Meeting of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

22nd July 2026.

- Quorum:
- Apologies: Gabriel Trayers, Eamon Hannon, Carina Lennon, Kevin Coyle, Helen Hunt, Pat Compton
- Minutes of previous meeting dated 10.06.26

  Proposed by:

  Seconded by:

Matters arising

Cllr. Laurance Fallon

- Any matters arising

Correspondence

update by Chris Flynn

- **Correspondence: Sent**
  - **SICAP Support Workshop – Human Rights & Equality**
  - **LCDC National Network Event**
  - **Circular 04 2026 – v8 updates to the 2023-2027 LEADER Operating Rules**

- **Correspondence: received**

LCDC Membership

update by Chris Flynn

- **LCDC Membership:**
  - Rachel Clancy ratified as GRETB representative on 25 05 2026.
  - Along with serving on LCDC, Rachel Clancy also appointed to LCDC's Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) subcommittee.

Healthy Roscommon Update

- Correspondence issued by Pobal to advise that the current Round 4 Healthy Ireland Fund is to be extended by a further year, with an allocation of €75,000 programme funding.
- Publication of the National Healthy Ireland Framework unlikely to be before year end so extension will allow for the launch of the new Framework which will guide the future of the programme.
- Outcomes remain unchanged for 2027 with greater flexibility in the coming year in the addition of new or amended projects to meet these outcomes.
- Small Grants Fund 2026 of €20,000 opened up for grants from €2,000 – €5,000 to support community based initiatives for improving positive mental health & increasing physical activity.
- Total of 13 applications received totalling €44,900.
- Given that funding has been extended the Health and Wellbeing Subcommittee will aim to increase the funding available and support as many of the applications as possible as HI has only just been received for 2026 so timeline for completion can be rolled forward to 2027.

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Healthy Roscommon 2026 Project Updates

- 250 Children Attended Healthy Roscommon funded Multisport camps in Roscommon Town & Monksland.
- Collaboration ongoing with Roscommon Leader Partnership on the rollout of a DAFM funded programme on the Health, Safety & Wellbeing of Farmers across Roscommon, with a focus on females & older farmers.
- Welcoming Minister Darragh Calleary to 'Rooted & Growing Conference' in Strokestown, this project has seen the use of outdoor spaces to support & improve the mental health and wellbeing of disadvantaged men, women and migrants across Roscommon through psychologist led Eco Therapy. Conference will focus on upskilling community leaders, health and social care professionals in the benefits of this innovative Healthy Ireland and SICAP supported initiative
- Working with Castlerea prison in conjunction with Roscommon Social Prescribing in the development and delivery of a Healthy Connections project for prisoners approaching release. This will explore the importance of healthy connections with self, others and environment through workshops and link them with programmes and initiatives within their county to improve quality of life and reintegration to their communities.

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Community Resilience Update

- Work ongoing with 9 designated CSC's & 9 secondary support centres to build capacity through practical and scenario based training.
- Resilience toolkit will feature in MEM training exercises within the region.
- Collaboration has commenced with the GAA for national rollout of the toolkit at the request of the DEFM to be launched at EU Summit of Mayors in October
- Community Resilience Toolkit presented at WHO Healthy Cities Conference in Viana Do Castelo in June
- Healthy Roscommon invited to sit on WHO Healthy Cities European Taskforce on Preparedness following conference.







Healthy Roscommon

SICAP 2024-2028 Programme

2026 Mid Year Review

Update by: Chris Flynn

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is co-funded by the Irish Government, through the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the European Union through the European Social Fund Plus under the Employment, Inclusion, Skills, and Training (EIST) Programme 2021-2027

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The Aim

The aim of SICAP is to reduce poverty and promote Social Inclusion and Equality in Ireland through supporting communities and individuals.

SICAP Core Principles

- An Equality Framework
- Community Development Approaches
- Collaborative Approaches

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KPI 1

Support for Groups and Communities under SICAP Programme

KPI 2

Support for Individuals under SICAP Programme

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KPI Targets

- KPI Targets for SICAP programme set by POBAL and Roscommon County Council.
- KPI's set from 2024-2028
- Having KPI's set at local level ensures work of SICAP can best reflect needs at local level.



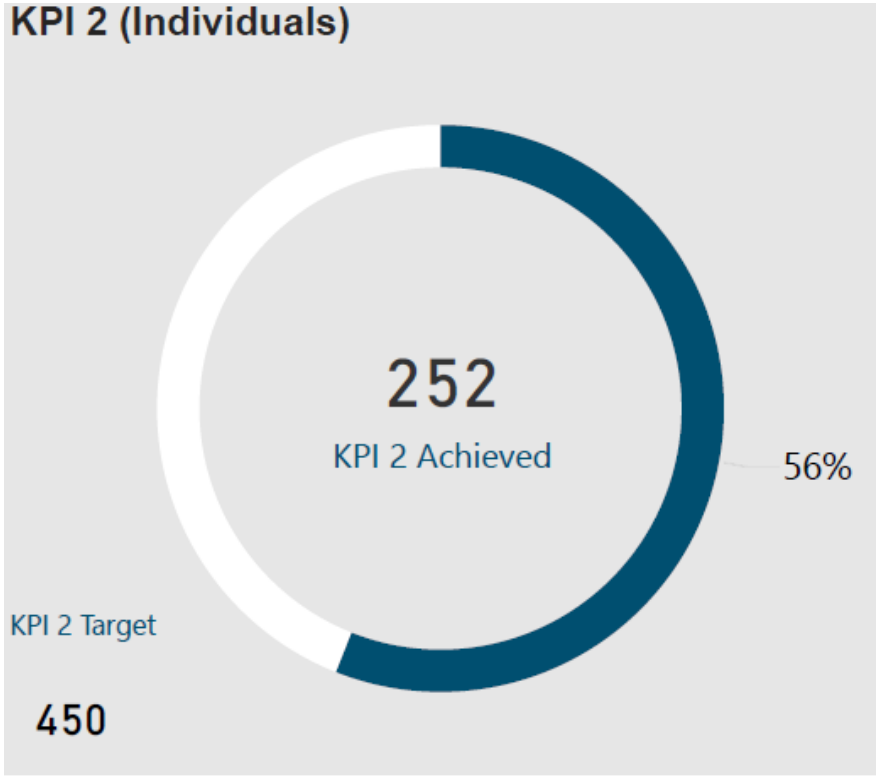
KPI 1 – Community Organisations



Overview

- KPI 1 focuses on support for Community Groups
- Target to support 45 community groups through SICAP programmes in 2026.
- 51 community groups supported by mid-term review.
- Target achieved and exceeded.

KPI 2 – Individuals



Overview

- KPI 2 focuses on support for Individuals.
- Target to support 450 individuals through SICAP programmes in 2026.
- 252 individuals supported by mid-term review.
- On course to achieve target by year end.

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Budget

Costs Summary: SICAP								
Total Annual Plan Budget	**€799,607.00**							
	Annual Plan Budget	**Mid-year Costs charged**	**End-of-year Costs charged**	**Total costs charged**	**% of total costs charged**	**Variance**	**% of Total Annual Budget**	**% of Total Action Costs**
Total Admin Costs	€199,901.71	€89,361.38	€0.00	€89,361.38	44.70%	€110,540.33	11.18%	
Total Goal 1 Costs	€263,649.88	€104,709.67	€0.00	€104,709.67	39.72%	€158,940.21		45.05%
Total Goal 2 Costs	€336,055.41	€127,701.60	€0.00	€127,701.60	38.00%	€208,353.81		54.95%
Total Action Costs	€599,705.29	€232,411.27	€0.00	€232,411.27	38.75%	€367,294.02		
Overall Total Costs	€799,607.00	€321,772.65	€0.00	€321,772.65	40.24%	€477,834.35		
Cash in Hand from last year	€2,653.35							
Vat Charged to Date		€4,293.37	€0.00	€4,293.37				

- Budget for 2026 is €799,607.00
- By mid-year, costs charged are €321.772.65 (40.24% of budget)
- SICAP on course to be on budget by year end

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Conclusions

- KPI 1 is achieved by mid-year review. KPI 2 is on track to be achieved by year end.
- SICAP is within budget.
- Detailed information surrounding individual programmes has been circulated to LCDC members.

Questions

SICAP 2024-2028 Programme
SICAP 2026 Annual Plan

Sub Committee Recommendations

- Recommended to LCDC - approval of 2026 Mid Year Review

- **Proposed By:** _____ **Seconded By:** _____

Funding Updates

by Chris Flynn

Local Enhancement Programme

- Local Enhancement Programme grant recipients announced on 02 July.
- Total of €161,097.60 allocated to Community Groups.
- Competitive Process – Total applications amounted to €460,308.12.

Tidy Towns and Amenity Grants

- 58 groups have received funding under Tidy Towns and Amenity Grant. Total budget for Tidy Towns and Amenity Grants 2026 is €75,000.

Any Other Business

- **LEP 2026 recipients -** *(Chris Flynn)*
  - List of successful projects published by Department on 02 July (circulated). List of projects is public information.
  - List of all projects nationally has been included in meeting invitation.
  - 84 groups supported in County Roscommon.
  - All groups in County Roscommon informed of outcome of process.