



Information following Kildare LCDC/LAG meeting to Kildare PPN

LCDC Meeting Date - 3rd July 2024

Agenda Item	Information for dissemination to PPN Members	Date for dissemination
LCDC Membership	Following the local elections, Cllrs. Aidan Farrelly and Tracey O'Dwyer have been re-nominated with Cllr. Carmel Kelly joining as the third elected member on the Kildare LCDC. All new members were welcomed. The LCDC members acknowledged the work and commitment of Cllr. Suzanne Doyle since 2014 as a member and subsequently Chairperson of the LCDC. The Chief Officer outlined that an election for a new LCDC Chairperson will take place the LCDC meeting in September.	
Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)	<p>The LECP was approved by the full Council at their meeting on 29th of April. AIRO have completed demographic, economic development/commuting, housing, education and health analysis from Census 2022. The LECP is also available As Gaeilge. The final documents can be viewed on the LECP page of the KCC website https://kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/Community/KildareLCDC/LocalEconomicandCommunityPlan/</p> <p>The finalised Implementation Plan was presented to the LCDC members. It outlines over 350 priorities for community and economic development over the next two years and is currently being printed.</p>	Immediately
Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2024-2028	<p>The LCDC SICAP Subgroup met on 20th of June. The SICAP Mid-Year Review from January-May 2024 was approved by the LCDC. Key Performance Indicators are on track and the budget is in line with the required expenditure parameters. An update from CKLP on the Actions for 2024 was circulated and good progress is being made.</p> <p>CKLP proposed that their SICAP 2024 case study is based on 'Social Farming'. This was approved by the LCDC members at the meeting.</p> <p>For further information on SICAP contact: County Kildare LEADER Partnership www.countykildarelp.ie, or telephone 045-895450</p>	Immediately
EU LEADER Programme	<p>The LCDC LEADER Subgroup met on 20th June.</p> <p>Karl Duffy from County Kildare LEADER Partnership provided an overview to the LAG (Local Action Group/LCDC) on outstanding claims from the 2014-2023 programme.</p> <p>The LEADER Independent Evaluation Committee will have their first meeting on the 28th of August and training will be provided in advance. The LCDC/LAG reviewed the Expressions of Interest received to date for the new LEADER 2023-2027 Programme and it</p>	Immediately

	<p>is expected that there will be a number of projects presented to the LAG for approval in September. The LAG emphasised to CKLP the importance of aligning proposed projects to the new LEADER Local Development Strategy.</p> <p>For further information on LEADER contact: County Kildare LEADER Partnership www.countykildarelp.ie, or telephone 045-895450.</p>	
Healthy Kildare Plan 2022-2026	<p>The LCDC Health and Wellbeing Subgroup met on 25th June and updates on the Slaintecare Healthy Communities Programme and Healthy Ireland were circulated to members.</p> <p>A mid-term review on the Healthy Kildare Plan was approved by the LCDC at their meeting. A revised action plan for 2024-2026 will be finalised based on the outcomes of the review.</p>	Immediately
Healthy Ireland	<p>Pobal have transferred 2024 funding to KCC and payments to the Implementing Partners are ongoing.</p> <p>Update on funded programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McVerry Trust have confirmed that works have begun on their Sensory Garden in Prosperous with sensory packs being provided to families as part of the programme • Cams4Teens programme is being scheduled for the Autumn. • Heads Up/Wrap 2023 programme is completed • Funding has been transferred to Kildare Traveller Action who will now begin their Wellbeing Programme targeted at Young Travellers. • The Happy Days Community Creche in Athy has received Healthy Ireland funding towards a community oven. • Newbridge Family Resource Centre has invited Healthy Ireland to help organise a Family 5k Run in September. The Sanctuary Runners (with members from International Protection Applicants in Kildare) are also on the organising committee. <p>For further information contact: Claire Morrissey, Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator: ph. 086-8858505 email cmorrissey@kildarecoco.ie</p>	Immediately
Slaintecare Healthy Communities Athy	<p>An application for 2024 SCHC Seed Funding is due for submission to the Dept of Health by the 31st July. Following local consultation and recommendation from the Health and Wellbeing Subgroup, three seed funding themes were approved by the LCDC:</p> <p>(1) Food Insecurity (2) Children & Young People's Wellbeing (3) Addressing Health & Wellbeing through 'Place'</p> <p>Planning for the design and installation of a Health and Wellbeing Kiosk at Edmund Rice Square in Athy has commenced.</p> <p>For further information contact: Maria Healy, Slaintecare Local Development Officer: Ph: 087 9974155 email: mhealy@kildarecoco.ie</p>	Immediately
Empowering Communities Programme	<p>As this programme in Athy is due to finish at the end of 2024, the Chief Officer wrote to the Dept of Rural and Community Development requesting clarity on extending this very positive programme.</p>	Immediately

Kildare Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC) Update	<p>A report from CYPSC was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting with the following highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application to the DCEDIY & DRCD to establish a Local Area Child Poverty Action Plan in Kildare was submitted by the deadline of 14th June. The CYPSC Co-ordinator took the lead on the application process with support from the LCDC. The focus of the Kildare proposal is to support families with neurodivergent children, living in areas of disadvantage. Four pilots will be approved in the country. It is expected that the outcome will be announced in the Autumn. • DCEDIY has undertaken a review of the Child Care Act 1991 • A new support service for parents under 24 has been established in Kildare, hosted by Foroige • Safe Harbour is a free, illustrated book to support children who have been bereaved by suicide. 	
Grants	<p>Local Enhancement Programme Funding 2024 All applicants have been informed of the outcome of LEP funding 2024.</p>	

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