

# Local Community Development Committee Meeting

## Held: 26<sup>th</sup> of February in the Council Chamber at 10am

### **Attendees: LCDC Members:**

Cllr Aidan Browne (Public Sector)  
Cllr Anthony Donohoe (Public Sector) (online)  
Cllr Michael Sheehan (Public Sector) (online)  
Eddie Taaffe, Chief Executive (Public Sector)  
Derval Howley, HSE (Public Sector)  
Brian Kehoe, WLD  
John Carr PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar (online)  
Jer O'Mahony, IFA (online)  
Sean Joyce, Wexford Council of Trade Unions (online)  
Feidhlim O'Shea, PPN Environmental Pillar (online)

### **Also in Attendance:**

Carolyne Godkin, Director of Service,  
Dymphna O'Connor, Chief Officer,  
Philip Knight, Administrative Officer  
Máire Browne, Senior Staff Officer  
Annmarie Laffan, Slaintecare Officer,  
Annette Dupuy, Healthy Ireland Officer,  
Eoghan Greene LEP Programme Manager,  
Denise Kehoe, Assistant Staff Officer.

**Apologies:** Cllr Frank Staples, Breege Cosgrave, Meghan Callanan, Dr. Karina Daly, Aislinn Dunne, Linda Sinnott, Sharon Kennedy and Jonathon King.

**Chair:** Cllr Aidan Browne

**The quorum was met.**

### **Item 1: Introduction & Confirmation of Attendance**

The Chief Officer took the chair. She thanked Cllr Browne for his time as chairman. The Chief Executive also thanked Cllr Browne for his work as chairman.

### **Item 2: Election of the Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach**

The sitting chairperson's term ended in January 2026. A new chair had to be elected. Cllr Donohoe proposed Cllr Staples for the new chairman, and Cllr Browne seconded that motion. Cllr Donohoe proposed Cllr Browne as vice-chairman. This motion was seconded by Brian Kehoe.

### **Item 3: Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2025 and of the Special Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 were approved and signed. Approval proposed by Cllr Donohoe and seconded by Seán Joyce.

### **Item 4: SICAP Annual Performance Review and 2026 Annual Plan**

The Chief Officer summarised the 2025 SICAP Annual Report. Approval of this Report was proposed by Derval Howley and seconded by Sean Joyce.

The Chief Officer outlined the 2026 SICAP Plan. Approval was proposed by John Carr and seconded by Sean Joyce. Documents relating to both the 2025 Annual Report and the 2026 Plan were circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

### **Item 5: ILMI – VOICE Project**

Approval for the 2025 Annual Plan & Budget of the Independent Living Movement Ireland VOICE programme was sought from the LCDC. ILMI VOICE is a digital empowerment initiative by the ILMI that supports disabled people to connect, advocate and influence policy and services. The Community AO provided a summary of the programme. Approval was proposed by Seán Joyce and seconded by Derval Howley.

### **Item 6: Local Sports Plan and County Outdoor Recreation Plan Update**

The Community AO provided an overview of both plans and a progress update on their development. Project Initiation documents have been agreed between WCC and the appointed consultants s3consulting. A joint meeting of both committees with the consultants is scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> of March in the Council Chamber. Public consultation events for each MDs will occur on the evenings of the 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> incl. of March.

### **Item 7: LECP Update**

The Chief Officer distributed an Implementation Plan Update to members. The Chief Officer advised there would be an update on the prioritised actions for the next 2 years.

### **Item 8: Any other business**

It was requested that access to Sharepoint be provided to members.

It was requested that a schedule of meetings for 2026 be provided to members.

The Chief Officer provided Community updates to the Committee including details on the Local Safety Partnership, Garda Youth Awards, and the Local Enhancement Programme.

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Chief Officer

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Cathaoirleach

Dated on the      day of      2026.