



2018 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.

Review of the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs)

The Department of Rural and Community Development announced in late 2017 that they would be conducting a review of the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) and this report is expected in 2019. The overall objective of the review is to inform the ongoing development of the structures. The Department proposed to review progress across four themes. These are: -

- *Governance and Structure*
- *Strategic effectiveness*
- *Participation and Engagement*
- *Administrative Support and Development*

3. LCDC Meetings in 2018

The Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Community Development Committee held six meetings in 2018 and two workshops. Sub Committee meetings also took place in 2018 for SICAP and Community Enhancement Programme.

2018 LCDC Meetings - 7th February, 14th March, 23rd May, 28th June, 19th September and 28th November



2018 LECP Work Shops for continued development of Local Economic and Community Plan community objectives – 14th March and 3rd May

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.

4. Membership of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Community Development Committee 2018.

Mary Ruane (Community and Cultural Development DLRCC) served as Chief Officer for the LCDC during 2018. 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 chaired in 2018 by Dearbhla Lawson (Director Community and Cultural Development DLRCC).

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council established a new LCDC support team in 2017, with two posts partially funded from the Department of Rural and Community Development, and this funding continued in 2018.

In 2018, a number of seats on the LCDC became vacant.

Phillip Maguire (Irish Farmers Association) (Other civic society or local community interests) resigned his membership in May 2018 and this seat is vacant at the 31st of December 2018.

Laura English (Disability Federation Ireland) (PPN Social Inclusion Pillar) resigned her membership in May 2018 and was replaced by Ibrahim Al Kaddo (PPN Social Inclusion Pillar) on 23rd May 2018.

Joanne Cullen (TUSLA) resigned her membership in an advisory role in May 2018 and was replaced by Lorna Kerin (TUSLA) on 23rd of May 2018.

Colm Kinsella (Irish Congress of Trade Unions) (Other civic society or local community interests) resigned his membership in September 2018 and this seat is vacant at the 31st of December 2018.

Frank Costello (Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection) resigned his membership in September 2018 and was replaced by Bernard Kelly (Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection) on 28th of November.

The membership at 31st December 2018 is as follows:



| Statutory Interests 9 | | |
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| Sector | Members Name | Organisation |
| <i>Local Authority Elected Members</i> | Cllr Peter O'Brien | DLRCOCO Elected Representative |
| | Cllr John Kennedy | DLRCOCO Elected Representative |
| | Cllr Anne Colgan | DLRCOCO Elected Representative |
| | Cllr Kate Feeney | DLRCOCO Elected Representative |
| <i>Local Authority Officials</i> | Dearbhla Lawson | Chief Executive Nominee |
| | Owen Laverty | Head of Local Enterprise Office |
| <i>State Agencies</i> | Siobhan Fitzpatrick | Health Service Executive |
| | Bernard Kelly | Department of Social Protection |
| | Lorna Kerin | Tusla (in advisory role) |
| | Derek Elders | Dublin Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board |
| Non Statutory Interests 10 | | |
| Sector | Members Name | Organisation* |
| <i>Local & Community Development</i> | Cormac Shaw | Southside Partnership DLR |
| | Alan Wyley | Southside Partnership DLR |
| <i>Social Inclusion Public Participation Network</i> | Ibrahim Al Kaddo | PPN Social Inclusion Pillar |
| | Sharon Perry | PPN Southside Women's Action Network |
| <i>Community & Voluntary Public Participation Network</i> | Kay Gleeson | PPN Glasthule / Sandycove Residents Association |
| | Michael O'Brien | PPN Cabinteely Residents Association |
| <i>Environmental Interests Public Participation Network</i> | Tom Kivlehan | PPN Environment Pillar |
| <i>Other civic society or local community interests</i> | Vacant | |
| | Vacant | |
| | Dr. Josephine Browne | DLR Chamber |
| Total No. of Members | 19 + 1 Advisory Member | |



5. Main achievements of the LCDC in 2018

There were five key priorities progressed in 2018 by the LCDC, as follows:

- Monitoring and reviewing progress on implementation of the SICAP Programme in 2018 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
- 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

5.1 Monitoring implementation of the SICAP programme in 2018

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 2018 was valued at €934,490.

The SICAP Annual Plan 2018 was approved in principle as part of the tender award to Southside Partnership DLR CLG for the programme implementation 2018 - 2022 by the LCDC on 8th November 2017. The Annual Plan 2018 was given final approval at the LCDC held on 7th February 2018, following LCDC approval of the 2017 Year End Report. Sub Group Meetings of the LCDC were held in 2018 to conduct reviews of the mid-year and end of year processes for SICAP and to review the SICAP Annual Plan 2018.

Members of the LCDC and support staff participated in a range of consultation and training events held by the Department and POBAL concerning the on-going implementation and monitoring of the SICAP 2018 – 2022 programme. LCDC support staff and LCDC SICAP subgroup members attended a national workshop on the 13th of September to inform the development of a 'distance travelled tool' to measure progress of SICAP clients in a variety of areas.

The SICAP regional training event was hosted in DLR County Hall on behalf of POBAL on the 2nd of October 2018 and was attended by LCDC and LDC staff from the Dublin region programmes.



The annual engagement meeting with the POBAL Development Coordinator took place in DLR County Hall on the 2nd of November 2018 and was attended by LCDC support staff and LCDC SICAP subgroup members.

A SICAP audit training workshop arranged by the Department of Rural and Community Development was attended by the LCDC Chief Officer and Support Staff, along with DLR Internal Audit staff, on the 22nd of November 2018. This was to facilitate the transition of the audit responsibility for the programme from POBAL to the LCDC in 2019.

Pobal continued to provide an online monitoring system (IRIS) to track the implementation of the SICAP programme nationally. In 2018, 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 2018, and the significant majority of targets were achieved. Some key SICAP indicators / targets achieved in 2018:

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| 712 Individuals | Worked with on a one to one basis |
| 45 Community Groups | Received advice and development support |
| 564 Children | Received educational or developmental support |
| 212 Individuals | Received employment support |
| 122 Individuals | Supported into self-employment |

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

2018 was the third 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 – Workshops 2018

The LCDC held workshops 14th of March 2018 & 3rd of May 2018. The workshops explored areas and identified key actions in the LECP where collaboration between agencies can make DLR LCDC more effective. 14 Community actions and 10 Economic & Community shared actions were identified for progression during the workshops.

2018 Highlights – Shared Economic and Community actions

- Good Progress has been made through the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP), with most headline targets achieved for 2018, through Southside Partnership DLR providing assistance to support community and enterprise development and access to employment and learning in partnership with DDLETB during 2018.
- 'Exploring Social Enterprise' event took place on 11th October in Blackrock Education Centre. The event formed part of the DLR Festival of Inclusion 2018. The aim was to raise awareness and understanding of social enterprise while providing networking opportunities for social enterprises, community groups, and local and national support services.
- LEO DLR continues to provide a full range of supports including finance and advice to support the development of micro enterprises across the County.
- DLR LCDC promoted the Social Enterprise Development Fund with all its stakeholders and on dlr social media platforms. The fund is a €1.6 million fund which will be delivered over two years; 2018 – 2020. The fund was created by Social Innovation Fund Ireland (SIFI) in partnership with Local Authorities Ireland and is funded by IPB Insurance and the Department of Rural and Community Development
<http://www.socialinnovation.ie/social-enterprise-development/>
- SSP and DLR LEO collaborating to explore Social Innovation supports, including a hub
- Roll out of the national childcare schemes to all services on behalf of the DCYA continued
- The Learner Fund, a subsidised fund toward training childcare practitioners to level 5 or 6 was also provided, along with Learner Fund bursary for childcare practitioners



who had completed recognised 3rd level courses. Capital grants, School-age Childcare grants, Parent & Toddler grants and Child-minder grants.

- Training delivered includes: Children First training to childcare practitioners.
- Walkability studies took place in 2018, three of which were in dlr estate management areas, and a walkability audit for Central Dún Laoghaire (Town) was completed
- Council Travel Plan and Walking Bus Guide issued to schools in the County <http://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/travel-transport/traffic-management/travel-planning>
- Further development of the Leopardstown Valley to Cruach Woods Greenway
- dlr worked with the NTA to identify bus priority measures helping deliver better bus routing in the County and assisted in developing Bus Connects
- Introduction of improved bus infrastructure along existing and new bus routes
- Development of a network of greenways adjacent to and within the Cherrywood SDZ
- Tidy Districts, Tidy Towns and Pride of Place competitions continue to be promoted with resident groups and the wider public. Tidy Districts awards held in September 2018. Dlr had four entries submitted into Irish Public Bodies (IPB) Pride of Place competition for which the judging took place in August:
 1. Creative Place Initiative – Exit 15
 2. Community Wellbeing Initiative – Marlay Junior Park Run
 3. Community Tourism Initiative – Friends of Joyce Tower
 4. Housing Estates – dlr Estate Management

At the gala awards ceremony in November in Cork City Hall, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Estate Management Fora won runners up in the Housing Estate Category.

- 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 Corp supported five events, including:
 - DLR Community 5k
 - Fashion Show
 - Big Sing
 - RMS Leinster Centenary
 - Museum of Childhood Event Day
- Dlr Community and Volunteer Awards ceremony took place on 29th November. The awards ceremony recognised and celebrated the work of community groups and volunteers in dlr. This year 25 volunteers along with 51 community groups have been recognised for their valuable contributions to their communities.



- Music Generation dlr launched its Summer programme in June and held 3 workshops in the Grainstore, Lexicon and the dlr Mill. Significant philanthropic funding was received from Music Generation, Ireland's national music education programme initiated by Music Network and co-funded by U2, The Ireland Funds and the Department of Education and Skills. Locally, Music Generation dlr is managed by dlr Music Education Partnership, led by dlr County Council in partnership with Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board, TUSLA, Southside Partnership dlr, Blackrock Education Centre, IADT, UCD and Crosscare.

<http://www.musicgeneration.ie/programmes/details/music-generation-dun-laoghaire-rathdown/>

2018 Highlights – Community actions

The inter-agency Healthy Ireland Steering Group worked to develop the 1st Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Healthy Ireland Strategy, to be launched in 2019, and also, monitored Healthy Ireland actions and funding and issued updates to the LCDC.

- Report on completion of Round 1 Healthy Ireland Actions presented to LCDC on 19th September. Actions had a direct impact on 1,970 individuals across a range of target groups in the county.
- Joint application for Round 2 Strand 1 submitted by DLR LCDC/CYPSC for maximum government funding of €112,100 was approved. The application contains 12 separate actions which will impact on the health of a broad range of citizens in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area.
- DLR CYPSC has continued to make good progress with interagency work to develop a Plan for Children and Young People in dlr. Focus groups have been established including health and mental health, and Safety, and opportunities and priorities are being identified. Needs analysis and countywide demographic analysis completed which will help to inform the CYPSC 3-year plan being developed.
- Southside Partnership continued to support and make progress including;
 - DLR Youth at Risk Network offering information, support and training and a space to reflect on practice and plan collaboratively for frontline staff.
 - Continue to convene the 0 – 3 Interagency/Community Parenting Support Initiative. Funding application submitted to Tusla QCBI innovation fund to sustain and grow the work with 0 – 3 in the county
 - Continue to provide Domestic Violence supports, with SAVE, to targeted women in DRL through FREDDA and SAVE Counselling Service.
- Exit 15 Programme is being delivered within the Ballyogan and surrounding area and this Arts Project is significantly increasing community input. A film entitled 'A Bird in the House, God Bless Her' was launched in the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus on the 7



March, and is available to view at: <http://exit15.ie/portfolio/michaelfortune/> and <https://www.rte.ie/culture/2018/0314/947314-celebrating-traveller-customs-and-folklore-a-bird-in-the-house/>

- There are now 157 Neighbourhood Watch schemes (an increase of 16) being supported by An Garda Síochána and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, together with 14 Business Watch schemes
- Safety and Security Workshops for Older People were delivered at two events in Ballinteer (April) and Loughlinstown (June) with presentations on;
 - Crime Prevention Focusing on Home Security
 - Safety and protection of the Older Person Falls Prevention<https://www.garda.ie/en/Crime-Prevention/-Streetwise-.pdf>
- 75 “Street Feasts” took place in June 2018 <http://streetfeast.ie/> across the County with financial assistance from dlr Community Development Department
- Government funding for Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) was administered by DLRCC on behalf of the LCDC and replaced schemes that were administered by the LCDC in 2017, the Community Facilities Scheme and the RAPID grants scheme
- The 2018 annual Festival of Inclusion themed "Where the past meets the future" took place from the 5th-13th of October, with over 70 events taking place throughout the week, an increase of 30 events on last year <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/news/general-news-press-releases/dlr-gets-ready-annual-festival-inclusion>
- DLR County Council approved grants supports through 320 community grants to a value of €263,300 in 2018
- 494 groups were registered with the PPN at the end of 2018, an increase of 94 groups compared to 2017 - <http://dlrppn.ie/> - this includes 392 Community & Voluntary, 88 Social Inclusion and 14 Environmental groups
- dlr Comhairle na nÓg continued to progress their work plan under the theme of Youth Mental Health and produced a booklet called 'Comhairle Tips for Positive Mental Health for Young People' which was distributed to all young people in attendance at 2018 AGM, this booklet will be distributed to all secondary schools and was showcased at the National Showcase held in Croke Park in November 2018
- dlr Comhairle na nÓg held their AGM in November at which 97 young people attended representing 21 secondary schools.

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 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.



Dublin Rural
LEADER
Growth, Sustainability & Inclusion

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 with rural communities.

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 2018 as Members of the LAG.

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

Six LAG meetings took place in 2018

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 2018:

Targeted calls for funding in the Dublin LEADER Rural region under the LEADER 2014-2020



- a) LEADER Theme: Rural Environment - Local Objective 7: Enhance Dublin Rural unique local Biodiversity and Ecosystems. Strategic Action 19 (Community Biodiversity Animation, Awareness and Training Programme). Budget: €60,000
- b) LEADER Theme: Rural Environment - Local Objective 7: Enhance Dublin Rural unique local Biodiversity and Ecosystems. Strategic Action 20 (Biodiversity & Conservation Support). Budget: €238,000
- c) LEADER Theme: Rural Environment - Local Objective 6: Water Conservation Awareness and Training Programme
Strategic Action 17: Support for training programme across the community and business sector to create awareness, promote and develop models of good practice in water conservation. Budget: €60,000
- d) LEADER Theme: Rural Environment - Local Objective 6: Increase awareness and support for small scale water conservation infrastructure and feasibility.
Strategic Action 18: Support the installation of small scale infrastructure as practical models of best practice in community operated water conservation projects. Actions will include use of grey water, rainwater harvesting and provision of water butts.
Budget: €239,168
- e) LEADER Food Initiative opened on 1st May 2018; a €15million fund is specifically in-call until 2020, with €5m of this to be allocated in 2018. Applications are to be made directly to Fingal LEADER Partnership and evaluated by the Local Action Group.

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. An Information Event was held on 12th June 2018 at Kiltarnan Country Market for potential LEADER applicants. Fingal LEADER Partnership continues to provide targeted promotion on their website, the link is as follows: <http://dublinruralleader.ie/>.

Fingal LEADER Partnership received 45 Expressions of Interest in 2018. 16 contracts were issued and 29 projects were evaluated and recommended for approval by end of 2018. A total of three projects were approved for DLR's rural area by end 2018: Kiltarnan Centre amounting to €99,570, Kiltarnan County Market amounting to €3,157.29 and ZIPIT Tibbradden amounting to €24,976.00.

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.

A meeting of the DLR Rural Task Force took place on 10th May 2018 in Glencullen Library, and 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.

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

494 groups were registered with the PPN at the end of 2018, an increase of 94 groups compared to 2017. This includes 392 Community & Voluntary, 88 Social Inclusion and 14 Environment groups.

The PPN Steering Committee met on a monthly basis to plan and organise the 2018 programme of work. Two (2) plenary meetings of members were held in 2018 on April 25th and November 7th 2018

- Memorandum of Understanding between DLR PPN and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council continued in 2018.
- Publication of monthly DLR PPN E Zine.
- 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.
- Participation in PPN Regional Meetings and PPN Workers Network meetings.
- DLR PPN and Dublin South FM piloted two radio programmes based on DLR PPN monthly ezine. The programme, 'Community Connections' was aired in December and will be available as a podcast on dublinsouthfm.ie and dlrppn.ie
- The PPN delivered 8 training sessions for members in October, November and December 2018:



- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) –Oct 16th 2018
- Committee Skills –Oct 17th 2018
- Impact Measurement and Evaluation –Oct 17th 2018
- Communications Planning and Tools –Oct 23rd 2018
- Project Management –Oct 23rd 2018
- Strategic Planning –25th Oct 2018
- Planning & Urban Development –15th Nov 2018
- Grant Writing and Fundraising –27th Nov

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 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.

DLR CYPSC has continued to make good progress with interagency work to develop a Plan for Children and Young People in dlr. Focus groups have been established including health and mental health, and Safety, and opportunities and priorities are being identified.

In supporting this work, DLRCC’s Community Department arranged a consultation with children and young people during November to hear their views on dlr Council services. A total of 137 children and young people from the DLR area participated in the workshop or completed the survey, with ages ranging from 5 to 18 years old. This will assist with



informing the Council in developing a Children and Young Persons Plan with recommendations and actions on how dlr County Council can contribute to improved outcomes for children and young people in the County through its current and future service delivery.

5.6 Community Enhancement Programme 2018

The Community Enhancement Programme was announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development on 31st May 2018 and replaced two previous grants schemes that were administered by the LCDC, the Community Facilities Scheme and the RAPID grants scheme.

Funding of €142,108 was made available to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council 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 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. A sub-group of the LCDC was established to review applications received under the scheme and make recommendations to the LCDC on the appropriate distribution of the funding.

The Department subsequently announced additional funding under the scheme with DLR LCDC being allocated an additional €218,984. The sub-group made recommendations to the LCDC at meetings on the 19th of September and the 28th of November and the LCDC approved 42 separate grants to a total of €252,935.90.

The closing date for the first call was 30th July 2018 and the LCDC issued a second call for applications in December 2018 with a deadline of the 16th of January 2019.

(Appendix 1 lists the grants approved in 2018)



5.7 Town & Village Renewal Schemes 2017 and 2018

The Town and Village Renewal Scheme project in Kiltiernan Parish, involving the development of much needed community centre for the area, was approved in 2017 by the Department of Rural and Community development. The project was part funded in the amount of €80,000, with €40,000 being paid to Kiltiernan Parish Church in 2017. Upon completion of the project in September 2018 the final drawdown documents were completed and the balancing payment of €40,000 was transferred to Kiltiernan Parish Church in December 2018.

The new community centre delivered under this project has achieved a number of key benefits for the area including the creation of a focal point and meeting space for the community. The café is fully operational and in daily use by local people and visitors to the area with one full time job created. Accessibility for all is ensured through the improved car parking facilities and public realm lighting. The centre is promoting local enterprise through the use of its facilities by entrepreneurs in the area, providing networking and desk space. The Montessori is fully operational providing a valuable service to the community.

The Chief Officer outlined the details of the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018 to the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Rural Task Force Meeting on 10th May 2018 and to the LCDC on 23rd May 2018. Information was circulated to the PPN and rural community groups and representatives. An application by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Parks Section and the Fernhill Gardens Community Garden Group was approved by the Department of Rural and Community development for a grant of €100,000.

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



It was reported at the LCDC meeting of the 7th of February 2018 that a project coordinator for the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Healthy Ireland programme was recruited and had taken up the post. The Project Coordinator was tasked with responsibility for monitoring the progress of the thirteen joint LCDC/CYPSC actions approved in 2017. At the meeting of the 23rd of May it was reported that all of the actions from Round 1, Strand 1



(2017) were underway and on target to be completed by the closing date, which had been extended by POBAL to the 30th of June 2018.

A Round 1, Strand 1 final report was presented to the LCDC at the meeting of the 19th of September and it was noted that all of the actions were completed satisfactorily and within the time frame set out by POBAL. These actions had a direct impact on the health of over 1,970 individuals across a range of target groups in the county.

Round 2, strand 1 funding was announced and a proposal for a joint application between CYPSC and the LCDC was proposed at the LCDC meeting of the 23rd of May 2018. This joint application was for the maximum available funding of €112,100 (€75,000 for LCDC & €37,100 for CYPSC) and contained 12 separate actions impacting on the health of a broad range of citizens in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area. Approval was granted by LCDC to proceed with the joint application.

Round 2, Strand 1 actions are all underway and expected to be completed by POBAL's closing date of the 31st of March 2019.

It was noted at the meeting of the 28th of November that the Healthy Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Strategic Plan is substantially developed. The plan is an interagency strategy and needs cross-agency sign off and is expected to be submitted for approval of LCDC and CYPSC in 2019.



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

2018 saw continued development of the project and the engagement of members as event volunteers, in local community events undertaken by the Volunteer Centre as part of its commitment to running the DLR Volunteer Corps in 2018.

2018 Events and Highlights

- Five events supported in 2018, including:
 - DLR Community 5k
 - Fashion Show
 - Big Sing
 - RMS Leinster Centenary
 - Museum of Childhood Event Day
- DLR Corps actively promoted on social media accounts both have growing followings. Twitter (599) Facebook (468)
- 132 new sign ups managed in 2018. Total membership 249.
- New induction video developed and shared with volunteers
- 100% of volunteers who fed back post event comments, felt supported by the Centre



6. LCDC Members Attendance Record 2018

| Name | Feb 7 th | March 14 th | May 23 rd | Jun 28 th | Sept 19 th | Nov 28 th |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Cllr. John Kennedy DLRCC | Attended | Attended | Attended | Apologies | Attended | Attended |
| Cllr. Anne Colgan DLRCC | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended | Apologies | Attended |
| Cllr. Kate Feeney DLRCC | Attended | Attended | Apologies | Attended | Attended | Apologies |
| Cllr. Peter O'Brien DLRCC | Attended | Apologies | Apologies | Attended | Apologies | Attended |
| Colm Kinsella ICTU | Apologies | Attended | Attended | Apologies | Vacant | Vacant |
| Cormac Shaw Southside Partnership | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended |
| Dearbhla Lawson (Chair) DLRCC | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended |
| Mary Ruane (Chief Officer) DLRCC | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended |
| Derek Elders DDLETB | Apologies | Attended | Apologies | Apologies | Apologies | Attended |
| Frank Costello DEA&SP | Attended | Apologies | Attended | Attended | Vacant | |
| Bernard Kelly DEA&SP | | | | | | Attended |
| Owen Laverty DLRCC LEO | Absent | Absent | Absent | Absent | Absent | Absent |
| Alan Wyley Southside Partnership | Apologies | Apologies | Apologies | Apologies | Attended | Attended |
| Sharon Perry | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended |



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|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| DLR PPN | | | | | | |
| Ibrahim Al Kaddo DLR PPN | | | Attended | Attended | Apologies | Attended |
| Josephine Brown DLR Chamber | Apologies | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended |
| Kay Gleeson DLR PPN | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended |
| Joanne Cullen TUSLA (advisory role) | Absent | Apologies | | | | |
| Lorna Kerin TUSLA (advisory role) | | | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended |
| Tom Kivlehan DLR PPN | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended | Attended |
| Michael O'Brien DLR PPN | Apologies | Attended | Apologies | Attended | Attended | Attended |
| Laura English Disability Fed. Ireland | Apologies | Apologies | | | | |
| Siobhan Fitzpatrick HSE | Attended | Attended | Attended | Apologies | Attended | Attended |
| Phillip Maguire IFA | Apologies | Apologies | Vacant | Vacant | Vacant | Vacant |



7. Conclusion

2018 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 and administering the SICAP Programme 2018-2022, developing the Dublin Rural Task Force and LEADER Strategy, supporting the development of the DLR CYPSC Needs Analysis and DLR 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 2018.

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 2018, the roles of the Chair, 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 and by Pobal.

We look forward to working with all our partners in 2019 as we continue the implementation phase of the Local Economic and Community Plan.



Appendix 1

| Organisation | Grant Amount |
|--|-------------------|
| Dún Laoghaire Men's Shed | 510.00 |
| Dalkey Island Probus Club | 699.00 |
| Shanganagh Castle Allotments | 709.00 |
| Broadford Rovers Football Club | 800.00 |
| Ballyogan Estate Management Forum | 950.00 |
| St. Augustines Past Pupils Club | 997.00 |
| 25th Mount Merrion Scout Group | 1,000.00 |
| Park House, Dún Laoghaire | 1,000.00 |
| Playdays Community Preschool, based in Shanganagh Park House | 1,000.00 |
| Muslim Sisters of Éire | 1,169.85 |
| Samuel Beckett Community Facility | 1,527.24 |
| Kilcross Residents & Development Group | 1,625.00 |
| Dún Laoghaire Men's Shed | 1,700.00 |
| Dalkey Irish Heritage Town | 1,783.50 |
| Cois Cairn Youth & Community Facility | 1,823.95 |
| Kilcross Residents & Development Group | 1,932.00 |
| Samuel Beckett Community Facility | 1,955.70 |
| Rehab Care, Residential Service | 1,971.60 |
| St. Brigids Community Garden | 2,000.00 |
| Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Network for Older People | 2,152.50 |
| DROP (DLR Outreach Project) | 2,162.17 |
| Shanganagh Community Garden | 2,418.05 |
| Loughlinstown Community Rooms | 2,500.00 |
| Deilg inis Theatre Company | 3,400.00 |
| Dance Theatre of Ireland | 3,448.89 |
| Acquired Brain Injury Ireland | 3,541.20 |
| Dom Marmion Society | 4,000.00 |
| Ballybrack Project Centre - Southside Partnership | 4,500.00 |
| Carraig Tennis Club | 4,668.00 |
| Sallynoggin Senior, Youth and Community Facility | 5,159.95 |
| Sallynoggin Senior, Youth and Community Facility | 5,473.00 |
| Sugarloaf Lodge Residential Service | 6,014.00 |
| SWAN - Southside Woman's Action Network | 6,516.27 |
| Hillview Community Resource Centre | 9,822.00 |
| Mounttown Community Facility | 12,580.86 |
| Sallynoggin Community Preschool | 16,514.26 |
| Kilcross Residents & Development Group | 16,537.00 |
| Nutgrove Loreto Community Association | 16,968.00 |
| Loughlinstown Estate Management | 20,309.76 |
| LBS MENS SHED | 24,000.00 |
| Ballybrack Project Centre | 24,096.15 |
| Loreto Community Facilities | 31,000.00 |
| | 252,935.90 |