



2020 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:

The governing legislation underpinning the establishment 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 established in the country. This process began with the passing of a resolution by the County Council on February 10th 2014, approving the establishment of a Local Community Development Committee for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and the initial membership of the committee.

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

2. The role and functions of the DLR LCDC

Accordingly, and in accordance with the functions detailed in the Act, the LCDC 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 2020

The Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Community Development Committee held six meetings in 2020. Sub Committee meetings also took place in 2020 for SICAP, Healthy Ireland and Community Enhancement Programme.

2020 LCDC Meetings - 29th January, 24th February, 1st July, 16th September, 21st October and 18th November.

The meetings in January and February took place in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, and due to the impact of COVID-19 restrictions the rest of the meetings took place online via MS Teams. Meetings commenced at 8.30am.



4. Membership of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Community Development Committee 2020

Mary Ruane, Community and Cultural Development, DLRCC served as Chief Officer for the LCDC during 2020. The Chief Officer's role is 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.

The Council established an LCDC support team in 2017, with two posts partially funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, and this funding continued in 2020.

The January meeting of the LCDC was chaired by Dearbhla Lawson (then Director Community and Cultural Development DLRCC). The February meeting was chaired by the Chief Officer, Mary Ruane. At the July meeting, Cllr Kate Feeney was nominated as Chairperson and the nomination was agreed by the LCDC. Cllr Kate Feeney chaired the July, September, October and November meetings.

There were a number of changes to membership of the LCDC in 2020.

Therese Langan (Director of Community and Cultural Development) was nominated as Chief Executive nominee to replace Dearbhla Lawson at the July meeting. Her nomination was approved by the CPG and at the Council meeting on 12th October.

Two members of the LCDC, Kay Gleeson from the PPN and Dr Josephine Browne from other civic society or local community interests resigned having reached the maximum term for these LCDC nominations of six consecutive years on the LCDC.

Three members of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Public Participation Network resigned- Kay Gleeson (Community and Voluntary Forum), having served 6 years and Michael O' Brien (Community and Voluntary Forum) having served almost 4 years. They were replaced by Darren Chambers (Community and Voluntary Forum/PPN) and Joan Casey (Community and Voluntary Forum/PPN). Tom Kivlehan was co- opted to the Council in February 2020 and his replacement on the LCDC was Mark Fox (Environmental Interest/PPN). The nominations were approved by the CPG and at the Council meeting on 12th October 2020.

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber nominated Gabby Mallon to replace Dr Josephine Browne to the committee in August 2020 as Dr Josephine Browne had served 2 consecutive three- year terms. Gabby Mallon's nomination was approved by the CPG and the Council at its meeting on 12th October 2020.



Local and Community Development nominee, Alan Wyley resigned from the LCDC in September and his replacement Patricia Byrne was approved by the CPG and at the Council meeting on 12th October 2020.

Cllr Daniel Dunne resigned from the LCDC in September and Cllr Tom Kivlehan was appointed as his replacement at the October Council Meeting.

Derek Elders resigned from the LCDC in November 2020 and this seat is vacant at the 31st December 2020 pending a replacement nomination from the Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board.

The membership at 31st December 2020 is as follows:

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Sector	Members' Name	Organisation
<i>Local Authority Elected Member</i>	Cllr Kazi Ahmed	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
	Cllr Kate Feeney	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
	Cllr Tom Kivlehan	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
	Cllr Lettie McCarthy	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
<i>Local Authority Officials</i>	Therese Langan	Chief Executive or Nominee
	Roisin Cronin	Local Enterprise Office
<i>State Agencies</i>	Siobhan Fitzpatrick	Health Service Executive
	Stephen Fitzgerald	Department of Social Protection
	VACANT	Dublin Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board
	Lorna Kerin	Tusla (in advisory role)
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Sector	Members' Name	Organisation
<i>Local & Community Development</i>	Cormac Shaw	Southside Partnership
	Patricia Byrne	Southside Partnership Vice Chair
<i>Social Inclusion Public Participation Network</i>	Ibrahim Al Kaddo	PPN Social Inclusion Pillar



	Sharon Perry	PPN Southside Women's Action Network
Community & Voluntary Public Participation Network	Joan Casey	PPN Laurleen Rocwood Residents Association
	Darren Chambers	PPN Ballinteer St Johns GAA Club
Environmental Interests Public Participation Network	Mark Fox	PPN An Taisce
Other civic society or local community interests	Conor Hickey	Crosscare
	Professor Joe Carthy	University College Dublin
	Gabby Mallon	DLR Chamber
Total No. of Members	19 + 1 advisory member	

5. Main achievements of the LCDC in 2020

There were five key priorities progressed in 2020 by the LCDC, as follows:

- Monitoring and reviewing progress on implementation of the SICAP Programme by Southside Partnership DLR CLG in 2020 under the SICAP Programme 2018-2022
- Supporting and monitoring implementation of the six year Local Economic & Community Plan for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, 2016 – 2021
- Supporting the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme 2014 – 2020, including developing the work of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Rural Task Force
- Supporting and promoting community interests including the development of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Public Participation Network
- Supporting and evaluating the role and remit of the LCDC- including developing collaborative support for inter-agency strategic engagement, and administering government grant funding in support of community development and wellbeing in dlr

Many representatives from statutory and non- statutory organisations on the LCDC were included in the Community Response Forum set up in late March 2020 by DLRCC to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Forum led by the Chief Executive of DLRCC is responding to key priorities emerging in the county during this public health crisis and this Forum is continuing to meet into 2021.

In 2020, the LCDC had oversight and involvement in a number of government funding streams due to the unique position of the LCDC, with representation from a diverse range of community interests.



Community Engagement Programme (CEP) Grant Fund
SICAP Programme
Healthy Ireland Fund

5.1 Monitoring implementation of the SICAP programme in 2020

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme 2018-2022 is a key focus for the LCDC with regular reports and consideration of progress at LCDC meetings. The contract in 2020 was valued at €962,525 for which a contribution comes from the European Social Fund (ESF) Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning (PEIL) 2014-2020 and the Youth Employment Initiative.



The SICAP Annual Plan 2020 was approved at the LCDC meeting of the 29th of January 2020 along with the 2019 Annual Progress Report. Sub Group Meetings of the LCDC were held in 2020 to conduct reviews of the mid-year and end of year processes for SICAP and to review the SICAP Annual Plan 2020.

The annual engagement meeting with the POBAL Development Coordinator took place online due to COVID restrictions in October 2020 and was attended by LCDC SICAP subgroup members, the Chief Officer and LCDC support staff, with Southside Partnership staff attending for part of the session.

POBAL continued to provide an online monitoring system (IRIS) to track the implementation of the SICAP programme nationally. In 2020, the DLR LCDC was fully compliant with all national requirements.



The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018-2022 is funded by the Irish Government through the Department of Rural and Community Development and co-funded by the European Social Fund under the Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning (PEIL) 2014-2020



The SICAP programme provided considerable support in the Community for the most marginalised throughout 2020. COVID-19 impacted on programme delivery but the Southside Partnership DLR Team showed great flexibility and adopted new work practices to ensure that the majority of the programme goals could be delivered. Despite the difficulties presented by COVID-19 restrictions, particularly in relation to one-to-one interactions and community group supports there was good progress in the SICAP Programme. A SICAP Case study was produced highlighting flexibility of SICAP programme in responding to emerging needs in the community: <http://southsidepartnership.ie/documents-library/#>

The Chief Executive of Southside Partnership dlr served in the role of Community Champion on the Community Response Forum led by DLRCC for Covid-19.

POBAL directed in July 2020 that a re-examination of the KPI targets for Goal 1 and Goal 2 be undertaken in October 2020 when the full impact of COVID-19 restrictions on programme delivery was established. Following discussions with Southside Partnership DLR the following adjustment to the KPI Targets for Goals 1 and 2 were agreed.

	2020 Original Annual Target	2020 Revised Annual Target	2020 Actual
Goal 1	38	30	33
Goal 2	600	510	519

Southside Partnership DLR was successful in achieving the revised annual plan KPI targets for 2020 and the significant majority of targets were achieved. Some key SICAP indicators / targets achieved in 2020:

519 Individuals	Worked with on a one to one basis
33 Community Groups	Received advice and development support
302 Children	Received educational or developmental support
244 Individuals	Received employment support
151 low income workers	Supported to progress to more stable employment



76 Individuals	Supported into self-employment
7 Social Enterprises	Supported to develop through SICAP

5.2 Implementation of the DLR Local Economic & Community Plan 2016-2021

2020 was the fifth full year of implementation of the DLR Local Economic and Community Plan. It was a busy year for both the DLR Local Community Development Committee and the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee whose role is to oversee the development and implementation of the Local Economic and Community Plan for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

The LECP is structured around 8 high level goals, 21 thematic objectives and 156 actions. The LCDC has a key role in overseeing progress in relation to the implementation of the Community and shared community objectives of the LECP.

It is important to acknowledge the very positive multi agency and community organisations' participation and support in the process of implementing LECP actions.

2020 Highlights – Shared Community actions

- SICAP programme implemented by Southside Partnership dlr to assist and support community and enterprise development and support with access to employment and learning for individuals during 2020 – achievements are set out in section 5.1.
- Social Enterprise Development Fund promoted with stakeholders and on dlr social media platforms. https://rethinkireland.ie/awarded_fund/social-enterprise-development-fund-2020/
- The Volunteer Centre is continuing to work collaboratively with local stakeholders to further encourage the spirit and practice of volunteering by all. <http://www.volunteerdlr.ie/>
- The Volunteer Centre was represented on the Community Response Forum and the Health and Wellbeing group.
- The Volunteer Corps supported Council related and local initiatives including the delivery of Age Friendly Magazine to Nursing Homes and Lexicon Book Drop
- In 2020, Music Generation Dlr (MGdlr) highlights included:



- 1408 primary school students availed of MGdlr online workshops. MGdlr collaborated with Crash Ensemble, a professional music group of international repute that provided training to 1 teacher in 3 schools.
- MGdlr also collaborated with TEDxdlr in securing musicians to partake in their virtual choir, as well as the MGdlr Sandyford Youth Band pre-recorded video being aired during the event.
- MGdlr Sandyford Youth Band continued their band work online while MGdlr collaborated with dlr libraries to bring dlr musical storytime to the public on 22 occasions.
- LEO DLR continues to provide a full range of supports including finance and advice to support the development of micro enterprises across the County. In response to COVID the Trading Online Vouchers Scheme was available to help micro enterprises develop their website or digital strategy.
- Development of the Draft Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2022 – 2028
- DLR received funding to facilitate COVID 19 mobility measures across the county and included temporary village renewal measures in locations such as Blackrock, Dundrum, Glasthule, Dalkey and more.

2020 Highlights – Community actions Dun Laoghaire

- Healthy Ireland Coordinator for DLR recruited and commenced in post in March 2020.
- Round 3 Healthy Ireland Actions commenced, and progress made on supporting a healthy DLR despite impact of COVID-19 on action delivery; Actions redesigned for online delivery due to restrictions. An extension of the Round 3, Strand 1 programme granted from June 2021 to December 2021.
- DLR Libraries developed the ‘book drop service’ in conjunction with the Community Call to support those cocooning during the COVID-19 restrictions.
- Against the background of the Covid Restrictions, it was necessary to develop a range of initiatives to support health and wellbeing in our communities. Some of the initiatives rolled out include:
 - Cúirt and Culture Programme delivered to 5 care settings via targeted ‘live’ programme.
 - Online cultural activities for all care settings in the County with pre-recorded workshops and singalongs especially created for care settings for older people.
 - Online bookclubs
 - Remote Learning supports
 - Passive Christmas – illuminations throughout the county, Concert of Light, accessible Marlay Park lighted walk, diaspora programme over Christmas, videos of support and interest from Cathaoirleach.



- dlr Arts Office delivered family events in line with Public Health measures through Cruinniú na nOg 2020 and through the adapted online Gallery Learning Programme.
- The Sports Partnership organised and delivered a wide range of online training courses, workshops and targeted physical activity programmes for all ages, levels of ability and sporting types.
- The Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Children & Young People's Plan 2020-2022 was successfully launched online by the CEO of Tusla Child and Family Agency in September 2020.
- The Council set up the Family Support Group under the Community Response Forum meetings with stakeholders from across the County to ensure an integrated inter agency response to feedback the needs of vulnerable families to the forum.
- The Community Department managed the Community Call line which provided information, support and referral pathways to those who needed them during the COVID crisis
- Comprehensive supports for Older people during COVID-19 lockdown measures were put in place through the Community Call helpline and the Community Response Forum.
- Implementation of the dlr Age Friendly Strategy 2016-2020 continued <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/community/dlr-age-friendly-county>. Preliminary planning for the development of a new Age Friendly Strategy has commenced.
- Exit 15 community arts programme continued to deliver innovative programme of events within the Ballyogan and surrounding areas. <http://exit15.ie/>
- 2 Joint Policing Committee and 4 Local Policing Forum meetings held in 2020
- DLR County Council approved grants supports through 211 community grants to a value of €176,776 in 2020
- The LCDC approved 55 Community Enhancement Grants to a total of €216,289
- The LCDC approved 8 projects for funding to a total of €30,000 under the Healthy Ireland Small Grants Scheme Community Mental Health Fund for community-based projects addressing issues related to mental health.
- SICAP programme continued to work with the most marginalised groups in the county working with some 33 community groups and in excess of 1,000 individuals in both caseload and non-caseload capacity
- 487 active groups registered with the PPN at the end of 2020 .
- DLR PPN filled 3 vacancies for representatives on the LCDC, 2 vacancies on SPC's, 2 vacancies on the Rural Task Force, 1 vacancy on the Public Art Steering Group and 1 vacancy on the LAG.
- 4 training videos were produced by the PPN in collaboration with the Council on how to use Zoom for complete beginners
- Comhairle na n'Óg continued to meet virtually via zoom



- The 2020 Comhairle na nÓg AGM took place in November via Zoom with 14 Secondary Schools throughout the county engaged and a total of 43 young people in attendance.

5.3 Support for Dublin Rural LEADER Programme 2014 – 2020

As part of the implementation of the LEADER Programme 2014 -2020, there is one Dublin Rural LEADER programme which covers selected rural areas within the three Dublin local authority areas of Fingal, South Dublin and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown areas included in this programme covers part of the Local Electoral Areas of Glencullen and Tibradden. The Dublin LEADER Local Development Strategy (LDS) was approved by the Department for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in August 2016.

The Dublin Rural LEADER programme is led by Fingal LCDC and by Fingal County Council as lead financial partner for the LEADER Local Action Group (LAG). The total funding allocation budget for the 2014 – 2020 Dublin LEADER programme is €6,370,438. Fingal LEADER Partnership (FLP) was appointed as the programme implementer for the 2014 - 2020 Programme and signed the contract in October 2016.



Dublin Rural
LEADER
Growth, Sustainability & Inclusion

The programme is being managed by a LAG drawn from the LCDC's of each of the three local authorities in Dublin with rural communities.

The DLR LCDC nominated three representatives to sit on the LEADER LAG, as follows;

Cllr Lettie McCarthy	DLRCC (Local Authority Member)
Mark Fox	DLR PPN (Environmental Pillar)
Cormac Shaw	Southside Partnership DLR (Local development)

At the LCDC meeting on 16th September 2020, Mark Fox was selected to fill the vacancy on the LAG for the dlr PPN environmental pillar to replace Tom Kivlehan who was co opted to the County Council.

DLR LCDC representatives attended 6 LAG meetings in 2020.

The current round of LEADER funding has three themes:

1. Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation: Sub-themes: Rural Tourism, Enterprise Development, Rural Towns.



2. Social Inclusion: Sub-themes: Basic Services targeted at Hard to Reach Communities, Rural Youth

3. Rural Environment: Sub-themes: Protection & Sustainable Use of Water Resources, Protection & Improvement of Local Biodiversity, Development of Renewable Energy.

The implementing partner, Fingal LEADER Partnership, continued to organise public animation events, road-show events, and hold one-to-one meetings with individuals, businesses and organisations across the Dublin Rural LEADER area. Fingal LEADER Partnership continues to provide targeted promotion on their website, the link is as follows: <http://dublinruralleader.ie/>.

- 41 Expression of Interests received during 2020, 3 were from the DLR region.
- 2 projects approved for DLR: 1) Biking Equipment Ticknock, amounting to €8,320.23 under sub theme - Rural Tourism. 2) Development of Sports Facility in Tibbradden Road, amounting to €95, 212.31 under the sub theme -Basic Services for Hard-to-Reach Communities.

The LEADER Programme is a standing item on the agenda of the DLR LCDC meetings.

2020 was the final year of the 2014-2020 LEADER Programme. The new Transition LEADER Programme will commence on April 1st 2021.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Rural Taskforce

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Rural Taskforce was established as a sub group of the LCDC to facilitate the integration of the Rural Development and SICAP programmes and as a communication channel to the LEADER LAG. Updates from the Dublin Rural Task Force meetings were provided during the year to the LCDC.

Two online meetings of the Rural Task Force took place in 2020; on the 28th May and the 6th October. An update on the Dublin Rural LEADER programme was given at each meeting from the CEO of Fingal LEADER Partnership.

5.4 DLR Public Participation Network

The DLR Public Participation Network continued to develop and establish itself as 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.



DLR PPN

**Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown
Public Participation Network**

DLR PPN finished the process of re-registration of member organisations in Q1 2020. At the end of December 2020 DLR PPN had 487 active member organisations This includes 383 Community & Voluntary, 90 Social Inclusion and 14 Environment groups.

- The PPN Secretariat met on monthly basis to plan and organise and monitor the implementation of the 2020 programme of work. One plenary meeting of members was held in 2020 on November 26th
- New PPN Network Manager recruited in January 2020; also a new Support Worker recruited in March 2020 with funding from DRCD/DLR provided for one year.
- DLR PPN was represented on the Community Response Stakeholder Forum and the Health and Wellbeing Subgroup, both led by the Local Authority.
- During the COVID -19 pandemic, DLR PPN contacted various groups to help map out the needs of the most vulnerable in the community.
 - Contacted over 90 Residents Associations in DLR to help map the support given to elderly people cocooning, with very informative results.
 - Supported the Deaf community in DLR.
- Reached out to the DLR Integration Forum and various new Irish community groups to see whether targeted support was needed.
- Memorandum of Understanding between DLR PPN and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council continued in 2020.
- Publication of monthly DLR PPN E Zine
- 'Community Connections' programme and podcast in conjunction with Dublin South FM produced 12 times in 2020.
- DLR PPN filled 3 vacancies for representatives on the LCDC, 2 vacancies on SPC's, 2 vacancies on the Rural Task Force, 1 vacancy on the Public Art Steering Group and 1 vacancy on the LAG.
- Two new Secretariat members ratified (1 from the Environment Pillar and 1 from the Social Inclusion Pillar).
- The PPN was also represented on the Local Community Development Committee, Joint Policing Committee, Rural Taskforce, and the Smart Dublin Advisory Group.
- The PPN delivered the following training sessions for members in 2020.
 - Graphic Design for Community Groups – January 2020
 - Email Marketing - January 2020
 - Video for Mobile Phones - 2 sessions January 2020



- Free webinar on Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC) in collaboration with the DLR PPN- June 2020
- Free online training with Arthur Cox Solicitors on 'How to hold an AGM in the new COVID-19 context'- June 2020
- 1 training session for the Secretariat on how to use Zoom-October 2020
- 1 training session for DLR PPN representatives on how to use Teams- October 2020
- 1 session on using Zoom (intermediary to advanced level) - November 2020
- 1 session on using Zoom (complete beginners) - December 2020
- 4 training videos were produced by the PPN in collaboration with the Council on how to use Zoom for complete beginners - December 2020.
- Community Wellbeing Survey created and circulated, with a focus on identifying the needs of the local community.

5.5 DLR Children's and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC)

Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) are a key county-level structure identified by Government to plan and co-ordinate services for children and young people in every county in Ireland. Their age remit spans all children and young people aged from 0 to 24 years. The overall purpose is to improve outcomes for children and young people through local and national interagency working.



CYPSC's provide a forum for joint planning and co-ordination of activity to ensure that children, young people and their families receive improved and accessible services. Their role is to enhance interagency co-operation and to realise the national outcomes set out in *Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures: the national policy framework for children and young people 2014 - 2020*.



The DLR Children and Young Persons Services Committee (DLR CYPSC) is one of the most recently established CYPSC structure in Ireland. The developmental focus has been firmly on building the interagency strategic and operational structures of the CYPSC, developing a robust population data baseline, mapping existing services and engaging a wide range of statutory, community and voluntary stakeholder services as well as young people in a county-wide consultation to inform the DLR CYPSC three-year plan.

The dlr CYPSC Plan 2020-2022 was launched online on 21st September 2020 by the CEO of Tusla Child and Family Agency. Over 70 services from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown attended the webinar which featured a video documenting the interagency leadership of the CYPSC and the key strategic actions each CYPSC Subgroup is progressing under the domains of Health, Mental Health, Safety from Harm, Education and Learning and Civic Participation

Both a short summary and the full plan are available on <https://www.cypsc.ie/your-county-cypsc/d%C3%BAAn-laoghaire-rathdown.232.html>

5.6 LCDC Administered Grant Schemes 2020: Community Enhancement Programme round 1 and 2

The LCDC was responsible for the administration and allocation of three grant schemes announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development in 2020.



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

Community Enhancement Programme 2020 Round 1 - €62,318

The Community Enhancement Programme was announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development on 22nd June 2020. Funding of €62,318 was made available for small capital projects which benefit the local community, with special criteria being adhered to, and to address the needs of key target groups. The information was circulated to the PPN, through Community networks and was available on the Council website. Applications



were required to demonstrate complementarity with the strategic objectives and actions from the DLR LECP. The Grants Sub Group of the LCDC formed for the 2020 scheme to review applications received under the scheme and make recommendations to the LCDC on the appropriate distribution of the funding.

The Subgroup formed on the 15th October to consider and access the applications received. Agreement was sought from members of the Committee who were unable to make the meeting. Recommendations were made to the LCDC to provide funding for 24 grant applications. The LCDC approved the recommendations at its meeting on the 21st October.

(See Appendix 1 which lists the grants approved)

Community Enhancement Programme 2020 Round 2 - € 153,971

The Community Enhancement Programme round 2 was announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development on 10th August 2020. Funding of €153,971 was made available for small capital projects towards the maintenance, improvement and upkeep of community centres and community buildings, in a manner consistent with each area's Local Economic and Community Plan.

The information was circulated to the PPN, through Community networks and was available on the Council website. Applications were required to demonstrate complementarity with the strategic objectives and actions from the DLR LECP. The LCDC Sub Group formed to review applications received under the scheme and make recommendations to the LCDC on the appropriate distribution of the funding.

The LCDC Grants Subgroup formed on the 12th November to consider and access the applications received. Agreement was sought from members of the Committee who were unable to make the meeting. Recommendations were made to the LCDC to provide funding to over 31 separate project proposals. The LCDC approved the recommendations at its meeting on the 18th November.

(See Appendix 2 which lists the grants approved)



5.7 Town & Village Renewal Schemes 2020

The scheme was announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development on 27th May 2020. Information on the scheme was circulated to community groups through the LCDC, Cllrs in the relevant ward, the Rural Task Force and through the County Council.

There were two separate schemes announced under the 2020 Towns and Villages Renewal Scheme.

1) Accelerated Measure in response to Covid-19.

There are three distinct rounds for this scheme – round 1 and round 2 were announced in May 2020 and a third round of funding was announced in August.

No applications were submitted under round 1 and 2. 1 application was submitted under round 3 from Stars of Erin/Glencullen Community Centre but was not successful.

2) Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2020

This year the scheme had a particular emphasis on projects that could support the economic and social recovery of rural towns and villages in response to Covid-19.

Funding is up to a limit of €100,000 per project and up to €200,000 in exceptional cases.

Projects based in the qualifying areas of dlr (Kilternan, Glencullen, Stepside, Sandyford Village Centre) were eligible for consideration.

Consultations were held with interested community groups and two applications were submitted – one for Sandyford Village and one for Stepside Village.

The decision of the Department on these two applications is awaited in early 2021.

5.8 Healthy Ireland – the national framework for improved health and wellbeing

Round 3, Strand 1 of the Healthy Ireland programme funding was announced in 2019 with an extended time frame from July 2019 until June 2021. A draft programme of work for a joint application between CYPSC and the LCDC was proposed at the LCDC meeting of the 18th September 2019. This joint application was for the maximum available funding of €374,100 and contained 13 separate actions impacting on the health of a broad range of citizens in





the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area. The LCDC funding under this application is €246,050. Approval was granted by the LCDC to proceed with the joint application and it was submitted to POBAL for review. Approval from POBAL to proceed with the proposed work plan was received and a grant agreement was issued by POBAL on 7th January 2020 and was signed by LCDC & CYPSC Chairs and returned to POBAL per the requirements of the programme.

Recruitment commenced in February for a Healthy DLR Coordinator and an appointment was made in March 2020 by Southside Partnership dlr, the host employer. Due to the impact of COVID-19 all actions in the programme underwent a process of re-baselining to establish revised realistic time frames and budgets given the impact of COVID-19 restrictions in the community. A revised workplan was submitted to POBAL in July 2020 and was approved for implementation. An extension of the Round 3, Strand 1 programme was granted from June 2021 to December 2021.

As a result of the re-evaluation process a number of actions identified funding that they were unlikely to utilise. Pobal outlined this underspend, could be transferred to the Community Engagement fund and used to support local initiatives in the community that were responding to the impact of COVID-19 in the community.

The following initiatives were allocated funding under this Community Engagement fund:

- 1) DLR Libraries were awarded €6000 to support older people through a series of creative and cultural virtual visits to DLR residential care premises through established channels. The programme is digitally delivered and can be expanded to include new premises not previously visited.
- 2) FOCUS Ireland were awarded €6000 to fund training of frontline practitioners in homeless support services from three agencies in 'theraplay' technique.
- 3) SAVE (Southside Addressing Violence Effectively) were awarded €3000 to fund additional crisis counselling services for women experiencing domestic abuse during the pandemic

Under Round 3, Strand 1 of the Healthy Ireland programme funding of €30,000 was provided under the Community Mental Healthy Fund to provide grant funding to community-based projects addressing issues related to mental health. An open call for applications was launched for this Small Grant Scheme, in August 2020 with the following projects being awarded funding:

(See Appendix 3 which lists the projects awarded funding)



Round 3, Strand 1 actions have been working towards the revised baseline budgets and schedules proposed in June 2020. Some actions have successfully migrated all planned activities online e.g. Dance Theatre of Ireland offer online dance classes (with reduced class sizes to facilitate one-to-one attention and support online as per the face-to-face classes); the Junior Reach programme has successfully migrated the programme online to support young people not engaged in formal education; and the Social Prescribing programme has migrated their offering online and opened their referral pathways to those contacting the DLR community response teams during Covid-19, as well as facilitating self-referrals. Other actions have adjusted their planned activities from large face-to-face group activities, to smaller group online activities e.g. the SWAP programme (Senior Wellness & Activities Programme for older people) now offer online guided flower arranging and outdoor socially distant activities, and Grow in Ireland have migrated all support meetings and their community education programme online. Unfortunately, some actions are expected to be further impacted by the current lock-down, but given the confirmed extension of the Round 3, Strand 1 programme, from June 2021 to December 2021, the action holders are hopeful to deliver the delayed activities later in 2021.

In response to the Covid-19 crisis, the Sláintecare Unit in the Department of Health, through the Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) and with Creative Ireland has allocated funding for a new initiative called the “Community Resilience Fund”. This funding has been allocated to Local Authorities and the CYPSCs and activities funded will contribute to the overall Government Plan for “Living with COVID-19”. As part of this, the government has launched a national Keep Well campaign focused on five major themes, to ensure people have opportunities within their local community to help themselves keep well. Local Authorities are required to activate and deliver on key actions under two of these themes: “Staying Connected” and “Switching off and being creative”. A set of high level actions has been agreed by a working group of national organisations under each of these themes. The implementation of these actions by Local Authorities will be supported by member organisations of this national working group.



DLR Local Authority actions include the following: Age Friendly magazine with information and activities; extension of the Making Connections offering, paper-chain and creative writing initiative; addressing digital inclusion and literacy; psychologist led eco-walks; running “Festival In a Van” initiatives; and, Crosscare initiative to deliver New Year care-packs to engage vulnerable children in their support services.



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5.9 Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Volunteer Corps

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Volunteer Corps is a joint project of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Volunteer Centre and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. Established on a pilot basis in 2017, as part of on-going discussions about promoting volunteering in the County and where relevant to assist in achieving the following actions, in the Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021



To encourage the spirit and practice of Volunteerism and its support by residents, local businesses and others connected to the County.

Align the skills of volunteers with the needs of the communities and enterprises and increase the visibility of volunteering in the County

2020 saw continued development of the project. There were 123 sign ups in 2020. Total membership is now 495. Volunteers were recruited for a number of Community Call partners including Serve the City and Making Connections as well as supporting numerous other community groups and meals on wheels organisations.



Due to the pandemic the focus shifted from supporting events which were cancelled to involving volunteers in the Community Call and in other Council related and local initiatives.

Volunteers supported the following Initiatives in 2020

- Lexicon Book Drop
- Ballybrack Foodbank
- Heritage Poetry Initiative
- Sitting Pretty Initiative
- Delivery of dlr Age Friendly Magazine

During 2020 DLRVC were represented on the Local Community Response Forum and the Volunteer Forum.

DLRVC partnered with DLR on an initiative called #dlrsaysThankYou to recognise and thank volunteers which ran across the whole week of National Volunteer Week 2020. A large scale social media campaign was ran and a video was developed with local councillors and organisations acknowledging volunteer efforts locally



The National Volunteering Strategy 2021-2025 was launched on 5th December 2020. For further information on the strategy see [National Volunteering Strategy 2021-2025](#)

The dlr Volunteer Centre Manager will present to the LCDC members on the Volunteer Centre at the March meeting 2021 as part of the LCDC future Works Programme.



6. LCDC Members Attendance Record 2020

Name	29th Jan	24th Feb	1st Jul	16th Sep	21st Oct	18th Nov
Cllr Kazi Ahmed DLRCC	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Cllr Kate Feeney DLRCC	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Cllr Lettie McCarthy DLRCC	Apologies	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Cllr Daniel Dunne	Apologies	Apologies	Attended	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cllr Tom Kivlehan DLRCC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Attended	Attended
Dearbhla Lawson	Attended	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Therese Langan DLRCC	N/A	N/A	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Mary Ruane DLRCC	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Roisin Cronin DLRCC LEO	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Siobhan Fitzpatrick HSE	Apologies	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Stephen Fitzgerald DEASP	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Apologies	Apologies	Attended
Derek Elders DDLETB	Attended	Apologies	Apologies	Attended	Apologies	Apologies
Lorna Kerin TUSLA	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Apologies	Apologies	Attended
Name	29th Jan	24th Feb	1st Jul	16th Sep	21st Oct	18th Nov
Cormac Shaw SSP	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Alan Wyley	Apologies	Apologies	Attended	Attended	N/A	N/A
Patricia Byrne SSP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Attended	Attended
Ibrahim Al Kaddo PPN - Social Inclusion	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Sharon Perry PPN - Social Inclusion	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Michael O' Brien	Apologies	Apologies	Attended	N/A	N/A	N/A
Darren Chambers PPN - Community & Voluntary	N/A	N/A	N/A	Attended	Attended	Attended
Kay Gleeson	Attended	Attended	Attended	N/A	N/A	N/A



Joan Casey PPN - Community & Voluntary	N/A	N/A	N/A	Attended	Attended	Attended
Tom Kivlehan	Apologies	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mark Fox PPN - Environmental	N/A	N/A	N/A	Attended	Attended	Attended
Conor Hickey Crosscare	Attended	Apologies	Apologies	Attended	Apologies	Apologies
Prof. Joe Carthy UCD	Apologies	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Dr. Josephine Browne DLR Chamber	Apologies	Attended	Attended	Attended	N/A	N/A
Gabby Mallon DLR Chamber	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Apologies	Attended

7. Conclusion

2020 was a very busy year for the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee and the Sub Committees of the LCDC. The impact of COVID-19 on all aspects of the business of the committee is immense with members adapting to on-line meetings and having to re-focus on emerging priority areas as the pandemic progressed and restrictions were increased is continuing into 2021.

The work of implementing the core business of the LCDC ; Local Economic & Community Plan, implementing and administering the SICAP Programme 2018-2022, developing the Dublin Rural Task Force and LEADER Strategy, supporting the development of the DLR CYPSC Plan, supporting the development of the DLR Public Participation Network, supporting the development of the Volunteer Corp, and implementing and administering wide-ranging grant funding for the LCDC to target the achievement of LECP objectives, has required a significant commitment from all the members of the LCDC and Sub Committees. The additional complications of doing this while dealing with the impact of the COVID pandemic on society has demonstrated the unique position of the LCDC to deliver on important community wide projects and priorities. All the national programme requirements for the LCDC have been fully met in 2020.



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 significant and growing agenda in support of community development in dlr during 2020, the roles of the Chair, and Chief Officer and support staff to develop and drive the ambitious agenda of the DLR LCDC are also acknowledged. The LCDC also acknowledges the support provided by a range of government departments, including the Department of Rural and Community Development, Department of Health, Slaintecare, Creative Ireland and by Pobal.

The LCDC expressed their appreciation for the work and support of the retired committee members in 2020: Dearbhla Lawson, Dr. Josephine Browne, Kay Gleeson, Michael O' Brien, Alan Wyley, Cllr Daniel Dunne and Derek Elders.

We look forward to working with all our partners in 2021 as we continue the implementation phase of the Local Economic and Community Plan and look towards the development of a successor LECP for the following years.



Appendix 1

CEP Grant List 2020- Round 1

No.	Applicant	Purpose	Amount
1	Ballinteer Mens Shed	Groundworks associated with a new shed facility (This was tendered by DLRCC)	€12,500.00
2	Ballybrack Project Centre	Safety and Fire Safety Equipment	€1,117.76
3	Blackrock Community Men's Shed	Fit out of shed premises - toilet, heaters, ESB connection	€2,540.00
4	Cabinteely Athletic Club	general small sports equipment for youth athletes - hurdles etc	€1,000.00
5	Dublin/Wicklow Mountain Rescue	IT Equipment - laptop, projector and screen	€1,019.96
6	Dun Laoghaire Mens Shed	Greenhouse	€2,000.00
7	Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Older Peoples Council	IT Equipment	€6,230.00
8	Dún Laoghaire TidyTown's Group	Steel Shed and tools	€1,000.00
9	Dún Laoghaire TidyTown's Group 2nd Application	Improvements to Carnegie Library Garden	€1,000.00
10	Four Seasons Bridge Club	To upgrade premises to covid compliant	€1,090.00
11	Holly House Community Development Project	Replacement Fire Extinguishers	€706.82
12	LBS Men's Shed	Shutter repair and access key fobs	€351.85
13	Loreto Community Facilities	IT Equipment	€1,000.00
14	Loughlinstown Community Rooms	Replacement of doors to comply with safety standards	€12,500.00
15	Monkstown Boxing Club	Sports and Training Equipment	€3,220.00
16	Park House	Hand sanitisers and Desk Screens	€673.56
17	Rosemount Mulvey FC	Sports Equipment	€1,000.00
18	Sallynoggin Pearse FC	Anti-vandal changing room / unit & ride on lawnmower	€5,000.00
19	Shankill Ballybrack Community First Responders	Defibrillator	€3,366.23
20	Shankill GAA Club	Storage Facility	€3,000.00
21	Southside Partnership	Replacement Fire Extinguishers	€706.82
22	St. Michael's Coastal Rowing Club	Sports and Training Equipment	€795.00
23	Stonebridge Community Centre	CCTV upgrade and new cameras	€3,000.00



24	SWAN NCCWN - Southside Women's Action Network	Upgrade of garden area to allow for social distancing	€5,500.00
		Total	€62,318.00

Appendix 2

CEP Grant list 2020 - Round 2

No	Applicant	Purpose	Amount
1	Blackrock Men's Shed	Outdoor furniture and hand sanitation equipment	€480.00
2	Serve The City	General office & IT equipment	€959.36
3	Shanganagh Community Gardens Men's Shed	Build small lean-to storage unit	€989.00
4	Ballybrack Project Centre Management Committee	Replacement of Kitchen units	€1,000.00
5	Shanganagh Community Gardens	Garden maintenance equipment	€1,944.58
6	Deansgrange Management Committee	Rewiring of centre	€2,000.00
7	Southside Partnership 2 - Head Office	Replacement air conditioner unit for server room	€2,031.65
8	Loughlinstown Men's Shed	Awning and outdoor heater	€2,600.00
9	Southside Women's Action Network	Combi gas boiler installation	€2,700.00
10	Mounttown Community Facility CLG (carried over from Round 1)	Balance of funding for Floor scrubber equipment	€2,780.56
11	Dun Laoghaire Men's Shed	Replacement windows	€2,817.09
12	Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Outreach Project	Repair to floor and replacement carpets	€2,950.50
13	Ballybrack Project Centre Management Committee	Attic access stairs and partition screens for main room	€3,000.00
14	Cabinteely Athletic Club	Floored storage Shipping Container	€3,000.00
15	Shanganagh Park House Community Centre	CCTV extension and contribution towards preliminary garden works to create additional outdoor play space	€3,105.70
16	Dom Marmion Society	Toilet facility renovation	€3,300.00
17	Belarmine Community Centre	Floor buffer and air purifiers	€3,493.20



18	Dublin South FM 93.9 Radio Station	Replacement studio broadcasting equipment	€3,534.71
19	Samuel Beckett Civic Centre	Air purifiers and visitor management system	€4,750.00
20	Sandyford Community Centre	Air purifiers and visitor management system	€4,750.00
21	Ballyogan Estate Management Forum	Replacement windows	€5,200.00
22	Kilcross Resource Centre	Replace Front Door, Upgrade Alarm, Infrared Cameras, Air Purifier, Cooker	€5,291.00
23	Park House	Vacuum cleaner, disinfecting fogging machine and floor scrubbing machine	€5,817.00
24	Shanganagh Park House Community Centre	Heating system upgrade - balance of funding	€6,000.00
25	Loughlinstown Community Rooms	Paving of rear garden area	€6,129.00
26	Mountown Community Facility CLG	CCTV upgrade and Fogging machine	€7,133.25
27	Southside Partnership 3 - Head Office	Laptops x 10	€8,312.70
28	Glencullen Community Centre	Kitchen replacement	€10,421.00
29	Mountainview Women Together	Renovations including new heating system, furniture and flooring	€12,000.00
30	Shankill Day Care Centre (SOFA)	Renovations to include additional handwashing area, staff lockers, Storage shed, Fridge/freezer and works to Meals-on-Wheels kitchen area	€16,412.70
31	Loreto Community Facilities (Carried over from Round 1)	Bathroom renovations	€19,068.00
	Total funding		€153,971.00



Appendix 3

Projects approved under the Healthy Ireland Community Mental Health Small Grants Scheme 2020

Applicant	Purpose	Funding Recommendation
Monkstown Boxing Club	Boxing course focusing on strength, fitness, footwork, coordination & discipline for various target groups	€2,500
Aphasia Ireland	The proposed project is 'The Helping Hand' programme. This programme provides a communication group, music therapy and/or Art therapy all under the project. Funding would be for the programme costs such as Speech language therapist, art therapist, room hire.	€3,150
Ballyogan FRC School Age Childcare Service	To provide additional recreation space for children who attend our school age childcare service where they can engage in peer to peer interactions and support children and young people's social and emotional development	€4,498
Airfield Estate	8 week social and therapeutic horticulture programme consisting of various workshops. Participants will be referrals from Community mental health nurse or other health organisations	€4,560
Making Connections	Healthy eating programme delivering healthy meals to its clients referred by HSE	€5,000
Southside Womens Action Network	Run a suite of Programmes/initiatives. Programme allow dlr women to access, learn and participate in initiatives and courses to support their social, emotional, physical and mental wellbeing	€2,500
Southside Partnership DLR CLG	Elemental Social Prescribing software to assist with social prescribing service provided by SSP.	€5,000
Southside Partnership DLR /Social Prescribing Programme	Development and delivery of a programme/course with the working title 'Discover your interests discover your community'	€2,792



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