



Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí
Cork City Council



**Draft Minutes of the LCDC meeting on Thursday, 17th September 2020
Teams Meeting**

In attendance:

Fergal Dennehy	Chairperson
Catherine Kennedy	Cork Sexual Health
Laurence Owens	Cork Business Association
Adrienne Rodgers	Chief Officer
Denis Leamy	CETB
Fiona Finn	Cork City PPN
Mick O'Connell	Cork City Partnership
Priscilla Lynch	HSE
Paul McGurk	LEO

Also in attendance: Tony Power, Rebecca Loughry, Ruth Lynch, Denis Barrett

Apologies: N O'Donovan, Cllr. G Keohane, A Doherty, Chief Supt B McPolin, Cllr G Kelleher, J Curtin, S Goulding

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed the committee members and apologies were noted. The retirement of Aaron O'Connell was noted and appreciation for his contribution to the LCDC was acknowledged.

2. Teleconference Etiquette

The Chairperson outlined teleconference etiquette.

3. Minutes

On the proposal of C Kennedy, seconded by L Owens the minutes 23rd of July 2020 were approved with no matters arising.

4. For information:

a. Cork City Council Community Response Forum update

T Power gave an update on the Community Response Forum. The area teams are currently on pause but ready to reactivate at short notice. Twenty-five Community Newsletters have been published and issued across the Community Sector with a reach of over 2,500 people.

b. Funding Streams

T Power had circulated a report on the current funding streams.

Healthy Ireland activity and financial returns for year one of the Healthy Ireland Fund Programme are being compiled.

CEP 2020 – 68 applications received with an ask of €183k.

CEP 2020 - Community and Voluntary Buildings reopening costs. Not advertised yet but will be advertised mid-September.

R Loughry We need to take a collaborative approach when making funding applications to ensure we are getting the biggest bang for our buck. This will also reduce the risk of duplicate applications.

D Leamy Does the LCDC have a role at some level to look at co-ordination of applications. We could receive more funding if we had a combined and co-ordinated effort.

F Finn agreed with D Leamy and commented on the number of applications being received from groups for PPE through the PPN.

M O'Connell SICAP small grants targeted at restart and re-opening grants. Twenty-five groups have been awarded a total of €16,000.

c. SICAP Mid-Year Review

The Chief Officer signed off on SICAP Mid-year on the 10/09/2020. All targets were exceeded despite the Covid lockdown. The Pobal parallel review was also fine. The SICAP narrative review on targets for the end of the year noted that KPI 2 may prove challenging. Discussions are currently underway Nationally on how deal with potential under achievement of KPI's resulting from Covid.

Nationally KPI's 1 & 2 were exceeded by 116%. After the mid-year review, Pobal have completed documents for discussion by the Department. ESRI did an evaluation on SICAP. The findings acknowledged that working with individuals takes time but delivers positive and effective results.

F Dennehy huge congratulations should be extended to the Partnership for achieving this.

d. Public Participation Network Report

The PPN report was circulated and Catherine Kennedy outlined details of report.

5. Strategic Items:

D Barrett gave an update on the Community Response Forum and the Digital Divide.

F Dennehy acknowledged that funding will be the issue but collaboration between the different agencies was to be commended.

M O'Connell Friendly call are in the process of engaging with the Digital group to acquire laptops for the elderly. They have courses running for vulnerable families and for the elderly to help them get online.

6. AOB

A O'Connell has retired from the PPN and the LCDC and is a great loss. He had the highest attendance record of any committee member. His background brought huge experience. The Committee will write to thank him for his contribution.

P Lynch gave an update of where the HSE are at with Covid. Cork is currently doing very well in the fight against the virus. Testing has quadrupled and positive cases are still at a low level. There will be mass testing in the long term in residential settings and in meat processing plants.

Be Winter Ready, Influenza Campaign, Minding your Wellbeing and Stress Control campaigns have all been launched to coincide with World Mental Health week.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Fergal Dennehy
Chairperson.

17th September 2020