of the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Public Participation Network.

### 5.1 Oversee the contracting of a service implementer for the SICAP lot for DLR and monitoring implementation of the SICAP programme in 2015.

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In January the LCDC established an Evaluation Sub Group to assess the SICAP (Social Inclusion, Community Activation Programme) tenders received as part of the open public procurement process. The outcome of which was the awarding of the SICAP contract to Southside Partnership Limited for the period of 2015 to 2017.

The LCDC approved the awarding of this SICAP contract at its March meeting. The SICAP contract in 2015 runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> and was valued at €700,868.00.

Southside Partnership developed a SICAP Action Plan for 2015 which was presented and approved by LCDC. As part of the national reporting requirements for SICAP, a mid-year review and end of year review was completed. A Sub Group of LCDC was established to conduct this mid-year and end of year review.

Pobal have developed an online monitoring system (IRIS) to track the implementation of the SICAP programme nationally. In 2015 DLR LCDC was fully compliant with all national requirements.



Some key SICAP indicators / targets achieved in 2015:

<b>960</b> individuals	Worked with on a one to one basis.
<b>50</b> Community Groups	Received advice and development support.
<b>1047</b> Children	Received educational or developmental support
<b>586</b> individuals	Received employment support
<b>155</b> individuals	Supported into self-employment

## 5.2 Development of a Social-Economic Profile of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown

Building on the work started in 2014 with AIRO (All Island Research Observatory) the LCDC have developed a Socio Economic Profile of the county based on the 2011 Census.

This socio-economic profile is an important part of the data gathering exercise and provides the LCDC, and the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC, with baseline data on 43 different indicators that will assist them to make well informed decisions and provide them with a basis for measurement of impact of actions and of future needs

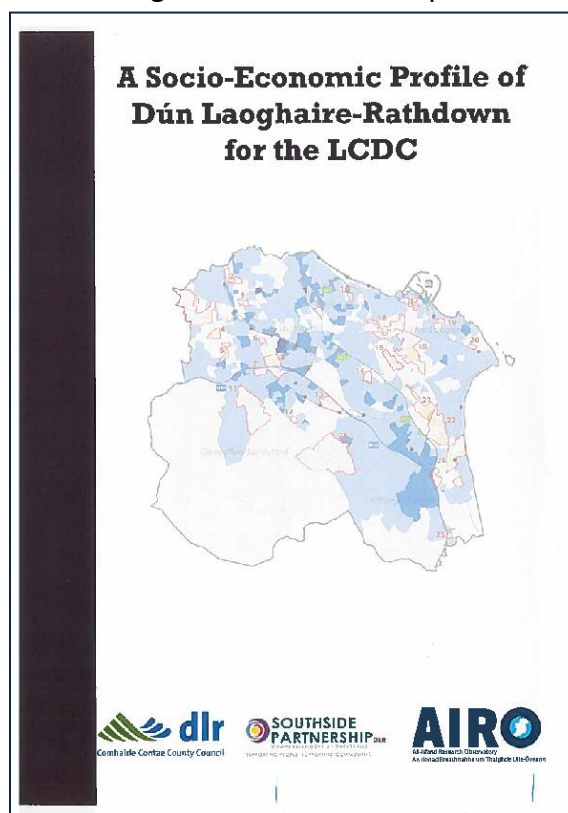
The profile provides detail on the status of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown in a national and regional context as well as benchmarking the six Local Electoral Areas (LEAs) (Dundrum, Stillorgan, Blackrock, Dún Laoghaire, Glencullen-Sandyford and Killiney-Shankill) with county, regional and national results. A key part of this profile has also been the identification of 25 priority 'Target Areas' across the County.

The socio-economic profile provides Census 2011 and Department of Social Protection data about DLR County at small area / electoral division level enabling a far more detailed picture of the County than has been available to date. The LCDC, is committed to build on this baseline data both by reviewing and updating the data in the future and by adding new data sets as they become available.

The LCDC launched this document on May 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 in the dlr LexIcon.

Copies of the profile can be downloaded from the link below.

<http://airo.maynoothuniversity.ie/news/airo-launch-new-d%C3%BA-laoghaire-rathdown-socio-economic-profile>



### 5.3 Development of a Local Economic & Community Plan for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown

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The DLR Local Community Development Committee had a very busy year in 2015 actively driving the development of the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Economic & Community Development Plan (LECP). The purpose of the LECP, as provided for in the Local Government Reform Act 2014, is to set out, for a six-year period, the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic development and the local and community development of the County.

The economic elements of the LECP were developed by the SPC for Economic Development and Enterprise while the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) developed the community elements of the DLR LECP. The Plan as a whole, into which both the economic and community elements will be integrated, had to be adopted by the Local Authority by December 2015.

The LCDC approved the appointment of external expertise to assist with the process of developing the LECP. A public tender process for the contracting of external expertise to assist with the development of the Community Elements of the plan was developed. In February 2015, Future Analytics consulting were appointed to assist in the development of the Community components of the DLR LECP.

It is important to acknowledge the very positive multi agency and community organisations participation in the process of designing the shape and contents of the DLR LECP.

The process started with the development of a Socio Economic Statement which documented some of the key demographics of the county and proposed a draft vision and set of high level goals for the development of the LECP.

**Key actions in this process in 2015 included:**

Consultation Event with the DLR PPN	June 2015
4. Workshops with Community Stakeholders	July 2015
Face to face meetings with Service Providers	August – September 2015
Public meetings with Community and Voluntary sector	September 2015
Drafting of Community related and Shared Actions	September 2015
Preparation of draft Community Plan	September/October 2015
Presentation of Draft Plan for approval to LCDC	November 2015
Approval of Plan by Regional Assembly	November 2015
Presentation of Draft Plan to Area Committees	October / November 2015

The Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Economic & Community Development Plan 2016 – 2021 was presented for adoption by DLR County Council on December 14<sup>th</sup> 2015.

## 5.4 Support the development of the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme, 2014 – 2020

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As part of the new LEADER Programme 2014 - 2020 there will be one Dublin Rural LEADER programme which will cover selected rural area within the three Dublin Local Authority Areas of Fingal, South Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown.



Dublin Rural  
**LEADER**  
*Growth, Sustainability & Inclusion*

The new Dublin Rural LEADER programme will be led by Fingal Local Community Development Committee and the Fingal County Council as 70% of the rural population is located within Fingal. The total budget for the 2014 – 2020 Dublin LEADER programme is €6,370,438.43

Fingal LEADER Partnership have been appointed as the programme implementer for the 2014 - 2020 programme.

The Dún Laoghaire Rathdown areas included within this programme covers the DEDs of Glencullen and Tibbradden.

The DLR Local Community Development Committee nominated three representatives to sit on the LEADER Local Action Group. These include:

Cllr Peter O'Brien,	DLRCC
Tom Kivlehan	DLR PPN
Cormac Shaw	Southside Partnership

### Key Actions in 2015:

Public consultation event held on October 21<sup>st</sup> in the Country Market, Kiltarnan.

Public consultation event held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> in DLRCC, County Hall.

Public consultation event held on December 15<sup>th</sup> in Sandyford Community Centre.

Development of the draft Local Development Strategy for the Dublin LEADER Programme.

A number of meetings of the Dublin LEADER Local Action Group were held to approve the development of the draft strategy. It is planned that the Local Development Strategy will be submitted to the Department by the end of January 2016.



## 5.5 Establishing the DLR Public Participation Network

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A new framework for public engagement and participation, to be called “The Public Participation Network (PPN)” has to be developed within each local authority area (engaging in and within municipal districts and at the County/City level) to enable the public to take an active formal role in the policy making and oversight activities of the Local Authority’s.

The PPN will be the main link through which the local authority connects with the community, voluntary and environmental sectors without prejudice to other consultation processes. The aim of the structures and processes is to facilitate and enable the public and the organisations to articulate a diverse range of views and interests within the local government system, not to reduce or homogenise this diversity.

186 organisations have registered as members of the DLR PPN.

The PPN Steering Committee met on a monthly basis to plan and organise the 2015 programme of work.

### Key activities in 2015 included:

- Three plenary meetings of members were held in 2015 (February 25<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup> November 10<sup>th</sup> )
- Development of a communication strategy and the development of a PPN Logo.
- Development of the fortnightly DLR PPN E Zine.
- Participation in workshop on the development of the DLR Local Economic and Community Plan.
- Election of 31 PPN representatives onto six SPC’s, DLR JPC and the DLR LCDC.
- Successful launch of the DLR PPN on December 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms Sabina Higgins.
- Participation in regional network of PPN’s.



There is a need to further develop the membership of the DLR PPN. The recruitment of a dedicated resource worker is considered to be essential to the further development of the DLR PPN.

## 6. LCDC Members Attendance Record 2015

Name	Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mar 25 <sup>th</sup>	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Jul 1st	Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	Oct 21 <sup>st</sup>	Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>
Albertine Denis <b>DLR PPN</b>					Attended.	Attended	Apology
Catherine Devitt <b>DLR PPN</b>	Apology	Apology	Absent	Apology	<b>Resigned</b>		
Cllr. Jennifer Cuffe <b>DLRCC</b>	Apology	Attended	Absent	Attended	Absent	Attended	Attended
Cllr. Josepha Madigan <b>DLRCC</b>	Attended	Apology	Apology	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apology
Cllr. Kate Feeney <b>DLRCC</b>	Attended	Apology	Attended	Attended	Apology	Attended	Attended
Cllr. Peter O'Brien <b>DLRCC</b>	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apology	Attended	Attended	Attended
Colm Kinsella	Attended	Attended	Absent	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Cormac Shaw (Co Chair) <b>Southside Partnership</b>	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
David Lawless (Chief Officer) <b>DLRCC</b>	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Dearbhla Lawson <b>DLRCC</b>							Attended
Derek Elders <b>DDLETB</b>	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apology	Attended	Attended	Attended
Eibhlin Curley <b>DLRCC LEO</b>					Apology	Attended	Attended
Fiona Ward	Attended	Apology	Apology	Attended	Apology	Attended	Attended
Inez Bailey <b>Southside Partnership</b>	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apology	Apology	Apology	Apology
Josephine Brown	Absent	Absent	Absent	Attended	Attended	Attended	Absent
Kay Gleeson <b>DLR PPN</b>	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Maurice Farnan	Attended	Absent	Apology	Attended	Attended	Attended	Absent
Pauline Davy <b>DLR PPN</b>	Attended	Attended	Apology	Attended	Attended	Apology	Apology
Philip Maguire	Absent	Apology	Apology	Apology	Absent	Absent	Absent
Rebekah Fozzard <b>DLR PPN</b>	Absent	Attended	Attended	Apology	Attended	Apology	Apology
Sarah Burgess <b>DLR PPN</b>	Absent	Attended	Attended	<b>Resigned</b>			
Tom Kivlehan <b>DLR PPN</b>					Attended	Attended	Attended
Tom McHugh (Co Chair) <b>DLRCC</b>	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apology	Attended	Attended	<b>Resigned</b>

## Conclusion

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2015 was a very busy year for the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Community Development Committee. The work of developing the Local Economic & Community Plan, implementing the SICAP Programme, developing the Dublin LEADER Strategy and supporting the development of the DLR Public participation Project has required a significant commitment from all the members of the LCDC. All the national programme requirements for the LCDC have been fully met in 2015.

It is important to acknowledge the significant level of inter-agency collaboration and active engagement by all our partner organisations and representatives on the Committee.

With such a heavy work load to get through in 2015 the role of the co-chairs Tom Mc Hugh (Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council) and Cormac Shaw (Southside Partnership) was very important in focusing and driving the ambitious agenda of the DLR LCDC.

We look forward to working with all our partners in 2016 as we move into the implementation phase of the Local Economic and Community Plan.