



**Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 meeting held via conference call at 10.00 a.m.**

**Present:**

**Non Public Sector:**

**Public Sector**

1. Maggie Flannagan	PPN/ Community & Voluntary	1. Mayor John O'Leary (Chair)	Elected representative
2. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A. CE, WC&CC	2. Cllr Eamon Quinlan	Elected representative (Deputy Chair)
3. Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG	3. Margaret Mary Collins	TUSLA
4. Liam Quinn	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership	4. Kate Cassidy	HSE
5. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	5. Cllr Pat Nugent	Elected Representative
6. Heather Kiley	PPN Community /Voluntary	6. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
7. Senan Cooke	PPN / Community & Voluntary		
8. Gabriel Foley	PPN / Environment		
<b>Apologies:</b>		<b>Apologies:</b>	
		7. Kathryn Kiely	SETU
9. . Gerald Hurley	CEO Waterford City Chamber	8. Michael O'Brien	WWETB
10 Breda Fell	PPN Community/Voluntary	9. Michael Walsh	CE, WC&CC

**Staff Present:** J. Codd Staff Officer, S. Whelan Staff Officer, C. O'Brien Staff Officer, O Matiut Sláintecare LDO, Kieron Fitzpatrick Community Graduate, Ivan Grimes, Director of Services

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	13
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 68%
4. non-public/public ratio	7 non-public: 6 public

1. **Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record, Ivan Grimes, confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 7 & Public 6, total 13 members attending. Cllr. O’Leary took the chair and opened the meeting.

2. **Apologies.**

As per table above apologies were noted, together with apologies from Sinéad Breathnach, Eoin Morrissey & Kevin Moynihan.

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

- LCDC meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 (on extranet)

<b>Proposed: Senan Cooke</b>	<b>Seconded by: Catherine Quinlan</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

4. **Matters arising**

No matters arising

5. **Migrant Integration Strategy – Sinéad Breathnach**

This item on the agenda was deferred until the May meeting.

6. **SICAP Update**

- (a) SICAP subcontractor list for approved (list available on the Extranet)  
Subcontractor list is approved on an annual basis

<b>Proposed: Maggie Flanagan</b>	<b>Seconded by: Gabriel Foley</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

- (b) SICAP underspend update - Liam Quinn

In relation to the underspend 5% guideline annually and based on the calculations done by WAP the underspend was coming in at 3.2%. Pobal came back and said that the figure was 5.6% in reviewing same calculations and the carry over of annual budget. Pobal removed the Ukrainian budget from the overall amount. Sent response back to Pobal via Chief Officer and awaiting feedback from Pobal.

(c) Approval of SICAP Q2 funding payment to WAP – Approval required

<b>Proposed: Heather Kiely</b>	<b>Seconded by: Gabriel Foley</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

#### **7. LECP update – Ivan Grimes**

- Community element data gathering phase now fully complete
- Final engagement representing the migrant community and youth have been completed
- With regard to the migrant community, this has proven to be a hard to reach sector. Going forward this will be a big growth area in population. It is recognised that while these groups are disconnected they are not homogeneous. Outcomes and needs vary and greater understanding is required in this space. It was identified during the consultation that education and employment are very important issues along with language training, recognition of prior qualifications etc.
- Issues also raised included the creation of social capital and the importance of the availability of community facilities. It was recognised that there is competition for available resources however crucially resources for the migrant integration forum are not present currently

#### **8. Reports from Sub-committees:**

##### **Skills Committee – Johnny Codd**

The skills committee met on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. A cluster manager for the financial services sector presented to group outlining the work being undertaken in the industry. Cluster managers from other sectors are due attend future meetings. It is expected that The West Waterford fabrication laboratory will be launched in a matter of weeks. A PR drive to encourage uptake of training opportunities will be launched this quarter and a FET fair has provisionally been booked for 11<sup>th</sup> May in the Tower Hotel. The committee continues to monitor skills shortages in the region and engineering has been highlighted as being deficient in skilled labour at present. WWETB report that tutors are being recruited to assist with training Ukrainians, garda vetting, housing, rural transport and school places remain key issues in the Ukrainian relief effort. Minutes will be circulated to the LAG committee.

##### **Healthy Waterford LCDC Update – Eoin Morrissey**

There will be no updated on Healthy Waterford until the May meeting.

### **Sláintecare Healthy Communities: - Ovi Matiut**

- Enhancement Fund projects report has been sent to the Department.
- Seed funded projects are ongoing - the Women's Health initiative was well attended with 12 at each module.
- Ongoing work is progressing with St Paul's Active Retirement group
- Applied for Adult literacy funding for training for migrants in Waterford – support on health & wellbeing topics
- jointly organised with Healthy Waterford a networking meeting with Local Council staff working directly with communities, 12 people attended. It was agreed to discuss some projects at the next meeting.
- Organised the meeting of LDO's and HI coordinators from Waterford, Wexford and Clonmel. We shared information about our projects and agree to explore ways of working together regionally.
- Engaged on the DCU's project Move Well Be Well Community Safety Fund with Eoin Morrissey and Peter Jones, WSP who will facilitate it in 2 schools

### **SICAP/Social Inclusion**

A few items dealt with above. LGAS carried out an audit on SICAP and a letter was issued to the Local Authority. 2021 AFS is yet to be completed, timeline commitment has been given for 2021 and for 2022 AFS. The 15K which was questioned about the incorrect apportionment pertains to a few items timesheets for staff, non staff pay costs, apportionment of staff costs, insurance but this is not just Waterford it's on a National Level.

The SICAP sub-committee will address all issues raised by the LGAS and report back to the LCDC on same.

### **9. Ukrainian Response update – Ivan Grimes**

To date over 76,800 temporary protections have been granted to Ukrainians arriving to Ireland, with over 2,406 of those registered here in Waterford.

Waterford Council have provided temporary accommodation to over 1,554 Ukrainian refugees in the Council run rest centres and have matched over 1,089 of those with pledged and Council sourced accommodation.

Waterford have received 90 offers under the 'Offer a Home' pledge call which was promoted nationally during March. We are launching a local campaign on WLRFM next week for April and May seeking offers of vacant accommodation. We will also be promoting the call on WCCC social media/website. There are 153 Ukrainians currently housed under the Offer a Home call.

WAP continue to provide supports to all Ukrainians on community integration. Pinch points continue to be GP spaces/ school transport and school places and English language classes in City area.

#### 10. Ukrainian Educational Update – M. O'Brien

There will be no update until the May meeting.

#### 11. Correspondence

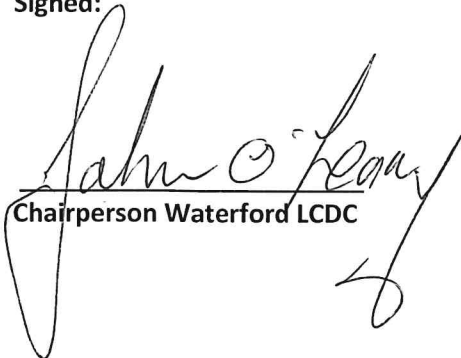
- a. Minister for Justice announces Community Safety Innovation fund open for new applications at the launch of Waterford Community Safety Plan.
- b. Minister Heather Humphries launches 2023 SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition celebrating 65 years of transforming communities.
- c. Collaboration and Innovation Fund 2023

12. AOB – There was no other business at the meeting.

13. Date and venue of next LAG/LCDC meeting: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 10.a.m.

#### Meeting Closed

Signed:

  
Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date:

