



## Information following Kildare LCDCC/LAG meeting to Kildare PPN

**LCDCC Meeting Date: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Agenda Item	Information for dissemination to PPN Members	Date for dissemination
<b>LCDCC Membership</b>	The PPN election process to replace outgoing LCDCC member Declan Nolan took place and his seat was filled by Jide Sadiq as PPN Social Inclusion representative. Jide is from the Kingdom Life House in Athy, a charity focused on social inclusion and working with the Food Bank in Athy.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)</b>	Consultation is now underway to inform the LECP. The LCDCC, the LECP Advisory Steering Group and the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC all received an update on progress in September. Analysis of the online survey, the consultation sessions organised by Kildare PPN, alongside interviews that have taken place with businesses, statutory and community organisations is currently underway. Final consultations are scheduled, and following from this, draft objectives and actions will be developed. AIRO in Maynooth University are starting to assess Census 2022 which is being released in sections over the coming months. It is expected to have the final plan in early 2024 to allow for the updated Census data to inform the plan.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018-2023</b>	<p>SICAP budgets increased nationally by 3% on 2022 budgets bringing Kildare's budget for 2023 up to <b>€1,465,473.91</b>. <b>This allocation includes additional funding for the SICAP Ukrainian Response of €170,973 for 2023.</b></p> <p>The Plan for 2023 focuses on responding to priorities agreed by Kildare LCDCC that fit with current national priorities a) Traveller/Roma, b) Older People, c) Mental Health (including</p>	<b>Immediately</b>

	<p>Youth mental health), d) Long Term Unemployed e) New Communities) in addition to young early school leavers/young people at risk of leaving school early.</p> <p>A national tendering process is underway for the SICAP programme 2024 to 2028. It is anticipated that this contract will be issued before the end of the year.</p> <p>For further information on SICAP contact: County Kildare LEADER Partnership <a href="http://www.countykildarelp.ie">www.countykildarelp.ie</a>, or telephone 045-895450</p>	
<b>EU LEADER Programme</b>	<p>Kildare County Council with the LCDC as the Local Action Group and County Kildare LEADER Partnership as the Implementing Partner submitted a Local Development Strategy to Pobal and the Department in July 2023 for the delivery of the new LEADER programme 2023-2027 for Kildare. The indicative budget for Kildare for 2023-2027 is €5.4m and the outcome of the submission is awaited.</p> <p>Projects approved under the current LEADER programme now have an extended deadline of 31st of March 2024, if required, to complete their work</p> <p>For further information on LEADER contact: County Kildare LEADER Partnership <a href="http://www.countykildarelp.ie">www.countykildarelp.ie</a>, or telephone 045-895450.</p>	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Community Support &amp; Women's Shed Funding 2023</b>	<p>Award letters were issued to community and voluntary groups who applied for Community Support Funding. A total of €315,429 was awarded to 138 groups towards a combination of running/operating costs and capital projects and €3,328 was approved for 5 Women's Shed groups.</p>	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Healthy Ireland</b>	<p>Healthy Ireland funding continues to be rolled out under the LCDC on behalf of the county in 2023. The priorities of the programme for 2023 focus on mental health and physical activity initiatives and programmes are ongoing. For further information contact Claire Morrissey, Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator: ph. 086-8858505 or email <a href="mailto:cmorrissey@kildarecoco.ie">cmorrissey@kildarecoco.ie</a></p>	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Slaintecare Healthy Communities</b>	<p>Work is progressing very positively in Athy to roll out a range of evidence-based health programmes in addition to local supports to engage people in healthy activities. Capital works have concluded to upgrade the People's Park and enhancement work along the river is complete. The Local Implementation Group continue to meet and communication and collaboration at a community level continues to be a priority of the programme in 2023.</p>	<b>Immediately</b>

<b>Ukrainian Community Response Forum</b>	The Ukrainian Community Response Forum has been reinstated with a refined structure and reduced membership. The next meeting of the Forum will take place on the 6th of October.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Empowering Communities Programme</b>	The Department of Community and Rural Development funded Empowering Communities Programme (ECP) in Athy is progressing well. With funding channelled through the LCDC, this programme targets social exclusion and aims to co-ordinate a community development approach. A dedicated ECP Community Engagement Coordinator is employed by County Kildare LEADER Partnership and is based in Athy.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC) Strategic Plan 2023-2025</b>	The CYPSC Co-ordinator presented an overview of the newly launched CYPSC Strategy 2023-2025 to the LCDC members. The four key messages from the Strategy are: (1) More resources are needed (2) The 'thoroughbred county' is not the full picture (3) Resourcing needs to be fit-for-purpose (4) Let's not forget about the White Paper to end Direct Provision	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>CYPSC Updates</b>	A report was provided to the LCDC with updates from CYPSC. Some of the key updates were in relation to CYPSC Healthy Ireland Funding, Supporting children and young people in the International Protection system,	

Signed and date: Marian Higgins 6/10/2023 | 1:55 PM BST **Marian Higgins, LCDC Chief Officer.**