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LCDC Meeting 22.5.2024

Agenda

- ▶ Quorum
- ▶ Minutes of previous meeting 14.03.024 and 04.04.24
- ▶ SICAP Annual Plan/SiCAP Subcommittee Recommendation
- ▶ Funding Updates
 - ▶ Local Enhancement Programme 2024
 - ▶ Community Recognition Funds 2024
- ▶ LECP Review
- ▶ Health and Wellbeing subcommittee Update
- ▶ LCDC Annual Report
- ▶ CYPSC/LCDC
- ▶ AOB

SICAP Annual Plan 2024

SICAP 2024-2028 Programme Annual Plan 2024 Review

SICAP has two Goals

Goal 1: Supporting Communities

Goal 2: Supporting Individuals

Aims

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

SICAP Core Principles are:

- ▶ An Equality Framework
- ▶ Community Development Approaches
- ▶ Collaborative Approaches

SICAP 2024 - 2028

Funding: Department of Rural and Community Development with co-funding from the ESF.

National Management & Oversight: Pobal

Contracting Authority: LCDC's

Programme Implementer: Deliver SICAP at local (PI) level as per actions in the Annual Plan

Annual Plan 2024

KPI Targets

- ▶ KPI 1 is set at 42 and KPI 2 target set at 440.
- ▶ The target for Disadvantaged Communities is set at 27%.

Annual Plan 2024 - Financial Review

Annual Budget: €855,159.00

Total Administration Costs: €213,789.75 equates to permitted level of 25%

Total Action costs (75%): €641,369.25

- Goal 1 Action Costs: €267,611.63
- Goal 2 Action Costs: €373,757.62

Annual Plan 2024 Sub-Committee Review

- ▶ It was queried why there were no objectives in the plan, what training and support were to be provided.
- ▶ Leader responded that as SICAP is a respond-led and reactive programme it is impossible to list specific details around types of training, dates and venue in advance. There will be objectives in the Mid Year and End of Year plans.
- ▶ Also queried was the delivery of a possible podcast for isolated elderly individuals (p15).
- ▶ Leader responded that research will be done to see what, if any, approach is best. Research could include examining best practice examples in Ireland and abroad and speaking to local groups and individuals on desired approach.

Annual Plan 2024 Sub-Committee Review

- ▶ There was a query raised about the LECP objectives being used.
- ▶ Leader responded - At the time of the development of the SICAP Tender, the current plan had not been finalised and we were instructed to use only the approved plan at the time. As the new plan is only approved this will be amended for next year with the new objectives.

Sub-Committee Recommendation

- ▶ KPI targets as recommended by SICAP Sub-Committee.
- ▶ Target Groups - People living with disadvantage in Roscommon with particular focus on the LPTG.
- ▶ Financial costs in line with guidance.
- ▶ Recommend Approval of 2024 Annual Plan.

Sub-Committee Recommendation



Funding Updates

Local Enhancement Programme 2024

- ▶ 115 projects recommended by the Grants Sub-committee has been submitted to the department on 14th March, 2024.
- ▶ Pending departmental approval.

Community Recognition Fund 2023 (CRF)

- Total funding allocation - €689,057. CRF 2023 - Department Returns Complete - A total sum of €294,694.25 has been drawn down.
- The team are consistently working closely with community groups to assist them in progressing their projects to completion.

Community Recognition Fund 2024 (CRF)

- ▶ County Roscommon has been allocated €1,002,434.00.
- ▶ Closing date for receipt of EOIs was 13th May, 2024.
- ▶ There were 51 EOIs submitted and are currently at evaluation stage.
- ▶ Applications will be submitted to the department by 31st May, 2024.

LECP Review

Local Economic Community Plan 2023-2029

- ▶ LECP - The Local Economic and Community Development Plan 2023-2029 was launched on 23rd April in Lough Key Forest Park alongside the Climate Action Plan (CAP) and Local Development Strategy (LDS)
- ▶ This was a huge success and there is a copy of the LECP 2023-2029 for each member of the LCDC.
- ▶ A monitoring and review model for the actions contained in this plan is currently being created with further details to follow.

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Health & Wellbeing Subcommittee Update

Healthy Roscommon

- ▶ Welcome Aisling Dunne
 - ▶ New Healthy Roscommon Coordinator joined 21st May
- ▶ Connect Café
 - ▶ 10 Successful Community Groups
 - ▶ Total €15,911 allocated plus merchandise
 - ▶ Cafés running from April to September
- ▶ Additional 2023 Budget Allocation
 - ▶ 8 Approved Funding Proposals
 - ▶ Total €29,345 approved
- ▶ 2023 Reporting
 - ▶ Progress Report Complete
 - ▶ 2023 Financials submitted

2023 Roscommon Annual Report 2023

Submitted for approval by Cathriona Mac Carthy

Chief Officer

Roscommon LCDC

Requirement

- ▶ Local Community Development Committees' (LCDC) are required under Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2014 (S128B of the Local Government Act 2001) to prepare, adopt and submit an annual report to the Local Authority each year in respect of the performance of its functions in the previous year.
- ▶ This report outlines progress in respect of the various LCDC functions during 2023.

LCDC functions during 2023.

- ▶ Developing, co-ordinating and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development.
- ▶ To prepare the community elements of a 6-year Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) "The Plan". To implement, or arrange for the implementation of, the community elements of the Plan.
- ▶ To review the community elements of the Plan at least once within the period of 6 calendar years and, if necessary, to amend the community elements of the Plan.
- ▶ To monitor on an on-going basis the implementation of the community elements of the Plan and, if appropriate, to revise the actions and strategies set to achieve the objectives of the community elements of the Plan.

LCDC functions during 2023 continued

- ▶ To consider a draft of the economic elements of the Plan and adopt a statement for consideration of the Council in this regard, and;
- ▶ To coordinate, manage and oversee the implementation of local and community development programmes that have been approved either by the relevant local authority or by agreement between the LCDC and a relevant public authority (e.g., government department, State agency etc.).
- ▶ To improve the coordination of public-funded local and community development programmes and reduce duplication.
- ▶ In addition to public-funded programmes, to coordinate the local and community development programmes within the operational area of the LCDC.
- ▶ To prepare an annual report on the performance of its functions.

Meetings

10 LCDC and LAG meetings were held on the following dates with attendance as illustrated below

Date	% Attendance
18 th January 2023	71%
07 th March 2023	63%
22 nd March 2023	63%
31 st May 2023	68%
05 th July 2023	74%
19 th July 2023	63%
23 rd August 2023	78%
20 th September 2023	78%
22 nd November 2023	58%
13 th December 2023	58%

Oversight of Programmes

SICAP 2018-2022 Programme

- ▶ In 2018 Roscommon LCDC contracted SICAP Programme delivery to one Programme Implementor (PI) and it monitors the delivery of both financial and non-financial aspects of the Programme in Roscommon SICAP Lot (30-1). In July 2021, the Department of Rural and Community Development extended the SICAP programme by a further year to 31st December 2023.
- ▶ 2023 Budget €810,978

	Target	Actual	% Achieved
KPI 1 (Supporting Communities)	35	48	137%
KP2 (Supporting Individuals)	400	535	134%
% of KPI2 in Disadvantaged Areas	27%	50.75%	

LEADER Rural Development Programme

LEADER Programme 2014-2020

- ▶ Roscommon LCDC led LAG is the final decision-making body for LEADER allocations.
- ▶ The LEADER Programme 2014-2020 was extended to 31st March 2021. The Transitional LEADER programme and EURI (European Union Recovery Instrument) Funding Programmes commenced in 2022. Final allocation of funding under these schemes extended out to the 31st of December 2023, and all expenditure under these schemes to be incurred by 31st March 2024, with final claims submitted to the DRCD by June 2024.
 - ▶ 26 projects were completed in 2023, the total amount of LEADER funding drawn down was €1,843,677.82.
 - ▶ 35 claims were paid to 30 promoters totalling €1,222,183.

Community Support Fund

- ▶ Roscommon County Council were allocated an amount of €279,884
- ▶ €137,143 Current funding (Non-Pay operating costs)
- ▶ €139,942 Capital funding for use towards carrying out necessary repairs and improvements to facilities, energy efficiency type projects, purchase of equipment etc.
- ▶ €2,799 ring-fenced for Women's sheds.
- ▶ €13,994 maximum administration fee (5%) allowed based on total allocation.
- ▶ A total of 152 applications were received by the closing date under all elements of the scheme.
- ▶ The LCDC Grants sub-committee made recommendations to the full LCDC on all elements of the scheme.

Operating Costs	137,143.00
Small scale (less than 1k)	41,982.60
Large Scale (in excess of 1k)	97,959.40
Women's Shed (2 applications)	2,799.00
	279,884.00

Local Economic and Community Plan

- ▶ Roscommon LCDC continued to monitor priorities laid out in their LECP 2016-2021 and also, set about creating, Roscommon's LECP 2023-2029, in consultation with its LECP Advisory Steering Group, Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee, Roscommon Public Participation Network and supported by external specialists
- ▶ The public consultation phase of this document was carried out in March, April and May of 2023.
- ▶ Over **4,000** people engaging online via social media platforms
- ▶ There were over **60** community focus groups countywide
- ▶ **275** public survey responses
- ▶ **100+** PPN survey responses to name a few elements of the consultation.
- ▶ In all over 7,000 people engaged with at least one component of this process
- ▶ 6 High Level Goals emerged together with attributable Sustainable Community Objectives (SCOs) and Sustainable Economic Objectives (SEOs).

Healthy Ireland Round 4

- ▶ Partnering up with Roscommon Sports Partnership for the delivery of the following programmes
 - ▶ Fit Farmers
 - ▶ Transition Year on Yer Bike
 - ▶ Age Friendly Activity Programme
 - ▶ Childrens Multisport Camps
 - ▶ Soccer Diversity Programme
- ▶ Partnering up with Roscommon LEADER Partnership on the deliver
 - ▶ Woodlands for Health
 - ▶ Health and Wellbeing Support Events
- ▶ In conjunction with Mental Health Ireland applications to host Connect Café opened at the end of 2023. A min of €20,000 has been allocated from 2022 budget to support this initiative across 10 community groups.

Comhairle na nÓg

- ▶ Roscommon Comhairle na nÓg (RCNN) is facilitated by the Social Inclusion Unit hosting 3 Steering Committee Meetings throughout 2023.
- ▶ There are 27 members of Roscommon Comhairle na nÓg representing 8 of the 9 post primary schools in the county.
- ▶ Members of RCNN hold 11 places on committees throughout the council allowing young people have a voice on the issues that affect their lives.
- ▶ Roscommon Comhairle na nÓg's Annual Youth Conference (AYC) took place in October 2023 at Castlerea Enterprise Hub. This AYC was hosted by Roscommon County Council, coordinated by Youth Work Ireland Midlands, planned and facilitated by the members of Roscommon Comhairle na nÓg.

Age Friendly

- ▶ The Social Inclusion Unit implements the Age Friendly Strategy and support the work of the Age Friendly Working Group, County Alliance and the Roscommon Older Peoples Council.
- ▶ Activities throughout 2023 included participation in the PPN organised Plenary and Community Networking event where they share information about future activities planned for the residents of County Roscommon, fostering a sense of community and well-being
- ▶ An Age Friendly walkability audit was carried out in Roscommon University Hospital
- ▶ The Harvest Festival was held in the Enterprise Hub, Castlerea in October , organised by Roscommon Older Persons Network Committee in association with Roscommon County Councils Age Friendly Office, Roscommon Healthy Co-ordinator, Roscommon Leader Partnership and the Gardaí.

The Dormant Accounts Action Plan 2023

- ▶ Roscommon received funding of **€12,600.70** allocated by the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) to support the LGBTI+ projects in 2023.
- ▶ Funding was spent in line with the following action, outlined in the National LGBTI Strategy, and given to the approved organisations named in the application.
 - ▶ **Action 6.3 - Take measures to ensure that existing community infrastructure is inclusive and welcoming to LGBTI+ people and consider the provision of pop-up LGBTI+ services.**
- ▶ The funding of €12,600.70 to be allocated across 2 projects in County Roscommon.
 - ▶ Roscommon Integrated Development CLG t/a Roscommon LEADER Partnership working with TLC (Tuismitheori Le Cheile)
 - ▶ Foroige Roscommon Youth Services

Migrant Integration Strategy

- ▶ The Council finalised the *County Migrant Integration Strategy* during 2023. This was a tri-part initiative involving Roscommon LEADER Partnership and Roscommon Children's and Young People's Services.

Closing Statement.....

- ▶ Proposed by:
- ▶ Seconded by:

CYPSC/LCDC Local Area Child Poverty Action Plan Pilots



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Community Development



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What is the Local Area Child Poverty Action Plan

- ▶ Part of Ireland's National Action Plan under the EU Child Guarantee adopted by the EU Council in June 2021.
- ▶ The objective of the EU Child Guarantee is to prevent and combat social exclusion by guaranteeing the access of children in need to a set of key services;
 - ▶ Early childhood education and care
 - ▶ Education
 - ▶ Healthcare, social care, assessment services, speech and language services, children's mental health services
 - ▶ Nutrition

The Child Poverty and Well-Being Programme

- ▶ Established by the Department of An Taoiseach in spring 2023 to coordinate the governments actions.
- ▶ The first programme plan published by the office identified six key areas;
 - ▶ Income assistance and joblessness
 - ▶ Early learning and childcare
 - ▶ Reducing the cost of education
 - ▶ Family homelessness
 - ▶ Consolidating and integrating services
 - ▶ Participation in culture, arts and sport

Pilot Programme

- ▶ The DCEDIY and DRCD are jointly conducting a pilot programme that will establish at least 4 local Area Child Poverty Action Plans.
- ▶ The overall objective is to improve access to services that support disadvantaged families and children in their local areas.
- ▶ The underpinning assumption is that outcomes can be improved for children and families in the identified community.
- ▶ Funding will be provided from the *What Works* initiative, a DCEDIY Dormant Accounts Fund
- ▶ An amount up to €100,000 will be provided to each successful applicant in 2024 with a possibility of further funding in 2025, budget dependent.
- ▶ The closing date for the submission of applications is 7th June, 2024.

Application

- ▶ Roscommon CYPSC are interested in submitting an application for this Pilot Programme with the support of Roscommon LCDC.
 - ▶ They have identified Ballaghaderreen as a community of interest to base the application on.
 - ▶ The focus of the application will be early intervention and prevention.
 - ▶ The planning of the application is at early stages and further updates will be provided at our next sitting.

AOB.

- ▶ Thanks for attending, the next meeting of Roscommon LCDC will be held 24th July, 2024 (Teams).