



2021 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 2021

The Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Community Development Committee held six meetings in 2021. Due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 restrictions all the meetings took place on TEAMS and commenced at 8.30am.

2021 LCDC Meetings - 27th January, 3rd March, 19th May, 15th September, 20th October and the 24th November.

The work of the LCDC is underpinned by the commitment of its members to sitting on Subgroups to consider matters in detail and prepare reports and recommendations for consideration at LCDC meetings. There are three subgroups of the LCDC: SICAP Subgroup, Grants Subgroup and Healthy Ireland Steering Committee.

The Grants Subgroup met twice in 2021:

2nd Sep - CEP grant applications

18th Oct - SECG grant applications

The SICAP Subgroup met 6 times in 2021:



19th Jan – SICAP annual plan 2021 & annual review 2020
10th June – SICAP programme audit 2018 & SICAP case study theme
15th July – SICAP mid-year review 2021
21st Sep – SICAP engagement meeting
18th Oct – SICAP programme audit 2019
10th Nov – Key Priority areas 2022-2023

The Healthy Ireland Steering Committee met once in 2021:
18th Nov – general programme review

4. Membership of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Community Development Committee 2021

Mary Ruane, Community and Cultural Development, DLRCC served as Chief Officer for the LCDC during 2021. 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 2021.

The LCDC was chaired by Councillor Kate Feeney in 2021.

There were a number of changes to membership of the LCDC in 2021.

DDLE&TB nominee, Derek Elders resigned from the LCDC in January and was replaced by Maria Culbert. Her nomination was approved at the Council meeting on 8th March.

HSE nominee, Siobhan Fitzpatrick resigned from the LCDC in January and was replaced by Mary Fitzpatrick. Her nomination was approved at the March Council meeting. Mary subsequently resigned from the LCDC in August 2021 with her replacement, Aisling Heffernan's nomination being approved at the November Council meeting.

Councillor Kazi Ahmed resigned from the LCDC in May and Councillor Marie Baker was appointed to this vacant position at the May Council Meeting.

Local and Community Development nominee, Cormac Shaw resigned from the LCDC in May and his interim replacement Louise Kinlen was approved at the Council meeting in May 2021. In September Louise Kinlen was replaced by Sharon Commins. Her nomination was approved at the Council meeting on 13th September.

Lorna Kerin (Túsla Representative in advisory role) resigned from the LCDC in May 2021 and this seat is vacant at the 31st December 2021 pending a replacement nomination from Túsla.



The LCDC membership at 31st December 2021 is as follows:

Statutory Interests 9		
Sector	Members' Name	Organisation
<i>Local Authority Elected Member</i>	Cllr Marie Baker	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>	Aisling Heffernan	Health Service Executive
	Stephen Fitzgerald	Department of Social Protection
	Maria Culbert	Dublin Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board
	VACANT	Túsla (in advisory role)
Non Statutory Members 10		
Sector	Members' Name	Organisation
<i>Local & Community Development</i>	Sharon Commins	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
<i>Community & Voluntary Public Participation Network</i>	Joan Casey	PPN Laurleen Rocwood Residents Association
	Darren Chambers	PPN Ballinteer St Johns GAA Club
<i>Environmental Interests Public Participation Network</i>	Mark Fox	PPN An Taisce
<i>Other civic society or local community interests</i>	Conor Hickey	Crosscare
	Professor Joe Carthy	University College Dublin
	Gabby Mallon	DLR Chamber
<i>Total No. of Members</i>	19	
	+ 1 advisory member	



5. Main achievements of the LCDC in 2021

There were five key priorities progressed in 2021 by the LCDC, as follows:

- Monitoring and reviewing progress on implementation of the SICAP Programme by Southside Partnership DLR CLG in 2021 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 and new Transitional Programme 2021-2022, 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 health 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 responded to key priorities emerging in the county during this public health crisis and this Forum continued to meet into 2021.

In 2021, 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.

Covid 19 Emergency Grant Fund Round 2
Community Engagement Programme (CEP) Grant Fund
SICAP Programme
Healthy Ireland Fund
Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme

5.1 Monitoring implementation of the SICAP programme in 2021

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 2021 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 2021 was approved at the LCDC meeting of the 27th of January 2021 along with the SICAP 2020 Annual Progress Report. The SICAP Subgroup of the LCDC met six times in 2021 to conduct reviews of the mid-year and end of year processes for SICAP, to review the SICAP Annual Plan 2021, to consider audit reports of the programme for prior years and to consider priority areas for the programme in DLR for 2022/2023.

The annual engagement meeting with the POBAL Development Coordinator took place online due to COVID restrictions in September 2021 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 2021, the DLR LCDC provided oversight and the programme 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 2021. Following on from a difficult year in 2020, COVID-19 continued to impact on programme delivery, but the Southside Partnership DLR Team developed and expanded the new work practices implemented in 2020 to ensure 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. The annual SICAP Case study which focuses on one area of the programme shone a light on the work of the SICAP Women's Programme and its important role in the community.

The case study can be viewed here:

https://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/ssp_2021_sicap_case_study_womens_programme_v2.pdf

Video links within case study:



<https://youtu.be/LK5NsslmqkY>

[Video Marese - SICAP case study interview Aug 2021](#)

[w4w 10 Year Celebration](#)

<https://youtu.be/-L2VXzbzmJ8>

<https://youtu.be/iabkNHGBIEg>

POBAL directed in July 2021 that a re-examination of the KPI targets for Goal 1 and Goal 2 be undertaken in October 2021 when the full impact of ongoing 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 was agreed. The full year achievements in both KPI 1 & 2 surpassed the revised targets, and indeed the initial targets set at the beginning of the year.

	2021 Original Annual Target	2021 Revised Annual Target	2021 Actual
Goal 1	31	31	32
Goal 2	511	500	520

520 Individuals	Worked with on a one-to-one basis
32 Community Groups	Received advice and development support
290 Children	Received educational or developmental support
141 Individuals	Received employment support
151 low-income workers	Supported to progress to more stable employment
78 Individuals	Supported into self-employment
195 Individuals	Received self-employment supports
16 Social Enterprises	Supported to develop through SICAP

The DLR internal audit department finalised detailed audits of the programme for 2018 and 2019 in 2021 with these reports approved by the LCDC and submitted to POBAL and the DLRCC Audit Committee.

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



2021 was the sixth 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.

2021 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 2021 – 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-2021/
- In 2021 social enterprise organisations have been offered/taken part in 9 workshops, 4 networking sessions, 11 promotional videos, and taken up 188 hours of mentoring through the SICAP programme
- 7 Social Enterprises in DLR funded to a value of €29,265.94 through the DRCD's Social Enterprise Capital Grant Scheme under the Dormant Account Fund and administered by the DLR LCDC and DRCD.
- dlr had two entries submitted into the 2021 Irish Public Bodies (IPB) Pride of Place competition for which the judging took place online in September and winners will be announced in early 2022.
 - 1. Rosemount Family Resource Centre under the category of well-being
 - 2. Holly House under the category of resilience.
- The Volunteer Centre is continued to encourage the spirit and practice of Volunteerism in DLR. <http://www.volunteerdlr.ie/>
 - 1107 new volunteers registered in 2021.
- In 2021, 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.
 - DLR Community Foundation established a series of working groups in the county to discuss the role of the foundation, establish mechanisms for donors and recipients and raise awareness of philanthropy. The process of project identification and potential matching of funds has commenced and will continue throughout 2022.
 - The DLR Biodiversity Plan 2021-2025 has been drafted and will be implemented over the next 5 years, some actions of the plan have already been implemented and others will be implemented over coming years.
 - 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 continued in 2021

2021 Highlights – Community actions

- Round 3 Healthy Ireland Actions continued, and progress made on supporting a healthy DLR despite impact of COVID-19 on action delivery. Community Engagement Fund provided funding to three community projects through underspend in other action areas due to COVID-19. Community Mental Health Fund grants supported 8 separate projects with a total of €30k in funding to deliver mental health related supports in the community.
- DLR Libraries supported wellbeing through a diverse cultural and community development programme across the 8 branches. Range of innovative library events delivered online to support communities though continued COVID restrictions in 2021.
- DLR Sports Partnership organised and delivered a wide range of training courses, workshops and targeted physical activity programmes for all ages, levels of ability and sporting types.
- Dlr Arts office provided a range of supports mainly online 'free' events and workshops suitable and aimed at families of all ages. Pre-recorded workshops with materials sent to family Resource Centres, STAG and the Homeless Hubs during 2021.



- The process of drafting the dlr Age Friendly Strategy 2022-2026 commenced. Consultation workshops and meetings took place and dlr Age Friendly Alliance partners, DLRCC departments and other stakeholders are finalising actions for inclusion in the dlr Age Friendly Strategy to be completed by Q1 2022.
- Dlr's Pilot High Security Locks Scheme for people aged 65+ launched in July 2021. In total 180 homes security upgrades with almost 300 lock barrels being replaced with high security anti-snap locks. Total budget €25,000
- DLRCC commissioned a study into the assessment of need for a domestic violence refuge for the DLR area and the report was completed in Q4 2021 with the launch of the report on 17th November 2021. Túsla agreed to prioritise DLR for provision of a DV Refuge and have committed to ongoing revenue funding to staff it.
- 2021 was a year of transition for Dublin Rural LEADER which saw the end of the 2014-2020 LEADER Programme and the commencement of the new Transitional LEADER Programme on April 1st which run until the end of 2022. Available funds under the Transition Fund for projects in Rural Dublin is €1,411,631.
 - The geographic boundaries were increased in June 2021, and this included a larger geographic region for DLR
- 3 projects funded that cover the DLR region – 2 training projects and 1 capital project
- SICAP Case study was produced highlighting the Women's Programme supporting women in marginalised and new communities in the county:
<http://southsidepartnership.ie/documents-library/#>
- DLR County Council approved grants supports through 181 community grants to a value of €171,368 in 2021.
- At the end of December 2021 DLR PPN had 531 active member organisations
<http://dlrppn.ie/>
 - DLR PPN filled 1 vacancy for a representative on the LCDC and 5 vacancies on SPC's
 - Consultation workshops were held with dlr Comhairle na nÓg and DLR PPN on the Vision for Community Wellbeing Statement.
- Dlr Comhairle na nÓg held their AGM in November. A total of 55 young people from 12 Secondary Schools across the county attended and participated in the AGM.
 - Dlr Comhairle na nÓg launched their Fast Fashion video in September to coincide with Dublin Climate Action Week 2021.
- Development of Community Garden Projects continued in DLR in 2021 and provided important social outlets during the COIVD-19 pandemic.
- The 8 Men's Sheds within the County reopened in a physical capacity in 2021. Activities resumed and membership participation is in line with pre-pandemic levels.



5.3 Local Economic and Community Development Plan 2023-2029

LECP Guidelines

on 11th November, guidelines were received from the Department for formulating the new 6-year LECP and the LCDC in November considered a report regarding the launch and training support being provided by the Department.

The DRCD and the DHLGH held an online Introductory Event on the 9th December 2021. The Introductory event was open to all LCDC & Economic SPC members, as well as Chief Officers and support staff involved in the preparation of the next LECP.

This event provided an overview of LECP Guidelines, highlighting what is new, planned timeframes and highlighted linkages with relevant strategies and initiatives.

The LECP process will consist of two parts including:

- a) The development of an overall LECP framework detailing the high-level goals and sustainable community and economic objectives as well as consideration of outcomes and high-level indicators for the 6-year LECP period. (Strategic part of the LECP development process).
- b) The development of Implementation Plans to detail the inputs, actions and resources required for that implementation plan period as well as relevant KPI's to facilitate evaluation. The initial Implementation Plan is presented for approval along with the LECP framework. (Supports the achievement of the High-Level Goals outlined in the LECP framework document).

This initial session will be followed by a series of training webinars in 2022 to ensure each LCDC will have the necessary skills to develop and implement their LECP. There will also be an LCDC support page on the LGMA website and a series of thematic workshops,

5.4 Support for Dublin Rural LEADER Programme 2014 – 2020 and new Transitional Programme 2021-2022

The LEADER Programme 2014 -2020 ended on 31st March 2021 and the new Transitional Programme 2021-2022 for LEADER funding commenced on 1st April 2021 and will run until December 2022. This new Programme will bridge the gap between the wind-up of the 2014-2020 LEADER Programme and the start of the next EU Programme in 2023. 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 geographic boundaries for LEADER were increased in June 2021, and this included a larger geographic region for DLR- The complete Electoral Division Area of Glencullen is now included, previously it was partially included. The full Shankill-Rathmicheal Electoral Division is now included in the eligible area. The full area of Tibbradden Electoral Division was already



included. Dublin Rural LEADER introduced a new website highlighting the changes in the programme and a step-by-step guide of how to apply for funding, the link is as follows: <https://dublinruralleader.ie/> 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 Transitional LEADER programme for the Rural LEADER Programme is €1,411,631. Fingal LEADER Partnership (FLP) are the programme implementer.



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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)
Sharon Commins Southside Partnership DLR (Local development)

At the LCDC meeting on 19th May, Louise Kinlen (LDC LCDC Rep) was nominated to the LAG as a DLR LDC representative on an interim basis to replace Cormac Shaw (LDC representative on the LCDC and DLR LDC rep on the LAG). At the LCDC meeting on the 15th September, Sharon Commins took up the position of LDC LCDC rep and replaced Louise Kinlen as the new LDC LCDC rep and subsequent DLR LDC LAG representative.

DLR LCDC representatives attended 5 LAG meetings in 2021.

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.

Fingal LEADER Partnership continues to provide targeted promotion on their website and social media and have dedicated Development Officers.

- 59 Expression of Interests were received in 2021 and 2 were from the DLR area
- 3 projects cover the DLR region – 2 training projects and 1 capital project



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 subgroup 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.

4 online meetings of the Rural Task Force took place in 2021: on the 2nd February, 11th May, 21st September and the 7th December. An update on the Transitional LEADER Programme was given at each meeting from the CEO of Fingal LEADER Partnership.

5.5 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

At the end of December 2021 DLR PPN had 531 active member organisations, an increase of 44 on 2020. This includes 423 Community & Voluntary, 94 Social Inclusion and 14 Environment groups.

- The PPN Secretariat met on a monthly basis to plan, organise and monitor the implementation of the 2021 programme of work. Two plenary meetings of members were held in 2021 - March and November.
- DLR PPN was represented on the Community Response Stakeholder Forum and the Health and Wellbeing Subgroup, both led by the Local Authority.
- Memorandum of Understanding between DLR PPN and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council continued in 2021.
- Publication of monthly DLR PPN E Zine



- 'Community Connections' programme and podcast in conjunction with Dublin South FM produced 12 times in 2021.
- DLR PPN filled 1 vacancy for representatives on the LCDC and 5 vacancies on SPC's.
- The PPN was also represented on the Local Community Development Committee, Joint Policing Committee, Rural Taskforce, each of the SPC's and the Smart Dublin Advisory Group.
- 8 Linkage Groups meetings held
- The PPN delivered the following training in 2021.
 - Capacity Building Training (14 sessions) including:
 - Video making part
 - Zoom Basic Use and Intermediate Use
 - Email Marketing through Mailchimp
 - Governance Code
 - Social Media skills
 - Funding/ grants
 - GDPR - 1 session
 - Committee skills
 - Digital Skills for Beginners (14 sessions, 419 participants registered in total)
 - Facebook for Beginners
 - Photo/ video on mobile phone for Beginners
 - Twitter for Beginners
 - Zoom for Beginners
 - Editing on mobile phone for Beginners
 - Instagram for Beginners
 - Age Friendly targeted Digital training
 - Bealtaine Festival - Zoom for Beginners - 4 sessions
 - Festival of Inclusion (Older People's International Day) - 1 session
 - Training for Secretariat, staff and representatives
 1. Climate Conversations training
 2. Social Justice Training
 3. PPN Show and Tell - Linkage Groups online!
 4. Salesforce training
 5. Training for new DLR PPN representatives
- The PPN commenced the dlr Vision for Community Wellbeing Statement pre-draft consultation. Consultation ran for a period of 6 weeks. 9 workshops organised in



total and 331 responses received to the survey. The Draft consultation will take part in Quarter 1 of 2022.

5.6 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 actions continued to be progressed in 2021 by each CYPSC subgroup.



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>

5.7 LCDC Administered Grant Schemes 2021

The LCDC was responsible for the administration and allocation of three grant schemes announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development in 2021.



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Community Enhancement Programme 2021 - €142,108

The Community Enhancement Programme was announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development on 10th May 2021. Funding of €142,108 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. reviewed applications received under the scheme and make recommendations to the LCDC on the appropriate distribution of the funding.

The Grants Subgroup of the LCDC met on the 2nd of September to consider the applications received. Written agreement was sought from members of the Committee who were unable to attend the meeting and recommendations were made to the LCDC to provide funding for 33 grant applications. The LCDC approved the recommendations at its meeting on the 15th of September.

(See Appendix 1 which lists the grants approved)

Covid Emergency Grants Round 2 - € 52,001

The COVID Emergency Grants Round 2 was announced in December 2020 and was discussed by the LCDC at the meeting on the 15th of January, when a number of applications were approved with authorisation given by the LCDC to the DLR Community Dept to administer the fund as required in the community.



(See Appendix 2 which lists the grants approved)

Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme - € 29,265.94

The scheme was announced by Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, TD, in August 2021. The Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021 provided funding for the purchase of equipment or the carrying out of repairs or refurbishments to enable social enterprises to improve their service delivery. The scheme was supported by funding from the Dormant Accounts Fund.

The scheme supports one of the key commitments in the National Social Enterprise Policy for Ireland 2019-2022 – “Growing and Strengthening Social Enterprise”.

The allocation for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown under this new grant scheme for 2021 was €29,265.94.

Only genuine social enterprises were eligible to apply for this funding and like the CEP scheme, it was for capital expenditure only.

The Department provided a definition of a Social Enterprises as:

“Businesses that work primarily to improve the lives of people. Their core objective is to achieve a social, societal, or environmental impact. Like other businesses, Social Enterprises pursue their objectives by trading in goods and services on an ongoing basis. However, surpluses generated by social enterprises are re-invested into achieving their core social objectives. They frequently work to support disadvantaged groups such as the long-term unemployed, people with disabilities, the Traveller community, etc., or to address issues such as food poverty, social housing, or environmental matters”

The Grants Subgroup of the LCDC met on the 18th of October to consider the applications received. Recommendations were made to the LCDC to provide funding for 7 grant applications. The LCDC approved the recommendations, and these were sent to the Minister for approval and subsequently approved by the Minister in November 2021.

(See Appendix 3 which lists the grants approved)

5.8 Town & Village Renewal Schemes 2021



The scheme was announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development on 3rd May 2021. Information on the scheme was circulated to community groups through the LCDC, Councillors in the relevant electoral areas, the Rural Task Force and through the County Council.

Projects based in the qualifying areas of dlr (Kiltarnan, part of Glencullen, Tibbradden and Stepside Village) were eligible for consideration.

The decision of the Department on the 1 application submitted is awaited in early 2022.

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



Round 3 of the Healthy Ireland programme was announced in June 2019. The funding is to support Local Organisations in delivering actions which will improve health and wellbeing and a full report was presented to the LCDC meeting on the 18th of September 2019. A joint programme of work between DLR LCDC and DLR CYPSC was approved at the LCDC meeting on the 18th of September 2019, which was submitted for consideration to POBAL and the Department in advance of the deadline of the 20th of September 2019. 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. This grant agreement approved funding of €374,100, which covered a joint application between the LCDC and CYPSC for twelve actions, with €246,050 of this funding allocated to LCDC projects.

The programme commenced January 2020, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, the timeframe for delivery was extended by the Department from June 2021 to December 2021 with a subsequent extension to March 2022 to allow for completion of Round 3 projects and planning for Round 4. The majority of actions migrated their offering online, but some actions have experienced challenges in delivery. The LCDC projects showed great flexibility in dealing with ongoing restrictions throughout 2021 with good health outcomes for the target groups. Dance Theatre of Ireland offered 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 offers online guided flower arranging and outdoor socially distant activities and Grow in Ireland have migrated all their support meetings and their community education programme online.

The progress and financial returns for the end of Year 2 to June 2021 were prepared and submitted per the POBAL guidelines and were approved by POBAL in October 2021. These are the most recent reports with the next reporting date being at the end of the programme in Q2 2022. Of the total approved budget of €374,100 the total spend to date is €203,365 with a remaining budget of €170,734 to be spent before end of March 2022. Additional budget of €98,880 was allocated by POBAL in July 2021, to extend the salaried roles on the programme out to March 2022 and to extend activities within existing approved actions in the same timeframe. The action holders were all consulted to establish where capacity to extend the projects out to March 2022 existed with funding being allocated where required.

Community Engagement:

A budget of €30,000 was awarded to the County Council under HI Round 3 for community activation, merchandising and promotion of HI projects in the county.

Branded merchandise products were designed and ordered and have been distributed through FRCs, Parks and targeted promotional local events (see picture below).

Merchandise includes, Swimming caps, Skipping ropes, Cotton shopping bags, Kites, Frisbees. The Healthy Ireland / Healthy DLR webpage has been updated on www.dlrcoco.ie



Community Resilience Fund

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 allocated funding for a new initiative called the “Community Resilience Fund”. This funding was allocated to Local Authorities and the CYPSCs and the activities funded contributed to the overall Government Plan for “Living with COVID-19”. As part of this, the government 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 were required to activate and deliver on key actions under two of these themes: “Staying Connected” and “Switching off and being creative”.

CRF Funding for DLR was €126,079 and was used to deliver a wide range of well-being programmes in the community including: DLR Age Friendly magazine with information and activities; extension of the Making Connections offering, Paperchain 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.





5.10 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

2021 saw continued development of the project. Volunteering opportunities were promoted online, by email and through newsletters. 102 local volunteering opportunities were created and shared locally. Due to the pandemic the focus shifted from supporting events which were on hold to involving volunteers in a number of initiatives such as the Volunteer from Home Campaign, where over 200 roles were created, Paperchain, which had over 1,000 participants, Gardening for Biodiversity as well as supporting Meals on Wheels organisations.

Volunteers assisted in the following events in 2021 when restrictions allowed

- International Day for Older People 1st October-Sue Ryder Event
- International Day for Older People- 1st October- Lexicon event
- An Taisce Nature Autumn Reserve Clean up

During 2021 DLRVC were represented on the Local Community Response Forum.



6. LCDC Members Attendance Record 2021

Name	27th Jan	3rd Mar	19th May	15th Sep	20th Oct	24th Nov
Cllr Kazi Ahmed DLRCC	Attended	Attended	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cllr Marie Baker DLRCC	N/A	N/A	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Attended
Cllr Kate Feeney DLRCC	Apologies	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Attended
Cllr Lettie McCarthy DLRCC	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Cllr Tom Kivlehan DLRCC	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Attended
Therese Langan DLRCC	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Mary Ruane DLRCC	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Roisin Cronin DLRCC LEO	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Siobhan Fitzpatrick HSE	Attended	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mary Fitzpatrick HSE	N/A	Attended	Apologies	N/A	N/A	N/A
Imelda Halton HSE	N/A	N/A	N/A	Attended (as guest HSE Rep)	N/A	N/A
Aisling Heffernan HSE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Attended	Attended
Stephen Fitzgerald DEASP	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Maria Culbert DDLETB	N/A	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Apologies	Apologies
Lorna Kerin TUSLA	Attended	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Name	27th Jan	3rd Mar	19th May	15th Sep	20th Oct	24th Nov
Cormac Shaw SSP	Attended	Attended	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Louise Kinlen SSP	N/A	N/A	Attended	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sharon Commins	N/A	N/A	N/A	Attended	Attended	Apologies



SSP Patricia Byrne SSP	Apologies	Attended	Apologies	Apologies	Apologies	Attended
Ibrahim Al Kaddo PPN - Social Inclusion	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Attended
Sharon Perry PPN - Social Inclusion	Apologies	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Attended	Apologies
Darren Chambers PPN - Community & Voluntary	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Apologies	Attended
Joan Casey PPN - Community & Voluntary	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Mark Fox PPN - Environmental	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Apologies	Apologies
Conor Hickey Crosscare	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apologies
Prof. Joe Carthy UCD	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Gabby Mallon DLR Chamber	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Apologies

7. Conclusion

2021 was a very busy year for the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee and the Sub Committees of the LCDC. The ongoing impact of COVID-19 on all aspects of the business of the committee has been immense with members continuing to engage with on-line meetings and maintaining a focus on those most severely impacted by the pandemic in our communities. The continuation of restrictions throughout the majority of 2021 encouraged a focus on emerging priority areas with the diverse range of expertise and experience brought by the members of the committee allowing the committee the skill and dexterity to adapt to ever-changing local priorities.

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 Subgroups. The additional complications of doing this while dealing with the impact of the COVID pandemic on society have 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 2021.

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 2021, 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, Sláintecare, Creative Ireland and by Pobal.

The LCDC expressed their appreciation for the work and support provided to the LCDC when the following committee members retired in 2021- Siobhan Fitzpatrick, Councillor Kazi Ahmed, Cormac Shaw, Lorna Kerin (advisory Role), Mary Fitzpatrick and Louise Kinlen.

We look forward to working with all our partners in 2022 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 Grants Awarded 2021

GROUP / ORGANISATION	Name of TOWN/VILLAGE AREA	PURPOSE OF GRANT & FUNDING	AMOUNT
<i>Acquired Brain Injury Ireland - Day Services</i>	Dun Laoghaire	Purchase of interactive white board	€4,744.00
<i>Acquired Brain Injury Ireland - Residential Unit</i>	Dun Laoghaire	Installation of accessibility handrail in garden	€2,951.00
<i>Balally Family Resource Centre Clg</i>	Dundrum	Digital Library equipment	€8,409.84
<i>Castle Allotments</i>	Shankill	Defibrillator	€2,041.80
<i>Crosscare Community Cafe</i>	Dun Laoghaire	Equipment (new combination oven)	€8,302.00
<i>Dalkey Rowing Club</i>	Dalkey	Building refurbishment	€8,079.08
<i>Deansgrange Management committee</i>	Dun Laoghaire	To replace fire doors at main entrance to centre	€2,768.26
<i>Dublin South FM</i>	Dundrum	IT equipment	€3,920.69
<i>Dun Laoghaire Men's Shed</i>	Dun Laoghaire	Undersink water boiler	€500.00
<i>Dun Laoghaire Men's Shed</i>	Dun Laoghaire	LED Lighting Upgrade	€500.00
<i>Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Outreach Project</i>	Dun Laoghaire	Pigeon guano prevention system and cleanup of spoiled outdoor area	€1,107.00
<i>Furry Hill Community Centre (Southside Partnership)</i>	Dundrum	Upgrade of building - maintenance & repairs	€8,009.25
<i>Holly House Community Resource Centre</i>	Loughlinstown	Defibrillator	€1,795.00
<i>Kilcross Resource Centre</i>	Dundrum	Replacement fire alarm system	€4,779.59
<i>Kiltarnan Parish Church of Ireland</i>	Kiltarnan	Facility Signage	€3,500.00
<i>LBS Men's Shed</i>	Loughlinstown	Upgrade of building (radiator, fencing)	€681.00
<i>Mounttown Community Facility CLG</i>	Dun Laoghaire	Cleaning supplies & equipment & sail shade for garden	€3,705.33
<i>NCCWN SWAN</i>	Ballybrack	new dishwasher	€299.00
<i>Park House</i>	Dun Laoghaire	Cleaning equipment & Defibrillator	€1,986.39
<i>Patrician Community Centre</i>	Stillorgan	Installation of Solar PV	€10,000.00
<i>Redesdale Residents Assoc</i>	Stillorgan	Gardening Equipment	€179.96
<i>Rosemount community development group - FRC</i>	Dundrum	Gazebo structure to allow outdoor use of centre	€8,135.37
<i>Rosemount Mulvey Football Club</i>	Dundrum	Defibrillator	€873.85



<i>Sallynoggin Community Preschool Ltd.</i>	Sallynoggin	Perspex roof covering for outside play area	€10,000.00
<i>Sallynoggin Pearse FC</i>	Sallynoggin	Contribution towards purchase of Anti Vandal Changing Facility	€10,000.00
<i>Sallynoggin Pigeon Club</i>	Sallynoggin	IT equipment	€1,736.00
<i>Sallynoggin Youth & Community Facility</i>	Sallynoggin	Side entrance replacement	€2,272.91
<i>Sandyford Community Centre</i>	Sandyford	Energy efficient upgrade	€4,535.74
<i>Shanganagh Community Gardens</i>	Shankill	Purchase of materials to install accessible raised beds	€2,400.00
<i>Shanganagh Park House</i>	Shankill	Building maintenance & IT Equipment	€7,471.64
<i>Southside Partnership DLR Head Office</i>	Blackrock	Desk Screens and laptop docking stations	€5,424.30
<i>St John of God Services, Dublin South East</i>	Dun Laoghaire	Building works include installation of double doors, create a patio area.	€10,000.00
<i>St. Michael's Rowing Club</i>	Dun Laoghaire	To purchase an all-weather protective gazebo for use at regatta events	€999.00
			€142,108.00

Appendix 2

COVID Emergency Grants Round 2

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
137th Balally Scouts	Food bank stocks	€2,500.00
Acquired Brain Injury Ireland	Battery Operated Disinfectant machines.	€1,583.63
Airfield Estate	Food delivery service	€2,288.00
Arthritis Ireland, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Branch.	Zoom Licence	€139.90
Balally Family Resource Centre Clg	Virtual Classes/Support Groups & Workshops, Counselling and Child Art Therapy/Theraplay	€3,000.00
Ballybrack Project Centre	Food Vouchers 120 * €20 (€400 own funds)	€2,000.00
Ballyogan Family Resource Centre	Counselling Sessions	€2,500.00
Belarmine Community Centre	Food parcels	€2,624.00
Belarmine Community Centre	Ipad and zoom licence	€544.00
Belarmine Residents Association	Zoom Licence	€139.90
Blackrock Community Mens Shed	Zoom Licence	€139.90



Buion Columbanus Girl Guide Unit	IT Equipment & Zoom / Kahoot Licence	€1,000.00
CASA Blackrock	Tablets & Covers x 3 and Zoom Licence	€545.00
Cois Cairn Youth & Community Facility 1st Application	Sanitizer & PPE	€434.21
Coppinger Residents Association	Zoom Licence, activity equipment	€196.00
Crosscare Dundrum Rathdown Youth Service	Activity Packs for 38 x 10-12 year olds - baking activities, arts & crafts activities	€999.64
Dalkey Community Pre-school Playgroup	Zoom Licence and new Computer	€739.85
Drama League of Ireland Drama League of Ireland	Laptop, Printer & Phone	€748.99
Dun Laoghaire Men's Shed 2nd Application	Zoom Licence	€140.00
Dun Laoghaire Men's Shed 3rd Application	PPE & Sanitizer	€250.00
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Fora	IT Equipment	€2,000.00
Dundrum Arch Club	Quiz prizes, activity packs	€550.00
Dundrum arts and cultural festival	Zoom Licence	€139.90
Irish Sudden Infant Death Association t/a FirstLight	Special Edition Newsletters and online newsletters	€500.00
Kilcross Resource Centre	IT Equipment and zoom licence	€2,000.00
Kiltiernan Parish Centre	Soup delivery service	€600.00
LBS Mens Shed	Air Purifier	€530.00
LBS Men's Shed 2nd Application	Laptop and zoom licence	€438.90
Loughlinstown Community Rooms	Air purifier	€977.00
Monkstown Boxing Club	COVID compliant training equipment	€949.00
Mounttown Community Facility	Cleaning Products & Sanitiser	€267.54
My Project Minding You	Art Therapy, ZOOM licence and 2 x tablets	€1,000.00
Nutgrove & Loreto Residents Association	Sanitizer equipment	€981.06
Our Lady's School Parents Association	Zoom Licence	€139.90
Patrician Community Centre	IT Equipment and Air Purifier	€2,000.00
Rosemount Community Development Group	Food parcels	€2,878.00
Rosemount Community Development Group Ltd	Psychotherapy sessions	€1,500.00
Sallynoggin Youth and Community Facility	Air Purifier	€875.00
Sandyford Community Centre	IT Equipment & Sanitation Equipment	€2,000.00
Serve the City Ireland CLG 2nd Application	PPE	€344.00
Sonas Domestic Violence Charity	IT Equipment	€2,000.00
Southside Partnership - Holly House	Food parcels	€2,500.00
St Augustines Past Pupils Association	Laptop and ZOOM licence	€618.90
St Louise Playgroup	Air Purifier & sanitizer & PPE	€875.00



SWAN	Courses and Workshops via ZOOM	€1,850.00
The Hygiene Bank Ireland	Zoom licence, social media training and online photo and video editing software	€667.78
Urban Junction	Arts, Crafts, Games, sanitisers	€306.00
		€52,001.00



Appendix 3

Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021

Group	Purpose	Amount
Crosscare Community Cafe	New freezer & Blender	€3,629.73
Deilg Inis Theatre Company	New costumes & props for shows	€3,000.00
Dublin South FM	Equipment to develop a Newsroom	€2,763.71
Festina Lente Enterprises	Roof structure to allow year round access to garden area	€6,000.00
The Bike Hub CLG	Ebike with tools to allow mobile classroom for bike servicing etc in schools	€3,872.50
The Great Care Co-op	ICT Equipment to support staff	€2,500.00
The Together Academy	Equipment for training and running Together Café	€7,500.00
		€29,265.94