

Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:

Thursday July 14th 2022 meeting held via conference call at 10.00 a.m.

Present:

Non Public Sector:

Public Sector

1. Gabriel Foley	PPN / Environment	8. Mayor John O'Leary (Chair)	Elected representative
2. Senan Cooke	PPN / Community & Voluntary	2. Cllr. Pat Nugent	Elected representative
3. Breda Fell	PPN / Community & Voluntary	3. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
4. Heather Kiely	PPN/ Community & Voluntary	4. Brendan Lawton	Reg. Mgr. Dept. Social Protection
5. Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG	5. Michael Walsh	CE, WC&CC
6. Liam Quinn	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership	6. Julie Somers	CYPSC Coordinator
7. Maggie Flanagan	PPN / Community & Voluntary	7. Cllr Eamon Quinlan	Elected representative (Deputy Chair)
8. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	8. Michael O'Brien	WWETB
Apologies:		Apologies:	
8. Gerald Hurley	CEO Waterford City Chamber	9. Derval Howley	Head of Wellbeing HSE
3. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber		

Staff Present: I. Grimes D.O.S., K. Moynihan, J. Codd S.O., S. Whelan S.O., E. Smyth A.S.O.

1. Total current Membership	19
2. Total attendees	16
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 79%
4. non-public/public ratio attendees % ratio non-public/public attendees	8 non-public : 8 public 50% non-public: 40% public

1. Appointment of Chair

Mayor John O’Leary was appointed as Chair

Proposed: S. Cooke	Seconded by: Cllr. P. Nugent
Abstentions: R. Walsh	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

2. Confirmation of Quorum: Having reviewed the attendance record I. Grimes informed the attendees that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 8: Public 8.

3. Apologies.

As per table above apologies were noted.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

- LCDC Meeting held on 9th June 2022 (on extranet)

Proposed: S. Cooke	Seconded by: J. Somers
Abstentions: R. Walsh	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

5. Matters arising

None

6. Waterford Migrant Integration Strategy Presentation - Micheál Walsh, Coordinator

Presentation given by Micheál Walsh, Coordinator and C. Power (WAP).

Presentation was commended by Mayor O’Leary, G. Foley and S. Cooke who all complemented the work being delivered under the Migrant Integration Strategy

7. Migrant Integration Strategy Project Coordinator funding deficit

I.Grimes informed the members that there is currently a deficit of €7k for implementing the strategy. He requested that agencies investigate the possibility of providing some part funding to allow for the funding gap to be closed. He asked that proposals come before the September LCDC for discussion. Previously, there had been discussion between WCCC and the Department to provide central government funding for this project and discussions were very positive. However, the Ukrainian crisis had diverted the departments attention. I.Grimes stated that as per the 2016 census, 15% of the

population of Waterford were migrants and the successful this this project was of paramount importance.

8. Reports from Sub-committees:

- a. **Skills:** The skills subcommittee met on 29th June last. The committee reviewed membership and felt that representatives from SERDO and SETU should be invited to participate. West Waterford Fabrication Laboratory potentially could be operational in Q4 of this year, training will target young people and will provide skilled labour as required by the manufacturing and fabrication companies in West Waterford. On youth employment initiatives, WWETB have 99 programmes in the county available on www.fetchcourses.ie . The committee intends to support WWETB with a PR drive to increase awareness and uptake of these courses. The committee also intends to host a breakfast briefing linking employers with training providers in September. Skillnet courses have been circulated along with the committee meeting minutes and it was noted that there has been a good uptake of training and employment support among Ukrainians.
- b. **Healthy Waterford:** The HW committee met on 30-6-22 and is keeping representation and functionality under review. We are exploring the possibility of the HW committee acting as the Slaintecare Local implementation team giving it a dual role much like the LCDC LAG model. A mapping exercise to determine the relationship between overlapping programmes in the field of lifestyle and well being take place on 18th August next. R3 Financial and non financial reports have been completed. R4 coordinator interviews also completed and an appointment is pending. There is an initial tranche of €40k to fund the design of R4. Next meeting will be the mapping exercise in August. Agreed to share HW committee meeting minutes with LCDC.
- c. **SICAP/Social Inclusion:** Included in update below.

9. Approval of SICAP midyear review 2022

L. Quinn gave the members a brief presentation on the performance of SICAP in the period to May 2022. KPI 1 achieved 32% while KPI 2 achieved 58%, AS per previous LCDC agreement, KPI 1 is being reduced to reflect work of WAP staff on the Ukrainian crisis.

(L. Quinn left the meeting)

I.Grimes informed the members that the SICAP subcommittee had met, received a very detailed presentation from WAP and are unanimously recommending approval of the SICAP midyear report

Proposed: G. Foley	Seconded by: M. Flanagan
Abstentions: R. Walsh/M. O'Brien	For decision approval balance
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

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I.Grimes also informed the members that WAP were to receive additional SICAP funds in the sum of €142k to further address the Ukrainian crisis. An action plan has been developed and approved by the Chief Officer.

(L. Quinn returned to the meeting)

10. Ukrainian Response update

I.Grimes informed the members that 3 Rest Centres in operation at present – 44 The Quay, Waterford Crystal Centre & 360 Quay Stay. We are currently recruiting for Rest Centre Coordinators and 25 The Quay will be opened once new Coordinators are in place. Waterford Area Partnership are currently recruiting for Ukrainian Support Workers to assist in providing supports to families moving into our communities. 107 families have been moved onto pledged or other accommodation from our Rest Centres to date (152 adults and 97 children).

11. Approval of list of SICAP subcontractors (on extranet)

Proposed: J. Somers	Seconded by: M. Flanagan
Abstentions: R. Walsh	For decision approval balance
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

12. LECP

The Contract has been issued to the consultant being retained to assist in the preparation of the Community element of the plan. Initial meeting between Chief Officer and Consultant to take place on August 10th with a full meeting with the Advisory Support Group to take place on September 6th.

13. Correspondence

- a. Consultation Survey on the new Public Library Strategy
- b. United Nations Public Service award for the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)
- c. EU Policy Review for summer 2022
- d. Minister Humphreys reminds Community Groups to submit their applications for new €15 million Community Centre Fund

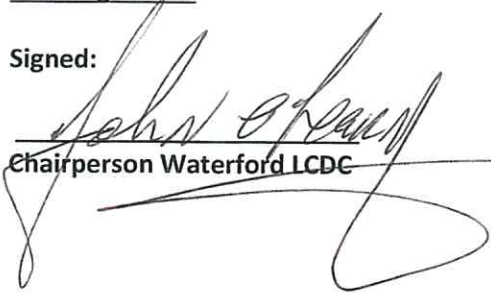
14. AOB

None

15. Date of next meeting: 8th September 2022 via videoconference.

Meeting Closed

Signed:


Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date:

