



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

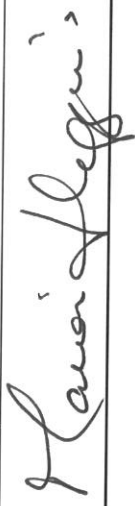
27<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Agenda Item	Information for dissemination to PPN Members	Date for dissemination
<p><b>Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)</b></p>	<p>An update was provided to the LCDC outlining that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The draft LECP was submitted to EMRA for review</li> <li>- Briefings and feedback with the elected members are scheduled at the Municipal District meetings in April.</li> </ul> <p>EMRA and the elected members are considering the plan for a) consistency with the County Development Plan, b) Regional Spatial Economic Strategy and c) that the economic and community elements are consistent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The environmental screening - AA and SEA reports for the draft plan are complete.</li> <li>- Work has commenced on the implementation plan</li> <li>- The Census 2022 reports being compiled by AIRO in Maynooth University are almost complete.</li> </ul> <p>The aim is to present the final plan for approval to the elected members at the April full council meeting.</p> <p><b>The SICAP Subgroup met on March 14<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Immediately</b></p>
<p><b>Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2024-2028</b></p>	<p>The SICAP Annual Plan 2024 was approved as part of the tender process. Since the tender was approved, additional 'New Arrivals' funding of €191,325 was received and the Annual Plan was updated to reflect the increased budget.</p> <p>Kildare will submit a proposal for €150,000 for additional SICAP funding for new arrivals, due for submission by March 29<sup>th</sup> for: (1) Transport (2) Translation (3) Emergency supplies/care packs (4) Salary costs for co-ordination of English language supports.</p> <p>Additional local SICAP targets for the Local Priority Groups will be returned to the Department by 10<sup>th</sup> April. These are based on: (a) disadvantaged areas (b) heads of lone parent families and (3) International Protection Applicants.</p> <p><b>For further information on SICAP contact: County Kildare LEADER Partnership www.countykildarelp.ie, or telephone 045-895450</b></p>	<p><b>Immediately</b></p>

<p><b>EU LEADER Programme</b></p>	<p><b>The LEADER Rural Development Subgroup met on 12<sup>th</sup> March.</b></p> <p>Pat Leogue from County Kildare LEADER Partnership went through the outstanding claims from the 2014–2023 programme. There are 26 claims outstanding, with a total value of €823,367. These are actively being progressed in advance of the deadline for claims (30<sup>th</sup> June 2024)</p> <p>The membership of the Independent Evaluation Committee for the 2023-2027 programme is being finalised by the Chief Officer. Two members from the last committee have stood down. The final membership will be presented for approval at the next LCDC/LAG meeting.</p> <p><b>For further information on LEADER contact: County Kildare LEADER Partnership <a href="http://www.countykildarelp.ie">www.countykildarelp.ie</a>, or telephone 045-895450.</b></p>	<p><b>Immediately</b></p>
<p><b>Healthy Ireland Communities</b></p>	<p>The Health and Wellbeing Subgroup met on March 5<sup>th</sup>. This Subgroup is reviewing the Healthy Kildare Action plan.</p> <p>Claire Morrissey, Healthy Ireland Coordinator, gave a presentation on the programme to date. The Programme for 2024 was outlined, with information on the lead implementing partners and the funding amount which totals €72,500. The new programmes for 2024 included: CAMS-care, Kildare Traveller Action, South-Western Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force, and Kildare Dad's Fest.</p> <p><b>For further information contact: Claire Morrissey, Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator: ph. 086-8858505 email <a href="mailto:cmorrissey@kildarecoco.ie">cmorrissey@kildarecoco.ie</a></b></p>	<p><b>Immediately</b></p>
<p><b>Slaintecare Healthy Communities</b></p>	<p>Maria Healy, Slaintecare Local Development Officer (Athy), gave a presentation on the progress of the programme to date. This covered work carried out including an upgrade to the Barrow Walkway through seed funding, Connect 5 Athy App, Food Support Project, swimming lessons for Traveller women, funding for a Health and Wellbeing kiosk in Athy, Introduction to Autism Webinar. Slaintecare is co-funding (the Athy element of) a county wide Neurodiverse Pilot Project.</p> <p><b>For further information contact: Maria Healy, Slaintecare Local Development Officer: Ph: 087 9974155 email: <a href="mailto:mhealy@kildarecoco.ie">mhealy@kildarecoco.ie</a></b></p>	<p><b>Immediately</b></p>
<p><b>Empowering Communities Programme</b></p>	<p>Jason Leigh, CKLP Empowering Communities Programme Community Engagement Officer, gave a presentation on the programme to date in Athy. Work completed includes meeting with residents of all five estates involved in the programme, estate management and clean-ups; health and wellbeing; training and further education, including a Safe Pass course to be held in March; craft workshops organised for March and April.</p> <p>An update from CYPSC was circulated to LCDC members including the following highlights:</p>	<p><b>Immediately</b></p>
<p><b>Kildare Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC) Update</b></p>	<p>An update from CYPSC was circulated to LCDC members including the following highlights:</p>	



	<p><b>National CYPSC Review and Evaluation</b> – DCEDIY has commissioned CES to complete a national review of CYPSC</p> <p><b>Local Area Child Poverty Action Plan Pilots</b> – DCEDIY &amp; DRCD are jointly conducting a pilot programme that will establish at least four Local Area Child Poverty Action Plans nationally to be developed and implemented by CYPSC in collaboration with the LCDC. Further details on the application process to follow.</p> <p><b>Neurodiversity &amp; Inclusion Initiative</b> – Funded under CYPSC HI Fund, in partnership with SCHC and the 4 FRCs.</p> <p><b>Garda Youth Awards</b> took place in Newbridge Town Hall in February.</p> <p><b>Fostering Information sessions</b> - Tusla has scheduled a number of information sessions in Naas Library: 19th March 25th, June from 10.30am to 12noon and 24th September from 6.30pm to 7.45pm. Contact For further information contact: <a href="mailto:Valerie.mcguinness@tusla.ie">Valerie.mcguinness@tusla.ie</a></p>
<p><b>Grants</b></p>	<p><b>Local Enhancement Programme Funding 2024</b></p> <p>Alan Kerry, PPN representative, presented recommendations for LCDC approval on the Local Enhancement Programme on behalf of the evaluation committee. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• €163,322 capital/equipment funding to use towards carrying out necessary repairs and improvements to facilities, energy efficiency type projects, purchase of equipment, etc.</li> <li>• €34,749 capital/equipment funding for Women’s Groups. There was a separate application form for Women’s Groups.</li> </ul> <p>The recommendations were approved by the LCDC. However, details cannot be published, or groups informed until the Department issue a national press release (expected by the end of April).</p> <p><b>Community Recognition Fund</b></p> <p>Kildare has been allocated €830,000 to support communities through infrastructure improvements that have welcomed people from Ukraine and other countries. Expressions of interest are being sought by May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024. Details are available at <a href="https://kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/Community/CommunityGrants/CommunityRecognitionFund/">https://kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/Community/CommunityGrants/CommunityRecognitionFund/</a></p> <p>Marian Higgins will chair the next regional LCDC Chief Officers meeting to be held in MERITS on April 11<sup>th</sup> 2024.</p>
<p><b>EMRA Chief Officers Meeting</b></p>	



Signed and date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Marian Higgins, LCDC Chief Officer**