

# 2017 Annual Report of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

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*DLR Local Community Development Committee, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018*



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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 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 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.

At a meeting of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> 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**

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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 2017**

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The Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Community Development Committee held eight meetings in 2017 (15<sup>th</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 8<sup>th</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> December).

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 DLR, and from September 2017 meetings would take place in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council offices.

## **4. Membership of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Community Development Committee in 2017**

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Mary Ruane (Community and Cultural Development DLRCC) served as Chief Officer for the LCDC during 2017. 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 LCDC was Co-Chaired in 2017 by Dearbhla Lawson (Community and Cultural Development DLRCC) and Cormac Shaw (Southside Partnership) until Cormac Shaw stepped down as Co-Chair after the LCDC meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 following the completion of his three-year term as Co-Chair.

Dearbhla Lawson has continued as Chairperson of the LCDC.

It was agreed by the LCDC that a review of guidelines related to membership for delivering the future objectives of the LCDC will be carried out by the Chief Officer.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council established an LCDC support team during 2017, two posts were partially funded from the Department of Rural and Community Development in 2017.

In 2017, a number of seats on the LCDC became vacant and were filled.

Fiona Ward (Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection) resigned her membership in January 2017 and was replaced by Eoghan Ryan on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Eoghan Ryan was then succeeded by Frank Costello on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Ann Marie Donoghue replaced Maurice Farnan as the HSE representative on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017, who was then replaced by Siobhan Fitzpatrick on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Cllr Anne Colgan replaced Cllr Jennifer Cuffe on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Geraldine McDonagh (DLR PPN) resigned from the LCDC on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and was replaced by Sharon Perry on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Alan Wyley (Southside Partnership DLR) replaced Inez Bailey on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and Owen Laverty (DLR Local Enterprise Office) replaced Georgina Sweetnam, also on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The membership at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 is as follows:

<b>Statutory Interests 9</b>		
<b>Sector</b>	<b>Members Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
<b>Local Authority Elected Members</b>	<b>Cllr Peter O'Brien</b>	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
	<b>Cllr John Kennedy</b>	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
	<b>Cllr Anne Colgan</b>	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
	<b>Cllr Kate Feeney</b>	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
<b>Local Authority Officials</b>	<b>Dearbhla Lawson</b>	<i>Chief Executive Nominee</i>
	<b>Owen Lavery</b>	<i>Head of Local Enterprise Office</i>
<b>State Agencies</b>	<b>Siobhan Fitzpatrick</b>	Health Service Executive
	<b>Frank Costello</b>	Department of Social Protection
	<b>Joanne Cullen</b>	Tusla (in advisory role)
	<b>Derek Elders</b>	Dublin Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board
<b>Non Statutory Interests 10</b>		
<b>Sector</b>	<b>Members Name</b>	<b>Organisation*</b>
<b>Local &amp; Community Development</b>	<b>Cormac Shaw</b>	Southside Partnership DLR
	<b>Alan Wyley</b>	Southside Partnership DLR
<b>Social Inclusion Public Participation Network</b>	<b>Laura English</b>	PPN Disability Federation Ireland
	<b>Sharon Perry</b>	PPN Southside Women's Action Network
<b>Community &amp; Voluntary Public Participation Network</b>	<b>Kay Gleeson</b>	PPN Glasthule / Sandycove Residents Association
	<b>Michael O'Brien</b>	PPN Cabinteely Residents Association
<b>Environmental Interests Public Participation Network</b>	<b>Tom Kivlehan</b>	PPN Environment Pillar
<b>Other civic society or local community interests</b>	<b>Philip Maguire</b>	IFA/Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Rural Task Force
	<b>Colm Kinsella</b>	ICTU
	<b>Dr. Josephine Browne</b>	DLR Chamber
<b>Total No. of Members</b>	<b>19 + 1 Advisory Member</b>	

## 5. Main achievements of the LCDC in 2017

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There were five key priorities progressed in 2017 by the LCDC, as follows:

- Monitoring and reviewing progress on implementation of the SICAP Programme in 2017 and engaging in procurement process to appoint Programme Implementer for 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 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
- Reviewing and evaluating the role and remit of the LCDC- including developing support for inter-agency strategic engagement, and administering government grant funding in support of community development and wellbeing in dlr

### 5.1 Monitoring implementation of the SICAP programme in 2017

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The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme is a key focus for the LCDC with regular reports and consideration of progress at LCDC meetings. The contract in 2017 was valued at €934,490.

The SICAP Annual Plan 2017 was approved in principle by the LCDC on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and was given final approval at the LCDC held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017, following LCDC approval of the 2016 End of Year Plan. Sub Group Meetings of the LCDC were held in 2017 to conduct reviews of the mid-year and end of year processes for SICAP and to review the draft SICAP Annual Plan 2017.



Members of the LCDC and support staff participated in a range of Dublin regional consultation events held by the Department and Pobal concerning the next SICAP Programme beginning in 2018. There was participation also in an ESRI qualitative study of SICAP goals and governance. There was attendance at the launch of a qualitative research project looking at young people not in employment, education or training.

The Programme Implementer for the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown SICAP Programme 2015-2017, Southside Partnership DLR CLG was successful in tendering for the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown SICAP Programme 2018-2022.

The Department of Rural and Community Development and Pobal provided support and training to the LCDC and support staff for undertaking the SICAP Tender procurement process. Meetings of the SICAP Sub-Committee of the LCDC were convened for SICAP Tender Evaluation purposes as a result of the advertisement on e-tenders for the Tender for SICAP 2018-2022. The Sub Committee met on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and signed off on the Final Evaluation Report recommending the award of the contract to Southside Partnership DLR CLG. The LCDC at its meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 agreed formally to accept the recommendation in the Final Evaluation Report.

Pobal continued to provide an online monitoring system (IRIS) to track the implementation of the SICAP programme nationally. In 2017, the DLR LCDC was fully compliant with all national requirements.



There was good progress in the SICAP Programme and Southside Partnership DLR was successful in achieving their KPI targets for 2017, and the significant majority of targets were achieved. Some key SICAP indicators / targets achieved in 2017:

<b>1,056</b> Individuals	Worked with on a one to one basis
<b>55</b> Community Groups	Received advice and development support
<b>1,069</b> Children	Received educational or developmental support
<b>714</b> Individuals	Received employment support
<b>193</b> Individuals	Supported into self-employment

## 5.2 Implementation of the DLR Local Economic & Community Plan 2016 - 20

2017 was the second full year of implementation of the Local Economic and Community Plan for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. 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 and economic objectives of the LECP, which include Objectives 7 – 21 inclusive.

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

### **LECP Implementation Advisory Steering Group**

A steering group was established (June 2016) to support the initial phase of implementation of the LECP and support a co-ordinated approach between the economic and community elements. This group was made up of representatives from both, the DLR Local Community Development Committee and the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee, and also includes relevant officials from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. Membership in 2017 included:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Representative Organisation</b>
Cllr Barry Ward	Chairperson, Economic Development & Enterprise SPC
Cormac Shaw	Co- Chair of DLR LCDC (1/1/17 to 06/9/17)
Dearbhla Lawson	Co- Chair of DLR LCDC (Chair after 06/9/17)
Inez Bailey	DLR LCDC (1/1/17 to 07/11/17)
Georgina Sweetnam	Head of Enterprise DLR LEO (1/1/17 to 07/11/17)
Owen Laverty	Head of Enterprise DLR LEO (from 08/11/17)
Mary Ruane	Senior Executive Officer DLRCC

The Steering Group met on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 to consider the draft LECP Report for 2016 and on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to consider 2017 actions and outputs and progress report.

### **Highlights – Shared Economic and Community actions in 2017**

- 545 social housing units delivered under the Social Housing Strategy for period Jan to Dec 2017



- DLR continued to progress downsizing housing initiative
- Development completed on 4 bay permanent Traveller Site at Glenamuck
- Dlr Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) implemented by Southside Partnership continued
- New programmes to support community and cultural development and wellbeing in DLR Libraries - Right to Read, Work Matters, Healthy Ireland, supporting on-going implementation of Opportunities for All
- Roll out of national childcare schemes to all services on behalf of the DCYA continued
- Public realm improvements completed in Monkstown and Sandyford Business District with planting and seating
- One grant awarded under Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017 to support development of Kiltarnan Community Centre
- Tidy Districts, Tidy Towns and Pride of Place all successfully hosted
- Publication of new Local Area Plans for Woodbrook-Shanganagh (adopted) and Stillorgan District Centre (out to public consultation)
- dlr Celebration of Volunteerism event held to recognise and celebrate the strong spirit of volunteerism in dlr and presentations made to 25 individual volunteers and 1 community group
- Fernhill Park consultation and plan completed and park now open to public on Sundays

### **Highlights – Community actions in 2017**

- Funding secured from Healthy Ireland for a collaborative Programme for the LCDCC and CYPSC to support and promote health and wellbeing in dlr for target groups, this includes multi-agency partnership to deliver on programme actions
- *Collaboration for a Healthy County* event was held under Urbact III Network 'Change' Project
- Two projects operating in Mounttown and Ballyogan. A Youth- At-Risk Network was established for persons working with young people at high risk of cannabis use, with 3 events held in 2017
- A Children's & Young Person's Services Committee Coordinator was appointed and new DLR Children's & Young Person's Services Committee (CYPSC) established with meetings held (August and November) and Chairs appointed from Tusla and DLRCC
- Needs analysis and county-wide demographic analysis completed to inform a CYPSC 3-year plan which is under development
- On-going delivery of Parenting Support Initiative Countywide Childcare Committee in collaboration with Southside Partnership and Barnardos.
- Four interagency/community based parenting support groups operated

- Homelink provided support to 514 older people through telephone calls, slow walks and social events, with support from dlrcoco
- Public Age project consultation events held across County to explore how our public spaces can work better for older people to ensure our public spaces contribute to, rather than inhibit our health, wellbeing and positive ageing
- The Joint Policing Committee and Local Policing Fora continued to provide a forum for identifying and discussing appropriate responses to issues relating to public safety and policing. A 6 year JPC Action Plan has been developed and is being implemented
- The Volunteer Centre, with grant assistance from DLRCC, saw the establishment of the DLR Volunteer Corps, and the initial sign up of over 100 members in its first months. In its pilot year, the DLR Volunteer Corps also supported three local community events, including the DLR 5k
- The LCDC administered grant funding under Communities Facilities Scheme 2017 and awarded 44 grants (43 projects proceeded)
- The annual Festival of Inclusion which was themed "Connecting Communities" took place from the 6th-14th of October, with over 40 events taking place
- The Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) though Southside Partnership worked with 55 local community groups
- A Strategic Plan of Southside Travellers Action Group was produced
- The LCDC administered the RAPID Capital Grants Scheme and awarded 7 grants
- Crosscare Community Café opened in Dún Laoghaire and is open five days per week
- Membership of DLR PPN grew to 400 members
- DLR Comhairle na nÓg in place since November 2016 and progressing Work Plan. Comhairle Members attended May Council meeting and PPN Plenary Meeting in October. DLR Comhairle na nÓg was also selected to sit on DCYA Steering Committee to assist in organising 2017 Dáil na nÓg.

### **5.3 Support for Dublin Rural LEADER Programme 2014 – 2020**

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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 cover the Local Electoral Areas of Glencullen and Tibbradden. 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 Local Community Development Committee and Fingal County Council as lead financial partner for the Local Action Group. 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.

The programme is being managed by a Local Action Group (LAG) drawn from the Local Community Development Committees of each of the three local authorities in Dublin rural communities.



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The DLR Local Community Development Committee nominated three representatives to sit on the LEADER Local Action Group (LAG), as follows, and they continued to serve in 2017 as Members of the LAG.

Cllr Peter O Brien,	DLRCC (Local Authority Member)
Tom Kivlehan	DLR PPN (Environmental)
Cormac Shaw	Southside Partnership DLR (Local development)

Four LAG meetings took place in 2017.

### **The new 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 programme provides for both time specific and rolling calls for applying for funding:

### **Key Actions in 2017:**

**The following targeted call for LEADER funding made on 7th December 2016, had a closing date of 16th January 2017, as follows:**

- a) Community training, animation and capacity building programme to support vibrant towns in rural Dublin (€30,000)
- b) Support for small scale product development, interpretation and marketing of rural Dublin's unique heritage and cultural attractions

to maximise potential arising from Fáilte Ireland's – Dublin, 'A Breath of Fresh Air' initiative (€210,000)

**A further 3 targeted calls were made with a closing date of 5th April 2017, as follows:**

- a) Training animation and capacity building to strengthen the tourism industry and economy in the Dublin rural region (€66,000)
- b) Develop and support Dublin Rural unique tourism experience through strategic planning/cluster and destination development and marketing to capitalise on Fáilte Ireland's-Dublin A Breath of Fresh Air (€40,000)
- c) Provision of enterprise training animation and capacity building support for underrepresented individuals and groups (€90,000)

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The implementing partner, Fingal LEADER Partnership continues 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. They provide targeted promotion on their website, the link is as follows: <http://dublinruralleader.ie/>.

Fingal LEADER Partnership received 67 Expressions of Interest in 2017. 17 contracts were issued and 25 projects were evaluated and recommended for approval by end of 2017.

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

**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.

Meetings of the DLR Rural Task Force took place on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in Glencullen Community Centre, and meetings included the standing item of information updates on Dublin Rural LEADER. These updates on the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme are provided by representatives from Fingal LEADER Partnership, followed by discussion.

At the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017, a presentation was given on the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017, which was referred from the May LCDC and an information update on the DLR Tourism and Marketing Strategy, which had been noted at the May County Council Meeting.

Aileen Eglinton was elected as first Chair of the DLR Rural Task Force at the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

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#### **5.4 DLR Public Participation Network**

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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.

Current membership of the PPN totals 400 groups;

311 Community & Voluntary

77 Social Inclusion

12 Environment.



The PPN Steering Committee met on a monthly basis to plan and organise the 2017 programme of work.

**Key activities in 2017 included:**

Two plenary meetings of members were held on April and October 2017.

- Memorandum of Understanding between DLR PPN and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in place.
- 9 ezines were produced in 2017. 495 people were subscribed to the DLR PPN ezine at the end of 2017.
- 23 nominees represented the PPN on six Strategic Policy Committees.
- The PPN was also represented on the Local Community Development Committee, Joint Policing Committee, Rural Taskforce, and the Smart Dublin Advisory Group.
- 1 Social Housing Linkage group was held in 2017
- The PPN delivered training sessions for members including “How Local Government works” & “Influencing the policies and practices of Local Government”
- DLR PPN ran a public event on citizen participation in the design of public services and spaces, called *Collaboration for Change*, as part of its participation in the Urbact Change project. This included a presentation on the PPN
- The DLR PPN logo and branding was redesigned in March 2017

**5.5 Reviewing and evaluating the role and remit of the LCDC- including developing support for inter-agency strategic engagement, and administering government grant funding in support of community development and wellbeing in dlr**

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**Review of LCDC’s by the Department of Rural and Community Development**

At the LCDC meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017, the Chair reported to the members that a review of the LCDC's was taking place by the Department of Rural and Community Development over the coming months and she circulated further information to the Members of the LCDC as it was received. The review involves collecting feedback including questionnaires, phone conversations and some face to face meetings or workshops with Chief Officers, Chairs, LCDC members and external stakeholders. Information is being compiled from LCDC annual reports, minutes of meetings etc. which will inform the review.

It was outlined to the LCDC that the review proposes to have up to five thematic pillars:

- 1) Administration support and development
- 2) Structure
- 3) Governance
- 4) Strategic effectiveness
- 5) Participation and engagement

### **Presentations, Consultations and Grant Schemes (other than LEADER and SICAP)**

As part of the LCDC Programme in 2017 in relation to advancing the implementation of the LECP, there were wide-ranging presentations and discussions during the year, in relation to key objectives including Mental Health, Connecting for Life, and Healthy Ireland. There was also a consultation on the Council's Part 8 proposals for a new Customer Hub and Chamber which aims to enhance customer services and access to services for the local community.

#### **(a) DLR Children's and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC)**

Lorna Kerin, Coordinator, DLR Children's and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC) gave a presentation to the LCDC on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 in relation to the Purpose of CYPSC; Department of Children and Youth Affairs Operational Guidance for CYPSCs; National Policy Mandate for CYPSCs; CYPSC Sub Committees and Inter-Agency Groups and other matters related to the establishment of a CYPSC for the county.



Lorna Kerin gave a progress update on LECP Action 16.2: Establish a CYPSC in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and on potential shared actions. The LCDC were advised of an inter-sectoral forum regarding Children and Young People's Service Needs and mapping taking place on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017, prior to commencing development of a Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown CYPSC Plan, which is to be finalised in 2018.

**(b) 'Connecting for Life' 2015-2020, the Health Service Executive's Policy on Suicide Prevention**

On 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017, there was a presentation by Pauline O'Reilly, Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention, Health Service Executive to the DLR LCDC on Suicide Prevention 'Connecting for Life' 2015-2020 recently launched by An Taoiseach Enda Kenny. Key findings were presented to the LCDC. A copy of the presentation was forwarded to LCDC Members. National Social Foundation gathered the data, and from the learning's, developed seven strategic goals with sixty nine actions. DLR has the lowest rates in the country. The primary outcome is that fewer lives are lost through suicide. A collaborative approach with other agencies and stake holders is needed, including a planned multi-agency approach through the means of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

**(c) The Communities Facilities Scheme 2017**

The Communities Facilities Scheme 2017, from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government was administered through the LCDC. Funding of €64,500 was made available to Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for small capital projects with special criteria being adhered to, for key target groups, the information was circulated to the PPN and was available on the Council website. Applications are required to demonstrate complementarity with strategic objectives and actions from the DLR Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) objectives. Two Communities Facilities Scheme Sub Committee meetings took place to make recommendations on grants, the LCDC approved grants at meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017. (Appendix 1 lists the grants approved)

**(d) Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2017**

The Chief Officer reported on the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017 to the LCDC on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 meeting.

The purpose of Town and Village Renewal Scheme, from the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht is to support the revitalisation of rural towns and villages across the country. It was noted

that given the rural focus for the grants, that the grants only applied to a couple of locations in the county, and that the grant was being advertised in these areas. Expressions of interest forms were provided on the DLR website. The LCDC referred the Scheme to the Rural Task Force to raise awareness and for engagement with local groups. A meeting of the Rural Task Force was also arranged.

An Expression of Interest from Kiltarnan Parish Church for €80,000 towards part-funding a new Community Centre was subsequently assessed by DLRCC under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2017. DLRCC then submitted an application to the Department of Rural and Community Development. The application was successful in qualifying for a grant of €80,000 funding under the scheme for the project. The first tranche of this funding, €40,000 of this funding was paid to Kiltarnan Parish Church in 2017.

**(e) Healthy Ireland – the national framework for improved health and wellbeing**

At the LCDC meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017, the DLR Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) agreed as follows:

*"DLR Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) agrees to become part of the National Healthy Cities and Counties of Ireland Network to support and implement Healthy Ireland – the national framework for improved health and wellbeing—at the local level in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown-in response to local people's needs.*

*We understand that the foundation and focus of this work will be implementing the range of actions contained in our Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) that support, promote and improve the health and wellbeing of all."*

The decision of the LCDC was notified to the HSE.

**(f) Joint Application for Grant Funding under Healthy Ireland Fund Strand 1**

At the LCDC on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017, the LCDC approved a joint bid by the DLR LCDC and the DLR CYPSC to apply for funding under Healthy Ireland Fund Strand 1. The LCDC considered a recommendation drawn up by a cross-sectoral steering group, which included representatives from LCDC, Tusla, HSE, Local Sports Partnership, Southside Partnership, CYPSC and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. The application, comprising of

13 actions, was successful in November 2017 and the funding is being administered in accordance with the terms of the grant application and Pobal's Operational Procedures.

### **(g) Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Volunteer Centre**

At the LCDC on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017, Claire Carroll presented on the Volunteer Centre, whose strategy is to see people connected to their community through participation. Their goals for 2017 are to remove barriers to volunteering, encourage the spirit and practice of volunteering and increase the visibility of volunteering. Claire Carroll outlined the importance of collaboration and spoke of the key objectives of the Volunteer Centre.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council hosted a Celebration of Volunteering and Volunteer Awards Ceremony on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to recognise and celebrate the efforts of volunteers who have made a difference in their local community.

### **(h) RAPID Capital Grants Scheme 2017**

The LCDC Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 considered the new RAPID Capital Grants Scheme 2017, following which the LCDC invited applications for grants. Total sum of grant funding awarded by the Department of Rural and Community development to each LCDC is €64,500. Applications were required to be fully compliant with the Terms and Conditions of the Scheme. Applications were required to demonstrate complementarity with specified strategic objectives and actions from the DLR Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) and with RAPID strategic themes. Grants were approved by the LCDC on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017. (Appendix 2 lists the grants approved)

### **(i) URBACT CHANGE – DLR Local Community Development Committee "Collaboration for a Healthy County" was held on December 4th 2017**

A workshop was organised by the DLR URBACT Local Support Group in conjunction with the DLR Local Community Development Committee and took place in Airfield Estate, Dúndrum. The workshop was attended by 31 people from 18 different organisations.

This workshop was designed to start a conversation about "collaboration for a healthy county" amongst organisations with a county wide brief. It set out to:-

- provide a networking opportunity for those engaged collaborative health work
- start the conversation about collaboration for a healthy county by bringing people together to explore good practice in collaborative health work

- begin the process of engaging service providers in early discussions on this topic for the purpose of a funding application in 2018
- identify opportunities for organisations to think out new possibilities for collaborative working.
- Feed into the forth coming processes of developing a Healthy County Strategy and the development of the URBACT CHANGE projects DLR Integrated Action Plan.

The event was organized as a World Café event in order to maximize participation and facilitate reflection. The workshop was facilitated by Pat Tobin of Community Action Network (CAN). A report on the event will be issued to the LCDC in early 2018.

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## 6. LCDC Members Attendance Record 2017

Name	Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	Apr 5 <sup>th</sup>	May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Jun 28 <sup>th</sup>	*Jul 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	#Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>
Cllr. John Kennedy <b>DLRCC</b>	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Cllr. Jennifer Cuffe <b>DLRCC</b>	Absent	Attended	Resigned					
Cllr. Anne Colgan <b>DLRCC</b>			Attended	Attended		Attended	Attended	Attended
Cllr. Kate Feeney <b>DLRCC</b>	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Cllr. Peter O'Brien <b>DLRCC</b>	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended		Attended	Attended	Attended
Colm Kinsella <b>ICTU</b>	Apology	Apology	Apology	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Cormac Shaw <b>Southside Partnership</b>	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended		Attended	Attended	Apology
Dearbhla Lawson (Chair) <b>DLRCC</b>	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended		Attended	Attended	Attended
Mary Ruane (Chief Officer) <b>DLRCC</b>	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Derek Elders <b>DDLETB</b>	Attended	Apology	Attended	Attended		Apology	Attended	Apology
Fiona Ward <b>DEA&amp;SP</b>	Resigned							
Eoghan Ryan <b>DEA&amp;SP</b>		Attended	Resigned					
Frank Costello <b>DEA&amp;SP</b>			Attended	Apology	Attended	Apology	Attended	Apology
Georgina Sweetnam <b>DLRCC LEO</b>	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Resigned	
Owen Laverty							Apology	Apology

<b>DLRCC LEO</b>								
Inez Bailey <b>Southside Partnership</b>	Attended	Attended	Apology	Apology		Attended	Resigned	
Sharon Perry <b>DLR PPN</b>							Attended	Attended
Alan Wyley <b>Southside Partnership</b>							Attended	Apology
Josephine Brown <b>DLR Chamber</b>	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended		Attended	Attended	Attended
Kay Gleeson <b>DLR PPN</b>	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Joanne Cullen <b>TUSLA</b>	Attended	Apology	Attended	Attended		Apology	Apology	Apology
Tom Kivlehan <b>DLR PPN</b>	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended		Attended	Attended	Attended
Michael O'Brien <b>DLR PPN</b>	Apology	Apology	Attended	Absent	Attended	Apology	Apology	Apology
Geraldine McDonagh <b>STAG</b>	Attended	Attended	Absent	Resigned				
Philip Maguire <b>IFA</b>	Apology	Apology	Apology	Apology	Attended	Apology	Apology	Apology
Laura English <b>Disability Fed. Ireland</b>	Attended	Apology	Absent	Absent	Written statement	Attended	Attended	Apology
Ann Marie Donohue <b>HSE</b>	Apology	Attended	Attended	Resigned				
Siobhan Fitzpatrick <b>HSE</b>				Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended

\*Meeting called to provide input into next SICAP programme-Members with potential conflict of interest could not attend

# Meeting called to approve RAPID grants

## Conclusion

2017 was a very busy year for the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee and the Sub Committees of the LCDC.

The work of implementing the Local Economic & Community Plan, implementing the SICAP Programme, administering the procurement for SICAP 2018-2022, developing the Dublin Rural Task Force and LEADER Strategy, supporting the development of the CYPSC Needs Analysis and CYPSC Plan, supporting the development of the DLR Public Participation Network, supporting the development of the Volunteer Corp, and implementing and administering newly-introduced and 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. All the national programme requirements for the LCDC have been fully met in 2017.

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 2017, the roles of the Co- chairs, and Chief Officer and support staff to develop and drive the ambitious agenda of the DLR LCDC is also acknowledged. The LCDC also, acknowledges the support provided by a range of government departments, including the Department of Rural and Community Department, which was newly established in 2017, and by Pobal.

We look forward to working with all our partners in 2018 as we continue the implementation phase of the Local Economic and Community Plan.



## Appendix 1 – Communities Facilities Grants Scheme 2017

Group	Grant amount
Dún Laoghaire Outreach Project	€5,000.00
Dance Theatre of Ireland (2 applications)	€1,700.00
Dublin South FM	€3,000.00
Southside Traveller Action Group	€3,000.00
Mounttown Early Years	€1,785.00
Shankill Daycare Centre	€1,138.33
Hillview Community Resource Centre	€2,000.00
Down Syndrome Ireland - Dublin Branch	€465.00
SWAN	€2,000.00
Acquired Brain injury Ireland (2 projects)	€2,000.00
Ballyogan Family Resource Centre	€1,000.00
Loughlinstown Ballybrack Shankill Men's Shed	€1,000.00
St. Augustine's Past Pupils Club	€400.00
Crossroads Ministries CLG	€215.00
Ballyogan Friends First	€1,000.00
Living Well with Dementia	€1,000.00
62nd, 71st, 90th Kilmacud Scout Group	€2,750.00
Southside Partnership Holly House Community Resource Centre	€1,000.00
Dalkey Irish Heritage Town Company	€1,477.00
Royal Horticultural Society of Ireland	€1,000.00
Balally Family Resource Centre Ltd	€1,000.00
De La Salle Palmerstown FC	€2,500.00
Loughlinstown Community Rooms Ltd	€1,968.00
Carraig Tennis Club	€549.00
St. Michael's Rowing Club (2 projects)	€1,150.92
Southside Partnership DLR CLG (2 projects)	€2,100.00
Southside Partnership Local Employment Service	€1,000.00
St. John of God Community Service DSE (2 projects)	€2,000.00
Moreen Blackthorn Network	€1,000.00
Dún Laoghaire Men's Shed (4 applications)	€7,500.00
St. Michael's Scout Group	€4,870.00
Enable Ireland Adult Services	€1,000.00
Sandyford Community Centre (3 projects)	€3,800.00
Rosemount Community Development Group *	€1,130.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€64,498.25</b>

\* Grant refunded as project did not proceed

## Appendix 2 – RAPID Capital Grants Scheme 2017

Group	Grant amount
SHANGANAGH PARK HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE	€9,097.00
71ST, 62ND AND 90TH KILMACUD SCOUT GROUP	€14,310.00
BALLYOGAN ESTATE MANAGEMENT FORUM	€1,480.00
Sallynoggin Community Preschool	€23,000
SWAN (SOUTHSIDE WOMENS ACTION NETWORK)	€4,837.00
HILLVIEW COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE	€3,788.78
Kilcross Residents & Development Group	€7,987.22
Total	€64,500.00

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