

Laois Local Community Development Committee Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 28th September 2022 (immediately after LAG meeting)

Members in attendance:

Public Sector representatives: Mr. Joe Thompson, Laois Offaly Education & Training Board (Chairperson)
Cllr. Conor Bergin, Laois County Council
Cllr. John King, Laois County Council
Cllr. Paschal McEvoy, Laois County Council
Ms. Ann Sheerin, HSE

Private Sector representatives: Mr. Clive Davis, Youth Sector (Youth Work Ireland Laois)
Ms. Joan Bolger, Laois Public Participation Network
Mr. Nina Horan, Laois Public Participation Network
Mr. John Oxley, Laois Public Participation Network
Mr. Naeem Iqbal, Laois Public Participation Network

Apologies: Mr. John Mulholland, CE Laois County Council
Ms. Honor Deevy, Laois Local Enterprise Office
Mr. Kevin Geoghegan, DSP
Mr. Martin Crowley, Business Sector (Vice Chairperson)
Mr. Henry Burns, Farming Sector (I.F.A)
Mr. Ray Harte, Laois Public Participation Network
Ms. Catherine Cowap, CEO Laois Partnership Company

In Attendance: Ms. Pamela Tynan, A/Chief Officer
Ms. Suzanne O'Connor, A/Senior Staff Officer, Laois County Council
Mr. Stephen Ring, Clerical Officer, Laois County Council
Ms. Jenny Collier, Laois Partnership Company

Ms. Suzanne O'Connor, Laois Co Co registered all members present on the meeting attendance sheet.

Mr. Joe Thompson, Chairperson, opened the meeting welcoming all present noting that all meeting papers would now be distributed via email with members being asked to request hard copies if required.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 28th September 2022.

The minutes were adopted following a proposal from **Cllr. John King** seconded by **Cllr. Paschal McEvoy**.

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Correspondence

Ms. Pamela Tynan, A/Chief Officer referred to correspondence received:

- ***Email received 29th September titled “Healthy Ireland Fund 2023-2025 call for applications”***

Ms. Tynan advised that the initial email noted that the NEW HI programme would run from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2025 with a min allocation of €120,000 to implement activities over the period of the programme.

It also listed details and deadlines for each LA to submit their local strategy template. Deadlines were subsequently changed in the next correspondence

- ***Further Email received 18th October titled “Healthy Ireland Fund – Timeline Extension”***

This revised email addressed issues with initial timelines for the on-line submission of the 2023-2025 HIF strategy and 2023 work activities, with the deadline being extended from the 9th December to 27th January 2023. This will allow an additional 6 week period for the completion of planning and sign-off by the LCDC prior to submission to Pobal.

The budget for 2023 has been increased to €75,000, with HI to submit a budget for €75,000 in 2023 and €40,000 for 2024 and 2025 in the online application.

The appraisal of submissions will take place in February and March 2022 with a view to final decisions being made at the end of Q1 2023.

- ***Email received 7th October titled “Guidance 2023 Annual Planning”***

Guidance issued from Pobal advising that KPI’s and Emerging Needs are to be agreed for 2023. In addition, the Annual Planning process for 2023 can commence. The 2023 AP will need to be approved by the LCDC at the February 2023 meeting.

4. Healthy Laois

Ms. Pamela Tynan, A/Chief Officer advised members that Healthy Laois is required to submit a 3-year strategy as part of the application process under HIF 2023-2025. This strategy will provide a rationale, for the selection of targeted Healthy Ireland outcomes under HIF and identify how work under HIF will be aligned with wider health and wellbeing policy and interventions locally and aided by an analysis of local health risk profiles. It will see a significant move, from an action/activity led, to an outcome led approach and will ensure a clear focus on supporting health and wellbeing of disadvantaged groups and communities in order to address health inequalities.

Ms. Emma O’Connor, Healthy Laois Co-Ordinator, is hosting a Strategy Review Workshop, with HI action partners and key voluntary and community organisations on 24th November in the LOETB Centre of Excellence from 10am to 3pm in tandem with an online Public Consultation. The closing date for submission of both the strategy and the application is 27th January 2023.

5. SICAP

- **Case Study**

Ms. Pamela Tynan, A/Chief Officer note that the 2022 case study titled “A thousand welcomes to Ireland” being a field report from the SICAP Ukraine Response Team was compiled by the IP, Laois Partnership Company in addition to a video highlighting the work undertaken by the IP as a response to the Ukrainian Crisis. The case study highlights the SICAP team and their response to the arrival of Ukrainian refugees in Laois with emphasis on best practices on engagements with people and stakeholders.

Laois received an additional allocation of €83,548 for Ukrainian Supports (admin €17,378.77 and €66,169.23 in actions)

- **Pobal Engagement Meeting**

The SICAP sub-committee along with the Implementing Partners, Laois Partnership Company met with Pobal on Tuesday 18th October for the annual Pobal Engagement Meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to engage with the SICAP sub-committee members on the LCDC oversight role of SICAP 2018-2023 and discuss the overall progress of SICAP at local level and planning for 2023.

- **KPI Targets for 2023**

Ms. Pamela Tynan, A/Chief Officer noted that all KPI targets and proposed increases were discussed at the Pobal engagement meeting. Upon the recommendation of the SICAP sub-committee Ms. Tynan called on members present to approve the proposed increases as set out.

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	2022 Existing Annual Target <i>(as agreed in January 2022 Annual Plan)</i>	Suggested 2023 Target	Percentage increase % (if relevant)
KPI 1	28	32	14.25%
KPI 2	310	350	13%

The increase in KPI target for 2023 as set out was approved by the LCDC being proposed by Ms. Joan Bolger and seconded by Mr. John Oxley.

- **Emerging Needs for 2023**

In addition to the review of KPI target for 2023 Ms. Tynan advised that members of the SICAP sub-committee as part of the Pobal engagement meeting discussed Emerging Needs Group for 2023. Upon the recommendation of the SICAP sub-committee Ms. Tynan called on members present to approve the proposed Emerging Needs Group for 2023 being Ukrainian Refugees supports.

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Emerging Needs Target Group 2023	Ukrainian Refugees supports

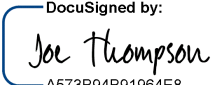
Members of the LCDC were in unanimous agreement with the recommendation of the SICAP subcommittee approving the Emerging Needs Target Group for 2023 as set out above, being proposed by Mr. John Oxley and seconded by Cllr. John King.

6. AOB

Members congratulated Laois PPN on hosting a very successful National PPN Conference which took place in the Midlands Park Hotel and Fri 21st and Sat 22nd October.

Ms. Ann Sheerin, HSE addressed members advising that she is resigning her position on the LCDC after today's meetings. Ms. Sheerin noted that her role within the HSE has changed and she will now be based in Offaly. Ms. Sheerin expressed her thanks to members and thanked them for their help over the years. Members of the LCDC were unanimous in thanking Ms. Sheerin for her invaluable contribution to the LCDC over the years, noting that she will be truly missed. Members wished Ms. Sheerin every success in the future.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Mr. Joe Thompson
CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

DATE: Wednesday 30th November 2022.