**South Dublin County Local Community Development Committee**

**Annual Report 2015**

**Introduction**

The South Dublin County Local Community Development Committee was established in December 2013. In 2015 the LCDC was involved in 3 main areas of activity; the oversight of the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme, the development of the 6 year Local Economic and Community Plan and preparation for the new round of LEADER Rural Development Programme funding.

**Membership**

In 2015 the membership of the LCDC included:

Anna Lee, Community (Chair)

Cllr. Paula Donovan, member, South Dublin County Council

Cllr. Kieran Mahon, member, South Dublin County Council

Cllr. Eoin Ó Broin, member, South Dublin County Council

Billy Coman, South Dublin County Council

Colm Ward, South Dublin Local Enterprise Office (replaced Loman O Byrne)

Peter Byrne, South Dublin Chamber

Larry O Neill, South Dublin County Partnership

Fiona Ward, Department of Social Protection

Padraig Rehill, Health Services Executive

Greg Tierney, Crosscare

Deirdre McKeon, Education and Training Board (replaced Paddy Lavelle)

Prof. Mary Corcoran, Department of Sociology, NUI Maynooth

Prof. Joe Barry, Trinity College Centre for Health Sciences, Tallaght Hospital

Maurice Walsh, Public Participation Network (Social Inclusion Pillar)

Justin Byrne, Public Participation Network (Environment Pillar)

Doreen Carpenter, Public Participation Network (Social Inclusion Pillar)

Ronan Leydon, Public Participation Network (Community Pillar)

Stephen Dunne, Public Participation Network (Community Pillar, Vice Chair)

**Meetings**

There were 8 meetings of the LCDC in 2015. These meetings took place on January 28th , February 4th, March 3rd , April 15th , May 28th , July 2nd  , September 24th and November 25th.

**Sub Groups**

Two sub groups of the LCDC held meetings in 2015.

The evaluation sub-committee was established to evaluate SICAP tenders received. This committee consisted of Justin Byrne (PPN), Billy Coman (SDCC) and Cllr. Paula Donavan. The sub-committee reported to the LCDC on February 4th, recommending that the SICAP contract be awarded to South Dublin County Partnership. This was subsequently agreed by the LCDC.

An Advisory Steering Group was established in 2015 for the purposes of developing and implementing the 6 year Local Economic and Community Plan. Membership of the Advisory Steering Group included Cllr. Eoin Ó Broin, Larry O Neill (South Dublin County Partnership) and Philip Murphy, Chief Officer (SDCC). This group also included members of the Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee, Cllr. John Lahart, Frank Nevin (SDCC) and Seán Reid (representing the business sector).

**SICAP (Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme)**

The tendering process for SICAP was completed in 2015. Following some delays to the process in late 2014 the LCDC were informed that the programme would commence on April 1st and would run for 2 years and 9 months. Following a comprehensive evaluation process the contract was awarded to South Dublin County Partnership.

Regular reports on programme actions were presented by the Programme Implementer at LCDC meetings. These reports included a mid-term end of year report. The LCDC were satisfied with the progress of SICAP in 2015 and approved both reports and the allocation of all available funding.

**Local Economic and Community Plan**

The LCDC meeting on January 28th 2015 concentrated on developing a vision and a set of themes and high levels goals for the Local Economic and Community Plan.

A public consultation process took place during May and included advertisements, opportunities for online submissions and public meetings. Members of the public, services providers and other stakeholder were asked to outline their priorities under each of the theme headings. The resulting submissions formed the basis for the final plan which consists of 14 themes and 40 high level goals. An action plan for 2016, consisting of approximately 80 time specific actions, was also developed. The LECP was submitted to the Dublin Region Assembly in November and was subsequently approved at the December meeting of South Dublin County Council.

**LEADER Programme**

Following agreement between South Dublin County Council, Fingal County Council and Dun Laoighre County Council, 5 members of the LCDC were selected to sit on the Rural Dublin Local Action Group for the next round of LEADER Rural Development funding. The 5 members are:

* Prof. Mary Corcoran (Community, NUI Maynooth)
* Larry O Neill (South Dublin County Partnership)
* Justin Byrne (PPN Environment Pillar)
* Cllr. Paula Donovan
* Billy Coman (SDCC)

In 2015 work was carried out on the development of the Local Development Strategy for the programme and agreement was reached on the geographical areas which will be eligible for funding.