



**Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:**

**Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 meeting held via conference call at 10.00 a.m.**

**Present:**

**Non Public Sector:**

**Public Sector**

1. Gabriel Foley	PPN / Environment	1. Cllr Eamon Quinlan	Elected representative (Deputy Chair)
2. Senan Cooke	PPN / Community & Voluntary	2. Cllr. Pat Nugent	Elected representative
3. Gerald Hurley	CEO Waterford City Chamber	3. Michael Walsh	CE, WC&CC
4. Heather Kiely	PPN/ Community & Voluntary	4. Brendan Lawton	Reg. Mgr. Dept. Social Protection
5. Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG	5. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
6. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	6. Michael O’Brien	WWETB
7. Liam Quinn	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership		
8. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	<b>Apologies:</b>	
9. Maggie Flanagan	PPN / Community & Voluntary	7. Mayor Joe Kelly (Chair)	Elected representative
10. Breda Fell	PPN / Community & Voluntary	8. Julie Somers	CYPSC Coordinator
<b>Apologies:</b>	None	9. Derval Howley	Head of Wellbeing HSE

**Staff Present:** I. Grimes D.O.S, I Grimes A/Chief Officer, J. Codd S.O., S. Whelan S.O., E. Smyth A.S.O., C Loughnane S.O., O Matiut A.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	10 non-public: 6 public 63% non-public: 37% public

**1. Confirmation of Quorum:**

Having reviewed the attendance record, Acting Chief Officer Sinéad Breathnach confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 10 & Public 6, total 16 members attending. Deputy Chair Eamonn Quinlan opened the meeting.

**2. Apologies:**

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

**3. Confirmation of Minutes**

- LCDC Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022 (on extranet)

<b>Proposed: S. Cooke</b>	<b>Seconded by: Cllr. P. Nugent</b>
<b>Abstentions: None</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

**4. Matters arising**

J Codd to contact HSE regarding their representation on the LCDC. A new representative should be nominated if D Howley is to stand down from the committee.

**5. Reports from Sub-committees:**

- A. Skills: J. Codd confirmed that the sub-committee met in late April and gave an update on key developments. J Codd to invite Sinead Doody to June LCDC to present her findings from a recent research project examining the area of NEETs. Breda Fell requested further information on the work of the subgroup. J Codd suggested that the minutes from the skills enhancement subgroup meetings could be circulated to LCDC hereafter.
- B. Healthy Waterford: J. Codd advised that the committee has not met recently as the coordinator position has yet to be filled. H Kiely requested that the committee convene to prepare for the rollout of HIF round four. J Codd to convene a meeting. H Kiely also requested a review of the current subgroups and suggested a possible need for a new subcommittee to address the Ukrainian refugee relief effort.
- C. Social Inclusion: I Grimes updated the committee on Social inclusion issues and advised that the social inclusion theme should be central to the new LECF

**6. Update on Ukrainian refugee response:**

J Codd and I Grimes gave updates on the ongoing relief efforts around the Ukrainian refugee issue.

There are four 'Rest Centres' with a capacity for 224 people. Over 100 have moved on to long term accommodation (pledged properties / AHB / Gracedieu Manor/Barnawee Guesthouse). As rest beds are vacated they are made available to IPAS. Approximately 330 Ukrainians received

through the rest centres to date. Hotels have a capacity for 335 people and very few have been relocated from the hotels.

In total there are just over 750 refugees in Waterford at present. There are over 140 units of accommodation on pledge list and they are being inspected at present. Shared accommodation owners are being Garda vetted. Families have started moving to pledged accommodation since late April/early May. SICAP and HSE staff are being deployed as resettlement workers.

Committee members noted that some hotels will wish to return to normal business during the summer and a number of contracts are due to expire at the end of June. The Community Response Forum has been re-launched to assist with the relief effort. DSP are working on employment issues and opportunities for Ukrainians. WWETB are providing English language classes and translation services.

#### **7. Waterford Area Partnership & Ukrainian refugee response:**

Liam Quinn informed the committee that the SICAP goal 1 team is heavily involved in the Ukrainian Refugee response. Coordination between WAP and the Council is working well. There are concerns about the impact that the extra workload will have on KPIs. The SICAP subgroup will need to review and make recommendations around KPI target reductions.

#### **8. Slaintecare update – Ovi Matiut**

Ovi Matiut gave a presentation on the Slaintecare programme. Breda Fell recommended public consultations to better inform the project. Ovi Matiut confirmed that collaboration and needs assessments can be arranged. Heather Kiely queried whether further funds would become available. Michael Walsh advised that funding might be a 'one off' and that a 'bottom up' approach was being used to build capacity in communities. Breda Fell requested a report on the expenditure. Michael Walsh advised that there was little time for engagement as funds were to be used or returned in a short timeframe. A list of projects and expenditure details is to be circulated to the committee. Maggie Flannagan noted that health initiatives in disadvantaged areas are especially welcome.

#### **9. LECP**

- a) Ivan Grimes informed the committee that Sinéad Breathnach and Michael Quinn are leading on the development of a new LECP. An independent consultant will be contracted to research and draft the new plan.
- b) An advisory subgroup from the LCDC will assist with the project. Nominees for the subgroup are Heather Kiely, Julie Somers and Maggie Flannagan.

<b>Proposed: M Walsh</b>	<b>Seconded by: S. Cooke</b>
<b>Abstentions: None</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

The subgroup will meet on 27<sup>th</sup> May and an update will available at the June LCDC meeting.

**10. Correspondence**

Three items of correspondence were noted by the committee.

- a. €15m Community Centres Fund
- b. EASPD webinar on Hosting Ukrainians with Disabilities: How to organise it as service providers
- c. National Outdoor Recreation Strategy - Public Consultation

**11. AOB**

WWETB are hosting a Further Education and Training Fair in the Tower Hotel on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

**12. Date of next meeting**

LAG/LCDC meeting: Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am, via videoconference.

**Meeting Closed**

Signed:



Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: 9/06/22