



**Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:
Thursday February 11th 2021 meeting held via conference call at 11.00 a.m.**

Present:		Public Sector	
1. Gabriel Foley	PPN / Environment	1. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
2. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	2. Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan	Elected representative
3. Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG	3. Cllr. Adam Wyse	Elected representative
4. Heather Kiely	PPN/ Community & Voluntary	4. Julie Somers	CYPSC Coordinator
5. Maggie Flanagan	PPN / Community & Voluntary	5. Brendan Lawton	Reg. Mgr. Dept Social Protection
6. Senan Cooke	PPN / Community & Voluntary	6. Michael O'Brien	WWETB
7. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	7. Michael Walsh	CE, WC&CC
8. Breda Fell	PPN / Community & Voluntary	8. Derval Howley	Head of Wellbeing HSE
Apologies:		Apologies:	
9. Richard Grant	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership	9. Cllr. D Geoghegan	Mayor Public Rep
10. Gerald Hurley	CEO Waterford City Chamber		

Staff Present: D. Tuohy Chief Officer, Ivan Grimes DoS, J. Codd A/S.O, Colette O'Brien S.O. Susan Whelan A/S.S.O

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	16
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 84%
4. non-public/public ratio attendees % ratio non-public/public attendees	8 non-public : 8 public 50% non-public: 50% public

Confirmation of Quorum:

1. Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer D. Tuohy confirmed that in order for a quorum to be achieved a representative from the public sector must stand down from voting. Derval Howley agreed to abstain. Revised quorum: Non-public 8 & Public 7.

2. **Apologies:**

Apologies, as detailed in the table above, were noted.

3. **Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC Meeting held on 14th January 2021**

Proposed: M. Flannagan	Seconded by: J. Taaffe
Abstentions: D. Howley	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

4. **Matters arising: None**

5. **a. Report from SICAP Sub Committee & e. SICAP Staff Report.**

WC&CC DoS Ivan Grimes updated the committee in relation to the SICAP Staff Report and the ongoing issues in WAP. A meeting with representatives of the board of WAP was due to take place on Monday 15th Feb to discuss proposals on addressing the situation re WAP and SICAP.

In response to a query from D Howley the March 15th deadline was confirmed as still effective. Multiple committee members referenced media portrayals as being uninformed and unfair towards funding bodies. The necessity for skilled leadership and the need for debt forgiveness were identified as key issues. It was agreed that both employees and beneficiaries are the priority concerns and the situation is quite destabilizing for WAP staff. WC&CC C.E. Michael Walsh advised that a proposal will be made to the Board of WAP and that the LCDC will then be asked to consider the matter further should the former be in agreement with the proposal. I. Grimes stated that the SICAP subcommittee had considered the SICAP staff progress report and the progress in relation to advancing a solution for the WAP situation and recommended that the SICAP funds in respect of January be released to WAP.

- b. & c. Draft Plan 2021 and 2020 outturn.**

Chief Officer Don Tuohy outlined the 2021 Plan and the 2020 Outturn but noted that ongoing issues are having an effect on programme implementation. A recommendation to allow the SICAP subcommittee to review and approve both the 2021 Plan and the 2020 Outturn was made.

Proposed: M. Flannagan	Seconded by: J. Taaffe
Abstentions: D. Howley	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

d. Approval for Payment of January 2021 SICAP Funds to WAP

Invoice for €96,168.93 was submitted to LCDC for approval

Proposed: S. Cooke	Seconded by: M. Flanagan
Abstentions: D. Howley	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

6. Reports from subcommittees:

a. Skills/Training:

Chief Officer D Tuohy gave an update on the work of the Skills Sub-committee and acknowledged Julie Somers for her input into submission made to Minister Harris, Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science. Long term funding for youth training and particularly disadvantaged hard to reach youth is the main objective. Further correspondence to issue to Minister O’Gorman, Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth regarding access to dormant account funding for youth training.

b. Healthy Waterford:

D. Tuohy issued the update and advised that the H.W. Coordinator is performing well in overseeing Healthy Waterford Round 3 actions and with the Covid response. D Howley commented that one key area of disadvantage in the region is located in Waterford. A childhood obesity programme via Sláintecare is due soon. C.E. M. Walsh commented that historically RAPID areas coordinated with Government departments in creating opportunities in areas of deprivation.

7. Correspondence

Four items of correspondence were brought to the attention of the committee, all were circulated previously and are available on extranet

- a. Training Programme on Drug-related Intimidation Reporting.
- b. Training re Set Up and Coordination of Befriending Service (ALONE).
- c. Social Enterprise Development Fund 2021 - Open for Applications.
- d. Re-launch of the Supporting Children Campaign (Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth).

8. 2nd Round Covid-19 Emergency Fund – grant approvals

Colette O'Brien informed the committee that the administrative work on applications was complete and the allocations proposed by the assessment committee were now before the LCDC for approval. Colette thanked the assessment team for their work and the committee thanked Colette for the swift processing of a huge volume of applications.

Proposed: A. Wyse	Seconded by: J. Taaffe
Abstentions: D. Howley	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

9. Item 9 'for noting' was covered in 6.a.

10. AOB

D. Howley updated the committee on the plans for the national vaccination programme and thanked the Council for prioritising the maintenance of arterial roadways in the event of severe weather conditions.

L O'Sullivan acknowledged the good work currently underway in the HSE.

It was agreed that an ad hoc meeting may be required to consider the ongoing issues in WAP. Members would be kept informed by email.

11. Date of next meeting:

LCDC meeting: 11.00am 18th March 2021, via videoconference.

LAG meeting: 11.00am 25th March 2021, via videoconference.

Meeting Closed

Signed:


Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: 26/3/21