



**Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:  
Thursday January 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 meeting held via conference call at 11.00 a.m.**

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

**Staff Present:** D. Tuohy Chief Officer, Ivan Grimes DoS, J. Codd A/SO, Susan Whelan SO, E. Smyth ASO.

**Confirmation of Quorum:**

1. Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer D. Tuohy confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 9 & Public 7, total 16 members attending.

**2. Apologies:**

As detailed above were noted by the Committee

**3. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC Meeting held on December 10<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Proposed: G. Hurley

Seconded: M. Flanagan

**Approved**

**4. Matters arising:**

None

**5. a. Report from SICAP Sub Committee**

R. Grant gave a brief statement on Waterford Area Partnership and the SICAP programme and the difficulties encountered over the last 16 months. He asked that the members present take into consideration the jobs of the 44 employees who are providing essential services to community groups and individuals in Waterford.

R. Grant left the meeting.

The members agreed on the suggestion of D. Tuohy to defer "Item No. 5.b Approval – 2021 SICAP Plan" to the February LCDC Meeting.

I. Grimes gave an update and acknowledged R. Grant's comments and input over the last 18 months. He noted that responsibilities for governance and operational issues of WAP rest with their Board. In relation to the Crowe Report which had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting, one of the major issues concerning SICAP was in relation to the 2018 AFS and they are currently experiencing similar difficulties in the preparation of their 2019 AFS. It was noted that some members of the Board of Directors have resigned recently and new members have joined. Following discussions with the SICAP subcommittee, I. Grimes recommended that if the WAP issues pertaining to SICAP cannot be addressed sufficiently within the next two months, notification of termination of contract between WC&CC/LCDC and WAP should issue immediately thereafter.

Responding to issues raised during the LCDC discussion, I. Grimes confirmed that the LCDC had not yet been informed of the names of the new Directors and would seek same. He stated that legal advice had been obtained which would indicate that it would be prudent to give the new board reasonable time to finalise the AFS and he was proposing that the LCDC allow two months for the production of same.

M. Walsh confirmed he would be meeting with WAP on the 15<sup>th</sup> January and would seek answers to questions raised by the LCDC members particularly in relation to the appointment of the new board members. He stated that if significant progress is not made within the proposed timeframe then immediate notice of termination of contract should issue by the Council/LCDC. M. Walsh stated that WCCC are not responsible for the operational running or governance of WAP - the only

responsibility of the LCDC/ Council in relation to WAP relates to oversight of the SICAP contract. He stated that it is important that services continue to be provided to those most in need of them.

The members agreed that the protection of services primarily and jobs were paramount. They acknowledged the work of the sub-committee over the last number of months.

Proposal agreed by members to give WAP until 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to provide AFS 2019 and outline how the serious governance issues raised in the Crowe report have been /are being addressed or Notice of Termination of Contract shall issue.

Proposed: G. Foley                      Seconded: D. Geoghegan  
**Approved**

I. Grimes said that the SICAP subcommittee is satisfied that - pending end of year reporting being finalized and from the information available at that point in time - it appeared that sufficient progress was made by WAP on implementing the 2020 SICAP Programme and achieving key performance indicators and recommended that the December payment should be approved.

Approval of December payment to WAP:

Proposed: D. Geoghegan              Seconded: J. Taaffe  
**Approved**

R. Grant returned to the meeting.

L. O'Sullivan took over as Chair as D. Geoghegan had to leave meeting.

## **6. Reports from subcommittees:**

### **a. Skills/Training:**

D. Tuohy stated that a comprehensive report was given by J. Somers at the December LCDC Meeting and the main focus for the subcommittee now is around Youth Unemployment and initiatives are to be rolled out in 2021. M. O'Brien is engaging with Solas re sustainable projects around Youth Unemployment for roll out.

In response to a query from S. Cooke re the extension of TUS and CE Schemes, B. Lawton stated that there is no update at present but that there is revamping of some schemes taking place.

### **b. Healthy Waterford:**

D. Tuohy issued the update and mentioned that the main emphasis currently for Healthy Waterford is around the Keep Well campaign and that the Healthy Waterford Annual Plan 2021 has been forwarded to the HSE.

## **7. Correspondence**

- a. Consultation on new Adult Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy Strategy circulated on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

- b. Message from Covid-19 Stakeholder Communications Support and updates circulated on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020.
- c. Update on Covid-19 Vaccine circulated on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020.
- d. Partner Pack Update circulated on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**8. AOB**

H. Kiely mentioned that Social Prescribing has been extended for 6 months.

- 9. Date of next meeting: After 11.00am LAG meeting, Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup> by way of Zoom/Microsoft Teams**

**Meeting Closed**

**Signed:**

  
Chairperson Waterford LCDC

**Date:** 19/2/21